

Region 5
Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.
Annual Board of Trustees Meeting
September 16, 2022 10:00 A.M. EDT/9:00 A.M. CDT
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Madison, Indiana

Region 5 President Artie Martin, Kentucky Airstream Club, called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M. EDT/9:08 A.M. CDT

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, read the names of five (5) members who had died since the 2021 Region 5 Rally. This was followed by the invocation given by Region 5 President Artie Martin.

First Vice President John Deegan, Central Indiana Airstream Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen called the roll of board members:

Board Members:

President	Artie Martin	Present
1 st Vice President	John Deegan	Present
2 nd Vice President	This office is vacant	
Recording Secretary	Susan Swearingen	Present
Treasurer	John Swearingen	Present
Immediate Past Region President	Christopher Seplak	Present
Parliamentarian	Steve Broering	Present
President Central Indiana Airstream Club	Susan Bishop	Present
President Indiana Airstream Club	Glenn Null	Present
President Kentucky Airstream Club	Cindy Weisenberger	Present
President Northern IL Airstream Club	Tom Myers	Absent
There was no representative for Northern IL Airstream Club		
President WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club	Susan Swearingen	Present
The President of WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club will not be seated at this time, as she is Recording Secretary. Ann Leslie, Trustee, Pro Tem		

President Martin stated there is a quorum.

Appointment of Nominating Committee Chairperson: It has been the custom of Region 5 to appoint the Immediate Past Region President as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Region 5 President Artie Martin appointed Christopher Seplak as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The other two members of the committee will be chosen by the Chairperson of the committee with approval by the Region Executive Committee. The committee's priority is to secure a Region 5 2nd Vice President candidate(s).

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 18, 2021, Region 5 Annual Board Meeting have been posted on the website and have been distributed to each member of the board and should be before the members of the board at this time. There were no corrections/additions.

Reports of Officers and Committees

President's Report: (oral report) President Martin stated he has been concerned with decreasing attendance at the Region 5 Rally and is looking for ways to increase attendance. One factor affecting attendance was covid. Two other factors that continue to affect our attendance are our close proximity to the Swiss Festival in Sugar Creek, OH and caravans. There are 4 members currently on caravans, who would have been in attendance at this rally. In addition, in July, the International Board of Trustees voted to allow the International Rally to be held any time of year. In 2024, the International Rally will be in Sedalia, MO, running from the latter part of September into October. This will result in conflict with the Region 5 Rally and the Swiss Festival in Sugar Creek, OH. To be proactive, I have appointed a committee to do a feasibility study on the impact of changing the Region 5 Rally dates, in hopes of increasing attendance. In addition, we may be forced to change the rally date for 2024, to avoid conflict with the International Rally. The committee members are: John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President, Central Indiana Airstream Club, Christopher Seplak, Immediate Past Region President, Indiana Airstream Club, and Steve Broering, Kentucky Airstream Club. Discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report: John Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, reported the checking account balance, as of July 1, 2022, the first day of Region 5's fiscal year, was \$10,882.29. The Federal Tax Return for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, has been filed and accepted by the IRS. Treasurer Swearingen and Immediate Past Region President Christopher Seplak explained the absolutely unexpected \$1,416.82 net surplus for the 2021 Region 5 Rally at Warsaw, IN. Treasurer Swearingen explained the only way Region 5 has of raising money is our rally fees for our rallies. So, when there is a surplus, this increases our checking account/operating capital so we can pay bills ahead of time. Treasurer Swearingen reminded everyone if they have any outstanding expenses for this rally, for which they wish to be reimbursed, please see him to obtain an expense voucher, attach receipts, and secure the President's approval, he will then issue a check. There were no questions. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Standing Committee Reports

Rally Report: (oral report) President Martin reported we have 32 rigs/57 members on site for this rally. Fund raising for our Community Service Project, Rykers Ridge Elementary School, continues with raffles, silent auctions, and split-the-pots. The gift exchange last night, of the gifts members brought, was a lot of fun. Thursday and Friday breakfasts provided by Kentucky Airstream Club and Central Indiana Airstream Club were wonderful. Announcements will be at 7:00 p.m. tonight, followed by the vocal group Kaleidoscope, from Cincinnati. Saturday's breakfast will be provided by WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club. After breakfast, we will have the Flea Market. At 1:00 p.m. Damon Beals, Region 5 Webmaster, Central Indiana Airstream Club, will present a seminar on "Navigating the New International Website, followed by a seminar on axles and brakes by Glenn Null, President of Indiana Airstream Club. At 4:30 p.m. we will caravan to Clifty Falls State Park Lodge for dinner at 5:00 p.m. After dinner, we will return to the fairgrounds to play Airstream Charity BINGO and finalize our fund-raising activities. We will have devotion time on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The Sunday morning offering will benefit our Community Service Project, Rykers Ridge Elementary School. Followed by the closing of the rally.

