



Region 5 Report

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IT'S TIME TO THINK "TRAVEL!"

Stories from the road....

One of the joys of Airstreaming is travel. This winter we have traveled to the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas (again). We have a park model here. We head home again during severe storm season. It's easier to be nimble with the car alone than worrying about the trailer in a tornado.

Spring has come here, the sun is shining, the wind is blowing, and we've had lots of showers - more than usual for south Texas. It's all good! Our summer travel plans include another trip to the UP. Last year was so much fun!! We didn't see enough though, so we're going back. This year we plan to see more of the western part of the UP and visit some of the folks that winter in the same RV park as we do during the winter.

We're also remembering the fun of the previous trip to Salem, OR. That was our first big trip west. We traveled through Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho on our way. So much to see, so open the country, so vast the blue skies above. When the International Rallies to Bozeman and Gillette were announced we were certainly ready for more of that great country!!

We enjoyed Salem as well as trips to Portland to see family and to find Powell's Book Store—an amazing independent bookstore which occupies an entire block in downtown Portland—and a great fabric shop. We traveled toward the coast, checked out the Columbia River Gorge and enjoyed awesome cheese. So many wonderful memories.

We wish you joy on your travels this year.

Carol White, contributor

Happy Easter Region 5!

The winter weeks are flying by, the days go one by one.
Punxsutawney Phil has past us by, I feel a warmer Sun.

Soon be time to de-winterize, March is so deceiving.
A few more weeks of warming up and the Airstream will be leaving.

Pack the bearings and check the brakes, be sure to check the tires.

It won't be long, I'll be long gone and sittin by the fires.

Test the lights and check for leaks in all those water lines.

Fix-em now while you're in town to ensure a real good time.

Don't forget another thing cause it would be a shame.

To take her out and have a doubt about leaking propane.

Check the fridge and freezer too, make sure they're good and cold.

Cause buying ice and filling coolers surely does get old.

Inspect the awning just give it a pull, you know you want to try.

Once you've found your first campground, don't let your Zip-Dee Die!

It's been awhile since she had a smile as I'm looking in the mirror.

But day by day and one more day the weather's getting clearer.

Plug her in and lift her vents she loves the warm spring air.

Sometimes I feel her come alive, She lets me know she cares.

I say why not – she's got a lot, of memories stored inside.

If she could talk, she would unlock, the love she feels inside.

She knows its time, to get in line with other Airstreams too.

For as we are camping with our Airstream friends,

Her friends are Airstreams too!!!!

Happy 50th Birthday to our 1968 Airstream Tradewind !!!



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YOU'RE GOING WHERE?

REGION 5

Spring is fast approaching and from the news on the web sites of some of the region 5 units, many of our members will be using the good weather to travel. The following units have indicated when and where their first rallies will be held. Join them if you can!

Central Indiana Airstream Club: May 4-6 Brown County State Park. Contact Club President Chris Dillow.



Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club: April 27-30 Heart of Illinois – Camp Lakewood, Effingham, IL. Contact John and Susan Swearingen – smsflyfisher@hotmail.com



Indiana Airstream Club: May 31-June 3 Spring/Election Rally Riverfront Park CG, Niles, MI. Contact Judy Rice—gandjrice@sbcglobal.net



Northern Illinois Airstream Club: April 6-8 Spring Rally, Lee County Fairground, Amboy, IL. Contact Club President John Sanders.



INTERNATIONAL

It won't be long before many of you will be working your way toward lovely Salem, Oregon, for the 61st annual WBCCI International Rally. Before you reach your destination you will have encountered such a wide variety of attractions and geography that you might begin to feel like you have been around the world. This editor hopes that you all enjoy your journey and return many wonderful memories to share. Bon Voyage!



Paris, Illinois



Mexico, Missouri



Alhambra Rock, Utah



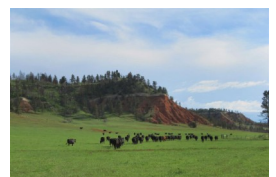
New London, Iowa



Minden, Nebraska



Lebanon, Colorado



Newcastle, Wyoming



Moscow, Idaho



Madras, Oregon

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS—PLEASE NOTE!!!

The *Region 5 Luncheon will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Salem, 3301 Market Street NE, Salem, OR, on Tuesday, June 26 at 11:45 AM.* This is a plated lunch with a choice of either Grilled Salmon or Chicken Marsala. Cost will be eighteen dollars (\$18) plus a nineteen percent (19%) service charge. There will be a sign up list during registration at the International Rally.

Each member unit please bring a door prize. In this way, there will be enough door prizes for each member unit to receive one.

Thanks to Monte Barksdale for making the above arrangements.

DELEGATES TO VOTE Salem—2018

During the Midwinter IBT the following motion was approved for forwarding to the Delegates for a vote at the 2018 International Rally in Salem, OR.

The motion concerns the wording of the Constitution, Article IX, Board of Trustees, Section 5. The proposed change is as follows:

OLD WORDING:

There shall be three (3) meetings of the Board of Trustees each year. One such meeting shall be held preceding the International Club Rally at which the Board ends its term, one such meeting at which the Board begins its term, and one during the first calendar quarter except that the President may cancel the first calendar quarter meeting. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Trustees upon giving the members thereof ten (10) days prior written notice of the time and place of any such special meeting.

