



Region 5 Report

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REGION 5 RALLY ATTENDANCE UP FROM 2014

The attendance at the region 5 rally held in Goshen, IN, was up slightly from the 2014 rally. Efforts at wider publicity seem to have helped somewhat. There were 90 people and 47 rigs in attendance.

During the opening ceremony emceed by Gordon White of the Southern IL Unit, Artie Martin of the Kentucky Unit and Bob Whitesell of the Northern IL Unit were installed as Region 5 First and Second Vice President respectively. Installation was done by Louise Humble of the Southern IL Unit.

There were several tours and activities available with many members participating. The club made its presence known in the area by its very successful community service work (see page 2).

The business meeting, held Friday morning, saw one motion passed allocating up to \$500 to First Vice President Artie Martin to help cover expenses while attending the Midwinter IBT meeting in Rayne, LA, in January, 2016.

Merit Award winners were also recognized at the business meeting. Superior Merit Awards were received by Central Indiana Unit, Illinois Lincolnland Unit, Indiana Unit, Kentucky Unit and Southern Illinois Unit.

The efforts of Region President Monte Barksdale are appreciated in securing the beautiful site of Goshen, IN, for this rally. All who were in attendance enjoyed the varied sights and sounds of Amish country.

5 UNITS ATTAIN SUPERIOR MERIT AWARD



Superior Merit Award Winners: Phil St. John accepting for Dan Kachele - CIU, Linda Hatten - Illinois Lincolnland, Chris Seplak accepting for Judy Rice - Indiana Unit, Steve Broering accepting for Artie Martin - KY Unit, Gordon White accepting for Dan Nugteren - Southern IL Unit

PLAN FOR RALLY YEAR 2016!

The 2015 rally/camping year is coming to an end but WBCCI members are looking ahead to 2016 and all it has to offer. The Region 5 units have elected new officers and plans have been made for the coming year. Members should take a look at these events and mark your calendars for those things that appeal to you.

Susan Swearingen, president of IL Lincolnland, and Dan Nugteren, president of Southern IL, are planning a joint caravan to Pella, IA, in early May of 2016. The caravan will be led by John Green, IL Lincolnland, so be sure to notify him ASAP if you are interested.

If you really enjoy beautiful tulips, there will be another opportunity to view them with a unit from this region. According to Northern IL president Jim Kraner, that unit will sponsor a caravan to Holland, MI, May 12-14, 2016, to attend the tulip festival there. This unit is also going to attend a dinner theatre March 10 and will see the play "Sister Act."

Nancy Seplak, IN president, and her husband Chris along with Judy and Gary Rice are planning a unit caravan to Frankenmuth, MI, July of next year. This trip could give real meaning to the phrase "Christmas in July." There's great Christmas shopping in Frankenmuth.

Pam Martin, KY unit president, Central Indiana president Lana Russel and Southern Indiana Unit are all working on a full schedule of events so stay tuned!

REGION MEMBERS MAKE CONTRIBUTION

OUTPOURING OF GIVING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IS OVER THE TOP!

This year's giving to the Region 5 Community Service project exceeded previous years by a long way! This year the agency we supported was Church Community Services of Elkhart, IN. We worked with this agency in 2006, when the Region Rally was previously held in this area. It was amazing to see how the programming has expanded to meet the increased needs in the area! This agency receives no governmental support, getting its support from community churches and the sale of mixes, mittens and produce from the community gardens.

CCS offers 20-week programs which assist adults to learn new skills and make changes in their lives. The "Soup of Success" program for women is in its 17th year. The mitten project is a recent addition in which discarded wool sweaters are repurposed into warm mittens. The sweaters are washed and dried, tightening the weave, then cut and designed into mittens. Fabric from at least two sweaters is incorporated into each pair. A warm fleece lining is added, plus cuffs and decoration. If you're in the Elkhart area, stop in the shop (M – F, daytime) and look them over. You may need some for gifts!

CCS has begun a 20-week program for men, "Men Alive," which also is geared to helping participants learn new skills and change their lives. The community gardens are part of this program. Community gardens are also cooperative with 4-H programs in the area.

Lots of good things are happening with this agency!

The 47 Airstream rigs in attendance at this rally combined for a total monetary gift of \$1110, plus 128 personal care items for their pantry and a huge number of plastic sacks. In addition, 16 of us had the opportunity to package mixes for the "Soup for Success" program. It was a fun afternoon!

Those donating money from the start of the Rally until Saturday afternoon received tickets for a drawing to be held for a quilt. The drawing was held during Saturday evening's entertainment. The winners were Art and Doris Meier of the Southern Illinois Unit. In addition, the Church offering was also donated to CCS.

Thanks to John and Susan Swearingen and Bill and Cheryl Shelandar for delivering the donations on the Monday following the rally.

Thanks to everyone who helped this very worthy agency! A very grateful thank you note was received from Mr. Roberson, director of CCS.

Carol White—Community Service Chair



WINNER OF QUILT RAFFLE

Doris and Art Meier of the Southern Illinois Unit were the winners of the quilt raffle which was part of the community service project for the Region 5 rally in Goshen, IN. Carol White of the Southern Illinois Unit pieced the quilt and donated it for this project.



