



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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Unit checklist for the 2010 International Rally

The 2010 International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will take place at the Cam-Plex in Gillette, Wyoming June 28-July 4.

This marks the third time the International Rally has been in Wyoming, the first two in 1965 and 1969 in Laramie.

To assist Units in keeping track of activities and responsibilities at the International Rally a check list is provided below.

Region 5 Luncheon. It is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, at 12 noon at the Prime Rib Restaurant in Gillette. Highlights of the luncheon will be the installation of officers and awarding of the Merit and Superior Merit



awards to qualifying Units (story page 3).

Region 5 Luncheon door prizes. Unit presidents are reminded that Units are urged to provide door prize(s)

to be given away at the end of the luncheon. Handmade items are preferred.

Region 5 Picnic. On July 4 Region 5 will again have a picnic at noon at the Cam-Plex grounds. The location will be announced later. Those attending should plan on bringing a dish to share. Further information on the picnic and tickets will be available at the Region 5 table at registration

Unit delegates. Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting on Wednesday, June 30. Be sure the delegate and alternate have the appropriately signed credentials that were mailed
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Message from President Bob Moyers

July 4, 2010 is the last day that I will be President of Region 5. It has been a wonderful experience for Lee and I to serve. I would encourage anyone who is considering a region office position to jump in and enjoy the adventure. My thanks to all of you who have helped to make the job easier for us.

IBT meetings can be frustrating but all in all you can feel a sense of accomplishment by being a voice of the members of the region. I have learned that WBCCI is not going to make any drastic changes. The changes will be subtle and slow. That is just the way it is. Some things are starting though, the dress code is beginning to relax and letters to the editor of the Blue Beret have started. These are the biggest changes to me and ones that I had sought since being an officer. Expenses continue to be another problem and at Winter IBT your region and international officers voted to cut expense allowances 10-25 percent. This coupled with the \$10 dues increase should help to balance the budget. An increase in membership would be the be another solution and all need to be ambassadors for the club to encourage new members and retain present members.

At the end of my message in each newsletter I have put my email address and phone number and have not received many calls since becoming president. You should be encouraged, each and every one of you, to write or call your new president when you have a problem or if you have a compliment.

You should all be proud of yourselves for all units achieving the Merit or Superior Merit Award for the past year. Again our region had 100% . Congratulations.

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Lakes and trees dot the DuQuoin Fairgrounds campground

2010 Region 5 Rally site is a unique, historic facility

Adjectives aren't adequate to describe The DuQuoin, Ill. State Fairgrounds, home for the 2010 Region 5 Rally and the 2011 International Rally,

Beautiful, historic, unique, elaborate, functional are a few that could be used.

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The sprawling 1,200 acre site has 12 lakes, 30 miles of winding roadways, a showplace mansion, one mile oval track, grandstand and numerous other buildings, large and small.

It's unique because the Fair started as a private venture by W.R. Hays, who amassed a fortune as the Coca Cola franchisee for Southern Illinois, owned the Midwest Dairy Products Company that served 39 cities in eight states and a chain of 19 movie theaters.

The Fair began on a 30 acre tract at the south edge of Du-Quoin in 1923 and was expanded in 1939 to its present size when Hays acquired the abandoned Old Black Gold strip mine property and set to work filing, leveling and landscaping with

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Southern Indiana Unit tours farm

During a recent Rally at Sturgis, KY, the Southern Indiana toured Gumz Horse farm in nearby Morganfield. This beautiful 120-acre facility is the most elite quarter horse breeding farm in the country and is standing 12 world champion stallions. Conducting the tour was Amy Gumz (center in jacket), who owns and operates the farm with husband, Kevin.

Mindak seek Airstreamers interested in biking/hiking

In 2009, Tom and Mary Mindak, Northern Illinois Unit members from Itasca, Ill., went on three biking/hiking trips. They are interested in knowing if others would like to join them in the Summer or Fall of 2010 for these type of "adventure and workout" trips? They would be happy to coordinate. Just email them at tmindak6@att.net

Their three trips in 2009 were in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pittsburgh/West Virginia (latter in the fall for colors). Each trip (roughly a week long) consisted of parking their 2007 Classic 28 foot Airstream the day before in a nice RV park with TV/WiFi services for good times after the days workout on the trails.

