



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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WBCCI GROWS BY THREE UNITS

Midwinter IBT meeting in Rayne, LA, was very productive this winter with 23 motions being considered and acted upon. Three of the motions dealt with the growth of the club while several other motions updated the language of the by-laws to comply with the formation of one of the new units.

Three new units of WBCCI were approved by the IBT. They are WBCCI Europe Unit, Lake Tahoe Unit and Utah Unit. The formation of the Europe Unit required the rewording of some of the by-laws to bring the by-laws in compliance with our new unit.

Other motions dealing with the rewording of the by-laws were necessary because of the change of date for the International Rally in 2017. The 2017 International Rally in Escanaba, MI, will be held July 22-29.

2 units requested a name change as the Airstream Company has given permission for the word "Airstream" to be included in the unit names of WBCCI if the unit wishes to do that.

2 Standing Committees were changed from Standing Committees to Rally Committees and one Standing Committee was eliminated as it was felt that a local chairman could better serve the members. The job descriptions of two Standing Committees were changed to allow the inclusion of electronic communications. Two new Standing Committee Chairmen were appointed with the approval of the Executive Committee - Dave Schuman - Technical Committee and Louise Humble - International Relations.

There was one motion approved that will send a proposed constitutional change to the delegates for a vote at the Delegates' meeting in June, 2016. This motion deals with allowing region officers to simultaneously hold an office in their home unit as well as the region office.

It should be noted that the Monument of Peace will be dedicated at the International Peace Garden during a rally July 21-25, 2016. Watch the "Blue Beret" for details on registering for this rally.

TWO CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

During the Midwinter IBT meeting, the nominating committee, led by Immediate Past International President Joe Perryman, confirmed that the two candidates submitting résumés for the office of International 3rd Vice President are eligible to stand for election.

The candidates are Pat McFadden, Immediate Past President of Region 2 and Mona Heath, Region 10 first VP. Watch the "Blue Beret" in the coming months for complete résumés on these two candidates. After careful consideration of both of these candidates, instruct your unit delegate so that your vote can be cast correctly.



IBT ATTENDEES ENJOY CAJUN COUNTRY

73 rigs were present at the Midwinter IBT meeting along with several members who stayed in local motels. One of the many pleasures of being in "Cajun Country" was the enjoyment of the Cajun food - especially crawfish.

Pictured at left are those members from Region 5 who attended the IBT meeting and who are enjoying the local cuisine.

Far left: Monte Barksdale - Illinois Lincolnland Unit, Shala and Larry Wilson - Kentucky Unit

Immediate right: Barry and Karen Bell - Central Indiana Unit, Jerry Humble - Southern IL Unit. Not pictured - Louise Humble - Southern IL Unit.



Message from Monte

Hello Region 5,

I hope everyone had a good set of holidays. I had to work \$\$\$ them all. I did get to take a week off and travel to Rayne, LA, for the midwinter IBT. The trip itself was uneventful after I got going. About 30 feet out of my storage unit I got stuck. Had to call a tow truck. That's why the third word in our slogan is "adventure." On my way home I spent the night in Sikeston, MO. For those of you who may not know, that is where Lambert's is located. The home of the thrown rolls. If you have never been, put it on your list. Plan on a little extra time just to look around. The place is like a Cracker Barrel on steroids. The food was great.

Speaking of food, did I mention I was in Louisiana? I love Cajun food. I'm not sure how healthy it is, but I love it. I came home with a freezer full and a trunk half full of groceries. The IBT went well. As with any WBCCI event, the fun and fellowship were in great supply. It might not have been a 10# rally for me, but it was close. Great entertainment. The IBT was very productive. Nothing earth shattering but a lot of business taken care of. It is always great to catch up with old friends and make a few new ones.

I hope everyone is making a list and checking it twice. There is a lot going on in Region 5 this year. There are at least two caravans that I know of heading to Lewisburg. There is a caravan heading to Pella Iowa for their Tulip Festival. Region 5 at Madison. Look at the websites. If a Unit has something going on and you're not busy, drop in.

It is always fun to meet new people. Speaking of websites, when was the last time you checked yours? Is it up to date? Does it have a schedule of events? Does it have contact information? Does it have a lot of pictures of us having fun? Some of you are doing a great job, some not. This is a great tool for membership growth. If your unit needs help, ask.

On to something I rarely talk about, Politics. Not the debacle in the news. I'm talking about great WBCCI politics. At the IBT we received two nominations for International Third VP. Hopefully your Unit will talk about our choices at your upcoming business meeting. Both are great candidates. I've worked with both of them. I am going to stick my neck out here because I feel very strongly about what I'm about to say. I ask for your support for Mona Heath. She is the most forward thinking person in WBCCI I have ever talked to. Some of you might have sat in on one of her membership seminars at International. She has a firm grip on the whole social media thing. People, if we want this great club of ours to keep growing that is where it's at. More and more people are connecting and doing business on line. We have to do a better job. We are only getting one out of ten new Airstream buyers.

One more thing on Politics. Come July, Artie takes over. I can't say it's all been fun but I can say it has been an honor to be your Region 5 President. Starting in July we will start to look for a Second VP. We're actually looking now but in July it will be official. You don't have to wait until July. Someone might get there before you. You can give me your name right now. If not you, who? Remember this great club only exists because of volunteerism. So let me know if you are interested. It is a great experience. Take care and see you down the road.



