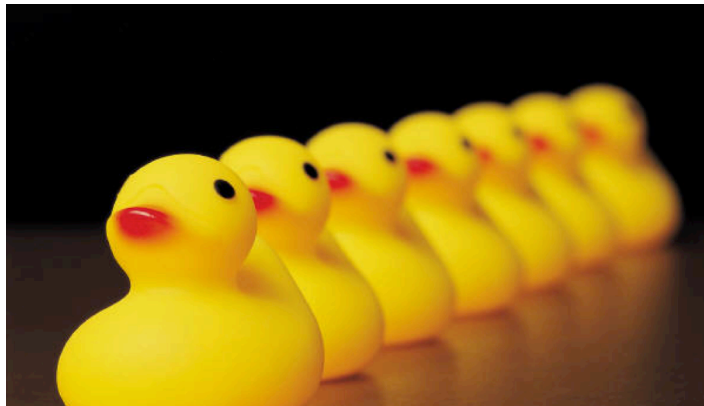


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Central Indiana Unit – WBCCI

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March is holding on for dear life, but most of us are ready to bid it adieu and enjoy warming weather. It is an exciting time --- anticipating the onset of spring and summer camping season. It's time to get those ducks in a row! Read through the Ticker and see what might be around the bend in the road for you

PRESIDENT'S LETTER 3/28/15

ARE YOU READY FOR THE STATE FAIR?

We are! We have planned a joint rally with the Indiana Unit - The Family State Fair Rally in August, at White River Campground. This "Family Rally" is this year's version of our Grandparents Rally - your families are welcome, and we hope for a big turnout. The rally includes a ride on the Fair Train and a day at the Indiana State Fair. We will have community breakfasts and dinners and some exciting events for the young and young at heart. We will learn to snoop out hidden treasure using modern technology; we will have a Hogwarts evening, including games, delicious food such as Cockroach Crunchies, and a movie.

Come to the Spring Luncheon for more details!

Speaking of the Spring Luncheon, this is also a business meeting and we encourage everyone to attend. We will keep it as short as possible. There are items on the agenda that are important to our club, so I hope you can make it.

Keep on campin'!

Ken Langell

SPRING LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 4, 2015

Saturday, April 4, is the date for our Spring Luncheon. It will be at MCL Castleton, 11 AM. I'm sure we are all looking forward to catching up on each others' winter adventures. This is the day before Easter, and it is a busy time.

This will be the spot to get all the details on upcoming events – Caravan to Alumapalooza, Weekenders, and all the details about our August State Fair Rally. We will also have a presentation by Damon Beals, who will explain to us the many ways to find info about the club online.

We will vote on International officers (see ballot elsewhere in the Ticker). Our business meetings are opportunities for you to share your thoughts about the club. If you would like to host an event, if you are interested in being an officer or serving on a committee, if you have ideas for events or projects, this would be an ideal time to talk with one of the current officers about it.

Recipe of the Month

Bok Choy Salad (Stovetop)

Mix, boil, and refrigerate, covered:

Best flavor if dressing made a day ahead!

¼ cup Lite Soy Sauce

½ c sugar or Splenda (or choice sugar substitute)

¼ c white vinegar

1 stick butter

2 packages Ramen Chicken Flavor Noodles crushed

Dry seasoning packets from the noodles

3 green onions, diced with tops

3 ounces sunflower kernels

1 bunch Bok Choy (white parts only --- diced)

4 ounces sliced almonds

2 heads iceberg lettuce

Melt butter in large skillet. Crush noodles, add flavoring packets, and brown in the butter. Add sunflower kernels & almonds. Brown a bit. Spread on cookie sheet lined with paper towels and refrigerate. This mixture will self-drain.

Ready to serve? Cut or tear lettuce and place in a large bowl.

Pour noodle mixture over lettuce and toss.

Pour dressing over lettuce mixture and toss well. Does not keep well.

Use it up or throw it out!

It's great for a group! (Cut back amounts 50% if not serving at least 6.)



Editor's Note: Member memories? Read the next section.

Hawthorne Community Center

We received a nice thank you note for our \$200 donation to the Hawthorne Center - we actually received it in January, please forgive the late publication. If you don't understand the reference to Kramer - Kramer is CIU member Patsy Marston's dog, and he has been at several rallies. Kramer was found at the Hawthorne Center when he was a tiny puppy, and adopted by Patsy. The photo below shows Kramer and Ron Gordy enjoying happy hour at 2013 International Rally in Huron, South Dakota - where Kramer won a ribbon for obedience in the dog show!

