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CENTRAL INDIANA UNIT WELCOMES SPRING WITH TWO EVENTS

Spring Rally—Odon City Park, Odon, IN

Spring Luncheon—Saturday April 30, 2011

We will gather at MCL Cafeteria at 5520 Castleton Corner Lane in Indianapolis for our annual Spring Luncheon and meeting. This is the chance to catch up on all of the “winter” news. All of you who’ve spent the winter in Indiana can compare snow stories, and those who have opted for warmer climes can tell of their travels. The time is **11:00 A.M.** and since it is a cafeteria, you can choose what you would like, and there will be no reservations. Our treasurer, Ron Gordy will even get a break and not have to collect our money. Everyone pays as they go through the line. Even though there will be no reservations, **Karen Bell** would like to know if you are going to be there. Please Email her at kshell55@gmail.com, or call 317-418-2529 to RSVP.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE—PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR

The Youth/Buddy Rally dates have been changed to JUNE 9-12, 2011

The Rally will be held at the Free Spirit Campground at Bedford, Indiana

May 12—15, 2011

CIU’s Spring Rally will be held jointly with Southern Indiana Unit in Odon, IN. The rally site will be the Odon City Park. Lots of shade trees, level parking, and a building for meetings. All the amenities for a perfect rally. All that is needed is for you to attend. After parking on Thursday, May 12 we will gather for a pitch-in supper that evening. The Unit will supply the meat, so you just need to bring your favorite carry-in food and your table service. A highlight of the rally will be a guided tour of the Crane Naval Depot, which will be Friday morning. That evening we can attend Dinky’s Amish Auction. Saturday A.M. we will tour Amish businesses in the area. Our Saturday evening banquet will be especially prepared and the cost will be \$12 per person. Sunday morning we will meet for a short worship service before departing for home. **Mike and Mary Jo Brown along with John and Carrie Hayes** have planned a fun-filled rally for us. A great way to start off the summer season. Camping will be \$15 per night and the rally fee will be determined after expenses. Please call or email your reservation, with number attending, and arrival date to Mike & MaryJo Brown. Their e-mail address is mjkbrown@frontier.com — phone is: [317-877-1745](tel:317-877-1745). Let them know, soon, it’s hard to plan a party unless you know how many to expect!.



The Bells, Mike and MaryJo Brown, Mike Zimmermann and Carol Beardshear all attended the Mardi Gras Rally. Part of the rally was attendance at the Krewe of Tin Cans Masquerade Ball. Below are the guys who went as “Three Blind Mice”. Mice are left to right Mike Zimmermann, Barry Bell, and Mike Brown. Looks like they have their glasses and canes, but what happened to their tails.— Oh, yes, the Farmers Wife. *I never saw such a sight in my life!*

“Karen's Comments”

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. We had a pretty good turn out for our annual Christmas luncheon at Harbour Trees Golf Club on December 4, 2010. Twenty-nine members attended in spite of the snowy weather. We were treated with many Christmas songs during our luncheon by the extremely talented soloist, Jim Washington and his accompanist, Jeff Kunkel. Jim has performed for many years in community theatre and other musical venues around the Indianapolis area. I'm also pleased to report we donated 166 food items and a \$5.00 donation for the snowman tin to the Noblesville Township Food Pantry. They were very pleased with our donation. Thank you for your support of this project.

I hope you all had a good winter and were able to keep warm either by traveling south or cozying up together in your home. We spent the winter again in Florida. However, in January we went to Robstown, Texas to attend the mid-winter IBT meeting. We are anticipating many changes in the works within WBCCI. We should have a new Constitution to consider and it will be on the agenda for the Delegates at the International Rally in DuQuoin, Illinois in June.

