



Region 5 Report

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Mid-Winter IBT meeting in January

Region 5 receives Award of Excellence

The midwinter IBT meeting was recently held in Hattiesburg, MS, January 9-13. This meeting is held to hear the mid-year reports of the standing committees and to conduct any business that may be before the club at that time.

Ann Werth, chair of the "Blue Beret" committee, reported that the new directory is in the hands of the members and that most of the feedback has been positive. Many of our members are appreciative of the larger print format.

The Electronic Communications Committee report was given by our own Carol Beardshear with help from the committee chair, Region 5 member Damon Beals via Face time. This report, as well as the earlier demonstration by Beardshear of the new WBCCI web site, was extremely well received. Many thanks go to this whole committee for the long hours that they have contributed to this project and to Carol Beardshear for a knowledgeable and easily understood presentation.



Region 5 representatives attending the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees meeting stand behind Penelope the Pig, who was the final dinner entree. From left are Ron and Darlene Gordy, Barry and Karen Bell, Bonnie Nester and Louise and Jerry Humble.

The membership chairman reported that membership is down 4.9% which is better than the previous year loss of almost 7%. However, it is still not the number that the club needs to hear and all were encouraged

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Message from President Humble

Greetings to everyone,

It's hard to believe that February is fast approaching but Mid-winter IBT is over (see report elsewhere in Region Report) and many of you are in your winter quarters either at home or in some place south of where you live. Even given that, it will soon be time to start another season of fun, fellowship and adventure. I'm hoping that each of you has already penciled into your schedule the rallies for your unit as well as the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. This rally is so close to our region this year and it will be a good opportunity to get together will your WBCCI friends from the North American continent



This rally is also the time that the odd numbered regions install their new officers and staff. Sadly, Region 5 has no vice president to install and even worse, no vice

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Dutch Heritage Restaurant, Sarasota, FL

Florida State Rally Region 5 dinner has been moved to new location

The Region 5 dinner, held in conjunction with the Florida State Rally at Sarasota, has been moved to a new location.

The dinner, scheduled for Thursday, Feb, 16 at 5 p.m., will be held at Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant at 3713 Bahia Vista Street in Sarasota.

The restaurant is located in the unique little village of Pinecraft, which is home to a large population of Amish and Mennonites.

Troyers, in the heart of Pinecraft, offers an opportunity to exp-
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Sedalia, Missouri site for 2012 International Rally

FROM REGION 4 NEWSLETTER

Sedalia, Missouri, site of the 2012 International Rally, is located approximately in the middle of the state.

Founded by Gen. George Rappeen Smith in 1857, Sedalia was at one time the western most part of the Missouri Pacific Railway. This led to Sedalia becoming one of the first cow towns, supplying cattle to Eastern and Midwestern cities.

Sedalia also lays claim to helping in the birth of Ragtime music. Composer and publisher Scott Joplin worked in Sedalia as a pianist, attended George R. Smith College, and published his first rags before moving on to St. Louis.

Today Sedalia has a population of about 20,000 and features a number of attractions:



—Home of the Missouri State Fair, held in Sedalia each August since 1901. The Fairgrounds will be the site of the International Rally.

—The Katy Depot. Originally part of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. The name Katy comes from the company's K-T abbreviation on the stock exchange.

—Katy Trail State Park. The nation's longest Rails to Trails project. Bring your bicycles for trails that cover most of the state and feature a five-day journey for those up to the ride.

—The Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation maintains the Ragtime Store located in the Bothwell Hotel. The Bothwell is also a historic site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

—The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art. Core of the permanent collection at the Daum is comprised of abstract paintings, drawings, prints, clay works and sculpture created since mid-20th century.

WBCCI membership decline has slowed

By **DON MCKELVAY**

WBCCI Membership Chairman

The first question most of you would probably have is how are we doing for members now that the annual renewal deadline has passed.

Well, as of the end of November 2011, we have 5,219 families compared to 5,467 at the same point in 2010. This means, unfortunately, a loss of 248 members or 4.5 percent.

The loss seems to be slowing. In comparing 2010 to 2009 we lost 414 members or almost 7 percent.

As of the end of November there were three Units that had less than the required 10 members to hold a charter – hopefully there will be more renewals to come in to bring them over the 10.

Since July 2011 we have lost the original Texas Unit. It should be pointed out this was not due to a lack of members as they had 33, but a lack of volunteers prepared to be Unit officers. The other Units in Texas were given the names of the former Texas Unit members so they can continue to enjoy what our Club has to offer.

There have been a number of positive changes and some others to be started within the next month or so.

After extensive consultation with the regions and the Headquarters staff, I requested approval to allow prospective members to join a Unit on-line and to pay their first years dues on-line via credit card/Pay Pal. The executive committee has approved this and it will be implemented as soon as the Electronic Communications Committee can incorporate this in the new Club website.

Region 5 News In Brief

The Southern Illinois Unit has adopted “Streaming Along...” as the theme for its rallies in 2012...Streaming Along to Fiesta in April, Streaming Along Together buddy rally in May, Streaming Along In Word and Song in June, Streaming Along Side-By-Side free rally in July, Streaming Along With Kids children and grandchildren rally in August, Streaming To Rantoul in September and Streaming Along The Mississippi joint rally with Lincolnland in October...

