



Region 5 Report

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LEWISBURG OPPORTUNITIES FOR AIRSTREAMERS

Are you ready for the rally? The 2016 International Rally in Lewisburg, WV, that is. Have you read the “Blue Berets?” Do you know where your parking pass is? Have you earmarked the map to the fairgrounds (found in both April and May, 2016, issues?)

Be sure to check out the International Rally Schedule. A draft is available on the WBCCI.org website. You can access this by going to WBCCI.org, selecting Activities on the menu bar, selecting International Rally from the menu that appears, and then selecting 2016 Lewisburg, WV. A page with information about the Rally will appear. Scroll to the bottom of the page where you find Lewisburg Rally Schedule Draft ONLY, (April 28). You can read from the screen or print the schedule. Note that this is a draft and will be changed and updated from time to time. Note, also, that the underlined words in this paragraph are NOT links but merely directions so you don’t miss a step.

You can also access this schedule from the Lewisburg 2016 WBCCI/Airstream Facebook page. Not a member? Join up! Lots of good information is posted to this page.



The May issue of the “Blue Beret,” pp 11-12, has information about the two Amendments proposed to the WBCCI Constitution. The May “Blue Beret” also has a section on the International Convention/Rally (pp. 38 – 52), including seminars, tours, vendors, games, golf, the Ladies Tea and much more. New this year will be the Technology Services Desk where you can get assistance with newer technologies such as smart phones and tablets and also get help with laptops. Check the Rally Schedule for time and place.

In addition to packing the “Blue Berets” and your parking pass, remember your entries for the contests (Unit Publications, Photo Print & Snapshots and the Hobby Show.)

And one more thing, remember the donations to all the WBCCI charities—pull tabs, Common Cents for Kids, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, books and pet supplies.

Consider volunteering to help with some activity. The International Rally, like all WBCCI Rallies and Caravans, is put on by a host of volunteers. There is no better way to meet new friends than to be part of the action. Some requests for volunteers are in the “Blue Beret.” And there will be a desk for signing up to volunteer at the Rally if you wish to wait until you arrive.

See you in Lewisburg!

Carol White

International Rally Unit Check List

The 2016 International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International will take place in Lewisburg, WV, June 28-July 4.

To assist Units in keeping track of activities and responsibilities at the International Rally, a check list is provided.

REGION 5 LUNCHEON - The luncheon is scheduled for June 28, 2016, at 12 noon at the Asylum Restaurant. Members will order from the menu. *Units should plan on bringing door prizes.*

UNIT DELEGATES - Each Unit must elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the Unit at the Delegates Meeting Tuesday, June 30. Be sure the delegate and alternate have the appropriately signed credentials that were mailed to each Unit by WBCCI headquarters. Delegates and alternates will *present their signed documents at the Credentials Desk at registration* where they will receive their delegate ribbons. Dress for the Delegates Meeting is dark pants/skirt, white collared shirt/blouse. **No shorts or jeans, please.** Blue Beret and red tie optional.

UNIT FLAG BEARER - The Unit flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony June 28, should wear dark (black or Navy) slacks/skirt, white dress shirt/blouse, preferably short sleeved, dark socks and dark shoes. Blue beret preferred for males, tie optional. Bring Unit flag and flag poles to opening and closing ceremonies. Flag bearers should attend flag practice June 27 at 9 AM.

UNIT PRESIDENT’S APPRECIATION DINNER - Unit presidents and spouses are invited to the Unit President’s Appreciation Dinner June 27. Dressy/Business Casual - no shorts or jeans, please.

MESSAGE FROM MONTE

Hello Region 5!

Finally, nice weather and the start of camping season. I always look forward to spring. I tend to get the winter blues. I had a nice campout with Northern IL in Amboy, IL. My first time there. We were treated to a nice Happy Hour on a Sky-deck. Good fellowship. On the way home I blew a radiator hose. Ouch! Thank god for roadside service. The towing bill that Good Sam is picking up - \$750. But I'm back on the road. I leave for Pella, Iowa in an Airstream Caravan. One more day of work. Can't wait. I love hanging out with my Airstream buddies.

Speaking of caravans, I hope some of you are hitching a ride with a caravan to Lewisburg. There are several caravans going. This will be a great International. When's the last time you've heard of an International being "Sold Out". I can't believe the amount of tours they are going to have available. Can't wait. This will also be my last "Official" duty as your President. It's been a slice, but I'm looking forward to retirement. I know you all will give your support to Artie. That is the best thing about this club - the support and volunteerism. Not sure if that's a word but you know what I mean. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Madison, IN at the Region 5 rally. Let's fill up the campground.

