



# Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Bob Moyers, President

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## 71 attend Region 5 dinner at Florida State Rally

The Region 5 dinner, held in conjunction with the Florida State Rally at Sarasota, was attended by 71 Region members and guests.

Attendance was down from the past two years but attendance at the Florida State Rally was also down.

The Region was pleased to have two International officers at the dinner...President Tom Collier and First Lady Norma and First Vice President Norm Beu and wife Linda.

Collier spoke briefly about the 2010 Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.

He said advance registration for the Rally is 667.

Collier said many things will be done differently at the Gillette Rally and he outlined a few of the changes being made (see story on page 2 for details).

He also told about the many attractions in the Gillette area.

Past International presidents from Region 5 attending the dinner were Max Carmichael and wife Donna, Wag Wagon and wife Jo and Daryl Ewles and wife Myrna.

Past Region 5 presidents attending were Dick Heyde and wife Judy, and Carmichael



Among those representing the Northern Illinois Unit at the Region 5 dinner held in conjunction with the Florida State Rally in Sarasota were, from left, David Clark, Judy and Harry Jamison, Chuck and Rulene Aarup and Mary and Ron Dahlgren. Photo by Martha Clark.

and Wagon.

Current Region 5 officers and staff attending were President Bob Moyers and First Lady Lee, Second Vice President Bob Gegory and Lu Shaw, Legislative

Chairman Clarence Jones and wife Janice, Webmaster Larry Spaulding and wife Kathy, Second Vice-President Nominee Barry Bell and wife Karen and Chaplain David Leeper and wife Betty



### Message from President Bob Moyers

Lee and I are relaxing after attending the Florida State Rally.

Our annual Region 5 Dinner at the Trinity United Methodist Church was a success although the attendance was down a little from last year. John Willette, the chef, and his crew do a remarkable job. If you missed it, plan on attending next year. It's a great chance to see other members of the Region.

I want to thank Martha Clark for taking pictures at the Rally.

I'm reluctant to complain about the weather while we were there considering the snow and cold up north. There was rain, wind and very cool temps for Florida but when cool there it is much colder in the north.

We are looking forward to our Kentucky Unit Derby Reunion Rally. I believe that the Unit rallies are the life blood of WBCCI. The best way to support your Unit is to attend as many of your rallies as you can.

Now that it is time for the weather to start cooperating, it is time to get your Airstream ready to travel. Take full advantage of your WBCCI membership. Use it at every opportunity.

**Bob Moyers, President Region**

## Plenty of things to do in the area around DuQuoin

DuQuoin, Illinois, location of the Region 5 Rally Sept. 15-19, is a Southern Illinois community of 6,500.

Its No. 1 attraction is the impressive Southern Illinois State Fairgrounds where the Region 5 Rally will be held.

But the area offers much, much more to keep Airstreamers busy before, during and after the Region rally.

Three of the attractions will be featured on the tours being staged in conjunction with the rally. These are The Southern



**Bison Bluff Farm**

Illinois Wine Trail, a tour of wineries in the beautiful, rolling hills; Bison Bluff Farm, one of the Midwest's premier buffalo ranches; and Aisin Manufacturing Plant, a Marion, Ill.-based company that makes components for automobiles.

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**International First Vice President Norm Beu and wife Linda joined members of the Kentucky Unit at the Region 5 Dinner at the Florida State Rally in Sarasota. In the lower left and right hand corners are David and Peggy Bishop. To the right of Peggy are Clarence and Janice Jones and to the right of Janice is Elma Craft.**

# International Rally changes are being made this year

**EDITOR'S NOTE: This was an item that appeared in the monthly President's Newsletter produced by International President Tom Collier.**

Costs have been reduced in the International Rally budget. With the challenges of the current economic crisis, it is necessary to do some things differently.

— Rally meals are buffet style. The International officers will do the serving.

— International President's Appreciation Dinner is Dutch treat.

— The Unit President's Appreciation Dinner is to honor Unit presidents. Only current Unit Presidents, Region officers and International officers are invited, Dress is dressy casual.

— The cost of gifts given to Unit presidents has been reduced by ordering in bulk. Unit presidents for the next few years will receive the same gift. Buying gifts in bulk reduced the cost by nearly two-thirds. A Unit president must be present at the dinner to receive the gift.

— The number of trophies awarded is reduced. Parts for the trophies were founded at Jackson Center and will be used with new bases so no trophies have to be purchased this year.

— A search for better pricing resulted in a savings of \$7 on each metal plate that is placed on a trophy.

— Future trophies will be resin rather than cast metal.

— Table decorations are one-half the amount budgeted. This was accomplished by using personal items of the First Lady.

