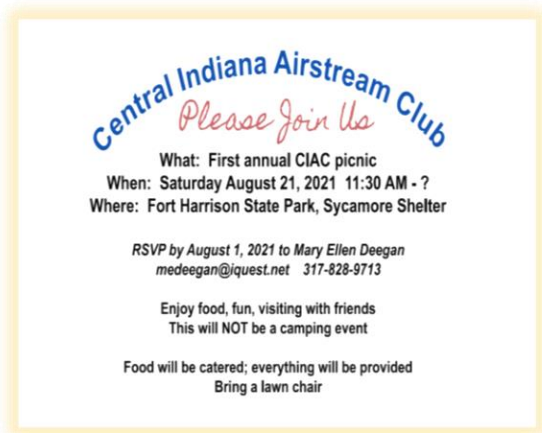


The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club

July 2021



THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings CIACers,

Finally, summer is here. And we had a glorious 4th of July weekend. Mary Ellen and I do hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend, hopefully with family and friends, maybe even out in the glorious weather enjoying your Airstream.

This month – July – is the start of a whirlwind summer for the CIAC, with something for everyone including the International Rally at Lebanon, TN, a weekender at Turkey Run State Park, our Club Picnic, The Region Five Rally in Warsaw, IN, the Swiss Festival National Rally in Ohio, and our Season Close

Weekender at Versailles State Park. Also, Alumapalooza at the Airstream Factory just before the Region Five Rally. That is a lot of Airstreaming, but that is why our Airstreams have wheels – to go to these events and more!

As of a few days ago, the CIAC had 31 Regular and Affiliate members signed up for the International Rally (that is 16 rigs). Several members of this group plan to overnight at the Cedars of Lebanon State Park in Lebanon, TN, prior to the start of the International Rally. This should allow us to enter the Rally together and camp together. If you are interested in joining us on our journey into the International Rally site, but are not camping with us, please plan to be at the State Park on Thursday morning, July 15th, before 11 AM local time, ready to roll out with the CIAC group. **IMPORTANT:** Please let me know if you plan to roll with us to the Rally. We do plan to have a Pitch-In dinner on Wednesday night; please let Brenda Ansel know if you plan to join us at the Pitch-In.

For those going to the International Rally, there is an APP called Grupio available for smart phones and tablets. This APP will provide access to schedules, maps, exhibitors, attendees and much more. I have it on my iPhone and it is pretty interesting!

At the end of the month, CIAC will be hosting a Weekender at Turkey Run State Park. Weekender dates: July 30-August 1, 2021. This will be a Grandchildren/Children Weekender. Bring your Grandchildren or Children because there are lots to do in and around Turkey Run State Park. Biking, hiking

trails, a huge pool, canoeing and kayaking are some of the activities for you, your grandchildren or your children. And it is ok to bring their parents too! By the way, I do not recommend you follow your GPS to get to Turkey Run. Mary Ellen and I tried that, and it was a very circuitous route. Our GPS wanted to take us on several gravel and dirt roads while we could have simply taken this route: Follow US 36 West to US 41 just west of Rockville. Then turn north on US 41 (right turn). Go about 6 miles and turn east (right) on Indiana 47. The State Park is just a couple of miles down the road on the left. Turn in at the "camping" sign.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that the Club will be hosting a catered Summer Picnic at the Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park in Indianapolis on Saturday, August 21, 2021. This is not a camping activity, but an afternoon of fellowship and fun. I have recently learned there will be an outdoor summer concert with the GMH Jazz Orchestra performing on Sledding Hill right next to the Sycamore Shelter (which we have reserved) on Saturday evening from 7 PM to 8 PM. Stay tuned for more details on our Summer Picnic.



The "Rally Before The Rally"

The CIAC will be holding an informal "Rally Before the Rally" (RBTR) at Cedars of Lebanon State Park prior to the International Rally. The goal of the RBTR is fellowship with maybe a cool drink or two and an evening Pitch-In (of course!) prior to the International.