I would like to close with a big Thank You. It has been an honor to serve you and this great club.
See you down the road.

Monte

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Safety Tips for the Trip to Lewisburg, WV

1. Check your trailer and tires thoroughly! Repair and replace if needed. Check the lugs - be sure they are TIGHT!
2. Roads can be bumpy, so tighten up and be sure that your storage and cabinet door locks are tight. Don't forget the refrigerator door!
3. Check the air conditioner in both your car and camper. It can be hot going and coming. **Take AND drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.**
4. Take Jackets and hats as the weather in the WV mountains can be cool at night. Be prepared for the weather, rain or shine.
5. Be sure you keep you gas tanks filled because in places, stations are far apart.
6. **Take a well stocked first aid kit with you and be sure your medical information is always with you for emergencies. Be sure you have your medicines with you!**
Have the numbers for your doctors and family readily available - just in case.
7. Travel or caravan with others if possible. There is safety in numbers.
8. Take extra of everything... tools, meds, food, blankets, etc. You never know!
9. Take plenty of pictures.
10. Be sure you have chargers for all your electronic devices.
11. Enjoy the scenery, make memories, explore and HAVE FUN!!!

A WORD FROM BOB

Hello to all my Airstreaming friends out there in Region 5. It's May 4th and 40 chilly degrees here in Chicago but I know this is just a temporary situation. Warmer weather is coming. Talking about warmer weather, the Northern Illinois Unit held our season kickoff rally at Lee County Fairgrounds April 15th to the 17th. We had nine rigs show up including one very nice Airstream Skydeck. The weather for this weekend was absolutely perfect! Sunny skies and 70 degrees. We had our business meeting on Saturday and the rest of the day was open to do whatever suited you. We also did not have big plans for Saturday night dinner but Jim Kraner brought our big club-owned grill and we all gathered around the grill and individually cooked up our diners. A side dish to share and dinner was done. No muss, no fuss and no one spending hours preparing dinner or doing cleanup. If your unit hasn't done this, give it a try, it worked out very well.

Looking forward to the season and hope to see you all in Madison. Keep safe and let's wear 'em out.

Bob

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Hello Region 5!!!

I've gathered some info on some of the things we can do during our stay in Madison, Indiana. Registration forms will be available soon so keep your eyes open for email newsletters and updates!!!



MADISON

Madison is a city in Jefferson County, along the Ohio River. The population was 12,004 at the 2000 census. The city is the county seat of Jefferson County. In 2006, the majority of Madison's downtown area was designated one of the largest national historic landmarks in the United States; an astounding 133 blocks of the downtown area is on the National Register of Historic Places. On August 25, 2006, a blaze severely damaged two historic downtown buildings, the Madison Elks Lodge and a former city hall building that was occupied by an insurance company.

HISTORICALLY CREATIVE

Madison, Indiana, with its meandering river, rolling hills, crooked creeks, and classically-designed architecture, has long been a magnet for creative thought, creative people, and creative expression. Fine art, music, theater, traditional trades, creative writing, culinary arts, wine making, poetry, photography, and art education thrive here, supported by passionate and creative folk and their organizations. Residents and visitors from far and near celebrate our valley's rich 200-year history, architectural legacy, and natural environment. Come be a part of our creative vibe!

Our valley will inspire. Madison, Indiana is "historically creative"!

COME EXPLORE THE INDIANA WINE TRAIL

What do rolling hills, river towns, antique & specialty shops, state parks, historic sites, B&B's, galleries and cafes have in common? You'll find them all along the Indiana Wine Trail in Southeastern Indiana! Kick back and enjoy a leisurely drive, stopping along the way to discover the quaint charm of the region and visit six artisan wineries. We invite you to visit Indiana Wine Trail's six artisan wineries, each one reflecting the distinct style and personality of the winemaker. Sample their wines and learn how climate, soil conditions and the winemaking process make every vintage a unique experience. The wineries of the region continue a history and tradition that began two hundred years ago when Swiss immigrants planted vineyards near Vevay. We hope you enjoy your journey through the heart of the Ohio River Valley, the largest designated wine region in America.

OLD MADISON

When you step into Old Madison, Madison IN... you step back more than 100 years in time, experiencing a past as much alive today as it was a century ago. Old Madison, Indiana was a time of adventure, an age of grandeur in the great steamboatin' era. Old Madison is a fun place for families to visit. We have "great" old homes and buildings to see, antique shops, and great food. You can sleep in one of our B&B's, or take a romantic walk on our lighted riverfront. You can even hear the steam whistle blowing in the hollows! Are you listening? See for yourself... just how much fun you'll have exploring Old Madison...Shop-Eat-Stay. You will enjoy our coffee, art, our magnificent riverfront and of course our friendly people.

