

# THE TICKER

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Unit WBCCI

*From the Heart of Indiana*

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Message from Mike...

Hello everyone. Hope the New Year is treating you well. Last year ended with a great turnout of 43 people at our CIU Christmas luncheon. Several former long-time members and a couple of new members attended. One of the attendees, Helen Daily, mentioned that her deceased husband, John, made the bulletin board that Barry Bell brought to the luncheon. John was a woodworker by trade and made the bulletin board shortly after he retired in 1992. It was interesting to learn that our bulletin board has been to more International rallies than many of our members. Perry Lewellen installed new members, Don and Lana Russell, at the luncheon, and Steve and Lisa Earle and their son Ryan also attended the luncheon to learn more about our club and later joined as members. The rally leaders for this year gave brief overviews of the rallies being planned for us. These rallies will offer lots of fun and fellowship and I encourage everyone to join as many of them as possible.

We will talk more about our 2012 rallies at our spring luncheon on Saturday, April 28. In the meantime, I would encourage you to visit the CIU website at <http://centralind.wbcci.net> to see the list of rally dates and current information. The spring luncheon will be held at the MCL Cafeteria, located at 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis. We will meet around 11:30 a.m. in the private dining room, and after everyone arrives we will go through the cafeteria line. An Executive Committee meeting of the Board will meet following the luncheon.

I want to thank Erin Beals for accepting the job as editor of "THE TICKER" this year. This gives Patsy Marston a well-deserved break. Patsy, thanks for a great job and for all your years of dedication to WBCCI and especially to CIU! Thanks also to all the rally leaders and other members who volunteer their time and talent to our club.

Two people that I know of from our unit that are doing their part to support the health industry are Erin Beals, who is recovering well from gall bladder surgery, and Ann Newman, who is scheduled for hip replacement surgery in early April. Ann will be recuperating for approximately six weeks following surgery. Ann, we wish you well and a speedy recovery.

I hope you all have had a nice winter. We spent most of our winter in Gulf Shores, Alabama, but we did attend the Florida State Rally in February and had a great time. Region V was well represented at the Rally with 65 members attending the Region V banquet. There were about 13 CIU members who attended.

I hope to see many of you at our spring luncheon on April 28. The banquet room is quite large, so there will be plenty of room for everyone. Mike

Keep up to date on club events at <http://centralind.wbcci.net>

Post your photos and your camping adventures on our facebook group. Search for "WBCCI Central Indiana Unit" on Facebook.

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## Banks of the Wabash Caravan Oct 5-13, 2012



Please join us for the 2012 CIU “come and go” caravan where we will be visiting towns along the banks of the Wabash River from Geneva to Delphi. You can join and leave the caravan as your schedule permits. There will be a separate “rally fee” for each three day stop, which will be collected on the last day when all costs are known.

There will be lots of activities planned for the group and many more alternative things to see and enjoy on your own. Some of the places along the way are the Gene Stratton Porter home, Loblolly Marsh Wetlands Preserve, Swiss Heritage Village, Grissom Air Museum, several bike/walking trails along the river, and the Wabash and Erie Canal Park. Check on the CIU website now for links to some of the attractions.

There are also some books about the areas we will be going through that people may want to read (if they’re getting really bored).

“Freckles” or “Girl of the Limberlost” by Gene Stratton Porter

Books about the removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana:

Keith Drury “Walking the Trail of Death”

John McMullen “The Last Blackrobe in Indiana”

James Thom “The Red Heart” (Frances Slocum story)

Campgrounds are still in the process of being selected, so look for more information soon.

Registration is now open – contact Ann by email at [anewman2@indy.rr.com](mailto:anewman2@indy.rr.com) or 317-769-0099 (phone before April 9 or after April 23).

## Youth-Buddy Joint Rally with Miami Valley Unit

**June 7-10 2012 Youth-Buddy Joint Rally with Miami Valley of Ohio Unit at Natural Springs Resort, New Paris, Ohio**

**Contact Mike or Mary Jo Brown at 317-877-1745 or Don Botkins via email [botkinco@frontier.com](mailto:botkinco@frontier.com)**

**Make your own reservations at Natural Springs Resort 1-888-330-5771. This is important so that we can get a head count.**

## 2012 CIU Rallies and Events

- April 28, 2012**      **Spring Luncheon MCL Cafeteria 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indpls**
- May 4-6, 2012**      **Vintage RV Show S&H Campground Greenfield, IN**
- June 7-10, 2012**    **Youth-Buddy Joint Rally with Miami Valley of Ohio Unit**
- June 27- July 4 2012**      **International Rally – Sedalia, MO**
- August 9 – 12 2012**      **White River Wonders Rally White River Campground Cicero, IN**
- September 9-11 2012**      **Region 5 Computer Rally**
- September 12 – 16 2012** **Region 5 “Harvest Time” Rally**  
**Tipton County Fairgrounds, Tipton, IN**
- October 5 – 14 2012**  
**On the Banks of the Wabash Caravan: Berne to Peru to Delphi, IN / Installation Rally**  
**Ann Newman 317-769 -0099**
- December 1 2012**      **Christmas Luncheon MCL Cafeteria 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indpls**
- Contact Darlene or Ron Gordy 765-474-5618**

## Welcome our new Members

CIU has three new families! Please be sure to give them a big CIU welcome.