Jan 6, 2015

Dear Ken and Sandy:

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that Kramer got lots of goodies from Santa. I wanted to write and let you and your Airstream group know how much I enjoyed visiting with them and how thankful I am for the generous donation to Hawthorne. Thank you for providing us lunch as well. As we move toward retirement, we will investigate Airstream as a possible niche for our time. We love to travel and have always found such nice people when have had the opportunity to do so. If your group is representative of folks who participate in the Airstream group, I am sure Jim and I would fit right in and enjoy the time.

I thank you for considering Hawthorne a worthy recipient of your fund raising efforts. I also must thank you for giving Kramer a forever home that he so richly deserved.

With much gratitude,

Diane Arnold
Executive Director

MAY 1-3, 2015

BROWN COUNTY WEEKENDER!

The May Weekender will be May 1-3 at Brown County State Park. This is the weekend of their Morel Festival with lots of things to do in and around the park. We had a great time there last year.

There will be a pitch-in dinner Saturday evening.

If you want to go but have not made your reservations, please call the park ASAP and get booked in! You should call Reserve America at 1-866-622-6746, or go online at indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com to book online. We are in the Buffalo Ridge Loop.

We have reserved a shelter house in case of rain, so there will be a small kitty fee - \$5 or less - to cover that cost.

This is the list we have of sites that have already been reserved. If you have a site but are not listed here, please email Ken and let him know your site #.

- 32 Beals
- 33 St. John
- 34 Brown
- 36 Russel
- 37 Langell
- 38 Fuller
- 40 Beardshear/Zimmermann
- 41 Ketchum
- 42 Dillow
- 43 Mason
- 46 Bunch
- 51 Lowe

JUNE WEEKENDER

Don't forget to make reservations for our second Weekender Rally – June 12 – 14 at Oubache State Park in Bluffton.

Each member should call to reserve their campsite. If you must cancel later, there is a \$10 fee for a cancellation made 8 or more days in advance. Because we always try to fill a cancelled spot with another club member, your risk of a fee may be low or nil. Let's try to fill up sites 26 – 40 first, then any other spot available on the loop.

We have reserved their nice big shelter house – the one with the big fireplace – for Saturday, so there will be a small kitty fee to cover the cost.

Booked so far:

Fullers 32

Masons 27

Gordys 33

Newman 35

Langell 28

Bunch 30

You may make reservations online at www.indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com or by calling 1-866-622-6746. Please notify Ann Newman when you have made your reservation <anewman2@indy.rr.com>.

ELECTION OF REGION 5 OFFICERS

We have been asked to vote to fill the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents of Region 5. The Region 5 Executive Committee has approved the following:

Artie Martin, Past-President of the Kentucky Unit, is appointed to the office of Region 5 1st Vice-President.

Bob Whitesell, Past-President of the Northern Illinois Unit, is appointed to the office of Region 5 2nd Vice-President.

CIU will cast one ballot, based on the consensus of the membership. We will vote at the Spring Luncheon. If you are not able to attend, please email your vote to Ken Langell <kslangell@me.com>.

Your choices are:

Yes or No for Artie Martin for 1st Vice-President

Yes or No for Bob Whitesell for 2nd Vice-President

Or – write-in the candidate of your choice for either office

Each approved candidate has submitted a letter of introduction. You will find them on the following pages.

Arthur (Artie) Martin
Florence, KY 41042

7 Tee Street
WBCCI # 21931

Hello Region 5 Members!!!

My name is Artie Martin and my wife of 40 wonderful years is Pam.

I was hatched into this world 12-15-1955 at 9:16 p.m.

I am a Saggitarian, a musician, a father of 3 wonderful children, and my wife and I still work full time. Fortunately we both have employers that allow us to freely plan and schedule time off from work, so we haven't missed but just one KY Unit Rally in the past five seasons.

I fell in love with Airstreams in 1969 at the ripe old age of 13. You see, at the time Neil Armstrong was walking on the moon July 20th, 1969. The campground my family was camping at was hosting an Airstream Rally with 90 units. They took over the whole campground! Well from that day forward, with the NASA connection with Airstream, I knew someday I would own one.

That day came 20 years ago, we bought a 1968 Tradewind from a retired member of the Cincinnati, Ohio unit, and we use this beautiful Airstream still today. We raised 3 children through it. And we have so many memories with our Airstream it would be impossible to let her go.

We joined the WBCCI KY Unit in July 2010. We have just started our 5th year in the club. The past two years we have been president and 1st mate of the Kentucky Unit. Our Installation Rally is just over and now I am Treasurer, and Pam is now 1st Vice-President.

I consider the opportunity to be the 1st Vice-President of Region 5 one of the dearest honors that could be bestowed upon Pam and I. We love the club and we love our Airstream. We love meeting new members, and we have made so many friends over the last 5 years.

We would be honored to lead Region 5 into the second half of this decade with dedication, sensitivity, caring thought, and a new commitment to the communication our club deserves!!!!

