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CROSSROADS OF AMERICA RALLY INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA MAY 20–23, 2010



Our first rally of 2010 will be the Crossroads of America Rally at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. If you've never been to the State Fairgrounds you can get driving directions at <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fairgrounds/maps/driving.html> or if you rely on your gps like your editor does just put in 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN. Mike and Carol have planned several activities to keep us busy. There will be a car caravan to the Indy 500 Qualifications on Saturday for those who want to see the action. There should be plenty, with there being only one week-end of qualifying this year. The Fairgrounds campground has complete hook-ups and level parking with a fenced, secure area. We will have a general business meeting on Friday with voting on some important issues. So be sure and get your reservations in. — There is a registration form elsewhere in the Ticker. (There really is—not like last issue when I skipped over it.)

REPORT FROM MID-WINTER INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IN RAYNE, LOUISIANA These will be discussed at the Crossroads Rally business meeting.

Changes enacted:

- 25 percent reduction in International Officers expenses
- 10 percent reduction in Region officers expenses
- A marketing plan has been funded and is being implemented
- Two year budget planning.

Eight of the motions considered had to do with changes in the grievance procedure. Pres. Tom Collier noted that in 2009 more grievances were filed than in any other year in the history of the club. A motion to add the actions of suspension or probation to the appeals process was rejected.

Motions approved: To allow Unit executive boards to appoint Unit delegates to the annual June meeting.

Motions defeated: make the Mid-Winter IBT like an International Rally event, and to do away with proportional voting by the delegates.

Motions withdrawn, but under future discussion

- Reorganize the WBCCI into 7 regions rather than 12
- Make the International Rally a rotating Region function rather than the responsibility of the International president.
- Remove the position of International 3rd Vice-President.
- Reduce the responsibilities for International and Region officers travel.



CENTRAL INDIANA UNIT DUES

The Executive Board at the Spring Luncheon meeting voted to increase the unit dues from \$10 to \$15 per year. The following is a brief summary of the justification for this increase.

The cost of operating the Central Indiana Unit of WBCCI has been on the rise for some time. Rallies and luncheons must become self-sufficient, and we must look at a dues increase to help cover the increasing non-rally related operating expenses. These include Ticker and Directory printing and postage, dues processing materials and postage, Past-presidents flags and badges for new members and new officers. We also have expenses related to the Region rally and activities at the International Rally (door prizes, bulletin board, parade, etc.) We will definitely look at reducing our spending, but a dues increase is also needed to help keep CIU operating.

Ron Gordy, Treasurer

If you are currently receiving both a paper and email version of the Ticker, would you consider receiving only the email version? This would help the club with printing and postage expenses. Please notify the editor, Patsy Marston, 3037 Mooresville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46221, Phone—317-241-9494, or email at

Marstonindian@aol.com, to receive only the email version of the Ticker. —

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Airstreamers,

Spring has sprung and our Spring Luncheon at Valle Vista was a wonderful way to start the season. It was great to see and hear from everyone in attendance. We had 36 members attend and a good time was had by all.

Things talked about (besides you, if you weren't there) were our upcoming rallies and caravan this year and our desire to keep costs down. To this end we will be publishing a registration form in the Ticker, by email, and on the website, before our events so accurate reservations and deposits can be made. More campgrounds are requiring larger deposits with higher penalties, requiring us to be more precise with our attendance estimates. This pre-registration will be very important for planning our event costs. **Also we will be calculating the rally fee at the end of an event.** Of course we will include an estimate of rally fees on the registration form, but be aware that this may change when the final tally comes in.

Your Executive Board decided that our unit annual dues will be raised to \$15 to meet the costs of running our club. We have postponed this increase as long as possible and the need to run a balanced budget is necessary for club to continue.

Now the fun stuff. Our CIU website is updated continually with our rally and caravan information. Our next gathering will be our Crossroads Rally, May 20 to 23, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. We are planning a trip, for those interested, to the Indy 500 Qualifications on Saturday. We will also have a list of alternate activities to keep everyone busy. We are planning a campfire and a cookout (weather permitting) so join us and have some fun.

