



# Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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## Constitution issue key one for WBCCI

A revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Wally Byam Caravan Club International has been proposed by the Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee and will be voted on at the annual delegates meeting in DuQuoin June 30.

The committee was appointed by International President Norm Beu in July 2010 with a charge to revise the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws. The revision process differs from amending because it includes multiple and significant changes and becomes a new document.

The committee of five members was named with Dona Garner, WBCCI Parliamentarian, as chair. Countless hours were spent over six months developing a consensus on revisions.

The finished documents were turned over to President Beu for dissemination in April and were posted on the WBCCI website which they could be viewed by all members.

Units are encouraged to conduct a review meeting for members to make a determination how its delegate should vote at the

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### *Message from President Louise Humble*

I know you all have heard the old saying "April showers bring May flowers." Well, if that adage holds true, we all ought to be over loaded with flowers – that is if they can push their beautiful heads above the water line. It has certainly been a wet and windy spring.

Let's hope that this "iffy" weather doesn't keep you from attending the many rallies that are being held in our region throughout May. Some of you have already had your first business meeting and some of you are getting ready to do that very soon. I know there is a lot of business to be conducted – business that will require much thought on the part of each member. If at all possible, please attend these meetings to voice your opinion so that your delegate to the International rally can be sure that s/he knows your wishes and can vote accordingly at the delegates' meeting.

As each of us studies the business of WBCCI, please keep in mind that Region 5 is in need of your experience. Our region has always maintained a full complement of officers and we definitely have the talent in this region to continue to do so. As our club faces a possible restructuring, I would ask that each of you considers your place in the organization. This is a time for

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Eli Lilly world headquarters in Indianapolis

## Region 5 Rally will offer wide assortment of tours

Having a Region Rally near a large city like Indianapolis, IN has a number of advantages.

One of the major ones is the wide range of attractions that are available for tours.

And Region 5 President Louise Humble and husband, Jerry, have taken full advantage of this opportunity with the assortment of tours they have lined up for the 2011 Region 5 Rally to be held Sept, 14-18 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville, located 15 miles west of Indianapolis on Ind. 36.

Four tours have been scheduled...the downtown Indianapolis Eli Lilly Inc. headquarters,

Challenger Learning Center in Brownsburg, the One Room School in Pittsboro and the Hendricks County Museum in Danville.

Eli Lilly Inc. is the 10th largest pharmaceutical company in the world and was founded in 1876 in Indianapolis by Col. Eli Lilly, a 38-year-old Civil War veteran and pharmaceutical chemist. The company today has over 38,000 employees worldwide. It has manufacturing and research facilities in Indianapolis and 13 other countries. The tour will include a



1885 One Room School in Pittsboro

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## At the Mardi Gras Rally

Karen and Barry Bell, Mike and Mary Jo Brown and Mike Zimmerman and Carol Beardshear from the Central Indiana Unit attended the Mardi Gras Rally in New Orleans. From left Mike Zimmerman, Barry and Mike Brown attended the Krewe of Tin Cans Masquerade Ball dressed as "Three Blind Mice." Photo from the Unit's Ticker newsletter.

## Lilly plant tour rare opportunity for attendees at Region 5 Rally

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visit to a recreation of the original Eli Lilly office, seeing how medicines were produced in the early days, a view of the headquarters and a Dutch treat luncheon in the corporate cafeteria.

In 1986 the Challenger Center for Space Education was created to carry on the legacy of the Challenger space shuttle crew who died tragically in an earlier space flight. In the past 25 years the Challenger Centers have grown to 48 throughout the country including one in Brownsburg, Ind. That one will be the destination for a Region 5 tour. The Center offers simulated space missions where participants execute mission directives including rendezvous with a comet, returning to the moon, encountering earth or a voyage to Mars. The Center is cutting edge.

Another Region 5 tour will give you an opportunity to step back in time to 1911 and join school marm Doris Martin at the Pittsboro One Room School #3 for lessons in elocution and ciphering and assume the persona of one of the students who attended the school in 1911. You will use books, maps and slates from 1911 along with modern amenities of the time.

