

# The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club  
August 2020

***Breaking News: The Registration Portal for the 64<sup>th</sup> International Rally at Lebanon, TN, is now open. Follow the links from [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) to register for the Rally. The Rally dates are July 17-24, 2021.***

## **From Our President**

Greetings CIACers. Finally – some great news!

CIAC had a wonderful camping weekend at Ouabache State Park during the weekend of July 24-26, and we even learned how to pronounce *Ouabache*! While the Swiss Days Festival in Berne was cancelled, there were still lots of fun things to do in the area, including a visit to the Ouabache Bison herd. [*O-bah-chee*]

We had ten Airstreams in our group, and there were a few other Airstreams scattered around the campground. I think most of us had someone come up and ask why there so many Airstreams. Even the check-in person at the campground entrance noticed there were a lot of Airstreams coming through!

We met WBCCI members John and Val Francis from Russia, Ohio (near Jackson Center) and Airstream owners Amy and Dwayne Whittaker from Logansport, Indiana. John and Val are members of the Miami Valley Airstream Club and they came out to camp with us. Amy and Dwayne are in the process of rebuilding their 1976 Airstream Ambassador and plan to join CIAC! ***(More Breaking News: They did join! BRN 31040)*** Region Five President and

First Lady Chris and Nancy Seplak also joined us for the weekend. Other Airstreamers came by to visit – including a former Airstream owner and her daughter – and joined us at our happy hours. It was a great weekend to be camping.

CIAC Associate Members (and former Hoosiers) Tom and Vicki Ketchum were with us and shared their plans for an Old National Road Caravan that will run from Baltimore through Indiana to Vandalia, Illinois beginning in late April 2022. Still in the planning stage, the caravan will be three 9-day segments, suited for participants with limited vacation time. Tom expects this caravan will be announced in the January 2021 Blue Beret. Stay tuned for more information – especially for a caravan that will be close to home!

Our weekend would not have been complete without a movie and we watched the 1954 classic “The Long, Long Trailer” with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. Funny from start to finish, and sometimes painful to watch (for us experienced trailer owners) in a few places, it was a great way to end an evening.

During our Saturday evening Happy Hour (properly Social Distanced ...), our own International Past President Barry Bell shared some old Central Indiana Unit flags that were embroidered with the names of the Unit officers. We have a special stand constructed to display the flags and will update the flag set with the names of recent club officers.

We learned Tom and Lisa Fry will be moving to Arizona this fall. They will be leaving Indiana just before our Season Close weekend, so we will not be able to give them a proper send-off and good-bye. But, as mobile as we are, I suspect we will cross paths with them somewhere in America. We wish them the best of luck in their new home.

By this time, you should have received an email from our CIAC Treasurer announcing 2021 club dues for the CIAC will be \$0 providing the club member renews their International dues before December 31, 2020. COVID has impacted everyone's lives, including our Club, and the CIAC Board decided to eliminate our local club dues for 2021. But remember: You must renew your International dues by December 31, 2020, to take advantage of the special \$0 offer. After January 1, 2021, CIAC club dues will automatically return to \$15 for the year.

In closing, please Stay Safe. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at Versailles in October.

John Deegan, Club President, WBCCI 538

### **A Note from Don and Lana Russel**

It is with many mixed emotions that we have decided to make the move to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to our daughter and her family, and our 3-year-old grandson. We will certainly miss all the valued friends we have made during the 32 years we have lived in Westfield but cannot deny the excitement of being closer to family. We plan to list our home the first week of October, head west, and full time in our Airstream until our house sells and we locate something out there. Hopefully, our new digs will have room for courtesy parking, but please know you are always welcome regardless. The area is perfect for lovers of the outdoors, like all of us. We wish we could see everyone one last time, but with Covid, we do not see how that is possible. Best Wishes to every single one of you and be confident that our door is always open, wherever we may roam. "

### ***STILL SCHEDULED!!***

Central Indiana Airstream Club  
October 2020 Weekender  
Versailles State Park  
Friday, October 16 – Sunday, October 18



Our Annual Business Meeting and Elections will be held here.

*Join us for a wonderful fall weekend in beautiful Southeastern Indiana!*

## 2020-2021-2022 WBAC, Central Region, and other Airstream-related Activities

This is a list of major events that have been rescheduled from 2020 into 2021. If you have reservations for any of these events, check the respective web site for information on refunds or future credits.

- Wake Up Downtown in Logan, Ohio, will be held during the weekend of April 29-May 2, 2021. This event is sold out and taking reservations for an offsite camping area near downtown Logan
- Alumapalooza 11 at the Airstream factory has been postponed to September 7-12, 2021.
- The Swiss Festival National Rally at Sugarcreek, Ohio, has been postponed to September 25 to October 2, 2021.

Other 2021 events:

- The 64<sup>th</sup> International Rally will be held in Lebanon, TN, July 17-24, 2021.
- The 2021 Region Five Rally will be held at Warsaw, IN, on September 15-29, 2021.

2022 Events:

- The International Rally will be in Fryeberg, Maine (date to be announced).
- The Region Five Rally will be in Columbus, Indiana (date to be announced).



