

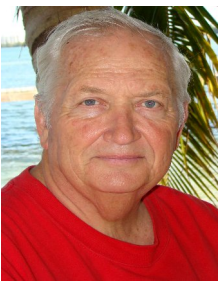
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CROSSROADS OF AMERICA RALLY—INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS MAY 27 - MAY 31, 2009



PREZ SEZ

Welcome Spring everyone! We had a great turnout for our annual Spring Luncheon at Valle Vista Country Club in Greenwood. What a great way to “kick off” the start of the Rally/Caravan season! Forty-one members enjoyed a delicious meal and we had three new couples attend. They were Sue and Ron Geib, Erin and Damon Beals, and Theresa Sherley and guest Jane Gibler (Theresa’s husband , Greg, had to work and couldn’t attend). We all had a chance to greet them and welcome them to the club and hope we will see them at our upcoming rallies. Absent from the luncheon was our esteemed Treasurer, Ron Gordy. Ron is recovering from double knee replacement surgery. His Substitute Treasurer, Darlene Gordy, filled in admirably.

Our first rally is fast approaching. It is up to you when you may want to join us. Wednesday, May 27 we will go on a tour of Lucas Oil Stadium at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28 we will have a tour of the Parenteral Packaging area at Eli Lilly and Company followed by a visit to the Lilly Corporate Center. Friday, May 29 we will visit the NCAA Hall of Champions followed by a tour of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site. Saturday, May 30 includes the Indiana State Museum, the IMAX Theater and the Eiteljorg Museum. On Sunday after breakfast and church those who wish can attend an Indians baseball game .Camping is \$25.00 per night and the Rally fee is \$25.00 per person. Join us on any day. Some activities/tours are not included in the Rally fee. See the list of activities for additional information.

Our next rally will be International at Madison, Wisconsin. The **Blue Beret** explains all the tours and activities available. The evening entertainment is usually very good. Hope most of you can attend, since it is so close to us this year. I am planning for CIU to participate in the Annual 4th of July Parade. I have ordered hats and shirts to help us look like “bees”. Remember, the theme is “Be the Best you Can Be”. I think it will be fun.

Remember to please let me know if you are planning to tour Lucas Oil Stadium on Thursday, May 21st. Tickets have to be ordered early on the morning of May 27th. The cost is \$5.00 for seniors (65+), \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (4-12). I’m looking forward to the end of May for our “Crossroads of America” Rally. **We need your reservations for this rally by Thursday, May 21st.** Ron Gordy will be there to collect your money at the rally. See you all soon.

Barry Bell, President

Turn in reservations via e-mail at ksbell@comcast.net or by cell phone (317) 418-2529 by Thursday, May 21st.

SPRING LUNCHEON AT VALLE VISTA , APRIL 24,

We had a great start to the new season with our Spring Luncheon. It was great to see so many C.I.U friends, and especially great to welcome 3 new couples into our WBCCI family. **Erin and Damon Beals, Sue and Ron Geib, and Theresa Sherley, who came without her husband, who was at work.** They were all inducted by our own Perry Lewellen, who must hold some kind of “Guinness Book” record for inducting new members. This is one of the WBCCI ceremonies that your editor enjoys more than any other. So good to know what wonderful experiences these new members have in store for them from participating in our club. Those attending the luncheon along with our new members were Pat and Tom Anson, Karen and Barry Bell, John and Barbara Bergen, Mike and MaryJo Brown, Darlene Gordy, J’ nann and Don Grayson, Leroy Harger and daughter Loretta McDowell, Ida Mae and Bud Hershberger, Darleen and John Himmelheber, Barbara and Don Horner, Martha and Dan Kachele, Elena Lea, Anita and Perry Lewellen, Nancy and Richard Longworth, Donna and Tom Yater, Gisela and Bob Zike, Carol Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann, Patsy Marston, Norb Karau, Mike Brumbach. Barry and Karen Bell passed out information on what to expect at our Spring Crossroads of America Rally and it certainly sounds like a winner. They have arranged tours to keep us busy every day we are there. The Indiana State Fairgrounds is a great place to park, too. We will have 3 point hook-ups and besides what has been scheduled for the rally members, there’s almost always something of interest going on at the fairgrounds. It will be like an Indy 500 Rally reunion for our members who’ve worked at the former National Rally. This rally will be a great “shake-down” cruise for the summer, and for all those members attending the International Convention/Rally in Madison, Wisconsin.

