

# The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club  
December 2019

## December Club Luncheon



*Saturday, December 7, 2019*

*MCL Cafeteria*

*2730 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Indianapolis, Indiana*

*11:00 AM*

*Plan to Join Us!*

## From our President

The CIAC 2020 Events Calendar

The CIAC 2020 Calendar was approved by the Club's Executive Board during its conference call on November 25, 2019. As you can tell from the Calendar, we have an exciting year of activities planned and I do hope you will be able to participate with us as much as you can. Our Club Cookout at the Vanderwielen residence in Noblesville in August promises to be a fun event – stay tuned for more information on this!

With the exception of the International Rally in Colorado, we've picked weekender camping locations that are some of the Club's favorites and are within a short day's drive from central Indiana. We've also included some other Airstream activities, such as Alumapalooza and the Swiss Festival National Airstream Rally that are almost in our back yard and easily accessible within a day's driving. Also included is the WBCCI Region 5 Rally in Columbus, Indiana in September. As a local club, we'll be hosting a breakfast at that event. That Rally will also be the location of our CIAC Annual Meeting where new club Officers for 2020-2021 will be elected. Please plan to attend this year's Region 5 Rally.

I personally had hoped we, as a club, could participate in the Urban Air/Wake Up Downtown event in Logan, Ohio during the first weekend of May; however it was fully booked and wait-listed by the time we were able to publicize the event to the club. I'm currently only aware of one couple in the Club who was able to secure a spot in downtown Logan, Ohio,



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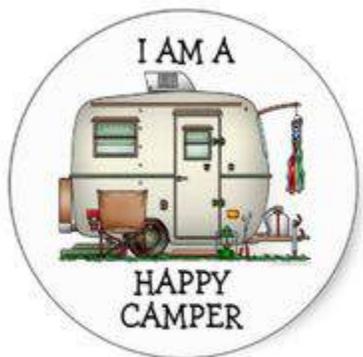
and I heard from several others who were either wait-listed or unsuccessful in obtaining a parking spot. For that reason, we elected to return to Brown County State Park for the first weekend in May.

In addition to our weekenders and MCL luncheons, we're planning some other activities. Many of us become snowbirds in Florida and others spend part of their winter in the Sunshine State. I hope we will be able to have an informal get-together or two in February or March for all of us to enjoy. Please let me know if you do plan to be in Florida in February or March (including when and where you will be in Florida) and I'll make sure you receive information on our plans. Snowbirds: Please let me know where you will be too!

One final note: Our Weekenders are scheduled as three day/two-night activities, primarily to accommodate those club members who are still working or have other responsibilities. Please know that you are very welcome to arrive a day or two early or stay a day or two later at our weekender locations. The Swiss Festival Days in Berne, Indiana is an event that actually starts on Thursday and runs through Sunday. This is an event you might consider coming early to enjoy all that it has to offer.

Best regards to all and keep on Airstreaming!

John Deegan



## 2020 Season Opener



The 2020 Spring Opener is on! Yes, CIAC will be returning to the Brown County State Park for our 2020 Spring Opener and you should register for your campsite as quickly as possible. We will be camping in the Buffalo Ridge campground from Friday, May 1, 2020 through Sunday, May 3, 2020, in sites 28-52. These are electric-only sites, capable of 50-amp service.

To reserve your site, please go to <http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com> and follow the prompts. Please let us know via email when you have made a reservation and the campsite number you've reserved. You can RVSP to [ciu@wbcci.net](mailto:ciu@wbcci.net)



**Airstream Club International  
60<sup>th</sup> Annual International Rally  
The Ranch Event Center  
Loveland, Colorado  
June 20-27,2020**



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

<https://airstreamclub.org/loveland-2020-international-rally>

### **What's in a Name?**

We've asked members to share how their Airstream was named. Here's a submission that we received.

*We are often asked about Silver 'Rita and how she got her name.*

*When Vicki and I met in 2003, we soon found we shared a camping history growing up. It was not long after our first trip camping in her Pontiac Aztec and later tent trips when we acquired a pop-up camper, and not even a year after that milestone, a Thanksgiving trip to the Florida Keys and Long Key State Park. Campfires, food, and drinks on the beach sounded great, and in Florida, frozen margaritas can't be beat! So, the blender was packed for this trip, the only electric appliance*

*we carried, and a tradition was born. Fast forward to 2013, and we found our Airstream, we still had our Long Key reservation, and we were moving into the trailer for full time living. Storage is a premium, so besides a small crockpot, the blender was loaded as the only electric appliances. While toasting our good fortunes on the Florida beach that November, we came up with Silver 'Rita as her name. The Silver is obvious, and 'Rita is short for margarita. Now, her name is carried proudly on the screen guards and the Airstream Registry.*

*Tom and Vicki Ketchum*

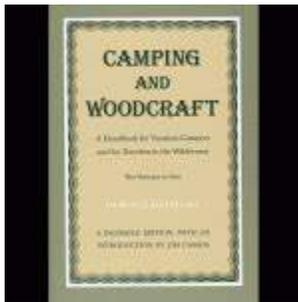


The Ticker staff is still collecting things to publish in future Ticker editions. How was your Airstream named? Is there something you travel with that is unique, or, something you just could not live without in your Airstream? What are some things you'd like to do out on weekenders or at rallies? Please let us know at [jjashland522@gmail.com](mailto:jjashland522@gmail.com)

