



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Chris Seplak, President

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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

"We're all in this together" is an often repeated phrase these days and for all its frequency, it is very true. As members of WBCCI/WBAC we're all experiencing some of the same things – withdrawal from rallies (big and little), withdrawal from caravans (long and short) and worst of all, no face to face fellowship with our fellow members!

Even with all the withdrawal pains we may be suffering, our club continues to evolve and adapt to the times. Please take time to note the many motions and action items that our leadership has worked out over the winter and summer IBT meetings (found elsewhere in this newsletter). Our leaders need to be congratulated on their ability to quickly change from the traditional meeting to a Zoom meeting so that all business can still be conducted even though we cannot come together in person right now.

Sooo, we are experiencing some withdrawal and a little loneliness but we are also having some growth and that's a good thing. Aren't we glad we're all in this together!!



A Letter From the President

First, thank you for voting for me as President of this Region. I will try my best to represent all of this Region to the best of my ability. I'm writing this letter from my trailer as I'm visiting with the Central Indiana Airstream Club at the end of July. This is the first time we had a chance to get out camping this year. Usually, we have gotten out 3 or 4 times by now. I hope in later years this never happens, like this year has with Covid. I had all vacations set up to visit most of the units, whoops, I mean Local Clubs, that will take a while to change. Now, I will only meet up with 2 of 5 this year. We will set up with the rest of the local clubs next year. Sorry. If any of the clubs would like us to do ceremonies or anything for their club, let me know. I will try to free my schedule to help any of the clubs.

On the business end of the Region, Bob and myself sat in on the IBTs this year. The results of those votes are attached in this newsletter or on the website. The biggest results of the votes are each member, not each trailer, gets a vote on constitutional votes or Region votes. This was set up due to some couples that were in two local clubs were getting two votes due to one person was in one club and the other person was in another club. They had two different Big Red Numbers and so had two votes instead of having one vote like

most couples. Also, Region presidents will be representing at large members in their Region at the delegate meetings at International so MAL have votes on constitutional votes at that level.

Also, there is an email going around the club saying that the Region presidents need gift cards for the club and send it to this email site. I have received this email stating it was from Bob Whitesell.

Don't do anything with this email except delete it. It's a scam.

By now, you have learned that the Columbus Region 5 rally has been cancelled for this year. The Region committee thought it would be in the best interest of the health of the members not to have it this year. My tours had already cancelled before this decision was made. So, we will have the next Region 5 rally in Warsaw, IN at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds on Sept 15-19, 2021 (Pray to God that a vaccine has been developed). More details will come later. This year Region 5 board meeting will be by Zoom call on Saturday Sept 19th at 10 a.m. For those who are interested in listening in on the meeting, Damon will be able to give you access to watch.

I hope to see a lot of you down in Lebanon, TN next year at the International Rally. The sign up will start on Aug 5 online on the club website. Sign up early. I've heard a lot of people want to go to this one. We will have a Region 5 luncheon down there also.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Nancy and I can't wait to see you at a rally down the road.

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UP COMING LOCAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

At the time of writing of this newsletter, the following activities are being planned by Region 5 clubs:

CENTRAL INDIANA CLUB

October 16-18, Season Close Weekender,
Versailles State Park
Contact John Deegan, Club President
November 7, Luncheon, MCL West 86th Street,
Indianapolis, IN
December 5, Luncheon, MCL West 86th Street,
Indianapolis, IN

ILLINOIS LINCOLNLAND

October 23-26, Nauvoo Rally, Camp Nauvoo Retreat Center,
Hosts – Ann & Carl Leslie,
Nancy & Dave O'Neill

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

September 18-20, Road America Vintage Festival,
Plymouth, WI – Host Bob Whitesell 920-892-4576
October 16-18, Thanksgiving/Installation Rally,
Amboy, IL – Contact Peter Schwartz, Club President

REGISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL

Don't forget to register for the 2021 International Rally which will held in Lebanon, Tennessee, July 17-24, 2020. Lebanon is just minutes from Nashville, TN, with plenty of music, family fun and shopping. Registration begins August 5, 2020 on the club web site.

NEW REGION LEADERSHIP

Region 5 welcomes Chris Seplak as the new Region 5 President. Chris and his wife Nancy are members of the Indiana Club and both have served their club as president as well as in other leadership roles. Chris and Nancy are both employed and have been fulfilling region duties between their many other obligations.



Chris' installation as region president ushered in a new era for our region as Chris was installed through the video conferencing app Zoom. Although it was not the traditional installation with which we are all familiar, it was an installation that Chris will long remember as being most unique for our region and the club.



Region 5 has another unique situation with its leadership for 2020-2022. We have a "new" First Vice President. For the first time in our region, we have a Region Past President – Artie Martin – who has consented to serve as a Region officer again. Artie and his wife Pam served as Region President 2016-2018 and held their region rallies in Madison, Indiana, and Lexington, Kentucky. We look forward to their continued dedication to WBAC. Artie and Pam are members of the Kentucky Club.

Our appreciation goes to the Region 5 Immediate Past President Bob Whitesell and his wife Sandy for the time and energy they have dedicated to our region during the past two years. Bob and Sandy are members of the Northern Illinois Club and have also continued to contribute their many talents to their local club.

Region Rally Cancellation

As has been previously noted, the 2020 Region 5 Rally in Columbus, IN, has been cancelled due to the Covid19 virus. Much planning and hard work had gone into this rally with all the opportunities for viewing beautiful architecture and art that Columbus has to offer. Talent both local and regional were on the program.

