



Message from the President

Hello Lincolnlanders,

The first campout of the season at New Salem State Park, Petersburg, IL was a little wet and chilly. There were five brave rigs that battled the elements. Really it wasn't that bad. We had a good time. There happened to be an Airstream in the park when I got there. Jenifer Nutt (a former Petersburg resident), WBCCI #24600, from Leesburg, FL and a member of the Southeastern Unit was visiting her son going to college. She is and was visiting friends and family. I invited her to join our rally and she did participate in some of the activities. When I arrived Thursday the park was empty, maybe five rigs. It never filled up - maybe twenty for the whole weekend. Probably the weather. We went to a couple nice restaurants. The play was nice at the amphitheater. I went to the art fair in Springfield. Spent too much money as usual. My goal in life is to have art that is worth more than the frame. Well I just got back from the framers and I haven't achieved that goal yet.

Our next campout is fast approaching. I have another fun filled adventure planed for you. It will be in **Kamp Komfort in Carlock**. Just outside of Bloomington. The dates are **Friday June 2nd to Monday June 5th**. We will start off with a potluck on Friday June 2nd at 7:00pm in the campground. I will be providing Pulled Pork sandwiches. Bring a dish to pass. Saturday June 3rd we leave bright and early for **Genevieve Green Gardens**. Plan on leaving the campground at 08:30. We have to tour the place and get out of there because they are having a wedding. Lunch is on your own then meet at **Sunset Lake Vineyards** at 4pm. This place is right down the road from the campground. Some of the signs may say White Oak. They had to change their name. We will have a wine tour, tasting and finger foods on their veranda. For those interested we will finish off at **Carl's Ice Cream** on College Ave. Sunday June 4th, we leave for the **David Davis Mansion** and **Champagne British Car Show** at 1pm. We might do some breakfasts. I don't know yet.

Our community service project this year will be animal welfare. It made me proud that for so few rigs that showed up we still raised \$100 for the Menard County Animal Shelter. For Carlock we will be raising donations for Humane Society of Central Illinois. I will find out more info and have it for you when you arrive. Remember what all animal shelters need: food, gently used towels, old animal beds, collars/leashes, cleaning supplies. And a new one I found out in Petersburg - Plastic totes. Of course, there is the old standby that any charity needs - money.

See you down the road

Monte

5 Good Reasons to Attend the June 2 – 5, 2017 Rally

1. Uptown Normal's first car show

Saturday, June 3: 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

More than 200 vehicles - classic to new, Mustangs to motorcycles.

2. Annual Champagne British Car Festival

Sunday, June 4: 9AM – 4 PM

If you are a DeLorean lover, you do NOT want to miss this event! The largest collection ever in Bloomington will be featured at the David Davis Mansion's 26th.



Information and Photo from Ann Leslie



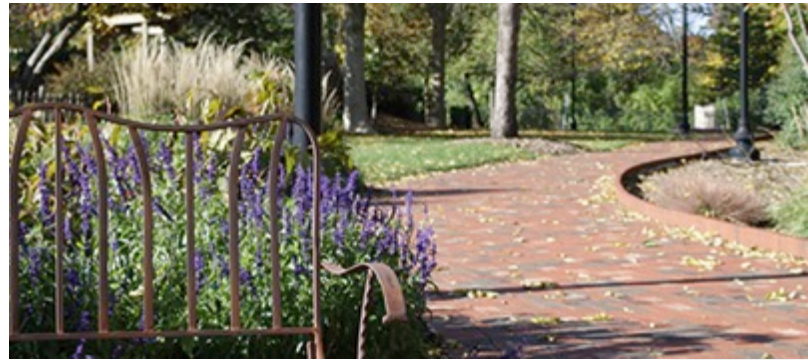
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3. Saturday, June 3, 8:30 AM - Leave for the **Genevieve Green Gardens** designed by the distinguished landscape architect Jens Jensen. Bring your cameras, and enjoy the unique sensation that each of the gardens offer.



4. Saturday June 3, 4 PM meet at Rudi & Mary's **Sunset Lake Vineyards & Winery**. Taste genuine German *Gemütlichkeit*. <http://www.sunsetlakevineyards.com>

5. Saturday June 3, **Carl's Ice Cream** This week Carl's has PEACH Soft Serve and CHERRY Yogurt. People rave about Carl's strawberry shortcake, burgers, and chilli cheese fries.



New Salem - Petersburg, IL Rally



Saturday May 20, **Los Rancheros Restaurant**: George & Ange DeVuall, Monte Barksdale, Ann & Carl Leslie, Bud Lanoue, Susan & John Swearingen. J Swearingen Photography

For those on site Thursday, May 18, we ate dinner at Leo's Pizza--a local pizzeria in business since 1986. Dinner was followed by a stop at Dairy Queen.

