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WBCCI SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIT NEWSLETTER

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2009 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Aug 13-16 – St. Louis Regional Airport, East Alton, IL (See Page 3)

Sept 11-13 – Pinckneyville City Park, Pinckneyville, 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

August BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

8	Stella Thompson	4	Smith
9	Dan Nugteren	15	Wheat
13	Roland Keim	18	Doerr
14	Gordon White	21	Humble
18	Charles Kirchner	21	Lockin
23	Carol White		
28	Bill Lockin		
30	Jamie Gogolek		
30	Bette Bolander		
30	David Smith		

President's Comments

What a beautiful weekend for a camping experience, especially for a Southern Illinois July! The walking, the talking, the gathering for meals was just great. I don't know which ranks higher, **Norma Koen** serving up pork burgers or the group supper at the Giant City lodge. Needless to say, those of you who were unable to do the July Free Rally missed another good one.

The International Rally at Madison joins the other ghosts of Internationals past with memories that will linger for a long time. The attending members of our unit "done us proud." Southern Illinois folks were everywhere serving on committees and participating in events. Thanks to all of you for being the best. A couple of new streamers were added to the unit flag. Another gold has been added for the 2008 superior unit award and a red streamer for second place theme in the bulletin board contest. All members should make certain that we know the things you did for addition to the unit award paper work.

My delegate's report is shorter than the three roll call votes needed to accomplish the agenda at the delegates' meeting. The slate of International officers and nominating committee members passed as presented in the "Blue Beret." The two amendments, first on 20/20 and the second on affiliate member right to represent, both passed. A heads up to the fact that these amendments require a change in our unit constitution. More on this later.

Here is another plug for the August rally. (Continued on next page)

It is a new place and the folks at the airport are doing their best to make our accommodations good. You will have 30 amp electricity and the meeting place has A/C. Add a host of activities we won't even be able to cover in one rally and you have the makings for a really good show. We hope to see many, if not all, of you there.

Remember what I've said in the past. The middle part of rally is all. So we will see you down the road and, as always, may God Bless.

Art and Doris Meier, President and First Lady

Corresponding Secretary Notes *from Doris Meier:*

The International Rally at Madison is now history. Before the rally started, the weather was a bit uncomfortably hot but once the rally started the temperature got nice. Unit members attending were **Tom** and **Bettie Bolander**, **Max** and **Sarah Doerr**, **Walter** and **Linda Hangsleben**, **Roger** and **Marian Hoffmann**, **Jerry** and **Louise Humble**, **Norma Koen**, **Art** and **Doris Meier**, **John** and **Rose Ann Schwartz**, **Tim Schwartz**, **Gordon** and **Carol White** and affiliate members, **Bob** and **Carol Luther**, **Bill** and **Barb Schrader**, **Norm** and **Sharon White**, and **Bob** and **Sandy Whitesell**.

Our unit was in charge of the Illinois Luncheon which was held at the Bourbon Street Grille. The family style chicken and prime beef dinner was served to 60 guests. Several door prizes were given away. **Art** and **I** had purchased many Airstream gifts from Bill Thomas, receiving a discount, and also received donations from **Whites** and homemade gifts from **Sarah Doerr**.

The theme of our unit gathering was "A Taste of Wisconsin" which highlighted a selection of Wisconsin cheeses and brats. We were joined by Region 5 President and First Lady, Bob and Lee Moyers, and Region 5 Second Vice-President, Bob Gregory and Lu Shaw.

Besides eating, our unit also a lot of volunteering: **Carol** and **Sarah** were Quilting Experience leaders; **Jerry** was Trash Dumpster chair; **Carol**, **Linda** and **Norma** helped with Medical Services; **Louise**, **Tom** and **Art** were Talent Show participants, **Walter** and **Jerry** helped with Sanitation Services; **Tim**, **Rose Ann**, and **John** presented a session on Web Site services; **Gordon** worked on the Computer Services Committee; **Art** played for Morning Devotions; and **Doris** worked on Building Security and helped with the Unit Leader Workshop. **Louise** kept with Region 5 First Vice-President duties and **Gordon** attended several 2020 Committee Meeting. Please let me know if I have missed someone.

