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Motorhome issue before WBCCI delegates

An amendment to the International constitution concerning motorhomes will be considered at the delegates meeting at the International Rally in Huron, SD in June.

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The amendment alters the motorhome requirement for membership to also include owning a Class A motorhome manufactured 2007

or later by a Thor Industries owned company. Thor is the largest recreational vehicle manufacturing company in the country and is the owner of Airstream Inc

The motorhome issue was considered by the 2012 delegates who voted to send it to the WBCCI Constitution and By-Laws



Committee for the purpose of “perfecting” the motion.

The only change approved by the committee was that the individual applying for membership must be a 10-year regular member of WBCCI or a Life member.

In the 1970s the Airstream Company began manufacturing Class A motorhomes. Because of a lack of demand it ceased manufacturing in 2006.

Proponents of the amendment maintain that WBCCI is losing members because owners of an Airstream motorhome once manufactured by Airstream have to look

outside the Airstream, market when they want to replace it with a newer vehicle. They also contend it’s difficult to tell the difference between an Airstream and a non-Airstream motorhome.

Opponents of the motion contend that one of the biggest selling points for WBCCI in attracting new members is the single brand identity and that diluting membership would cause WBCCI to lose the unique position it has in the RV world/

The motorhome issue came before the WBCCI delegates once before in 2007 and was voted down.

More information about the motorhome issue can be found on the WBCCI website. Directions for finding the information are:

Go to <http://www.wbcci.org/> Move the cursor over the tab Club Information. This will produce a down box. Move the cursor down to delegates and click. When the 2013 Delegates Seminar page appears, click on CBL Report on Amendment 1 (update). The full three-page document will open.

Cutting board will go to first 50

Region 5 early registration gift

By now you all know the Region 5 Rally will be held in Carrollton, Kentucky at the General Butler State Park on September 11-15, 2013.



*Message From
President Bell*

What you may not know, is that

we will lose our group hold on sites one month earlier.

What am I saying? We will probably still get you a reservation, but you may not be parked in the Region 5 Airstream section.

So here is the deal. You all know Daris Broglin (Southern Indiana Unit) is quite the woodcrafter. He has made a 10 inch by 12 inch cutting board that will be yours to keep if you are one of the first 50 to register. The board has been laser engraved by Allison and Wes Hurner (A & W Embroidery) with the Region 5 WBCCI Logo.

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Monte Barksdale nominee for Region First Vice President

Region 5 President Barry Bell is pleased to announce that the Region 5 Nomination Committee has selected Monte Barksdale as a candidate for the position as Region 1st Vice President.

Monte is currently serving as Unit President of the Lincolnland Unit and will continue in that position until the Fall unit installation.

If elected, he will be installed as Region 5 First Vice President at Huron, SD.

The following is a brief resume:

Barksdale lives in Braidwood IL.

He was born in Joliet IL on Aug 24, 1961 and went to Minooka community schools, graduating in 1979.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1979

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Hand held devices focus of Computer Rally

Recent years have brought about major changes in the direction of technology with a shifting emphasis to hand held devices.

The Region 5 Computerfest, in its 30th year and the longest running computer rally in the country, is following suit with a change in name and changes in the agenda.

The new name of the rally is Computer and Mobile Technology Rally and the agenda will include smart phones, tablet computers and GPS in addition to sessions on computers.

The rally will once again be linked with the Region 5 Rally and will be held at General Butler State Park outside Carrollton, Kentucky, starting on Sunday before Region 5 and continuing through Tuesday. A registration form can be found on page 4 of this Region 5 Report.

Like the Region 5 Rally the deadline for registration so that you are guaranteed a site with the other Airstream RVs will be Aug. 8. Also, like the Region Rally,



Join the team of wizards at the Region 5 Computer Rally at Carrollton KY for several hands on seminars.

the registration is sent to Region 5 Treasurer Ron Gordy.

The first session of the Rally will be an introduction to the various hand held devices to be followed by a session on sharing and showing apps and websites that are useful for RV travel. Also included will be a session on hands-on use of hand held devices and apps.

Social media will be another rally focus with a goal of helping attendees overcome any fears of social media, develop a greater understanding of social media and how social media can most effectively be

organized.

Twitter, fastest growing of the social media platforms, is only seven years old and is already the Internet equivalent of Microsoft Windows. It wasn't too long ago that Twitter was considered just a social network for college students.

The computer rally will once again kick off with the traditional pizza party on Sunday night. The pizzas will be brought to the state park and drinks will be provided.

Monday and Tuesday will begin with the traditional and delicious breakfasts provided by Bob Green and his crew to be followed by seminars at 9:15, 10:15, 1:15, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Rally will wrap up with an invitation to attend the pitch-in dinner Tuesday evening that launches the Region 5 Rally..

Humble, Gordy International officer candidates for 2014

The routine vote on incoming officers for WBCCI at the 2013 Delegates meeting in Huron, SD will take on added significance for Region 5.

