



Region 5 Report

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ESCANABA, HERE WE COME!

It's June! Time to get ready for the International Rally in Escanaba next month. In no particular order, here are some things to prepare/bring to the Rally.

1) Your passport. While you're in the UP you may wish to travel "over the border" into Canada. So, pack your passport "just in case."

2) Clothing/supplies for the weather. In mid-July, the average low is c. 55 degrees Fahrenheit and the average high is c. 75 degrees Fahrenheit. If you go into Canada, bring your metric tables. Temperatures will be on the Celsius scale; gas will be sold by the liter.

3) Bring items for the Hobby Show. There are many categories: needlework, knitting, crochet, quilting, sewing, machine embroidery, decorated clothing, plastic canvas, rugs, leather work, wood work, jewelry, ceramics/pottery, hand painted items, glass, dolls, baskets, lapidary, cards, painting, drawing, and collections. To enter, you must sign up at the Hobby Show table during registration.

4) Circle the evening entertainments—especially WBCCI Band!—on your Rally schedule.

5) Come and join the quilters. The quilting room will be open 9:00 – 4:00 during most pre-rally and rally days. This is a come-and-go activity to work on your own projects. You can leave your machines and sewing supplies as the room will be locked when not in use. On scheduled Rally days, there will be demos. Would you like to give one? You can also make a small quilt for charity. Bring your pattern, fabric and batting. An easy quilt can be made of horizontal strips or of 6 ½" squares. There are many quilt shops in the UP, lower Michigan and Wisconsin if you need to improve your fabric supply while in Escanaba or on your way.

6) Help friends in Escanaba by donating to worthy causes. Bring personal size items for the women's shelter, dog & cat food for the animal shelters, knit hats, stuffed animals, children's books and old eye glasses. Make your presence felt in a *positive* way!

7) Share your talent at the WBCCI talent show. Contact Carol Ortiz carolortiz1686@yahoo.com

8) Don't forget your golf clubs! There's a 9 AM shotgun start, four person scramble at 9 AM on July 24, 2017. Contact Glenn Taylor for more information. gettat@ymail.com

9) Bring your pet's best costume and tricks for the Pet Show July 23. Come see the pet show even if you don't have a pet. You'll have a lot of fun and go back to your rig with "cuteness" overload.

10) Polish your dancing shoes for the Club Airstream DJ Music Party July 27, 2017. You can dance the night away!

11) Most importantly, plan on meeting new people and making new friends by bringing your best attribute – your SMILE!!

BE SURE TO BRING:

42 feet of extension Cords—50/30 or 110
Any adapters or splitters for electricity
Drinking water hoses (not garden hoses that contain carcinogens)
[Two 25 footers or one 50 footer]
A water hose "Y" (connectors without valves are best)

REMEMBER:

If you want to park with someone, rendezvous outside the fair-grounds and enter the bullpen at the same time. The parking crew with TRY to park you together.



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ARTIE'S THOUGHTS

Hello Region 5 Airstreamers !!!
Camping Season is finally here!



By now I'm sure everyone has been out to at least one rally. It always feels so good to see old friends, make new ones, and catch up with everything that is happening!

Region 5 membership numbers are on an up-swing! I checked with Jackson Center and we have 56 members traveling to Escanaba to attend the International Rally in July. It is not too late to attend the International Rally, but you would probably have to stay off site. Pam and I can't wait to see the lakes again. It is so beautiful in Northern Michigan! Kid Rock even wrote a song about it! One of the lines says, "It was summertime in Northern Michigan." So come up north and join us on the peninsula between Lake Michigan and Lake Superior!

You are all invited to attend a Region 5 Luncheon during the International on Monday, July 24th, 2017. We will be dining at award winning "Hereford and Hops" at 12:30 pm. We will enjoy award winning ribs! The cost for this will be \$20 per person. If you want to attend this luncheon, go to the registration tables at Escanaba. We will have a sign-up sheet for the Region 5 Luncheon, the money for the luncheon will be collected and you will receive your ticket(s). Bring your tickets to the restaurant!

As it has always been, please bring a door prize gift to the luncheon. Bring one gift per couple attending. If you are coming as a single, bring one gift as well.

The Region 5 Rally "Falls for Horses" is going to be a blast this year! Sept 13-17, 2017 at the KY Horse Park in Lexington, KY. On line registration is now open at <http://region5.wbcc.net/region-5-rally/>.

The price of \$250.00 for 2 persons includes:

- 4 nights camping
- 3 breakfasts
- pot lucks
- a "Sundown" dinner banquet at the KY Horse Park Museum
- 1 full day pass to the KY Horse Park and all activities
- Horse Farm tour with retired KY Derby Winners
- Toyota Camry Factory Tour
- 2 nights of entertainment
- Horse Race games
- Lots of fun stuff.