*August 8, 2020 would have been Helen Byam Schwamborn's 117<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

*Helen was a first cousin to the founder of Airstream, Wally Byam.*

*Mr. Byam enlisted his cousin Helen to help organize a club for Airstream owners which today is known as the Wally Byam Caravan Club International or simply the Wally Byam Airstream Club.*

*Helen ran the club from 1955 until she retired in 1979.*



Scenes from the July Club Weekender at Ouabache State Park



19-year-old Max checking out new surroundings. Owners: John and Mary Ellen Deegan.



Tom Fry talking with Dwayne Whittaker. Brenda and Dave Ansel and Amy Whittaker look on.



Happy Hour visitors: Former Airstream owners came by to visit with us. Barry and Karen Bell.



John and Val Francis. Tom and Vicki Ketchum.



Barry and Karen Bell.



*Our club flag with the names of former Club officers.*



*Campfire. Howard Bishop standing. Susan Bishop seated next to him.*



*The embroidered CIU flag.*



*Tom Ketchum sharing information on the upcoming Highway 40 caravan. Tom and his wife Vicky will be leading this 2021 caravan.*



*Our Campfire*



*The Anselms*



*Tom and Lisa Fry.*



## Volunteerism!

We have our club's annual business meeting and elections coming up at our October weekender at Versailles State Park.

There are three positions for which we need candidates. We are seeking a candidate for the position of second vice president. We are also seeking two candidates for trustee positions on our board (we have two open trustee seats to fill).

Please contact our club president, John Deegan, if you are interested. John's email address is [jdeegan@iquest.net](mailto:jdeegan@iquest.net).

The future of our club and of the Wally Byam Airstream Club depends on volunteers. Please consider how you can become more involved in our club.

## Looking for a Camping Destination?

Knowing that many folks have had their travel plans altered or cancelled considering the Covid Pandemic, we ask members to suggest destinations that they have enjoyed and are within a reasonable travel time.

Here are some suggestions. Thank you to everyone who responded to my call for this information.

Tom Fry suggested the [KOA Kampground in Dayton, Ohio](#). Let me add that I had the opportunity to visit the US Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton this week and thoroughly enjoyed my visit. The town of Yellow Springs, Ohio is southeast of Dayton and is known for its shops and restaurants and friendly, diverse vibe.

One of Patsy Marston's favorites is the Ceraland [Campground](#) near Columbus, Indiana. Patsy also suggested [General Butler State Park](#) near Carrollton, Kentucky. At General Butler you can visit the restored the Butler-Turpin Historic home built in 1859. The house is a brick federal-style residence.

Damon and Erin Beals have done a trip through western Michigan. They suggested [South Haven](#), [Saugatuck](#) and [Traverse City](#). In South Haven they stayed at the Kal-Haven RV Park and in Traverse City they stayed at the Wild Cherry Resort. South Haven also has a Yogi Bear Campground and Traverse City is also home to the Holiday Park Campground which is a former Airstream Park. We have been to Traverse City and enjoyed in very much. Saugatuck is on our bucket list; We are sure we would enjoy Saugatuck's diverse, artsy, chilled out vibe. They found places very dog friendly. Damon and Erin are heading to Gatlinburg soon and will be reporting back to us in a future Ticker. Damon's last visit to Gatlinburg was as a kid on a family trip.

Ken and Sandy Langell suggested the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. While there, drive west through Kentucky's beautiful horse country to Pleasant Hill, a restored Shaker community. Make lunch or dinner reservations, take a ride on their riverboat, tour the buildings. Just beyond Pleasant Hill is Harrodsburg, with a reconstructed fort and many historic sites and interesting shops. It is one of their favorite getaways.

From Phil and Mardelle St. John: [The Rising Star Casino in Rising Sun, Indiana offers a "state of the art" RV park](#). They raised the rates a little this year, but they think it is still a good value. Last year it included a continental breakfast at the casino. Rising Sun is a lovely town on the Ohio River. Park your Airstream and take the free ferry across to Rabbit Hash General Store on the Kentucky side. Play golf at the beautiful Rising Star Casino Golf Course or for a special value and interesting golf experience go to nearby Dearborn Country Club. That may be the steepest hill course we have ever played. Also take some rides down beautiful country roads. Another place is [Gibson City Park at Gibson City, IL](#). This little city park offers water, electric, and a dump station for just \$10.00 per night. You can walk to a grocery store, McDonalds, or a good restaurant. Gibson City is a small county seat town in the heart of farm country. Be sure to eat downtown at the German restaurant. There is a "Links" golf course on the north side of town.

Karen Bell suggested the [White River Campground in Cicero, Indiana](#). There was a club event there years ago and people enjoyed themselves.

What about Joe and Julie Ashland? We enjoyed [New Harmony, Indiana](#). For a quick and nearby weekend escape, we like [Prophetstown State Park](#). Our most recent trip took us to the Cleveland Ohio area where we camped at [Punderson State Park](#)

and at the KOA Kampground in Streetsboro Ohio. Did you know that the far northeast corner of Ohio was the “Connecticut Western Reserve” prior to the Revolutionary War? Many of the small towns today still look more like New England and less like the Midwest. Are you willing to drive east to Maryland? Joe is a Marylander by birth and can tell you about many great places to Maryland to visit.



Wally Byam Airstream Club  
64<sup>th</sup> Annual International Rally  
July 17 – 24, 2021  
Wilson County Expo Center  
Lebanon, Tennessee

## Registration Info:

<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally/lebanon-2021-registration>

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you cannot make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at [rally@airstreamclub.org](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org) for available arrival dates.