

The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club

February - March 2021

LET'S GO CAMPING



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It is that time of the year, winter is winding down and its time to start planning for spring and summer camping!

We hope to see everyone at one of our upcoming club events.



Central Indiana Airstream Club

Virtual Club Luncheon

Saturday, March 6, 2021

11:00 AM

We cannot gather in person at this time due to Covid-19.

We can still get together virtually to visit and share fellowship.

Our virtual luncheons take place as a Zoom Meeting.

Information about how to join the meeting via computer, tablet, or phone will be sent out the week of March 1st.

*Mark your calendar now – 3/6/2021,
11 AM*



Notes from our President

Greetings CIACers.

Good News! Spring is around the corner (I hope), and it is now less than 70 days to our Season Opener!

Last weekend, I attended the Region Five President's meeting. In the meeting Region Five President (and CIAC Affiliate Member) Chris Seplak shared the following with us:

- The 2022 International Rally will be held in Fryeburg, ME, July 23-30, 2022.
- The 2023 International rally is expected to be held in Yakima, WA, in late June 2023.
- There will be a Region Five Luncheon at the 2021 International Rally, and it is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20th. Stay tuned for more details.
- Starting this year, membership payments for new members joining the WBCCI will be due on their Anniversary Date of joining WBCCI. In other words, if a new member joins in June 2021, their 2022 membership renewal will be due in June 2022 and in June of future years. Existing members will continue to pay their dues as they have done previously (payment in the Fall).
- For those members contemplating becoming WBCCI Life Members, the one-time Fee will be going up shortly (percentage and date of increase is not currently known).

Region Five Rally Information

This year's Region Five Rally will be held at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds in Warsaw, Indiana, September 15-19, 2021. Here is the link to register for this Rally: <https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2021-region-5-rally/>. The Rally page has information on the Fairgrounds.

While this Rally is still a few months away, here are a few items to be aware of now as you begin to plan your summer travel activities:

(1) There will be no early parking available at this Rally. Plan to arrive no earlier than noon time on Wednesday, September 15th.

Volunteers to assist with parking logistics are requested. If interested, please contact Chris Seplak directly.

(2) On Saturday night, for the first 100 people (not trailers) registered, a Region Five Banquet will be held on the SS Lillypad (a dinner yacht) on Wawasee Lake. REGISTER EARLY!

(3) CIAC will serve breakfast on Saturday morning. We will need volunteers to help prepare and serve this breakfast.

2021 International Rally

CIAC planning for our "Rally before the Rally" continues. We have advised the International office of our desire to enter the International Rally site as one group and we are now waiting to receive our date and time slot. This is exciting! Thanks to Brenda Ansel for heading up this activity for CIAC!

First Saturday Luncheons

Our next First Saturday luncheon will again be a "Virtual Luncheon" via Zoom on March 6, 2020, beginning at 11:00 AM Eastern Time.

I do encourage everyone to plan to attend this luncheon. We will have a very interesting guest speaker joining us with some exciting Airstream information. Bring your coffee (or whatever) mug to the video call and join us for what should be a very interesting hour.

CIAC Open Officer Positions

As noted in Charlie Mason's email from earlier this week, the CIAC's Second Vice President officer position is still open. I do hope someone reading this Ticker will consider volunteering for this position.

The CIAC is a great club because of its many talented members. I can personally attest to the fact that my job as your President is made easier because of the club's members who are willing to help and support the club. That is part of the reason why the CIAC will celebrate its sixty-second birthday in 2022.

I know that everyone is extremely busy with families, careers, other volunteer activities, hobbies, etc., but if you can find the time in your heart to become a CIAC officer, you will help continue the legacy of our strong and vibrant club.

Becoming the Second Vice President this year will put you in line to become the CIAC's President in 2023. This two-year plan will help make your transition into the CIAC's Presidency a lot easier as you will have plenty of time to work with the Club's 2021 and 2022 Executive Boards and develop plans for your year as the Club President. This is a great way to become our Club President.

Please consider becoming our Second Vice President. Thank you.

Best Regards,

John Deegan, WBCCI 538, CIAC President



Our first weekender for 2021 will be at
Brown County State Park

Buffalo Ridge Campground

Target Sites: 25-32, 36-42, 43-52

Friday, April 30 - Sunday, May 2

Reservations are now open.

<https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

Campsites with Electric hookup are still available.



Wally Byam Airstream Club
64th Annual International Rally
July 17 – 24, 2021
Wilson County Expo Center
Lebanon, Tennessee

Registration Info:

<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally/lebanon-2021-registration>

Its not too late to register



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Central Indiana Airstream Club

June 2021 Camping Event

June 10 – June 13, 2021

Clifty Falls State Park

Madison, Indiana

Pictured – The historic Lanier Mansion in Madison

Make your camping reservation now!

<https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

Note: There are no sites available at the park with electric hook ups. There are plenty of non-electric sites available.

This is a "flexible arrival date" event. We understand that some people will not be able to be there for the entire event. You can arrive and depart as your schedule permits.

Your hosts will be arranging one or perhaps two activities for Thursday afternoon (June 10), Friday (June 11), and Saturday (June 12). We are thinking of including a visit to the Lanier Mansion/Madison Visitor Center Museum and a historic walking tour of the town and/or a riding tour (the visitor center offers guides for these sort of things). Of course, we will have happy hours and campfires. We will have to wait and see how things are with COVID-19 before we try to plan any group meals at the campground or restaurant meals.

