



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Monte Barksdale, President

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PLENTIFUL OPPORTUNITIES AT FARMINGTON

Well, fellow WBCCI members, it's time to plan for the trip to the International Rally in Farmington! It's less than two months away! The great news is that the tentative Rally Schedule (June 25 – July 5) is on the WBCCI.org website! Bicycle rides will resume each morning. There will be a morning coffee time and an afternoon happy hour. You'll also find the times for the RV technical seminars, genealogy seminar, crafts and quilting, and many more items too numerous to detail.

A new feature this year will be a Free Day. Yes, *Monday, June 29 is unscheduled* so that we can make our own tours or whatever else we would like to do. There are many more new items on the schedule as well as some old favorites. For specifics, be sure to check the schedule. You can read it online or download to print.

You can find the Rally Schedule by going to WBCCI.org, selecting [Activities](#) on the menu bar, selecting [International Rally](#) from the menu that appears, and then selecting [2015 Farmington, NM](#) from the menu that then appears. A page with information about the Rally will show up. When you've finished reading the top half, scroll to the bottom of the page where you will find the [Rally Schedule \(tentative 4-16-15\)](#) as well as a [registration form](#) (if you haven't as yet signed up) and an application for [handicapped parking](#). PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE UNDERLINED WORDS ARE NOT LINKS, MERELY DIRECTIONS.

In preparation for your trip, check past "Blue Berets" for important information: scheduled tours (February and March issues), places you might like to visit on your Free Day (March), and parking directions (April). Better yet, bring all of them along for reference!

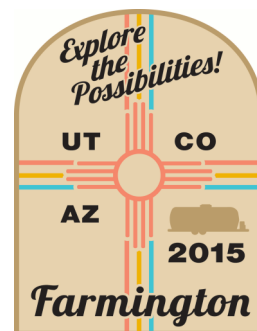
You can come earlier than your scheduled parking date. The nightly camping fee is \$25, payable to the McGee Fairgrounds. You may be parked in a different area and be moved on your scheduled parking date. (info in April "Blue Beret," p. 34, about halfway down the page.)

As of this writing, there is one motion for the Delegates Meeting. Amendment No. 1, proposed by the International Board of Trustees, seeks to clarify the current wording regarding unanimous consent during voting at the Delegates Meeting (Section 5). The recommended change would delete the phrase "unless such vote is to be unanimous" and insert the phrase "except when a request for Unanimous Consent is approved." This clarifies how Delegates can request an alternate voting method other than Roll Call.

In addition to packing "Blue Berets" and your Parking Pass, remember donations for all WBCCI charities—pull tabs, Common Cents for Kids, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, books, pet supplies—entries for the Unit Publications contest and the Hobby Show.

And, consider volunteering for some activity. After all, the International Rally, as all WBCCI rallies and caravans, is put on by a host of volunteers. There's no better way to meet more new friends and be a part of the action. See those past "Blue Berets" for information about volunteering.

As for me, I'm re-reading Tony Hillerman's books as we will be near Navajo country, and planning my quilting projects. I always look forward to traveling west. I hope I'll see you there! Submitted by Carol White



International Rally Unit Check List

The 2015 International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will take place in Farmington, NM, June 26-July 4.

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 June 27 at 11:30 AM at Zebadiah's located at 2210 E. 20th Street, Farmington. Members will order from the menu. Units should plan on bringing door prizes.

UNIT DELEGATES - Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting Tuesday, 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 present their signed documents at the Credentials Desk at registration where they will receive their delegate ribbons. Dress for the Delegates Meeting is dark pants/skirt, white collared shirt/blouse or casual street wear. No shorts, please.

UNIT FLAG BEARER - The Unit flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony at 7:30 PM June 26, should wear dark (black or Navy) slack/skirt, white collared shirt/blouse and dark shoes. Bring Unit flag and flag poles to opening and closing ceremonies. Flag bearers should attend flag practice June 26 at 3 PM.

UNIT PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION DINNER - Unit presidents and spouses are invited to the Unit President's Appreciation Dinner June 25 in rooms D and E. Dressy Casual - no shorts, please.

UNIT OFFICERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Present and potential officers are encouraged to attend the Unit Officer Leadership Training from 8:30 to 11:30 AM July 1 in room D.