Two of the officer candidates are from the Region.

Past president Louise Humble from the Southern Illinois Unit is the nominee for Recording Secretary and Ron Gordy from the Central Indiana Unit and Region 5 Treasurer since 2006 will be the nominee for International Treasurer.

Humble has been a WBCCI member since 1998 and has held a number of other positions besides Region 5 president. She has been Unit secretary, newsletter editor, Unit president, Unit Publication Contest chair for the International Rally and Region 5 membership chairman.

Humble is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a masters degree from the University of Illinois. She joined the Carterville, Ill. School district in 1966 and remained there until her retirement in 1999.

Gordy joined WBCCI in 1997 as a member of the Central Indiana Unit. He has attended every Unit rally since 1999. He has been treasurer of the Central Indiana Unit since 2000. He has served as chairman of two different International Rally committees.

Gordy is a native of Decatur, Illinois and attended the Allied Institute of Technology in Chicago, Milliken University in Decatur, Ill. and Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind. He joined Caterpillar Inc. in Decatur in 1963, transferred to Lafayette in 1981 and retired in 1996.

Other International officers on the 2013 slate the delegates will be voting on are:

President – John Stumpf, past president Region 6; First Vice President – John (Joe) Perryman, past president Region 10; Second Vice-President – James Schwerdfeger, past president Region 9; Third Vice President – Richard Girard, Region 11 past president; Nominating Committee – James Polk, past president Central Coast California Unit; Nominating Committee – Anne Werth, past president Region 1.

Message from President Barry Bell

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This board is quite handsome. It is over one inch thick and has four small feet to keep it from sliding when you are using it as a cutting board.

So now you have an extra reason to register quickly.

A picture of this lovely gift is on page 1. Your Unit President has brochures. We are sending an electronic brochure copy out to all Region 5 members who have emails. A coupon is in this newsletter. You can also register on line at region5.wbcci.net.

In addition, the Region 5 Computer Rally will be held at General Butler State Park on September 9-10. A coupon for this is also located in the Newsletter. I hope to see you at these two exciting events in Kentucky.

Barry Bell

Region 5 has 5 Unit Merit Award winners

Five Units in Region 5 have won Wally Byam Caravan Club International Unit Merit Awards for 2012.

Unit presidents scored themselves on a 26 category scale using the Unit Planning Guide.

The Merit Award banners will be presented at the Region 5 luncheon at the International Rally in Huron, SD

Central Indiana, Illinois Lincolnland, Kentucky and Southern Illinois won Superior Merit Awards and Southern Indiana won a Merit Award.

Carrollton area rich in history and attractions

Carroll County, location of this year's Region 5 Rally at General Butler State Park Sept. 11-15, is at the epicenter of an area rich in history and interesting attractions.

Carrollton, the county seat, is located on the Ohio River at the confluence with the Kentucky River.

Regionally it is 50 miles northeast of Louisville via I-71, 50 miles southwest of Cincinnati also via I 71, 15 miles east of Madison, Ind, and 15 miles west of Vevey, Ind. and the Beltera Casino.

Carroll County's history began with a settlement in the late 1700s called Port William, subsequently renamed Carrollton.

It also has a rich history as one of the largest burley tobacco markets in the country, celebrated each October with the Carroll County Tobacco Festival.

Among the local and regional attractions are:

Downtown Carrollton – The 1880s were a prosperous period in Carrollton's history. The Old Stone Jail, the present day Courthouse, the Carrollton Inn and several prominent homes were constructed during this decade. Each is worth visiting and is on the Downtown Carrollton Walking Tour

Important Information

NUMBER 1 — Sites at the General Butler State Park campground are being reserved for the Airstreams attending the Region 5 Rally. But the sites are being held for a limited time, with a deadline of August 8. Anyone registering after this date may not be parked with the other Airstreams.

NUMBER 2 — You may not be able to drive over the bridge at Madison, IN, which is the most direct route for Indiana and Illinois residents. The bridge is being repaired and has had a 3-ton weight limit. Check with the Indiana Department of Transportation to see if the weight limit has been removed

was just outside Carrollton at the southeast end of Lock Road, an extension of 11th Street. Construction of the lock took place in the 1830s. and made the Kentucky River a major commercial outlet for pioneers.

Tobacco – Kentucky is the nation's largest producer of burley tobacco, accounting for the largest percentage of agriculture income. A drive through the rural areas around Carrollton in September will reveal tobacco in the cutting stage. Cutters go through the field spearing tobacco stalks that are then jabbed into the ground to wilt in the sun. The tobacco stalks are then laid across rails that fill the tobacco barns for the last stage of the curing process.

The Masterson House – In the fall of 1790 Richard and Sarah Masterson, two of the early settlers of what is now Carroll County, built a two-story brick house east of Carrollton on U.S. 42. It's the oldest standing brick home on the Ohio River between Cairo, Ill. and Cincinnati. The house is open to the public.

