

The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club
May 2020

From our President

May 14, 2020

Greetings CIACers.

As we're all painfully aware, the First Weekend of May was to be our annual Spring Opener at Brown County State Park, and we spent the weekend at home. Mary Ellen and I are very disappointed that we weren't camping, but we understand the reasons. Everyone's health and safety is foremost. One of our club members, in a great Facebook posting, showed a picture of their family Airstream hooked to their tow vehicle. The caption read, "We got hitched!" Love it! Stay hitched for a few more months, and we should be on the road again.

There's lots of information to share with you this month, so let's get started...

CIAC ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Earlier this month, Dan Beck stepped down as our Club's First Vice President, for personal and family reasons. Dan and Nancy plan to remain as members of CIAC and we should see them at our activities.

In accordance with our Club Constitution, our Second Vice President – Joe Ashland – became our new First Vice President. Please join me in wishing Joe the best of success in his new role with our Club.

At this time, the position of Second Vice President is open. If you – as a Regular or Life member of CIAC – would be interested in joining the Executive Board as the Second Vice President, please let any of the current officers know of your interest. The

Club exists because of its members and those that volunteer to help make the club successful. It's not a difficult job, and the pay is great!

CIAC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A CIAC Executive Board meeting was held via a Zoom video conference call on Tuesday evening, May 12, to discuss several matters, including Dan Beck's resignation, and to discuss our Club's plans for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. It was an excellent meeting with the entire Executive Board in attendance, including Past International President and First Lady Barry and Karen Bell.

Annually, at the International Rally, CIAC casts its votes for new International officers and other matters requiring a vote. This year, in addition to the new officers, the Club will vote on three proposed amendments to the WBCII Bylaws. Normally, this voting would occur in person at the International Rally, but because the rally has been cancelled, voting will be done electronically or by mail.

As your Club President, I am the "delegate" to the International and will vote for CIAC. Between now and the end of the electronic voting period (June 15th), please expect to receive more information from me on the process CIAC will use to cast our vote.

In short, we have 43 Regular Club members which mean we can cast a total of 43 votes for the International Officer slate and the three proposed Amendments. You can read more about the International's election in the May 2020 Blue Beret magazine as well as online at airstreamclub.org.

During the meeting, we learned that Berne, Indiana, has cancelled this year's Swiss Days

Festival, scheduled for July 24-26. The Board decided to continue with our plans to camp at Ouabache State Park that weekend. This is, of course, dependent on the status of COVID-19 and State mandates. If you would like to join us at Ouabache, you should book your campsite now through Reserve America. We plan to be situated in sites 20-40.

Note: The Berne Swiss Days Festival in July is not the same as the October Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The October National Rally Festival is still on.

We briefly reviewed our plans for 2021 including the date for the Season Opener at Brown County. Please hold the first weekend of May (April 30 – May 2) as the date for our Season Opener. We also discussed the dates and locations for our winter luncheons, and we agreed to continue meeting at the MCL Cafeteria on West 86th Street in Indianapolis on the First Saturday of the month, from November through April. Our new First Vice President, Joe Ashland, will begin working on a proposed 2021 Club calendar and he promises we won't be disappointed.

Financially, our Club is very solid. Treasurer Mary Ellen Deegan prepared the Clubs Interim Financial Report that is included with this month's Ticker.

Our last item discussed in the Board meeting was the officer slate for the CIAC 2020-2021 year. Because of the uncertainty of the remainder of 2020 and the fact we really haven't been able to start this year's plan, it was agreed by everyone that the slate of officers to be proposed to the Club membership will be the same as the officers currently leading CIAC:

President – John Deegan

First Vice President – Joe Ashland

Second Vice President – (Vacant)

Secretary – Charlie Mason

Treasurer – Mary Ellen Deegan

Trustees – (Not discussed during the meeting. More details to follow.)

The Club's Constitution allows for officers (except for the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer) to serve no more than two consecutive terms, provided they are nominated and elected for each term of office. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer can serve until a successor is elected. Nominations from the floor for the Officer positions are also allowed.

If you are interested in becoming a Club Officer – or if you know of a Club member you would like to nominate – please advise any of the current club officers.

2020 REGION FIVE RALLY

Last week, I received a call from incoming Region Five President, Chris Seplak, who confirmed this fall's Region Five Rally is still on. He is watching the status of the pandemic and will make a final go/no go decision by the end of June or in early July. As a reminder, the Region Five rally will be held at the County Fairgrounds in Columbus, IN, during the weekend of September 16-20, 2020.

CIAC will be hosting Saturday morning breakfast for everyone in attendance and will help with arrival parking. Club volunteers will be needed to assist at the Rally and you'll hear more as we get closer to its date.

2021 ALUMAPALOOZA

The organizers of the 2021 Alumapalooza rally are working with the Airstream factory and local government in the Village of Jackson Center to set a date for the rally. At this time, it is not known if Alumapalooza will be a Spring or Fall event next year. Stay tuned.

CIAC's SNOWBIRD CONTINGENT

There are a few club members who have not returned to Indiana from their Southern wintering over. We wish them the best of luck and safety as they begin their journeys homeward this month. An interesting analogy: When I was in the Navy,

“wintering over” meant spending the winter in the Antarctic with Operation Deep Freeze. Now that I’m older (much older), “wintering over” means spending the winter out of the cold and snow! How things change!

I will close this month’s comments with the hope that everyone in the club is safe. Our next club event will be our weekend at Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana. Looking forward to seeing everybody there.

Best Regards and please Stay Safe.

