



# Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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## Region 5 rally set for DuQuoin, Ill. Sept. 15-19

Region 5 President Louise Humble and First Mate Jerry have been busy putting the final touches on an outstanding 2010 Region 5 Rally Sept. 15-19 at DuQuoin, Ill.

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State Fairgrounds. This will be a return trip to

DuQuoin. Roland Keim's 2002 Rally was held there. The Fairgrounds has undergone a number of improvements including air conditioning in the buildings. The Fairgrounds covers 1,200 acres and includes 12 lakes and ponds, 30 miles of winding roads and beautiful landscaping. All camping sites have 30 amp electricity and water with a dump station on the grounds.

There is still time to register and be part of an excellent rally. A registration form is on page 4 of this Region 5 Report.

Two features added for this rally are a special First Timers rate and a special rate



**The spectacular DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in beautiful Southern Illinois will be the location of the 2010 Region 5 Rally Sept. 15-19.**

for those only able to attend the Rally over the weekend. Check these out.

The Rally includes breakfasts Thursday, Friday and Saturday and a catered dinner

Saturday, the popular Swap and Sell on Saturday morning, entertainment Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and a  
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*Message from  
President  
Louise Humble*

It has been eight years since Region 5 has had a rally at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. During that time there have been many changes which I think our members will enjoy. We will be holding our rally in a large new building that has been attached to the "First Heat" building. It is a rather interesting venue as "First Heat" is one of several buildings on the fairgrounds that is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings and yet the attached building is one of the newest on the grounds. Both buildings are air conditioned and yet there is a large front porch for enjoying friends and a cool glass of water. All in all, it is an inviting place to renew friendships.

Some of you may wish to park on Friday and try the new weekend rate. It is hoped that this will prove helpful to our working members and to our retirees with busy schedules. If you do try this option, please let us know how it works out for you. This is a new concept for our region and we need feedback from those members who are taking advantage of this option.

Another new concept for our Region is the discount for first

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## 2010 Region 5 Computerfest will have social media focus

The latest Web rage, social media, will be a focus of seminars at the 2010 Region 5 Computerfest Sunday, Sept. 12 through Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds 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.

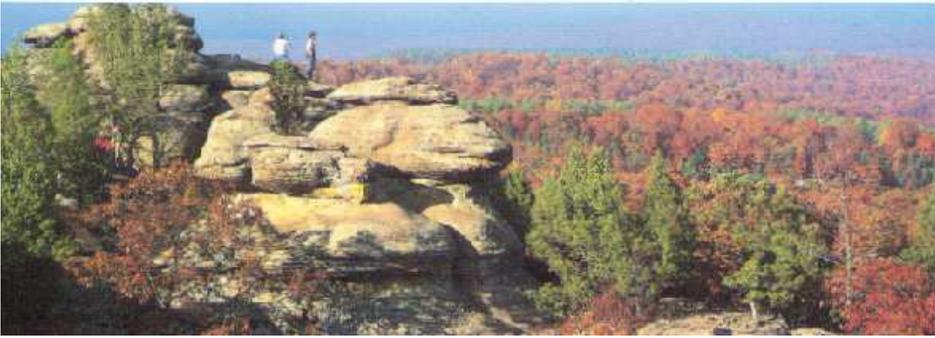
The fact that Twitter, the fastest growing of the platforms, is only four years old demonstrates how fast social media has evolved. It wasn't long ago that Facebook was a social network for college students and now it's the Internet's equivalent of

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### DuQuoin Fairgrounds will have Wi-Fi service

Everyone attending the Region 5 Computerfest and the Region 5 Rally will have access to the Wi-Fi network at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds.

Users can access the wireless network, Clearwave WiFi, by entering the code that will be provided upon arrival and then logging in.



## The scenic splendor of Southern Illinois

Stretching across Southern Illinois between the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the Shawnee National Forest is over 270,000 scenic acres. The area south of DuQuoin offers panoramic views of extraordinary rock formations at the Garden of the Gods.

## DuQuoin Region 5 Rally plans set

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number of interesting seminars Friday.

