



Region 5 Report

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Full Schedule for Region 5 in 2012

Region 5 Rally Tipton, Indiana

The 2012 Region 5 Rally will be held at the Tipton County Fairgrounds in Tipton, Indiana, Sept., 12-16.

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Tipton is located 16 miles north of Indianapolis, just off U.S. 31.

Tipton has excellent facilities and has been the location of 6

past Region 5 rallies, the last in 2004.

Incoming President Barry Bell has selected "Harvest Time" as the theme for the rally.

Activities in the planning process include visits to the Noble Tomato Company; the Kelley Agricultural Historical Museum; the Dunham House, restored ancestral home of President Barack Obama; "Summer Place," a 1950s town recreation; Pioneer Hi-Bred Research



Art work from the Museum of Modern Art, New York, N.Y.

Farm; the Schoolhouse of Educated Wicker; the House of Glass in Elwood; and the Elwood Haynes Museum and Opalescent Glass Factory in Kokomo.

Computerfest

The 2012 Region 5 Computerfest Rally

will precede the Region 5 Rally at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, beginning on Sunday and ending on Tuesday afternoon. The Computerfest will kickoff with the traditional pizza party Sunday evening.

The Tipton County Fairgrounds Community Center is an excellent facility with an abundance of space and electrical outlets. It was the permanent home for the Computerfest for years.

Florida State Rally Dinner

The traditional Region 5 dinner held in conjunction with the Florida State Rally will continue in 2012, but for the first time since 1999 it will be at a new location.

The dinner is being moved from the Methodist Church in Sarasota to Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant at 3713 Bahia Vista Street in Sarasota. This is just a few blocks from the fairgrounds, where the Florida State Rally is held.

The date and time are Thursday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m.

International Luncheon

Region 5 will once again hold a luncheon (Continued on page 3)

Message from President Louise Humble

Greetings to all our friends.

As I write this, Jerry and I are on our way to Texas to spend Thanksgiving



with our son in Dallas. Shortly we will return to enjoy Christmas at home with all the children. As I watch the traffic I know that it is time for some of you to be on the move to

warmer climates for the winter while others of you have winterized your rigs and are ready to enjoy the change in seasons. It is a time when all our unit officers have been installed, the unit rallies have been planned for next rally season

and we can enjoy all we have accomplished in WBCCI this year while looking forward to the next season.

I am distressed to be the one to insert a jarring note in this tranquil time, but Region 5 is in a great deal of trouble right now. Plans are well under way for the next International Rally in Sedalia and it is there that we should be installing our new region officers. We have an energetic and fully committed couple stepping up as Region President and First Lady - Barry and Karen Bell - but we are lacking vice presidents to follow them and to help them. I'm sure that many of you are

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Central Indiana continuing unique caravan

The Central Indiana Unit introduced a new concept last year that has proven popular and is being continued.

It's technically a caravan, but in reality it is a series of three three-day rallies linked together on consecutive days.

Caravaners have the option of participating in the event at one, two or all three of the stops.

In 2010 the Central Indiana event was called the "Indiana Heel To Toe Caravan." It began at Madison, Indiana and

then went to Patoka Lake and the final stop was in New Harmony.

The 2011 event was the "Top Of Indiana Caravan" across the top of the state. It started at Chain O' Lakes State Park in the northeast corner. From there it went to the Elkhart Campground in the central part of the state and ended up in the northwest corner at Indiana Dunes State Park.

A highlight was a visit to the RV Museum in Elkhart where the auditorium was used for the installation of Unit officers.

The "Top Of Indiana" caravan attracted not only Central Indiana Unit members but also two from Ohio, one from Kentucky and two non-member Airstream owners who have become prospective members.

The 2012 event, already in the planning stage, will be "Banks of the Wabash Caravan" and will follow the course of the Wabash River through Indiana. It's scheduled for Oct. 5-14. Ann Newman is doing the planning.

From President Louise Humble

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thinking that yes, we've heard this before and you have. I just want to be sure that you realize that without region officers we can no longer exist as a region. That means the Bells and their staff will carry our region for two years and then - well, what then? Region 5, which has produced so many International officers and reliable volunteers, may cease to exist as an individual region.

When the discussion of serving as region officer has arisen, many of you have commented that the six year commitment is a big deterrent to your serving as an officer. I would point out to you that the immediate need at this time is a person to serve as First Vice President which is now, in our situation, only a four year commitment. This would fit perfectly with those of you who expressed concerns about the six year term. (That would be the majority of you who have joined in these discussions!)

I know that many of you feel that this is someone else's problem but I assure you that it is a problem for all of us. If we lose our region, we lose some of our present identity in WBCCI.

To help you make your final decision to step forward to lead the region, you might consider attending the Midwinter IBT meeting in January. It is to be held in Hattiesburg, MS, and I think you will find it to be a wonderful rally. Region 6 puts on a great rally with great food and great places to visit. In addition, you will get to see your club at work in a pleasant atmosphere. There is a coupon in the Blue Beret to make registration easy. If you make your decision to attend at the last minute, just come on down and register after you arrive. I hope you will join us there.

Jerry and I want to wish you all a wonderful and blessed holiday season. Stay safe wherever you are and we will see you next spring.

Louise Humble

Full schedule for Region 5 in 2012

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in conjunction with the International Rally that in 2012 will be held in Sedalia, Missouri.

The luncheon will be held on June 29 at 12 noon at the Best Western Hotel located at 3120 South Limit in Sedalia.

In addition to fun and fellowship new region officers will also be installed and incoming President Barry Bell's staff will be introduced.



60th Wedding Anniversaries

The Indiana Unit's August rally was a very special event. Four of the Unit's members celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries. Don and Lois Elliott, left, celebrated theirs on Aug. 12 and Dick and Opal Parrish, right, celebrated theirs on Aug. 20. Two other Indiana Unit members also celebrated a wedding anniversary in August. It was No. 65 for Bill and Donna Jones on Aug. 18.

Region 5 News in Brief

Patsy Marston has retired as editor of the Central Indiana Unit's Ticker newsletter after 12 to 13 years in the position, the longest running editorship in Region 5. "Looking back over some of the old issues, I've realized what a fun thing it has been to do," Marston noted. "Like most things in life, the good times were more frequent than the bad." Marston will be succeeded by **Erin Beals...**

The Southern Illinois Unit's final rally in October was a "caravan across Europe". It began with a Friday supper in Spain. Saturday breakfast was in Germany with High Tea in England. Saturday dinner was in Italy followed by Continental music by Art Meier. Sunday's breakfast was in France with a Welcome Back to America brunch. **Rose Ann Schwartz and Erika Schaeffe** did the cooking...

Two Region 5 Units will be having joint rallies in 2012. **Southern Illinois and Illinois Lincolnland** are having a joint installation rally in October and **Central Indiana and the Miami Valley Unit of Ohio** will be having a joint Buddy Rally June 7-10 at a location to be determined...

Chaplain David Leeper keeps Region 5 members up to date on fellow members who are having health problems, a great service for the Region. If you would like to become a "prayer partner" and receive the email notices contact Leeper at davidhleeper@aol.com