



Region 5 Report

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MIDWINTER IBT PRODUCTIVE

Midwinter IBT Motions— Casa Grande – 2017

Motion 1 The name “Administrative Manager” changed to “Corporate Manager” (15 yes) (1 no)

Motion 2 Budget Committee Reorganized to make 1st International VP the Chairman, the rest of the committee will be the remainder of the Executive Committee and the Corporate Manager. (Unanimous)

Motion 3 Clarification of club publications and distribution methods (Unanimous)

Motion 5 Authorization to construct a unique badge (with qualifications) while still wearing the standard badge at Region and International Rallies & Caravans (13 yes) (2 no) (1 abstention)

Motion 6 Withdrawn and sent to special committee for establishment of member grievance procedures.

Motion 7 Service award description changed (unanimous)

Motion 8 Change makes it possible to purchase individual red numbers (unanimous)

Motion 9 No second – concerning prayer at Executive and IBT meetings.

Motions 4, 10, 10A, 11 Withdrawn to special committee for financial management issues.

Motion 12 Moves “Forms” from Bylaws & Policy and Appendixes to WBCCI Website. (Unanimous)

Motion 34 Approved reinstatement of #521 for member whose parents were on the 1955 Eastern Canada Caravan and were WBCCI members from 1955 to 1980. (13 yes) (2 no) (1 abstention)

Motion 35 Change all references of the name “Central Office” to the name “Headquarters” as listed in the WBCCI constitution. (Unanimous)

Executive Motion 1 Transfer \$20,000 from Account #254 International Rally Fund to Account #257 International Equipment Fund. (Unanimous)

Executive Motion 2 and IBT Authorization of \$3,000 for the necessary legal cost to establish a 501 (C) (3) Corporate Foundation. (Unanimous)

You will notice several motions concerning Unit and Flag changes signing the "new Airstream logo" were not listed. These were put on hold until the issue that we are having with Thor Industries concerning the Airstream logo is resolved. The following is a statement from Richard Girard, International President.

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"Currently, Thor Industries, the parent company of Airstream Inc. is reviewing the use of the Airstream name by all outside entities. They have advised us to postpone any further use of the Airstream name until the review has been completed. Because of this, all name change motions will be shelved until Thor tells us we can proceed. This action does not change in any way our partnership with Airstream. We will be contacting those Units with name change motions when this situation changes."

Submitted by Karen Bell, #126 Central Indiana Unit

MIDWINTER IBT EVENTS

IBT took place at Pinal County Fairgrounds in Casa Grande, Arizona. On Monday, Jan. 16th at 4 p.m. we had a Welcome Reception with margaritas and Mariachis. We had 4 breakfasts and 3 dinners. On Tuesday evening, Denny Kuller, an “old fashioned country music” singer performed with his guitar. On Wednesday evening Arval Bird who calls himself a Celtic Indian performed using his violin, Irish whistles and Native American flutes. He created a tapestry of Celtic, rock, folk and Americana roots music. On Friday, Apache Hoop Dancers, a storyteller and a Navajo Code talker spoke to us.

On Thursday, which was a free day, Barry and I and several others visited the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument.

The Arizona Unit along with several other Airstreamers helped Richard and Jan Girard with this rally. A good time was had by all of us.

Karen Bell, #126 Central Indiana Unit



Karen and Barry Bell at Casa Grande



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ARTIE'S THOUGHTS

Today it went to 63 degrees! In fact, the entire month of February has been above normal, 15 to 20 degrees above normal. The weather has been teasing Pam and I something terrible! I want to "de-winterize" the Airstream so bad but I know we will pay for this warm weather in March! But just the same, I have my checklist ready for the things we need to do before we hook up for KY's first rally.

Every year about this time I get ready to pull my wheels, clean and inspect the brakes, adjust the brakes as well. When we put axles on her last spring I elected to have brakes without self-adjusters. I have found more often than not, self-adjusting brakes don't really self-adjust the way they should. Since I always take the drums off every spring I adjust the brakes manually. I just feel better about it. The new axles came with grease fittings under the cap cover and the spindle is designed to allow the grease to go through the center of the spindle, enter the inner bearing pushing out the old grease toward the outer bearing all the way out through the hub! I am really excited to watch this process happen this year! But once again, I will have the drums off anyway, so I will visually inspect the bearings during the process.



I bought a gas leak detector. I will turn on the gas and check for leaks. It is also a great time to check all your running lights as well. Check the Fire Extinguisher!

I blow my water lines out with an air compressor. The only pink antifreeze I use is in the "S" traps under the sinks. I pour about a gallon into the fresh water tank just to be safe. When I get ready for the first trip I hook up the city water and let the lines fill up, the hot water heater as well, and let the water run out on the ground to rinse the lines out. I drain the gallon of pink juice out of my fresh water tank, I fill it to the top with city water and let it drain out to rinse out the tank. Then I add a box of baking soda to the tank and fill it again. That seems to help with the taste of the water and keeps the tank smelling fresh.

Hey you guys! Remember our Airstream is a 1968! Easy Peazy!!!

*There is good news on the trailer tire front. Goodyear has a new ST trailer tire that is made in the USA. The speed rating went from 65 mph to 87 mph. Carlisle Tire also came out with a newer ST Tire rated for 81 mph but it is still made in Taiwan. *(Steve Broering)

During the IBT Winter Meeting it was announced that all Unit requests to change their name to include "Airstream Club" have been shelved until Thor Industries decides if this is how they want the Airstream name to be used.

