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SPRING LUNCHEON FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

Winter is breathing it's last gasp. Temperatures in Central Indiana are starting to climb above the freezing mark. The snow birds are returning from the South. Your editor is looking out the Airstream's windows at the palm trees waving in the breeze, but I'm starting to prepare for the trip North. Our Spring Luncheon is a great time to hear what everyone has been doing during the winter, and meet our old and our new friends. Karen and Barry Bell have it all prepared for us to enjoy. Barry tells you about it in his President's message, which follows. — Plan on being there to start off the season in a great way

Prez Sez

We have the holiday season behind us and entered 2009 with lots of snow and cold weather. Some of us are fortunate enough to have spent part of it in warmer climates. Now it is time to look ahead. Karen and I hope you are eagerly looking forward to all the activities that go along with being an Airstreamer.

Our first activity is the Spring Luncheon being held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at **Valle Vista Conference Center located at 755 East Main Street in Greenwood, Indiana.** Social hour will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch being served at Noon. **There will be an Executive Board meeting at 10:30 A.M.**

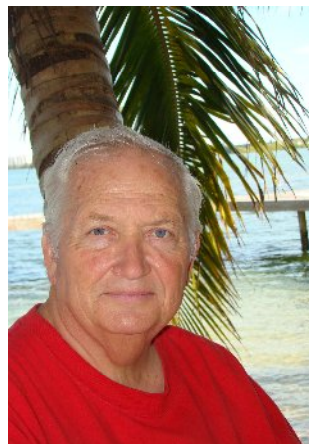
Our first rally, "The Crossroads of America Rally", will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on May 28-June 1, 2009. Lots of activities are being planned. So be sure to "save the date" for this rally.

The WBCCI International Rally is at Madison, Wisconsin this year. That is just a short distance away and for those still working, will only require a week of vacation to attend this from June 28 – July 4, 2009. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan ahead. If you are planning to go, make your reservation. When you arrive, you will have a chance to win a new 2009 27' Classic Front Bedroom Airstream Trailer hitched to a new 2009 ¾ ton Dodge or Ford Pick-Up. If you do not need the equipment you may take the optional \$110,000 in cash. During the registration process each member will receive one scratch off ticket with 30 dots on it. You must scratch off only 6 dots. After scratching off the 6 dots, if each dot displays a key you WIN!!! The great thing is that EVERY ticket has 6 keys on it. So every ticket is a

possible winner. Since we can only have one winner and there could be more than one winning ticket, all winners must be present to decide if they all want to share the one prize or draw a number out of the hat and one winner takes all.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Spring Luncheon at Valle Vista in Greenwood on Friday, April 24, 2009. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please make your reservations to Barry Bell (317) 877-6655 or (317) 418-2529 by Tuesday, April 21st. Plan to pay our treasurer, Ron Gordy, when you arrive at the luncheon.

In closing, it is important to note that the Central Indiana Unit had the highest retention rate of membership renewal in Region 5 as shown in the Region 5 Report. I want to especially thank Mike Brown for his efforts in helping to make this possible.



Barry Bell, President

News from Members—

The Christmas Luncheon was well attended in spite of the terrible weather, and bad road conditions. After sliding through two stop signs, your editor decided to turn back for home while the Suburban was still dent free and on four wheels. Thanks to Karen Bell for sending the pictures of the luncheon. And the report, which is on the next page.

From Florida — The Florida State Rally at Sarasota had a liberal sprinkling of Central Indiana Unit members in attendance. They were: Max and Donna Carmichael, Tom and Pat Anson, Howard Branscomb, Karen and Barry Bell, Ron and Darlene Gordy, Willis and Ina Robbins, George and Barbara Phillips, Mike Zimmermann, Russell and Jackie Thackery, and Carolyn Beardshear. The total attendance for the rally was 390 units. I believe this is the smallest attendance for this rally.

The Region 5 dinner had a total of 93 members present.

Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL has been the winter home of some CIU members.

Pat and Tom Anson, Howard Branscomb, Patsy Marston have enjoyed Florida's weather, the yard sales, and all the fun of being in an Airstream community, while still having all the advantages a small city like Melbourne has to offer.—



Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann, Don Grayson and J'nann Grayson pose for the photographer at the Christmas Luncheon



Elena Lea, Carolyn Beardshear, Martha Kachele, Anita Lewellen, Bud Hershberger, and John Himmelheber enjoy visiting before the luncheon was served.

Norb Karau (left front) sits with John and Barbara Bergen and Patti and Dennis Frist and daughters. Mike Zimmermann stops by to say "Hello".