Other News of members: Ron Gordy is now at home recuperating from double knee replacement and doing well. Leroy Harger had a recent stay in the hospital, having been released just days before attending the luncheon. He is also doing well. Nancy Longworth was proudly displacing photos of their new grandson— he’s a real cutie.—Pat and Tom Anson also have pictures of their granddaughter Mallory’s new son. That’s another “great” for the Ansons and another beautiful baby. It was good to see Martha K. attending the luncheon with Dan, and looking as pretty as ever. Howard Branscomb spent the winter at Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL. He couldn’t attend the luncheon— 120 miles from his home in Ohio— but sent greetings to all, and says he’ll be at the Crossroads Rally.



Ron and Sue Geib



Theresa Sherley



Perry Lewellen Inducting New Members



Erin and Damon Beals

Crossroads of America Rally

Activities

Wednesday May 27

3:00 PM Tour Lucas Oil Stadium (\$5-7)

Thursday May 28

11:00 AM Lunch at the Lilly Cafeteria (\$)

12:30 PM x Tour Eli Lilly Parenteral Packaging

x Visit the Eli Lilly Corporate Center Lobby

x View a film presentation

x Tour Replica 1876 Manufacturing Building

x Colonel Eli Lilly Office & Civil War Memorabilia

x Self Guided Tour of Heritage Hall

7:00 PM x Indiana Museum of Art - Tour Lilly House & Gardens

Friday May 29

10:00 AM x NCAA Hall of Champions

1:00 PM x Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

(Optional) Hook's Historical Drug Store & Museum

Located at Fairgrounds, tours \$5, includes ice cream

Saturday May 30

9:00 AM x Indiana State Museum

11:15 AM x IMAX Theater - "Roving Mars"

12:15 PM Lunch at Eiteljorg (\$)

1:30 PM x Eiteljorg Museum Tour

Sunday May 31

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Brief Worship Service

2:00 PM Indians Baseball Game

(Added attraction, cost to be determined)

x **Included in Rally Fee**

Campground Fee \$25 per night

Crossroads of America Rally

Other Activities Available

Downtown Area

Seeing

Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial
Indiana Historical Society
Indiana Medical History Museum
Indiana State House
Indiana State Library
Indiana World War Memorial
Indianapolis Zoo
James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home
Madam Walker Theater Center
Morris Butler Home
National Art Museum of Sport
Soldiers & Sailors Monument
USS Indianapolis CA-35 National Memorial
White River Gardens

Walking

Canal Walk
Walking Tour - Lockerbie Square

Riding

Segway White River State Park Tour
Yellow Rose Carriage Tour
Wheel Fun Pedal Boat Canal Ride

So Much to See - So Little Time

Details of Crossroads of America Rally

Camping for the Rally will be at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Campsite, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN, telephone number: (317) 727-7510.

Entry to the fairgrounds will be through **Gate 1 off 38th Street or Gate 6 off Fall Creek. In either case, continue into the fairgrounds to the roundabout at the gazebo and then continue west to the west side fence.** Look for an Airstream Motorhome with WBCCI # 137. Our own Max Carmichael is in charge of parking.

Amenities include water and sewer hook-ups, and 30 amp electrical service. Cost is \$25.00 per night.

Our first activity is scheduled on Wednesday, May 27th at Lucas Oil Stadium at 3:00 p.m. You could park at the fairgrounds earlier in the day and carpool to the stadium, or you can drive your unit to Lucas Oil Stadium first and then go to the campground. Or you could just take the stadium tour and then go the campground on Thursday May 28th.

Lucas Oil Stadium Tour – Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets for this tour can only be purchased the day of the event. For this reason I need for you to tell me if you are planning to come. Tickets have to be ordered early on the morning of May 27th. The cost of the tour is \$5.00 for seniors (65+), \$7.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children (4-12 years).

For parking we will need to enter Gate 8 on Capitol Avenue. Capitol Avenue is one way at this point and only southbound. Parking cost is \$5.00 for a car and \$20.00 for a car with a trailer or motorhome.

Tour the Lucas Oil Stadium to get a first-hand, behind-the-scenes look at the facility. The tour will last approximately one hour and include visits to the playing field, an NFL locker room, Lucas Oil Plaza, Press Box, as well as numerous other areas not accessible to the general public.

