



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Monte Barksdale, President

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GOSHEN REGION RALLY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

The Region 5 rally in Goshen, Indiana, September 9-13, has much to offer attendees. In addition to staying at the well kept Elkhart County Fairgrounds, tours will be offered of the Studebaker Museum and Studebaker Mansion in

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South Bend, IN, as well as a tour of the RV Hall of Fame and the Ruthmere Mansion/Museum in Elkhart.

In addition to the formal tours, there will be time to tour on your own. Offered free during this time of year is the "Quilt Gardens" tour which follows the Heritage Trail through seven unique towns. On this tour you will get to see flower gardens inspired by quilt patterns along with quilt themed murals in the various towns. Over 100,000 flowers were used in recreating the patterns. The following link provides more information:

<http://www.amishcountry.org/travel-blog/amish-country-blog/quilt-gardens/>

Unique shopping opportunities await you in Goshen. "The Depot" is a thrifter's paradise. Many unique and gently used items abound. Proceeds from "The Depot" go to the Mennonite Central Committee which helps the challenged and less privileged. The "Old Bag Factory" is a shopping opportunity housed in an old factory that was used to make burlap bags (feed sacks). There are vintage shops, a chocolate shop, music shop and an artisan pottery shop. There is even a restaurant on the third floor.

In addition to all the shopping, there are at least four businesses that specialize in ice cream and frozen yogurt plus 73 other eating establishments of various kinds. All of this makes Goshen the perfect place for Airstreamers! Be sure to come!

ELKHART COUNTY
4-H FAIRGROUNDS
17746 County Rd 34, Goshen, IN 46528
GPS: 41.58006, -85.80488
PH# - 574-533-3247



Traveling no more than 20 miles in any one direction from Goshen, one can find beautiful quilt patterns made from flowers. There are 20 quilt gardens in addition to 21 quilt inspired murals within easy driving distance of the Goshen rally.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AT REGION 5

During the Region 5 Rally in Goshen, IN in September, WBCCI members will aid Church Community Service in Elkhart, the agency we assisted in 2006. The Agency has grown as the needs of the area have grown. They now serve more than 2,200 families each month with six to eight bags of food and personal care items for each family. They are requesting donations of:

- 1) plastic bags,
- 2) personal care items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc.

In addition, a work time has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 1:30 – 3:00 PM at the agency, packaging the soup/dip mixes which the agency sells as a fund raiser. Several members enjoyed doing this in 2006 as it was a fun time! Those who are at the Fairgrounds by then will have the opportunity to take part.

We will also be accepting donations for money to benefit the agency, as usual. This time, though, there's a twist. All donors will receive coupons in return for their donations. The coupon will be in the form of a two-part ticket. One part will go in the donation "hat" and one part is for the donor to keep. The "prize" is a king-size quilt, 94"x94". The drawing will be held Saturday night at the banquet. A picture of the quilt appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Those who are unable to attend the Rally but would like to donate to the Church Community Service agency may send a donation before September 1, to Carol White, Post Office Box 215, Carbondale, IL 62903. If you have questions, please email: gwhite@midwest.net. Carol White, Community Service

Region 5 Rally President's check-list

- Bring your Unit banner.
 - Bring Unit flag, flag pole and flag pole stand.
 - Bring door prizes from the Unit made by someone in the Unit and/or obtained from dealers in your area.
 - Dress protocol: Opening and closing ceremony and Business Meeting — Informal but no shorts..
- Spouses of flag bearers will be included in processional



Message from Monte

Hello Region 5,

I hope this article finds all of you well. For those of you who have been on the road, I hope you had safe travels. Little Brother Fester and I had a great trip to Farmington and back. Met up with some old friends and made a few new ones. Isn't that what it is all about?

I owe a certain lady a free lunch for forgetting her name in front of the whole International. How embarrassing for both of us. Lesson learned. Write it down. I've known her for 10 years but my mind just went blank.

I hope everyone is gearing up for the big rally in Goshen. It's going to be a great time. I guess I haven't been too clear on what I need from you all. The three IL units are responsible for three hot breakfasts. Gordon White is doing a fine job organizing this for me. The three IN units are responsible for one evening meal on Sat. I need someone in one of those units to take charge. As always, you can contact me if you have any questions.

