



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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IBT approves balanced WBCCI budget for 2011-12

In an effort to maintain fiscal responsibility, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Board of Trustees passed a balanced budget for the coming year.

To attain this challenge, the WBCCI executive officers requested a reduction in their reimbursement of travel expenses, receiving a 20 percent reduction in addition to the 25 percent reduction they received last year.

This additional 20 percent reduction represents an almost \$6,000 savings for the club in the coming year.

The format of the member directory will also be changed. When you receive your directory in January, 2012, you will notice that it is more like the "Blue Beret" magazine than the 5 1/2 inch by 8 1/2 inch publication that you have received in the past. The publication of the member directory will replace the January issue of the "Blue Beret." According to Ralph Forrester, chairman of the budget committee, these changes will realize a savings of \$11,400.

The delegates at the 2012 International



The Central Indiana Unit was one of the first place award winners in the Unit Bulletin Board contest at the DuQuoin International Rally. Complete list of Region 5 contest winners at the International on page 2.

will be voting on a proposed amendment to the existing constitution – Article VI, Section 2. The amendment asks that the following paragraph "C" be inserted and the remaining paragraphs be relettered to accommodate this insertion:

Paragraph C: "Regular members who are Life Time Members may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members if they replace their Airstream manufactured recreational vehicle with a Class
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Message from President Louise Humble

The International at DuQuoin is over and it seems that the weather with its 17+ inches of rain, an F1 tornado and a few days of very intense heat was the big news. However, several other things did occur that should be of interest to our members. Two IBT meetings were held and information about them can be found elsewhere in this Region Report. The delegates meeting had some good discussion about the proposed constitution revision with some excellent comments contributed by delegates from Region 5.

Not all was work however. Region 5 did quite well in the many games and contests, winning prizes in everything from bulletin boards to bridge along with many craft and hobby entries. A final list of all the winners is listed on page 2 in this report.

Looking ahead, it is time to begin seriously planning for the Region 5 rally in September in Danville, IN. If you have never been to a region 5 rally, this is a good year to consider doing so.
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Region 5, local talent highlight entertainment for Region Rally

The Region 5 Rally Sept. 14-18 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, Indiana, will feature a variety of entertainment over three nights.

An interesting addition to the entertainment mix this year, by popular demand President Louise

Rally coupon on page 4

Humble emphasizes, is homegrown talent. One night is going to be devoted to performances by the talent in the individual units in Region 5. A wide range of interesting and entertaining performances is anticipated.

The other two nights of entertainment will feature professionals from the Danville area. One is a country singer with a song on the country charts and the other is a motivational speaker who has his own television program.

The motivational speaker is Philip Gulley, a Quaker pastor who has become the voice of small-town American life. He has written a book, "Porch Talk," a collection of personal essays.
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GULLEY

Region 5 has 67 RVs attending International Rally

Region 5 was represented by 67 RVs at the International Rally at the DuQuoin, Illinois Fairgrounds that attracted a total of 539 RVs.

In Region 5 Illinois had the largest representation with 36 followed by Indiana with 25 and Kentucky with 6.

The states of Florida and Texas were represented by 53 RVs each. Ohio had 48, Mississippi 29, Virginia 22 and North Carolina 21.

Region 5 Luncheon

The Region 5 Luncheon at the First Heat Building on the DuQuoin Fairgrounds attracted a capacity crowd.

Region 1 joined Region 5 for the lunch. Region 1 was scheduled next door but the air-conditioning in the room went out.

Among the dignitaries attending the luncheon was Justin Humphreys, the new president of the Airstream company, replacing Larry Huttle, who is retiring.

Others attending included WBCCI President Norm Beu and wife Linda, first vice president Barry Heckenswiler and wife Lesley and Third Vice President John Boutwell. Past International Presidents attending were Jim Haddaway and wife Janie, Max Carmichael and wife Donna and Wag Wagnon and wife Jo.

Past Region 5 presidents attending were Roland Keim, Bonnie Nester, Bill Schrader and wife Barbara and Haddaway, Carmichael and Wagnon.

No Second V-P

Anita Reinertsen, chairman of the



President Louise Humble presided over the Region 5 Luncheon in the First Heat Building at the DuQuoin International Rally.

Region 5 Nominating Committee, reported a continuing lack of success in recruiting a Second Vice President for the Region.

Contest winners

Among the contest winners from Region 5 at the DuQuoin International Rally were:

Alex and Rozella Szabo (044), Party Bridge, blue, red and yellow; Duplicate bridge, blue; Duplicate Bridge total, blue; Donna Carmichael (041), Party Bridge, blue.

Sarah Doerr (039), Crochett Small, blue; Dolls, blue; Carol White (039), Sewing Regular, blue; Wallhangings, red.