In February, a great time was had attending the Florida State Rally in Sarasota. The theme was “Roses and Romance”. They had three evenings of outstanding entertainment. We visited the Vintage Airstream open house, a hobby & art show and the Saturday morning flea market. We had 52 people attend the Region 5 dinner at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Sarasota. In addition to Barry and I, Mike and Mary Jo Brown, Max and Donna Carmichael, and Ron and Darlene Gordy attended from the Central Indiana Unit.

Now that spring is here, it time to think of the spring luncheon and the rallies we have planned for the year. We hope to see you all at our luncheon on Saturday, April 30, at 11:00 a.m. at MCL Restaurant located in 5520 Castleton Corner Lane in Indianapolis.

Our first rally of the season will be a joint rally with the Southern Indiana Unit at the City Park in Odon, Indiana. We will kick things off on Thursday, May 12, 2011 with a pitch-in dinner at 6:00 p.m. At that time the activity schedule will be discussed. Many interesting things are being planned, including a tour of the Crane Naval Weapons Support Center. We will be visiting an Amish home and touring several of their businesses in the area. This rally will end on Sunday, May 15th. The camping fee will be \$15 per night. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend this rally.

On June 9 – 12 will be our Youth/Buddy rally. It will be held at the Free Spirit Campground in Bedford, IN. One of our activities will be a Mystery River Voyage into Bluespring Caverns. In addition, we have campfires, hiking, games and crafts planned. Be sure to come, even if you don't have a grandchild. Bring a friend who might be interested in “Airstreaming” or just come for the hiking and adventure of touring a cave in southern Indiana.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Indianapolis at our spring luncheon on April 30, 2011 at MCL Cafeteria in Castleton.

Your President,
Karen Bell



Summary of the Business of the Mid-Winter IBT WBCCI Constitution, By-Laws Changes Proposed Changes could come up for vote at DuQuoin Rally

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International should have a new Constitution and By-Laws to consider at the annual meeting in DuQuoin, Ill. in June.

This was the report Dona Garner, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee and WBCCI parliamentarian, made at the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees meeting at Robstown, TX, Jan. 28. She said the work is about 99 percent complete and should be done within the next month. It is anticipated that the new constitution will be on the agenda for the Delegates at the June meeting.

Also serving on the committee are Kerry Mattilia, president Ontario Canada Unit; Joe Perryman, First VP Region 10; Bob Novak, Metro NY Unit member; and Tom Smith- son, First VP Northern California Unit. This was one of several items of special interest on the IBT agenda during the two days of meetings.

A motion was approved unanimously to limit spending on future International rallies to \$20,000 prior to Jan. 1 of the year of the rally and that contracts for rally sites will not contain a per day fee based on the number if Airstream RVs on site.

The treasurer's report is projecting a 250 member loss for the coming year, with a fiscal impact on dues income.

Membership committee chairman Don McKealvy reported that 60 percent of member non-renewals were due to death, health issues or the Airstream being sold.

Treasurer Bob Moss also reported that the Club mail trailer had been sold for \$13,500, under the \$15,500 budgeted price. Region 6 contributed \$1,500 and an individual I donor contributed \$500 to make up the difference.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee chairman Don Shafer reported he has two openings on his committee. He also emphasized that amendments to the constitution must follow the procedures outlined in the constitution. Failure to follow procedure, he said, will result in delays and cause hard feelings between the originators and the board of trustees.

An example of this consumed considerable time in the IBT meeting. The Denver, CO Unit had submitted an amendment with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee following a procedure that the Committee felt didn't follow the procedures outlined in the constitution. The discussions that took place during the meeting were an attempt to answer the many questions that came up as to the proper procedures and interpretations of the procedures as stated in the constitution.

The committee studying the motorhome issue didn't make an official report because of the absence of Chairman Karin Kurkowski. A letter from Airstream Chairman Larry Huttle was read that Airstream still has no plans to build a Class A motorhome. Since Thor, the Airstream company's owner, builds Class A and C motorhomes under other brands there is still an interest in being able to stay in the club with one of these motorhomes. A motion was made and approved to establish another Motorhome Study Committee, appointed by the International president, that will make a report by the end of March to get a proposed amendment to the constitution on the agenda for the DuQuoin delegates meeting.

