



## Welcome New Members for 2018/2019

**Royce & Sheila Baier**

WBCCI # 09418  
Paxton, IL

**Richard & Dorothy Hankins**

WBCCI # 10772  
Shumway, IL

**Brice & Deborah Seifert**

WBCCI # 06926  
Washburn, IL

**David & Kathleen Talkie**

WBCCI # 10578  
Joliet, IL

**Marc Willis**

WBCCI #12222  
Decatur, IL

**Kim Ritchhart &  
Allen Thompson**

WBCCI # 05707 Morton, IL

**Tim & Barb Tilford**

WBCCI # 03478

## 2019 WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club Schedule of Events:

1. **February 17, 2019** - *Mid-Winter Luncheon* - Busy Corner Restaurant - Goodfield, IL 1:30 p.m. This is always a crowd pleaser. Contact: Susan Swearingen
2. **March 17, 2019** - *Thinking Spring - Soup/Potluck Luncheon* - The Colaw Rooming House - Atlanta, IL 1:00 p.m. Chili and another soup will be furnished. More details to follow. Contact: Susan Swearingen
3. **May 3 - May 6, 2019** - *The Artisan Fair Rally* - Camp Lakewood Campground & RV Park - Effingham, IL We are returning to Effingham to enjoy their artisan fair & all it has to offer, as well as, the surrounding area. Contact: Susan Swearingen
4. **June 18 - June 26, 2019** - *3 Modes of Transport - Land, Air & Sea Caravan* - Joint Caravan with Indiana Airstream Club.
5. **July 20 - July 27, 2019** - *62nd International Rally* - Meadow Event Park - Doswell, VA
6. **August 15 - August 19, 2019** - *See It Preserved Rally* - Iroquois County Fairgrounds - Crescent City, IL We have visited Van Drunen Farms, Momence, IL, freeze-dried operation in the past. Plans are to visit another of their operations. Contact: Bud Lanoue
7. **September 4 - September 8, 2019** **\*\*New Date\*\*** *Region 5 Rally* -- Lee County Fairgrounds - Amboy, IL (Date originally published was September 18-22, 2019)
8. **October 18 - October 21, 2019** - *Airstream Fly-In Rally* - St. Louis Regional Airport - East Alton, IL This is always a fun, unique rally experience, as we are camped between the Administration Building and the Fire Dept, on the grounds of the airport. Contact: Susan Swearingen
9. **November TBA, 2019** *Season Closing Dinner*

## Message from Our President, Susan Swearingen:

Dear WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club Members,

The Arctic Blast is past, and as we look at the 2019 WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club #176 Schedule of Events, the forecast for the future, however, is sunny and bright. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Furthermore, I am very pleased to announce that our list of members, as of January 14, 2019, totals 39 regular members and 1 affiliate member.

The 3 Modes of Transport - Land, Air & Sea Joint Caravan with Indiana Airstream Club will begin Tuesday, June 18 (Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, 2019) with arrival at Jackson Center. Thirteen rigs are signed up. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stop, on Thursday, June 20, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, FamCamp, Dayton, OH, requires a military person to register attendees and also be a part of the caravan. Branko Mijatovich, the 2019 President for the Indiana Airstream Club is willing to do this. We will sign into the secure Wright-Patterson AFB as a group and show our registration and insurance to receive a gate pass. This caravan has 3 stops, so you can choose to go on any one of the stops or all 3 of the stops.



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### The 3 Modes of Transport - Land, Air & Sea Rally June 18 – 26:

- Tuesday, June 18, 2019 caravan/arrive Jackson Center, OH
- Wednesday, June 19, 2019 factory tour & visit other possible sites in the area
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 depart Jackson Center, OH and arrive Wright-Patterson AFB Museum & FamCamp
- Friday, June 21, 2019 tour Wright-Patterson AFB Museum
- Saturday, June 22, 2019 tour Wright-Patterson AFB Museum and/or other possible sites in the area
- Sunday, June 23, 2019 depart Dayton, OH and arrive Kentucky Horse Park Campground, Lexington, KY
- Monday, June 24, 2019 caravan to Williamstown, KY for the Ark Encounter
- Tuesday, June 25, 2019 spend the day at Kentucky Horse Park and/or Toyota plant tour &/or other sites
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019 depart Kentucky Horse Park for home

I am excited about our club's activities this year, as I hope you are. I look forward to your participation in all of our events. So, let's do this.....let's go Airstreaming !!!!