The Region 5 Rally plans are coming along. "Region 5 Falls for Horses" will be held in Lexington, KY at the Kentucky Horse Park Campground Sept 13-17, 2017. In the next couple of months look for more advertisements and registration information.

Pam and I are making plans to visit a few Unit Rallies in Region 5 this year. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!!!

Safe Travels! Artie and Pam Martin #21931
President

A WORD FROM BOB

Hello everybody out there in Region 5.

Well, here in Chicago we have had a rather mild winter. Actually as I write this, it is 65 degrees outside. I'm inclined to head out to my seasonal lot and get the Airstream ready to go but I have a feeling that mother nature and winter may not be done with us yet. We are just being teased a bit.



Went to the Chicago Auto show last night. I think I might be getting old as it dawned on me that this was the 51st consecutive Chicago Auto Show I have attended. You can probably figure out that I am a tried and true car guy. If it has wheels, I like it. Spent a fair amount of time looking at the new big pickup trucks. It is amazing how refined they are and how many great features they have to provide a safe towing experience. I'm not ready to get rid of my old Super Duty yet but I sure am tempted.

We are all signed up for the International Rally in Escanaba. Had to get a generator site but that will be fine for us. Looking forward to this event and I love that area.

RV show on Sunday the 19th at Rosemont Horizon. I know Airstream will be there with a nice collection of new units. Head out there if you can and bring your check book.

Looking forward to Spring and hope to see you all soon.

Lets' wear em out!
Bob Whitesell 1st VP

CHRIS'S VIEW

Hello from Ossian,

I would first like to thank everyone that voted me in as 2nd vice president for Region 5. I'm humble that you have faith in me to be an officer of this great region. If you don't know me, let me tell you about myself. I live in a little town call Ossian, IN about 10 miles south of Fort Wayne where I grew up. I work at Do it Best Corp in the accounting dept. I've been married to my wife Nancy for 16 years now. We have been part of the club for 5 years now in the Indiana Unit. We have enjoyed meeting new friends throughout the whole region. We attend Waynedale United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and are part of the choir. We also help with anything doing with children. We have one son that has moved out.

We also volunteer at the nature center at Pokagon State Park in the northeast corner of the state. My grandfather took me and my brothers and sister up there almost every weekend. That is where I have the best memories of my childhood. We would sit around the campfires and watch hundreds of raccoons come up to us and try to get our food off of the tables. We would walk through the woods and watch deer looking at us. And of course spend time down at the beach basically sitting in the water and playing in the sand. We believe that we as adults need to pass the knowledge of the outdoors on to the next generation. We need to show how nature works to them. We enjoy how the kids get interested how the animals eat their food. We as Airstreamers need to take our kids/grandkids to our parks and have them enjoy the outdoors. So take a kid to a park this year.

If you need to contact with me, email me at

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See you down the road.

Christopher Seplak



Max L. Carmichael

November 25, 1929 - December 24, 2016

Max Carmichael, International Past President of WBCCI passed away December 24, 2016, in Dade City, FL. Max served in many offices of WBCCI including Central Indiana Unit President, Region 5 President as well as Region 5 1st and 2nd Vice President, International President in 2002-2003 and Constitution and ByLaws Chairman for several years.

Max held his International Rally in Burlington, VT in 2003 with an attendance of 1669 rigs – a number than hasn't been surpassed since then. Both of Max's Region 5 rallies were held in Columbus, Indiana.

Max was always willing to share his vast knowledge of WBCCI and help new members and officers as they worked together on various projects. He is survived by his wife Donna, three sons, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

2017 INTERNATIONAL RALLY—ESCANABA, MI

REGISTRATION AT ESCANABA

Electric/Water/Pump out sites are currently **SOLD OUT!** The waiting list is also closed for these sites. A limited number of Solar and Generator sites are available. Solar and Generator camping will have water and pump outs. Bathrooms/shower houses are available at the fairgrounds . You can register for those sites NOW.

OFFSITE CAMPING AT ESCANABA

Arrangements have been with two off site locations which are relatively close to the fairground.

Pioneer Trail Park- <http://www.deltacountyparks.com/pioneer-trail-park.html> Registrations are open to the public. To make reservations, call 906-786-1020 or 906-553-7700 Email lorimathews@deltacd.org for additional information. This park is 3 miles from the fairground

Gladstone Bay Campground – <http://www.gladstonemi.org/campground> Sites can be reserved at this campground by leaving a message at 906-428- 9222. This park is 7 miles from the fairground.

It will be up to you to make reservations at these sites and then register for the rally as staying offsite. The offsite fee is \$95 per adult and entitles you to all the events at the fairground. This includes all the seminars, meals, entertainment, and access to the vendor area. **If you are considering staying at one of these campgrounds, do not procrastinate, space is limited.**

ONSITE CAMPING AT ESCANABA

For those parking at the Escanaba Fairground, please bring at least 42 feet of electric cord and 42 feet of water hose measuring from the rear corner of your rig to the end of your cord and hose.

If you want to park with someone, rendezvous outside the Fairgrounds and enter the bullpen at the same time. We will then TRY to park you together providing that you both have the same type of site (W/E or Solar/Generator)

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Units Please Note

For those Units with inactive Websites in the WBCCI system, they will be “taken down” or removed if they are not revitalized – Unit Webmasters should contact the Electronic Communications Committee about assistance if they are affected.