Membership: Region 5 does not currently have a Membership Chairperson. We need a volunteer to fill this position. President Martin stated he is always thinking of ways to increase membership in our Region and our Local Clubs, as well as attendance at the Region rally. For our Region to remain vital, we need members and members who are active participants in our Region and Local Club activities. If you have any ideas regarding this, please share them with President Martin.

Caravans: Chairperson Barry Bell is not present and there is no report. We will verify if Barry wishes to continue as Chairperson.

Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret: Artie Martin, Contributing Editor, Region 5 President stated we have had an article in all issues of the Blue Beret during the past year. He requested the 5 Local Clubs to submit information to him about upcoming rallies and other noteworthy club related news that he can include in the Blue Beret. Everyone was invited to email, call, or text him with news. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Community Service: Region 5 does not currently have a Community Service Chairperson. President Martin & his wife, Pam Martin, are acting co-chairpersons for this rally. We selected Rykers Ridge Elementary School, Madison, Indiana, for this year's Community Service Project. There will be an updated report submitted after the conclusion of the rally. There were no questions.

Legislative: Region 5 does not currently have a Legislative Chairperson. We need a volunteer to fill this position. President Martin asked the board members if there is any pending or recently approved legislation in Illinois or Indiana regarding the RV industry. There was none. President Martin stated the State of Kentucky now has a bed tax that applies to hotels, lodges, and even campgrounds. Even though we travel with our own beds, we will be subject to a 7% bed tax for next year's rally. This bed tax is above the state and local taxes.

Newsletter Editor: Region 5 does not currently have a Newsletter Editor. We need a volunteer to fill this position. If anyone is interested in this position, please see President Martin.

Religious Services: Region 5 does not currently have a Religious Services Coordinator. In the absence of a Religious Services Coordinator, the report will be read by Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen. The worship service last year was held on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds in Warsaw, Indiana. Worship leader was Judy Rice, music was provided by Artie Martin, and Usher Chairperson was John Swearingen. The offering of \$155.00 was given to The Beaman Home, a shelter and services program for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, in Warsaw, Indiana. The Beaman Home was also the Community Service Project for this rally. The total amount given to The Beaman Home was \$1,162.00 (\$155.00 offering + \$1,007.00 charitable donations). There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes. If anyone is interested in this position, please see President Martin.

Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Representative: Damon Beals, Central Indiana Airstream Club, is the current VAC Region 5 Representative. His essential job functions are:

- Help promote and encourage vintage trailer owners' participation in the WBCCI and the special VAC interest group.
- Be the local contact person for newcomers to get information about the VAC & WBCCI activities, information & resources.
- Regional Representatives name and email address will be listed in the Vintage Advantage newsletter and on the VAC website.
- Shall be a liaison between the VAC and the local Units/Clubs in your Region.
- Reps are encouraged to either plan some sort of special event at your Regional Rally or an independent VAC rally.
- Are encouraged to obtain VAC merchandise from the Quartermaster to offer for sale at Regional VAC rallies/events.
- Provide an Annual Region Rep Report to the VAC 3rd Vice President of the activities in your region for inclusion in the President's Annual Report.

Region 5 currently has 23 paid members in the Vintage Club. Membership in the Vintage Club is currently 500, making the Vintage Club the largest intra club in WBAC. The Vintage Club was present at the opening of the new Airstream Heritage Center in Jackson Center, Ohio. Damon hopes to have a Region 5 Vintage Airstream Rally at the Airstream Heritage Center next year or the following year. To qualify for Vintage Club membership, your Airstream must be 25 years