And, of course, there will be the popular door prizes and ice cream on Thursday and Friday evenings.

A presentation on the 2011 WBCCI International Rally, which will also be held at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds, will be presented by President Norm Beu on Friday.

Master of Ceremonies for the Rally will be Larry Abrams from the Southern Indiana Unit.

Some Region business will be conducted. The Unit Officers Workshop, a valuable session for current and future unit officers, is scheduled for 2:30 on Friday. The annual Region 5 Board of Trustees meeting has been set for 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Friday will be activities day with a wide variety of seminars scheduled. Seminar subjects will include personal health (blood pressure testing), SkyMed, Fowler's Interiors and packing trailer wheel bearings.

### Message from President Louise Humble

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timers. We hope that many of our new members will take advantage of this opportunity so that we can show you what a region rally is like. We want you to continue to experience this event with us.

Expenses at a rally are always a concern and this rally is no different. There have been some subtle changes in the rally which may not be noticed at all but which will help to keep the expenses at a lower level.

### How to get there

**From the north on U.S. 51:** Turn east (left) on IL14 (south edge of town) From IL14 turn north (left) at Fairground gate.

**From the north on I-57:** Turn west (right) on to IL14 towards Christopher. Go west on IL14 13.5 miles to fairgrounds. Turn right (north) at gate.

**From the south on US 51.** Turn east (right) on to IL14 (south edge of town). From IL14 turn north (left) at Fairgrounds gate (one fourth mile).

**From the north on I-57:** Turn west on IL14 towards Christopher. Go west on IL14 13.5 miles to fairground gate. Turn right (north) at fairground gate.

Southern Illinois has a number of interesting attractions and tours scheduled for Thursday will hit several of them including wineries, a buffalo farm, a new minor league baseball park and an automobile parts manufacturer.

The installation of new unit officers will be coming quickly on the heels of the region rally. A schedule for visiting region officers for installation rallies has been set and can be found on page 3..

Obviously September and October are going to be busy months for Region 5 but Jerry and I are looking forward to seeing you all really soon at either your unit rallies or at the region rally. Better yet, let's try to get together both times! See you down the road!

## Region Five Rally checklist for all Unit Presidents

**1. Unit's Logo Banner.** Bring the Unit's logo banner used at previous rallies.

**2. Flag, Pole and Stand.** Each Unit President and Region Vice President bring your Unit flag, pole and stand.

**3. Carrying Flag.** Each Region officer will need someone to carry his or her flag in the flag ceremony.

**4. Opening, Closing Ceremony, Business Meeting Dress Code.** Dark slacks/skirts, white shirts/blouses and dark shoes. No red tie is necessary. Blue Beret optional.

**5. Friday Officer Workshop.** The Unit Officer Workshop will be Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:15 in the south end of the First Heat Building. All Unit officers are urged to attend. Among the items on the agenda for the officer workshop will be: Blue Book update; Membership, Caravaning, Media Kit.

**6. Board Motion Form.** If a Unit is bringing a motion to the Board, it must be on the official motion form. State both the motion and the rationale. Bring 20 copies of each motion and mail a copy to President Louise Humble by Sept. 1, 2010.

**7. Coordinator's Meeting.** There will be a meeting of Coordinators, Unit Presidents and Region officers on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the south end of the First Heat Building. IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT COORDINATORS AND UNIT PRESIDENTS ATTEND.

**8. Early Worker Parking Schedule..** The Region 5 Rally Early Parking Schedule has been sent to Unit presidents. Remember that any member who arrives early and is not listed on the Early Parking Schedule will be charged \$15 per night for parking prior to Wednesday, Sept. 16.

**9. Region 5 Expense Voucher.** If you incur any expenses, please fill out an expense voucher and turn it into Louise Humble or Region 5 Treasurer, Ron Gordy.

**10. Early Worker Potluck Dinner.** A potluck dinner is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Heat building. All members parked on site on Tuesday are invited to attend. Meat will be furnished. Bring a covered dish to share, a drink and table service.

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# Region 5 responds to WBCCI issues

In compiling a report on the responses from WBCCI members in Region 5, let me begin with a view of the general responses. The initial reaction to the 20/20 request generally fell into two areas.

