



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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84 attend 2010 Region 5 rally in DuQuoin

The “Silver Bullet Shootout” Region 5 Rally at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in DuQuoin, Illinois, had 84 registrations, a 24 percent increase over the 68 registrations for the 2009 rally at Brandenburg, KY/

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The DuQuoin Fairgrounds will be the location for the 2011 International Rally and International President Norm Beu and First Lady Linda were on hand for what would serve as a test run for their rally.

The Fairgrounds proved to be an excellent facility for a rally with an abundance of parking with 30 amp electricity and water, beautiful landscaping, excellent air-conditioned buildings and a beautiful grandstand where the nightly entertainment will be held during the International.

Region 5 President Louise Humble and husband Jerry put on an outstanding rally highlighted by exciting tours on Thursday, including a visit to a 300-head bison farm that was started by Airstreamers Richard and Frankie Howell. The Humbles tapped into Airstream talent for their entertainment. Ken Harrell from Birmingham, Ala. and daughter Andrea Patterson performed on Friday and Jeff Bradshaw, son of Airstreamers Jim and Betty Hutchens from Benton, Ill., performed on Thursday.



Airstreamers got up close and personal with bison on a visit to the Bison Bluffs Farms during the Region 5 Rally. A wagon took 40 Airstreamers to a field where they were immediately surrounded by over one hundred bison.

The Southern Indiana Unit, for the second straight year, had the highest percentage of members attending the Rally, 38.5 percent with 10 of 26 members attending. Southern Illinois had 17 members, Northern Illinois 14, Central Indiana 13, Kentucky 10, Illinois Lincolnland 7 and Indiana 4.

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Message from President Humble

The Region 5 rally is over and I want to thank everyone for their hard work and positive support during the rally.



Events like this are not possible without the cooperation of everyone present and Jerry and I very much appreciate your effort.

In addition to the fun and fellowship, a significant contribution was made to the Du Quoin Food Pantry through the Community Service Committee. You also kept five pounds of plastic bottles and aluminum cans from being added to the landfill by recycling.

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Joint Rally surprise Units ‘take to the air’

Southern Illinois and Illinois Lincolnland units were in for a surprise when they traveled to East Alton, Illinois for a joint rally at the St. Louis Regional Airport.

‘Heel and toe’
The Central Indiana Unit introduced a new concept this fall. Page 4

its location on the Airport grounds.

But what a surprise members attending received when, on Saturday night, following the traditional banquet that was held at the Airport restaurant, four airplanes taxied up to the front of the restaurant and offered

“Come Fly With Twin Air Aviation” was the name of the rally in keeping with



Dan Nutergen, from the Southern Illinois Unit, left, was one of several who got to “Come Fly” at a Joint Rally.

anyone interested to take a 20 minute flight up the Mississippi River to the confluence with the Missouri and Illinois rivers and then back to the airport.

A total of 18 members took advantage of the offer and enjoyed a spectacular flight and view in the evening sunlight. Enjoy pictures at <http://gallery.mac.com/skmentz#100708>

Nominating Committee named Gregory resigns as First V-P

Region 5 First Vice President Bob



Gregory submitted his resignation to President Louise Humble in August because he will be moving out of the Region to Gulfport, Mississippi.

On Sept. 1 President Humble notified Region 5 officers and staff that Second Vice President Barry Bell has moved to the position of First Vice

President.

Past Region 5 President Bob Moyers is chairman of the nominating committee that will now be responsible for filling two positions, the replacement for Bell and a nominee for Second Vice President who will take office in 2011.

President Humble advised that the Bell replacement position will not be filled before Nov. 2, 2010, as per instructions in the Blue Book-Bylaws and Policy page 22, paragraph D.

Message from President Humble

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cling them.

You are all to be congratulated.

As our region enters a period without a Region 2nd VP, I would ask each of you to consider what you can do to help the region. You may not feel that you can fill that office at this time, but remember that the 2nd VP of Region 5 is usually the Region Membership Chairman. Each of you can help with member retention as well as attracting new members in your unit. Be sure to call those members you haven't seen in awhile and let them know you're thinking of them.

For each of the incoming presidents, please remember that you will need to turn in the officer report form and the activity report form by November 1. Both of these forms can be found on the WBCCI.org web site. Copies of these forms need to be sent to Jackson Center as well as your Region President and Vice President. These forms are very important to the region officers in making up the folding schedules as well as other items of business. Receiving these copies is much appreciated.