Susan M. Swearingen, #4482, President 2019  
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### **November 11, 2018 Season Closing Potluck Luncheon**

The Colaw House in Atlanta IL, with its tables festively decorated in red, white and blue in honor of Veterans Day, welcomed Lincolnland members for the season's closing dinner. With pride, we recognized our member veterans. Susan Swearingen read "The Noble and the Brave – A Veteran's Day Tribute" by Joanna Fuchs. Monte Barksdale, Region 5 Past President, installed the new officers for 2019. During the business meeting, Immediate Past President, Ann Leslie, was honored with gifts and words of appreciation for her service to the club. Next, in the business meeting, a joint caravan trip with Indiana Airstream club was proposed, discussed, and a recommendation adopted to proceed with planning. Truly, great food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Attending were Roy & Evelyn Peacock, George & Stephanie Rice, Wally & Thelma Philipp, Jim & Kathy Ceryes, Monte Barksdale, Floyd & Linda Hattan, Carroll & Beverly Hensley, Carl & Ann Leslie, Christine Majers, David & Nancy O'Neall, Angela Whitaker, John & Waneta Riggerbach, John & Susan Swearingen, Bernie & Mary Taylor.





### August 3 – 6, 2018 Rally: Airstreamin' in Amish Land



Lincolnland Airstreamers camping at Forrest W. "Bo" Woods enjoyed gathering Friday at beautiful Lake Shelbyville for a corn boil/pulled pork potluck. Saturday morning's pancakes & sausages fueled us for the much to see and do. Thank you, Carl & Ann Leslie for an enjoyable rally. Attending were John & Waneta Riggerbach, Carl & Ann Leslie, George & Ange DeVaul, Floyd & Linda for Hattan, Monte Barksdale, Bernie & Mary Taylor, John & Susan Swearingen, Dave & Nancy O'Neall, Bud Lanoue, John & Rita Green, Jerry & Louise Humble, Scott & Lauren Wiseman.



We were blessed with beautiful weather and so much to see & do: Bluegrass music in the old church, Exotic Wildlife Adventure, Yoder's Kitchen, Niemerg Family Winery, Dam tour, Sullivan's Little Theater on the Square, Tailwinds Restaurant, USACE Interpretive Center, Decatur's Mari-Mann Herb Farm.



"Surprise Snatch" at Aikman's Wildlife Adventure



Darn, Findlay's Walleye Fest was last weekend.

BTW, this area hosts seven exhibits telling stories of Abraham Lincoln's time here: five in Shelbyville, one in Moweaqua, & one entertaining divorce storyboard in Strasburg. Shelby Co. was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Looking for Lincoln... Heritage National Park Passport Stamp which is available at USACE visitor center. Looking forward to a future rally here to get my passport stamped and to visit the Hieronymus Mueller Museum in Decatur.



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## President's Corner



Have you wondered why you do not receive a December Blue Beret magazine? Let me assure you it is not because WBCCI Headquarters is enjoying too much holiday cheer. Actually, December is one of their busiest months of the year. First of all, our membership dues are paid near the end of the year. Headquarters must then enter the membership data into what becomes your January edition of the Blue Beret called the "Membership Edition". Then there are all those year-end reports that must be generated. Plus they must prepare for the Club's business meeting (called the International Board of Trustees or IBT) that occurs in January. This is our Club's midwinter meeting. I would like to express my appreciation to Lori Plummer, Deb Sailor, Barb Langston and Julie Rethman for all their work and devotion to the Wally Byam Airstream Club.

