

Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Bob Moyers, President May, 2009 Bill Schrader, Editor

Checklist for the 2009 International

The 2009 International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will take place at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin June 28-July 4.

This marks the second time the International Rally has been staged in Wisconsin. The first Wisconsin rally was in 1959 at Wisconsin Dells.

To assist Units in keeping track of activities and responsibilities at the International Rally a check list is provided below.

Region 5 Luncheon. Scheduled for Wed., July 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Madison Elks Club, located at 711 Jenifer St., on Lake Monona, approximately three miles from the Alliant Energy Center. Highlights of the luncheon will be the report of the Nominating Committee and awarding of the Merit and Superior Merit awards to qualifying Units (See map page 3)

Region 5 Luncheon door prizes. Unit presidents are reminded that Units are urged to provide door prize(s) to be given away at the end of the luncheon. Handmade items are preferred.

Region 5 Picnic. On July 4 Region 5 will again have a picnic luncheon at noon in Barn #3. Cost will be \$1.50 to cover the cost of the meat. Those attending should plan on bringing a dish to share. Further information on the picnic and

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Message from President Bob Moyers

Lee and I just received letters from the government informing us that we will each get a \$250.00 check. WOW! Extra money. What do we do with extra money? Pay bills, put it in the bank? How about using it to go to the International rally in Madison, Wisconsin? It would almost be like having a free vacation. I hope you consider joining us at Madison for all of the International and Region 5 activities that are planned. Jerry and Joan Larson have planned a great rally at a fantastic location. You won't be disappointed.

Lee and I wish a speedy recovery to our Region 5 Treasurer, Ron Gordy, who had both knees replaced. Get well soon, Ron.

Our region luncheon will be at the Elks Club on July 1 at 11 a.m. and the July 4 picnic will be at noon in Barn #3. Please plan to attend.

I am proud to announce that all the units in Region 5 achieved the merit award. Good job. We hope everyone enjoys the spring and we hope to see you at Madison.

Bob Moyers President Region 5



The main entrance to the General George Patton Museum located at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The museum is one of the largest in the U.S. Army Museum System.

Number of attractions near Brandenburg, KY

Thursday will be tour day at the Region 5 Hillybilly Haven Rally at Brandenburg, Ky. Sept. 16-20.

Three outstanding tours to nearby attractions have been planned by President Bob Moyers and First Lady Lee.

These three premier destinations will be:

- The General George Patton Museum at Fort Knox, Kentucky;
- The Schmidt Coca Cola Museum in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; and
- The Civil War Battlefield at Corydon, Indiana with lunch at



View from the Overlook Restaurant

the scenic Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, Indiana.

The Patton Museum was officially dedicated on May 30, 1949 by Beatrice Patton, widow of the general. It was expanded in 1972 and again in 1992.

The Museum consists of the Patton, WW1, WW2 and Post (Continued on page 2)

Unit's checklist for the 2009 International

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tickets will be available at the Region 5 table at registration. Unit delegates. Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting on Tuesday, June 30 at 8:30 a.m. Be sure the delegate and alternate have the appropriately signed credentials that were mailed to each Unit by WBCCI headquarters. Delegates and alternates will turn in their signed documents at the Credentials Desk in the Registration area where they will receive their delegate ribbons. Delegates and alternates are urged to attend the International Board of Trustees seminar Wednesday, June 24, at 8:30 a.m. and the International Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, June 26, at 8 a.m. to be informed on the issues (Story on issues on page 3). Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner. Unit presidents and spouses are invited to attend the Unit Presidents' Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, June 27, at 6 p.m. in Hall M-1, 2 and 3. The dinner is only for Unit presidents. No substitutes. Dress code is dark suit and tie for men: street length or semi-formal dresses for women. Unit Bulletin Boards. Don't forget to bring the Unit Bulletin Board to be hung at the International.. It would be great if Region 5 could have 100 percent participation this year. Information on the bulletin board specifications and associated competition appeared in a recent Blue Beret. Unit Publication Contest. Units are encouraged to enter newsletters and directories in the Unit Publication Contest. A table to sign up for the contest will be at registration. Judging for the contest will be Wednesday, July 1 with viewing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Whether your entry wins or not this is an excellent opportunity to get feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of your publications. A Unit Publications Training Seminar has been scheduled again this year. It will be held on Friday, July 3 at 1 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room on the second floor. Unit Officers Workshops. Four Unit Officer Workshops have been scheduled for this year and all Unit officers and people thinking about being an officer are urged to attend. The seminars are: Thursday, July 2 8:30 to 10 a.m. – Can you be a WCCI Leader? Yes you can (45 minutes) and Basic Operations for WBCCI Units (45 minutes). Thursday, July 2, 10:15 to 12 noon – Immediate Past Unit Officers – Our Stories! Friday, July 3, 8:30 to 10 a.m. – Unit Planning Guide and Merit Award Program (45 minutes) and Constitution and Bylaws and Fun With Roberts Rules (45 minutes). Friday, July 3, 10:15 to 12 noon – Unit Rally – How To Have Fun. Unit Flag Bearer. The Unit flag bearer at the opening ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28, and at the closing ceremony on July 4, should wear dark slacks/skirt, white shirt/blouse, red tie, dark shoes and socks and Blue Beret. Bring your Unit flag and flag pole for the opening and closing ceremony. Flag practice 3 p.m. June 28. Dress for practice is casual. Flag poles are needed for the prac-