All CIAC members are invited to join the Pitch-In on Wednesday evening, July 14, at 6 PM local time. All you must do is [VERY IMPORTANT] (1) let Brenda Ansel (brendaa6830@gmail.com) know you will be there, (2) bring a side dish, and (3) bring a refreshment. You should also bring your folding chair. CIAC will supply plates, napkins and tableware. Brenda and Dave will be at site 54 and they will be grilling hot dogs. Easy-Peasey, but please do let them know you plan to join the Pitch-In so we have enough hot dogs!

On Thursday morning, July 15th, the CIAC plans to leave the State Park together and travel to the International Rally entrance. This way, we should all be parked together. Our planned departure time is 11 AM local time. Remember to have your holding tanks empty and your freshwater tank full! More details on this will be discussed at the Pitch-In.

Central Indiana Airstream Club *Please Join Us*

What: First annual CIAC picnic
When: Saturday August 21, 2021 11:30 AM - ?
Where: Fort Harrison State Park, Sycamore Shelter

RSVP by August 1, 2021 to Mary Ellen Deegan
medeegan@iquest.net 317-828-9713

Enjoy food, fun, visiting with friends
This will NOT be a camping event

Food will be catered; everything will be provided
Bring a lawn chair



WBCCI Lifetime Membership Increase

Any CIAC member contemplating becoming a WBCCI Lifetime Member should consider doing so prior to August 1, 2021.

On that date, there will be an increase in the cost of becoming a Lifetime Member. The one-time cost of Lifetime Membership will increase between 25% and 92%, depending upon the *blended age* of club members. Blended age is defined as the average age of applicant(s) rounded up. In other words, if the two club members applying for Lifetime Membership are ages 60 and 55, then their blended age is 58.

Using the example of a couple with a blended age of 58, they will pay \$1,350 until August 1, 2021, to become Lifetime Members. After August 1, 2021, they will pay \$1,800 (a 33% increase).

Lifetime members are still required to pay local club or member-at-large annual dues.

Here is a link to the WBCCI Lifetime Membership program: [Lifetime Membership | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.airstreamclub.org/lifetime-membership)



Turkey Run Weekender

The Turkey Run State Park weekender is scheduled Friday, July 30 through Sunday, August 1, 2021. And, yes, this is just a few days after the International. But it is summer!

As announced earlier in this month's Ticker, your children and grandchildren are invited to join us at the Weekender. There is a lot to do at Turkey Run, including hiking, biking, and swimming. Canoe and kayak vendors are located very close to the campground.

Close by are Parke County's 31 covered bridges, the Britton Winery, the Bridgeton Mill at the Bridgeton Covered Bridge, and the shops in downtown Rockville.

We do have a pitch-in planned for Friday evening and a no-host dinner on Saturday evening at the Thirty-Six Saloon in Rockville – just about 10 miles away.

Please let John Deegan (jdeegan@iquest.net) if you are planning to camp with the CIAC at Turkey Run.





Looking for Peru Circus Rally Host, July 2022

We have heard from several people that this club previously enjoyed a couple of rallies for the Peru Circus (<https://www.perucircus.com>). The Circus is in mid-July every year which, as I am sure everyone knows, is the same time as the International Rally. Howard and I will attend the 2022 International in Maine so I will not be available to host. If you would like to see this Peru Circus Rally happen again, please consider organizing and hosting! There are several people that will help you, just ask. You can call Susan at (812) 343-2031 or email henry2398@yahoo.com.



We would like to thank everyone from the club who joined us in June for the "Rally by the River" at Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, Indiana. It was a great weekend with fun things to do and see and great fellowship. We enjoyed organizing the event and camping with the group!

Joe and Julie Ashland

**ACTION
REQUIRED**

Our Season Close Weekender and Annual Business Meeting will be October 22-24

Versailles State Park

Reservations for this weekend are now open.

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

Reserve Early. Versailles is popular in the fall, and it is likely the campground will sell out.

