

the Ticker

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, Airstreamers! The November luncheon was a big success. I counted 18 happy, smiling faces. Meeting new members is always nice, and Lisa and Tom Fry seemed to enjoy themselves.



The December luncheon will be at the MCL on West 86th Street again, 11:00 a.m., on December 1st. Don Russel is going to "pass the hat" for anyone who wants to donate to the Indy Honor Flight organization, in memory of Richard Parrish. Dick was a longtime affiliate member of our unit and attended several of our luncheons and rallies.

First VP, Dan Beck, will accept canned food donations and deliver them to a food bank, so let's help out with canned food, please. Tis the season!

A few of the folks at our Wisconsin Dells Rally, 2018.

L-R: Vern and Pam Rager, Charlie and Donna Mason, Ken Langell, Marsha and Hallie Beals. And Ace, the one wearing the leash.

As always, email me with ideas or concerns at:

mason.charles@comcast.net.

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***November
Luncheon***



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CIAC Calendar

Winter Luncheons, MCL Cafeteria and Bakery, 2370 W 86th Street, 11 a.m.

December 1, 2018

January 5, 2019

February 2, 2019

March 2, 2019

April 6, 2019

Our winter luncheons are an opportunity to stay in touch with friends through the off-season. They are very casual, no reservations required. We meet in the lobby. For more information contact Charlie Mason at mason.charles@comcast.net.

May 3-5, 2019, Season Opener Weekender, Brown County State Park, Buffalo Ridge Loop, Electric, Sites 32 thru 52. Brown County in May is beautiful, with blooming redbud and dogwood trees and all those lovely mushrooms! We have campfires each night, usually a pitch-in dinner, and lots of hiking, bicycling, shopping in Nashville - this rally is always wonderful after a long winter. Judging from their website, it looks like we probably have 9 units signed up already. **RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW FOR THIS RALLY, at reserveamerica.com.**

June 5-9, 2019, Meet Me in Montague Rally, Montague, MI. All full hookup sites are spoken for. There is still one site available - it has only water and electric. We will keep a wait list, and there is almost always a cancellation or two, so if you would like to come please let us know. Email Ken and Sandy Langell, kslangell@me.com.

July 20-27, 2019, International Rally in Doswell, Virginia See <https://doswell.wbcci.net> for information and registration. This will be a special International for CIA members, because the International President this year, Barry Bell, is from our unit. Internationals are the highlight of the year, and if you have never been before and have questions about how it works, please contact Charlie and Donna Mason, or any of our other members, for "the

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scoop". First Timers get a lot of special attention and the club does everything possible to make it enjoyable for you. **Remember - REGISTER NOW - it fills up.** As of 11/1/18 there were 660 trailers/rvs registered.

August 16-18, 2019, Buddy Rally, Mounds State Park, Anderson, In. Electric Sites 30 thru 35 or 40 thru 48 Our bylaws allow us to hold Buddy Rallies twice a year. This is your opportunity to invite a non-Airstream camping family to find out what all the fuss is about! Buddy Rallies are intended to introduce prospective members to the club and to Airstream, in the hope that they might purchase an Airstream and become members. Each member may invite one RV family to attend the rally. Reservations can be made beginning in February, at reserveamerica.com.

September 18-23, 2019, Region 5 Rally Save the Date! Location to be determined. Last month I incorrectly identified Chris Seplak as Region 5 President - Chris is VP for one more year. Region 5 President is Bob Whitesell. Sorry, Bob and Chris!

October 18-20, 2019, Weekender and Annual Business Meeting, Versailles State Park, Electric "C" campground, Versailles, In. Sites 209 thru 214 or 219 thru 224. Reservations may be made beginning in April 2019.

PINEAPPLE ANGEL FOOD CAKE

A friend told me about this recipe - it was a big hit at a recent happy hour, and so easy! One box of angel food cake mix, one can (about 10 oz?) of crushed pineapple including juice - mix them together and pour into a cake pan (not bundt pan). Bake 25-30 minutes at 350. Top with cool whip - or we used creamed cheese frosting. Yum!

