



Region 5 Report

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Region 5 Fall Harvest Festival huge success

President Barry Bell and First Lady Karen zeroed in on entertainment and tours as the avenues to a successful Region 5 Rally.

And the formula was a huge success, providing five days of enjoyment for the 47 members of the Airstream family who were at the Tipton County Fairgrounds for the 2012 event.

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This year marked the fourth time a Region Rally has been held at Tipton, the last one in 2005.

The entertainment headliner was vocalist Levi Riggs from Danville, Ind., who was brought back by popular demand from last year's rally and performed on

Thursday evening. The headliner on Tuesday evening after the early arrival dinner, was story teller par excellence Bob Sanders. The Four Gospels from the Noblesville First United Methodist Church Choir performed on Wednesday. Westfield High School freshman Jeremy Morris and his bluegrass band regaled the audience on Friday followed by the Hogeyer Navvy's virtuoso performance at the Saturday evening banquet.

Thursday was tour day. Three morning tours visited the Kokomo Opalescent Glass factory, The Kelly Agriculture and Historic Farm and Summer Place, that included lunch. The afternoon tour was of the House of Glass factory in Elwood. An added and popular tour was to a "working" blacksmith shop.



One of the highlights of the Saturday evening Region 5 Rally banquet was the appearance of a restored 1924 Model T Ford, that President Barry Bell had arranged. Each of the Units had a group picture with the car, including the Southern Indiana Unit here.

The rally kicked off with the traditional opening ceremony and the posting of flags by the Unit presidents. President Bell welcomed the Airstreamers and introduced speakers including Tipton Mayor Don Havens and Doug Crouch, Tipton County Fair Board president.

Throughout the Rally interesting seminars were offered in the
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Message from President Barry Bell

Karen and I would like to thank all of you who came to the Region Rally. I believe the highlight of the rally was the variety of fantastic entertainment we had every evening.

We also want to thank all those Region 5 members who helped make this rally a success.

I would like to congratulate those six members that were awarded a \$50 gift certificate to next year's Region rally. Those six received a coupon because they had attended at least 16 Region 5 rallies.

Listed alphabetically they are: Howard Branscomb, Janet and Ray Brunk, Patsy

Marston, Bonnie Nester, Opal and Dick Parrish and Barbara and Bill Schrader. I think that it is very important that we recognize the long-standing commitment that these people have had to our club.

The next event will be the Region Dinner on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at Troyer's Dutch Heritage restaurant in Sarasota during the Florida State Rally. We met there for the first time last year and our members seemed to welcome the change. We hope to have more of your Florida snowbirds join us this year.

Plans for the 2013 Region 5 Rally to be
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Opal and Dick Parrish, from the Indiana Unit, ranked No. 1 for attendance at Region rallies. This was their 28th consecutive Region Rally, edging Bonnie Nester with 27.

General Butler Park 2013 Region Rally location

General Butler State Park, where the 2013 Region 5 Rally will be held, is located 44 miles southeast of Louisville along the Ohio River.

The closest community is Carrollton, population 3,800. The park is southeast of Carrollton on Kentucky Route 227.

General Butler State Park is the sixth oldest park in Kentucky, opened in 1931, on part of the William O. Butler farm.

The campground at General Butler has 111 sites with utility hookups and grills. Showers and restrooms are available at two central service buildings and one laundry facility is available. Wi-Fi connection is also available. An access code can be purchased at the campground booth.

The hilltop Butler Lodge is an attraction at the park. It has 53 rooms.

Adjacent to the lodge is the General Butler Conference Center that has large meeting space and where the Region events will be held.

The hilltop resort is the essence of river town charm and features a spacious lobby with large windows overlooking the Ohio River.

The lodge features a restaurant, Two Rivers, that is highly regarded as a Kentucky dining establishment. It has a fishing decor and is named because of the park's location at the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio rivers.

The park also has 24 cottages, one, two and three bedroom.

Also available is a large enclosed shelter house that can be used for functions.

Other features of the park include a 30 acre lake with excellent fishing (Kentucky Fishing License required), a nine-hole golf course, boating, tennis courts, Ohio River overlook, canoeing, pedal boats, miniature golf and hiking trails.