MESSAGE FROM MONTE

Hello Region 5,

Finally some decent camping weather. I hope everyone has great adventures planned. I'm looking forward to the first "all state" IL rally. It's coming up in May. If you are not a member of an IL unit, you are still welcome to attend. It will be held at beautiful Lake Shelbyville.

I hope you're also planning on going to Farmington. There's a lot of ancient history near and around the Four Corners region. Why not have your unit get a caravan together. I believe there's one planned from one of the IN units. Meet up with them and tag along. What fun!

If you're just now getting your rig ready for the road, please remember the safety checklist. I won't give you the whole thing, but here are a few items that come to mind - *tires, tires, tires*. Having had a double blowout coming down a mountain doing about 75 MPH, I can't stress enough the importance of tires.

Don't forget the tow vehicle if you're pulling a trailer. Check the air and while you're down there, check the date of manufacture. Your tires should be no older than 6 years. It's not worth it, friends.

When was the last time the bearings were greased? What condition are the brakes? How about your weight? I'm not talking Holiday gain, I'm talking about your rig. Get it weighed.

The Goshen Region Rally brochure is at the printers. Look for it online in a couple of weeks. It's going to be great fun. If you have a friend that owns an Airstream and isn't a WBCCI member, bring them along. If you attend any Air Forums rallies, invite them. If they give you static, remind them this isn't the old WBCCI. This is the new, less formal one. Any non-member who joins WBCCI at the Region Rally gets their dues paid by me and half off their rally fee.

For those of you who participated in the Unit Planning and Merit Award program - good job. Region 5 had five of its seven units earn superior awards. I'm proud of you.

Got anything on your mind? Let me hear it. I might not have the answer for you, but I have the Brain Trust to fall back on. I'm sure one of us will have an answer for you.

See you down the road,
Monte

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ARTIE'S THOUGHTS

Hello to all of our fellow Region 5 Airstreamers!!!! Pam and I just got back from the KY Unit's 1st rally of the season. We call it the KY Derby Reunion Rally! It was great seeing all of our friends for the first time this year. We had a great turnout for the rally, 18 units total, and a few members drove in on Saturday to enjoy our Shrimp Boil with crawdads, red potatoes and polish sausage. Delish!!!

We are making plans for the 2016 Region 5 Rally. So far, the only news I am able to share is that it will be in Northern KY. There is so much to do and see in the Northern KY and Greater Cincinnati area - Cincinnati Reds Baseball, Cincinnati Bengals football, museums, theater, and casinos!!!! Remember that the 2016 International Rally will be in Lewisburg, WVA - just a hop, skip and a jump away. Wouldn't it be great if we had the largest Region 5 turnout in history?

But for now you guys need to be gearing up for the Region 5 Rally in Goshen, Indiana in Sept.!!! And before you go there, we hope you make it out to Farmington, NM for the International Rally in 2015. I look forward to seeing you all there as well!!!

And for the Indiana Unit and Central Indiana Unit, keep a lookout for that guy they call "Alumaman." We have heard he has gotten loose southeast of Indianapolis and is looking to crash some rallies! Don't be afraid though, he is really harmless.

The KY Unit wishes all of our Region 5 Units a happy, safe, and adventurous 2015 season!!!

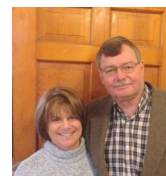
See you down the road!!!

Artie and Pam Martin

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A WORD FROM BOB

Well, we just returned from our first rally of the season. It was great to get our Airstream de-winterized, tanked up and rolling again. Here in Northern IL we had our season opener at Lee County fairgrounds in Amboy, IL. We had an excellent turnout - 13 trailers and 1 Interstate MH. Dinner was on our own Friday evening but the unit provided breakfast and dinner on Saturday.

It was very exciting to see how our unit has changed in the short time Sandy and I have been members. We have a number of new members who like us, are still working and have limited time to get away. It is clear to me that we need to provide more weekend activities and shorter caravans to allow this new group the opportunity to participate and be active unit members.