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WBCCI is home to so many extraordinary people, and we often don't have the opportunity to get to know them as well as we would like. Member Spotlight is designed to help us get acquainted. This month we are visiting with Damon and Erin Beals.



Damon and Erin Beals have been members of the club for over 10 years. We started our camping adventures in a tiny teardrop trailer called a T@B. It was cute but didn't have a bathroom!

We started to look for something a little larger, when Erin commented "Why don't we look for an Airstream", to which I answered "Do they still make them?". We sold the T@B and bought a 22ft Airstream CCD from Colonial Airstream in NJ. We bought it sight unseen, and drove out to NJ and camped

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in it on the way back to IN. We loved the CCD, the modern look and shiny interior, but we were not a fan of the layout, the front bed against the wall and it had a wet bath. And it was still a little small for the 2 of us and our 4 dogs. So the search began looking for something a little bigger.

We bought a 31ft Excella, again from Colonial Airstream. A week after we bought it, we took it on our first WBCCI Caravan! We did the Ore Shores Waters & Lights Caravan in 2008. This Caravan was the first time we met Barry and Karen Bell. We did the same Caravan again in 2015 because we love the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

We also have a 1979 23ft Safari, that we bought at a Goodwill Auto Auction several years ago. Erin found the ad for it online but it was only one photo without any details. We went to the Auction expecting to find a gutted or torn up Airstream. Instead we found a original trailer in great condition, including all the paperwork. It has a past president sticker on it, as well as a plaque from the 1983 International Rally! We just had to buy it.

We have been to 4 International Rallies and have camped in most of the surrounding states. We camp with our 4 Boston Terriers, who enjoy camping as much as we do.

Erin is a stay at home dog mom, and has been busy this year with our new puppy Pippa. Pippa is 9 months old and love to give kisses, follow her on Instagram @squeakpippa. Tyson is 4 years old and at 38lbs is a huge Boston. Ellie Mae is 11 years old and never misses a meal or treat. Jethro was a rescue, but we believe is around 14 years old. Erin enjoys collecting Flamingos and our Airstream and home are full of them.

Damon works for Indiana University as a Network Engineer. When not working on the Airstream he collects and restores Pinball and Arcade games. Damon is also the Chairman of the ECC for the WBCCI (Electronic Communication Committee). He has helped the club modernize and help maintains the clubs website and unit websites.

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Reflections

Are there any new members out there who haven't been on a caravan yet? Or any old members who haven't, either? You're missing one of the best things in WBCCI. And the most fun. Crazy things have happened on every caravan I've been on. My editor told me I should share some of the best ones, so, even though most of those involved are no longer actively Airstreaming, no names, please.

On a unit caravan one of our members heard that some people put a little dish detergent in their black water tank to help in keeping the tank clean. Well, being the old farmer that he was, he thought it would be even better to use more detergent. People following their Airstream were amazed to see bubbles streaming from the top. It was Lawrence Welk on the highway. The poor guy was teased about that for years.

Another caravan that was bound for New England, I think to Lake Placid, our leader had scouted the summer before. Well, with about twenty Airstreams following him, he discovered that there was a bridge out that we were supposed to cross. We were lined up through this little town. People were coming out to sit on their porches to see what was happening. There was no turning around. After being stopped for some time, our leader came on the CB to tell us that we would be escorted by a motorcycle cop to get us out of the jam and out of town. Our caravan had the distinction of being the only Airstream caravan escorted out of a town by the police. That leader had a great campfire story for a long time. Of course we always liked to remind him of it.

On another caravan, again to New England, our caravan leaders were the last ones to arrive at the camp site. They had gotten "temporarily off course". That was the same day that our Airstream and one traveling with us, went through the same toll booth three times. I tried to talk the guy out of the toll the last time, but he just laughed. New England roads are weird. I think they mostly follow deer trails. Easier to get lost there, but like an old buddy of mine used to say, "I've never been anywhere that I didn't get back from".

So - if you want to have some wonderful stories and memories, sign up for a caravan.

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Past Region 5 Secretary

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Until next month - Keep the Shiny Side Up!

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