At the Crossroads Rally we will have a general meeting to vote on issues so our delegate can represent the membership at International. Our club needs your input to guide its future direction. You will receive more information on this.

After International our next event will be the Youth/Buddy Rally near Holiday World in August. Patsy Marston and Pat Anson are co-chairpersons and will be running this rally, since Carolyn and I will be on the Yellowhead n' More Caravan. Patsy and Pat have a great time planned for you and your children/grandchildren/great-grandchildren so plan to attend and let's get a future generation interested in WBCCI.



Another opportunity to gather will be the September Region 5 Computerfest/Region 5 Rally in DuQuion, IL.

Check the Region 5 website or newsletter for the registration form. In October we are planning something different from our usual rally schedule. October 1 to Oct. 10 we are hosting a caravan to several sites in southern Indiana. You can join this caravan for just a few days or the whole trip, as you wish. Keep an eye on the Ticker and CIU website for more information on this new adventure.

For now, Happy Airstreaming and be safe.

Mike Zimmermann, President

News from members

There were 36 members attending the Spring Luncheon at Valle Vista. It was really good to see Dale and Nancy Hoff, who traveled from their home in Tennessee to attend. They're enjoying their retirement home, but miss the summers of working in Yellowstone. Karen Bell had knee replacement surgery on the Monday after the luncheon. The surgery went well and she is recuperating. She was brave and had both knees done at the same time. John Himmelheber was there, stag, as Darlene had another commitment. Ida Mae Hershberger was also there solo, as Bud couldn't make it. He was attending a huge sale near home. He's looking for a new mail delivery truck, as his was involved in a wreck. One time Bud could have sure used his world-famous "Hurdle Gear". If you haven't heard of the "Hurdle Gear", just ask Bud about it sometime. He'll be happy to explain. It was also good to see Marilyn and Joe Barnett again, after quite a while. Dan Kachele was there without Martha, who was attending a baby shower. She is much better after her recent hospital stay. Those members present at the luncheon were: Ann Newman, John Himmelheber, Ida Mae Hershberger, Dan Kachele, Leroy Harger, Lewellens, Zikes, Barnetts, Graysons, Beals, Hoffs, Fullers, Gordys, Bergens, Horners, Zimmermann and Beardshear, Sherleys, Bells, and Marston.

Ballot on WBCCI International Officers and Changes to CIU Bylaws

If you are NOT planning to attend the business meeting at the Crossroads Rally, May20-23, please **RETURN THE BALLOT ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE** via email to cbshear2@aol.com or first class mail to Mike Zimmermann, 3350 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46228 **BEFORE MAY 18**. Note: The ballot contains abbreviated language. A full text of the language has been posted on the website: centralind.wbcci.net

Changes to Central Indiana Unit Bylaws and Constitution

Only the underlined words are changes.

The Recording Secretary shall mail first class or email copies of Board Minutes to the members of the Executive Board

An Affiliate Member of this unit who is a regular member in the same region may be appointed as a delegate at the International Rally if the unit has no Regular Members who are going to attend the Delegates Meeting.

These Bylaws may be ... provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing, first class mail or email, to all Executive Board members ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

The annual business meeting of the Unit shall be held during the month of September or October (depending on fall rally date). ...Meetings shall be announced to the members in writing, by first class mail or email, at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.

Ballots submitted by email, regular mail or facsimile may also be accepted from regular members unable to attend regular or special business meetings.

Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting ... providing ... a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been mailed first-class or emailed to each member of the Unit at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting.

CIU POLICY CHANGE

The following Policy was amended at the Executive Board Meeting on April 24, 2010 at Greenwood, Indiana. Only the words underlined were changed in the Central Indiana Unit Policy.

- The official publication of the Unit shall be called "The Ticker". It shall be published before each unit event and mailed first class or email approximately 20 days before each unit rally and dinner meeting. The Ticker Chairman shall obtain information from the President for inclusion in each issue.



