

The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club
February 2020

From our President

February 1, 2020

Greetings CIACers,

I am writing this column from somewhere in the Caribbean Sea as Mary Ellen and I make our way back to Ft. Lauderdale from a 10-day cruise that included a visit to the Panama Canal. It was a great cruise, with smooth seas and perfect weather although it's raining on the last day of our trip!

We Rally Together. That's one of the themes of the new airstreamclub.org web site. And, there are lots of opportunities to Rally Together this year at some exciting National Rallies, including:

- Silver on Main Street – Havana, FL – March 26-29
- Pets and Paws National Rally – Provincetown, MA – April 17-19 (bring your critters!)
- Branson Musicland Revisited – Branson, MO – September 22-29
- Antelope National Rally – Medicine Bow, WY – September 23-27
- Swiss Festival National Rally – Sugarcreek, Ohio – September 26-October 4
- International Storytelling Festival – Jonesborough, TN – September 30-October 5
- Balloon Festival National Airstream Rally – Albuquerque, NM – October 2-6
- And much more ... Check the airstreamclub.org website for more details.

Additionally, Alumapalooza 11 at the Airstream factory (May 26-31), the International Rally in Loveland, Colorado (June 20-27), our own Region 5

Rally in Columbus, Indiana (September 16-20), and our own club events in May (Spring Opener at Brown County SP), July (Ouabache State Park, Bluffton, IN), our club cookout in August and our Season Close Weekender at Versailles SP in October.

What a year of Airstream adventures! What an opportunity to see and explore America, make new friends and live new experiences!

Note: If you have not already done so, you should book your spot for Brown County, Ouabache SP, and the Region Five Rally now. If you have any interest in the national rallies, check the Airstream Club website.

In closing, please don't forget our monthly luncheons at MCL in Indianapolis and our upcoming "Snowbird" luncheon in Tarpon Springs, FL, on February 17th. I've heard via the grapevine that there was a nice group today at MCL.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road and remember to keep the shiny side up.

John Deegan, CIAC President
WBCCI 538

March Club Luncheon



Saturday, March 7, 2020

MCL Cafeteria

2730 West 86th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

11:00 AM

Plan to Join Us!

It's Reservation Time!!!

Camping has become quite popular in recent years. Folks and groups of all ages and interests head out to spend time with each other and enjoy the outdoors. You see all kinds and types of set ups, from the most basic pup tent to luxurious Class A motorhomes.

This is good for the activity we all enjoy. The down side is that a bit of planning is required, especially if you want to head out over a weekend or a holiday. Campgrounds in a good location or with good amenities fill up, and often are 100% reserved. You'll often see this sign at the main gate to an Indiana State Park of Friday and Saturday of a summer weekend – "Campground Full".

What does this mean for us and our club weekenders? We do many of these at Indiana State Parks. We have each member planning to attend make their own campsite reservation. So, to make sure you secure a spot before a park potentially fills up for a weekend, make your plans early and secure your reservation early.

We always "target" an area of the campground so we are in proximity to one another. This information is shared via The Ticker newsletter.

Indiana State Park camping reservations can be made starting 6 months in advance to the planned check in date.

We have two planned weekenders for which the state park reservation window is now open.

May 1-3, 2020
Brown County State Park
Target Sites:

July 23-25, 2020
Ouabache State Park
Target Sites: 021-031, 018 – 030, 041-042

Hope to see you at one or both events!

FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS LUNCH GATHERING

Monday, February 17, 2020

Hella's Restaurant and Bakery
785 Dodecanese Blvd
Tarpon Springs, Florida
727-943-2400

1:00 PM

***Please RSVP by February 11 to John Deegan
(jdeegan@iquest.net or cell/text 317-748-3630)***



**Hella's Bakery
& Restaurant**

The Following Article is reprinted from last month's edition of the Ticker.

The 2020 Region 5 Rally is in our backyard!