1. Many of the members felt that they had just done this sort of thing when they responded to the initial 20/20 survey requested by Bill Schrader.

2. Several of the units were much more comfortable with a more relaxed conversation about the issues as opposed to a formal meeting with a moderator, etc. and felt the relaxed format would be more productive.

There are seven units in Region 5. One unit submitted a formal report with copies going to Norm Beu, International First Vice President; Damon Beals, a member of the 20/20 Committee; Bob Moyers, Region 5 President; and Louise Humble, Region 5 First Vice President.

I participated in a discussion with two of the units and obtained their information. Another unit president communicated the unit concerns to me and three units did not respond.

## Illinois Lincolnland Unit led Region 5 in attendance at the International Rally

With 11 members in attendance the Illinois Lincolnland Unit led Region 5 in attendance at the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.

Lincolnland members attending were Monte Barksdale, Terry and Jackie Burke, John and Rita Green, Floyd and Linda Hattan, Val and Sally Johnson, Bud and Betty Lanoue, Raoul and Anita Reinertsen, Dick and Penny Revell, John and Waneta Riggenbach, Don Sergeant and Nancy Stout and Bill and Cheryl Shelandier.

Lincolnland was not only long in numbers but also in volunteerism, involved in the activities of 13 different committees: Barksdale, health services, community services, 2011 Hoop-la, 4th of July Picnic; Burkes, 2011 rally pre-registration desk; Greens, WBCCI Club Store; Hattans, Handicap Parking, Illinois luncheon; Johnsons, Handicap Parking; Lanoues, Handicap Parking; Reinertsens, band, health services; Revells, WBCCI Club

### Editor's note

**The WBCCI 20-20 Committee sent a request to Region officers to meet with their units to get their feelings about reform, etc. or have the units meet discuss reforms and pass along their conclusions to the Region president.**

**Then First Vice President Louise Humble compiled the unit findings and reported them at the July 5 International Board of Trustees meeting in Gillette. This is the report then President Humble presented.**

Finances and membership remain of greatest concern among those members reporting. Providing services and activities to attract new members and retain present members was discussed in all reporting units:

Several suggestions were given that would fall under these two categories and I will list them in no particular order.

—Have a graduated dues schedule with those members receiving the Blue Beret as

a hard copy paying higher dues — perhaps \$5 more.

—Install unit officers at the region rally thereby saving region officer travel expenses for installations.

—Use online surveys to get the opinions of younger members to find out what services would be most appreciated.

—Have region officer travel expenses charged to the region rally fee as this particular member felt the region officers travel only to promote “their” rally.

—Pay more attention to the units by having region officers visit rallies other than installations to help with new ideas, etc. Keep these sessions informal.

—Have fewer competitions for awards. When there is a winner there is a loser and many members did not like competing against other members.

—Have more “shows” rather than competition. Example: A hobby show rather than a hobby competition much like the caravan journals and drivers manuals that are displayed.

—Simplify the merit report or eliminate it. Many presidents do not have the time for this much paper work.

—Use broadcast emailing to better communicate with members.

—Have shorter caravans available at all levels of the caravanning program (very important).

--Create a special link at the WBCCI website to list all caravan participants at all levels rather than printing all the caravans each member has taken in the Membership Directory. This would give the participants recognition for their travels at all levels and cut the cost of the directory.

--On the special caravan link on the WBCCI website, include the listing of the past club caravans rather than listing them in the directory thereby saving twelve pages in the directory. Concentrate on the upcoming caravans and rallies in the directory.

—Have fewer years service for a region officer. With less time to prepare a region rally, this might mean that regions would have to go to a region rally every other year.

--The general consensus was that the regions need to be redefined but there was no consensus on how that should be accomplished.

# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 Sept. 1.

## Region 5 Computerfest will have wide range of seminars

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Microsoft Windows.

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

Another new seminar will be a round table session. The group breaking into smaller groups with each focusing on a particular subject.

Another seminar in the development stage will focus on how the Internet can be effectively utilized for Unit communication.

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), and 2007 Word.

## 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,