— The Cam-Plex requires no minimum number of attendees. Fees will be based on the actual number of Airstreams parked on the grounds. The rally budget has been based on a lower number of members because of attendance at Bozeman and Madison, lower WBCCI membership total, and traditionally fewer members attend rallies held West of the Mississippi River.

— The Fourth of July Picnic price has been changed to \$5.50. Menu is hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, desert and lemonade or tea. Tickets will be sold at registration.

## Helps Unit function properly

### Communications an important tool

#### From Northern Illinois Newsletter

Open communications are required to make a Unit function properly.

Some information changes rapidly and needs to get to all members quickly. Other information is more static and can wait for the next newsletter to be published. Some communication is one directional (from officers to the members), but others should be two directional. If the Unit is to satisfy the members' desires it needs feedback.

Health advisories or obituaries must get to the members quickly. We will be using E-mail notifications to those for which we have E-mail addresses and we will be using phone calls to local members who do

not have e-mail addresses to keep them advised. We have 23 members who do not have e-mail. Most of them are senior members and many live out of state.

The website is updated weekly and is a good source of current Unit information. But it requires a person to go to the web to seek it out.

We will be using e-mail notifications, with possible links to the website, to distribute information that cannot wait for the next newsletter. Last minute changes to rally schedules will be communicated via e-mail notification and via phone to those who do not have e-mail.

## Plenty of attractions in the DuQuoin area

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Among the many other attractions in the DuQuoin area are:

- Giant City State Park, 26 miles. Spectacular lodge. Excellent food. Hiking.
- Little Grassy Fish Hatchery, 32 miles.
- Rend Lake Recreation Area, 16 miles. Hiking, fishing, excellent restaurant overlooking lake.
- Cave In Rock State Park, 65 miles. Huge cave in bluff overlooking Ohio River. Location for many movies.
- Garden of the Gods, 54 miles. Hiking.

St. Genevieve, Mo. 43 miles. Take ferry across Mississippi River. EXCELLENT historic site of early French settlement.

Cairo, Ill., 74 miles. Civil War Custom House. Magnolia Manor. Both open for tours.

Ft. Kaskaskia Historic Site. 43 miles. Reconstructed fort.

Fort Defiance, 75 miles. Near Cairo where Ohio and Mississippi rivers come together. Historic significance.

Southern Illinois University campus, 20 miles. Art Museum and many other attractions.

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# Central Indiana Unit sponsoring Crossroads Rally

The Central Indiana Unit is sponsoring a Crossroads Rally at the Indiana State Fairgrounds May 20-23 and is inviting members of other Units to participate.

Camping at the Fairgrounds is \$25 per night and the rally fee is to be determined.

The Rally will begin on Thursday with a pizza party at the campsite with gourmet pizza from DeLullo's Italian Bistro.

Friday will have a variety of optional activities including a trip to Conner Prairie Interactive History Park (\$12 age 65 and over); of a Segway Tour of Indianapolis that's easy and fun for ages 8 to 80 (\$45 per person); or a trip to Indianapolis Canal Walk, Museums, White River State Park and dinner at Moe and Johnny's Restaurant.

An optional activity on Saturday is the Indianapolis 500 Qualifications (\$10 per person).

Scheduled for Saturday is a pitch-in dinner at the campsite with the main course included in the rally fee. This will be followed by a business meeting.

Departure will be Sunday.

Anyone interested in the Rally should contact Carolyn Beardsher, at 317-910-0986 or at cbshear@gmail.com



Past Region 5 President Dick Heyde, center, is involved in a discussion at his table at the Florida State Rally Region 5 Dinner. To his right are Jerry and Doretta Parker, Indiana Unit members from Marion, and to his right is wife, Judy, and cousins Don and Jane Sloane from Osceola, Ind. (Martha Clark photo)

## Northern Illinois, Lincolnland planning joint rally at Iowa's Amana Colonies

The Northern Illinois and Lincolnland units in Region 5 have scheduled a joint rally April 30-May 3 at the Amana Colonies in Iowa.

They have reserved an area at the Amana Colonies RV Park just north of downtown Amana for parking. Some events are scheduled but most of the time will be spent exploring the unique area.

There are seven colonies (villages) in a 17-mile loop and each have unique shops,

factories and festivals.

The largest festival that weekend is the 'Maifest' on Saturday in Amana. Included is a Taste of Amana Food Fair and "maipole" dancing. Another feature is the German folk music and lots of entertainment.

The loop has a series of historic buildings that can be toured. Arrangements have been made for admission discounts for those wearing a WBCCI badge. Among the historic buildings are the Heritage Museum in Amana, the Communal Kitchen and Copper Shop in Middle Amana, the Art Guild in High Amana, the Woodshop and Broom Factory in West Amana, Art and Quilt Shops in South Amana and the Store Museum in Homestead.