A motion to amend the nominating committee selection procedure was defeated 17 to 1. Another motion approved formally dissolved the Genealogy Intra-Club with the club treasury donated to the Cents for Kids program.

News from Members

Since your editor has spent the winter, since December 27 in Florida, I've not heard much in the way of news. I had a pleasant visit from Ray and Janet Brunk for a day, and Mary Jo and Mike Brown stopped by on their way to Sarasota for the Florida State Rally. Tom and Pat Anson have sure been missed here at Land Yacht Harbor. Pat is still struggling, but is getting slowly better, and they will be back in Florida next winter. Howard Branscomb and I have been the only CIU members here. But there are other Hoosiers here. Lee and Pat Johnson, Sam and Glatha Smith, and lots of Region 5 members. Bud and Ida Mae Hershberger along with Dan Kachele have spent the winter in Texas and reports are that Bud didn't even miss delivering the mail. I know other members have been traveling and I look forward to hearing from them all at the Spring Luncheon. I know it will be warm and no snow in Indy by April 30. My family has kept me informed about the snowfall and cold all winter. It sure made me feel just terrible to hear about the awful weather—LOL —



More CIU members at Mardi Gras Rally.

Left to right haven't a clue, but Karen Bell, Mary Jo Brown, and Carol Beardshear are in there somewhere.



Region VP Barry Bell makes an announcement at the Region 5 Luncheon at Sarasota during Florida State Rally.

Message from Region 5 President, Louise Humble

This is a terrific cake recipe from a friend in Melbourne— Good and Easy—I thought you might want to try it.

KEY LIME CAKE

- 1 Box lemon supreme cake mix (Duncan Hines)
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 4 eggs—beaten
 - 2 Tbsp. lime juice—Bottled is fine
- Add the ingredients for the cake to a mixing bowl and mix about 3 minutes with an electric mixer. Pour into a well greased and lightly floured 9x13 glass baking dish. Bake 50-55 minutes at 325. After cooling 10 minutes, prick the top of cake with a 2 pronged fork, which has prongs separated about one inch.—Like a meat fork —Holes should be separated about one inch apart over all the surface of the cake.

- Glaze: 2 cups confectioners sugr
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- Pinch of salt

Pour the glaze evenly over the cake. Glaze will run into the holes with a little left on the top of the cake. ——Cut it and ENJOY—

I am writing this message on the last day of January and we are looking at a big change in the weather. By tomorrow evening many of you in Region 5 will be experiencing a huge change. We don't know exactly what it will be but it will be change.

I think about that when I think about WBCCI. We as a group are experiencing a big change now. Most of us are already aware that things are not the way they have been in the past. We are also aware that the leadership of the club is trying to deal with this change. To that end, a committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws. The recommendations of that committee will soon be forthcoming. We do not know what changes will be recommended, but we do know there will be recommended changes. It will be up to you as WBCCI members to decide what is best for our club and vote on these proposed changes. I hope that each of you will give this report with its recommendations very careful consideration when it arrives. We will all want any changes that are made to be a positive step forward for our club.

Last fall I contacted each of the unit presidents asking them for feedback about a proposal from the International Membership chairman on the possibility of members joining WBCCI on line and paying for their membership on line. I had responses from six of our seven units and I roundly applaud you and sincerely thank you for your follow-up on this request. I want to report that at midwinter IBT I learned that our region was the only region to respond to this particular question so any action on that issue will be withheld until at least eight regions contact the International chairman.

So, we have change. We have change in the club and change in the weather. Jerry and I will be thinking of all of you over the next few days and hope that the ice and snow pass quickly and leave no negative effects on your life. He and I wish for only positive changes for all of you and for the club.

We'll see you down the road.

Louise