



## Illinois Lincolnland WBCCI Unit 176 News

Monte Barksdale – President

January 17, 2017

Ann Leslie – Vice President

### Message from Monte

Hello Lincolnlanders,

Hopefully all is well with you all. Please keep Sally in your thoughts and prayers after her surgery. Myself and Little Brother Fester are doing well. I just got the Motorhome out of the shop after a little remodel \$\$\$\$\$. Looks great, can't wait to get it on the road. Camping season is approaching. We have a few lunches coming up. I will talk about the Spring Fling April 30th. It will be held in Springfield at 1:30. The restaurant is Xochimilco, an authentic Mexican restaurant. The address: 3210 Northfield DR. Exit 100b off I-55 on East Sangamon Ave. Right on Dirksen Pkwy to Northfield Dr. Hope to see you there.

Our first campout is at Lincoln's New Salem State Park in Petersburg. There are 200 sites - 100 with electricity. No reservations accepted. If you are worried about getting a site I would suggest coming in on Thursday. But it shouldn't be a problem on Friday. The dates are May 19th - 22nd. Springfield is having an art fair and The Theater in the Park is playing - The Three Musketeers. Sounds like a great time.

Our second campout is on June 2nd-5th at Kamp Komfort west of Bloomington Normal off I-74 exit 120. 21408 North 600 East RD. We will be going to a British car club gathering and visiting the David Davis Mansion. More info coming.

As always I'm sure there will be some food involved. Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure to be had by all. Hope to see you down the road! Monte

### Member Update

Wednesday, January 11, Sally Johnson's lumbar fusion surgery went as planned. Val and Sally's son, Brant, came for the surgery. Friday, January 13, Sally was transferred to skilled nursing care the Apostolic Home. She will be there through the week. Their daughter, Cara, will be staying for five days when Sally gets home.

Cards may be sent to Sally Johnson, P.O. Box 51, Henry, IL 61537

### 2017 Rally Schedule

#### UNIT RALLIES

March 5, Mid-Winter Luncheon, 1:30 p.m., Busy Corner, Goodfield, IL

April 30, Spring Fling Dinner (TBA)

May 19-22, Lincoln's New Salem State Park, Petersburg, IL.

<http://www.lincolnsnewsalem.com>

June 2-5, Kamp Komfort in Carlock, IL

August 18-22, Solar Eclipse at the Duqoin State Fairgrounds

October 13-16, Evening Star Resort; Topeka Spoon River Festival & Installation

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#### REGION 5 RALLY

September 13-17, 2017, at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY

#### INTERNATIONAL RALLY

July 22-29, Escanaba, Michigan





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## 2016 Closing Dinner

Illinois Lincolnland Unit #176 members gathered at Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano in Bloomington, Illinois on Sunday, November 13, 2016 for our season closing dinner, hosted by 2017 President Monte Barksdale. It was an enjoyable afternoon, with good food and fine company. Conversations centered around snowbirds’ winter travels and for those staying closer to home, the approaching holidays and looking toward next year’s rally season.



Swearingen photo

Members in attendance: Monte Barksdale, Bruce & Connie Binkley, Jeff & Mary Elliott & grandson, Jaden, John & Rita Green, Floyd & Linda Hattan, Dave & Julie Hoch, **Jack Johnson** (Jack is our newest member and hails from Moline), Bud Lanoue, Carl & Ann Leslie, David & Nancy O’Neill, John & Waneta Riggenschach, Bill & Cheryl Shelander and John & Susan Swearingen. Guests were charter member **Claude Brinner** and his son, Garland Brinner. Claude was a charter member when Illinois Lincolnland Unit was formed in 1988.

A brief business meeting was held, where members unanimously approved and adopted the proposed updated Constitution and Bylaws for our unit. The adopted Constitution and Bylaws were then forwarded to the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee on November 14, 2016, for their review. I am pleased to announce the International Committee approved our Constitution and Bylaws on November 26, 2016. Report by Susan Swearingen.

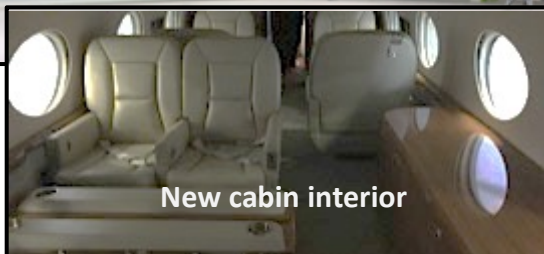
## October 21-24, 2016 “Airstream Aviation Fly-In Rally”



Airstreams camped between the airport admin. building and fire dept. & control tower at St Louis Regional Airport.



West Star Aviation paint booth



New cabin interior



Aircraft restoration in progress

Swearingen photography





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### Friday night dinner at High Flyers Grille, at the airport

L-R Mary Grant, Linda & Floyd Hattan, Doris & Art Meier, Bud Lanoue, Ann & Carl Leslie, Bill Shelander, Susan & John Swearingen, Cheryl Shelander, Jim & Kathy Ceryes, Gordon & Carol White, Waneta & John Riggenschach, Monte Barksdale, Rita & John Green, and Bill Grant.



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L-R: Dan Nugteren, SIU President, Bill Shelander, John Swearingen, David Miller-Director of Aviation St. Louis Regional Airport, Monte Barksdale, Cheryl Shelander, Jim & Kathy Ceryes - SIU members.



This photo is Sunday Morning Devotion led by Gordon White in the airport administration building conference room. Carol White was song leader & Carl Leslie music.

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Missouri Botanical Gardens Train Riders:

Rita & John Green, Cheryl & Bill Shelander, Waneta & John Riggenschach,  
Bud Lanoue, Bill Grant, Linda Hattan & Floyd Hattan,

Gordon White photography



Missouri Botanical Gardens Tour Group:

L-R front: Monte Barksdale, Bud Lanoue, John Swearingen, Rita Green, Doris Meier, Susan Swearingen, Waneta Riggenschach, Linda Hattan, Carol White, Floyd Hattan, Cheryl Shelander  
L-R back: Art Meier, John Green, John Riggenschach, Bill Grant, Bill Shelander

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### Last official photo of Southern Illinois Unit

The joint October rally was the closing activity for SIU.

L-R front: Doris Meier, Carol White, Kathy Ceryes, President Dan Nugteren

L-R back: Art Meier, Gordon White, Jim Ceryes

### IL Lincolnland 2017 Officers

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