



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Barry Bell, President

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<http://region5.wbcci.net/>

Bill Schrader, Editor

42 attend Region 5 dinner at Florida Rally

Region 5 had 42 people attend the dinner at Phillippi Restaurant & Oyster Bar at Sarasota during the Alumaflamingo in February.

Five of our seven units were represented. Kentucky had the largest group with David and Peggy Bishop, Terry and Pat Esreal, Clarence and Janice Jones, Wally and Karen Lanford, Wanda Marksbury, Bob Penrod, Charles and Jane May, Bob and Lee Moyers, Larry and Katharina Spaulding, and Karl and Cindy Weisenburger.

The Indiana Unit had Fred and Bev Bennett, Dick and Judy Heyde, and Gary and Judy Rice.

From Central Indiana were Mike and Mary Jo Brown, and Barry and Karen Bell.

Southern Indiana was represented by Diane Kempf.

Northern Illinois had Peter and Judy Schwarz in attendance.

Other WBCCI members and guests included Delores Botti, John and Eileen Frerking, Max and Myra Joseph, Norm



Attending the Region 5 Dinner in February at the Phillippi Creek Village and Oyster Bar were, left to right, Charles May, David Bishop and Clarence Jones.

and Jinny Kiel, Dave and Fran Perrucci, Russ and Jackie Thackery, and Joanne Wortinger,

The food was great and the camaraderie .

was priceless. Thank you all for coming. And for those that may want to consider wintering in the south next year, Region 5 will keep a seat available for you.

Great Region 5 Rally planned for Springfield

Hello Region 5,

Finally some nice weather. I hope all of you made it thru that horrible winter. I am looking forward to a great camping season.

Unit presidents I hope you will be discussing the upcoming delegates meeting

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at International with your Units. I hope many of you are plan-

ning on attending the International. It will be another one for the history books. I hope the motions on the table pass.

I also hope you are all planning on attending the Region 5 rally in Springfield. It's going to be a great one. I have been working long hours at my real job so I've been a little slow at getting out brochures. But everything is coming together. The building is art deco.

Message from Region 5 1st V-P Monte Barksdale

I have booked some great tours. Some of them are free. Some of them are donation. The Dana-Thomas house is only \$10.

I have booked some wonderful entertainment. Some home grown. some professional. All top notch.

How does a former Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey performer sound to you. You will be amazed.

So lets shake the cob webs out of those Airstreams and get on the road. Lets catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

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Message from Region 5 President Bell

Why do we wear WBCCI name badges?

The first reason that comes to me is that sometimes I forget a persons name. A quick glance can save you from the embarrassment of not remembering or addressing a person by the wrong name. OK — maybe

I can attribute that to age.

Do we offend Airstream owners who do not belong to the club. I do not think so. If we did not wear our badges, how would anyone know we are available to discuss our club. Have you ever been

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Humbles vintage Airstream Chicago Fire TV show star

FROM THE SOUTHERN INDIANA UNIT NEWSLETTER

Jerry and Louise Humble recently had the occasion to spend seven days in Chicago watching the filming of a portion of the TV show "Chicago Fire".

The opportunity arose when Louise was looking over the WBCCI web sites and noticed an interesting article on the Region 5 site.

The article noted that the producers of "Chicago Fire" were looking for an Airstream trailer of the early 1970s vintage and included a telephone number for a contact at the Airstream dealer US Adventure RV in Chicago. Jerry contacted them and Louise sent pictures of their 1972 rig and the producers agreed it was what they wanted.

The Humbles pulled their rig to the studio that was located a few blocks west of the Chicago Loop. There it was redecorated to suit the needs of the program. A studio employee then towed the rig to the location site that was a recreation parking lot on Lake Shore Drive.

After a very interesting and educational visit to Chicago, Jerry and Louise towed the rig back to Cartersville where they (and it) will rest for a while.

An exact date for the broadcast has not been determined, but it is felt it will be sometime between the middle of April and early May.



Region 5 President Barry Bell and First Lady Karen at the flea market at the Alumnaflamingo Rally in Sarasota, FL in February.

What does it take to get new WBCCI members?

**By DICK MARTINY
Region 3 First V-P**

There are an increasing number of Airstream made vehicles on the road every year. This past year was the best sales year since the 70s. Many new owners don't know about WBCCI and what they are missing. So, what does it take to get them to meet us?

The question has been asked many different ways during recent years. Some Units have located vehicles without membership and offered them free attendance at their next rally. Other Units have placed articles with pictures in their local newspapers describing their recent gathering. Still others have used the new promotional handouts to encourage a first visit. The Airstream Company is placing literature about WBCCI in every new vehicle being sold. 2500 new vehicles were sold last year. Can you imagine what changes our Club would experience if over half of that number choose to get to know us?

Members of the International Board of Trustees and the International Membership Chair are discussing options not currently available to the Regions or to the Units. With changes to our By-laws and our methods of collecting the dues of new members, many exciting doors can be opened. Your Club Leadership Team is working very actively to make some of these changes possible.

What would you suggest? If you had the authority to change some rules and methods, what would you do? Would you be willing to share those thoughts with your Region Leadership?