I also wish to congratulate all of our new Unit/Club Presidents taking office across the 12 Regions of our Club. You have taken on the most important office in our organization. You have the opportunity to make things happen in your part of the world. Be innovative and creative. Examine your Unit's/Club's activities and seek new ways to make your rallies more interesting and attractive to young families as well as long-standing members. Take a look back at the events you participated in last year. Each event requires people to contribute their time to plan, arrange facilities and transport equipment, etc. to make for a successful event. We are a not for profit corporation operated by volunteers for the benefit of all those that participate. I encourage you to express gratitude to those who are working at the events you attend. As we look forward to a new Unit/Club calendar of events, volunteer to help ease the workload. Ask your new Unit/Club President if you can help with upcoming activities being planned for 2019. The President would be thrilled to have someone offer to manage a meal, plan some entertainment or even help with parking. Many of the activities provided for our members have been staffed by the same people year after year. While they may really enjoy what they are doing, they will be unable to continue forever. Someone once told me that the future of WBCCI lies within the individual members and the Units to which they belong. Please take advantage of all that our club has to offer. In addition, please take some responsibility by assisting in some way.

Your WBAC President

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**Midwinter Luncheon 1:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 17, 2019**

**Busy Corner Restaurant, 302 Eureka Str. (IL Rt. 117) Goodfield. IL 61742 Interstate 74, exit 112**

**Please RSVP by Feb. 15 to Susan Swearingen 309-824-5085**



### Oct. 12 - 15, 2018 Rally: Airstream at the Opry

Kentuckiana Kamp & Opry. Hopedale, IL

Thank you Dave and Nancy O'Neall for organizing this most enjoyable rally, Yes, the weather was too bad for appetizers in the shelter. Yet, in spite of the snow and rain, good times were had gathering progressively in designated "Happy Hour" trailers. Kentuckiana's free chili supper, topped off with pie and ice cream, amazed us with how good it was. Wish I had a photo of the "umpteen" roasters of chili lined up to feed the crowd. On stage, Kentuckiana band members' extended families (of all ages) performed for Opry Family Night.

The Homeway Homes Construction Facility Tour, in Deer Creek, IL, took us through 16 building stations: floor building station, wall building station, roof/ceiling building station, electrical & plumbing pit, etc. We saw the precision, the materials, and the care used in building every aspect of a home. Using environmentally friendly Energy Strength Spray Foam, the home has two times the insulation value and two times the strength that regular wall and ceiling construction has. Then, after lunch, we toured 4 completed homes showcased in Goodfield, IL. Next, opportunities to do on our own included Pride of Peoria Barbershop Sing at I.C.C., David Davis Mansion in Bloomington, CAT Visitors' Center in Peoria, Peoria Riverfront Museum, and Tea Room at the Depot in Mackinaw.

David O'Neall shared about the School Desks for Haiti project that he helps with. Nancy showed her quilting. Members were encouraged to share their craft projects. Enjoying Airstreamin' at the Opry were Carl & Ann Leslie, Floyd & Linda Hattan, Angela Whitaker, Waneta & John Riegenbach, Susan & John Swearingen, Gary & Susan Lock, Jerry & Louise Humble, Bernie & Mary Taylor, Art & Doris Meier, Monte Barksdale, Bud Lanoue.





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Trustees: Waneta Riegenbach, Bernie Taylor



It was hot! It was fun! Aikman Wildlife Adventure, Arcola, IL August 4, 2018  
Dave & Nancy O'Neall and Ange DeVaul

**“The Noble and the Brave: A Veteran's Day Tribute”**

When America had an urgent need; these brave ones raised a hand;  
No hesitation held them back; they were proud to take a stand.  
They left their friends and family; they gave up normal life;  
To serve their country and their God, they plowed into the strife.  
They fought for freedom and for peace on strange and foreign shores;  
Some lost new friends; some lost their lives in long and brutal wars.  
Other veterans answered a call to support the ones who fought;  
Their country had requirements for the essential skills they brought.  
We salute every one of them, the noble and the brave,  
The ones still with us here today, and those who rest in a grave.  
So here's to our country's heroes; they're a cut above the rest;  
Let's give the honor that is due to our country's very best.

By Joanna Fuchs

Read by Susan Swearingen, November 11, 2018  
At the Season's Closing Dinner held at the Colaw House in Atlanta, IL