



# Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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## Region 5 Rally in Danville attracts 68 Airstreams

Attendance dropped sharply at the 2011 Region 5 Rally at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds with 68 Airstream RVs attending.

This was down from 84 at the 2010 Rally at DuQuoin but the same number as the 2009 rally at Brandenburg, KY.

The Hendricks County Fairgrounds in suburban Indianapolis that Region 5 President Louise Humble selected for the rally was an outstanding facility. Everyone had access to 30 amp electricity, water and sewer.

Most of the activities took place in the ultra-modern Conference Center, where large Hall B had the flexibility for multiple uses.

Illinois Lincolnland had 32.1 percent of its members at the rally, the highest among the seven units. Southern Indiana was second with 29.6 and Central Indiana third with 24 percent.

Seven RVs attended the rally from outside the Region including a contingent from Region 9 led by C.C. Gartman, current president, and First Lady Carla, and



**The Hendricks County Fairgrounds was an excellent facility for the Region 5 Rally, with adequate level parking that offered 30 amp electricity, water and sewers. A modern Community Center was close by.**

past region president Doug Wylie and past first lady Sheryl.

Larry Abrams from the Southern Indiana Unit served again as Master of Ceremonies for the evening programs and again did an outstanding job. (Picture page 4).

Thursday was tours day and President Humble picked out four excellent destinations...The Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis, the Challenger Museum in Brownsburg, the One-Room 1893 school in Pittsburg, the

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### *Message from President Louise Humble*

I truly believe cooler temperatures are with us and I, for one, am ready. I find it much easier to accomplish things when the weather is cooperating plus travel is much more pleasant.

These cooler readings also mean a change of leadership for the units in Region 5. Some of your installations have already occurred and others will be occurring very shortly! That means that a few reminders are in order for the out-going unit presidents as well as the new unit presidents.

Out-going presidents, don't forget that your merit report is due within 60 days of the end of your term if you are going to participate in the award program. The report form can be found on the WBCCI.org web site. I hope that you do participate as I think that each of you deserves to see in writing all that you have accomplished. I think that many of you will be pleased with all that you have done.

A reminder to our new unit presidents that the "new officer form" and the "activity form" are due by November 1, 2011.

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## 2012 Region 5 Rally scheduled for Tipton, Indiana Fairgrounds

The 2012 Region 5 Rally will be held Sept. 12-16 at Tipton, Indiana, First VP Barry Bell has announced.

The theme of the Rally at the Tipton County Fairgrounds will be "Harvest Time," complete with a thrasher's dinner. Activities will include visiting an agricultural museum and visiting the re-creation of a 1950s town called Summer Place complete with theater, restaurant, gas station and loads of memorabilia. Also on the schedule is a farm with unusual animals, a tomato canning factory and an opalescent glass factory.

Other tours will be available and stage entertainment is planned.



**Region 5 First VP Barry Bell and First Lady Karen were appropriately attired to announce their 2012 Region 5 "Harvest Time" Rally.**

## Region 5's got talent

## 68 RVs attend Region 5 Rally



Nancy Broglin (front of stage) wrote, directed and had the solo in the "Grasshopper Opera", the highlight of the Region 5 talent night. Performers were, from left, Karen Bell, Carol White, Louise Humble, Jerry Humble, Larry Abrams, David Leeper, Ron Gordy, Barry Bell (hidden) and Gary Hostetter. Roger Hoffmann, not pictured, was narrator.



The Kentucky Unit musical group of from left, Artie Martin. Larry and Shala Wilson and Jason Martin provided an Airstream rendition of "On The Road Again."

## Illinois Lincolnland: Mr. Lincoln speaks

As delivered by Monte Barksdale of the Illinois Lincolnland Unit:

Two score and 16 years ago, our fore father Wally Byam, brought forth on this country a new RV association, conceived of aluminum and dedicated to fun, fellowship and adventure.



Monte Barksdale

Now we are engaged in a great economic downturn testing whether any RV association, so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We have met on a great campground in Kentville, Ontario, dedicating a portion of that campground with a plaque as the starting point of those who gave their lives to fun,

fellowship and adventure. It is all together fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in the larger sense we cannot give up our lifestyle of fun, fellowship and adventure. The brave men and women who struggled to live the WBCCI lifestyle and keep their ice cream freezers full have consecrated it.

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but can never forget what Wally did here.

It is for us, the living, to be dedicated to the unfinished work of the WBCCI so far nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining to take increased devotion to the cause of greater membership.

We hereby resolve that the past WBCCI members have not toiled in vain and this Airstream travel club shall have a new birth of membership and that this RV club of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from this earth.

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boro and the Hendricks County Museum in Danville.

A series of seminars were staged on Friday.