old or older and the membership annual dues are \$20.00. The VAC board is busy planning events for the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, WY. Damon addressed all questions from the board. A written copy of the report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Webmaster: Webmaster Damon Beals, Central Indiana Airstream Club, began his report by giving some background on himself. Damon has been involved in WBAC, at the International level, since 2009. He was a member of the 2020 Committee, whose purpose was to guide the Club into the year 2020. He then joined the ECC, Electronics Communication Committee, which helped to modernize the Club, to move the Club forward in the electronic world, i.e., moving from using checks to using credit cards. About 4 years ago, he stepped back a little from the International level work, but he remains on the renamed ECC, Information Technology Committee (ITC), assisting Local Clubs with their websites and other online duties. Going along with what President Martin said regarding the number of people attending a Region 5 Rally, the 2020 Committee did a study regarding the relationship between International total membership and the number of members attending an International rally. The 2020 Committee found that attendance at International rallies, over time, was 10% of the total membership, across the board. If membership was 8,000 members, you could expect 10%, or 800 members in attendance. Region 5 has 350 members and we have almost 35 rigs at this rally. The 10% rule still follows the club. Damon stated Central Indiana Airstream Club, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, and Northern Illinois Airstream Club have moved their Clubs' content to the new website. Indiana Airstream Club and Kentucky Airstream Club need to talk with Damon to get their Clubs' content moved to the new website. All rally information needs to be posted on the International website, in order to be listed in the Blue Beret and the online calendar. New officer reporting forms for 2023 may be done online, or you may print off the form and mail it to Jackson Center. If there are any officer changes during the year, a new form must be completed. This is especially important if your webmaster changes, as Jackson Center gives website access to the webmasters. Damon has moved all the Region 5 website content to the new website, including all reports and newsletters. The only event posted on the Region 5 website is the Region 5 Rally. The only issue for next year is payment of Region rally fees, paid on the website. A third-party form provider, JotForm, will be used and their fee is based on usage. The new International website is difficult to navigate, as it was designed by marketing, not on user ability. The Club initially designed a good-looking website, but it didn't address all the needs of this Club and its members, so features have been added on and added on. New members can join online, and members can now renew their club membership, as well as join and renew any intra-club memberships, online. It is one stop shopping for joins and renewals now. Jackson Center manages the website. It is important for the Local Clubs to keep their websites updated, so prospective members know who you are, where you are located, and what you are doing. Damon addressed all questions from the board. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Item #1 – Motion No. 1 President Martin recognized Christopher Seplak, Immediate Past Region 5 President. His motion is regarding amending the Region 5 Policy, as it applies to the Region 5 Rally. President Martin asked Christopher to read his motion. Basically, the Motion is removing the requirement that the Region 5 Rally be held in the month of September. This is a proactive move, so we as a region have the ability to schedule the rally dates at any time during the year, plus the location of the rally, with the board’s approval, if the need arises. This goes along with President Martin’s appointment of a committee to do a feasibility study on the impact of changing the Region 5 Rally dates, in hopes of increasing rally attendance. The Motion is before you. Seconded by Ann Leslie, representative for WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club. Discussion followed. The Region 5 Policy is posted on the Region 5 website. The policy addresses the operation of Region 5. Regions do not have constitutions or bylaws. President Martin called for a vote. In the absence of any negative vote, this motion passed. This policy change is effective immediately. Christopher will update the policy with the new wording and have it posted on the Region website. A copy of the motion is attached to the Secretary’s minutes.

Item #2 – President Martin stated for 2023, the Region 5 Rally will be returning to the Lexington/Georgetown, Kentucky area to the Kentucky Horse Park Campground. Lexington is a thriving, beautiful community in horse country. The dates for the rally are Wednesday, September 13, 2023, to Sunday, September 17, 2023. We have 75 campsites reserved. In 2017 we had 61 Airstreams in attendance. President Martin requested a motion to accept Kentucky Horse Park Campground as the site for the 2023 Region 5 Rally, to be held September 13, 2023–September 17, 2023. John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President, made the motion to accept Kentucky Horse Park Campground as the site for the 2023 Region 5 Rally, to be held September 13, 2023-September 17, 2023. Motion was seconded by Christopher Seplak, Immediate Past President of Region 5. There was no discussion. President Martin called for a vote. In the absence of any negative vote, this motion passed.

Item #3 – The next total Solar Eclipse is April 8, 2024. President Martin stated there is interest in having a Region 5 Solar Eclipse Special Rally in 2024. Christine Majers, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President, and I have discussed the possibility of a Region 5 Solar Eclipse Rally. This Solar Eclipse Rally would be in addition to the annual Region 5 Rally. John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President, stated the eclipse will pass over southern Illinois, Terre Haute, and Greencastle, on its way to Ohio. So, it will definitely be in our backyard. President Martin wants all region members to be aware we are looking at the possibility of a Region 5 Solar Eclipse Special Rally April 8, 2024. President Martin suggested to the board, that as President and 1st Vice President, he and John Deegan will continue to pursue finding a fairgrounds or other location to host 100 or more Airstreams on April 8, 2024. Be watching your Blue Beret for Region 5 news about this rally.

Item #4 – WBCCI has printed a new trifold brochure, “We Rally Together”. President Martin has a supply of the brochure. Due to privacy issues, Airstream is no longer allowed to share the names/addresses of new Airstream owners with WBCCI. And rather than WBCCI sending this

brochure directly to all dealers, WBCCI is giving the brochures to Local Clubs, who have an Airstream dealer in their area. Susan Bishop, President of Central Indiana Airstream Club, will order some brochures and will add some type of listing to the brochures describing her club and the Indiana Airstream Club. Her club will then deliver the brochures to the Airstream dealer in Lebanon, Indiana.