The Hendricks County Museum will be the destination for a tour. The museum was once the county jail, which was connected with the county sheriff's Victorian home. The tour will take you through both and allow you to move from one world to another by passing through the doorway. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Included are artifacts from Central Normal College, which was located in Danville. You will also find period furniture and equipment along with American Indian artifacts.

The one-room-school and Challenger tours cost \$5 each. The other two are free. Sign up when registering for the rally.

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International delegates meeting in June. The vote could be on accepting or rejecting all the changes in whole; accepted or rejected in sections; modified line by line; or new proposals presented and voted on.

A wealth of information has been produced by the Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee, approximately 85 pages.

Some club policies and practices are changed significantly and some are primarily editorial in nature.

Some highlights of the changes that are being proposed by the committee are:

- A direct membership vote for International officers and for constitution amendments

- Greater flexibility for the dates of the International Rally.

- A streamlined and more democratic system for making amendments to the constitution, which will make it easier for grassroots proposals to be considered.

- A wider use of electronic means for conducting business throughout the club.

Southern Illinois Unit Newsletter Editor Gordon White made an important point in his assessment: "Let's remember Wally Byam formed and organized WBCCI to make it a member led, volunteer

operated Airstream organization focused on Fun, Fellowship and Adventure. Let's hold on to these values! As one member commented, let's focus on Airstreaming like Wally did!

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## Report from President Humble

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members with new ideas and the willingness to implement them to step forward and accept the office of Region 5 Vice President. If a member of the nominating committee asks you to accept an office, please realize that great confidence has been placed in you and say, "Yes." Your region needs you.

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**To be named**



# Region 5's Beals heads Communications Committee

Last January International President Norm Beu announced the creation of a new Electronic Communication Committee with the charge of overseeing all forms of the Club's electronic communications, taking the scattered online media and combine them into an integrated system.

Beu turned to Region 5 for a chairman of this new committee, selecting Damon Beals from the Central Indiana Unit.

Beals, and his wife, Erin, live just outside Indianapolis. They have been WBCCI members for four years and are second generation Airstreamers. His parents, Hallie and Marsha, are also members of the Central Indiana Unit.

Damon and Erin attended their first International rally at Madison, Wis. in 2009 and there he was selected as a new member of the 2020 Long Range Planning Committee. The Beals have two Airstreams, a 31-foot 1998 Excella 1000 and a 22-foot 2002 International CCD. They travel with four Boston Terriers.

Both Damon and Erin work for Indiana University on the Indianapolis campus. He is a Network Engineer and she is a telephone operator. Damon's hobby is collecting Pinball machines and he has 15 of them in his basement. He is a past president of the Indianapolis Unit of the Porsche Club of America.

Damon's first task as Electronics Committee chairman was to select other members of the committee from volunteers. He selected five other members including three from Region 5...Carol Beardshear from Central Indiana, Dwight Dixon from Northern Illinois and Bill Schrader from Southern Indiana.



**Damon Beals and wife, Erin**

"I believe the ECC role should be changed to encompass more than just forum administration," Damon commented. "The Internet is no longer a passing phase and the club needs to move forward and use the Internet to its advantage."

"My vision for the ECC to integrate all of the various WBCCI functions into one place. There is no reason why we should have a website in one place, an email server in another, yet another for Unit websites, still another for the forums and one more for the Blue Beret."

## International Rally alerts

**DOOR PRIZES.** Units are reminded to bring door prizes to DuQuoin to be given away at the Region 5 Luncheon in the Second Heat Buildings on the Fairgrounds June 29. As in the past hand-made, or regionally oriented items are encouraged.

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**BULLETIN BOARDS.** It would be great for Region 5 to have 100 percent participation in the Bulletin Board display at the DuQuoin International. Producing a bulletin board that you feel might win an award isn't a prerequisite. Just put something together that captures the unique characteristics of your Unit. Most of all, be represented.

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Join your friends in Region 5 for a 4th of July picnic. Region 5 will host a picnic lunch at noon on July 4 at the air-conditioned First Heat Building. Sign up for the picnic at registration when you get tickets for the Region 5 lunch. No better way to spend the 4th of July than with friends.