Other area attractions include the Pioneer Heritage Museum in Marengo, the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids and the Herbert Hoover Home and Presidential Library.



## Region 5 At Mid-Winter IBT

Representatives from Region 5 at the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees Rally at Rayne, La., shown with International First Vice President Norm Beu and wife, Linda, are, from left, Lu Shaw, Bob Gregory, Jerry and Louise Humble, the Beus and Lee and Bob Moyers. (Martha Clark photo).

### Corrections

Corrections in the Region 5 Officers, Staff and Unit President listings in the February Region 5 Report.

Correction for Region 5 Chaplain David Leeper e-mail address: davidhleeper@aol.com

Corrections for Illinois Lincolnland President Susan Swearingen: Home phone: 217-648-5085. Cell Phone: 309-824-5085. E-mail: smsflyfisher@hotmail.com.



Attendees at the Region 5 Dinner at the Florida State Rally were greeted by ticket sellers Betty Leeper, left, Lu Shaw and Bob Gregory.

## Region 5 News in Brief

The **Indiana Unit** is the latest in Region 5 to develop a Unit membership brochure, with copies made available to members to be passed out to prospective members. If any Units haven't developed a brochure and would like a master copy from which one can be developed contact Bill Schrader at bschrad500@aol.com.

The **Southern Illinois Unit's** Home from International 2010 Caravan is getting a good reception. The caravan departs on July 6 from Gillette with stops at Medora, N.D.; Bismarck, N.D.; Pierre, S.D. Pipestone, Minn. and Decorah, Ia. The estimated fee for 9 nights of camping, 5 meals and museum tickets is \$600. Six have signed up for far. If interested contact **Gordon and Carol White** at gwhite@midwest.net.

The **Blue Beret** is now being posted online. You can get it by going to wbcci.com and go to the general information category or go directly at <http://www.blueberetonline.com/> **Fred Richardson**, WBCCI Marketing Committee Chairman, is interested in getting feedback on the format. Contact him at radv1@earthlink.net

**IN MEMORY: Luther Collins**, Kentucky Unit member, died Feb. 27 at age 92.

**MEDICAL ALERT. Leroy Pittman**, former Region 5 Chaplain and Southern Illinois Unit member, fell and broke a hip...**Max Doerr**, Southern Illinois Unit, successfully went through hip replacement surgery... **Nancy Broglin**, Southern Indiana Newsletter editor, was recovering from knee replacement surgery when she suffered a broken femur. This required a repeat of the knee replacement surgery and she will have to remain immobile for six weeks. While she was hospitalized her husband, **Daris**, had a heart attack and had to have stents placed in two arteries.

**REGION 5 RALLY**  
 DuQuoin State Fairgrounds  
 DuQuoin, Illinois  
 September 15-19, 2010

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO

WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**RALLY REGISTRATION FEE**

Trailer/Motorhome—2 persons	\$195 _____
Trailer/Motorhome—1 person	\$175 _____
No RV on site—2 persons	\$135 _____
No RV on site—1 person	\$115 _____
Child/grandchild—per child (age 4-12)	\$ 35 _____
(age 3 and under free)	
First timer—deduct \$10 per person	_____
<b>REGISTER FOR ONE TOUR ONLY</b>	
Wine trail tour (chartered bus, lunch)	_____
\$38 x _____ (no. of persons)	_____
Bison Bluff Farm Tour (tour, lunch)	_____
\$18.50 x _____ (no. of persons)	_____
Aisin Manufacturing & Miners Baseball Field	_____
(no. of persons) _____ (no charge)	_____
Early parking available on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, (Sept. 12, 13, 14) _____ nights @ \$15 per night	
<b>WEEKEND RATE</b>	
Trailer/Motorhome- 2 persons -	\$135 _____
Trailer/Motorhome- 1 person	\$123 _____
No RV on site—2 persons	\$105 _____
No RV on site—1 person	\$ 93 _____
Child/grandchild - per child: (age 4-12)	\$ 15 _____
(age 3 and under—free)	
First timer—deduct \$10 per person	_____
(Rally Fee <u>includes</u> parking-W/E30amp/Dump St. on grounds)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	_____
Would you be willing to participate in an open house on Sat. Sept. 18, 2010? YES NO	
Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to <b>Ron Gordy, Treasurer,</b>	

CONGRATULATIONS: **Zeb and Gloria Hawkins**, former Southern Indiana Unit members, were honored on their 60th Wedding Anniversary March 6 with several Airstream friends joining in the celebration.