



# Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Monte Barksdale, President

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## MIDWINTER IBT PASSES NEW MOTIONS

The 2015 Mid-Winter IBT Rally, “The Lone Star Experience,” was held January 19 – 24 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown, TX. The IBT Rally was hosted by Region 9. A Seminar for attendees was held Wednesday, January 21, while the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting was held Friday, January 23. In addition, breakfasts and dinners provided opportunities to visit.

All members of the International Executive Committee, except Past President John Stumpf, were present as were all Region Presidents. Euna Ridenour has been appointed as Recording Secretary as Vickie Courtney had to resigned because of the health of her husband.

During Wednesday’s Seminar reports were received from Standing Committee Chairmen and motions were discussed. Seven Standing Committee Chairs were present to read reports and answer questions. Twelve were unable to attend. Eight motions were discussed. The Seminar offered all attendees the opportunity to ask questions and present ideas.

The Mid-Winter Business meeting was held Friday, January 23. During the business meeting, the Standing Committee Reports were officially accepted and motions were presented for action. The following actions were taken:

Motion 1—The International Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Lori Plummer for the position of Corporate Manager of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

Motion 2—Approved a Bylaws and Policy change for Membership and Membership Privileges for the Lifetime Membership Fund.

Motion 3—Approved a Bylaws and Policy change to remove the reference to the discontinuance of the Lifetime Membership Program. (continued on page 3)



**REGION 5 MEMBERS ATTENDING IBT:**  
**Front Row: Jerry Humble, Gordon White, Monte Barksdale, Reg. 5 President**  
**Back Row: Louise Humble, Carol White**  
**Not pictured: John Green**

## Message from Monte—Region 5 President

Hello Region 5,

It is great to see the snow melting. I'm getting the urge to hit a rally. I hope all of you are also. I see by all of your unit newsletters that there are a lot of activities planned this year. I hope everyone is planning on dusting the cobwebs off their beautiful Air-streams and hitting the road. Remember that's what they were designed for. Try hitting another unit's rally. It's great to meet new people and see how others get things done.

I have been hard at it planning our Region 5 rally in Goshen. I hope to have a better turn out than at Springfield. Ask someone who went to Springfield and they will tell you that you missed a good time. In Goshen, we will be touring the Studebaker museum and having lunch in the old Studebaker mansion. We will have a seminar put on by SkyMed, an Amish bake sale, a raffle of a home spun quilt for charity, conduct our annual

business meeting and do some more touring.

I have scheduled a tour of the RV Hall of Fame museum and the famous Ruthmere museum. For those who want to participate, we will be having supper at an authentic Amish home. Did I mention we will be in the heart of Amish country? I have also scheduled free time for exploration on your own. We will have home spun entertainment, professional entertainment by Ken Mate, and game night. Ken is a comedian magician. He has several You Tube videos. So mark your calendars, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

As before, you can mail in a coupon, register online or just show up. We will have full hook-ups with 30 and 50 amp service. Give me a few more weeks to set the price and get the coupons ready. I hope all of your units are preparing a skit for us.

But before we get to Goshen, there's a little thing going on in Farmington,

NM. International President Joe Perryman and First Lady Sandy have a great rally planned for us. I hope you are planning on going to the International. If you have never been, it's time. If you went and it wasn't your thing, give it another try. Our Region 5 luncheon will be held at Zebadiah's, 2210 E 20th St, Farmington. We will gather there about 11:30 on Sat. June 27<sup>th</sup>. Order off the menu.

I enjoyed myself at the winter IBT at Robstown, TX. We got some business done. Nothing earth shattering but meaningful none the less. Stopped by New Orleans on the way home. Tired out Brother Fester walking around the French Quarter. Hired a pedicab to take us back to the motorhome. Bulldogs aren't known as great hikers. Then back to the frozen north. How many days till Spring? See you down the road,  
Monte Barksdale  
Region 5 President

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## REGION RALLY BRINGS NEW OFFICER CANDIDATES

At the Region 5 Rally in Springfield, IL in September, 2014, nominating committee chairman Barry Bell announced that two region members had indicated their interest in running for region office. Artie Martin is a candidate for the office of First Vice President. He and his wife Pam are members of the Kentucky Unit. Bob Whitesell is the candidate for Second Vice President. He and his wife Sandy are members of the Northern IL Unit. Biographies of both candidates are elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Region 5 Happy Hour in FL

During the Alumaflamingo rally on Thursday, February 26th at 3:00 p.m. there will be a Region 5 "Happy Hour" get together at the Sarasota Fairgrounds located at 3000 Ringling Blvd. for anyone attending the rally or are in Florida.