We had an interesting discussion during our Saturday afternoon tech time on the use of generators to power up our rigs when the utility power is not available. I have a Honda EU3000 with inverter technology and I have used this unit for the last 5 years with no issues other than my little AC power monitor plugged into one of the duplex outlets in the right always indicates a "PF" condition when using the generator. The "PF" warning in this case indicates an improper grounding situation. My limited understanding of this condition is that this particular generator, and apparently others using inverter technology, do not have an internal bond between the neutral and ground references. As things always continued to work while on the generator, I just ignored this condition. One of our members came up with a clever solution to this situation. He took a standard 110V AC male plug and put a jumper wire between the neutral and ground lugs and sealed the whole thing up with electrical tape. This is plugged into one of the outlets on the generator and "PF" warning was eliminated. Pretty cool and no more warning.

Sandy and I are looking forward to being Region Officers and we hope to get out to all the Region 5 units at some point for a visit. Thanks for letting us serve.

Bob & Sandy Whitesell 2nd VP Region 5 rwhitesell@luse.com

REGION 5 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

GOOD NEWS – ALL UNITS SHOW INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

Every unit in Region 5 has increased its membership when compared to unit voting size at Gillette, Wyoming on June 30, 2014. Region 5 has grown from 223 members (rigs) to 281 members (rigs) at the present time. That is an increase of twenty six percent (26%).

I would like to congratulate all units for their membership increase. The most improvement (30%) came from Indiana, Illinois Lincolnland, Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois. Central Indiana, Kentucky and Northern Illinois accomplished increases in the 20-29% range.

As of 3/31/2015 this is a breakdown by Unit. (Listed in alphabetic order.

Central Indiana	61
Illinois Lincolnland	29
Indiana	30
Kentucky	51
Northern Illinois	69
Southern Illinois	25
Southern Indiana	16

However, do not stop now. Camping season will be here shortly. Always leave a card on a rig without a number. *Tell the people about the club and what we do – Rally Camping & Caravans. Invite them to an activity. Make them feel comfortable when they come.* We have a great club and all Airstream owners should know about it.

Barry Bell - Region 5 Membership Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WBCCI offers members the opportunity to help others in their communities on the International, Regional and Unit level.

With the International Rally less than two months away, it is time to be finishing infant/children's blankets and warm hats. It's also time to collect tabs, Cents for Kids, gently used children's books, stuffed animals, pet items, left over yard, etc. Please check previous Blue Berets to be sure I included all needed items!

During the Region 5 Rally this coming September in Goshen, IN, WBCCI members will be able to revisit Church Community Service in Elkhart, IN, an agency Region 5 assisted in 2006. The agency now serves more than 2,200 families each month, giving 6-8 bags of items per family. So the agency needs:

- 1) Donation of plastic bags,
- 2) Donation of personal care items, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc. for their shelves,
- 3) Help in packaging soup/dip mixes (something we did in 2006), which the agency sells as a fund raiser. The time for our group to do this is still to be established.

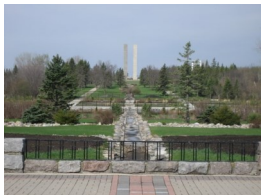
Please help in as many ways as you can.

Units sometimes assist one or more agencies in their areas. If your unit has adopted an agency, please let me know so I can pass the word to others.

As you can see, the opportunities to help are many. Please help! Submitted by C. White

International Peace Garden Monument Project

WBCCI placed a monument in the garden 40 years ago. The International Peace Garden is along US 218 at the North Dakota, USA – Manitoba, Canada border. Time took its toll on the original monument. Region 7 was given permission at mid-winter IBT in 2012 through a special committee to raise money for the creation of a new monument to replace the original. Funds raised enabled a sculptor be commissioned to create a new monument. That work has been done. Approximately \$15,000 is needed for the final phase of the creation of the actual monument and its placement in the International Garden. The pictures below show the Garden which straddles the border, the fountain area where the new monument will be placed, and the sculptor's Peace Model. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution, make your check payable to "International Peace Garden Inc." and mail to the address shown below. Identify "WBCCI Project" on checks. Mail the check to International Peace Garden, 10939 Highway 281, Dunseith, ND 58329. Submitted by G. White



International Peace Garden
Dunseith, ND



Model of the WBCCI Peace Sculpture



The fountain where the
sculpture will be place

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SEPTEMBER 9-13 - GOSHEN, IN

Region Rally in Amish Country

Good friends - Good food - Good tours - Good camping