Their focus is on "rails for trails" bike routes as these deliver the best experiences with their road bikes. They'll usually ride 20 to 30 miles in a day and then alternate the next day with a 4 to 8 mile hike in forests near these bike routes. Over the week, they would likely move their Airstream a couple times.

One of the best parts on these workout trips is eating and relaxing. In the morning, they have a good breakfast around 9 a.m., pack a simple trail lunch and leave around 11 a.m. They are back at the RV park around 4 to 5 p.m. for clean-up and a fine dinner at their camp site or at a local restaurant that was recommended.

They rank the three areas they visited in 2009 as follows for "good times": Pittsburgh area (best national parks), West Virginia (parked their Airstream right behind a trout stream), eastern Michigan (fine for both hiking/biking) and western Wisconsin last---surprising as this is a recreation state.

They are open for 2010, and would like to hear from Airstreamers who have similar interests in these type of workout adventure biking/hiking trips.

Unit's checklist for the 2010 International Rally

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to each Unit by WBCCI headquarters. Delegates and alternates will turn in their signed documents at the Credentials Desk in the Registration area where they will receive their delegate ribbons.

Unit Flag Bearer. The Unit flag bearer at the opening ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 28, and at the closing ceremony on July 4, should wear dark slacks/skirt, white shirt/blouse, red tie, dark shoes and socks and Blue Beret. Bring your Unit flag and flag pole for the opening and closing ceremony. Flag bearers should attend the flag practice scheduled for 10:30 a.m. June 27 in Spirit Hall. Dress for practice is casual. Flag poles will be needed for the practice but not the flags.

Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner. Unit presidents and spouses are invited to attend the Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner Friday, June 25, at 5:45 p.m. in Equity Hall 1. The dinner is only for Unit presidents. No substitutes.

Unit Bulletin Boards. Don't forget to bring the Unit Bulletin Board to be hung at the International. It would be great if Region 5 could have 100 percent participation this year. Information on the bulletin board specifications and associated competition appeared in a recent Blue Beret.

Unit Publication Contest. Units are encouraged to enter newsletters and directories in the Unit Publication Contest. Whether your entry wins or not this is an excellent opportunity to get feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of your publications. Publications are entered at the Unit Publication Desk at registration. Judging is Thursday, July 1. A Unit Publications Training Seminar will be held on Friday, July 2.

Unit Officers Leadership Training. Present and potential officers are encouraged to attend the series of four Unit Officer Leadership Training seminars. They are scheduled for 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on Thursday July 1 and Friday, July 2 at Equity Hall Keyhole.

Dumping no longer to be free at Flying J Service Centers

Dwight Dixon, webmaster for the Northern Illinois Unit passes along an item he picked up on the Web from the Flying J Customer Loyalty Department.

"To continue providing waste dump station services at Flying J, we are instituting a \$10 fee to customers using the service. This has become necessary to cover the increasing costs of offering this amenity. These additional costs include:

- "Escalating expenses associated with normal usage and the misuse and abuse of waste dump stations;
- "Rising costs from local sewer treatment service providers;
- "Increasing expenditures linked to stringent corporate responsibilities.

"For our best customers, those that are members of the Flying J Frequent Fueler and RV Real Value clubs, a \$5 dump station credit will be added to their card based on fuel purchases."

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Surfing net for unique Southern Illinois attractions

Sam Smith, a member of the Southern Indiana Unit, has surfed the Web to discover links to what he feels are interesting locations in Southern Illinois.

Region 5 members can study up on the area in preparation for the Region Rally at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in September and the International Rally in 2011.

The sites cover some of the little known facts of the area.

For example, the Ray Fosse link discusses a major league baseball player from Marion and Pete Rose and how they came together in a major league play that ended Fosse's pro career.

The Shawneetown link tells why they refused a loan to the early organizers of Chicago.

