

Region 5 Report

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Delegates face challenge

Constitution issue is still on WBCCI agenda

Another look at a revised Constitution for WBCCI will be the major item on the agenda for Delegates when they meet at the Sedalia, MO International Rally June 30.

The delegates will meet in seminar beginning at 8:30 a.m. at which time the delegates can speak on the issues. This will be followed by the official Delegates Meeting.

On the agenda in addition to the Constitution issue will be another proposed amendment that will allow lifetime members of WBCCI to retain their membership if they replace their Airstream manufactured RV with a Class A motor home manufactured by another division of Thor Industries, the parent company of Airstream Inc.

An otherwise routine vote on incoming officers for WBCCI took on added significance when incoming president Don Clark submitted his resignation because of health reasons. The new





Don Clark

John Boutwell

proposed slate of officers to be voted on by the delegates will be headed by John Boutwell, who was incoming First Vice President. Boutwell, 72, is a member of the San Fernando Calif. Unit and a past Unit and Region 12 president. He was also president of the Full-Timers Intra-Club and served for seven years as a member of the International Rally Advance Team.

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Message from President Louise Humble

Greetings WBCCI members!

Rally season has arrived and many of you have already attended your first rally this year while others are getting ready to do so. I know that new adventures await you and I am anxious for you to experience them.

One of the enjoyable things that you will do this rally season is meet new people. Several of the units in Region 5 have new members and we all welcome each of them and look forward to getting to know them this year.

As you make your travel plans for the coming season, don't forget that two very interesting rallies are occurring nearby.

The first is the International rally in June in Sedalia, MO. What a great time to meet new people and visit with those you already know. Be sure to sign up to work on a committee as that is the best way to make new friends at that rally.

The second rally is the Region 5 rally in September in Tipton, IN. Barry and Karen Bell have been hard at work preparing for this adventure and I think you will find many exciting things going on in addition to conducting the business of the region.

As each of your units conducts the spring business meeting I want you to consider the voting instructions you will give to your delegate as that person participates in the delegate meeting on June 30. Revising the constitution is a serious step that

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Encore entertainment for Tipton Region 5

Back by popular demand for the Region 5 Rally Sept. 12-16 at the Tipton County Fairgrounds in Tipton, IN will be Levi Riggs, a hit at the 2011 Danville, IN Region 5.

Riggs will be providing the Thursday evening entertainment.

A native of Danville, IN, the 27-year-old Riggs is one of country music's brightest and fastest-rising new entertainers.

A Purdue University graduate, Riggs creates a style of country music all his own.

He tries to give back to his alma mater by performing with his band at charity events on campus.

One of Riggs highlights came in 2011 when he opened for country singer, Justin Moore, before a crowd of 7,500.

Riggs and his wife, Brittany, recently became the proud par-



Levi Riggs, rising star

ents of a baby girl. Riggs says he focuses on work from 9 to 5 as a seed salesman for Syngenta and uses his off hours to build his base in country music.

Riggs founded his own label, Windridge Records, and named (Continued on page 3)

Region 5 International Luncheon is June 29

The Region 5 Luncheon at the Sedalia, Missouri International Rally has been set for noon on Friday, June 29, at the Best Western State Fair Inn,

The motel is located just outside the fairgrounds at State Highway 65 and 32nd Street.

Cost of the lunch will be \$13 per person including tax and gratuity.

The menu will be Orange Glaze Grilled Chicken Breast, Crisp Tossed Green Salad with assorted dressings, Bake Potato with sour cream and butter, Green Vegetable. Blackberry or Peach Cobbler and Coffee, Tea and Water.

Sign-up for the luncheon will take place during the registration times at the International Rally at the Region 5 table. The last day for signing up will be June 26. If your



Region 5 Luncheon location

parking date at the International is after June 26 and you want to attend the luncheon, send a letter to Region 5 President Louise Humble at 1308 Shawnee Trail, Carterville, IL 62918 or send an email to jandlhumble@gmail.com with that infor-

mation and a reservation will be made for you.

A highlight of the even-year Region 5 luncheons at the International is usually the installation of the First and Second Vice Presidents. At this point the Region has no candidates for these offices.

Another highlight will be the awarding of the International Unit Merit Award to those Region 5 Units who have qualified for the prestigious award.

The luncheon will also be the swan song for President Humble who will be turning over the reins to Barry Bell at the Installation of Officers on July 3.

Drawing for door prizes is another popular event at the Region 5 Luncheon. Units are encouraged to bring door prizes Hand-made items are preferred.

International Rally Unit Check List

BULLETIN BOARDS. It would be great for Region 5 to have 100 percent representation in the Unit Bulletin Board competition. The goal is not winning or losing but participation.

NO REGION PICNIC JULY 4. In recent years at the International Rally individual regions have had picnics on July 4. This year they're reverting back to an International picnic so there won't be region events.

