

Candidate Statement: John Deegan, BRN 538

Hello Region 5 WBCCI/ACI members. I am John Deegan and I'm your candidate for the position of President of Region 5.

Mary Ellen and I are members of the Central Indiana Airstream Club (CIAC), and we reside in west central Indiana. We've been Hoosiers since 1991 and members of the WBCCI since 2017 when we bought our 26U Airstream.

In the late 1970's-early 1980's we were members of the WBCCI and the South Florida Unit when we owned a 1960 Globetrotter that we rebuilt. However, our careers and raising children took up all our time and we sold the Globetrotter.

Since rejoining the WBCCI, I have been the Second and First Vice President and President (twice including the COVID year) of the CIAC, and I have been the Second and First Vice President of Region 5. Mary Ellen and I are also members of several intra-clubs and we are regular or associate members of all the clubs in Region 5. Mary Ellen is the current Treasurer of the CIAC and is the Recording Secretary of the WBCCI Amateur Radio Club.

As your President, my goals are to host Region rallies that will be fun and interesting, promote the Airstream lifestyle, support the communities we visit, camp with each of the clubs in our Region at least once a year, and always represent the interests of Region 5 in the IBT.

Since we've been members of the WBCCI in modern times, we've participated in two International Rallies, several Region rallies and numerous CIAC rallies. We've also been to Alumapalooza, the Swiss Festival National Rally, and Urban Air/Wake Up Downtown in Logan, Ohio.

Personally, I retired as an IT Professional in the Healthcare industry in 2012, and I retired from the U.S. Navy as a Reserve Officer in 1993. Mary Ellen and I have two grown daughters who are school teachers and we have four grandchildren. We also have a 5-month-old kitten named Millie who travels with us and enjoys this lifestyle!