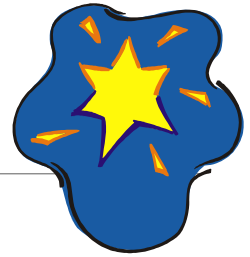


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CENTRAL INDIANA UNIT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 2010



Winter is trying to sneak up on us. As this is being written it is 70 degrees outside, sunny, and beautiful Indian Summer weather, BUT, we know Christmas is just seven weeks away, and our Christmas Luncheon is just twenty-four days away.

President Karen Bell has selected Harbour Trees Club House as the spot for the event for this year. In 2008 our luncheon was also held there. Those who attended that day, in spite of the terrible weather, had a wonderful time, and a delicious meal. It is located in Noblesville, the address is 333 Regents Park Lane.

There are detailed directions on the back page of this issue. We can't guarantee the weather, but we can guarantee a good time with good friends. Karen must have reservations in by **November 23**, so be sure to let her know that you are coming. Home phone number is 317-877-6655, cell phone 317-418-2529, or e-mail is ksbell55@gmail.com. There will also be **Special Entertainment**. Please bring canned or boxed non-perishable food items, so we can help the Noblesville Community Food Pantry, that helps needy families. Some suggestions are Spam, tuna, peanut butter, mac and cheese, boxed noodle main dishes, canned fruit, beans, etc.

Location—Harbour Trees Club House 333 Regents Park Lane, Noblesville, IN

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Order of the Day

11:00 AM to 12:00 Meet and Greet Social Hour

12:00 Luncheon served

1:00 P.M. to 1:45 P.M. Christmas Entertainment

2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Executive Board Meeting

Remember—

Reservations needed by November 23!

President's Message



I think we can all say this has been a beautiful and eventful fall. We have just completed our last Rally of Mike Zimmermann's year, which was our "Heel to Toe Caravan". I think it was a great success and everyone had a good time. I want to thank Carol Beardshear for all her work in organizing this caravan. I think it was well received and it especially made it easier for our younger members who are still working and others with family obligations to participate in part of the caravan. It was organized like three separate rallies with the first and last section being on the weekends. Be sure to read the article written by Carol, entitled "Heel to Toe Caravan Across Indiana- A Moveable Feast". We all had "Fun" as we enjoyed "Fellowship" with each other during this time as we experienced many new "Adventures" together. We are planning to have another caravan next year, and I hope we will have even more members participate. We have some exciting "adventures" planned!

It is hard to believe it is November already and we are all probably getting ready for Thanksgiving. I have been busy planning our activities for next year, which hope you all will enjoy. My first event is the Christmas Luncheon, which will be on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Harbour Trees Club in Noblesville. It will start with a "Social Hour" from 11 a.m. to Noon. The lunch will be served at noon. We have a delicious menu and "Surprise" musical entertainment planned. We hope all of you will be able to attend this event, which will be a wonderful "kick-off" for the Christmas season. It is my belief this will really be a memorable experience for you all.

Our first rally will be a joint rally with Southern Indiana Unit at the Oden City Park in Oden, IN on May 12-15, 2011. In September, I hope CIU will be well represented at the Region 5 Rally this year, since it will be in so close to us in Danville, IN. Our Youth/Buddy Rally will be August 4—7. From Sept. 30—Oct. 9, we are planning a 3-part "Top of Indiana" Caravan, and will be asking for volunteers to help Carol Beardshear with this.

All in all I'm looking forward to an exciting new year with lots of exciting adventures, which I hope will help us get new members, make new friendships, and maintain the members we already have.

We hope to see you all at our Christmas luncheon on December 4, 2010.

Karen Bell, President



**CIU General Business Meeting – Installation of 2011 Officers
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
October 3, 2010**

President Mike Zimmermann opened the meeting at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madison, Indiana, with the Pledge of Allegiance at 3:37 p.m.

Present:

Officers

President – Mike Zimmermann
Vice President – Karen Bell
Secretary - Carolyn Beardshear
Treasurer – Ron Gordy
Past President - Barry Bell

Trustees

Damon Beals
Mike Brown
Dan Kachele

Absent:

Trustees

John Himmelheber

Region 5 First VP Barry Bell installed incoming officers: President Karen Bell, Vice-President Mike Brown, Secretary Carolyn Beardshear, Treasurer Ron Gordy, Remaining Trustees Damon Beals and John Himmelheber, and New Trustees Darlene Gordy and MaryJo Brown.

Outgoing President Mike Zimmermann asked members to be thinking about how they can serve the club in the future as an officer or a trustee.

There being no further business and the Indianapolis Colts game about to begin, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Beardshear,
Recording Secretary

HEEL TO TOE, AND AWAY WE GO

Carolyn Beardshear, Reporter

Under cloudless skies and brilliant fall colors, the Central Indiana Unit's ten day caravan convened on Friday evening, October 1, and spent three nights in Madison, the "heel" of Indiana's "boot" on the Ohio River.