An 1950s Coca Cola soda fountain at the Schmidt Museum

Patton Museum is one of the Army's largest

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World War galleries, a Special Exhibit area, The Emert L. Davis Memorial Library, outdoor displays, and the Armor Park.

The General Patton Museum contains the largest collection of Patton artifacts in the world, including personal items used by General Patton throughout his life.

The Museum hosts over 125,000 visitors annually.

The United States Army Armor Center Memorial Park is dedicated to the soldiers who fought with Armor in wars of the 20th Century. It commemorates organizations from the Army that are recognized in the official Army Order Battle and served in a combat theater.

The Schmidt Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia is a 32,000 square foot facility in Elizabethtown, Ky. that opened in 2006. Displays include antique Coca Cola delivery vehicles, turn of the Century bottling works,



Armor Memorial Park at Patton Museum

vending machines, toys, bottle displays, signs and the only complete collection of classic Coca-Cola serving trays. There is also a Museum store. The museum is located at 109 Buffalo Creek Dr. in Elizabethtown and is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Corydon was the site of the only Civil War battle fought in Indiana. On July 9, 1863, a contingent led by Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan crossed the Ohio River into Indiana. Over 2,500 mounted cacvalry men with two pieces of artillery engaged about 400 home guard in the Battle of Corydon resulting in a Confederate victory and the town surrendering to Morgan.

From Corydon the tour heads east for Levenworth and lunch at the historic Overlook Restaurant high above the Ohio River on Highway 62. The Overlook has been providing "High Point Dining Along the Ohio" since 1948

tice, but not the flags.

Major issues will be before WBCCI delegates

When the Wally Byam Caravan Club International delegates representing each of the organization's Units, have their official meeting June 30 they will have an agenda with three items.

The delegate meeting will begin with an open forum at 8:30 a.m. to be followed by the official delegate meeting when the votes will be cast.

Before the delegates will be two proposed constitutional amendments and the report of the 2008-09 Nominating Committee for International Officers.

Amendment No. 1

The International Board of Trustees propose to review the Constitution, Article II, to add Vision and Mission statements reflecting the work of the 2020 Planning Committee.

The Vision Statement would read:

Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc. maintains a unique position of strength and visibility among recreational organizations as the recreational vehicle club of choice for Airstream owners.

The Mission Statement would read:

Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Inc. is a diverse community of Airstream owners with a commitment to Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

Amendment No. 2

The International Board of Trustees has proposed to amend the Constitution, Article XII, Delegates Meeting, Section 4, to read as follows: Sec. 4. Each Unit shall be represented at the Delegates Meetby one Delegate or an Alternate. The Delegate shall be a Regular Member of the Unit represented. The Alternate may be a Regular Member of the Unit represented or an Affiliate Member of the Unit to be represented and a Regular Member of a Unit with the Same Region as the Unit represented. No Delegate or Alternate may represent more than one Unit at the Delegates Meeting.

Nominating Committee Report

The 2008-2009 Nominating Committee will propose the following slate for consideration by the Delegates:

International President Tom Collier

International 1st Vice President Norm Beu

International 2nd Vice President Barry Heckenswiler

International 3rd Vice President Don Clark

International Recording Secretary Anne Werth

International Treasurer Myron Fischer

Nominating Committee Roy B. Bernd

Nominating Committee Don McKelvay

Other candidates for these offices may run from the floor, according to WBCCI Constitution, Article XIII, Sec. 5.