One of the items of business left for the outgoing presidents is to complete the Unit Planning Guide and Merit Award Form. This form can also be downloaded from the WBCCI.org web site. Some of you may feel that your unit doesn't qualify for this program, but it is surprising how quickly the points add up. If you have difficulties with the form just give me a call. Just remember to send two copies of your completed form to me within 60 days of your last day in office. I'll be looking forward to reading of all your achievements.

During the next year in Region 5 we will be working on expanded use of electronic communication. To that end, I want to remind you to update your email address with Jackson Center and with me any time that your email changes. In this way, we can make electronic communication more successful.

Enjoy the cooler temperatures, the colorful leaves and time in your rigs. It's a great season for fun, fellowship and definitely adventure.

Louise Humble

Danville, Ind. Fairgrounds location for the Region 5 Rally in 2011

Region 5 President Louise Humble announced at the annual business meeting that the 2011 Region 5 Rally will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds at Danville, Ind. Sept. 14-18. Danville is located 13 miles west of Indianapolis on U.S. Highway 36.

Humble said the Fairgrounds is a relatively new facility with air conditioned buildings and camp sites with 30 amp electricity, water and some sewers.

Business meeting

In one action the board nominated past president Bob Moyers to chair the nominating committee responsible for filling two vice president positions.

The board also approved continuing to send the Region 5 newsletter to Members at Large. The Region 5 MAL retention rate is 26 percent compared to a 46 percent rate retention rate for WBCCI as a whole.

First Vice President Barry Bell reported on membership and said the Region is showing significant improvement. The past year it had a net loss of only 13 members. This compares to a loss of 27 in 2009 and 54 in 2008. The Region 5 membership total at the end of fiscal 2010 was 321.

Treasurer Ron Gordy reported the Region had total equity of \$6,498.85 as of Sept. 10, 2010. During the year each of the Region 5 activities had a positive balance...\$320.09 for the 2009 Computerfest, \$16.63 for the 2009 Region 5 Rally at Brandenburg, KY and \$40.83 for the 2010



Region 5 President Louise Humble and husband Jerry dressed as Elvis and Priscilla Presley kicked off the "On The Road Again" 2011 Region 5 Rally introduction on Thursday night.

Region 5 events at the International Rally.

Community Service Committee chairs Carol White from the Southern Illinois Unit and Karen Bell from the Central Indiana Unit reported the DuQuoin Food Pantry had been selected as the agency to receive assistance from Region 5 this year. A total of 55 food and personal items and \$160 in cash were donated.

The pantry also received the \$531 church offering.

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**2nd Vice President
To be named**



Among those who attended the 2010 Computerfest Rally at DuQuoin

24 attend 2010 Computerfest Rally

A total of 24 registered for the 2010 Computerfest Rally at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, held Sunday through Tuesday prior to the Region Rally.

The Computerfest began with the traditional pizza party, once again held at the rally site rather than at a pizza parlor.

As always a highlight of the rally was the scrumptious breakfasts prepared by Bob Green and his crew on Monday and Tuesday.

Wi-Fi service was provided for the First Heat Building where the seminars were staged and throughout the camping area by Clear Wave Communications. It was the inaugural effort to provide Wi Fi service at the fairgrounds. A few bugs still have to be worked out before the 2011 International Rally.

Gordon White from the Southern Illinois Unit, Dwight Dixon from the Northern Illinois Unit, Don Grayson from the

Central Indiana Unit and Gwen King from Southern Illinois University were presenters at the seminars.

King made an informative presentation on Facebook and the social media.

Dixon, who is the Northern Illinois webmaster, spoke on using the Internet for Unit communications and passed along a number of excellent ideas.

Grayson made three presentations, highlighted by a slide show he developed using Picasa of a recent trip to Alaska, which was enhanced with the Ken Burns effect.

In Memory

Betty Lanoue, Illinois Lincolnland Unit, Sept. 24, 2010

Thurston Scott, Southern Indiana Unit past president, Sept. 5, 2010.

Bob Zike, Central Indiana Unit past president, Aug. 30, 2010.

'State of WBCCI' message from Beu

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The Rally had nine attending from other Regions and Members at Large.

For the first time a special weekend rate was made available for the convenience of working members. A total of four took advantage of the offer.

Larry Abrams from the Southern Indiana Unit served as Master of Ceremonies at the evening ceremonies. Max Carmichael from the Central Indiana Unit and a past International President presided over the opening and closing ceremonies.

International President Beu gave a "State of WBCCI" address. He said two special committees have been named...Constitution and Bylaws Revision and Motorhome. He reported the Marketing Committee has gotten the Blue Beret on the WBCCI Web site and is working on a "constant contact" with the membership. He said Chuck Kiple is the new Caravan Chairman. He said 2009-10 improved financially. The organization finished with a \$50,000 deficit but the International Rally had an \$85,000 surplus for an overall net gain of \$35,000.