LOCATION

Madison is located in Southeastern Indiana on the north bank of the Ohio River at mile 557.6, 46 miles upstream from Louisville Ky, and 88 miles downstream from Cincinnati, Ohio. By highway, Madison is 90 miles from Indianapolis the state capitol, 55 miles from Louisville, KY. Our altitude is 817 feet above sea level.

HISTORIC HOMES & BUILDINGSLOCATION

Jeremiah Sullivan House - 304 W. Second Street - By far and away the best known restoration in Madison is the Sullivan House at West Second and Poplar Street. Historic Madison acquired the home in 1961. Since that time, it has restored a bake oven, basement, kitchen and a working well. It is open daily to the public.



SCHOFIELD HOUSE

217 W. Second Street - Built in 1818 the Schofield house is best known as the site of the organizing of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, which took place here on January 13, 1818. During the Candlelight Tour of Homes a meal is usually prepared in the working open fire place.

SHREWSBURY HOUSE

First and Poplar Street - Francis Costigan designed another of his classic homes in 1846 for Captian Charles Lewis Shrewsbury, commission merchant. More conservative and restrained in design than the lanier house, the style of the Shrewsbury house follows closely that of the Classic Baltimore houses.

JAMES F. D. LANIER MEMORIAL

500 West First Street Between Elm and Vine streets from the riverfront to Second Street - The home of Madison banker, lawyer, and wholesaler James Franklin Dougherty Lanier, this beautiful Greek Revival antebellum mansion took five years to build (1840-44). It sprang from the mind of Francis Costigan, architect whose genius is visible in many homes around Madison.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Main Street between Walnut & Jefferson - The Jefferson County Court House, designed by architect David Dubach in the Classic Revival style and built in 1854-55, replaced an earlier building which burned in 1853. The cost was \$36,000. Open Mon.-Fri. during regular business hours.



MADISON VOLUNTEER "FAIR PLAY" FIRE HOUSE CO. NO. 1

Walnut and Main Streets - The fire house is Italian Renaissance in style erected probably in 1875 by the Madison Street Railway Company.



MADISON INCLINE RAILROAD

The Old Madison and Indianapolis Railroad incline that connects the hilltop area to Old Madison - Completed in 1841, the Madison incline of 7,012 feet was - and remains today - the steepest grade of any line-haul railroad in the country.

BROADWAY FOUNTAIN

Main and Broadway Streets - A representative of the decoration of the High-Victorian Era. In 1876 the Republic of France presented to the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition this In turn the National Order of Odd Fellows bought it to the city of Madison.



statuary executed by the sculptor Frederick McMonnies. from the Exposition at a cost of \$1240 and presented it

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Michael's and Third Streets - The church is Gothic, completed a few days before Christmas in 1839. The sandstone of which the church is constructed was hauled by ox teams from the railroad cut which had been started in 1837.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

506 Mulberry Street - Another early example of Gothic style architecture in this part of the country. Built in 1848, it has the steep roof, the small buttresses, the pointed arches, and the exposed beams and rafters characteristic of Gothic interpretation.



JOHN T. WINDLE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Third and West - Streets A spectacular example of Greek temple plan architecture, and the first Greek classic work in Madison. The Greek Revival appealed to Madisonians, not only for its aesthetic values, but because its basic structure had proportions and simplicity that could be used as a design for small residences or large public buildings. The decorative features could be added or subtracted to fit the function of the building being built, whether it be a modest home or a public building such as a church or court-house.

DR. WILLIAM HUTCHINGS MEMORIAL

120 West Third St. - Office and private hospital of a mid-nineteenth century horse-and-buggy doctor, contains most of the doctor's original equipment. Built at some point between 1838 and 1848, it is a good example of the Greek Revival style, with a fine, small pediment on the street side and simple moldings and cornice board. Brick dentils on the sides are also characteristic of the Classical Greek revival. The foundation is of cut stone.



FRANCIS COSTIGAN HOME

408 West Third St. - This home Francis Costigan built between 1846 and 1849 for himself. Costigan fashioned his home with such skill and imagination that the architects of today consider it a masterpiece of design for a narrow lot.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

412 West Main Street - This church, a structure of Gothic influence, is not Gothic Revival but really Neo-Gothic, with various elements of design applied which in no way are functional. The cornerstone was laid on September 9, 1872, and the building was dedicated in June, 1874.

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TWO GREAT RALLY SITES!

LEWISBURG, WV

MADISON, IN

SEE YOU THERE!