UNIT DELEGATES. Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting Saturday, June 30. 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 at registration where they will receive their delegate ribbons.

UNIT FLAG BEARER. The Unit flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Thur. June 28 and at the Closing Ceremony on July 4, should wear dark (black or Navy) slack/skirt, white short-sleeve shirt/blouse, dark shoes and socks and red tie optional. Bring Unit flag and flag poles to opening and closing ceremonies. Flag bearers should attend flag practice at 10:30 a.m. June 28 in Mathewson Exhibition Center.

UNIT PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION DINNER. Unit presidents and spouses are invited to the Unit President's Appreciation Dinner June 26 in the Mathewson Exhibition Center.

UNIT OFFICERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING. Present and potential officers are encouraged to attend the two Unit Officer Leadership Training Seminars. They are scheduled for 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 3, at the Youth Building on Monday and Assembly Hall on Tuesday,

John Boutwell incoming International president

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Other officers on the slate will be: John Stumpf, first vice president; Joe Perryman, second vice president; third vice president, still to be filled; Cecelia Stansbury, recording secretary; Kathy Hampel, treasurer; and C.C. Gartman and Carolyn Florence, nominating committee.

The Constitution revisions are the product of a Constitution Revision Committee that was appointed in 2010 by then President Norm Beu.

The Committee, headed by Dona Garner, spent a year developing an 85-page document that changed some club practices and policies significantly and some basically cosmetic changes.

The proposed revisions were drafted into a new Constitution that went to the 2011 Delegates. The proposed revisions were withdrawn by President Beau before the Delegates meeting, with the understanding it would be brought before the 2012 Delegates meeting.

Among the substantive changes are votes for officers to be by the membership; greater flexibility in the dates for the International Rally; wider use of electronic means to conduct the business of the club; and a streamlined and more democratic system for making amendments to the constitution.

Also included in the delegate material is the report on the proposed revisions by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee chaired by past International president Don Shafer.

The two page committee report recommends that the proposal not be approved because the amendment is not in the proper format, the proposal does not comply with the Code of the State of Ohio and that the delegates should have an opportunity to indicate whether they want a new Constitution.

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2nd Vice President To be named

Region 5 Unit News In Brief

Patsy Marston retires

Patsy Marston, editor of the Central Indiana Unit's The Ticker newsletter, is taking a well-deserved rest from production of her popular and newsworthy publi-

Erin Beals has volunteered to take over the editor's job and her first publication in April prominently displayed the professional touch she brings to the job.

Southern Illinois caravan

The Southern Illinois Unit has approved a caravan at the end of the Sedalia And they are off at Churchill Downs International Rally to be led by Gordon and Carol White.

Caravan plans include a two-day stop at Kansas City and visits to the steamship Arabia Museum and a World War I Museum and then on to St. Joseph, MO, Hamilton, MO, Laclede, MO and Hannibal, MO. Stops will include the Pony Express Museum, and the boyhood homes of J.C. Penney, Gen. John J. Pershing, Walt Disney and Samuel Clemmens (Mark Twain). The caravan will begin on July 5 and end on July 10 or 11 in Hannibal.

Derby kicks off Rally season

The Rally season for the Kentucky Unit began May 3-6 to celebrate the most exciting two minutes on sports, The Kentucky Derby. The Rally is being held at the Elkhorn Campground in Frankfort, KY and includes plenty of exciting activities including the Governor's Breakfast on the Capitol grounds, a visit to the Vietnam Memorial, visits to antique shops and taking part in the race week activities at the Keenland track in Lexington.



'Come and Go' Caravan

The Central Indiana Unit is sponsoring another of its popular "Come and Go" caravans this year. It's scheduled for Oct. 5-13 and will be visiting towns along the Wabash River in Indiana between Geneva and Delphi.

Among the attractions at the three three -day stops are the Gene Stratton Porter home, Loblolly Marsh Wetlands Preserve, Swiss Heritage Village, Grissom Air Museum, Wabash and Erie Canal Park, Ouabache State Park anmd Prophetstown State Park.

In Memory

Lois Bieldfeldt, Illinois Lincolnland, Jan. 22.

Lee Miller. Kentucky, Feb. 12. Conrad Jenkins, Southern Illinois, March 11.

George Britt, Southern Illinois, March

Bob Campbell, Southern Indiana, March 28.

Non-WBCCI members can attend

Florida State Rally makes changes

The Florida State Rally, second largest WBCCI event behind the International Rally, has been attended by members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club over the

But it has experienced a steady decline in attendance, dropping to 316 this year from 360 in 2011 and 400 in 2010. When the Florida State Rally began in 1973 it attracted over 1,000 RVs.

This prompted Vic Smith, new director of the Rally, to make substantial changes in the 2013 event next February 13-18.

