

President's Message



Around 750 Airstreams attended the 64th International Rally in Lebanon, TN. Ten of those Airstreams were from Illinois Lincolnland: Bob & Annie Fahey, Rick & Dorothy Hankin, Carl & Ann Leslie, Jeff & Ann Levin, Christine Majers, John & Susan Swearingen, Bernie & Mary Taylor, Mel & Glenda Wood, and affiliate members John & Rita Green. Five of those were first timers! There were many first timers attending International.

Our Region 5 President, Chris Seplak, shared the following regarding International: *"It was great to see over 80 members from Region 5. Thanks to everyone that helped make our Region 5 Luncheon a great time. We had fun going into Nashville, enjoying the entertainment at the rally, and seeing our friends from around the country."*

I encourage you to sign up for the Region 5 Rally in Warsaw, IN September 15 – 19. Chris and Nancy Seplak have a lot of activities planned. For more about the rally see page 2. When I talked to Chris the other day, he said, "It is never too late to sign up."

We need two new officers for 2022 – President, Vice President. The Officer Reporting form is to be submitted to Jackson Center before the end of the year.

Each member may log in to Member Portal on the Airstream Club International website, <https://airstreamclub.org> You will then have access to: Member Benefits, casting your vote for International Officers, and membership renewal. You may also renew through our own treasurer, John Swearingen. No longer will there be a delegates' meeting at International. Local presidents now will only have to meet at International if there is a constitutional issue.

I am pleased to express my appreciation to the following 2021 (to date) rally hosts: April's Brown Co. IN Wildflower Foray - my co-host, Mary Taylor; June's Rockville IN Strawberries and Covered Bridges - John & Susan Swearingen; and August's Mackinaw IL Kentuckiana - John & Waneta Riggerbach. For your planning and work that made the rallies a success; for our fun, our fellowship, and our adventures - thank you very much!

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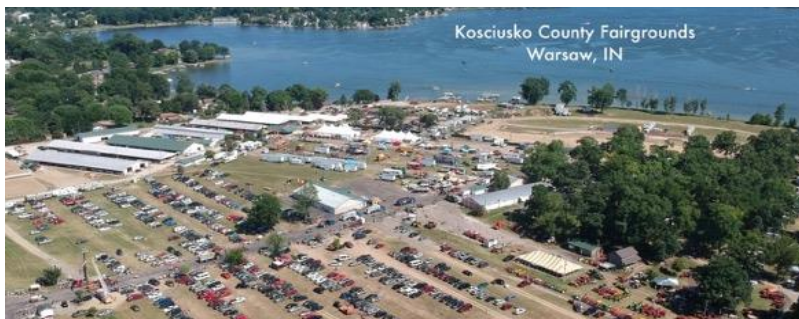
Dates to Save

Sept. 15 - 19 Region 5 Rally -
Airstreams & Flamingos on the Lake

October 22 - 25 Nauvoo, IL Spooktacular Rally

Nov. 7 Closing Dinner 1:30 PM Colaw House Atlanta, IL

Airstreams and Flamingos on the Lake



1400 E Smith Street, Warsaw, IN 46580
Hosts: Chris & Nancy Seplak (260) 409-4750,
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Enjoy Saturday's Dinner Cruise on the SS LILYPAD II; Tour Elkhart RV Museum, Warsaw Biblical Gardens, Fort Wayne Sweetwater Music (world's largest online music distributor); See an axe demonstration by Indiana's Glen Null.

Register at: <https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2021-region-5-rally/>

Or send the sign up found in Blue Beret's April, May, June issues to:

Region 5 Treasurer, John Swearingen. 504 NE 6th St.
PO Box 356, Atlanta, IL 61723

The Community Service Project is Beacon House, a shelter for homeless and abused women and children. Shower caddies, large trash bags, bathroom Dixie cups, towels (bath, hand, & face), single serving condiment cups with lids to hold laundry detergent are items to donate. Bring a door prize.

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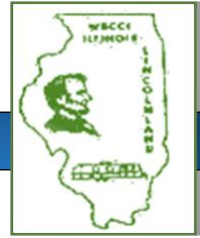
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Nauvoo Rally October 22 - 25, 2021



Overlooking the Mississippi from historic Nauvoo

Camp Nauvoo Retreat Center 1095 S. Warsaw St. Nauvoo,
IL 62354

Reservations (217) 453-9930
Mention Airstream Group

Hosts: Carl & Ann Leslie

Camp Nauvoo is a hidden gem featuring 86.5 secluded acres, a Tahoe like environment, and a beautiful meadow with year-round Weber Creek running through it. A perfect place for nature lovers.

