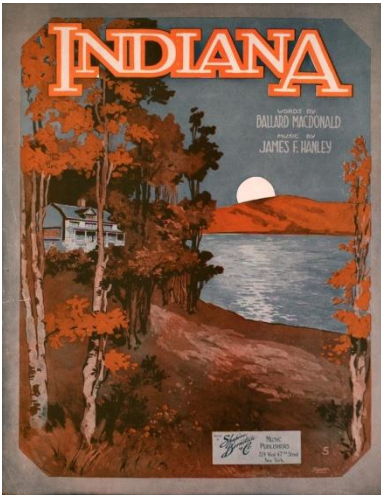


The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club
April 2020

From our President



Hello CIACers. I hope this note finds you and your families safe and secure. Mary Ellen and I are back home again in Indiana with our 19-year old cat (who sleeps a lot) and doing lots of things around the house we haven't had the time to do previously.

As a result of the COVID-19 virus, many Club and other activities have changed or cancelled, including cancellation of our Spring Opener at Brown County State Park (May 1-3), moving of Alumnalooza 11 to September 8-13, 2020 (early arrival date begins September 4), moving Urban Air Wake Up Downtown in Logan, Ohio, to April 29-May 2, **2021**, cancellation of the 2020 International Rally at Loveland, Colorado, and cancellation of the club cookout at the Vanderwielens in Noblesville (August 8-9).

It is my understanding that several Club members still plan to camp at Brown County State Park during the first weekend of May. As a reminder, this will not be Club sponsored activity.

On April 6, 2020, the Governor of Indiana signed Executive Order 20-18, a continued directive for Hoosiers to stay at home. In this Order, campgrounds throughout the State, including state park campgrounds, were directed to close through April 20, 2020. This date may be extended.

Up to date information of the status of Indiana's State Parks is available on the DNR web site <https://www.in.gov/dnr/>. Follow the links to What's Open, Closed, and Canceled.

Still scheduled are our Club's Weekender at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana (July 24-26) coinciding with the Berne, Indiana, Swiss Days Festival and the Club's Season Close Weekender at Versailles State Park (October 16-18).

Also still scheduled is the Region Five Rally in Columbus, Indiana (September 16-20). At this rally, CIAC will host the Saturday morning breakfast.

The Swiss Festival National Airstream Rally at Sugarcreek, Ohio, is scheduled for September 26-October 4 and the rally website now has a link to registration.

On April 1st, an email from International President Mona Heath was sent to all WBAC members. Hopefully, you received this email. In it, Mona discussed how the Club will transact its business during the Coronavirus crisis, including election of new officers in June. As our Club's representative to this process, I (along with every other Club representative) will participate in the business meetings electronically.

Words cannot express how disappointed we all are about this year, but we must understand the risks to all of us and the most important thing we can do is to stay safe and shelter,

practice social distancing, follow government guidelines and wash hands thoroughly and often. This will pass and someday we'll be able to get back to a normal schedule of activities.

In closing, I would like to welcome our newest members to the Central Indiana Airstream Club. I had hoped to meet each of you personally at upcoming Club events, but it looks like this will have to wait! Please, take the time to enjoy your Airstream, even if it's camping in your driveway or back yard!

Best regards to all and Stay Safe.

John Deegan, WBCCI 538
CIAC President

Scheduled Event Recap - Reservation and Registration Information

These events are now open for camping reservations and event registration. Keep in mind, everything in the future is subject to change as the world deals with the coronavirus pandemic.

Club Weekender/Berne Indiana Swiss Festival
July 23-25, 2020
Ouabache State Park
Target Sites: 021-031, 018 – 030, 041-042
Reserve campsites at:
<http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com>

Alumnapalooza 11
September 8-13, 2020
Airstream Factory
Jackson Center, Ohio
Event website: <http://alumapalooza.com/>
Note: The Alumnapalooza 11 website is not up to date regarding the event dates. We have confirmed the actual event dates with the organizers.

2020 Region Five Rally
Hurryin' to the Hoosier Hills Rally
September 16-20, 2020
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
Columbus, Indiana
Full rally information and registration is at:
<https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2020-region-5-rally/>

Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally
September 26-October 3, 2020
Sugarcreek, Ohio
Full rally information and registration is at:
<http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/>

The Adventures of Central Indiana Airstreamers, Winter of 2020!

In the March Ticker, we asked for club members to share some of their winter 2020 experiences for a feature in the April 2020 edition of The Ticker.

We know that things have been turned upside down since March 1st. Many people had to alter and/or cancel plans they had made and scheduled travel.

We did receive one submission, from club member Nancy Longworth. Nancy's winter travel started with some "mechanical challenges".

Where to start...