NEW WORDING:

There shall be three (3) meetings of the Board of Trustees each year. The President may elect to hold one such meeting prior to or during the International Club Rally at which the Board ends its term and the first meeting at which the Board begins its term during or following the International rally. The third will be held during the first calendar quarter at the discretion of the President. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Trustees upon giving the members thereof ten (10) day prior written notice of the time and place of any such special meeting.

All units please be prepared to vote on this motion at the Delegates Meeting in Salem, OR.

MIDWINTER IBT ATTENDEES PARTICIPATE IN RED NOSE CAMPAIGN.

Thanks to the Region 3 President and First Lady John and Eileen Frerking, the WBCCI members attending the midwinter IBT rally held in Region 3 were able to enjoy a fun Red Nose Day while helping a worthy cause. The Red Nose campaign is a partnership between Walgreens and the Comic Relief Charity which helps children in lower income areas. The red noses publicizing the charity fit with the circus theme of the Midwinter IBT rally and it was a win-win for all involved.

Hello members of Region 5!

Pam and I made the trek to Sarasota in January to attend the Winter IBT 2018. I would like to share some of what happened at the meetings:

President Jim Cocke reported since his term started we have:

Added four new Special Event Rallies;

Added seven new and previously offered caravans, for a total of 17 caravans;

Increased the rate of membership enrollment;

Developed membership initiatives;

Attended the RVIA meeting to exchange information with similar RV associations.

Approximately 30 units changed their names, flags, and or badges.

A motion was approved thru committee that now allows President approved committees to use electronic communication to be used for official meetings and business. In the future we will be able to attend committee meetings and voice opinions using all the various modes, such as email, conference call, teleconferencing etc. I am sitting on the committee that is investigating what the club needs are to accomplish this task.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: President, Jim Cocke, appointed two Special Committees. They are the Electronic Meeting Attendance Committee, Jim Polk, Chairman, Artie Martin, Tom Smithson, Pete Yanke; and the Region Leadership Options Committee, Grady Ferry, Chairman, Artie Martin, Jim Polk, Terri Warren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barry Bell announced that next year's Mid-Winter IBT will be January 14-18, 2019, at the Baldwin County Coliseum and Arena Facilities in Robertsedale, Alabama.

We had great entertainment: "64 to Grayson" is a Christian Country band out of Grayson, Ky, and a circus act called "Nerveless Nocks" which were very talented!

The deadline for filing any motions for the International Rally in Salem, Oregon is May 1st, 2018. If you need any assistance or have any questions please get in touch with me:

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Please don't contact Jackson Center about motions. They will just refer you to me!!!

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can in our travels this year!!!

Thank-You!

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CHRIS'S VIEW

Hope everyone is doing well. We are surviving another Indiana winter. Congratulations to all the units, oops, Airstream Clubs that have a new name. I think we all have the same idea that it will help in the long run to show that we are associated

to be Airstream owners. Nancy and I are getting cabin fever really bad. We are ready to get our Airstream out and start exploring the world, but that is down the road.

For the ones that are still up in the region area, get out to a park and take in the beauty of the winter. Sorry to the ones in snowbird country, I've been down there only once. The snow on the trees, animals running around looking for food, woodpeckers knocking on trees, God has made a great picture to take in outside in the winter. Get to a park, it will relax you.

Remember that this club is only as great as its volunteers. It's a lot easier for everyone if more take a little bit than one person to do a lot. Please help your Airstream club.

I hope your Easter is a great one and have fun exploring this great world in your Airstreams.

See you down road,
Christopher and Nancy



A WORD FROM BOB

Hello to all members of Region 5

Hope you are surviving the winter weather. We have had quite a bit of snow up here in Chicago but today it is sunny and 40 degrees, not bad for early March.

I'm sure most of you are anticipating another exciting year Airstreaming. I know Sandy and I are. We have our kick off rally at Lee County Fairgrounds in early April and I am very much looking forward to it. Need to get the rig cleaned up, check the tires and batteries and get on the road. Lots of other stuff planned as well so it looks to be a busy camping season.

Everyone should have received a flier describing the upcoming Region 5 Rally in Springfield, Illinois. It is scheduled to run from September 26th to September 30th. I know this conflicts with the Sugar Creek Rally but we hope you folks can attend and we have a nice event scheduled for you. More to come on this later.

So be patient, the cold weather will be leaving soon and Springtime will be upon us. Let's get our rigs ready to go and looking forward to getting together. Keep safe and warm,

Thanks
Bob



Save the Date 43rd Region 5 Rally

“Lands of Lincoln”

Illinois State Fairground
Springfield, IL

The three states of our region are Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. These are also the three states that Abraham Lincoln resided in before he became our 16th president of the United States of America. You can have three or more days to explore and learn of his life.

Contact the Fairgrounds at 217-557-57827 and reserve your site. Indicate that you are part of the Airstream Region 5 Rally. They will group us all together.

3 breakfasts will be provided by selected units
Pot Luck dinner will be on Friday.
A banquet will be provided on Saturday evening.
Happy hour and campfires will be had all three days.

Come and enjoy Friends, Fellowship and Fun!

More details will follow