2020 Region 5 Rally

“Hurryin’ to the Hoosier Hills Rally”

Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
Columbus, Indiana
September 16-20, 2020

Rally Chairman: Christopher Seplak
WBAC Region 5 Vice President

Nancy and I would like to invite you to the 2020 Region 5 Rally in Columbus, IN. It will be at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds on Sept 16th-20th. Columbus is a beautiful town with lots of shopping areas and lots of restaurants to enjoy. We will also be within twenty minutes down the road from Nashville IN which has a lot of shops also. We have two tours scheduled for Thursday and Friday Mornings. You will be served breakfasts Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will be having entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. We will have our banquet on Saturday Night. More information

about events at the Rally will come out later in the Spring.

You will have four nights camping on the fairgrounds with 30-amp service with daisy chain water hookup. You can come in on Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th if you would like for an extra charge. We have a dump station on the fairgrounds. Please bring extra extension cords, water hoses and water splitter to daisy chain, if needed. We will have the Community Building all weekend with outside access to the restrooms. We will not have access to showers on the grounds.

Nancy and I would like all clubs to bring gifts to give out at the rally for rally gifts for the participants of the rally. Please bring enough to cover the number of people participating. Thank you.

This year the cost will be \$155 for parking fee with \$60 per person. The cost for each extra night will be \$25 per night. No one can come in before Mon. the 14th and all trailers must be off the grounds by Sunday the 20th afternoon.

Nancy and I will be looking forward to seeing all of you in Columbus.

Chris Seplak

You can also see rally info, register online, or print a paper registration form at:

<https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2020-region-5-rally/>



What's Special about Columbus, Indiana

Columbus, Indiana blends art, world class architecture, and small-town charm. You will find many surprises.

Columbus traces its history back to the 1820's. The railroads reached Columbus in 1844. By the 1900's Columbus was a typical southern Indiana small town. The town was not particularly attractive, and it struggled a bit with racial bias.

The Cummins Engine Company was founded in Columbus in 1919 by William Irwin and Clessie Cummins. Joseph Irwin Miller joined the family business in 1934 and successfully grew the company during and after World War II. Cummins is now a worldwide leader in the engines and power generation design and manufacturing sector.

Miller was a civil rights champion; he took personal steps to improve race relations in Columbus and he chaired the National Council of Churches Commission on Religion and Race.

In 1957 Miller took a bold step to improve his beloved hometown. Via the Cummins Foundation, Miller offered to pay the architect's fee for any new public building built in Columbus, with the provision that the architect was selected from a list curated by Miller.

Thus, this small Midwestern city now has buildings by Eero Saarinen, Eliel Saarinen, I.M. Pei, Kevin Roche, Richard Meier, Harry Weese, César Pelli, Gunnar Birkerts, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, many of which feature extensive interiors designed by Alexander Girard. The American Institute of Architects in 1991 declared Columbus America's sixth most important city in terms of architecture.

2020 Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally Sugarcreek, Ohio Information on Event Dates

For people considering the 2020 Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally in their 2020 travel plans, here is some important information regarding the dates of this event.

The Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally occurs prior to the Ohio Swiss Festival in Sugarcreek Ohio. The Ohio Swiss Festival has been held yearly since 1953. The festival takes place the 4th weekend after Labor Day weekend. The dates for the festival this year are Friday-Saturday, October 2-3, 2020 (<https://ohioswissfestival.com/>).

Following the scheduling model used by the organizers of the Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally, you can tentatively plan on the following dates/events for the 2020 rally:

Friday, Sept 25: Early arrivals

Saturday, Sept 26: Official arrival Day

Sunday, Sept 27: Worship service, rally activity sign ups, evening opening ceremony and entertainment

Monday, Sept 28: Guided tours, evening program

Tuesday, Sept 29: Guided tours, evening program

Wednesday, Sept 30: Guided tours, evening program

Thursday, October 1: All day activities at the rally site with Amish visitors. Ham and Bean Dinner. Evening entertainment (2019 entertainment was a GREAT polka band).

Friday, October 2: Visit the Ohio Swiss Festival in downtown Sugarcreek. Bus transportation available between festival site and rally site

Saturday, October 3: Visit the Ohio Swiss Festival in downtown Sugarcreek. Bus transportation available between festival site and rally site.

Sunday, October 4: Departure day