

The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club
June 2020

From our President

June 7, 2020

Greetings CIACers.

While life is slowly returning to normal here in Indiana, I'm sure that many – if not all – of the CIAC members are anxious to return to the open road. This includes Mary Ellen and me who just want to 'go somewhere.'

As of this writing, Indiana State Parks are open for camping. The state's DNR web site is indicating several state parks will have high usage during the 2020 summer, partially because of social distancing. I recommend people wanting to camp in the state parks should book as soon as possible. This includes our club's weekenders at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, IN (July 24-26) and Versailles State Park (October 16-18).

A final go/no go decision on the Region 5 Rally will be made later this month. This Rally is currently scheduled for the Bartholomew County Campgrounds in Columbus, IN (September 16-20).

SpaceX, StarLink, and RVing

Given last week's successful trip of the manned Crew Dragon capsule to the International Space Station, SpaceX has become a household word. Not so well known – yet – is another SpaceX project called StarLink that will benefit RVers.

When complete in just a few years, StarLink will be tens of thousands of satellites in Low Earth Orbit bringing high quality Internet service to just about every spot on our planet (except extreme northern areas).

The RV community is now beginning to realize that StarLink may be a perfect Internet solution while camping or full-timing. Stay tuned!

Upcoming CIAC Video Club Meeting

Because it's been several months since we've been together as a club, and because we have a small piece of business to transact this month, we've decided to hold our first-ever CIAC virtual campfire meeting on Thursday, June 11, beginning at 7:30 PM eastern time. This should be a short, but fun meeting. Everyone should have received an email announcing the meeting. Additional information on accessing the video conference will be coming out this week.

In closing, I do hope this Ticker finds everyone in good health and ready to find an open road to explore. Best regards.

John Deegan, CIAC President, WBAC 538



This is one way to Social Distance!

2021 Membership Renewal and the new Self-Service Portal

Mary Ellen Deegan

I know it's early to start talking about renewals, but I wanted to point out the article in the June *Blue Beret* about the new member-only "Self-Service Portal" expected to be available later this summer from the airstreamclub.org website. If you haven't seen the article yet, take a look. In addition to providing access to update your profile and access member-only benefits, this portal is expected to simplify annual membership renewal. Stay tuned for more information in future issues of the *Blue Beret* as well as here in the *Ticker*.

Congratulations!

The following members of our club who are receiving 5, 10, 20, and 40-year stars!

Marsha & Hallie Beals 4845, 10 years

Nathan & Julie Ciota 4545, 5 years

Nancy Longworth 16744, 20 years

George & Barbara Phillips 31423, 40 YEARS!

Scheduled Event Recap - Reservation and Registration Information

These events are now open for camping reservations and event registration. Keep in mind, everything in the future is subject to change as the world deals with the coronavirus pandemic.

Club Weekender
July 23-25, 2020
Ouabache State Park
Target Sites: 021-031, 018 – 030, 041-042
Reserve campsites at:
<http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com>

Note: The Swiss Festival in Berne Indiana, which was scheduled to take place on July 23 and 24, has been cancelled. We are proceeding and still holding a club weekender. This will simply be an opportunity to camp together. Please note, we will not be organizing any activities as a group or holding any pitch in meals.

Alumnapalooza 11
September 8-13, 2020
Airstream Factory
Jackson Center, Ohio
Event website: <http://alumapalooza.com/>

2020 Region Five Rally
Hurryin' to the Hoosier Hills Rally
September 16-20, 2020
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
Columbus, Indiana
Full rally information and registration is at:
<https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2020-region-5-rally/>

Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally
September 26-October 3, 2020
Sugarcreek, Ohio
Full rally information and registration is at:
<http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/>

Editor's Note

We hope this edition of The Ticker finds all of you well and enjoying the beginning of the summer of 2020 as best you can.

My apologies for getting this out late, mid-month versus within a few days of the beginning of the month! I'll be timelier next month.

It was nice to join some of you at our Virtual campfire this past Thursday.

Stay well and safe!

Joe Ashland