Item #5 – Candidate for Region 5 2nd Vice President. President Martin stated there have been discussions regarding potential candidates to fill the remaining term for the office of Region 5 2nd Vice President. Just prior to the start of this meeting, President Martin learned we have a nominee who has offered her services. President Martin is very pleased to introduce Susan Bishop, President of Central Indiana Airstream Club, WBAC #7164, who is announcing her intention to be the nominee for the office of Region 5 2nd Vice President, 2023-2024. Susan gave a summary of her resume.’ President Martin asked for a motion to approve Susan Bishop as the nominee for Region 5 2nd Vice President for 2023-2024. Christopher Seplak, Immediate Past President of Region 5, and Chairperson of the Nominating Committee moved that Susan Bishop, WBAC #7164, be approved as the nominee for Region 5 2nd Vice President, 2023-2024. Motion was seconded by John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President. There was no discussion. President Martin called for a vote. In the absence of any negative vote, the motion passed. President Martin stated 4 of the 5 Local Clubs in Region 5 are present at this meeting. Northern Illinois Airstream Club is not represented today. Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen will prepare a packet, which includes a ballot, Susan Bishop’s resume,’ and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The packets will be given to the Local Club Presidents who are in attendance at this rally, and a packet will be sent to the President of Northern Illinois Airstream Club. The packets will include instructions the ballots are to be used in voting for the Region 5 2nd Vice President candidate, Susan Bishop. The voting should be done at your next available business meeting with completed ballots returned to Susan Swearingen, Recording Secretary, by Monday, October 31, 2022. This will allow time for the New Officer Reporting form to be submitted to WBCCI for 2023.

There was no additional New Business.

Announcements: President Martin invited all officers, who wished, to make announcements and each officer is limited to 2 minutes. President Martin introduced John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President. John thanked everyone for attending and stated this was a great meeting today. Next, President Martin introduced John Swearingen, Region 5 Treasurer. John thanked everyone for attending the rally. He reiterated if anyone has any rally expenses, for which they need to be reimbursed, please get an expense voucher from John. Complete the voucher and attach copies of your receipts, have the voucher approved by Artie, then return the voucher to John, and he will issue a check to you as soon as possible. Next, President Martin introduced Susan Swearingen, Region 5 Recording Secretary. Susan thanked everyone for attending the rally. She especially thanked President Martin and wife, Pam, for all the work they did to prepare and get this rally underway. As all of you may know, Artie had a medical issue come up this year, requiring surgery. That was not on their calendar of events for this year. His recovery has been excellent,

and they have worked really hard since his surgery to finalize plans for this rally. We're happy they are both here for the rally. I also want to thank my husband, John, for his technical expertise because Susan does not have any. I greatly appreciate his help. Next, President Martin introduced Christopher Seplak, Region 5 Immediate Past President. Chris thanked all members of Region 5 for supporting him and Nancy these past 6 years and for helping them with their second region rally. Unfortunately, our first rally was cancelled due to Covid-19. He thanked Damon Beals for all his work with the websites, Louise Humble for her role as newsletter editor, and Artie Martin and John Deegan for their leadership roles. This region is in great leadership hands with Artie, John, and now Susan joining the ranks. He thanked all the Local Club presidents with whom he has worked, and John and Susan Swearingen for all they do for the region and for their friendship. Lastly, I wish to thank my wife, Nancy, who went on this journey with me. Next year, we both get to do what we want, maybe. Next, President Martin introduced Steve Broering, Region 5 Parliamentarian. Steve thanked everybody for attending and for serving.

Next, Local Club Presidents/Representatives made announcements pertaining to their Local Clubs, as well as shared ideas about what worked at their rallies this year. There were no other announcements. President Martin thanked his wife, Pam, for her support, for her love, and for being herself. Pam is an integral part of this club and without her, this rally would not have happened. President Martin stated we have a full slate of officers, which is wonderful, and he thanked the officers, staff, and the Local Club Presidents/Representatives for serving. President Martin said moving ahead, we're going to have fun.

Adjournment: There being no other business, President Martin requested a motion to adjourn. Christopher Seplak, Region 5 Immediate Past President, made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John Deegan, Region 5 1st Vice President. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 P.M. EDT/11:07 A.M. CDT.

Susan M. Swearingen, WBAC #4482
Recording Secretary 2022
Region 5 of WBAC

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Addendum to Community Service Report

The total monies raised from raffles, silent auctions, split-the-pots, Airstream Charity BINGO, and the Sunday morning offering for Rykers Ridge Elementary School was \$1,845.21 (\$373.21 offering + \$1,472.00 charitable donations). A check, payable to Rykers Ridge Elementary School in the amount of \$1,845.21, was mailed to Jill Mires, Principal, on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

The members of Region 5 are to be commended for their generosity to the students of Rykers Ridge Elementary School. Thank you!

Pam Martin WBAC #213
First Lady Region 5 of WBAC
Community Service Co-Chairperson 2022 – Madison, Indiana

Copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.