The major change is opening attendance

to any Airstream owner, whether they are a member of WBCCI or not. A second change is to move the start date to Thursday from Wednesday so the major events can be scheduled over the weekend.

The change, Smith said, evolved from an analysis of attendees, which found the majority to be in the 65 and over age group.

"If we don't get younger Airstream owners to come to the Florida State Rally," Smith said, "and see what WBCCI has to offer we will have to fold up our tents and go home. It's that simple."

Message from President Humble

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requires serious consideration. Your unit will need to decide on what changes they would like, if any, in the present constitution. If your unit votes to move forward with the proposed revision but would like to see some changes in the revision, your delegate will need to know that also. Again, these are serious proposals that will require your careful consideration.

Remember that the region needs YOU to be successful. There are many opportunities within the club to find fun, fellowship and adventure. Find your niche and enjoy!

We'll see you down the road!

Louise Humble, President

Rising country star performs Thursday

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it after his family's Jersey dairy cattle farm. He signed with Flying Island Entertainment in 2012 to promote his music to country radio. His current single on the label, "My Best Friend's A Girl," is flying up the country music charts at a rapid rate.

With a successful single on the charts, touring and opening for big name headliners, Riggs has nearly made Nashville, Tenn. his second home. He makes trips to work with Grammy-winning songwriters, the industry's top producers and the best song pluggers in the business,

The musical group, "Hogeve Navvy" will be performing after the Saturday night dinner at the Tipton Region Rally.

"Hogeye Navvy" is an acoustic, shantysinging band whose repertoire expands to include the traditional music of Ireland, Scotland, England and North America.

Their music tells tales of Tall Ships, Great Lakes, Rivers, Canals and Pirates,

They perform annually at the "Feast of the Hunter's Moon" festival in West Lafayette, IN, dressed in period costumes. In addition this year they will perform at the Indianapolis ArtsGarden, the Indianapolis Catholic Center, Eagle Creek Concerts and many other venues.

Additional entertainment is being planned but has not been finalized. The additions are sure to add to the enjoyment provided at the Region 5 Rally.

29th Computerfest Rally, Region 5

Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, Indiana Sun. Sept. 9—Tuesday, Sept. 11

Last	Fir	st
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Street		
City	State	Zip
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WBCCI No	Unit	Region
RALLY REGISTRATION FEE Trailer/Motorhome—2 persons Trailer/Motorhome—1 person Additional persons each Pizza party (optional) persons at \$7.50		\$ 60 \$ 55 \$ 10
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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. 1.

Computerfest Rally will again precede Region 5

The schedule for the 29th Region 5 Computerfest Rally, the longest running computer rally in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, will follow that of recent years, running for the three days ahead of the Region 5 Rally and at the same location.

The Community Building at the Tipton County Fairgrounds is an outstanding facility. It was the permanent home for the Region 5 Computerfest for its first 23 years before the rally was linked with the Region 5 Rally.

The Community Building has electric outlets along the walls of the main room, plenty of table space, a stage where seminars can be conducted and Wi-Fi service has been added.

The Computerfest will again kick off with the traditional pizza party that will be held in the Community Building begin-

Harvest Time in Tipton, Indiana

Region 5 Rally Registration Form September 12-16, 2012

Last	First		
Spouse	_Guest(s)		
Telephone			
WBCCI #Unit #_	Region		
Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO Would you be willing to participate in an open house? YES NO \$5 will be refunded to participants			
All sites will be 30 Amp with Water (Dump station available)			
RALLY REGISTRATION FEE Trailer/Motorhome —2 persons Trailer/Motorhome —1 person No RV on site—2 persons No RV on site—1 person Per child Age 4-18 \$25x	\$195 \$170 \$135 \$110 (no. of children) \$		
	TOTAL \$		
REGISTER FOR ONE MORNING TOUR			
THE KELLEY AGRICULTURAL AND HISTORICAL FARM (Donations Accepted) (No. of persons) A SUMMER PLACE Lunch \$12 x(No. persons) \$ Banana Split \$3 x(No. of persons) \$ KOKOMO OPALESCENT GLASS \$5 x(No. persons) \$			
REGISTER FOR ONE AFTERNOON TOUR			
CANNERY TOUR (Free) (No. of persons) THE HOUSE OF GLASS in Elwood (Free) (No. persons) SUMMER PLACE MOVIE (Free) (No. of persons) "The Long, Long Trailer" Lucille Ball WEEKEND ONLY REGISTRATION—SEPT. 14-16, 2012			
Trailer/Motorhome —2 persons Trailer/Motorhome —1 person No RV on site—2 persons No RV on site—1 person Per child Age 4-18 \$15x (Region 5 First Timer—deduct 5)	\$110 \$115 \$ 90 (no. of children) \$		
Mail registration (include Sable to "Region 5 WBCCI" to McCutcheon Dr.,Lafayette, IN			
Full refund cancellation ac	ecented until 9/7/2012		