## Region 5 News in Brief

### Membership chairman

Since Region 5 is having difficulty finding a Second Vice President Louise Humble has appointed a new membership chairman for the Region, a position normally held by the Second Vice President. The new chairman is Doris Meier, #2710, from the Southern Illinois Unit. "Barry and I have been trying to keep up with things," Humble said. "But they will go better with someone specifically assigned to that chairmanship. Doris' email is doartmir@frontiernet.net"

### Kentucky E Newsletter

Larry Spaulding, president of the Kentucky Unit, has produced the first E Newsletter for the Unit, The Blue Grass Beret E-Newsletter.

It's an outstanding piece of work and will serve as a supplement to the printed newsletter and used to alert members to specific items of importance.

Larry, who is also Region 5 Webmaster, uses an Apple Mac Book Pro computer and the newsletter is done in Pages.

### Service Manuals

Martha Scott, a past member of the Southern Indiana Unit, has two Airstream service manuals for sale. They are for the years 1973 and 1975. If you are interested contact Zeb Hawkins at 812-275-7034.

### Top of Indiana Caravan

The Central Indiana Unit is planning 10 days of Airstreaming fun in September and October with a "Top Of Indiana" Caravan.

This is a follow-up to last year's caravan across Southern Indiana.

The Caravan is unique because you can join and leave as your schedule permits and pay only for the time you are with the caravan.

The caravan organizers are Carolyn Beardshear and Ann Newman. If interested contact Carolyn at 317-910-0986.

The caravan will make three stops during the 10 days, Chain of Lakes State Park Sept., 30-Oct. 2, Elkhart Campground in Goshen Oct. 3-5 and Indiana Dunes in Michigan City Oct. 6-9.

# 28th Computerfest Rally, Region 5

Hendricks County Fairgrounds, Danville, Indiana  
Sun. Sept. 11—Tuesday, Sept. 13

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking Yes No  
WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

## RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

Trailer/Motorhome—2 persons \$ 60  
Trailer/Motorhome—1 person \$ 55  
Additional persons each \$ 10  
Pizza party (optional)  
\_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$7.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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. 1.

## International Rally on WBCCI.org

The WBCCI web site at WBCCI.org is a valuable source of  
helpful information about the 2011 International Rally.

Go to the web site. Click on International Rally on the home  
page and you will go to International Rally page.

For those not registered there is a registration coupon in-  
cluded.

For those already registered who would like to do some  
advance planning you'll find a complete Daily Activities  
Schedule (it is subject to change). There is a first timer hints  
list. And for the Unit publications folks there is clip art avail-  
able to be downloaded.

## REGION 5 RALLY

Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
Danville, Indiana  
September 14-18, 2011

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO  
WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

## RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 2 persons \$195  
Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 1 person \$173  
Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 2 persons \$175  
Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 1 person \$153  
Trailer/Motorhome/No E/W 2 persons \$160  
Trailer/Motorhome/No E/W 1 person \$138  
No RV on site—2 persons \$155  
No RV on site—1 person \$133  
Child/grandchild—per child (age 4-12) \$ 35  
(age 3 and under free)  
First timer—deduct \$10 per person  
REGISTER FOR ONE TOUR ONLY  
One room school, Hendricks Co. Museum  
\$5 x \_\_\_\_\_ (no. of persons)  
Challenger Center, Hendricks Co. Museum  
\$5 x \_\_\_\_\_ (no. of persons)  
Eli Lilly Co, Headquarters No Charge  
(no. of persons) \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKEND RATE

Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 2 persons \$135  
Trailer/Motorhome/30amp/W 1 person \$113  
Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 2 persons \$125  
Trailer/Motorhome/15amp/W 1 person \$103  
Trailer/Motorhome—No W/E \$120  
Trailer/Motorhome—No W/E \$ 98  
No RV on site—2 persons \$115  
No RV on site—1 person \$ 93  
Child/grandchild - per child: (age 4-12) \$ 18  
TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to participate in an open house on  
Sat. Sept. 17, 2011? YES NO

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with  
check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to  
Ron Gordy, Treasurer,  
202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909.  
Full refund cancellation accepted until Sept. 7, 2011