A WORD FROM BOB

It's pretty cold here in Chicago and I know that Sandy and I are greatly looking forward to warmer weather. We store our Airstream at a RV park north of Chicago and we go and visit it from time to time. Seems to me that our rig is cold and lonely but that will change soon.

I am very excited about the 2016 camping season. Looks like we are going to be very busy and I am in the process of setting up my (limited) vacation schedule and hope to visit at least one or two unit rallies in our Region this year. We will definitely attend the Region Rally in Madison, Indiana. We have been there before and it is a beautiful little town. Hope to see many of you there.

Thanks, keep warm and let's wear 'em out.
Bob and Sandy

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ARTIE'S THOUGHTS

Happy New Year from your Region 5 1st Vice President, Artie & Pam Martin!

Here it is already February and soon all of our units will be getting ready for their first Unit Rallies of 2016. Our Kentucky Unit is planning a BIG year! Especially since the International Rally is in Lewisburg, W.V. this year! We will have great Region 5 representation due to the proximity! We will be able to enjoy a lot of Airstreamers' company, even some who are still working for a living (like Pam and I ;))!

The Region 5 Rally will be a lot of fun! Madison, IN has a lot to offer. It's a great river town, with blocks and blocks of historical register homes and businesses! Watch your emails and newsletters closely. I will be sending out updates every month. We will handle early worker duties as we have in the past. Attention Unit Presidents: Emails will be coming soon to assign job duties!

Region 5 needs a volunteer to set up our community services. We need to pick out a charity in the area and I would like our Chair Person to have a say in what organization we choose. I would also like to thank Carol White for the incredible job she has done in the past as our Community Services Chairperson!!

I urge all of our presidents to add interesting ideas and plans to our newsletters! Drop me an email if you want to include any articles in our newsletter.

Wish me luck on the installation of new axles on our '68 Tradewind! The old girl needs a new bounce in her roll! Hey! I guess she's *a lot* like me!

A note to our southern members:

*Whether you're in
Florida, Texas or Arizona
Keep havin' the time of your lives
But in just a few short weeks
You'll be headed for Region 5!*

Safe Travels!

Artie & Pam Martin



Scenes from Madison, Indiana - site of the 2016 Region 5 rally. You won't want to miss this one! Watch the web site - <http://region5.wbcci.net/> - for registration information.

TRAVELS IN REGION 5

Remember the book, Travels With Charley? It told of the adventures of a man and his dog as they traveled to various places. If the author of that book had been in Region 5 this year, he and Charley would have had many more adventures. Fortunately, you can enjoy those adventures all season long!

May 4-8 - The Illinois Lincolnland and Southern Illinois Units are combining to travel to the Pella, Iowa, Tulip festival. This is a "three-peat" as they have discovered the festival to be one of the best. Contact John Green - jwgreen@mtco.com or Gordon White - gwhite@midwest.net

May 4-8 - The Kentucky Unit will be enjoying their traditional Kentucky Derby Rally. Come join them for lovely hats, beautiful horses and exciting adventures. Contact Pam Martin - aom1215@yahoo.com

May 12-20 - The Northern IL Unit will be enjoying a Tulip Festival also. This one will be a buddy rally Holland, MI. Check their web site for registration information - <http://northernillinois.wbcci.net/>

June 21 - Southern Indiana Unit will be traveling as group to the International Rally in West Virginia. They will have lots of fun, plenty of fellowship and wonderful adventures as they travel together to one of the beautiful areas of the United States. Contact Larry Abrams - landlabrams@gmail.com

June 28 and October 7-16 - Two caravans are being planned by the Central Indiana Unit. The first is to the International Rally in West Virginia and the second will be to areas with limestone beauty as it is entitled, "Taste of Limestone Country." Contact Lana Russell - lanarussel@gmail.com

July 20-24 - You will be able to enjoy "Christmas is July" if you travel with the Indiana unit as they travel to Frankenmuth, MI. Contact Judy and Gary Rice - gandjrice@sbcglobal.net

“OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO”

“Oh, the places you’ll go,” said Dr. Suess in his book by that title. You may not have read it as a child, but I feel sure you’ve read it to your children or grandchildren. As Airstreamers, we all know that Dr. Suess knew what he was talking about because we’re going places too!

This summer, many of you are traveling to Lewisburg, West Virginia, to attend the International Rally. As you plan that trip, consider that there are many “places to go” between your home and WV. We’re all coming from different directions, but consider some of the following adventures as you travel eastward:

Indianapolis, IN -

Indy Motor Speedway

Eiteljorg Museum

Indiana State Capitol - for those who want to visit all the state capitols

South Bend, IN - if you missed these things at the last region rally

Studebaker National Museum

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

University of Notre Dame

Louisville, KY -

Louisville Slugger Museum

Churchill Downs - many things to see here

Conrad’s Castle

Cincinnati, OH -

Union Terminal

Carew Tower - you can see it all from here

Riverwalk

Jackson Center, OH -

Airstream Factory - tours at 2 PM

Rio Grande, OH -

Original Bob Evans Ranch - there’s a restaurant there also

Point Pleasant, WV

River Walk murals - numerous detailed historical paintings

Milton, WV

Blenko Glass Factory - self guided tour

Beckley, WV

Tamarack Visitors Center - beautiful art and food as well



Eiteljorg Museum



Airstream Factory



Basilica of the Sacred Heart



Point Pleasant Murals

These are just a few of the places you can go. Use the “Trip Advisor” app (it’s free) on your smart phone or iPad and have a safe journey! See you in West Virginia!!



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