One candidate, Leo Garvey, has announced he will be running from the floor for the Nominating Committee. Garvey is a member of the Metropolitan New York Unit.

Resumes of the slate of officers were included in the April issue of the Blue Beret.

Region 5 has implemented a membership plan

By Bob Gregory

Region 5 2nd Vice President, Membership Chairman

The good news for all the Region 5 members is: The weather is telling all of us that it is time to roll the Airstreams out of the garages, barns, sheds, caves or where ever and get them ready for a rally. It is kind of challenging the first time you go out and take a long close look at what is facing you to "get her ready". Once through the first layer the rest is a piece of cake.

Moving into the Retention of our present unit members and Recruiting of new members into our RV family, I want to thank you for the effort that each of you so justly deserve for having worked in the R&R arena in your unit and community this year. Without you doing your part we would not have had a Wally Byam Caravan Club International all these many years. Once you develop those "Centers of Influence" (CI) that refer leads to you year after year, getting them in and attending their first rally closes the loop for you as a recruiter. Ideally, you would then pass them on to the unit retention chairperson for follow up and staying in touch throughout the year. Asking families to join your unit and then after they join asking them to stay each year thereafter sounds like a plan doesn't it, it even looks good on paper. We have the plan and thanks for giving it a try this year.

We will be getting the number of gains and losses for each unit from Jackson Center in the first part of July. Good luck to you and your unit in this the first year of the Region Membership plan. Someone should be a winner in the "We did it 2009" competition that started July 1st 2008. The winners will be announced at the Region 5 Rally in September.

I am reminded of the story of the young boy that was walking barefoot to school one morning all the while thinking of how terrible it was that he had no shoes to wear. As he walked into the classroom he saw another boy shuffling into the classroom, with the aid of a crutch, and missing one of his feet. All of the sudden he realized he was not as bad off as he thought. That thought rings in my mind on occasion and causes me to smile and realize that I am doing just great. See you down the road.



Region 5 International Lunch at Elks

The annual Region 5 luncheon at the Madison, Wis. International Rally will be held at the Elks Club at 711 Jenifer Street beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Elks Club is on Lake Monona 3.1 miles from the Alliant Energy Center.

News from the Units

Southern Illinois Lincoln caravan

Gordon and Carol White from the Southern Illinois Unit are planning a three to four day caravan to Lincoln sites in Kentucky immediately following the September Region 5 Rally at Brandenburg, KY.

Details of the caravan will be available in June

Tornado destroys Taylor home

The home of Delilah Taylor, a past president of the Southern Indiana Unit, was destroyed by a tornado in March.

Taylor was at her Fayetteville home when the tornado struck but escaped injury.

The tornado completely leveled the homes of three of Taylor's neighbors.

New member gets camp night free

Kentucky Unit President Shala Wilson announced before the Unit's first rally a special incentive for new members.

For any member whose attendance at the Kentucky Derby Reunion Rally would be their first they would receive the first night's campground fee free.

No indication of takers but this thinking "outside the box" is positive for the future.

Membership brochure kit available

A kit that can be used to create a Unit membership brochure is available to all Region 5 Units.

The only prerequisite is that someone in the Unit have access to Publisher.

The kit includes a disk with the tri-fold brochure included. Three of the pages can be changed to create a membership brochure for the Unit.

For more information contact Bill Schrader at bschrad@aol.com.

2009 Computerfest Sept. 13~15 at Meade County Fairgrounds

The 2009 Region 5 Computerfest Rally is once again being held in conjunction with the Region 5 Rally at the Meade County Fairgrounds in Brandenburg, Kentucky, Sunday, Sept. 13 through Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The computer rally fee includes three nights of parking (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) with 20 amp electric, water, two full breakfasts (the Bob Green specials), demonstrations, ten seminars over a two-day period, one-on-one assistance and Wi-FI connection to the Internet.

The two full days of seminars will cover topics including creating and adding to a Unit web site, producing a Unit newsletter and directory, Introduction to Windows, Spreadsheetas, Digital Photography, Excel, Photoshop, Using the Internet, GPS Systems and more. If you have a subject you would like to have covered or have questions contact Bill Schrader, 812-275-1955 or by email at bschrad500@aol.com

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Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI, to Ron Gordy, Region 5 Treasurer, 202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909. Full refund cancellation accepted until Sept. 3.	
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