This event will be held in the "Cracker Village" section of the fairgrounds. This is the area where the Kentucky Unit has met for several years during the Florida State Rally. Please bring an appetizer to share, a drink of choice and a chair.

Some people may want to plan to go to the Oriental Buffet at 4458 Bee Ridge Road after the happy hour. We hope to see you there. Submitted by Barry & Karen Bell

### WHITESELL CANDIDATE FOR REGION 2<sup>ND</sup> VP

My name is Bob Whitesell and my wife Sandy and I have been members of WBCCI for 9 years. We joined when we bought our first Airstream, a 2005 25' International CCD. We participated in as many events as we could considering that we are both still employed. Our International was hail damaged in 2009 and as a result, we sold it and bought a 2009 34' Classic. We always liked the floor plan of the 34' and when Airstream announced that they were going to cease production of the triple axle 34'



we found one at Bates RV in Florida and purchased it. I have served as a Trustee and held 2 terms as the president of the Northern Illinois Unit. I am now a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in Region 5.

We have been married for 39 years and have two children, Becky and Matt, and a 6 year old granddaughter, Phoebe. We are blessed that our family is very close and we all get together on a regular basis. I also have 2 brothers and 2 sisters and Sandy has a sister. We all live in the Chicago area.

I am still employed by a specialty contractor and Sandy works for our church. I am also an Elder at that Church.

We love RVing and look forward to the day we can retire and spend extended time in our Airstream. We have never had the opportunity to discover the west and that will be our first destination. No plan, no schedule, just take off.

### SCHRADER RETIRES

The Region 5 officers, staff and members wish to extend a big thank you to Bill Schrader in recognition of his many years of hard work in initiating and publishing one of the first Region newsletters in WBCCI. His faithful work on this publication has been a positive influence in the region and has been much appreciated. Bill has decided to relinquish his editorial duties in favor of an enjoyable retirement. We wish him the very best.

### MARTIN CANDIDATE FOR REGION 1ST VP

My name is Artie Martin and my wife of 40 wonderful years is Pam. I was hatched into this world 12/15/1955 at 9:16 PM. I am a Sagittarian, a musician, a father of 3 wonderful children and my wife and I still work full time. Fortunately, we both have employers that allow us to freely plan and schedule time off from work so we have missed only one KY Unit Rally in the past five seasons.



I fell in love with Airstreams in 1969 at the ripe old age of 13. You see, at the time that Neil Armstrong was walking on the moon, July 20th, 1969, the campground where my family was camping was hosting an Airstream Rally with 90 units. They took over the whole campground! Well, from that day forward, with the NASA connection with

Airstream, I knew that someday I would own one.

That day came 20 years ago. We bought a 1968 Tradewind from a retired member of the Cincinnati Ohio Unit and we use this beautiful Airstream still today. We raised three children through it. We have so many memories with our Airstream it would be impossible to let her go.

We joined the KY Unit of WBCCI in July, 2010. We have just started our 5th year in the club. The past two years we have been President and 1st mate of the KY Unit. Our Installation Rally is just over and now I am Treasurer and Pam is 1st Vice President.

I consider the opportunity to be the 1st Vice President of Region 5 one of the dearest honors that could be bestowed upon Pam and me. We love the club and we love our Airstream. We love meeting new members and we have made so many friends over the last five years.

We would be honored to lead Region 5 into the second half of this decade with dedication, sensitivity, caring thought and a new commitment to the communication our club deserves!!!!