Friday, May 19, was a free day. Ange DeVuall and Susan visited Sewing Seeds, a quilt shop/gift shop on the square, Rose Cottage, a delightful gift shop just off the square and we went to The Farm, located about 8 miles southeast of Petersburg. The Farm has a wonderful gift shop, a greenhouse, several small themed gardens, a bed & breakfast and a wedding venue. Their motto is "Think of us as your 'urban industrial retro vintage cottage Victorian farmhouse garden primitive country store' " www.visit-thefarm.com Some visited the local museum and toured Petersburg looking for Ann Rutledge's gravesite. Others relaxed at the campground.

Friday evening dinner was at Hand of Fate Brewing Company/Dr. Ugs Café. Lots of brews to choose from and

very good food, from goat cheese & walnut salad to flatbread pizza. And, another trip to Dairy Queen.

After an all night rain, Saturday morning, May 20, started with breakfast at Gilmore Café. The rest of day was free time, some chose to visit New Salem Historic Village, with gift shop & bookstore. Others visited shops in town, where there was a small festival on the square. For dinner, we gathered at Los Rancheros.



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On Sunday, May 21, DeVauls, Bud Lanoue & Swearingens had lunch at Hardees and then traveled 10 miles west of Petersburg to investigate Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/JimEdgarPantherCreek.aspx). This hidden gem has a lot to offer, from 3 fishing lakes with largemouth bass, northern pike, muskie, bluegill, green sunfish, spring & fall trout seasons, mountain bike/hiking trails, cabins to primitive camping, 19 full-hookup sites, hunting (deer, wild turkey, dove, pheasant, quail & many others), equestrian campground & trails. Like all State of Illinois parks, it is in dire need of funding.

Sunday evening, Leslies, Bud Lanoue & Monte attended "The 3 Musketeers" play at New Salem, while DeVauls & Swearingens returned to Leo's Pizza. Although the weekend weather was wet, damp & sometimes cool, we still had fun, fellowship & adventure.

Reported by Susan Swearingen.

Xochimilco Spring Fling

1:30 pm Sunday March 30, 2017 eighteen Lincolnland members met at Xochimilco Authentic Mexican Restaurant in Springfield, IL. Enjoying good time together, good food, the Mexican murals and art, and a short business meeting were Monte Barksdale, Jack Jackson, Ann & Carl Leslie, Susan & John Swearingen, Anita & Raoul Reinertsen, Mary & Bernie Taylor, Cheryl & Bill Shelander, Linda & Floyd Hattan, Waneta & John Riggerbach, Rita & John Green.

Member Update

Our condolences go out to the family of Former Region 5 President **Roland Keim** who died Friday, May 19, 2017. Please keep Roland's family in your prayers. Roland served as Region 5 President July 2002 - July 2004. His Region 5 rallies were held at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, IL and Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum, Rantoul, IL. He was President of the former Southern IL Unit in 1991 and was currently a member of IL Lincolnland Unit.

Memorials may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 700 South University Avenue, Carbondale, IL 62901 or Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital Friends Foundation, Ste. Genevieve Drive, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. Cards may be sent to: 4400 Tunnel Hill Road, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972.

Nancy O'Neill is now 6 weeks postop from knee surgery. She is busy with therapy & exercises & her icepack is her best friend right now. Bill Shelander made a trip to ER, is doing OK. Mary Taylor is recuperating from foot surgery and has established a close relationship with her icepack, also.

John Green attended the Ham Fest in Dayton, OH. John and Waneta Riggerbach attended a graduation in Alabama. Floyd and Linda Hattan visited family in Rhode Island.

2017 Rally Schedule

UNIT RALLIES

March 5, Mid-Winter Luncheon, 1:30 pm, Busy Corner, Goodfield, IL

April 30, Spring Fling Dinner, 1:30 pm, Xochimilco Restaurant,

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

June 2-5, Kamp Komfort in Carlock, IL

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

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

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REGION 5 RALLY

The online registration for the Region 5 rally "Region 5 Falls for Horses" is now open at the following web site:

<http://region5.wbcci.net/region-5-rally/>

The rally dates are September 13-17 at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

July 22-29, Escanaba, Michigan

New Salem State Park Photos from Susan and John Swearingen



Lincoln the Surveyor

Unsuspecting as he was in this place, young Lincoln's honesty and fairness as a surveyor, and his knowledge of the land and its people, set him on a journey that led to the Presidency of the United States.

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