Beu and First Lady Linda invited everyone to come back next June for the International Rally. "Adventure Is Where You Find It" will be the rally theme. The giant Southern Illinois Center will be the main building for the rally.

Chaplain David Leeper delivered a moving message at the closing Sunday worship service, capturing the essence of the "Airstream way of life".



Community Service busy at DuQuoin Region 5 Rally

The Region 5 Community Service Committee had a busy week at the DuQuoin Region 5 Rally collecting items for the DuQuoin Food Pantry. By the end of the week a total of 55 items and \$160 had been collected. Carol White, right, from the Southern Illinois Unit, who co-chairs the committee with Karen Bell from the Central Indiana Unit made the presentation to a food pantry representative on Friday. The donation was enhanced on Sunday when the worship service offering was designated for the Food Pantry. The offering totaled \$531, up from \$260 in 2009. Photo by Gordon White.

Region 5 Rally Briefs



Jones' handle Region 5 reception for 15th Year

For 15 consecutive years Don and Bonnie Jones from the Southern Indiana Unit have been responsible for the Unit President's reception at the Region Rally. The Jones' provide the punch (Bonnie's special recipe) and cookies, but have earned even more plaudits for the unique table decorations. This year they featured miniature Airstreams that formed campgrounds at each end of the table.

Combination rally, caravan unique Central Indiana Unit innovation

The Central Indiana Unit came up with a unique combination of a rally and a caravan for its event Oct. 1-9.

It was officially listed as the "Heel-To-Toe Caravan."

What was unique about the event was that it was a nine day caravan that was really three three-day rallies linked together.

You could attend the nine-day event, any of the three-day events or combine two three-day events for a six-day event.

The caravan crossed the southern part of Indiana starting at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madison. The Unit had its installation of 2011 officers during this stop.

Next stop was the state campground at Patoka Lake for three days. Activities there included a pontoon boat ride on the lake, a

tour of the restored French Lick and West Baden Hotels and dinner at the famous Schnitzelbank German Restaurant in nearby Jasper.

The final stop was at the Harmonie State Park campground at New Harmony. This stop included tours of historic New Harmony and trips to nearby Evansville and Vincennes.

Important information

The deadline for the Unit Officers Reporting Form and the Unit Activities Reporting Form to be sent to Jackson Center is Nov. 1. The timing is critical to get the information in the membership directory. You are also requested to send copies of the forms to President Louise Humble and First Vice President Barry Bell.

Region 5 Rally Games — Region 5 Rally game winner awards were presented at the Saturday night banquet. Winners were:

Golf — 1. Ray Brunk; 2. Karl Schaette
Pinochle — 1. Jerry Christy; 2. Warren Dutton; 3. Wayne Kortum.

Joker — 1. Donna Carmichael and John Goyke; 2. Donna Scott and Max Carmichael; 3. Judy Jamison and Betty Lanoue.

Crazy Golf Card Game — 1. Linda Dutton; 2. Mary Schwenke; 3. Doris Meier.

Backing Covered Wagon Contest — 1. Bob and Lee Moyers; 2. Stan and Mary Schwenke; 3. Warren and Linda Dutton.

Bean Bag Baseball — Right Team beat the Left Team 13-11 in eight innings.

Prayer Warriors Continuing — Region 5 Chaplain David Leeper announced that the Prayer Warriors started last year is continuing and looking for new members. Prayer Warriors is an email prayer chain that passes along information about members of the Region 5 family who need to be remembered in prayers. If you would like to become a member contact Leeper at davidhleeper@aol.com

Sign Up For International — International President Norm Beu and First Lady Linda operated a 2011 International Rally table at the Region 5 Flea Market and registered 11 to come back to DuQuoin next year for the International Rally.

Future Region Rally Dates: Region 5 Rally dates for the future are Sept. 12-16 for 2012, Sept. 11-15 for 2013 and Sept. 10-14 for 2014.

Illinois Lincolnland Unit excels at 'Hospitality'

The Region Rally work assignments list the Illinois Lincolnland Unit as being responsible for "hospitality services". Too many don't realize the vastness of the Unit's responsibilities. The Unit does the Early Workers dinner on Tuesday. This is followed by scrumptious breakfasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (being served in the picture). And then they handle the table decorations for the Saturday evening banquet. Not only does the Unit have a lot of duties, but they handle them in an exemplary manner. Hats off to Illinois Lincolnland. It excels at "hospitality".

