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2009 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Sept 11-13 – Pinckneyville City Park,
Pinckneyville, IL**

**Sept 13-15-Region 5 Computer Rally, Brandenburg,
KY**

Sept 16-20 – Region 5 Rally, Brandenburg, KY.

**Oct 9-11 – Installation Rally, Marion County
Fairgrounds, Salem, IL**

Nov 6-8 – Free Rally, TBA

**Dec 13 – Christmas Party, Hoyleton Community
Club, Hoyleton, IL**

September BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2	Richard Howell	5	Zoeller
3	Doris Osborn	10	Vail
5	Vi Scheibe		
7	Paige Gogolek		
7	Sarah Kirchner		
13	Jim Wagner		
15	Sandy Whitesell		
16	Dan Mayfield		
26	Don Jones		

President's Comments

Airstream Flight 039 made one great touchdown and landing at the St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto. Thanks to the professional air crew and the great cooperation of the air field ground crew, the rally weekend went by with no more than a few glitches in the electrical system. That and a minor mishap or two in navigation just couldn't dampen the spirits of those attending. Another rally plus? Try the installation of a new member and the signing up of several more.

First VP **Erika Schatta**e posted her list of next year's rallies. Take a look at the list at the September rally, and please sign up to host or help with a rally. Our club activities can be only as good as the effort that club members put into them.

Thanks to the efforts of our Constitution and Bylaws chairman, **Roland Keim**, and his assistant, **Gordon White**, we will have a by-laws change to vote on at the September meeting (see page 3). The slate of officers has also been filled (see page 3) and will be put to the vote at the same meeting. Be there! This is your time to make your voice heard.

The Region Rally looms right around the bend. Our unit is preparing and serving a special dinner as a fund raiser. For information about helping, ring up **Sarah Doerr**. Don't forget to help Welcome Committee chair **Bob Zoeller** at the gate. If you need to know more you might ring up Bob, too. Plan to wear red and white when you help greet. We have a list of early parking dates (continued on next page)

for committee people and unit officers. The list will be posted on the BB at the Pinckneyville rally.

The usual talk about unit merit award: If you have done something towards the award, please get it to us.

Also, let Erika know of any changes to your directory information so we get everything straight for the 2010 pocket directory. There is a lot of paperwork to be

performed with the regular changing of the guard in October and the sooner we get the necessary information, the sooner we can get it all accomplished.

Come and be with us in September. Come to the unit rally, come to the Computer Rally, come to the Region Rally. We will see you there. God bless!

Art and Doris Meier, President and First Lady

Corresponding Secretary Notes *from Doris Meier:*

The Airstream Delite Company has now become history, but many good memories remain. The Silver Birds pilots and co-pilots, **Jim and Betty Hutchens, Walter and Linda Hangsleben** and **Bob and Linda Zoeller**, did a great job of planning activities and food.

The following unit members, **Romaine Broughton** and granddaughter, Emma Lagerhausen, **Dwight and Marilyn Burrus, Man and Sarah Doerr, Roger and Marian Hoffmann, Richard and Frankie Howell, Jerry and Louise Humble, Norma Koen, Bill and Wanda Lockin, Art and Doris Meier, Steve Mentz, Karl and Erika Schaeette, Dennis and Edna White, and Gordon and Carol White** were present. We inducted our new member **Steve Mentz**. Other guests present were Dennis Komeshak; Steven and Army Burrows and son, Collin; Nick Weigard and daughters, Grace and Faith; Roger and Alice McFarland and daughter, Kristen; and Karen Jones, a member of the Wisconsin unit who lives in St. Louis. On Friday afternoon, affiliate members **Lloyd and LaVara Frye**, who live in Florissant, Mo. and **Dan Nugteren** joined us for dinner and the business meeting.

Susan Swearingen from the Lincoln Land Unit drove in Friday afternoon. She and **Erika Schaeette** have scheduled a joint rally at Alton for next August.

Signing up as new members of our unit: **Nick and Lisa Wiegand and daughters, Grace and Faith; Roger and Alice McFarland and daughters, Kristen and Laura; Dennis and Terri Komeshak; Curt and Connie McGhee;** and **Jeffery and Susan Mason**, son-in-law and daughter of **Frankie and Richard Howell**.

Some rally highlights included a tour of the Alton Underground Railroad, the Lovejoy Monument, and the Confederate Memorial led by guide Eric Robinson and a tour of the Melvin Price Lock and Dam led by a Corp of Engineer staff person. Another highlight was seeing our story on the front page of The Telegraph, the local Alton paper. **Steve Mentz** made sure all of us received the Sunday newspaper. Thanks, **Steve!**

A sympathy card was sent to **Ron Boss** on the loss of his wife, **Marilyn**. The Boss's are former members. Also a "thinking of you" card was sent to **Dorothy Rickenberg**, also a former member.