We know many of you have been to Clifty Falls and Madison. Please let us know of any things you have done there or places you have visited there that we may want to consider including in our plans.

Questions - Call Joe Ashland, 317-430-1395 or drop me an email at jjashland522@gmail.com (I will see your email quicker if you use my Gmail address rather than responding to this message).



Tech Talk



Submitted by Damon Beals

Did you know that your LP/Propane tanks may need to be recertified?

There seems to be some confusion when it comes to inspection dates of LP/Propane tanks.

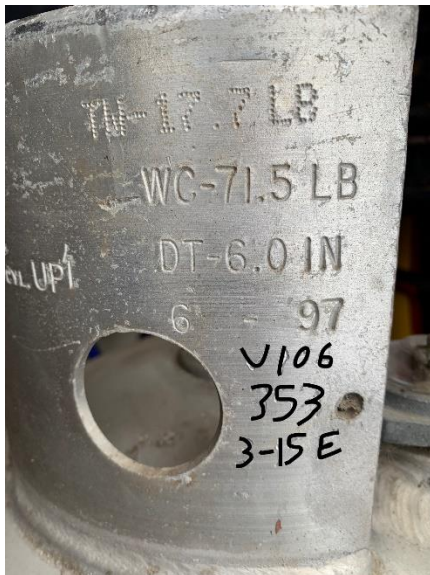
Most people exchange LP tanks these days, versus getting them refilled. But the tanks on your Airstream are larger and depending on the model, they are made from aluminum and cannot be exchanged at most hardware stores. Your home BBQ LP tank is usually a 20lbs/5 Gallon tank. Most Airstreams use the larger 30lbs/7 Gallon tanks.

If you own a Vintage Airstream or an Airstream from the early 2000's, you should check your tanks.

First what are the rules? (FYI, the rules changed in 2017!)

1. Tanks are good for 10 years from the *date of tank manufacture*. The model year of your Airstream does not matter.
2. After the first 10-year recertification, tanks need to be recertified every 5 years.
3. There is no penalty for having an expired tank, but many locations will not refill them. (Tractor Supply will turn you away with an expired tank, as will most refill locations).
4. These rules only apply to Airstream Trailers, the built in LP tanks on motorhomes have different rules.

The LP tank has various numbers punched in the metal, one of those will be the Manufacture date: In this photo you see the original manufacture date of 6-97 (6 of 1997) and below that you will see the recertification date of 3-15 (3 of 2015).



Help! My LP tank is expired. What do I do now?

Contact your local LP dealer. This sounds simple but I have found that most LP dealers will not know what you are talking about, or they just want to sell you brand new tanks.

We recently re-certified our LP tanks at Indy Propane in Danville, Indiana. They did a thorough inspection of our tanks (\$10 fee per tank) and we were also able to get refilled there.

Indy Propane is on US Route 36, 7 miles west of the town square in Danville. Visit Danville on your way out to Indy Propane or back home, there are a few antique shops and many places to enjoy lunch or just a cup of coffee.

Indy Propane LLC
6980 W. US Hwy 36, Danville Indiana
46122
317-539-4656; 877-484-3770
<https://www.indypropane.com>

After your tank is recertified a sticker will be applied to the tank as documentation.



Here is a good video about the recertification process. Note that this was recorded in 2015 before the rule change in 2017. The current recertification time interval is now 10 years, not 12 years as stated in the video

Link:

<https://youtu.be/oW8uE5Ltovw>

Editor's Note: No, that is not a picture of Damon at the top of the article. That is Hank Hill. He was a character on an animated series on Fox, "King of the Hill". Hank lived in Arlen, Texas and he made his living selling propane and propane accessories.

Here's Damon along with Pippa.



"Dog Days of Summer"
Club Weekender
July 30 – August 1, 2021
Turkey Run State Park

If you plan to attend, secure your campsite reservation ASAP. There are a limited number of sites still available



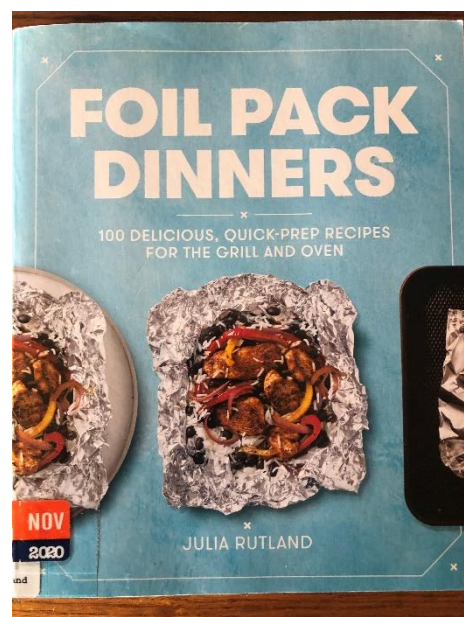
2021 Region 5 Rally
September 15-20, 2021
Airstreams and Flamingos on the Lakes
Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
Warsaw, IN

<https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2021-region-5-rally/>



Book Corner

We found this book recently at our local public library. It was on the new non-fiction bookshelf.



Foil Pack Dinners

Author: Julie Rutland

We know that, when some of us think about aluminum foil cooking, the thing that comes to mind is a hamburger patty in foil with potato, carrots, and onion. You may have this memory from Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts. It is easy to make and there are not pots to wash, but it is not haute cuisine by any means.

The recipes in this book elevate aluminum foil cooking to a new level.

We are thinking of buying a copy (\$15.34 at Amazon).