Former International and Region 5 President Jim Haddaway was the winner of one of the clocks in the door prize drawing at the Region 5 luncheon at the International Rally. The clock was made by Daris Broglin from the Southern Indiana Unit.

Sheryl Shelander (179), Lapidary, blue; Doris Meier (039), Jewelry, yellow; Linda Stirneman (038), Art/Adult, blue.

Mike Brimback (041), Photo Prints Animals, blue; Photo Prints Plants, green.

Darlene Mucci, Pet Show Obedience, yellow; Pet Show Best Looking Dog, yellow; Karl and Cindy Weisenberger (MAL), Pet Show People's Choice, yellow; Raoul Reinertsen (176), Pet Show People's Choice, yellow.

Merit awards presented

Region 5 President Louise Humble made Merit Award presentations during the Region 5 Luncheon at DuQuoin.

Recipients of the certificates and banners for the year 2010 were:

Susan Swearingen, Illinois Lincolnland; Tommy Phipps, Kentucky; Mike Zimmerman, Central Indiana; Carol Dixon, Northern Illinois; Erika Schaeffe, Southern Illinois; and Bill Walter, Indiana.

Membership recognition

International President Norm Beu recognized two Region 5 Units for membership achievements.

The Central Indiana Unit was recognized for making gains in membership for three consecutive years and the Southern Indiana Unit was recognized for two years of membership gains.

Report from President Louise Humble

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Not only will you receive a discounted rally fee, but there is also a special seminar on Wednesday afternoon of the rally just for first timers. It is informative and informal and can help you get the most out of your rally experience.

Among the enjoyable events occurring during the Region rally is the golf outing. There are several good golf courses in the Danville area and one of them will be your destination for this event. Be sure to bring your golf clubs. Sign up during registration so the chairman can make the appropriate arrangements.

Bean Bag Baseball was quite a hit in our region last year and there will again be

another game during the Region Rally. Remember that age is no excuse for sitting on the side lines in this game as EVERYONE can play. I can personally tell you that skill is no excuse either as I lack a lot of it and I still had a lot of fun. Plan on joining in on the laughs!

It's not too early to be thinking about door prizes for the rally. Handmade items are particularly nice and we would like to have enough gifts donated that everyone can receive a door prize.

I just checked the temperature and it is only 97 degrees outside so I guess I'd better get out and enjoy this fine weather before it really gets hot!! Jerry and I will see you down the road.

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2nd Vice President
To be named

Constitutional amendment on agenda for 2012

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A motor home manufactured by a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc.”

The rationale as written by the maker of the motion, June Ryan, President of Region 8 (at that time), says: “We are losing members as their Airstream Motor homes age and become no longer road worthy. Not being able to purchase a qualified motor home they may choose to purchase another brand and drop their membership. If they are Life Members it would be a commitment to WBCCI.”

The delegate vote on the constitution revision has been delayed for one year. This delay will allow each of our units to hold further discussion, if necessary, during their subsequent business meetings. These discussions should focus on any changes to the revision the unit might feel are necessary and end in the spring with voting instructions for the unit delegate on each section of the proposed revision.

Other business included by-law amendments that allow a name change for one of the units, allow a region officer to serve as a region officer again as long as this does not involve consecutive terms in the same office, the establishment of a Tech Help standing committee and a change in the deadline for some of the information for the “Blue Beret”.

—Louise Humble



Centerpieces promoted tourism

The Southern Illinois Unit was responsible for the clever table decorations at the Region 5 lunch in DuQuoin. Betty and Jim Hutchens headed the committee. Each table decoration was symbolic of a tourist attraction in the Southern Illinois area...Land of Lincoln, St. Louis, River to River, wine trails of Southern Illinois, Gateway to the West, BBQ at its finest, coal fields of Southern Illinois, Southern Illinois University, national shooting range and DuQuoin State Fairgrounds.

2011 Region 5 Computerfest features seminars, one-on-one help sessions

Six seminars have been set for the Region 5 Computerfest Rally that will be conducted again this year as a prelude to the Region 5 Rally.

This year's event will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11, and continue through Tuesday. **IMPORTANT: THERE WILL BE NO EARLY PARKING THIS YEAR.**

In addition to the seminars Monday and Tuesday time is being set aside for question and answer sessions and one-on-one help for beginners or advanced computer specialists.

The seminars, being organized by Gordon White from the Southern Illinois Unit will include sessions on Windows 7, with a basic look at the features and changes from VISTA/XP; antennas and related subjects;

getting pictures from camera to computer; copying files to and from external devices; and the new WBCCI.net website.

The seminars will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and 1:30 and 3 p.m. on Monday.