Shala Wilson from the Kentucky Unit and Barbara Schrader from the Southern Indiana Unit did blood pressure checks. Ken and Paula Lougee from vendor K & P Enterprises did a seminar on water filters. Lt. Jim Yetter from the Hemdricks County Sheriff's Department talked about home security when you are on the road. Karen Pedevilla demonstrated hand crafted clay floral design. Stan Schwenke, representative for vendor Sky Med, talked about emergency evacuation service. And Carol and Gordon White from the Southern Illinois did a "Let's Talk" seminar.

Friday afternoon was devoted to a sparsely attended Unit Officers Workshop that was a fountain of valuable information for present and future officers.

On Friday evening President Humble introduced a new concept in entertainment with "Region 5's Got Talent." Each of the Units was invited to provide entertainment.

The result was a great evening headlined by the "Grasshopper Opera" that was written and directed by Nancy Broglin from the Southern Indiana Unit. Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois Lincolnland also provided entertainment. The evening was a hit. (See story and pictures to the left).

Another evening special event was a presentation by International Treasurer June Ryan and husband Paul on the 2012 International Rally that will be in Sedalia, Missouri.

Region 5 First Vice President Barry Bell and wife Karen made a presentation on the 2012 Region 5 Rally that will be Sept. 12-16 in Tipton, Indiana.

Saturday began with the always popular flea market and included an Airstream Open House in the afternoon. A total of 11 RVs opened their doors for visitors. Especially popular were the vintage trailers.

Chaplain David Leeper led the morning worship service on Sunday. The offering went to Sheltering Wings and a total of \$777 was raised Sunday. Earlier collections made the total an even \$1,000. The closing ceremony ended the 2011 rally.

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**To be named**

# Region 5 business meeting mostly informational

The Region 5 board meeting Saturday at the Region Rally in Danville was primarily informational.

Only one action item came before the board. This was a motion that the Region 5 Report continue to be mailed to Members At Large in the region. The Region 5 Reports have been mailed to MALs for the past three years. The retention rate of MALs has increased every year since the program was launched. In 2010 the retention rate was 70 percent, with 23 of 33 MALs renewing their membership. Before the mailing program the retention rate was 38 percent.

The board approved continuing the program for another year.

First Vice President Barry Bell advised the board of his plans for the region rally in 2012. He has it scheduled for June 12-16 at the Tipton County Fairgrounds in Tipton, Indiana. (Story on page 1).

Treasurer Ron Gordy presented a financial report.

He reported that total the Region's total equity as of Sept. 13, 2011 was \$9,633.15. This compared to \$7,943.35 for 2009 and \$5,780.31 for 2008. He reported that the 2010 Region 5 Rally in DuQuoin finished with a surplus of \$4,332.37 and the 2010 Computerfest had a surplus of \$100.85.

In other reports made to the board:

**Membership** by Doris Meier, Southern Illinois Unit (She was appointed by President Humble in the Spring, with no Second Vice President who normally does the job): In 2009, Region had 335 units which included 17 new units. In 2010, we had 321 units renew and no new units. In 2011, we had 290 units renewed, which included 16 new units. The Region has 7

## Important Information

**Officer prospects at the Region and Unit level are badly needed in Region 5.**

**The Region needs both a First Vice President and a Second Vice President. The First Vice President need is especially acute not only to provide assistance to incoming president Barry Bell but also to begin looking for Region rally sites for 2014 and 2015.**

**First Vice Presidents are also needed at the Unit level for Central Indiana and Southern Indiana.**

new members signed up so far this year. She reported that Central Indiana has received an award for renewing all its members in 2009 and 2010.

**Caravanning**, chairman Barry Bell. He reported a focus on promoting Unit caravans with good results. Six of the seven Units had caravans in 2010-11. They were: Central Indiana Unit conducted the "Heel to Toe Caravan". This was a 10 day, three stop come and or go unit caravan across southern Indiana.; Indiana Unit conducted a unit caravan from their September rally to the Region 5 Rally in Danville, Indiana; Kentucky Unit conducted unit caravans to the Cleveland Rally, the Blue Licks Rally, and the International Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois; Northern Illinois Unit conducted 5 night, 3 stop caravan from the Region 5 Rally in Du Quoin to the Sugarcreek National Rally; Southern Illinois Unit conducted the "Roadside Attraction" unit caravan. This was a 5 night, 3 stop caravan around Springfield, Illinois.

**Community Service**, co-chairs Carol White and Karen Bell: The agency selected this year was Sheltering Wings, a domestic violence shelter located in Danville. It provides emergency housing for women and children suffering from any form of domestic abuse. The CEO of the agency is Maria Larrison, who spoke to the group at the opening night of the rally. Cash donations received so far is \$163.15. The Sunday morning church service donation will be added to this.

