



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Artie Martin, President

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Louise Humble—Editor

REGION 5 RALLY ATTENDANCE UP SLIGHTLY

The attendance at the Region 5 rally held in Madison, Indiana, was up slightly from attendance at the 2015 Region rally. There were 49 rigs in attendance in Madison as opposed to 47 rigs in Goshen in 2015. This is the second consecutive year that attendance at this rally has shown a slight increase.

During the opening ceremonies, Bob Whitesell of the Northern IL Unit was installed as Region 1st VP. The installation was done by International 2nd Vice President Barry Bell.

Several tours and activities were available for all members with a trolley tour of the city of Madison being a highlight for attendees. The trolley tour, the tour of the Lanier Mansion and the wine tasting at the Madison Winery were all included as part of the rally fee. As the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration was occurring during the Region 5 rally, our members were able to enjoy the various activities offered by the city of Madison to celebrate this event.

Ken Langell served as the very able Master of Ceremonies and various region members supplied entertainment. Josh Glauber provided the Saturday night entertainment assisted by Region 5 President Artie Martin.

Attendees at this rally were much appreciative of the hard work of Pam and Artie Martin and the many hours necessary to produce a region rally.



Installation of First VP. Pictured from left - Sandy, Bob Whitesell, Pam, Artie Martin, Barry Bell

REGION 2ND VP NOMINEE

CHRIS SEPLAK – INDIANA UNIT

During the region business meeting, Monte Barksdale, Immediate Past Region 5 President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that Chris Seplak, Past President and newly installed President of the Indiana Unit is the nominee for the office of Region 5 Second Vice President. Ballots for the official election of Seplak have been sent to each Unit President.

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Unit Presidents -Please be sure to return the outcome of your unit's ballot to Secretary Susan Swearingen AS SOON AS POSSIBLE but no later than December 31, 2016

Address:

Susan Swearingen
504 N. E. 6th Street
P.O. Box 356
Atlanta, IL 61723-0356

REGION 5 DOWN TO 6 UNITS

During a somewhat emotional moment, Louise Humble, member of the Southern Illinois Unit announced that the unit would be returning its charter to the WBCCI office in Jackson Center, Ohio. The unit would cease to exist as of October 31, 2016.

The unit was chartered in 1964 but in recent years membership and participation have dwindled. With the inability to find officers, it was felt that returning the charter was the next step for this proud unit. Many of its contributions to WBCCI were noted with Dick Parrish of the Indiana Unit commenting on the good entertainment presented by this unit during past region rallies.

Much support was shown for this unit with President Artie Martin thanking the members for their contributions and encouraging each of them to remain active in the WBCCI organization.

CHRIS SEPLAK RESUME

Candidate for Region 5 Second VP

Personal:

Married for 16 years to wife Nancy



WBCCI Experience:

Started restore Grandfather's 1972 Overlander in 2010
Joined WBCCI in 2011 in Indiana Unit
Joined Vintage Airstream Intraclub in 2011
Indiana Unit 2nd Vice President in 2014
Indiana Unit President in 2015
Indiana Unit Past President 2016
Indiana Unit President Elect
Participant in Region 5 Rally since 2012

Education:

Wright State University Assoc in Applied Business, Data Process Tech.

National Dean List in 1987-88

Occupation:

1988 - 1996 GTE North, Various jobs in Account Receivable

1997 - 1999 Wells Fargo, HMDA Loan Specialist

2000 - Present Do it Best Corp, Various jobs in Account Payable including presently - Account Payable Lead

Community Service:

Boy Scouts of America 1991 - 2014

Cubmaster, Unit Committee member, Committee Chairman, Charter Organization Representative in Cub Scout and Boy Scout Unit

District positions: Cub Scout Training Chairman, District Training Chairman, Advancement Chairman.

Council positions: member of training committee, Head of Owl/Baloo Training events, member of University of Scouting staff.

Awards: Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Council Batch, Miami Chief Award, Committee member of the Year, Commissioner of the Year.

Member of Waynedale United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne

Member of Chancel Choir, have been on committees of Staff/Parish, Trustees, Nominations, and Administrative Council

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS MEETING

President's report: A profit will be shown on the rally in Madison. Early workers were asked and volunteered to pay above and beyond the rally fee for all the nights they parked while fulfilling their early worker duties.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer John Swearingen reported a checking account balance as of July 1, 2016 of \$6,163.66. This is only \$26.13 less than the balance of July 1, 2015.

Membership report: Sam Smith Membership Chair reported that he receives a monthly report from the WBCCI office of new members in the region. He sends a word of welcome to each new member along with club information that will be helpful to them. He also receives a monthly report of new rigs purchased and contacts each new owner in Region 5. He noted that at least one person in each unit should be receiving this same information and if no one is, Lori Plummer of the WBCCI office should be notified so that the situation can be rectified. lplummer@wbcci.org

Caravan report: Caravan Chairman Barry Bell noted that six of the seven units in Region 5 conducted at least one unit caravan during the last year. He reiterated that each unit caravan must be sanctioned by the unit and recorded in the minutes of the unit meeting before the caravan takes place.

Blue Beret Contributing Editor: Artie Martin has been filling this position and submitting the monthly reports.

Community Service: Chairman Mary Jo Brown reported that River Valley Resources, Inc. was to be the recipient of the proceeds from the community service projects. (Please see a more complete article about this agency and the service projects elsewhere in this newsletter)

Legislative report: John Green, Region Legislative Chair, reports that "distracted driving," particularly from cell phone usage and texting, is changing the laws in many states. Be aware of this situation. Also, new sales records have been set by Thor and Airstream in 2016. Thor has purchased Jayco RV for \$576 million in cash.

Newsletter: Louise Humble, newsletter editor, reported that the newsletter is published four times a year with the latest email addresses provided by the WBCCI office. Hard copies are shared with those members not having email addresses.

Religious Services: There is no Region Chaplain. Guest minister Jamie Conrod of the New Life Church of Goshen, IN presented the Sunday morning sermon in 2015.

Webmaster: Steve Mentz, Webmaster, reported an average of 20 visits per day to the Region 5 website. Steve resigned his position and Damon Beals has been appointed the new webmaster.

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REGION 5 MAKES SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION

River Valley Resources, a nonprofit service corporation located in Madison, IN, was chosen by Community Service Chairman Mary Jo Brown as the service project for this year's region rally. The agency provides various programs for adults and children in need in the 14 counties in Southeastern and Central Indiana. The donation from Region 5 members was directed specifically to the summer program for disadvantaged children in Jefferson County.



Molly Dodge Director of RVR

During the opening night of the rally, Molly Dodge, Director of River Valley Resources, Clearing House, spoke to Region 5 members giving a brief overview of the services that RVR provides to the local community including the summer program for children. As 23% of the inhabitants of this area live on or below the poverty level, there is much need for financial assistance for these programs.

Mary Jo, assisted by her husband Mike, arranged for several items to be raffled off plus a daily "Split the Pot" prize. "Split the Pot" netted \$254 after daily awards of \$75, \$90 and \$89. There were also some generous individual donations plus a donation of \$130 from the Southern Illinois Unit. The church offering of \$617 was added to the previous donations to make a total of \$1,660 given to River Valley Resources.

Mary Jo and Mike Brown are much appreciated for all their hard work in making this happen as are all the Region 5 members who so generously contributed to this cause.



Pam and Artie Martin welcoming guests to Friday night dinner at Clifty Falls Lodge



Karen and Barry Bell, Chris and Nancy Seplak enjoying trolley ride around Madison, Indiana.



Unit Presidents!
Don't forget to mail those ballots to
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