Former unit member, now affiliate member, **Lloyd and LaVara Frye** donated two white jackets, size large, and a blue denim vest with the Southern Illinois emblem on them. The board decided to auction them to the highest bidder at the next unit auction. If you have any questions, please ask me. Thank you, **Lloyd and LaVara**, for the jackets and the vest.

A reminder to each unit going to Region 5 is to bring a wrapped gift for a door prize. A note was sent to us by the door prize committee chair to remind us that the quality of a gift is more important than the quantity of gifts. Remember the rally theme is Hillbilly so wear your best costume.

UNIT DUES

It is time to pay dues for 2010. The dues for 2010 will be \$70, of which \$55 is International

dues and \$15 is Unit dues. **Linda Hangsleben** gave dues statements to members at the August Rally, and she has

mailed statements to members not attending the rally. You can pay Linda at an upcoming rally or mail your dues check to her.

Nominations for 2010

Nominating committee chair, **Gordon White**, submitted the following slate of officers to be elected at the September business meeting:

President: **Erika Schaette**
1st Vice President: **Curt Wheat**
2nd Vice President: **Dan Nugteren**
Recording Secretary: **Carol White**
Treasurer: **Linda Hanglesben**
First Year Trustees:
Romaine Broughton
Norma Koen
Second Year Trustees:
Rose Ann Schwartz
Betty Hutchens

Region 5 Community Service

Now is the time to stock up on food items to donate to the Meade County Food Bank during the Region 5 Rally in September. While all non-perishable food is welcome, the director has specifically requested canned meat items. Following last January's ice storm, the staff found that many recipients had no electricity for a long time. Those of us who experienced the May 8 wind storm can certainly relate to that! *Let's help them fill up their shelves with what they need!*

Proposed By-Law Change

Roland Keim, Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, after reviewing the Model Constitution and By-Laws from July 5, submits the following proposed By-Law change which will be voted on at the September Unit Business meeting:

Article VI. Delegates.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall appoint one delegate and one alternate delegate to represent the unit at the Delegates' meeting. The Delegate shall be from among the officers and regular members who will attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. The Alternate may be a

Regular Member of the Unit represented or an Affiliate Member of the Unit to be represented and a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region as the Unit represented. No Delegate or Alternate Delegate may represent more than one Unit at the Delegates' Meeting. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The Delegate and Alternate should be instructed with respect to the wishes of the Unit on matters to come before the meeting. The President and Recording Secretary shall certify to these appointments.



Steve Mentz inducted at August rally.
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Airstreams at St. Louis Regional Airport
Picture taken by Steve Mentz. You can click on the following reference to see more of Steve's pictures from the rally.
<http://web.mac.com/skmentz/Airstream>

Sarah and Max Doerr visit with Underground Railroad Tour Guide, Eric Robinson



The tour at the Melvin Price Lock and Dam.



September Theme: Summer Travels

We've all had a busy, travel filled summer. Come, planning on sharing your travel experiences with all. Bring those highly coveted, hard to carry, highly prized travel souvenirs; i.e. bobbing heads, cherished back scratcher, mugs, and of course the infamous rocks! Each item comes with a story of why it caught your eye, and why you chose to bring it home. We've all had the following conversation: "*Hun, look at this rock! It's so colorful, I just need another rock around the flower garden! Argh, it's so heavy!*" or "*Hun, I'm turning down that road to see that great attraction. Oh no, he's lost again!*"

We're tying the Unit Rally with the Region Hillbilly Rally. So, bring some beans, carrots, corn, or other soup item for a tasty addition to **Friday evening** community Travel soup mix. Meat is provided. Bring some local (hometown) food item for **Saturday night** snacks.

Friday, Sept 11

5:30 p.m. – Supper – Community Travel Soup mix, bring your bowl and drink
7:00 p.m. – Informal Summer Travel Discussion (Betty H, bring your stories. Jim, rebuttals are acceptable!)

Snacks – Summer sampling of fruit

Saturday, Sept 12

8:00 a.m. Breakfast – Pancakes, sausage links, cereal, OJ, coffee

9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch on your own
2:00 p.m. Modified boci tournament – travel rules apply
5:00 p.m. Supper – Bison roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, salad
7:00 PM Summer Travel Trivia
Snacks - Locally made items, ice cream

Sunday, Sept 13

8:00 a.m. Breakfast – fruit cocktail, muffins, danish, donuts
9:00 a.m. Church
1100 Potluck lunch

Call if you are attending the rally:

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An Unrelated item

For those not attending the Region Rally, the 2009 Scott AFB Air show, Sept 19-20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., features the Canadian Snowbirds and Army Golden Knights. The base will be wide open for admission to a great variety of aircraft on the ground and flying demonstrations. Take exit I64 exit 19A. Shuttle bus service provided from parking areas. For more information, see www.scott.af.mil/airshow2009.asp

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