Wi-Fi service will be available in the main building throughout the Computerfest and the Region 5 Rally.

The Computerfest will kick off again with the traditional optional Pizza Party on Sunday evening with the pizzas brought to the fairgrounds (Additional charge \$7.50 per person)

Two outstanding breakfasts will be served Monday morning and Tuesday morning by Bob Green from the Indiana Unit and his crew.

Bring door prizes to Region 5 Rally

Anita Koch, chairperson, and Lillian Kortum, assistant chairperson, for the Region 5 Rally Door Prize Committee encourage Units to contact RV dealers and other companies in their area for donations as door prizes at the Region 5 Rally in Danville, Indiana.

They emphasized that quality is more important than quantity and that donations should be wrapped. Item donors should be identified so they can be thanked by the lucky recipients.

The donated items should be brought to the kitchen area for safekeeping.

Singer, speaker to highlight Region 5 program

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subjects. And he hosts “Porch Talk With Phil Gulley” on the Indiana PBS affiliate WFYI in Indianapolis. He lives with his wife and two sons in a rambling old house that includes his unique collection of 64 electric chairs.



RIGGS

Levi Riggs has become a singer to watch in Nashville, Tenn. since his chart-topping single.

He's 26 years of age and a Danville, Ind. native and Purdue University graduate. He has already launched his own record label — Windridge Records LLC — named

after his uncle's dairy farm. Under this label he released his first single, “F-150,” that rose to No. 19 on the New Music Weekly country music chart.

Riggs is playing as many shows around the country as he can to build up a fan base and improve his on-stage performance. He continues to keep his steady-paying job as a sales manager for Syn-genta's Garst Seed.

Error

The May Region 5 Report had a typographical error. The email address of legislative chairman John Green should have been jwgreen@mtco.com

28th Computerfest Rally, Region 5

Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Danville, Indiana
Sun. Sept. 11—Tuesday, Sept. 13

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 \$ 60 _____

Trailer/Motorhome—1 person \$ 55 _____

Additional persons each \$ 10 _____

Pizza party (optional)

_____ persons at \$7.50 \$ _____

TOTAL _____

**IMPORTANT — THERE WILL BE NO EARLY
PARKING THIS YEAR**

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 Community Service project for 2011 is Sheltering Wings

This year the Region 5 Community Service Project will be to support Sheltering Wings.

Sheltering Wings is a domestic violence shelter located in Danville, Indiana (Hendricks County). It provides emergency housing for women and children suffering from any form of domestic abuse.

The agency was founded in 1999 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization by a group of volunteers at Cornerstone Christian Church in Brownsburg, Indiana. Within a little over a year, \$1.3 million was raised and construction began in early spring of 2001.

In January 2002 the agency opened its doors and began serving families with safe shelter and essential programming. Since that time Sheltering Wings has provided safe housing to more than 890 women and 1,110 children from throughout Indiana and the United States, and have provided resources to over 10,000 families via a 24-hour crisis line.

Karen Bell from the Central Indiana Unit and Carol White from the Southern Illinois Unit are co-chairs of the Community Service Committee. Bell's email address is ksbell55@gmail.com.

The Sheltering Wings website is www.shelteringwings.org/

REGION 5 RALLY

Hendricks County Fairgrounds
Danville, Indiana
September 14-18, 2011

Last _____ First _____

Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO

WBCCI No. _____ Unit _____ Region _____

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 2 persons \$195 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 1 person \$173 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 2 persons \$175 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 1 person \$153 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/No E/W 2 persons \$160 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/No E/W 1 person \$138 _____

No RV on site—2 persons \$155 _____

No RV on site—1 person \$133 _____

Child/grandchild—per child (age 4-12) \$ 35 _____
(age 3 and under free)

First timer—deduct \$10 per person _____

REGISTER FOR ONE TOUR ONLY

One room school, Hendricks Co. Museum
\$5 x _____ (no. of persons) _____

Challenger Center, Hendricks Co. Museum
\$5 x _____ (no. of persons) _____

Eli Lilly Co, Headquarters No Charge
(no. of persons) _____

WEEKEND RATE

Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 2 persons \$135 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 1 person \$113 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 2 persons \$125 _____

Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 1 person \$103 _____

Trailer/Motorhome—No W/E \$120 _____

Trailer/Motorhome—No W/E \$ 98 _____

No RV on site— 2 persons \$115 _____

No RV on site— 1 person \$ 93 _____

Child/grandchild - per child: (age 4-12) \$ 18 _____

TOTAL _____

Would you be willing to participate in an open house on
Sat. Sept. 17, 2011? YES NO

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to
Ron Gordy, Treasurer,
202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909.
Full refund cancellation accepted until Sept. 7, 2011