



*The newsletter for the Central Indiana Unit
"From the Heart of Indiana"*

The Ticker

December 1, 2015

A Word From Our President

Holiday Greetings!

Weren't we just camping together last weekend?? Or maybe the weekend before?? I gaze out the window and see snow on the ground, so I guess not! But I have some sweet memories of friends and campfires from the fall to ponder and keep me warm this winter.

I do look forward to this holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years because it brings families and loved ones together. However you celebrate, I hope you make new memories to cherish and enjoy recalling memories of times past.

In the meantime, let's plan for future memories by reserving campsites for our first three weekenders of the 2016 season: Brown County, Patoka Lake, and Turkey Run State Parks in April, May, and June. Details in this newsletter. It will be here before we know it!

Hope to see you at our Christmas Luncheon this Saturday, December 5, at 11:00 am at the Carmel, IN MCL at 1390 Keystone Way. This is not our normal Castleton location, but we will be back at the Castleton MCL for our Jan. – April luncheons.

Take Care and Safe Travels,
Lana



Turkey Run Weekender

We can now reserve for our Turkey Run Weekender, June 3-5. If you have never been to Turkey Run and enjoy hiking, you will LOVE it! We can also canoe, kayak, or raft down Sugar Creek together if we want. And Don LOVES the Buffet at the lodge! :) Turkey Run is Lana's favorite State Park in Indiana! Visit Reserve America and reserve a spot in sites 175 -183. These are nice level shaded spots

Make sure to visit the Colonel Richard Lieber Cabin, which commemorates the contributions of the father of Indiana's state park system.

During the summer, pool hours may change because of weather and staffing.



2nd Weekender - Patoka Lake State Park

• You can still book your site at **Patoka Lake State Park** for our **second Weekender!!** Going a little farther south for warmer weather for this one. The official dates are May 13 - 15. you can reserve through Reserve America. Let's reserve sites 297, 299, 304, 308, 312, and 314 first - that's the inner circle of a loop, followed by sites 305-313. This is opening weekend for this park, so they may book up quickly. This loop is close to the lake with paths back to it. Looks like a great place to meet!



1st Weekender - Brown County

"It's already time to register for our **first Weekender** for next year!! Yay! That means only 5 months til our next CIU glamping experience!! Yes, it is time to register for our April 29 - May 1 **Brown County State Park Weekender**. Reserve through Reserve America and let's keep the same sites we've occupied the past two years; let's reserve sites 36-42 in the Buffalo Ridge Electric Campground, followed by sites 28-35. Don and I are registered for site 37 and are arriving Thurs-

Calendar

In Memory

Long time Central Indiana Unit former member Tom Anson passed away at home November 29. He is survived by his wife Pat and three daughters. Plans are pending for a memorial service.



Our next event - Saturday, **December 5**, 2015, 11:00 am, Christmas Party, **CARMEL, IN MCL** located at 116th and Keystone Ave.

Luncheons = MCL Castleton 11:00 am—1:30 pm

Jan. 2 . Feb. 6, March 5, April 2 Spring Business Meeting

Weekenders = laid back, nothing planned weekends, meant for relaxing, info may be given for optional local events, get a group together to go see and do if you choose to do so, will usually have a pitch in Sat. eve

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| April 29 – May 1 | Season Opener | Brown County State Park |
| May 13 – 15 | | Patoka Lake State Park |
| June 3 -5 | Fantastic Hiking Trails! | Turkey Run State Park |
| August 19 – 21 | Lakeside sites | Moraine View SRA Leroy, IL |

Rallies = Airstreamers gather for days' planned events

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| June 28 – July 4 | WBCCI International Rally | Lewisburg, WV |
| July 29 – 31 | Family/Buddy Rally | Holiday World, Santa Claus, IN |
| Sept 14 – 18 | Region 5 Rally | Madison, IN |
| Oct. 8 | Business Meeting/Installation | 1st weekend of Limestone Caravan |

Caravans = Airstreamers travel in small groups together to attend planned events

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| June 28 – July 4 | WBCCI International Rally | Lewisburg, WV |
| Oct. 7 - 16 | A Taste of Limestone Country | Bloomington and Corydon, IN |



54th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally

"In the Heart of Amish Country"

September 24 - October 2, 2016 in Sugarcreek, OH

Hosted by Land-o-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 54 Years



COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED RALLY! Park at Winklepleck Grove for nine days of fun, fellowship, excitement, and new things to see and experience. We provide water, 7-amp electric, 1 black water dump, a wide variety of tour choices, nightly entertainment, hospitality, and door prizes. Pets are welcome! Play a game of golf at the 27-hole golf course adjacent to our rally site. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner in an Amish home or nearby restaurant. Shop in the many furniture, gift, antique, and craft shops in the area. Buy world-renowned Swiss cheese to freeze for the winter or take some home to share with friends and family. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the 64th annual Swiss Festival Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 when we shuttle you downtown for the festivities and parades. Bring your motorcycle and enjoy the back-roads tours planned for you.

Our **"DAY IN THE PARK"** on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen, and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, home-made ice cream, fresh popcorn, and a ham and bean dinner cooked in huge kettles over open fires. We'll put you in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

SUGARCREEK, OHIO is located in the rolling hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover (I-77) and 18 miles east of Millersburg (Holmes County) on scenic Route 39. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community and populated largely by the Amish. With eight Swiss cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized worldwide as the center of some of the finest made Swiss cheese produced in the USA.

NAME _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____
ADDRESS _____ CELLPHONE _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ WBCCI # _____
E-MAIL _____ REGION/UNIT# _____ - _____ LOL/AFFIL _____

HANDICAPPED 1ST-TIMER CARAVAN LEADER CARAVAN: _____
MOTORHOME / LENGTH _____ TRAILER / LENGTH _____ MOTORCYCLE / SIZE _____
Region or National Officers (specify title): _____

NUMBER OF: ADULTS _____ GUESTS OVER 18 YRS _____ CHILDREN UNDER 18 YRS _____

Interest to Participate: HOBBY SHOW FLEA MARKET GOLF MUSICAL (*Bring your instruments*)

Airstream, 2 Adults \$225 Make checks payable to: **SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY**

Airstream, 1 Adult \$175 **PLEASE ENCLOSE** a *stamped, self-addressed business envelope*

Each add'l >18 yrs \$115 x _____ to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card** (receipt) & rally info.

Each child <17 yrs \$50 x _____

Early Parking (Indiv.) \$25 (Sep 23) Send check, reservation form, & business envelope to:

Vicki Ettenhofer

1474 Devonhill Ct.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Columbus, OH 43229 Home Phone: 614-841-0098

CHECK NUMBER: # _____ Rally e-mail: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

Register before March 31, 2016 to be eligible for a special drawing during the rally.

Rally Parking starts Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am from the Rally Bullpen; early **individual** rally parking Friday (1-6 pm) for a **\$25 fee**.

Caravans arriving with 5 or more **pre-registered** RVs may park one day early at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 23, from 1-6 pm.

Cancellations: 10% service charge before August 31, 2016. Refunds after September 1 are at the discretion of the Rally Chair after rally's conclusion. All refund requests should be submitted in writing to the Rally Registrar and accompanied by your **Acknowledgement Card**.

KARIN & LARRY KURKOWSKI, 2016 RALLY CHAIRMEN

C: 586-214-1777

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Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Rcvd: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Card Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rfnd Amnt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Check Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_ RALLY ID # \_\_\_\_\_