**Contributing Editor**, Nancy Green chair: Region 5 has had an article in each Blue Beret issue during the past year. A brief description of the Region 5 Computer Rally and the Region 5 Rally was included in the insert in the February Blue Beret.

**Religious services**, David Leeper, chaplain: The Prayer Warriors program will be continued. This is an email prayer chain with information about the Region 5 family who are having health problems. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain send an email to Leeper at [davidhleeper@aol.com](mailto:davidhleeper@aol.com)

**Electronic Communications**, Damon Beals chairman: A consolidated communication effort is the goal. So far 170 active email addresses have been collected, more than half. When registering for 2012 everyone should include their email address on the membership form. Damon Beals email address is [ecc@wbcci.net](mailto:ecc@wbcci.net).

**Webmaster**, Larry Spaulding: I am every happy to see how our websites are finally starting to grow in both quality of design and content. Many Units are moving toward web newsletters and information brochures.

## Region game winners named

Game coordinator Linda Hangsleben announced winners on Saturday night.

Pinochle: First, Nancy Morrison; Second — Robert Koch. Joker: First, Glenda Wood and Wanda Hostetter; Second, Joan Goyke and Judy Jamison; Crazy Golf: First, Linda Hangsleben; Second, Nancy Childers.

Everyone was a winner in Bean Bag Baseball with the score ending in a 26-26 tie. Firecrackers: Darlene Gordy, Sheryl Wylie, John Himmelheber, Bill Schrader, Carol Dixon, CC Gartman, Paul Ryan. Fireballs: Doug Wylie, Louise Humble, Ron Gordy, Barbara Schrader, Jerry Humble, Barry Bell, Stan Schwenke and Todd Kempf.



Bean Bag Baseball growing in popularity



## Region Rally tours

Region 5 President Louise Humble and husband, Jerry, once again arranged for excellent tours in conjunction with the Region rally.

One of the most unique was a visit to a restored 1893 One-Room School at nearby Pittsboro.

School marm Miss Ellie kept the Airstreamers entertained for an hour and a half with her stories of school life in the 19th century.

The Airstreamers had to do a little squeezing to sit at the desks designed for first to eighth graders.

Not everyone was on their best behavior. Miss Ellie tried the dunce cap on for size on John Himmelheber from the Central Indiana Unit.



## Master of Ceremonies Abrams

Larry Abrams from the Southern Indiana Unit served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening programs at the Region 5 Rally. Abrams kept the evenings entertaining and on schedule with another outstanding performance. His attire here is for his role in the "Grasshopper Opera" on Friday.

## 18 attend Computerfest Rally

A total of 18 Airstream RVs attended the 2011 Computerfest Rally at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds prior to the Region 5 Rally.

This total is down from recent years. The total was 24 in 2010 and 27 in 2009.

The Computerfest kicked off with the traditional pizza party on Sunday night and featured eight seminars and the outstanding breakfasts provided by Bob Green and his crew.

Gordon White was seminar coordinator and focused on seminars that addressed the needs of participants. Larry Spaulding and Don Grayson in addition to White conducted the seminars.

Wi-Fi was available in the meeting room that came as part of the total room cost.

Plans are being made for the 2012 Computerfest at Tipton, Indiana prior to the Region rally. Pass along your thoughts on seminars to Gordon White at ge0126@siu.edu

## Message from President Humble

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These forms are to be sent to Jackson Center, Louise Humble and Barry Bell and can be sent digitally or by USPS. Be sure to list any unit caravan that you have planned as well as all your rallies so that everything can be listed with your unit activities in the "Blue Beret." These two forms can also be found on the WBCCI.org web site.

New presidents might also consider surveying their members to find out what the members would especially like to do during the president's year in office, what the members have enjoyed in years past, what types of campsites the members would like for a rally and any other information the president thinks would be pertinent to the planning of his/her rally year. New presidents might also take time to look over the merit award form so that you will be able to take advantage of the suggestions that are offered there.

The Bells and Jerry and I look forward to assisting each of your units with your installation and have enjoyed participating in those that have already taken place. Also, I could not close out this message to you without again thanking each of you for your help and support at the region rally. Jerry and I sincerely appreciate all that you did.

## Sarasota Rally

Region 5 dinner location to change

Region 5 will continue the tradition of an annual Region 5 Dinner in conjunction with the Florida State Rally.

The dinner is set for Thursday, February 16 at 5:00 PM.

The location will change this year from the Methodist Church to Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant at 3713 Bahia Vista Street in Sarasota - just a few blocks from the fairgrounds.

The change will allow attendees the opportunity to make their own food selection. The dinner will conclude in time for folks to make it back for the evening entertainment.

No reservations are necessary and this is a great opportunity to get together with Region 5 and Airstream friends.