The Butler family, for which the park is named, is one of



The hilltop Butler Lodge is an attraction within itself. The 53-room lodge features balconies overlooking the Ohio River

Kentucky's great historic families. General Percival Butler was a Revolutionary War veteran who settled in Carroll County, Kentucky in 1796. He had four sons, all who became prominent figures in Kentucky history. William Orlando Butler, after whom the park was named, was a soldier and statesman who served as a congressman, was a candidate for Kentucky governor and a candidate for vice president in 1848.

The Butler home on the park grounds was built in 1859 and has been preserved. It is open for tours. The brick federal-style residence has eight rooms, two wide halls, a finished third floor and a full basement. Ninety percent of the furniture is original.

There is no charge for admission to Kentucky state parks.

Entertainment, tours highlight Region Rally

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4-H auditorium. Gordon White, from the Southern Illinois Unit, made a presentation on Genealogy. Carolyn Beardshear, from the Central Indiana Unit and a member of the WBCCI Electronic Communications Committee, talked about the new WBCCI.net website. Louise Humble, past Region 5 president and a member of the Southern Illinois Unit, conducted a Membership Workshop. Robert Zahn, from the Tipton Field Office for E.ON Climate and Renewables, made an interesting presentation on Windmill Farm Development. Making Your Backyard Bird Friendly was another informative session. Dave Schumann, director of warranty and service administration at Airstream and a frequent Region 5 Rally visitor, provided an update on the company.

The Friday evening program kicked off with a special invitation to the 2013 International Rally at Huron, S.D. This was made by International Third Vice President Jim Schwerdfeger from College Station, TX.

Region 5 President Barry and First Lady Karen invited all to the 2013 Region Rally at Gen. Butler State Park outside Carrollton, KY Sept. 11-15.

Another highlight of the Tipton Rally was the always popular door prize drawing followed by ice cream bars for one and all. There were plenty of gifts with everyone receiving at least one. The Northern Illinois Unit did its usual outstanding job coordinating the door prize event.

Saturday's Rally Open House was a success with some 12 area residents visiting the Fairgrounds to tour the 10 trailers that were open to visitors. One of the visitors was an Airstream owner who ended up joining the Central Indiana Unit. One of the reasons for the open house popularity was the Rally's newspaper coverage. Stories appeared in the Kokomo and Greenfield newspapers during the week.



Himmelhebers honored

John and Darleen Himmelheber, from the Central Illinois Unit, were recognized this month by the American Federation of German Folk Dance Groups for their work and promotion of the folk dance groups. They received a beautiful plaque at the Federation's Oktoberfest celebration. The Himmelhebers attend special workshops in Germany and bring dances back to teach to the rest of the U.S. dance group. John also serves as treasurer of the Federation

Report on Tipton Rally board meeting

Lack of V~Ps casts doubt on Region's future

An overriding concern expressed at the Region 5 Board of Directors meeting at the Tipton, IN Region Rally was the vacancy of the First and Second Vice President chairs.

President Barry Bell said he was concerned about the future of Region 5 with the officer positions still unfilled.

He said the Region is faced with three options.

One, is to get vice president candidates to fill the positions.

Second, is for the Region to be absorbed by other Regions such as Illinois going to Region 8, Indiana going to Region 4 and Kentucky going to Region 6.

Third, is dissolution of the Region with members joining whatever Unit they want to or to leave the club.

President Bell introduced outgoing president Louise Humble as the new chair of the nominating committee. Other members are Lee Moyer and Bob Zufall. This is one of two positions Humble will hold. Bell announced that she will also chair the Membership Committee, a position normally occupied by a vice president.

Bell also announced two other new committee chairs. Larry Wilson is the Caravan Chairman and Patsy Marston is the Blue Beret Contributing Editor. He thanked Nancy Green for her years of outstanding service as Contributing Editor.

Electronics was also center stage at the Region board meeting.

--Central Indiana Unit treasurer Ron Gordy has installed the methodology to make it possible to pay WBCCI and Unit dues by email using Pay Pal. This is a beta test for WBCCI.