Don and Lana Russell of Westfield

Steve and Lisa Earle and son Ryan of Carmel

Kevin and Rachelle Swan of Zionsville

## Goodwill Airstream??? By Erin Beals

Upon browsing auctionzip.com a few months ago, I happened to stumble upon a local listing that included an Airstream. Believe it or not, it was at the Goodwill Auto Auction! Being that the only picture shown was an exterior photo, I did not have high hopes for the rig, but Damon and I went out of curiosity.

We had never before been to an auto auction of this kind. You had to first pay a \$300 deposit (refundable if you did not purchase anything) before they would even let you go out on the lot and look at what was for sale. We did this and proceeded to the lot.

There she was. We eyed her with skepticism, as there were a few dents and dings. She did have those bright red WBCCI numbers on her front along with a Past Unit President sticker on the back. Interesting. We finally got our chance to go inside. What a gem! Everything was kept in amazing condition for her make and year, a 1979 Safari International. Some updates had been made to the trailer, and the flooring now replaced with cheap carpet squares, was not enough to deter us away from the beauty that was before us.

Her gauchos covered in intact, original fabric. The 70's fabric of the center door divider. The original microwave! The groovy flowered shower curtain! The previous owners had also seemed to have saved every single scrap of paper relating to her purchase and upkeep. We knew this was something special. This rig was someone's baby.

We were the winning bidders and went the next day to fetch her. Not knowing if anything in the trailer worked, we had taken a relatively big gamble. I began cleaning her up (she was really not very dirty at all), and Damon began the process of slowly testing things. Oops! The water pump works! He found that out as soon as he plugged it into a battery. The switch was on, and we had some antifreeze to quickly clean up. The lights came on one by one as he flipped their switches. The radio powered on. The water heater fired and lit. As he inspected the air conditioner before turning it on, he discovered it was practically brand new. It came on and cooled properly. The holding tanks, well they hold! At this point, still untested are the general plumbing, the stove, and the furnace. I would almost be more surprised if something did NOT work.

We will be taking her out probably for the first time in May as we head first to Jackson Center and then onto a vintage trailer rally in Greenfield, IN. Here's hoping we can get to those points safely and with all systems operational!

Our purchase was a true diamond in the rough, and catapulted us into full VAC membership as well. Happy Hour here we come!

Home in the Driveway



At the Auction





S&H Campground & Mount Comfort RV presents...

# Vintage RV Show

## May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>

at S&H Campground in Greenfield, Indiana



\$20.<sup>00</sup> Registration Fee includes weekend stay with electric, water, and Wi-Fi.

Free Food provided by Mount Comfort RV  
Hot Dogs Friday, Breakfast Saturday, Smores Saturday

Awards on Saturday  
Every Participant Receives Certificate

Registration: Friday Noon-10pm, Saturday 8am-Noon  
Exhibit: Saturday 1pm-5pm & Sunday 11am-2pm(voluntary)

If your Camper is 25 years old or older, and you would like to participate, please mail this form to: S&H PO Box 561, Greenfield 46140. Deadline is April 27<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camper Description & Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Fun  
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- Hayrides
- Bingo
- Super Inflatable Playground
- Face Painting
- Fishing Contest
- Big Birdie Tournament

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Greenfield, IN 46140  
(317)326-3208  
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All Registration Fees go to  
Rupert's Kids foundation.

Special Visitors include Vintage Airstream  
Club and *Sisters on the Fly*

(The camper images are for advertising purposes and will not be featured at the Retro RV Show)

S&H Campground & Mount Comfort RV  
*presents*

# Vintage RV Show 2012 Itinerary

## Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00-10:00pm Registration for Vintage Campers
- 6:00pm Hot Dog roast (free for Vintage participants)
- 7:00pm Free Live Music
- 8:00pm Hay Ride
- 8:30pm BINGO

## Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00am-12:00 Registration for Vintage Campers
- 7:30-11:00am Breakfast at the Cafe (free for Vintage participants)
- 1:00-5:00pm Exhibit Vintage Campers
- 1:00-5:00pm Free Live Music
- 1:00-5:00pm Door Prizes
- 1:00-5:00pm Free Face Painting
- 12:00-5:00pm Super Inflatable Playground
- 2:00pm 'Big Birdie' tournament
- 5:00pm Awards
- 7:00pm Free Live Music
- 7:30pm Smores (free for Vintage participants)

## Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30-11:00am Cafe Open
- 11:00-2:00pm Exhibit Vintage Campers (voluntary)
- 11:00-12:00pm Fishing Contest

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