All you unit newsletter editors out there. Are you copying your newsletters to our "Blue Beret" editor Patsy Marston? marstonindian@aol.com It's hard for her to write about your units in the "Blue Beret" if she hasn't a clue what you've been up to.

I am going to make this article short. I'm writing this at work. I'm sure some of you remember what that word means. Unfortunately for me, it means I haven't had a full day off since I got back from Farmington. 22 straight days so far - retirement take me now!

See you in Goshen,
Monte, Region 5 President

ARTIE'S THOUGHTS

Happy Summer Everyone!

Tomorrow is the first of August and the Region 5 Rally is only 5 weeks away. Pam and I are looking forward to seeing a great turn out of Airstreams in Goshen, Indiana. There is a lot to do in the area. Elkhart has the RV museum. There are many, many RV Salvage Yards. Is it time for a new couch? Shipshewana is a wonderful Mennonite community. You could spend a couple of days there!

I have once again been asked to emcee the rally! And I accept this as an honor. Don't let this change your mind about coming though! And please, above all, you can throw paper money at me for charity, but please, please, please put the quarters, nickels and dimes in the bucket.... They hurt!!!!

Alumaman might be in the area. We spoke last week and he said he would try to stop by. He was working on a couple of new Airstream Songs.



Pam and I met up with the Central Indiana Unit 2 weeks ago. We were staying at Raccoon Lake Recreational Area. Well, for one night. Heavy torrential rains had the lake almost over the access road to the campground. Then Friday evening 5.5 more inches of rain fell in 45 minutes. The power went out at the dam. We were then told to evacuate the campground. At ten PM on a Friday night, hundreds of campers packed up and left into the black abyss that was Rockville Indiana !! More on this story at the rally!!!

I have some details to share about the 2016 Region 5 Rally. Can't wait to share with you!!!!

Hey guys, if you haven't registered for the 2015 rally, do so soon. But you can also register when you arrive. It would be great to know if that is what you intend to do. Just drop me an email at aom1215@yahoo.com if you are planning on coming but will register upon arrival. I in turn, will let our staff know you're coming. Can't wait to hear from you!!

If you're not towing an Airstream, are you allergic to Aluminum???

Artie & Pam Martin Region 5 First VP

A WORD FROM BOB

Hello to all and Sandy and I hope you are enjoying your summer. We feel very fortunate as we have had quite a few opportunities this year to get out and do some Airstreaming and we have quite a few events still to go. Really looking forward to the Region Rally. Pretty good for a couple still employed.

I know we have all heard how important proper tire care is on our rigs and tow vehicles. A blow out on an Airstream can cause significant damage in addition to the inconvenience and the safety concerns with trying to change a tire on the side of the highway. I mention this as on a recent trip back from Branson MO, we were traveling with some friends who were towing a large boat behind a Chevy Diesel pick up. Traffic was very heavy and the temperature was in the upper 90's. The boat trailer had tandem axles and one of the tires on the street side blew out. The spare was located only to find that it was very low on air. Fortunately, another couple was driving a motor home with an onboard compressor and the tire was properly inflated. Problem fixed and not a big deal but if this had been an Airstream trailer, it certainly could have been an expensive situation.

Moral of the story? Check your tire pressure daily when traveling. Check the date code on the tires and consider replacing them if they are more than 5 years old. Also, pick up an infrared temperature tester. These things are great to quickly check the tire and wheel temperature when making a pit stop. A high comparative temperature reading could indicate an under inflated tire or perhaps a bearing issue.

Keep safe, hope to see you soon and let's wear 'em out!

Bob, Region 5 Second Vice President



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COMMUNITY SERVICE DONATION "PRIZE"

This lovely quilt, pieced by Carol White of the Southern Illinois Unit, will be the "prize" given to the lucky person holding the winning ticket given to them when they make a donation to the Community Service Project. (See article Page 1)



Region 5 members attending July 4 potluck lunch.



Int'l 3rd VP Barry Bell receives Region Certificate of Achievement from Region 5 President Monte Barksdale for leadership during Bell's term as Region 5 President.