--The WBCCI.org web site has been redesigned by the Electronic Communications Committee headed by Damon Beals from the Central Indiana Unit. The site is designed with a focus on prospective members with all the vital information on the home page with links to expanded information.

Membership was another major issue to go before the board. Chairman Humble said Region 5 had two major goals for 2012. One was to increase overall membership over 2011 and the second was to retain all the new members added in 2011. She said the Region fell 29 short of maintaining its 2011 membership, which was one of the largest percentage losses in WBCCI. She said Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois were the only two Units that retained 100 percent of new members.

Community Service Committee chair Mary Jo Brown, from the Central Indiana Unit, identified Encore Lifestyle and Enrichment Center in Tipton as the agency that would receive donations from the Region 5 Rally.

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held at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, Kentucky on September 11-14 continues to develop. This will be preceded by a computer rally on September 9-11. Kathy and Larry Spaulding are helping us with these plans and their commitment to this project is greatly appreciated.

This is the time of year when everyone is renewing their membership in WBCCI. Please help your Unit retain all your current members by personal contact and letting them you want them to remain a member of your Unit. Remember it's all about "Fun, Fellowship" and "Adventure". I hope to see many of you at Sarasota in February.

David Leeper resigns as Chaplain for Region 5

After spending a lot of time in prayer, on continuing as Region 5 Chaplain, the Lord has lead me to step down as of Sept. 16, 2012.

The work as Chaplain, for eight days in West Liberty, KY in early March, changed what the Lord has for me to do as a servant of His for what years I have left to travel...

While serving in West Liberty, I surrendered to the Lord, that I would change my commitments so as to be available for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief call outs as a Chaplain...

The six years I have served as Region 5 Chaplain has been a great bless to Betty and I. The Prayer Warriors serving as partners in pray, for our membership, has been a great blessing to all.

So in closing, pray for Betty and I as we start a new service as servants of the Lord.

Rev. David and Betty Leeper
Past Region 5 Chaplain

Unit News In Brief

Units celebrate 50th anniversary

The Indiana and Central Indiana Units celebrated their 50th anniversaries in 2012.

The Indiana Unit used its Fall Rally at Shiloh Park in Marion, IN for its celebration. It was an appropriate setting. An annual highlight for the Unit has been the Art Smith Fish Fry, a tradition started by Smith and continued by the Unit in his memory. It is traditionally a part of the Fall Rally.

The first meeting of the Central Indiana Unit was held Oct. 13, 1962. The Unit's website has a detailed history of the Unit. The first issue of the Unit newsletter, the Ticker, was published after the December, 1962 meeting.

Idea Exchange

The Southern Illinois Unit had a unique twist to the hot dog roast that was part of its October Rally. Each person was asked to bring a small serving of something that could go in a salad. The name of the item brought had to start with the same letter as the first name of the person, i.e. lettuce for Louise, walnuts for Walter, jalapenos for Jerry. The end result was a delicious salad to go with the hot dogs.

In memory

Leroy Hager, long time member of the Central Indiana Unit, died on Aug. 31.

Notes

John and Barbara Bergen, from the Central Indiana Unit, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 9...**Leslie and Patrick Walsh** of Indianapolis, joined the Central Indiana Unit after attending the Open House that was conducted in conjunction with the Region 5 Rally in Tipton, IN.

Harvest Days Photo Album



The 4-H Auditorium at the Tipton County Fairgrounds was the hub around which the Region 5 Rally revolved, including the evening programs.



All the glass at the Elwood Glass Factory, that was toured on Thursday, was made by hand.



Everyone who arrived at the Rally at the Tipton IN Fairgrounds got a warm greeting from the Southern Illinois Unit. From left are Bob and Linda Zoller and Jim and Betty Hutchens



The Southern Indiana Unit was responsible for the reception for Region and Unit officers after the opening ceremony. From left are Glatha Smith, Junior Miller, Barbara Schrader and Nancy and Daris Broglin.



The usherettes for the Region 5 evening programs, pictured at the right, were in proper attire. From left are Janet Brunk, Linda Zoller and Betty Hutchens.