Beltera Casino – Located 15 miles east of Carrollton and across the Markland Dam Bridge into Indiana is the Beltera Hotel, Casino and golf course. The casino has 1,350 slots, 57 tables and six restaurants.

Madison, Ind. – This historic Indiana river city is located 15 miles west of Carrollton on the Indiana side of highway 36. Madison's downtown area has been designated a historic district and structures have been restored and used for unique shops and restaurants.

Wine tour – The Carrollton area has a wide variety of family owned wineries Included are River Valley Winery in Carroll County, Elk Creek Vineyards outside Owenton, KY, Smith-Berry Winery outside New Castle, The Ridge Winery between Beltera and Vevey, and the Lanthier Winery, the Thomas Family Winery and Madison Vineyards Winery in Madison, IN.

International Rally Unit Check List

The 2013 Internal Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will take place in Huron, SD June 28-July 4.

To assist Units in keeping track of activities and responsibilities at the International Rally a check list is provided.

BULLETIN BOARD. The Bulletin Board judging has been excluded from this year's International activities.

REGION 5 LUNCHEON. The luncheon is scheduled for June 30 at 12 noon at the Huron Event Center. Highlight of the luncheon will be the installation of officers and the awarding of Merit Awards. Units should plan on bringing door prizes.

UNIT DELEGATES. Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting Saturday, June 29. Be sure the delegate and alternate have the appropriately signed credentials that were mailed to each Unit by WBCCI headquarters. Delegates and alternates will turn in their signed documents at the Credentials Desk at registration where they will receive their delegate ribbons.

UNIT FLAG BEARER. The Unit flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. June 28 and at the Closing Ceremony on July 4, should wear dark (black or Navy) slack/skirt, white short-sleeve shirt/blouse, dark shoes and socks and red tie optional. Bring Unit flag and flag poles to opening and closing ceremonies. Flag bearers should attend flag practice June 28 at 9 a.m. in the Expo Building..

UNIT PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION DINNER. Unit presidents and spouses are invited to the Unit President's Appreciation Dinner June 26 in the Homer Enochs Center. Dress is Dressy Casual.

UNIT OFFICERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING. Present and potential officers are encouraged to attend the Unit Officer Leadership Training Seminar from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. June 28 at Tech Center 3.

International Rally news found on WBCCI.org

The WBCCI website at WBCCI.org is a handy source for helpful information about the 2013 International Rally at Huron, SD.

Go to the WBCCI.org website. Click on the home page. Click on the Rallies drop down and then click on International Rally 2013.

For those not registered the site has a registration form.

Region 5 Computer and Mobile Technology Rally

General Butler State Park, Carrollton, KY
Sun. Sept. 8 — Tuesday, Sept. 10

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 \$ 70 _____
Trailer/Motorhome—1 person \$ 65 _____
Additional persons each \$ 10 _____
Sunday evening Pizza party (optional)
_____ persons at \$7.50 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

The Rally fee includes three nights of parking, breakfasts Monday and Tuesday and two full days of seminars Monday and Tuesday.

IMPORTANT: Sites for the Computer and Mobile Technology Rally participants are being grouped together, but these sites will only be held through August 8. Anyone registering after that date may not be parked with the other Airstreams.

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.

Barksdale Region 5 V-P nominee

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to 1983 and saw action in Libya and had two Persian Gulf deployments.

After the service he found a job at Kaiser Chemical in Marseilles IL. After a layoff from there he found his current job. He started under Mobil Chemical. After several name changes he now works for Styrolutions, having been here for 25 years.

He was married and now divorced. and has 13 step-grandchildren.

He bought his first Airstream in 2004. It was a 1975 25' Tradewinds. He currently drives a 1996 Landyacht widebody diesel pusher.

He joined WBCCI at large in 2004 and joined the Illinois Lincolnland Unit in 2005. He served as Vice President in 2011-12 and President in 2012-13. He is a Free-Wheeler and is currently the Vice President in that great Intra-club.

"I look forward to serving Region 5 as Vice president and then President," Barksdale says. "I know with help from others and an open-mind we can move this great club forward."

REGION 5 "Unbridled Spirit" RALLY

General Butler State Park

Carrollton, Kentucky

September 11-15, 2013

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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. 11-15 2 persons per rig	\$199 _____
4 nights Sept. 11-15 1 person per rig	\$160 _____
2 nights Sept. 13-15 2 persons per rig	\$ 99 _____
2 nights Sept. 13-15 1 person per rig	\$ 60 _____
Extra camping nights	
Sunday, Sept 8	\$ 16 _____
Monday, Sept. 9	\$ 16 _____
Tuesday, Sept. 10	\$ 16 _____
Sunday, Sept. 15	\$ 16 _____
TOTAL	_____

Payment for additional person \$39 and fees for tours will be collected on site.

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to Ron Gordy, Treasurer, 202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909.

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