## A Reading Suggestion for Those Who Airstream and Who Enjoy the Outdoors



Horace Sowers Kephart (September 8, 1862 – April 2, 1931) was an American travel writer and librarian. Mr. Kephart campaigned for the establishment of a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains. He also helped plot the route of the Appalachian Trail through the Smokies. Kephart's best known books are *Our Southern Highlanders* (1913), about his life in the Great Smoky Mountains, and, *Camping and Woodcraft* (1906), a classic outdoors guide.



You can borrow *Camping and Woodcraft* from Evergreen Indiana libraries or purchase reproduction editions. It's a fascinating look at how people camped and lived outdoors at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It may be a handy reference for Airstreaming, in case you need to read about how to do lashings, fell a tree, skin a squirrel, cook a muskrat, or build a shelter from a pine tree!



## Minutes of The Central Indiana Airstream Club (CIAC) Executive Business Meeting

November 25, 2019

President John Deegan presiding. The meeting was held via conference call.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Roll call of Executive Board: these Board members were present;

John Deegan: President Dan Beck: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Treasurer: Mary Ellen Deegan Secretary & Past President: Charles Mason Trustees: Darryl Baldwin, Denise Baldwin, Mike Brown, Mary Jo Brown. Also present were; Ticker editor: Joe Ashland, Membership Chairman: Damon Beals, and Directory editor: Chris Dillow.

A Quorum is established since all executive board members are present.

A copy of the meeting agenda and a proposed 2020 CIAC activities schedule was sent in advance to all present.

Discussion of the luncheons: Luncheons are scheduled on the first Saturday of each month (November through April) at 11:00 AM and held at the MCL Cafeteria/Bakery on West 86<sup>th</sup> street. A possible luncheon for the CIAC members who will be in Florida this winter is to be determined/planned later. Motion made to accept as scheduled by Charles Mason. Seconded by Darryl Baldwin. Motion passed.

Discussion of the camping schedule:

April- no members were able to register for street parking in Logan, Ohio.

May- Discussion resulted in selecting Brown County State Park to camp May 1-3, 2020. Motion made by Darryl Baldwin to accept the place and dates. Seconded by Charles Mason. Motion passed. Dan Beck will try to reserve a shelter house. Damon Beals will send a group email to let members know to register for camp sites ASAP. It was also mentioned that the "Alumapalooza" info should be published in the Ticker.

June- International Rally June 20 through 27 in Loveland, Colorado. John Deegan will be the Delegate and Charles Mason will be the Alternate Delegate.

July- Discussion of camping at New Harmony, Indiana for the Music Festival resulted in this camping event being put on the back burner (maybe next year). The Miami Valley Unit in Ohio has contacted us to possibly have a joint rally. Joe Ashland will contact them to see if they want to join CIAC for the July weekend of 23 through 25 in Ouabache State Park in Indiana. Motion made by Charles Mason to camp July 23-25, 2019 in Ouabache S.P. for possible rally with M.V.U. Seconded by Mary Ellen Deegan. The motion passed.

August- Rick & Nancy Vanderwielen (CIAC members) have offered their property near Noblesville, In. on August 8-9 for cookout/camping. A limited number of trailers will be able to boondock on Saturday night. The hope is that members who don't tow or camp will join this daytime activity. It may be possible to have lunch catered. Meal details to be determined later. Motion to have this activity made by Mike Brown. Seconded by Chris Dillow. Motion passed.

September- Region 5 Rally will be in Columbus, Indiana, at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. The dates are 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. CIAC will need to provide breakfast one morning. Details decided later. Chris Dillow asked that the Swiss Festival National Rally be promoted in the Ticker.

October- Discussed camping at Bill Monroe Music Park near Morgantown, In. No music-No campy! Suggestion to camp at Versailles State Park near Versailles, In. on October 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. CIAC camped there in October

2019 and all campers were very happy with the park. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Open forum- It was discussed to have the fall 2020 business meeting during the Region 5 Rally. The Deegans will be out of state during October camping. Officers need to be elected in September or October.

Joe Ashland reported that Hadocy Airstream Dealer won't be at the 2020 Indy RV Expo. CIAC had hoped to have fliers for the public in the Hadocy booth.

The CIAC banner was discussed. Darryl found the old banner that was displayed at Region 5 Rallies. We need to have a new banner made to reflect the redesign of the CIAC flag. Darryl will bring the old banner to the December luncheon. Chris Dillow will lead brainstorming for new design at Dec. luncheon.

Treasurer Deegan asked about possibly transferring money from CIAC checking account to the CIAC savings account. Decision left to her.

Chris Dillow offered to provide "Rivet" coffee at weekenders. President Deegan will look for coffee pot. Mike Brown will check with Bells for coffee pot.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Charles Mason. Seconded by President Deegan. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