Sincerely, Artie and Pam Martin

Hello all members of WBCCI Region 5,

My name is Robert P. Whitesell and I am a candidate for the 2nd Vice-President for WBCCI Region 5. My wife, Sandy and I have been married for 39 years and have 2 children and one slightly spoiled granddaughter. We started out Airstreaming in 2005 when we purchased our new 2005 International CCD travel trailer. We joined the Northern Illinois Unit shortly after the purchase and have enjoyed our membership in the club ever since. We purchased a 2008 Classic 34 in 2009 and sold the 25.

I have served as a Director and have had two terms as the unit President. My current term of President will end this October at our installation rally to be held in Amboy, Illinois.

My wife and I are both working. We live in an old bungalow in Chicago. I work for a specialty contractor in Aurora, Illinois and Sandy is a staff member at our church. I also serve as the moderator of our church and have been in various leadership roles at the church for over 25 years.

I am a car guy and own a number of vehicles. Pretty much if it has wheels --- I like it.

Hope to be able to serve the Region as 2nd Vice President.

Very truly yours,

Bob Whitesell

Right around the corner?
Yes, it is!

It's "2015 Alumapalooza!"

May 25 - 31

Events: Five days of hourly seminars under the big tent (towing, cooking, organizing, awning maintenance, etc.), factory tours, riveting contest (Greg and Theresa Sherley are former winners!), back up derby, daily "happy hours" at 4:00 with PRIZES, open grill for grilling whatever you desire, Saturday evening catered dinner, and nightly entertainment, featuring our own Ken Langell on Friday night!!!

More Details: Check out Alumapalooza.com for all the details.

Caravan: Alumapalooza begins Tuesday, May 26, so we have a block of campsites being held for us at White River Campground in Strawtown on Monday, May 25, so we can leave from there together Tuesday morning. You must call and make your own reservations with White River Campground and then email Lana Russel <lanarussel@gmail.com> with your site number. If we want to park together, we must all arrive together. Trailers are parked together as they arrive. Several of us are already registered, but we would love to have you join us for this fun event!

Thanks!
Lana Russel



A second “nudge” to New
Mexico!
JUNE 26 – JULY 4th

The International Rally has shone as a highlight to countless Airstream owners for years. If you have not attended one of these gatherings, you need to consider it seriously.

It is a monumental undertaking for the organizers and they deserve a lot of credit for their hard work.

Over the years, names and faces may change, but the enthusiasm for Airstream and its lifestyle survive to the pure delight of those who attend.

JULY WEEKENDER

Our July Weekender will be at Raccoon State Recreation Area, July 17, 18 and 19. This is a lovely park, close to Rockville, Indiana and several of the historic covered bridges and mills. Especially for those that missed these on our caravan a couple of years ago, visiting them is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Sandy and I are planning to arrive on the 16th. We have reserved Site 34 in the Songbird-Electric section, and would recommend filling in sites 19 through 24, and 32 through 36. Site rental is \$26 per night, electric only. Water and dump stations are available at the campground.

We have reserved the Locust Shelter for Saturday - we will have our pitch-in dinner here. It is easily accessible for those with limited mobility. There will be a small kitty fee to cover the cost of the shelter.

For reservations go to indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 1-(866) 622-6746. When you have made your reservation, please contact me at kslangell@me.com or (317) 408-6799, and give me your site number.

Keep on campin'!

Ken Langell

**SPRING LUNCHEON, Saturday
April 4, 11AM - MCL CASTLETON
(Details given earlier in Ticker)**

MAY WEEKENDER - MAY 1-3

Brown County State Park
Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

ALUMAPALOOZA - MAY 25-31

We will camp May 25 at White River Campground and depart for Alumapalooza, Jackson Center, Ohio.
Contact Lana Russel (317) 410-4750.

JUNE WEEKENDER - JUNE 12-14

Ouabache State Park
Contact Ann Newman (317) 769-0099.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY - JUNE 26 -JULY 4

Farmington, New Mexico
Contact Dan Kachele (317) 372-2907.

JULY WEEKENDER - JULY 17-19

Raccoon State Recreational Area
Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

FAMILY STATE FAIR RALLY - AUGUST 6-9

Join the Indiana Unit, camp at White River Campground Near Noblesville and take the State Fair Train into Indianapolis for a day at the Indiana State Fair. Contact

Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

REGION 5 RALLY

Goshen. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

**CARAVAN TO SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY
SEPTEMBER 26 – October 4**

Contact Lana Russel (317) 410-4750.

MISSISSINEWA - OCTOBER 8-11

Mississinewa State Recreation Area

Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting is scheduled during the Rally at Mississinewa.

Details are yet to be announced.

Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.