The History of Southern Illinois:

<http://www.egyptianaaa.org/SI-History3.htm>; Noted Crimes and Criminals of Williamson County:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/williamson/historyp17a.htm>; Williamson County Historical Museum:

<http://www.lib.niu.edu/1999/ihy990455.html>; Bloody Williamson:

<http://www.press.uillinois.edu/books/catalog/56zef2zd9780252062339.html>; Herrin Massacre:

<http://www.egyptianaaa.org/SI-HerrinMassacre.htm>; Herrin Massacre:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herrin_massacre; Robert G. Ingersoll:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_G._Ingersoll; Ray Fosse:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Fosse; John A. Logan:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_A._Logan; The Bloody Vendetta:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/williamson/historyp18a.htm>;

Charlie Birger: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Birger;

The Shelton Brothers Gang:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shelton_Brothers_Gang; Colp:

http://www.thesouthern.com/news/local/article_34a5be55-4080-598b-a5ab-af1c50475e3d.html;

Old Shawneetown Bank: <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/shbank.htm>;

Hickory Hill—The Old Slave House: <http://www.prairieghosts.com/slave.html>;

Tornado of 1925:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/jackson/tornado1925.htm>

Hambletonian horse race added to DuQuoin Fair lore

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the planting of 1,400 trees that today help beautify the facility.

A part of the expansion was the creation of a campground to

serve the facility that over the years has been expanded and improved. It now includes 1,000 sites located beside a fishing lake. Each site has water and 30 amp electricity. Included are two bath houses with rest rooms and showers, a dump station and paved roads for biking and hiking.

The DuQuoin Fair's reputation got a significant boost in 1956 when it was successful in attracting the Hambletonian to DuQuoin. This is the prestigious harness horse race run annually for three-year old

Early parking
Anyone wanting to arrive at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds for the Region 5 Rally before Sunday, Sept. 12 needs to park at the campground at the north end of the fairgrounds.

You will then be able to move to the Rally camping site on Sunday.

Parking at the Rally site prior to Sunday may make you subject to relocation,

trotters. By this time the grandstand had been expanded to 18,000 seats. The Hambletonian attracted thousands to DuQuoin for 23 years before it moved to East Rutherford, NJ.

Will Hays founded his "state" fair because he saw the event as prestigious, statewide attraction that would be a major economic boost for the area of Southern Illinois where he grew up.

He was always fond of saying, "If you're going to do something do it all the way." And he did just that with the Fair growing in stature and attendance yearly from a smashing beginning with 60,000 attending the inaugural event in 1923.

Hays and subsequently his sons, Gene and Don, kept adding attractions and improving the facilities with attendance soaring into the hundreds of thousands.

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB
INTERNATIONAL, INC.

UNIT MERIT AWARD



PROGRAM

All seven Units in Region 5 have won Wally Byam Caravan Club International Unit Merit Awards for 2009.

Region 5 was the only Region to qualify 100 percent of its Units for the prestigious award

Unit presidents scored themselves on a 26 category scale using the Unit Planning Guide.

Four Region 5 Units received Superior Merit Awards. These went to the Central Indiana Unit, Illinois Lincolnland Unit, Kentucky Unit and the Southern Illinois Unit. Merit Awards went to the Indiana Unit, Northern Illinois Unit and Southern Indiana Units.

The merit award banners will be presented to Unit presidents at the Region 5 Luncheon at the Gillette International Rally

After 63 years of private operation the Fairgrounds was sold to the State of Illinois in 1986 which has continued to operate it as the Southern Illinois State Fair.

Region 5 'Hoopla' at International

The Central Indiana Unit is spearheading an effort to organize a 'Hoopla' to promote the DuQuoin Region 5 Rally at the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.

A script has been written for the skit and people are needed to play three roles: a shooter/hunter, a vintner and a quilter.

About 10 people have already been recruited from the Central Indiana and Illinois units and from Region 8.

More volunteers are needed. No special costumes are necessary, The skit will last about 10 minutes. If interested contact Carol Beardshear at cbshear2@aol.com

Variety of caravans are planned in Region 5

By LOUISE HUMBLE

Region 5 First V-P, Caravan Chair

Warm weather has finally arrived and that means caravanning time is officially here. As mentioned in an earlier article, caravans come in all types and lengths. This is evidenced by the variety of caravans planned in Region 5 this summer.



The Southern Indiana Unit has planned a caravan to the International Rally in Gillette while the Southern Illinois Unit has planned a caravan home from the International Rally in Gillette. Indiana Unit is planning a caravan to one of its rallies while the Northern Illinois Unit is planning a caravan home from one of theirs that is being held out of state.

Some units will use caravans to explore their own state. Central Indiana Unit has a caravan in the advanced planning stage that will take its participants to various locations in Indiana. Units might also use caravans to explore other states. The Kentucky Unit is working with an idea for that type of caravan.

Some of the members of the Illinois Lincolnland Unit are taking advantage of the fact that members of any unit can participate in any WBCCI activity and some of their members are joining other caravans from the region.

