



Region 5 Report

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WBCCI Constitution, By-Laws changes proposed

Changes could come up for vote at DuQuoin Rally

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International should have a new Constitution and By-Laws to consider at the annual meeting in DuQuoin, Ill. in June.

This was the report Dona Garner, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee and WBCCI parliamentarian, made at the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees meeting at Robstown, TX, Jan. 28. She said the work is about 99 percent complete and should be done within the next month. It is anticipated that the new constitution will be on the agenda for the Delegates at the June meeting.

Also serving on the committee are Kerry Mattilia, president Ontario Canada Unit; Joe Perryman, First VP Region 10; Bob Novak, Metro NY Unit member; and Tom Smithson, First VP Northern California Unit.

This was one of several items of special interest on the IBT agenda during the two days of meetings.



Attending the WBCCI Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees meeting at Robstown, TX from Region 5 were, front row from left, Louise Humble, Carol White, Beth Parrish, Jerry Humble, Judy Heyde and Karen Bell. Back row, from left, are Rita Green, John Green, Gordon White, Dick Heyde and Barry Bell.

A motion was approved unanimously to limit spending on future International rallies to \$20,000 prior to Jan. 1 of the year of the rally and that contracts for rally sites will not contain a per day fee based on the number of Airstream RVs on site.

The treasurer's report is projecting a 250 member loss for the coming year, with a fiscal impact on dues income. Membership committee chairman Don McKealvy reported that 60 percent of

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Message from President Louise Humble

I am writing this message on the last day of January and we are looking at a big change in the weather. By tomorrow evening many of you in Region 5 will be experiencing a huge change. We don't know exactly what it will be but it will be change.

I think about that when I think about WBCCI. We as a group are experiencing a big change now. Most of us are already aware that things are not the way they have been in the past. We are also aware that the leadership of the club is trying to deal with this change. To that end, a committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws. The recommendations of that committee will soon be forthcoming. We do not know what changes will be recommended, but we do know there will be recommended changes. It will be up to you as WBCCI members to decide what is best for our club and vote on these proposed changes. I hope that each of you will give this report with its recommendations very careful consideration when it arrives. We will all want any

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Nominees are sought for Region 5 2nd Vice-President

The position of 2nd Vice President in Region 5 has not been filled since the resignation of Bob Gregory created the opening last August.

Bob Moyers, immediate past president, is chairman of the nominating committee.

Moyers is also looking for another 2nd Vice President to fill the vacancy that will be created when President Louise Humble leaves office in June, 2012.

Anyone interested in the position can contact Moyers at 502-938-4501 or by email at boble209@aol.com.

Region 5 dinner in Sarasota Feb. 17

Region 5 will put on its annual dinner in conjunction with the Florida State Rally.

It will be Thursday, Feb. 17, at 5 p.m. and once again at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4150 South Shade Street in Sarasota. John Wilhite and his crew will again be doing the catering.

This is always an excellent dinner and a great opportunity for the folks in Region 5 to renew acquaintances.

Region 5 support is needed

International registration lags

International President Norm Beu reports that registrations for the 2011 International Rally in DuQuoin continues a steady increase but still lags past years.

Beu reported that as of Feb. 1 registrations totaled 457 RVs. Region 5 needs to get behind this Rally and demonstrate strong support. This is the first International Rally to be held in



Region 5 in over 20 years.

The last International Rally in the Region was in 1990 when it was held on the Notre Dame University in South Bend.

The 1990 event was the fourth International to be hosted by Notre Dame. The previous ones were in 1974, 1980 and 1984.

The International was held in Louisville, KY in 1972 and 1976. The 1976 event was the largest International Rally in history, attracting 4,493 RVs.

Danville, Indiana will be location for the 2011 Region 5 Rally Sept. 14-18

Danville, Indiana, located 13 miles west of Indianapolis, will be the site of the 2011 Region 5 Rally Sept. 14-18.

The location will be the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, a relatively new state-of-the-art facility on Indiana 36 at County Road 200 East.

The Fairgrounds has excellent facilities centered around the 33,000 square foot air conditioned Conference Center where the Region meetings will be conducted.