Ishmal (Junior) Miller has volunteered to fill the first vice president vacancy in the Southern Indiana Unit for 2012. Miller previously served as president in 2007.

A draft program for **the 2012 International Rally** at Sedalia, Missouri is now available on the WBCCI website: <http://www.wbcc.org>.

Perry Lewellen, a member of the Central Indiana Unit, a past Unit president and past Region and International treasurer, got a special 90th birthday present. He took a ride in a P17 airplane, reminiscent of his piloting days in World War II.

Message from President Humble

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presidents to support our incoming president and first lady Barry and Karen Bell. I would again ask each of you to consider your contribution to the club and to your region. Our region cannot long exist without your help.

Enjoy your winter, contemplate your status with this club and please let me hear from you at your earliest opportunity.

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2nd Vice President
To be named

Historic Kelley farm a Tipton area attraction

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of stories that will appear in the Region 5 Report on attractions around Tipton, Ind. where the Region 5 Rally will be held Sept. 12-16.

By DANIEL HUMAN

Kokomo Tribune

SHARPSVILLE – While driving through Sharpsville on U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Tipton, it's easy to dismiss the white house and red, round barn – at the northwest corner of the road's intersection with Tipton County Road 550 North – as any other farm.

Take a turn, pull into the parking lot, and the sign out front of the 122-year-old school house that sits in the front yard gives away the historical significance that sits on that corner.

It has been a little more than four years since Sharpsville farmer Mike Kelley and current Tipton County Commissioner Jane Harper opened the property as the Kelley Agricultural Historical Museum.

The Kelley family and Harper restored the interior of the house, which Kelley's great-grandfather, W.S. Kelley, built in 1914 after the original house burned down in 1909. During the restoration, which took from 2004 to 2006, Kelley and Harper designed the house's interior to fit the late-1920s, early-1930s era.

The 125-acre property, which Kelley still cultivates, also houses a collection of other historical buildings, including a one-room school house, a log cabin and a round barn – a trademark of Indiana agriculture – from southwest Tipton County. Two modern metal barns also house a museum-like set up of antiques and old farm equipment that Kelley has collected over the last several decades.

The house was the boyhood home for Kelley's father, Floyd Kelley, and his uncle, E.W. Kelley – the former owner of Steak 'n Shake and namesake for Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

The house, although designed like one from the late '20s, provides modern amenities for visitors.

The kitchen contains an antique stove and porcelain sink. Hidden within what was an original pantry is a modern kitchen.

Past the kitchen is the dining room decorated with almost all original furniture.

"I'd say about 90 percent of the house has original furniture," Kelley said, "The attic was a gold mine as far as I am concerned."

Taking a turn past the dining room leads to what was once the master bedroom. Now it is set up for business meetings and has an internet hook-up.

A trek upstairs leads to four more bedrooms, also with original furniture.

Harper, who was primarily responsible for overseeing the restoration, said everything Kelley found in the attic helped the house fit its 1930s appearance.

Sarasota Region dinner at new location

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Experience a part of the unique Amish and Mennonite culture,

The Amish and Mennonite are well known for their hospitality and traditional home-style cooking.

Troyers features Amish and Mennonite specialties like golden chicken, tender roast beef, warm homemade bread, creamy mashed potatoes and noodles. It has a fresh salad bar and an in-house bakery.

No reservations are necessary for the Region dinner.



Round barn unique structure on historic Kelley farm

2013, 2014 International Rally locations approved

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to work on renewals as well as attaining new members.

The Region Award of Excellence was earned by five of the twelve regions one of which was Region 5. The award was presented to Region President Louise Humble by International President Barry Heckenswiler.

All motions referring to the motorhome issue were withdrawn. The motion on the motorhome issue presently before the delegates that contains the phrase "lifetime membership" will be the motion voted on by the delegates at the meeting in Sedalia, MO this summer.

A motion was passed for WBCCI to participate in the celebration of the new Hands of Peace sculpture which will replace one put in the International Peace Garden in 1975. The old sculpture had been removed as it was in a poor state of disrepair. The new sculpture will have no financial impact on the club as it will be funded strictly by donations.

Two motions were passed to clarify the submission of unit Constitution and By-Laws. These are to be submitted every five years and can be done electronically or by USPS.

\$9,500 was added to the budget for membership promotions via the marketing committee. This committee chairman reported that the committee had been unable to move forward with promotional plans as adequate funds had not been previously budgeted.

Permission was given to International Vice Presidents to sign contracts for International rallies in 2013 in Huron, South Dakota, and 2014 in Gillette, Wyoming.

The nominating committee reported that the following persons have been nominated for consideration by the members at the delegates meeting in Sedalia, MO, this June: President: Don Clark, 1st Vice President: John Boutwell, 2nd Vice President: John Stumpf, 3rd Vice President: Joe Perryman, Secretary: Cecelia Stansbury, Treasurer: Kathy Hampel, Nominating Committee: Carolyn Florence and C.C. Gartman