Go to page 10 for the Itinerary.

**Closing Dinner
November 7, 2021**

1:30 PM
Colaw House
204 NW Vine St.
Atlanta IL 61723
RSVP Mary Taylor
(309) 645-7957



The Colaw House is located just 2 blocks from Route 66, a.k.a., the Mother Road. In the 1940's, the Colaw House rented rooms on a long-term basis, primarily to single teachers who worked in Atlanta. Restoration of the Colaw Rooming House to its 1940's style was a public-private project aided by a grant from the Illinois Office of Tourism.

**Welcome
New Members**

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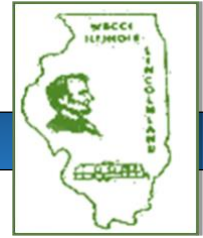
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Cooking for a Crowd – *Waneta Riggenschach BRN 2428*

You are certainly to be in the South, when you find this tempting and famous stew, but there's no reason why it can't be made in other areas. If squirrels are scarce or your hunters have no time to go after them, chickens make a good substitute.

For a large crowd, the stew is cooked outdoors over coals in a big iron kettle. Brunswick Stew is the perfect way to serve a lot of people without a lot of fuss. Usually the leftover stew, if there is any, is sold to people in the crowd to take home and freeze. Then when an occasion demands something special for a family dinner, the stew is ready to reheat while the corn bread bakes.

BRUNSWICK STEW

It makes a one-dish meal for the entire neighborhood.

About 70 squirrels, cut up
2 large stewing chickens, cut up
6 gals. water
2½ gal. butter beans (lima beans)
3½ gals. cubed potatoes
4 gals. Peeled tomatoes, chopped
1 gal. cubed carrots
2½ gals. Freshly cut corn
1 gal. shredded cabbage (optional)
1 pod red pepper, chopped
¾ c. black pepper
1¾ c. salt
1 lb. sugar

♦ Clean, dress and cut up squirrels and chickens. If you folks are not ardent squirrel hunters, increase the number of chickens. If you use all chickens, this recipe will take about 24 chickens.

♦ Bring 4 gals. water to a boil in a 30-gallon iron kettle. Add meat. Stirring frequently, until meat starts to fall off the bone. (Take out pieces of bone before serving to small children.). Add remainder of water as needed.

♦ Chop salt pork, fry out and add pork and drippings to boiling mixture. Add beans, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, and corn in order as each is prepared. Continue cooking and stirring until vegetables are tender.

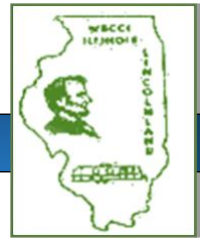
♦ Add cabbage and seasonings, and cook, stirring, for one hour, until stew is thick, and flavors are well blended. Remove kettle from the coals to serving area by hooking the handle over a heavy pole, several helpers carrying each end. Makes 15 gallons.

Folks usually stand up to eat it. The bowls of stew and cups of iced tea rest on high, temporary tables which are simply wide boards nailed to waist high poles. You will get big squares of crusty corn bread as long as it holds out. There's ice cream too if you can still eat!

Mark Your Calendars!

It was announced that the 2022 International Rally will be July 23-29 in Fryeburg, Maine. The Swearingen's have already signed up.

Please go to www.airstreamclub.org/Fryeburg for more information.



P H O T O S



Hesitation Point on a drizzly morning. April 25, 2021. See that horizon. It is 5 miles away. Chris Seplak, Margo Schwenke, John Schwenke, Bernie Taylor, Susan Swearingen, Ann Leslie, Linda Hattan, Mary Taylor, Carl Leslie, Floyd Hattan, Nancy Seplak, Dorothy Hankins, Christine Majers, Rick Hankins, John Swearingen. Not pictured - Artie & Pam Martin.



In center photo is Patti Reynolds, Pres & Exec Dir, Indiana Raptor Center (Our Community Service Project) with a rescued barred owl. She told us about the rescue, feeding, sheltering & rehab of injured raptors.

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Allen's Creek Butterfly Hike

**A Few More 2021
Wildflower Foray Rally
Photos**



Assisting with
Raptor Transport



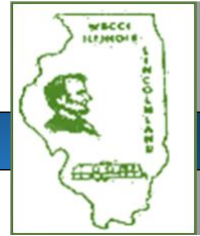
The Seven Vistas Challenge
Accomplished!



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Parke Co., IN Rally June 10 - 14

Covered Bridges - Amish Dinner - Crawfordsville Strawberry Music Festival



Parke County Indiana, the "Covered Bridge Capital of the World", has 31 of its original 54 covered bridges remaining. Most were built of poplar wood and built in a Burr Arch style. The main designers were J.J. Daniels, J.A. Brittain, William Hendricks, & Henry Wolf.