Monday we moved to Patoka lake, and then packed up Thursday for the final three nights in the "toe" of historic New Harmony, Indiana. The **Fun** part was a wide variety of activities: wandering Indiana's largest 130 block historic district in Madison, a pontoon boat ride on Patoka Lake, touring the Toyota Factory, taking in New Harmony's architecturally award-winning Visitors Center overlooking the early 1800 Harmonist Village, and hiking in cypress swamps as far north as the confluence of the Wabash and Ohio rivers. **Fellowship** grew from getting to know our members who were not able to work in a full ten-day caravan. **Adventure** certainly was not lacking, but fortunately no unplanned "adventures" of the darker kind to catch us off guard.

Our experiment with a "come and go" caravan was apparently a resounding success, as working couples and grandparents with family obligations, dropped in and out of the mix. Some had planned to leave mid-caravan, but decided to stay until the end. In Patoka we were joined unexpectedly by a non-WBCCI member with a vintage Globetrotter who read about the caravan on the Internet and dropped in to "see what Airstreamers were like". At first he was hesitant: "I'm already in too many clubs," but he left with a membership packet and a promise to see us again. Our youngest members with their newly restored and polished (read:gorgeous!) 1963 Trade Wind caught up with us on the final weekend for their first CIU camping experience. Members from three different units joined the group and friends from previous caravans stopped by to touch base and make new friends. The further we traveled the more the circle of friends expanded.

This being our first "come and go" caravan we learned a lot about how to make our events as accessible to ALL our members, not just retirees with unlimited time. Ultimately, we met our goal of more fun, more fellowship and more adventure for MORE members. That is, after all what the Wally Byam Caravan Club International is all about.



Caravaners meet at Madison, IN



A tour at New Harmony, IN



Cap'n Barry Bell takes the Caravanners for a tour at Patoka Lake.

The Heel to Toe Caravan had to be SO Much Fun, the one coming up next year across the top of Indiana, will be even more Fun, Fellowship and Adventure. Be sure and mark your calendars for September 30 thru October 9, 2011.

Report from Region 5 rally

The "Silver Bullet Shootout" in DuQuoin, IL had 84 registrations. This was a 24 percent increase over the 68 registrations for 2009 at Brandenburg, KY. CIU had 13 units attending, which made us 3rd in attendance. Southern Illinois was first with 17. The fairgrounds where the rally was held will be the site of next summers International. This will be an ideal place for an International. Lots of parking with 30 amp electric and water, beautiful grounds with lovely landscaping and the buildings were all well maintained and air-conditioned. Reg. 5 President Louise Humble had an outstanding rally, and we are all looking forward to the next one in Danville, Indiana. So close to home we are sure to be the Number One Unit next year.

The nightly entertainment included some very talented Airstreamers. The Computerfest held right before Reg. 5, had 24 registered, and I think we all learned something new.

Your editor really enjoyed being serenaded by these young performers.

News from Members:

Alice Craig is presently in a rehab facility. She would love to hear from her CIU friends. Address:

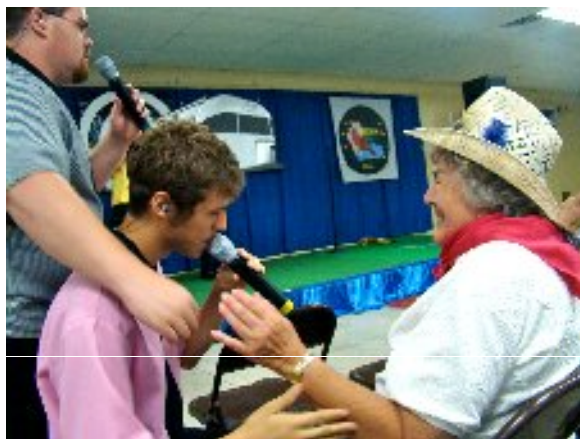
Mrs. Alice Craig

Manor Care Health Service

445 South 525 E. — Avon, IN 46123.

Pat and Tom Anson recently enjoyed a visit from their daughter who lives in Washington state. The family got together to celebrate Tom's birthday, which is coming up. They thought they would be in FL for his birthday, but Pat had been having health problems so they are delaying their departure.

Many members either have already left for winter quarters or will be soon. We wish them all safe travels and c-ya in the Spring.



DETAILED DIRECTIONS TO HARBOUR TREES CLUB HOUSE LUNCHEON SITE

If you are coming from US 31 at Westfield, IN turn East on IN 32 (3 miles)
Turn LEFT onto Little Chicago RD (3.5 mi)
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto CARRIGAN RD/ 211th Street. (1.2 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto N. Harbour Dr. (0.2 mi)
Turn LEFT onto LONGFORD WAY (0.2 mi.
End at 333 Regents Park Lane

If you are coming from IN 37 (North of Noblesville) go WEST on 206th St.
Turn RIGHT onto HAGUE RD (0.3 mi.)
Turn onto CARRIGAN RD (1.0 mi)
Turn LEFT onto LONGFORD WAY (0.1 mi)
Turn RIGHT onto REGENTS PARK LANE (0.2 mi.)
End at 333 Regents Park Lane

OR set your "GARMIN" or Tom-TOM- to 333 Regents Park Lane, Noblesville, IN 46062



Our Region 5 1st Vice-President Barry Bell, and his lovely First Mate Karen. (This is such a great picture from the Region Rally last year I wanted to publish it just one more time.) Especially since Karen is now Central Indiana Unit President!!

Doesn't she have a beautiful smile— Barry's lacks a sparkle—and a tooth , but just in this picture.