Please wear comfortable shoes! This is a walking tour, but accommodations will be made for those touring in wheelchairs or with strollers. Lucas Oil Stadium, a seven-level stadium, is a fully accessible facility. All entrances into the stadium, as well as all levels of the stadium, are fully accessible via ramps, elevators and escalators.

Each tour will be led by a knowledgeable Lucas Oil Stadium Tour guide. They will be with you every step of the way to showcase all the features and amenities Lucas Oil Stadium has to offer and to answer any questions. Still cameras are welcome, but video cameras are prohibited.

Please let Barry or Karen Bell know by *Thursday, May 21th*, if you plan to attend this tour. Contact us by either e-mail at ksbell5@comcast.net or cell phone (317) 418-2529.

Thursday, May 28, 2009 - Tour of Eli Lilly & Company

Please arrive at the Visitors Center by 11:00 a.m. The Visitors Center is located at 1401 South Harding (corner of Harding and Howard). A shuttle bus will then take us to our first location for lunch. After selecting your lunch items, we will individually pay at the cashier station.

To make this tour you must be at the Visitors Center by 11:00 a.m. If your first day is May 28th, be sure to be parked in the camping area early enough to make lunch and the tour.

Dinner will be on your own. We suggest going to the Milano Inn located at 231 South College Avenue. They have Italian dishes that range in price from \$12 -\$20 per person.

At 7:00 p.m. we will be at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road. We will have a one hour group tour of the Lilly House (former home of J.K. Lilly, Jr.) and Gardens.

Friday, May 29, 2009 – NCAA Hall of Champions & Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

Please be at the Hall of Champions entrance area by 9:45 a.m. It is located at 700 West Washington Street in the White River State Park. Parking is at the White River State Park garage. Go west on Washington Street and pass across West Street. Turn right between the Eiteljorg Museum and the Indiana State Museum. Turn left at the ramp to enter the garage. Parking is \$2.00 for the first hour and \$1.00 for each additional hour.

Lunch will be on your own. We suggest going to Shapiro's, located at 808 South Meridian St.

Our next stop is the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, located at 1230 N. Delaware. The tour starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. This will be guided tour of the home of our 23rd President of the United States.

Following the tour, we will return to the fairgrounds for a cookout, Executive Board Meeting and a campfire

Saturday, May 30, 2009 – Indiana State Museum, IMAX Theater and Eiteljorg Museum

We need to be at the **Indiana State Museum by 9:00 a.m.** Parking will be the same as yesterday. The IMAX Theater will be showing "Roving Mars" at 11:15 a.m.

Lunch (on your own) will be at the Eiteljorg Museum. A tour will follow at 1:30 p.m.

After returning to the campground, dinner will be on your own. If you don't want to cook, we suggest Murphy's Steakhouse located at 4189 North Keystone Ave.

Spring Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by an evening campfire.

CIU GETS AWARD

In the May issue of Blue Beret there is a listing of the Units receiving the 2008 Unit Merit Award. Central Indiana received a **Superior Merit Award**. We will receive a gold flag streamer to display with our Unit flag. Region 5 is one of two regions having one hundred percent Unit Merit Award units. Region 10 was the other.

Also in this issue there is an article, on Page 17, Our First Caravan, written by Joe Peplinski about the Ores, Shores, Waters and Lights Caravan on which our president and first lady were co-leaders. It is very well written, and sure gives a taste of what a WBCCI caravan is all about. Caravanning is certainly what our club is all about, and a wonderful, fun way to see our great country.

I hope you've read the resumes in the April Blue Beret, of the candidates running for International offices. We will be voting on them at our Spring Business meeting at the Crossroads Rally

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Rally/Convention June 28—July 4 2009

Madison, Wisconsin

Grandkids/Buddy Rally—August 6—9

Indiana Beach, Monticello, IN

Region 5 Computerfest Rally— Sept. 13 –15

Brandenburg, KY

Region 5 Rally—"Hillbilly Haven" Sept. 16-20

Brandenburg, KY



Nancy L. takes my picture, even though I'm trying to wave her off. Karen Bell and Norb Karau are innocent by-standers.



This picture has nothing to do with the rally, luncheon, etc.—I just like it.—This is the street where I spent Jan.Feb.March and some of April. It's in Land Yacht Harbor, Melbourne, FL.