Join us for a Segway tour of Indianapolis at the Crossroads Rally. It's so easy!

WBCCI Officer Nominees

Information about these candidates was published in the April 2010 Blue Beret and is posted at centralind.wbcci.net

International President: Norm Beu

1st Vice President: Barry Heckenswiler

2nd Vice President: Don Clark

3rd Vice president: John Boutwell

International Recording Secretary: Sandy Perryman

International Treasurer: Bob Moss

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I ____ APPROVE ____ DISAPPROVE of the changes to the CIU Bylaws and Constitution

I ____ ACCEPT ____ DO NOT ACCEPT the slate of nominated candidates.

Write in Candidate _____ for (office) _____ - _____

NAME _____

COMMENTS:

Security Guidelines for CIU Publications

At the recent board meeting it was suggested that for security reasons the names of minors should not be published with their pictures. WBCCI has no policy for publishing individual names and images on-line, but all school systems use this as a guideline. The board agreed to this policy.

If you DO NOT want your name or image pictured please inform Mike Zimmermann, (zimm3350@gmail.com) 3350 W. 42nd St. Indpls, IN 46228 by returning the following by mail or email.

I do not want my name or image to appear in WBCCI Central Indiana Unit's on-line publications.

Member 1: _____

Member 2: _____

CROSSROADS RALLY SCHEDULE

Campsite Fees with full hookups: \$25 per night

Rally Fee will be calculated at end of rally

Thursday, May 20

- Arrive at Fairgrounds and park
- That evening -pizza party at the campsite with pizza from DeLullo's Gourmet Pizza (included in Rally Fee)

125

FRIDAY MAY 21 (optional activities)

- Conner Prairie Interactive History Park
(\$13 adult, \$12 age 65 and over, \$10.50 for groups of 10)
- Segway Tour of Indianapolis (www.segwayofindiana.com)(Cost is \$45) This is an optional activity, but those who did it last year said it's easy and great fun for any age, 8-85.
- Downtown Indianapolis: Canal Walk, Eiteljorg and Indiana State Museum, or White River State Park.
- General Business Meeting followed by round table discussion led by 2020 Committee Member Damon Beals on the topic of "How to Improve WBCCI"
- Dinner at Moe and Johnny's restaurant in Broad Ripple

SATURDAY MAY 22

- Indy 500 Qualifications (optional group activity) (\$10 per person—not included in Rally fee)
- Pitch-in dinner and campfire at campsite (main course included in



Join us for a lightning fast lap around the Indy 500 track and/or a slow wagon ride into the past at Conner Prairie History Park, all in one weekend!



CROSSROADS RALLY REGISTRATION FORM MAY 20-23 Please return by Monday, May 17

NAME _____ WBCCI# _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

What is your intended arrival date _____ Departure date _____

In which activities do you intend to participate? This information will help immensely in planning.

_____ Pizza Party

_____ Conner Prairie (\$13 adult, \$12 age 65+, \$10.50 for groups of 10+)

_____ Dinner at Moe and Johnny's (order from menu)

_____ Indy 500 Qualifications (\$10 per person)

_____ Segway Tour (\$45 per person)

More pictures from the Archives. These featuring Himmelhebers, Hoffs, Ansons, Ron Gordy and friend, the Sugar Creek Rally, and several winters ago when your editor's Airstream spent a winter in Indiana. Just a few of my favorites.



IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 20 - 23 CROSSROADS RALLY
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

JUNE 27 THRU JULY 4 INTERNATIONAL RALLY AT
GILLETTE, WYOMING

AUGUST 5 - 8 YOUTH/BUDDY RALLY AT
SCALES LAKE PARK & CAMPGROUND
BOONVILLE, IN

SEPTEMBER 15-18 REGION 5 RALLY AT
DUQUOIN FAIRGROUNDS, DUQUOIN, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 1 -10 -CIU CARAVAN
THROUGHOUT INDIANA
WITH THE ROUTE TO BE REVEALED