NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA AIRSTREAM CLUB "FROM THE HEART OF INDIANA"



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Charlie and Donna Mason at their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration at Travelers Rest.

Hi fellow Airstreamers! Donna and I are staying busy here in Florida. The Langells and St Johns are here in Travelers Rest RV Resort too. Mary Ellen and John Deegan were here for ten days and we had a nice visit. Julie and Joe Ashland came to check out Travelers Rest and visited for a couple of hours before returning to Clearwater (it was good to see Joe is much more mobile).

Julie said there were 8 members at the February luncheon. BRAVO!! I hope you're staying warm wherever you may be. We are SOOO looking forward to the camping season and I hope that you've made reservations for May in Brown County.

Sandy Langell and I are wrapping up the work with the Constitution and Bylaws review. I've asked Mary Ellen Deegan to have an audit done on the financials and have a report to review at Brown County.

Shiny side up, dirty side down as always! ----- Charlie

CIAC Calendar

Winter Luncheons, MCL Cafeteria and Bakery, 2370 W 86th Street, 11 a.m. March 2, 2019, April 6, 2019

Our winter luncheons are an opportunity to stay in touch with friends through the off-season. We meet in the lobby. For more information contact Charlie Mason at <u>mason.charles@comcast.net</u>.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS: I want to take this opportunity to tell all of our new members how very glad we are that you have decided to join our club. My husband, Ken, and I have not had the opportunity to meet you yet, and we have high hopes that you will ALL be coming to the Brown County Rally in May. IMHO, this is the best rally of the year - spring is springing, birds are singing, and it is so nice to see everyone in this beautiful state park. We are coming from Florida because we don't want to miss it - please make your reservation and join us there! Sandy and Ken Langell

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. There are still a few spots available! RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW FOR THIS RALLY, at reserveamerica.com. For more information contact Charlie Mason at mason.charles@comcast.net. June 5-9, 2019, Meet Me in Montague Rally, Montague, MI. The campground manager has notified me that they can give us two more full-hookup campsites adjacent to the 13 we already have filled. If you would like to be included in this great rally, please email Ken and Sandy Langell, kslangell@me.com. There is more information elsewhere in this Ticker. REMINDER to those that are registered: Kitty fee of \$260 (for two) MUST be paid by April 15. We will be on the road after that and not able to receive mail. Please send your check to: Ken and Sandy Langell, 29129 Johnston Rd., Lot 11-28, Dade City, FL 33523.

July 20-27, 2019, International Rally

See <u>https://doswell.wbcci.net</u> 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. **IT IS TIME TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THIS RALLY. This is a very popular, and not very large park, so don't miss making your reservation as soon as possible. reserveamerica.com.**

REGION 5 RALLY

September 4-8, 2019 THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FOR REGION 5 RALLY!!

Region 5 President Bob Whitesell tells me the Region 5 Rally will be held at the Lee County Fairgrounds, near Amboy, Illinois. He has changed the date from September 18-23 to September 4-8, 2019. Please change your calendar accordingly. Watch the website region5.wbcci.net for registration information.

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.

A hillbilly took his family to the shopping mall in a big city. As Ma went shopping, Pa and boys walked about in amazement and stopped in front of an elevator. "What's that Pa?" one boy asked.

"Dunno son. I ain't never did see nothin' like that in my life," replied the father.

Seconds later, an old woman hobbled to the elevator, pressed a button with her cane, the elevator door opened, she got in and the door closed. The father and son, still amazed by this contraption, continued to watch. Two minutes later they heard a ping noise and the elevator door opened again. Out stepped a beautiful 20year old blonde.

The father thought for a few seconds and said, "Quick boy! Go git your Ma!"

(Thank you, Lana Russel, for these submissions!)

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NEW BADGES

Is your WBCCI membership badge turning yellow? Does your membership badge have the old club logo on it? We can fix that!

Your unit has also changed it's official name to Central Indiana Airstream Club! Does your badge still say Central Indiana Unit? We can fix that!



If you would like a new badge, you can contact Damon Beals

(317-696-8215) or email <u>damon.beals@gmail.com</u>. The badges are \$2.50 each, plus postage, or I can bring them to a event or Rally and save the postage.

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

We have a new website! The club is moving to .<u>airstreamclub.net</u>! So if you can't find our website, try the new URL!

CENTRAL INDIANA AIRSTREAM CLUB Old: <u>centralind.wbcci.net</u> New: <u>CentralIndiana.Airstreamclub.net</u>

REGION 5 Old: <u>region5.wbcci.net</u> New: <u>region5.airstreamclub.net</u>

All of the units in the club are moving, but in phases, and now it is Region 5s turn. The club hopes to have all the Unit websites moved before the International Rally in Doswell.

MEMBERSHIP STARS?

(Last month we published an article about membership stars - I am running this reminder one more time, to be sure we haven't missed anyone.)

Those stars you see next to the numbers on some Airstreams indicate 5 years of club membership. For those members who have never received stars, please contact me, and I will be happy to mail your stars. Or see me at a upcoming Rally or event I will try to keep a few on hand.

Damon Beals, Membership

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Everywhere he went, she seeming to be staring at him.

She was in front of him in the checkout line and turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's OK."

She then said, "I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy." She then went through the checkout and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom."

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk.

"Why so much? I only bought five items."

The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

REFLECTIONS

WBCCI members, about this time of year, begin making their travel plans for the summer. For many years at this time, I would be making plans for the International Rally and I know lots of you will be doing that too. Although I no longer tow an Airstream, while going through the new membership directory I read the list of Internationals and checked the ones I had attended and was amazed that it was actually 22. I've been a member for 40 years, of course I joined at 14!

I've attended some remarkable and one or two unremarkable International Rallies. One was at Duluth Minnesota in 1991, when my husband Bob was Unit President. We thought "Wow, we'll park in presidents row, with the big shots". When we were in the line waiting to be parked, Bob suddenly got out and went to the back of the van. I got out to see what was going on, and asked him what he was doing. He said "unhitching. See that tractor? They are pulling us into the parking site".

It was so muddy that boards placed under the trailer wheels sunk out of sight. We had to leave our van on the street, put on boots and slosh into the trailer. Every time we left and came back we went through the same routine.. there was a lot of us in the same boat and there was not a pair of rubber boots to be found in Duluth.. and then it rained some more. But..we still had a good time, even with fighting the mud. Airstreams were parked all over Duluth in parking lots and any place that had space and concrete. But, of course, all the officers, us big shots, were out in the mud fields of the rally site. When the rally ended they fired up the tractor and pulled us out, one at a time. We were sick of mud when we left, but we sure had some great campfire stories.

I would recommend going to every International you can, you'll collect experiences and memories you'll enjoy even after you hang up your traveling shoes.

And Then There Was Bismarck!! But that's another story.

Patsy Marston

Point to Ponder: Be careful about reading health books....You may die of a misprint....Mark Twain

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Until next month - Keep the Shiny Side Up!