Some Scenes from the Rally by the River

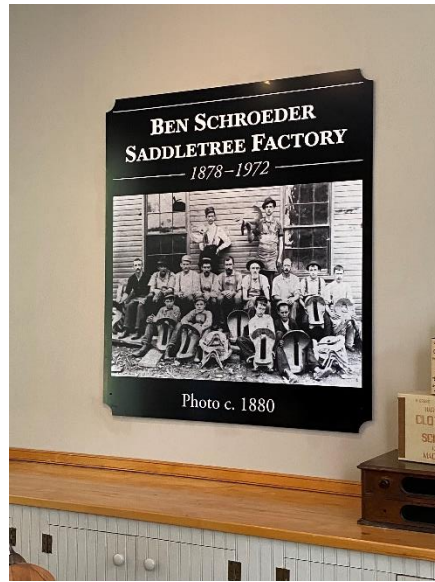
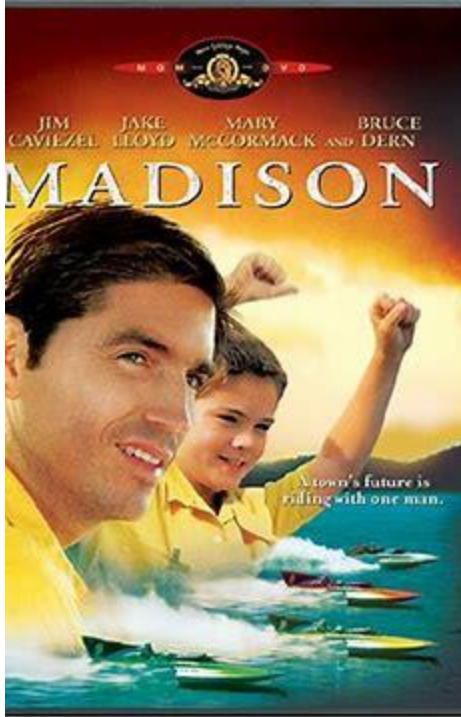
Our Events for the Rally:

- Trolley tour of Madison*
- Lunch at Historic Broadway Tavern*
- Lanier Mansion Tour*
- Schroeder Saddletree Factory Museum
Tour*
- Shrewsbury Windle House Tour*
- Visit to Miss Madison HQ and Garage*
- Dinner Out at "Red on Main"*
- Movie night - "Madison" - Hosted by Tom
and Vicki Ketchum*
- Social hour hosted by Dan Beck and
Nancy Ellis*
- Campfire hosted by Mark and Karen
Kruer*

We owe a thank you and shout out to
Holly Love from Historic Madison, Inc.
who helped to organize this great
outing.







**BEN SCHROEDER
SADDLE TREE CO.
MADISON, INDIANA**

AMERICA'S LAST SADDLE TREE FACTORY

America's last 19th century saddletree factory stands suspended-in-time in Madison, Indiana. Here for 94 years, workers at the Ben Schroeder Saddle Tree Company crafted tens of thousands of "wooden skeletons" for saddle makers in the United States, South America and Cuba.

As cars, trucks and tractors started putting horses out to pasture, the Schroeder family began making stirrups, hames, pack saddle frames and cart trees, natural extensions of the saddletree trade. Non-related items produced, such as clothespins, porch swings and work gloves, illustrate the adaptability of the company.

The factory, closed in 1972, remains intact with sawdust piled under rare and unique vintage woodworking machinery. When restored, the Schroeder complex will re-open as a museum, the only one in the nation preserving the craft of the saddletree maker.

This exhibit showcases a small sampling of the thousands of items discovered in the Schroeder factory, now owned by Historic Madison Foundation, Inc., a non-profit historic preservation organization, in Madison, Indiana.







September
Events

**58 th Annual SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL
RALLY “In the Heart of Amish Country”
September 25 – October 3, 2021,
Sugarcreek, OH**



**Alumnapalooza 11
September 7-12
Jackson Center, Ohio**

<http://alumapalooza.com/>



<https://airstreamclub.org/swiss-festival-national-rally>

**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/>

