the **Ticker**

http://centralindiana.airstreamclub.net/editor Sandy Langell, kslangell@me.com

June 1, 2019

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello all! The rally in Brown County State Park went well even with soggy, rainy conditions. There were 16 member trailers and one couple from Canada, and another couple from New Jersey, who just happened to be passing through. The mushroom hunters were skunked AGAIN! The business meeting went smoothly and the pitch-in was well attended. Our entertainment was well-liked and the teenaged banjo and fiddle playing sisters from Martinsville seemed happy to play for our club. I think their two younger

sisters stole the show!

I know Donna and I are looking forward to the rally in Michigan in June. If anyone who is signed up to go needs to cancel please let me and/or Sandy Langell know as soon as possible. Currently there isn't a waiting list, but someone may be able to fill an empty spot.

Please look over the remaining schedule and I hope you're able to join us soon.

Charlie Mason, President



These are the girls that performed for us - they sang, played multiple instruments, and even included their two younger sisters in the act!

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my 20-year high school reunion and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, "Do you know her?"
"Yes," I sighed, "She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since."

"My Gosh!" says my wife, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

--- Thanks, Lana!

CIAC Calendar

June 5-9, 2019, Meet Me in Montague Rally, Montague, Ml. This rally is full, but we will put your name on a wait list if you like. To be added to the list, please email Ken and Sandy Langell, kslangell@me.com.

July 20-27, 2019, International Rally

See https://doswell.wbcci.net for information and registration. 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, to get answers.

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. Make your reservation now!!

(As always - if you have a reservation but must cancel, please contact Charlie Mason before you give up the site. There may be another club member that would like to have it.)

REGION 5 RALLY, September 4-8, 2019

Region 5 Rally will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds, near Amboy, Illinois, September 4-8, 2019. For information, contact Bob Whitesell at whitesellrobert@yahoo.com.

TIME TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR VERSAILLES RALLY!

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 now.

Reflections.
By Patsy Marston 27333

International is the next big thing for the summer, and it will be here soon. With lots of news in the Blue Beret about the rally and the area of Virginia where it's being held, and all the programs being prepared for participating members, it makes me remember the many Internationals I've attended. All of them memorable.



I'm pretty sure the count is eighteen. Great ones like Lake Placid, NY, where we walked down the Olympic bob-sled run, Brandon, Manitoba, where we saw the RCMP Musical Ride. For all non-Canadians that is a show put on by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on horseback. They do some intricate riding set to music. Then in Amherst, MA, we saw Johnny Cash, Willy Nelson and The Highwaymen, they were there for a concert at the University of Massachusetts and a few of us got in through the back door into the cheap seats. What a great performance we saw!

Every International has been special with something remarkable about it. Some of them not especially terrific, like 1991 at Duluth, where we had to unhitch, waiting in line to be parked and they pulled the Airstream by tractor into the site. It was so soft that the leveling blocks sunk out of sight. And then in 1993 there was Bismarck and the hail storm. All Airstreams were damaged. Like they had been bombarded by baseballs. Air conditioners were shattered, antennas destroyed, and the step ladder market in Bismarck hit a new high. In 1988 at Huntsville Alabama, it was the heat. In the high 90s day and night. In those days we didn't have electric connections at International so no AC, or electric fans. Everything was run on battery power. It was so hot at night that people would sit outside their trailers, in pajamas, because, at least there was a little air moving outside. But, you know, we had a great time at all of them. Those were just a few from the many Internationals I've attended. This year in Virginia will be another one not to be missed. With new adventures and memories to be made.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, (getting too darn old), I won't be there, but I know it will be another International to remember.

Editors note: I recently received an email with a note of caution concerning Reserve America, from one of our members. Ken and I use reserveamerica.com frequently and have never run into this, but I read the thread in Airforums (link below) and it seems to be a real issue. Thank you, Michael, for sharing this.

I just read in the Airstream Forum about a deceptive practice that Reserve America has occasionally used. They add an extra check box when you make a reservation to sign you for Active.com or other potential events. The cost doesn't show up until you get your credit card.

Some of the responders on the message thread said they have contacted their state legislators or other agencies. Here is the link to the thread in Air Forums

http://www.airforums.com/forums/f48/beware-beware-reserve-america-194777.html?
utm_campaign=Airstream_Daily&utm_source=Airstream_Daily&utm_medium=email

I think it would be great if you could pass this along to other CIU members.

Michael Puchel #31956

Until next month - Keep the Shiny Side Up!