Members working on the Community Service Project:

Bottom Row: Steve Broering KY, Linda Seplak IN Row 2: Euna Ridenour Intl. Rec. Sec., Carol White SIU, Rita Green ILL Row 3: Eldon Christner IN, Susan Swearingen ILL, Sharon Christner IN, Mary Taylor ILL, Ann Leslie ILL Row 4: Linda Hatten ILL, Charles Mason CIU, Lee Moyers KY Row 4: Chris Seplak IN, Gordon White, SIU, Floyd Hatten ILL

REGION RALLY RECIPE REQUEST

WBCCI rallies can be declared successful using various yardsticks and this past region rally was no exception. There was plenty of fun, fellowship and adventure. However, the one yardstick that everyone enjoys and in which everyone participates is the food that is shared and the pounds that are gained. Contributing to that measurement at this rally was French Toast prepared in a roaster. As many of us are looking for good recipes that utilize those roasters, it was requested that we share that recipe.

ANNIE'S BAKED CINNAMON RAISIN FRENCH TOAST

Loaf of cinnamon raisin bread

2 large eggs

2 cups milk

1/2 cup maple syrup

1-2 tsp cinnamon

8 oz. whipped cream cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cube the bread. Combine eggs, milk, cinnamon and syrup and whisk thoroughly. Spray a 13 x 9 pan with cooking spray. Spread half the bread in the bottom of the pan. Drop teaspoons of cream cheese over layered bread as evenly as possible. Spread remaining bread over top. Pour the egg mixture evenly over top. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top to taste. Bake uncovered for 45 to 50 minutes.

Contributed by Ann Leslie, Illinois Lincolnland Unit



Message from Monte

Hello Region 5,

I'm finally getting some time off work. I enjoy the fall weather. It is always sad for me to put my rig away for the winter. But it makes it that much better when I get it back out in the spring. I had a great year. Unfortunately I wasn't able to get out and see a lot of you. I trust you all had great camping adventures. I just returned from Litchfield IL. I had the great opportunity to install IL Lincolnland and Southern IL new officers. What fun and I know these two units are in great hands. I was also able to get up to Eaton Rapids, Michigan for their Urban Air rally. If you ever get a chance to do one of these rallies I strongly advise you to do it. Urban Air is where you park on the main street of the town. I think there are 5 of these rallies around the country. We had 136 Airstreams at Eaton Rapids. We took over the town. There were Airstreams parked everywhere.

The Region 5 rally in Goshen was a success. I would have liked to have seen more of you there but we had a better turn out than Springfield. It is always a treat for me to visit Amish country. I loaded up on cheese and other homemade items. There was one snafu and to those affected, I apologize again. What great entertainment. It is always great to see people laugh. We also did another great community service project headed up by Carol White. Thanks for all who participated.

Speaking of rallies, Artie announced that we are going to Madison, IN, next year. What a great town. I hope everyone is putting it on their to-do list. Also reservations are pouring in for next year's International Rally at Lewisburg. What a great town and a beautiful area. Mark that down on your list also.

Many of you are making plans to head south. Don't forget us unfortunates stuck up here in the great frozen north. Do be careful in your travels. Don't forget to send those pictures to Steve Mentz, our Region 5 webmaster. How about including a short article on your adventures. This is a tool we can use to attract new members.

Until Little Brother Fester and I see you again. Safe travels.

Monte, Region 5 President

A WORD FROM BOB

Well, it's a sad time for us here in the Chicago area. Cold weather is approaching and it's time to think about winterizing our rigs and putting them to bed for the winter. This generally depresses me but I know it needs to be accomplished. There are many opinions on how to properly winterize and I recommend you do whatever works for you and what you are comfortable with. I have found that if I use a fitting that screws on to the city water connection and apply compressed air at about 40 psi, it does a great job in blowing out all the water supply lines. Just open up all fixtures, one at a time until all the water is expelled and you just have air coming out of the fixture. Don't forget your toilet sprayer hose and the outside water valve. Also, time to blow down the water heater and make sure all your tanks are emptied.

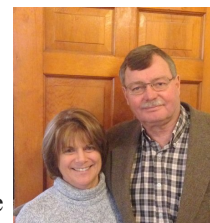
My second step is to add RV antifreeze to all the traps, shower, kitchen sink and bathroom sink. I also add some antifreeze to the toilet (after dumping). The only other concern is getting antifreeze into the water pump. I put about a gallon of antifreeze in my fresh water tank and then with the pump turned on, open a fixture until antifreeze appears.

We clean out the frig, take home anything that could freeze and give the interior a thorough cleaning. Don't forget to remove the liquid soap dispensers at the kitchen and bathroom vanities.

This works for us but a better solution would be to just head south. Won't be long and that's just what we will do.

Let's wear 'em out!

Bob & Sandy Whitesell Region 5 Second VP



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Pam and Artie Martin, KY Unit, at Studebaker Museum



Art Meier, S. IL Unit, and others at dinner at Studebaker Mansion



CIU members at Amish dinner.



Jerry Humble S IL U, Mary Jo & Mike Brown CIU, Euna Ridenour International Rec. Secretary, touring Old Studebaker Mansion.