I was 5 days late leaving, since I had to have the glow plugs replaced on the truck and the diesel mechanic was backed up 10 days. Then I got just south of Bowling Green and burned up a bearing on the trailer. By the time I got to the next exit (14 miles!), I had burned up the brakes, damaged the axle, and lost the wheel. But God was good as usual and got my rig to the right place right there at the exit. They let me park on their lot, hook up to their electricity. use their wi-fi. shower, and laundry, etc. They even bought my lunch one day. It took 10 days to get and make parts (it's an '85), and by that time I was Facebook friends with the lady in the office, we took selfies together, and the boss insisted that I stop by on my way back north in the spring! Who does that?!? But wait, there's more. Once in Florida, I took the truck in to check a knocking sound in the right front, only to learn that the whole front end was shot, and it was all original parts from 1992, even the shocks!! So, I'm up to \$5600 so far, still a lot cheaper than a new truck and trailer, but all contributions are gratefully accepted!

We would still like to hear from members about their experiences. Please send me (Joe Ashland, jjashland522@gmail.com, 317-430-1395) a couple of sentences and a couple of pictures of your winter 2020 adventures. Perhaps someone can share their experiences in cutting a trip short and heading home early. Thanks to all.

Editors Notes

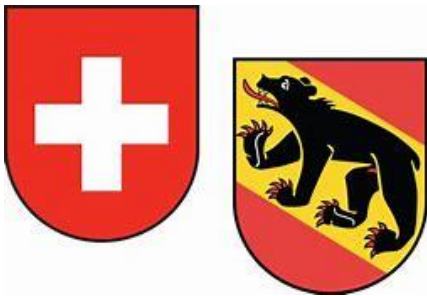
We hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well and safe.

These are certainly challenging times. Adjectives you could use include scary, depressing, surreal, and unnerving. It seems like we are all in a movie about an epidemic. Keep your spirits and morale up.

We've been closely observing social distancing guidelines.

Stay safe! And safe travels to those who are still somewhere south or elsewhere on the road who need to make their way home.

Joe and Julie Ashland



48th Annual Swiss Days
July 23-25, 2020
Berne, Indiana



Swiss Days began as a sidewalk sale for the downtown businesses about 45 years ago and was called the Berne Summer Days. As the community continued to support this event, we looked for ways to make it bigger and include more local businesses. We also wanted to include the cultural history of Berne, named after Bern, Switzerland, the location where our founding settlers left to find religious freedoms in America. Now, we have over 100 food and craft vendors, including many downtown businesses, and Swiss-style music, games like the Steintoss, and so much more.

“Willkommen” to Swiss Days. Come join us and enjoy authentic Swiss costume, great food, craft vendors and merchandise. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the friendly competitions for all ages. From the 5K race to Big Wheel Competition for the younger ones to the Steintoss, there is something for everyone. On stage and around the festival you can hear Swiss music. Watch as couples dance the polka to live music on stage. The festival always includes the last Friday and Saturday of each July. “Schonen Tag noch” (have a good day).

Join the Central Indiana Airstream Club for a weekend of camping, fun, fellowship, and enjoying the festivities in Berne.

We will be camping at nearby Ouabache State Park.

Wir hoffen, Sie dort zu sehen!

(We hope to see you there!)

Coming in next month's Ticker:

Historical perspectives – learn about Central Indiana Airstream members who joined in one of Wally Byam's early and very adventuresome caravans!

2020 Swiss Festival National Rally

The longest running RV rally in the world



58th Annual Edition

September 26-October 3, 2020

**Winklepleck Grove
Sugar creek, Ohio**



Come Join in For a Fun-Filled Rally! Park at Winklepleck Grove for nine days of fun, fellowship, excitement, and new things to see and experience. Water, 7-amp electric, and one black water dump are provided. There are daily tours, nightly entertainment, hospitality, and door prizes. Pets are welcome. A golf course is adjacent to the rally site. Enjoy Amish food at nearby restaurants or join in a home cooked meal with other rally attendees at an Amish home. Plentiful shopping opportunities are nearby. Take in the 67th annual Ohio Festival on Friday October 2nd and Saturday October 3rd. Sugar creek Ohio is in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The Amish community in Holmes, Wayne, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, and Stark counties in Ohio is the 2nd largest Amish community in the United States. This Amish community is the most diverse in terms of different Amish groups. There are four main affiliations, and at least 11 distinct Amish groups represented in this settlement, from the Swartzentruber Amish to the New Order churches. Holmes County proper is the “most Amish” county in the nation, with over 40% of those living within county boundaries belonging to a horse-and-buggy Amish church. The community has over 37,500 members.

Full rally information and registration is at:

<http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/>