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## WBCCI SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIT NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2009

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### UNIT OFFICERS 2009

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#### Trustees:

**Edna White, Dick Thompson**  
**Rose Ann Schwartz, Betty**  
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#### 2009 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**MAR 8 – Luncheon,**  
**Little Nashville Restaurant, IL127 & 164,**  
**2:00 pm, Sarah Doerr, 618-684-6772**

**Apr 16-19 – Monroe County Fairgrounds,**  
**Waterloo, IL**

**May 15-17 – Buddy Rally,** Effingham  
County Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL

**Jun 5-7 – Children/Grandchildren**  
**Rally,** DuQuoin St. Fairgrounds,  
DuQuoin, IL

**Jun 27-Jul 5 – International Rally,**  
Madison, WI

**Jul 17-19 – Free Rally, TBA**

**Aug 13-16 – St. Louis Regional Airport,**  
East Alton, IL

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

**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

#### Birthdays:

<b>Art Meier</b>	7
<b>Erika Schaette</b>	27
<b>Phil Stalling</b>	21
<b>John Schwartz</b>	23
<b>Linda Zoeller</b>	31
<b>Roy Peterson</b>	25

#### Anniversaries:

<b>Thompson</b>	5
<b>Schraders</b>	31

#### Member Notes from Doris Meier:

Our prayers are needed for many of our unit members: **Curt Wheat**, undergoing surgery; **Karl Schaette**, going to Mayo Clinic in MN. the first part of March, **Joanne Wagner**, healing at home from hip replacement surgery; **Vi Scheibe**, is doctoring back in Illinois; **Doris Meier**, is waiting for some results of a test on a recent mole removal.

I have heard these news bits.

**Bud and Sheila Hime's** daughter, who lives in South Carolina, had a baby girl. They are proud grandparents for the second time. **Norma Koen** purchased a 25 foot trailer and is ready for rallies.

**Charles and Sarah Kirchner, Roger and Marian Hoffmann,** and **George and Grace Britt** are enjoying the park at Melborne, Florida. **Dick and Stella Thompson** were in Florida but are back in Illinois keeping busy. **Gordon and Carol White** and **Frank and Mary Jo Keeser** are in enjoying the Texas Rio Grande Valley. **Jerry and Louise Humble** and **Gordon White** attended the mid-Winter IBT meeting. The **Humbles** did some touring in Texas after IBT, including the Valley. **John and Rose Ann Schwartz** are attending the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. **Jim and Betty Hutchens** and **Bob and Linda Zoeller** are enjoying the Florida sun in Naples. **Meryl Kerley** is spending a few weeks with friends in Melborne. **Dan and Deloris Mayfield** are in California until March first and will spend some time in Texas before coming home.

**Jeff and Gail Vail** have been in Leesburg, Florida, and now are at Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Our Kentucky members, **Otis and Barbara Ervin** and **Don and Bonnie Jones**, spent several days without electricity after the ice storm. They had many broken tree limbs in their yards to be picked up.

**Rose Ann Schwartz** is looking for the Unit's bingo games so it can be used at the April rally. Does anyone have it in their "garage"? Or, does anyone know what happened to it? If you have an answer to either question, please contact **Rose Ann**.

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### February Luncheon:

**Sarah Doerr** reports that a great meal and good conversation was had by all who attended the February luncheon. Those in attendance were: **Dwight and Marilyn Burrus, Dave and Barb Daniels, Max and Sarah Doerr, Walter and Linda Hangsleben, Jerry and Louise Humble, Conrad Jenkins, Roland Keim, Bill and Wanda Lockin, Art and Doris Meier, Leroy and Vera Pittman, Karl and Erika Schaeffe, John and Rose Ann Schwartz, Dick and Stella Thompson**,

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### April Rally-- April 16-19

The April rally committee is busy planning welcome back the winter travelers. They are looking forward to seeing some of our members who could not come last year. The rally committee is planning to start activities on Friday morning with breakfast and keep us busy until Sunday. Their plans include safety inspection lessons, craft lessons, an auction, games, Bingo, and good food. Please mark April 16-19 at Monroe County Fairgrounds at Waterloo, IL. for a weekend of fun and friendship.

### Pictures from February Luncheon.



L to R:  
Dave D.,  
Barb. D.,  
Sarah D.,  
Max D.,  
Bill L.,  
Wanda L.



L to R:  
Back to camera,  
Dwight B.,  
Leroy P.,  
Walter H.,  
Linda H.,  
Art Meier,  
Vera P.,  
Marilyn B.  
also back to camera



L to R:  
Stella T.,  
Dick T.,  
Jerry H.,  
Louise H.,  
Conrad J.,  
Bill S.,  
Rose Ann S.,  
Karl S.

Thanks to Doris Meier for the pictures.

## President's Comments

Go figure. The following information has already been shared at our last (great!) unit luncheon. In the digital information section of the March, 2009, edition of Popular Mechanics a reader submitted a question concerning the reaction of his LCD television to freezing weather conditions while tailgating. The answer, according to Sony, was not a problem. The picture might get a bit blurry until warm up but that was the only concern. So you folks that are wintering in a warmer climate, while your TV suffers in the cold, may not experience disaster after all. As for me and mine, I'll just keep that tube inside to abide with me in the heat.

Region tells me that this is the year we must review our unit constitution. Our great and noble Constitution and Bylaws chair, **Roland Keim**, says, "Not a problem." There are a few things to be reviewed such as the change to unit dues, already under old business, and the wording allowing some officers to repeat in their position from year to year. If you have a copy of the constitution you might want to review it and see if you notice any other possible changes. If you do give **Roland** a holler and we will look into possible solutions. It's your unit, folks, and the laws should reflect what you want.

I hope you are all giving consideration to attending the International this year. There are a lot of things going on and our club can really use your support and help at Madison rally. It is our year to host the Illinois luncheon. The spot and time have been selected and the tickets printed, more information on this subject next month.

It looks like your president and number one lady won't get too far south this winter. There have been some medical procedures that required us to stay close to home. With the resolution of these problems, we look forward to a great summer of unit rallies and travels to the International and Region rallies. Then, come the next season of cold, we hope it can be spent with all of you in the land of the sun tan, which reminds me of the little sign in the dermatology office at SLU..."Fry now, pay later." Good night and God Bless.

Art and Doris Meier, President and First Lady

### Remove Trailer Hitch

"Remove your trailer hitch when your trailer is not hooked on" is an admonition everyone has heard several times. Earlier this week I had occasion to see first hand the result of someone here in the RV Park who had not heeded this suggestion. As I was pulling away my parking place, I saw a lady walking along the line of park vehicles towards hers. She had just picked up her mail and was examining it as she walked. She walked right into the trailer hitch on a pickup. She was down on the ground in a heap in an instant. Another gentleman and I rushed to her aid. Fortunately, she did not break anything or suffer any visible scrapes. However, I am sure she has a sore leg today. And, she certainly needed our assistance to get back on her feet.

So, to save an incident like that happening, remember to take the time to remove the hitch when you have parked your trailer and un-hitched from your tow vehicle.

**Gordon White**