REGION 5 TRIP TO GRANDMA'S RALLY

Elkhart County Fairgrounds Goshen, Indiana
Register Now!
Online or Mail

THE 2015 REGION 5 RALLY GOSHEN, IN

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

WBCCI# _____ Unit _____

Phone _____

Trailer () Motorhome () Length _____

Handicap Parking Requested YES NO

Vintage Parking Requested YES NO

E-mail _____

4 Nights (Sept. 9-13) 2 Persons per Rig \$175.00 _____

4 Nights (Sept. 9-13) 1 Person per Rig \$150.00 _____

2 Nights (Sept. 11-13) 2 Persons per Rig \$125.00 _____

2 Nights (Sept. 11-13) 1 Person per Rig \$115.00 _____

Extra Camping Nights: \$30 per night _____

TOURS: Thursday:

Studebaker/Oliver Museum.....\$8.00 per person _____

Tippecanoe Place Lunch\$17.50* per person _____

Friday: Amish Supper.....\$19.50* per person _____

*tax and gratuity included

Please make check payable to: **Region 5 WBCCI**

Mail check, registration form & SASE for receipt to:

**John Swearingen 506 N.E. 6th St. P.O. Box 356
Atlanta, IL 61723-0356**

FARMINGTON 2015 REPORT

There were lots of fun happenings at Farmington this summer! Registration and attendance were up! There were more children and teens. The WBCCI Band was even better than ever (and they were so wonderful last year I wouldn't have believed that to be possible)! There were more craft seminars—and they were quite creative, including making flowers to decorate your hat for tea. We were privileged to hear Peter MacDonald, one of the Navaho Code Talkers, and Robert Nigteagle, a Lakota flute player and flute maker.

For gardeners - hollyhocks, Russian sage and roses were everywhere. And, yes, there was heat and dust, rain and wind. It seems when Airstreams get together there is always heat! The monsoon season began in July, so there were afternoon and evening thunderstorms for several days.

And there was business to attend to. The pre-International Rally IBT approved:

A. Changes to the Life Membership By-Laws and Policies:

1) Lifetime Membership will be terminated if unit dues or MAL surcharges for the following year are not paid by 12/31 but will be reinstated if dues/surcharges are paid by 6/30 of the next year. Those paying after 6/30 of the following year must pay the delinquent dues for the current year plus the dues for the upcoming year.

2) Benefits of Life Membership will include a \$20.00 discount on the International Rally, effective 2017, and a 10% discount at the Club Store.

3) The Lifetime Membership Application form was updated as was the One-Time Fee Schedule.

4) All information about Lifetime Membership will be kept in Bylaws and Policy, Article IV, Bylaws, Sec. 10, Policy, Page 10.

(as of 7/26, these changes were not yet posted to the Blue Book on line, but they will be soon.)

B. A change to the WBCCI Constitution, Article 1, Section 1, substituting the words "Airstream Club International" for the words "International Club" throughout the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies.

C. Approval was given for the formation of both a Rally Site Committee and a Long Range Planning Committee.

During the Delegates Meeting a motion to modify the voting procedure by allowing a request for unanimous consent, where previously a roll-call vote on all motions was required, was approved overwhelmingly by the Delegates.

And there were tours to enjoy, wide open vistas, great food (the Purple Cow, the Vanilla Moose), evening entertainment and lots of time with friends old and new!

Region 5 members volunteered for, and chaired, many committees and activities, carried their Unit Flags proudly, and represented Region 5 with enthusiasm. Art Meier of Southern Illinois debuted his newest song, "Airstream Time," and Mardelle and Phil St. John of Central Indiana presented a musical number in the "Airstreamers Got Talent" Show. Doris Meier and Carol White, both from Southern Illinois, displayed jewelry and needlework in the Hobby Show and both won ribbons. Mary Lou and Jerry Cristy from the Northern Illinois Unit played pinochle with Mary Lou winning first place and Jerry fourth place.

Next year in Lewisburg! Join us! Carol White, WBCCI #3855



Mardelle and Phil St. John



Art Meier