News from the Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas luncheon was held at Harbour Trees Golf Club in Noblesville this year. The club was decorated with two beautiful Christmas trees. The tables were festive with little Christmas stuffed animals as favors. We also had our unit historic officer flags exhibited next to the Christmas tree. It was interesting to see these flags showing our unit officers beginning in 1963 right after our Central Indiana Unit was formed.

The weather that day was less than perfect. It was snowy and icy in the morning which made it extremely hard for our members to get there. In spite of the weather we had thirty members attending along with one guest. Those attending were Carol Beardshear, Barry and Karen Bell, John and Barb Bergen, Mike and Mary Jo Brown, Dennis and Patty Frist and their two daughters, Johana and Erin, Ron and Darlene Gordy, Don and J'Nann Grayson, Leroy Harger, Bud and Ida Mae Hershberger, John and Darleen Himmelhiber, Dan and Martha Kachele, Norbert Karau, Elena Lea, Perry and Anita Lewellen, Bill and Sally Linkenhoker, Ann Newman, Mike Zimmermann and his guest Margaret Burgess.

We had a delicious buffet followed by a performance of "The Four Gospels" from the First United Methodist Church in Noblesville. They entertained us with Christmas songs for over an hour. Much to the embarrassment and surprise of First Lady, Karen Bell, tenor, Steve Cavanaugh, sang a special song entitled "My One and Only You" to her. It was really pretty funny. Steve was quite a showman.

After the entertainment trays of Christmas cookies were served. New member, Ann Newman, was installed into our unit by Perry Lewellen. Barry Bell presented our Past President and First Lady, Bud and Ida Mae Hershberger with a gift of appreciation for completing a fun and successful year. The gift was a set of two folding camp chairs with a tray attached. We hope they will enjoy using them at future WBCCI rallies.

After the luncheon was over, luckily the snow had subsided and the temperature had warmed, making it much easier for everyone to get home safely.



New member Ann Newman is formally installed by Perry Lewellen
WELCOME, ANN

Executive Board Meeting Minutes of the Central Indiana Unit of WBCCI

December 6, 2008, Harbour Trees Golf Club in Noblesville, Indiana

President, Barry Bell, called the Executive Board meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, our President expressed his appreciation and that of the Central Indiana Unit and that of our Past President, Bud Hershberger and his Executive Board for all their hard work during the past year. The roll call was taken by

Secretary, Karen Bell.

Those present were:

President Barry Bell
1st Vice President Mike Zimmermann
Past President Bud Hershberger
Treasurer Ron Gordy
Secretary Karen Bell
Trustees Mike Brown, Dan Kachele, John Himmelheber

Absent was Patsy Marston. She was unable to attend, due to icy road conditions.

Since the board has had the opportunity to read the previous meeting minutes, President Barry Bell, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Oct. 4 Executive Board meeting at 1:50 p.m. Since there were no corrections these minutes were approved as recorded. The 6:35 p.m. Executive Board meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed and it was read by Ron Gordy. Since there were no questions, the report was filed for audit. Ron also stated that the State and Federal tax returns have been filed and notification has been sent to International.

Standing Committee Reports – None

Unfinished Business

The following policy statement was added after the October 4, 2008 Executive Board meeting in Palestine, Illinois. "Expenditures for any special project that shall exceed \$50.00 must have prior approval from the President or Executive Board." This statement is now incorporated on the Central Indiana Unit's Policy page which is in our new directory.

New Business

Dan Kachele has completed the directory and will email it to Karen Bell in PDF format so we can try to put in on our website.

Barry Bell mentioned that the defibrillator pads have expiration dates on them of 11/08 and 1/09. He will order one new pad to have at the first rally.

Correspondence

Barry has been receiving correspondence pertaining to WBCCI members running for International office. He will present this information at the general membership meeting we will have during the "Crossroads of America" rally in May.

Announcements

Ron Gordy gave Barry a copy of the history of CIU and suggested that he could email it to Karen Bell in PDF format to put on our website. There being no further business to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bell, Secretary

News from Region 5 Newsletter

Airstream is the only RV company still producing product in the wake of the economic turmoil, Chairman Larry Huttle told the WBCCI International Board of Trustees at the Mid-Winter meeting in Montgomery, TX.

Huttle said Airstream is responding to the changing culture and in 2010 will discontinue the Classic trailer line, which represents only six percent of sales. Huttle said that of the 2,500 Airstreams sold in 2008, 36.2 percent were purchased by first time RV owners.

1st Vice-President Tom Collier identified Gillette, Wyoming as the location for the 2010 International Rally..

To hear other news of WBCCI check out the web site at WBCCI.org.

Also don't forget that Central Indiana has a web site at:

<http://centralind.wbcci.net>

And REGION 5 at: <http://region5@wbcci.net>