Tom and **Art** enjoyed playing in the jam sessions. Many enjoyed touring Madison and nearby areas and enjoyed the evening entertainments. Several games of "golf" were played.

Our unit bulletin board won second place on the theme category! Two prizes were awarded to **Norma Koen** and her dog, Rex, in the pet show--first prize for tricks and second prize in costume. **Sarah Doerr** took second in crocheted doll clothes and third for a crocheted table doily. **Carol White** took third in machine quilted quilts.

Our Free Rally at Giant City Park July 17 - 19 was a quiet, peaceful weekend. We were joined by a guest, Steve Mentz from Trenton. Members attending were **Jerry** and **Louise Humble**, **Conrad Jenkins**, **Norma Koen**, **Bill** and **Wanda Lockin**, **Art** and **Doris Meier**, and **Curt** and **Jane Wheat**, **Linda Hangsleben** drove in. **Norma** cooked some delicious pork burgers and members prepared other dishes for our pot luck. Saturday morning, several members took a hike and found names carved on stone in the Civil War camp. We ate at the Lodge Saturday evening. (Continued on next page)

Joining us for dinner were **Max** and **Sarah Doerr**, **Roger** and **Marian Hoffmann**, **Leroy** and **Vera Pittman**, **Roland Keim** and friend, Ginny Smith. A delicious family style chicken dinner was enjoyed by all! Our evening was spent sitting around a camp fire built by Steve. It was perfect for the cool weather weekend.

It was great to see **Curt** gaining strength and back to towing. **Leroy** still has surgical wounds that need to heal. **Karl** is taking an experimental medication from Mayo Clinic for his oxygen blood level. **Louise's** son has had surgery for eye problems. While splitting wood with a mechanical wood splitter at their cabin in Wisconsin, **Bill Schrader** mashed the ends of two fingers on his right hand and ended up losing the ends of the fingers. These members continue to need our prayers.

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UNIT DUES

It is time to begin thinking about paying dues for 2010. The dues for 2010 will be \$70, of which \$55 is International dues and \$15 is Unit dues.

Linda Hanglesben will have dues receipts at the August Rally, and will be ready to accept your dues payment. She will mail dues notices to all who are unable to attend that rally.

September Rally Preview

The September rally will be held at the Pinckneyville City Park on September 11-13. **Nugterens**, **Doerrs**, and **Howells** are the rally committee.

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!

International Rally Community Service

Our unit contributed to the community service opportunities at the Madison International Rally. Our members contributed a stuffed

animal, 9 baby blankets, and 14 baby caps. **Linda H.** donated a pint of blood during the blood drive. Several sacks of aluminum tabs were turned in. Our worship service offerings this year resulted in a contribution of \$375 to Cents for Kids Program. Finally, \$8.00 in pennies was given to the Cents for Kids Program.



Linda and Walter Hanglesben presenting unit check to Linda Aimee, Youth Chairperson



Tom Bolander and Art Meier performing at the Talent Show



Art Meier's redesign of our Unit Bulletin Board won second place in the rally theme category. WAY TO GO ART!

RSVP No Later than August 1

**AIRSTREAM'S IN FLIGHT WEEKEND
DELITE!!!!**

The Airstream Delite Company, an old yet prestigious company, along with its "Flight Crew" has planned an exciting and fun filled weekend for all "Silver Bird" Pilots and/or Co-Pilots. Your destination is Alton where you will land your "Silver Bird" at the St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto, with Alton just minutes away. Arrival time depends on the Pilot and/or Co-Pilot. After landing and touchdown you will taxi over to the staging terminal, there you can chalk your "Silver Bird". As soon as you disembark from your "Silver Bird" and enter the airport terminal you will be given a packet with maps and information regarding the Alton area.

Thursday, 8/14/09 Early arrivals – you're on R and R.