Knowing that all this "might have been," we look forward to the 2021 region rally that is to be held in Warsaw, Indiana, with the expectation of equally good tours, programs and entertainment.

RICHARD HEYDE

Region 5 Past President Dick Heyde passed away January 18, 2020, in Port Charlotte, FL. Dick was a member of the Indiana Club where he served in several capacities the most recent of which was Club President. Dick then went on to serve as Region 2nd and 1st Vice President. In 2006 and 2007, Dick served as Region 5 President holding his rallies in Rantoul, IL, and Goshen, IN.

Dick is survived by three step children. His wife Judy predeceased him July 6, 2014. Dick is buried in New Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth, IN.

MOTIONS VOTED ON AT IBT MEETINGS JANUARY, JUNE 2020
Delegate Voting Results at finish of article

LAS VEGAS MID WINTER 2020

Action Item A. Replace Qualification for Membership in Article VI of the Constitution. Passed

Action Item B. Replace Delegates Meeting in Article XII of the Constitution. (Members at Large represented by Region President) Passed

Action Item C. Changing all references from Unit or Units to Local Club/Local Clubs. Passed

Action Item D. Replacement Wording of Article VII of Bylaws for Merging, Consolidation or Dissolution of Units. Passed

Action Item E. Clarification of Article XVI, Financial Management, Policy Intra-Clubs Part 2 Passed

Action Item F. Deleting Appendix 7 Unit Requirement of Filing IRS Reports, Replacement of Article XVI, Part 12 Filing for IRS Reports and Part 14 Policy, Financial Data Guidelines., Passed.

Action Item G. Deleting Article XVII Sec 2,3 Delegate Voting, Policy to be replaced by a new Article XVII Sec 2. Passed

Action Item H. Changing all references from Policy, Membership Numbers to Airstream Numbers Passed.

Action Item I. Appendix #8 (Units within Region and Regional Map) being removed from Blue Book to WBCCI Website. Passed

Action Item J. Membership Manual Page 5 Deleting section "Initiation" be changed to "Suggestions for Retaining Members". Passed.

Action Item K. Change Bylaws, Article IV Membership and Membership Privileges, Sec 9, Item C and D. (Change Dates) Passed.

Action Item L. Change Bylaws, Article IV, Membership and Membership Privileges, Policy, Lifetime Membership. Passed.

Action Item M. Amending Bylaws, Articles III, XVI. Changed National and Special Event Rallies Committee to National Rallies Committee. Passed.

Motion 1. Amending Bylaws, Article XIII (Use of Club Name and Emblem). Passed.

Motion 2. Amending Policy Rallies, Page 42, Section 7 Item 2. Contracts for International Rallies. Passed.

Motion 3 Amending Policy Appendix 16, Article I & II Passed

Motion 4 New charter to Inland NW Airstream Club. Passed

Motion 5 New Logo for Region 6. Withdrawn

Motion 6 Request to change name for Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Unit to Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club. Passed

Motion 7 Request to change name from Columbus Unit to Heart of Ohio Airstream Club. Passed

Motion 8 Request to change Name from Mahoning Valley Unit to Ohio Lake to River Airstream Club. Passed

Motion 10. Approve of Las Vegas Airstream Club Logo. Passed

Motion 11 Approve of Las Vegas Airstream Club Flag, Passed

ZOOM IBT MEETING JUNE 24, 2020

Action Item A. Bylaws, Article IV Membership and Membership Privileges. Remove redundant Language and right to vote on all International issues by all members of WBAC. Passed.

Action Item B. Bylaws, Article XVII Delegate Voting. Passed

Action Item C Bylaws Article XVI Financial Management. Sec 4 Separate monies Passed.

Action Item D. Bylaws Article XIII Use of Club Name and Emblem by Local Clubs. Passed.

Action Item E. Policy 16.6.10. Clarify language dealing with issuance of Airstream Numbers. Passed.

Action Item F. Policy 12.4.1. Change dates of renewal procedures with the new database coming online. Passed

Action Item G. Policy 16.6.4 Clarifies current practice and reporting procedures. Passed.

Action Item H. Changing all references from Unit, Units or Unit/Club and Units/Clubs to Local Club or Local Clubs in the Bylaws and Policies. Passed.

Action Item I To give Historical Standing Committee to maintain the size of the WBCCI Archives and to make loans or donations of materials in the archives to other organizations. Passed

ZOOM IBT MEETING JUNE 27, 2020

Special Order #1. Passed

Action Item A. Increase Membership Dues from \$65 to \$75. Passed

Special Order #2. 2020-2021 Budget. Passed

Action Item B. New Local Club Model Constitution and Bylaws. Passed

Action Item C. Add Airstream Number 1 be designated a Heritage Number. Passed.

Motion Item 1. Approval of Flags and Emblem for New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club. Passed.

DELEGATE VOTING RESULTS

94 of 106 Clubs/ 5597 members of 6465

#1. Article VI Qualifications of Members. For 5428, Against 169

#2 Article XII. Delegates Meeting. For 5399, Against 198

#3 Changed from Unit(s) to Local Club(s). For 5408, Against 124, Abstain 65

Andrew Selking. For 5558, Abstain 39

Tye Mott. For 5539, Abstain 58

Eric McHenry. For 5550, Against 1, Abstain 46

Per Hamnqvist For 5511, Abstain 86

Beth Hackney For 5571, Abstain 26

Judt Bechthold. For 5563, Abstain 34

Victoria Magnacca For 5538, Abstain 59

Mark Hammer For 5173, Abstain 424