The popular Bridgeton Bridge was burned by arsonists in 2004, but the community rallied to raise funds for local craftsmen to build a new bridge in 2006 based on the original blueprints.

Enjoying the rally were:
Floyd & Linda Hattan,
Louise & Jerry Humble,
Michelle & Steve
Marshall, Bernie & Mary
Taylor, Mel & Glenda
Wood, John & Susan
Swearingen, Dorothy &
Rick Hankins.



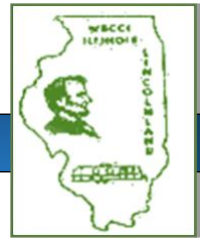
The Thirty-six Saloon in historic Rockville, IN



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Family, Fun, Music - 64th International Rally

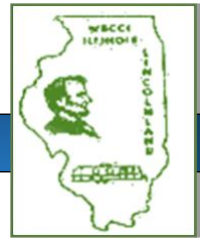


1947 VINTAGE AIRSTREAM

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Mackinaw, IL Kentuckiana Rally August 6 - 9

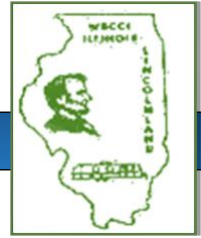


Hot, humid weather even a violent sudden afternoon thunderstorm which dampened our clothes but not our spirits as we thrift shopped, toured a farm, attended an outdoor music concert, and played lots of Joker and a new card game - Blitz. Enjoying the good times together were Nancy O'Neill, Jennifer Miller, Christine Majers, Angela Whitaker, Floyd & Linda Hattan, John & Susan Swearingen, Bernie & Mary Taylor, Joe Leslie, Carl & Ann Leslie, John & Waneta Riggensbach, Bob Segebart, Mel & Glenda Wood.

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October 22-25, 2021, Rally

Contact: Ann Leslie 217-935-2548

Camp Nauvoo Retreat Center
1095 S. Warsaw St. Nauvoo, IL 62354
Reservations (217) 453-9930

Mention Airstream Group

Friendship and fun, 3 nights in Beautiful Nauvoo and 3 fall days along the Mississippi. Featuring the lovingly restored homes and businesses of Old Nauvoo, many with costumed interpreters. Explore life along the Mississippi.

Friday: Arrive and set up at Camp Nauvoo

Friday 5:30. Dinner at Nauvoo State Park (the big shelter as you drive in).

Farm Chili and vegetable soup. Please bring appetizers to share, your own table service and drink.

Saturday: 8:00 Breakfast at Nauvoo State Park (the big shelter). Breakfast pizza, Fruit, and coffee.

Saturday: 9:30 meet at Visitor Center across from the state park, have an introduction to Beautiful Nauvoo and choose your activity.

“Bootiful” Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk downtown Nauvoo.

Lunch on your own.

5:00 dinner at Historic Hotel Nauvoo in downtown Nauvoo.

Sunday: Breakfast in your trailer

9:00 Church at Nauvoo State Park shelter. Coffee and donuts, bring your coffee cup.

Things to do on your own today:

Suggestion A: Drive to Fort Madison via North route. (The toll bridge is free when leaving Illinois). Visit Old Fort Madison or Appleberry Orchard. Have lunch in one of many restaurants. Take a scenic drive to Keokuk.

Linger at Linger Longer Rest Area for an across the river view of Illinois.

Keokuk: Rand Park and Chief Keokuk Monument. Per TripAdvisor, “Great location on a cliff overlooking the river. Drive around and see beautiful 19th century lumber barons’ homes. Get a picture in front of the Chief Keokuk statue.” Chief Keokuk was a charismatic native American, the first to be honored with a memorial.

George M Verity River Boat Museum, 200 Victory, 200 Mississippi Drive, Keokuk. Open 9-5 Labor Day through 10/31, admission \$4.

Cross the bridge back into Illinois and return to Nauvoo via Route 96. The route follows the Mississippi closely and has many turnouts for river watching. Don’t forget the birds, it is migration time!

Suggestion B: Follow up the visit to Old Nauvoo with a visit to Carthage Jail where Joseph Smith and his brother were martyred, thus sparking the great Mormon migration. The same loving care and detail as Old Nauvoo.

Check out Lake Hill Winery near Carthage.

Carthage has several restaurants.

5:30 Weiner Roast and fire at Nauvoo State Park Shelter.

Monday: Happy Trails Breakfast at Nauvoo State Park Shelter. Safe travels to your next destination.