Bring your bikes!!! There is a 12-mile asphalt bike trail called "Legacy Bike Trail" that runs from the Horse Park to downtown Lexington.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Escanaba and Lexington !!!

Safe Travels! Artie and Pam Martin #21931

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A WORD FROM BOB

Greetings to all our Region 5 Friends,

Well the camping season is in full swing here in Northern Illinois. We had our season kick off rally at the Lee County Fairgrounds in Amboy Illinois in April. NIU President Rick Wendorf did a great job getting this rally organized. We had about 11 rigs show up and all had a great time with beautiful weather and some very fine dining.

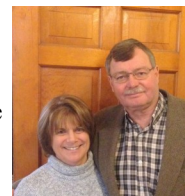
I love "Tech Time" and we had a number of shake down issues to deal with including a stubborn plastic drain plug in an Attwood water heater. Eventually skill and perseverance paid off and the repairs were made.

May 11 we had a group head out to Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan. This is a fantastic camp ground with large paved sites and full hook up. We spent the next couple of days touring the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the River Rouge Plant and Henry Ford's home at Fairlane. Again the weather was beautiful and the attractions were first rate. If you have not been to these locations, put it on your list as a visit is definitely worthwhile. Plan on at least 2 days to take it all in.

Hope everyone in Region 5 is able to participate in your Unit activities and we look forward to seeing you all at the International and Region 5 Rallies.

Keep safe and see you all soon.

Bob and Sandy Whitesell



CHRIS'S VIEW

Hello from Ossian,

Since our last letter, Nancy and I have been out camping a couple of times already in April and May. Both times have been cold and raining. I hope the weather gets a little better when we go out the next time. We can't wait for the International Rally in Escanaba. Neither of us has been to the upper peninsula of Michigan. We hope to see a lot of Region 5 people there. We like spending time with our Airstream friends.

In life, things change at a blink of eye. We found out since February that Nancy's JCPenney store is closing at the end of July. Nancy is going to be one of the last ones out of the store. She is coming up to Escanaba and will have to leave early to get back to the store to close it. We always believe when God closes a door, he will open another.

We also had Nancy's step father-in-law go into the hospital for multiple things that went wrong. He is home now. We had a lot of time in the last few months to see what is important in life and what is not. We all need to step back once in a while and look at our lives. You should see whom and what is important. You might want to tell someone how important they are to you and give them a great big bear hug.

If you can, please help your unit as much as you can. All the units are better if a lot of people help a little rather than one or two doing a lot. If you are not coming to Escanaba, I hope to see you down in Lexington in Sept.

See you down the road.

Christopher and Nancy Seplak



ROLAND KEIM

1934-2017

Roland Keim, Past President of Region 5, passed away May 19, 2017. Roland, who was also a Past President of the former Southern Illinois Unit, was president of Region 5 from 2002-2004. Roland's region rallies were held in DuQuoin, IL and Rantoul, IL with the Rantoul rally being the first WBCCI Region Rally to be held at the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum. Roland was wise in his counsel with young officers and always considered the good of the club in his decision making. He will truly be missed in WBCCI. He was predeceased by his wife Ruth. He is survived by three sons, 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A sister Marian (Roger) Hoffmann, a former member of WBCCI and past First Lady of the former Southern Illinois Unit, also survives him.

LEROY PITTMAN

1919-2017

LeRoy Pittman, Past International Chaplain and Past Region 5 Chaplain for many years, passed away March 23, 2017, in Carbondale, IL. LeRoy was also Past President of the former Southern Illinois Unit of WBCCI. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera. LeRoy began his religious service as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He had been a source of comfort to many over his long years of service and will be greatly missed. He is survived by two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY UNIT CHECKLIST

The 2017 International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will take place in Escanaba, MI, July 22-July 29. To assist Units in keeping track of activities and responsibilities at the International Rally, a check list is provided.

REGION 5 LUNCHEON - The luncheon is scheduled for July 24, 2017, at 12:30 PM at Hereford and Hops Restaurant. Purchase your \$20 ticket during Registration in Escanaba at the Region 5 table. **Units should plan on bringing door prizes to the luncheon.** (See President's message elsewhere in this newsletter.)

UNIT DELEGATES - Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting Wednesday, July 26. Be sure the delegate and alternate have the appropriately signed credentials that were mailed to each Unit President by WBCCI headquarters. *Delegates and alternates will present their signed documents at the Credentials Desk during registration* where they will receive their delegate ribbon. Suggested attire for the Delegates' Meeting is business casual-Blue Beret optional.

UNIT FLAG BEARER - The Unit flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony July 22, should wear dark slacks/skirt and a collared shirt/blouse - Blue Beret optional. Bring Unit flag and flag poles to opening and closing ceremonies. Flag bearers should check the rally program for date and time of practice.

UNIT PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION DINNER - Unit presidents and spouses are invited to the Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner July 25. Suggested attire is business casual.