**REMEMBER TO MAIL YOUR BALLOT FOR REGION OFFICERS**



## UNIT NEWS

There are many perks to being a member of WBCCI, but one of the most frequently mentioned is the many people that you meet and the good friends that you make throughout the organization. This rally season in Region 5 every unit is making an effort to get to know their neighbors better by having co-rallies with other units. What better way to make friends with other members of WBCCI. Look at the following list of co-rallies, find some that appeal to you and make the effort to attend. You will be welcomed and you will be glad you made the effort.

May 14-18 FIRST ANNUAL IL STATE RALLY (IL Lincolnland, Northern IL, Southern IL Units) - Lithia Springs CG - Lake Shelbyville: Contact Dave Mayo

[mayo.internet@gmail.com](mailto:mayo.internet@gmail.com) 630-587-2690

July 15-19 KY and Southern IN Units - Child/grandchild rally - Lincoln St. Park: Contact Steve Broering, 859-991-1652  
[crispy@fuse.net](mailto:crispy@fuse.net)

August 6-9 Central IN and IN Units - White River CG near Noblesville - State Fair Rally: Contact Ken Langell - 317-408-6799 [kslangell@me.com](mailto:kslangell@me.com)

September 18-20 Southern IL and St. Louis Units - Big Creek RV Park - Annapolis, MO: Contact Gordon White  
[gwhite@midwest.net](mailto:gwhite@midwest.net) 618-319-0523

September 18-20 Northern IL and Wisconsin Units - Elkhart Lake, WI - Road America Vintage Sports Car Races: Contact Dave Mayo [mayo.internet@gmail.com](mailto:mayo.internet@gmail.com) 630-587-2690

October 16-18 Illinois Lincolnland and Southern IL Units - St. Louis Regional Airport - Alton, IL: Contact Gordon White  
[gwhite@midwest.net](mailto:gwhite@midwest.net) 618-319-0523

## BARRY BELL RUNNING FOR INT 3<sup>RD</sup> VP

Barry Bell, immediate past Region 5 President and present Region 5 membership chairman, has indicated his wish to run for International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of WBCCI. During the midwinter IBT meeting in Robstown, TX, Bell interviewed with the nominating committee via telephone from his winter home in FL. The committee found his credentials to be in order and indicated his viability as a candidate.

The Bells have been members of WBCCI for many years and both Karen and Barry have held several offices within the organization. Barry's complete resume will be included in a future issue of the Blue Beret. The following is a copy of his letter of intent sent to the Nominating Committee:

"Karen and I bought our second Airstream in 2003 before our retirement from Eli Lilly and Company. At first, we participated in National Caravans and Rallies. We enjoyed the club so much that we became Life Members. Later, we participated more in activities with the Central Indiana Unit. A few years later we had both served as unit president. I have just completed my term as Region 5 President (2012-2014). I am very proud of what was accomplished during my term on the International Board of Trustees.

I believe in the continuation of modern technology to enhance communication and financial operations to provide our members the option of doing club activities and business online. Therefore, I submit my name as a candidate for, and indicate my willingness to serve the office of WBCCI International Third Vice President."



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SEPTEMBER 9-13 - GOSHEN, IN

### Region Rally in Amish Country

Good friends - Good food - Good tours - Good camping

BE THERE!!

## IBT MOTIONS (continued from page 1)

Motion 4—Approved a motion that payment of dues by lapsed members after July 1 will include dues for both the current year and the following year.

Motion 5 and 6 were withdrawn.

Motion 7 (revised)—Replaced a new Article III, Section 7, regarding the Standing Committee Chairs.

Motion 8 (Revised)—Replaced Article III, Section 2 and 3 of the WBCCI Bylaws with new ones.

You may read the full text of the motions, both original and revised, at the following link:

<http://wbcci.org/club-information/ibt/ibt-meeting-mid-winter-2015> Select "Agenda" (you don't need to download). The document begins with the agenda, followed by the motions, followed by the reports of standing committees. Please note that Motions 7 and 8 were revised between the seminar and the official meeting. The text of the revisions is also available on the "IBT Mid-winter 2015" page.

In addition, you can listen to the audio of the business meeting, using Windows Media Player or VLC on a Mac.

The audio URL is <http://WBCCI.primcast.com/WBCCI>

Attending from Region 5 were President Monte Barksdale, John Green, Jerry and Louise Humble, Gordon and Carol White.

Submitted by Carol White