The camping area has 30 amp electricity, water and some sewer connections.

Danville is a fast growing Indian-

apolis suburb with a population of 6,918.

The rally will include four nights of parking, three breakfasts and one dinner, three nights of entertainment, tours, seminars, a flea market and games.

The registration fee will be \$195 for an RV and two people. First timers can deduct \$10 per adult.

Also available again this year will be weekend registration Sept. 16-18. The registration fee will be \$135.

The Region 5 Computerfest will precede the Rally, starting Sunday and ending on Tuesday.

Report from President Louise Humble

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changes that are made to be a positive step forward for our club.

Elsewhere in this region report you will find a summary of the business of the midwinter IBT. There were several proposed changes at the meeting some of which were adopted, some voted down and some of which will require further study. Again, it is hoped that these changes will further the positive aspects of the club.

Last fall I contacted each of the unit presidents asking them for feedback about a proposal from the International Membership chairman on the possibility of members joining WBCCI on line and paying for their membership on line. I had responses from six of our seven units

and I roundly applaud you and sincerely thank you for your follow-up on this request. I want to report that at midwinter IBT I learned that our region was the only region to respond to this particular question so any action on that issue will be withheld until at least eight regions contact the International chairman.

So, we have change. We have change in the club and change in the weather. Jerry and I will be thinking of all of you over the next few days and hope that the ice and snow pass quickly and leave no negative effects on your life. He and I wish for only positive changes for all of you and for the club.

We'll see you down the road.

Louise

Motorhome issue before IBT again

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member non-renewals were due to death, health issues or the Airstream being sold.

Treasurer Bob Moss also reported that the Club mail trailer had been sold for \$13,500, under the \$15,500 budgeted price. Region 6 contributed \$1,500 and an individual donor contributed \$500 to make up the difference.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee chairman Don Shafer reported he has two openings on his committee. He also emphasized that amendments to the constitution must follow the procedures outlined in the constitution. Failure to follow procedure, he said, will result in delays and cause hard feelings between the originators and the board of trustees.

An example of this consumed considerable time in the IBT meeting. The Denver, CO Unit had submitted an amendment with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee following a procedure that the Committee felt didn't follow the procedures outlined in the constitution. The discussions that took place during the meeting were an attempt to answer the many questions that came up as to the proper procedures and interpretations of the procedures as stated in the constitution.

The committee studying the motorhome issue didn't make an official report because of the absence of Chairman Karin Kurkowski. A letter from Airstream Chairman Larry Huttle was read that Airstream still has no plans to build a Class A motorhome. Since Thor, the Airstream company's owner, builds Class A and C motorhomes under other brands there is still an interest in being able to stay in the club with one of these motorhomes. A motion was made and approved to establish another Motorhome Study Committee, appointed by the International president, that will make a report by the end of March to get a proposed amendment to the constitution on the agenda for the DuQuoin delegates meeting.

A motion to amend the nominating committee selection procedure was defeated 17 to 1. Another motion approved formally dissolved the Genealogy Intra-Club with the club treasury donated to the Cents for Kids program.

John Green, Illinois Lincolnland Unit, contributed to this article.

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Briefly speaking

17 'free' days in 2011 at national parks

The National Park Service has announced that there will be 17 "free" days at all national parks and monuments in 2011.

The first was Jan. 15-17 in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day.

The second will commemorate National Park Week from April 16-24.

June 21, the first day of summer will also be free.

The next period is National Parks Land Day and will be observed on Sept. 24.

The last free period will be the during the week of Veteran's Day, Nov., 11-13.

All entry fees are to be waived on these days. In addition, the Park Service intends to have special events during the free days to emphasize the days.

Southern Illinois Unit creating history book

Gordon White, past president and newsletter editor for the Southern Illinois Unit has taken on the winter project of producing history books for the Unit.

White's goal is to produce Unit year-books beginning with 2006 and going through 2010

New National Rally starting in Region 4

The Cleveland, Ohio Unit in Region 4 has announced it will be hosting a new national rally in 2011.

It will be the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally to be held June 8-12 at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland.