Friday, 8/14/09

8:30a.m. Lite Breakfast (Bring your own table service)
11:00 a.m. Lunch at "Fast Eddie's" (dutch treat)
1:00 p.m. Tour - Underground Railroad and other points of interest
(2 hr guided tour, \$5.00 per person)
5:30 p.m. Airport Conference Room
Lite dinner - (Bring table service and drink)
7:00 p.m. *****Business Meeting*****

Saturday, 8/15/09

8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Bring your own table service)
11:00 a.m. Tour - Lock and Dam, Confederate Prison and Cemetery
Lunch: A sack lunch with drink will be provided at a Scenic Park/Overlook
Afternoon Free – On your own to explore Alton
5:30 p.m. Airport Conference Room – Dinner provided (Bring your own table service and drink)

Sunday, 8/16/09

8:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Church
11:00 a.m. Brunch – Potluck

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For flight reservations contact one of our "flight crew":

Pilots of "Silver Bird 5518" - Jim and Betty Hutchens- 618-528-3009
Pilots of "Silver Bird 1730" - Walter and Linda Hangsleben -618-277-4657
Pilots of "Silver Bird 26435" - Robert and Linda Zoller- 618-889-0942

Thank you in advance for flying with Airstream Delite Co. and its crew. We hope your time with us will be enjoyable and that you will have a safe flight home. Happy landings!!!

DIRECTIONS TO AIRPORT (Look at your map)

Address: 8 Terminal Drive, East Alton, 62024

Traveling west on I 64 to (Exit #7) I 255 North towards Chicago. When I 255 gets to I 270, continue north on IL 255. DON'T TAKE EXIT 30 TO I 270.

Or, if traveling west on I 70, continue west on I 270 to Exit 7B which will be IL 255 north

Going north on IL 255 take (Exit #8) Bethalto, IL 111. At end of ramp turn **right**, go 1.32 miles, turn **right** on Civic Memorial Drive, go .15 miles, turn **right** on Terminal Drive

Or, traveling south on I 55 to (Exit #30) IL 140 **turn right** approximately 12 miles, turn **Left** on IL 111, go approximately .7 miles, turn **Left** on Civil Memorial Drive for .15 miles, turn **right** on Terminal Drive

Watch for the WBBCI Airstream signs along IL 111 and inside the airport.



LEFT:
Walter and Gordon visit with
Louise after President's dinner



RIGHT:
First Lady, Doris, and
President Art Meier after
President's Dinner

CENTER:
Doerrs, Shaettes, and
Hofmanns at Sunday dinner.



RIGHT:
Our group had several
evenings of multiple table golf
at the Friendship Center the
few days before Rally began.



LEFT:
Apparently Walter wasn't
getting enough sleep.

Right:
Lucy Annabelle Humperdink
performing at talent night.



The stage backdrop at the
International Rally



Roger, Marian, and Sarah
enjoying their game of golf



Norma and Rex in patriotic
dress

Highlights of June, 2009 Business
Carol White, Acting Secretary

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President, Art Meier. Art led the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda Hangsleben gave the opening prayer. Responding to the Roll Call of Officers: President, Art Meier; Treasurer, Linda Hangsleben; Corresponding Secretary, Doris Meier; Trustees, Betty Hutchens and Rose Ann Schwartz. Member introductions were held.

The minutes of the May 16th meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's report: Balance on hand, April 30 \$1366.04 (\$285, church)

Receipts	825.00
Disbursements	727.69
Balance on hand, May 31	1463.35 (\$338, church)

A detailed report of the May financial statement was posted on the bulletin board.

Camping fees for this rally were paid individually to the Fairgrounds. The Rally fee was \$10/person.

During new business voting was held on the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws:

Amendment #1 (adding the vision and mission statements) received 16 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes.

Amendment #2 (alternate members serving as delegates to International when no regular member is available) received 12 "yes" votes and 0 "no" votes.

The members running for the Nominating Committee:

Bernd, 13; McKelvey, 12; Garvey, 0

Also, a vote was taken regarding a potential change in dates for International. There were 7 "yes" votes and 6 "no" votes.

Art announced that the Executive Board had discussed the subject of Rally Fees and decided that the minimum charge would be \$10/adult while the maximum charge would be \$15/adult. This will spread out the costs incurred by the rally committees.

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