Take a look at the caravans being offered in Region 5 and see if there is one that appeals to you. All of the Region 5 units are to be congratulated for the active participation in the WBCCI caravanning program.

Outreach of members critical to the survival of WBCCI

By BOB GREGORY

Region 5 Second V-P, Membership Chair

The past two years have passed so fast for me as your Region Membership Chairman. My years of being a professional salesperson for the military came into play many times during this time as I considered "just how in the world I could be of help to our units in the Region struggling with membership numbers".



Initially, I thought perhaps preparing some type of document or guide that Unit members could read and refer to during their tenure as Unit Membership Chairperson would furnish a level of guidance for them if needed. Hence, the Region 5 R&R Guide came into being and thanks to our

Webmaster Larry Spaulding, caused it to appear in our Region Web Site space. Thank you for accepting this document at face value. I hope it helped those that read it.

There will be a Recruiting and Retention Awards time during our Annual Region 5 Business meeting at DuQuoin in September. Good luck to all of you as we camp and work toward.

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 _____

REGISTER FOR ONE TOUR ONLY

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

WEEKEND RATE

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 includes parking-W/E30amp/Dump St. on grounds)

TOTAL _____

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 Ron Gordy, Treasurer,

keeping our WBCCI club healthy and prosperous. The survival of any organization is dependent upon the outreach of its members to obtain new members and retain the current members. This has to occur if the organization is to survive I wish all of you huge successes in Retaining and Recruiting our fellow Airstream families. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Take care, happy and safe travels as you go from place to place this year.

Bob Gregory Cell: 270-847-0215

Region 5 Computerfest to have social media focus

The latest Web rage, social media, will be the focus of seminars being developed for the 2010 Region 5 Computerfest Sunday, Sept., 12 through Tuesday, Sept., 14, at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds just prior to the Region 5 Rally.

Just as social media is evolving so is the treatment it will receive at the Computerfest.

The goal will be to help attendees overcome any fears they might have about social media, help develop a greater understanding of social media, its strengths and shortcomings of various platforms and how the social media can be most effectively utilized.

The fact that Twitter, the fastest growing of the platforms, is only four years old demonstrates how fast social media has evolved. It wasn't long ago that Facebook was a social network for college students and now it's the Internet's equivalent of Microsoft Windows.

Airstreamers with a special interest in social media willing to share their insights are being sought. Anyone interested in assisting with the program contact Bill Schrader at bschrad500@aol.com

The social media sessions will be interspersed in the two days of seminars.

The Computerfest will begin with the traditional pizza party on Sunday night in the south end of the First Heat Building where the Computerfest will be held.

Sessions Monday and Tuesday will begin with Bob Green's famous breakfasts. Seminars will follow at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. both days.

Among the sessions already planned are ones on Viruses and Spyware, Picasa Picture Sorting and Editing, and Freeware for Windows (programs for Windows available free).

Region 5 News in Brief

Karen Bell from the Central Indiana Unit had double knee replacement surgery and is recuperating in the rehab unit...

The **Central Indiana Unit** executive board voted to increase the Unit dues from \$10 to \$15 per year in response to increases in non-rally operating expenses, including newsletter and directory printing and postage, dues processing materials, flags and badges, etc. An effort is being made to reduce expenses by sending the newsletter to more members by e-mail.

CONDOLENCES: Kentucky Unit, past members Dick Brayfogle; Southern Illinois Unit, Dick Thompson. Indiana Unit — Floyd "Gla" Robbins (former Indiana Dunes Unit member).

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2006 Ford Club van. V-10. 25,000 miles. Clean inside and out.

Contact Stella Thompson 618-483-6660

27th Computerfest Rally, Region 5

Southern Illinois State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, Illinois
Sun. Sept. 12—Tuesday, Sept. 14

Last _____ First _____

Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Handicap Parking Yes No

WBCCI No. _____ Unit _____ Region _____

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

Trailer/Motorhome—2 persons \$ 58 _____

Trailer/Motorhome—1 person \$ 53 _____

Additional persons each \$ 10 _____

Pizza party (optional)

_____ persons at \$7.50 \$ _____

Early parking available Sept. 10 after 12 noon.

The rate is \$15 _____

TOTAL _____

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to Ron Gordy, Region 5 Treasurer, 202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909. Full refund cancellation accepted until