International Rally

Three motions up for vote by delegates

Motion 1. Outlines a process for establishing International Units. Applications for Unit Charters outside of the present geographic areas of the established Regions shall be made directly to WBCCI Headquarters. The WBCCI Executive Committee may, upon being satisfied that the proposed Unit has complied with the minimum qualifications, issue the proposed Unit with a provisional charter. Supervision of these Units once chartered shall be as determined by the Board. All other provisions of this Article shall apply.

Motion 2. Allows that the WBCCI constitution be amended to **allow for electronic** payment of International Dues to Headquarters using the WBCCI website.

Motion 3. Expands the period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting to between June 20 and July 30.

Help needed at the Club Store

Would you please ask any of your members who are going to International if they would be interested in working part time in the WBCCI Club Store? This is a great opportunity to meet and greet new and old friends while volunteering in the Club Store. Volunteers can arrive and park early prior to the start of the rally. Anyone interested can contact me at mjkbrown@frontier.com or phone [317-877-1745](tel:317-877-1745).

Thanks for your help.

Mike Brown

Message from the First V-P

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I hope everyone has a great camping year. Remember if you want to talk to me about anything, just shoot me an email or give me a jingle. I would love to hear from you and talk about this great club of ours.

See you down the road,

Monte Barksdale

Region 5 First V-P

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News in Brief

Support the national parks

From Dan Nugteren, Southern Illinois Unit president.

WBCCI is a caravan club so I'd like to emphasize the National Park Service entrance fee-free days. These parks are preserving America's heritage so let's support them! Fee-free days during the year are:

April 19-20 — Opening Weekend. National Park week.

Aug., 25 — National Park Service Birthday.

Sept. 27 — National Public Lands Day.

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day.

Camping fees and third-party concession fees may still apply, however supporting our NPS keeps our parks running. Go to <http://www.nps.gov/index.htm> for more. Support our parks when you can.

Region 5 dinner at International

The Region 5 get together at the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming has been changed from a lunch to a dinner.

President Barry Bell explained that the June 30 date is the same as the Delegate meeting. A noon luncheon would conflict that that important meeting.

The location will remain the same at the Mufa Café at 500 O-R Drive.

Dinner will be at 5 p.m.

Message from the president

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asked "Do they still make those"? Or, "is that red number on your rig a rental identification number"? I look for opportunities to talk about these subjects with non-members. It gives you the opportunity to discuss rallies and caravans and other camping subjects.

Do we need to have different colored badges? Maybe not. I am open to your input on this. But I do think that we need some description on the badge as to what function a person has in the club. We have experts in a great many subjects pertaining to our organization. By noticing their badge, you may just have found the right person to question about a particular subject. Wearing a badge is an open invitation for discussion.

Have you checked out our Region 5 Website. Steve Mentz is doing a great job with it. The goal is to have all seven Unit calendars on the website soon. This will allow you to quickly see what is planned in the Region. It is also an open invitation for other WBCCI members to attend your Unit function.

Here's a URL you can use to post the March 2014 issue of "News and Views" to your Unit web site or Facebook page. This link is on our Region 5 website.

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs131/1103337378618/archive/1116761037448.htm>

Karen and I are heading out of Florida and visiting our son and his family in Pittsburgh for Easter. Then we are going on the Springtime in Kentucky Caravan.

We hope you are all getting ready to enjoy many Airstreaming adventures. We hope to see many of you at the International Rally in Gillette, WY. I know Mike Brown is needing volunteers to help with the Club Store. Volunteering to do this gives you the opportunity to meet and socialize with people from all over the country.

We are also planning a Region 5 Dinner in Gillette on Monday, June 30, 2014, at the Mufa Cafe at 5 p.m. The address of the Mufa Cafe is 500 O-R Drive.

REGION 5 "Walk With Lincoln" RALLY

Illinois State Fairgrounds

Springfield, Illinois

September 10-14, 2014

Last _____ First _____

Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO

WBCCI No. _____ Unit _____ Region _____

Trailer (_____) Motorhome (_____) Length _____

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

4 nights Sept. 10-14 2 persons per rig \$210 _____

4 nights Sept. 10-14 1 person per rig \$180 _____

2 nights Sept. 12-14 2 persons per rig \$175 _____

2 nights Sept. 12-14 1 person per rig \$155 _____

TOURS:

Dana-Thomas Home \$10 per person _____

TOTAL

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to

John Swearingen

506 N.E. 6th St.

P.O. Box 356

Atlanta, IL 61723-0356

You may register online at the Region 5 website: Region5.wbcci.net

Help with Region history needed

My parents had an Airstream dealership in Shelbyville, IN up until their death in 1968. They were actually pulling an Airstream, while on vacation in Florida, when they lost their lives in an auto accident.

My sister and I have been trying to track down anything related to our parents and their dealership that we can find. We have bought some advertising handouts, etc. on e-Bay.

I know my mother Lillian (Lil) Eberhart was an active contributor to the Indiana district WBCCI newsletter. Do you know of anyone who might have an archive of newsletters from the 1960s.

The next one is really a long shot, but would it be possible to put a note in the Region newsletter asking anyone who might know of any Eberhart Airstream memorabilia that might still be around.

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