Scheduled activities include a cruise on Lake Erie, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Browns Stadium, Lolly the Trolley Tour and a visit to the Science Center.

The Rally will include three breakfasts, three catered dinners and parking for a Rally fee of \$100. The Rally will be limited to 100 Units. Make reservations by calling 440-953-9559.

Unit business card can be handy membership tool

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is an article that appeared in the Region 10 newsletter and was authored by Carol Ortiz, Region 10 2nd Vice President.*

What have your Units done effectively to encourage folks to become members of WBCCI and your local Unit? What have you been doing to retain your members? Let's get an exchange going among our Units in this wonderful Region of ours and let's see if we can increase our numbers!

Hopefully, most of us carry Membership Packets in our rigs and we are always on the look-out for Airstream RVs that don't have those red identification numbers.

But what happens when you are out shopping in your car and you spot a naked trailer? Have you searched for a scrap of paper to write a note and come up short? How about fashioning a card that you can always have with you? See example at the right.

A business card is about 2 X 3 1/2. The example (above right) could be cut to 2" X 4". With some tweaking, and playing with the font, perhaps many of you, who are more adept at the computer than I, could make something similar fit the business card size. All one needs is card stock and a little time and your Unit folks could be prepared to meet potential members at any moment.

If your Unit has a website, you could include that on the card and the line at the bottom gives you an opportunity to write your name, a phone number or an email address. It would be easy to slip under a windshield wiper or hand to a person, if you meet them. Try it! You might like it!

Membership tip

From the Region 4 Newsletter

We are always talking about new members. How about the inactive members in your Unit? Here are some good ideas from Carmel Porter, president of the Land of Lakes Unit of Ohio.

Has your Unit been in contact with all the inactive members?

Have you called, emailed, written to or visited an inactive member?

Did you try to access why the inactive member doesn't show up at any of the luncheons or rallies?

Have you assigned an active member to the inactive member?

Did you try to determine what activities an inactive member would show up for?

In Memory

Dr. Donald E. Welsh, 81, Churubusco, Ind., Indiana Unit

Betty Lanoue, Momence, IL, Illinois Lincolnland Unit.

Karl Hofacker, Fort Wayne, Ind., Indiana Unit.

Ray Wolf, Rome City, Ind., Indiana Unit

Richard Yoder, Bluffton, Ind., Indiana Unit.

WBCCI Websites

FROM THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NEWSLETTER

Take a few minutes to check out WBCCI websites.

—List of all WBCCI sites: <http://wbcci.net/websites>

—Region 5: <http://region5.wbcci.net/>

—International: <http://www.wbcci.org/>



**Hi Fellow Airstream Owner!
Let's Get Acquainted!**

We'd love to tell you about a club for Airstream Owners: **Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI)!**

It's a great group of very friendly people who enjoy rallies, various activities, traveling and sightseeing together. Contact us so that we may invite you to an upcoming event and have an opportunity to share more about our club. Also, check our International website: www.wbcci.org

Heel To Toe Caravan definitely a success

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Central Indiana Unit introduced a new caravanning concept this year with its "Heel To Toe Caravan." The 10-day caravan started in Madison, Ind. and was there three days. Then three days were spent south of French Lick, Ind. on Patoka Lake and then on to New Harmony, Ind. for three days. Participants could go for the entire 10 days or join the caravan for six days or three days. Below is the report on the Caravan provided by Carolyn Beardshear Unit secretary.*

Our "Heel to Toe" Caravan was definitely a success, with old members, new members and prospective members dropping in and out over the 10 gorgeous Fall days.

The fun part came from a wide variety of activities: wandering Indiana's largest 130-block Historic District in Madison, a pontoon boat ride on Patoka Lake, touring the Toyota automobile factory south of Princeton, taking in New Harmony's architecturally award-winning Visitor's Center overlooking the early 1800s Harmonist Village and hiking the cypress swamps as far north as the confluence of the Ohio and Wabash rivers. Fellowship grew from getting to know more members of the club. Adventure certainly was not lacking. Ultimately we met our goal of more fun, more fellowship and more adventure for more members.



One of the stops on the Heel to Toe Caravan was the West Baden Springs Hotel giant dome.