John Deegan, CIAC President

July 2020 Club Weekender

**July 23-25, 2020
Ouabache State Park
Bluffton, Indiana**

Reserve campsites at:

<http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com>

Target Sites: 021-031, 018 – 030, 041-042

Welcome New Members

**Howard and Susan Bishop
7164
Columbus, IN**

**Mark and Kathy Tarrh
7232
Indianapolis, IN**

**Victoria and Randall Baker
7339
Columbus, IN**

**Wallace and Beth Yahey
2727
Indianapolis, IN**

2020 Swiss Festival National Rally

***The longest running RV rally in the world*
58th Annual Edition**

September 26-October 3, 2020

**Winklepleck Grove
Sugarcreek, Ohio**



Full rally information and registration is at:

<http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/>



TONGA TOAST

at Disney's Polynesian Village Resort



INGREDIENTS

SERVES 4

SUGAR-CINNAMON

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

BATTER

- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar

TONGA TOAST

- 1 quart canola oil, for frying
- 1 loaf sourdough bread (uncut, 12 inches long)
- 2 large bananas, peeled

DIRECTIONS

FOR SUGAR-CINNAMON:

Mix sugar and cinnamon in medium bowl (large enough to roll toast) with a fork until thoroughly blended. Set aside.

FOR BATTER:

Whip eggs in medium bowl (large enough to dip toast) until well beaten. Add milk, cinnamon, and sugar. Mix well and set aside.

FOR TONGA TOAST:

1. Using caution, preheat oil to 350°F in a large pot or a deep fryer. (If using a large pot, use a candy thermometer to make certain the oil does not get any hotter or it will burn.)
2. Slice the bread into four three-inch-thick slices.
3. Cut each banana in half crosswise, then each piece lengthwise.
4. Place a bread slice flat on the counter and tear out just enough from the middle (do not tear all the way through) to stuff half a banana into; repeat with each bread slice.
5. Dip stuffed bread into batter, covering both sides, allowing excess batter to drip off bread and place carefully into hot oil.
6. Cook 4-5 minutes until golden brown. If needed, turn toast over after 2 minutes and cook for another 2 minutes on other side. Remove and drain excess oil.
7. Roll toast in cinnamon-sugar. Repeat for each piece of toast.

CIAC 2020 Events Calendar - Revised

Month	Date	Event	Location	Reservation Opening Date	Sites
May			<i>Weekender Cancelled</i>		
June			<i>International Rally Cancelled</i>		
July	24-26	<i>Berne Swiss Days Festival Cancelled</i>	Weekender at Ouabache State Park, Bluffton, IN	Friday, January 24, 2020	20-40
August			<i>Club Cookout Cancelled</i>		
September	8-13	Alumapalooza 11	Airstream Factory, Jackson Center, Ohio	RESERVATIONS OPEN NOW http://alumapalooza.com For info, call 813-200-8877 or email: info@randbevents.com	
	16-20	Region 5 Rally, CIAC Business Meeting	Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana	Rally registration: https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2020-region-5-rally/ The CIAC Annual Meeting and Officer Elections will be held during this Rally.	
	9/26-10/4	Swiss Festival National Airstream Rally	Sugarcreek, Ohio	http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/	
October	16-18	Season Close Weekender	Versailles State Park, Versailles, Indiana	Thursday, April 16, 2020	207-226
November	7	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
December	5	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		

Other Airstream events, not CIAC

5/13/2020

Are you beginning to look forward to 2021 ?

Our club's executive committee is beginning to work on
a plan for our 2021 schedule!

Put on your calendar now!

2021 Airstream International Rally

Wilson County Expo Center

Lebanon, Tennessee

July 16 – 24, 2021

Were you thinking about Urban Air 2021 in Logan, Ohio?

Bad news – it's already sold out!

An overflow parking area is available.

BUT.....We are planning a FABULOUS season opener for
the Club that same weekend, Friday April 30, 2021
through Sunday, May 2, 2021

2020 REGION 5 RALLY
“HURRYIN’ TO THE HOOSIER HILLS RALLY”
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
COLUMBUS, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2020



Join your Airstream Friends for Friendship and Fellowship!

Planned Rally Events Include the Opening Ceremony and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, Tours on Thursday and Friday, Group Breakfasts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, A Pitch-In Dinner on Thursday, and a Closing Banquet on Saturday.

Enjoy the city of Columbus, Indiana – “The Athens of the Prairie”. Columbus is an architectural oasis with over 60 buildings designed by noted contemporary architects. The streets of downtown Columbus are lined with many restaurants and shops to enjoy during your stay.

Your registration fee will cover the planned events and four nights of camping (Wednesday-Saturday nights). You can arrive early on Monday or Tuesday and pay a fee for each addition night.

Complete Rally Information and Registration Details:

<https://region5.airstreamclub.net/2020-region-5-rally/>



**Interim Financial Report
Central Indiana Airstream Club (CIAC)
October 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020**

Beginning Balances:

October 1, 2019 Checking Account	\$4,510.95
October 1, 2019 Savings Account	\$1,011.36
October 1, 2019 Petty Cash	<u>\$184.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$5,706.31

Income:

Unit Dues - 38@\$15.00 each	\$570.00	
Interest on Savings Account	\$0.11	
TOTAL:		\$570.11
International Dues:		
Dues - 2@\$65	\$130.00	
Paid to Headquarters	<u>-\$130.00</u>	
TOTAL:		<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:		\$570.11

Expenses:

Gift card for outgoing unit president	\$50.00	
Past president flag for outgoing unit president	\$144.45	
Admissions - Milan 54 Museum (Fall Rally)	<u>\$48.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$242.45

Transfers:

Withdrawn from checking	\$1,700.00	
Deposited into savings	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	
TOTAL CHANGE:		\$0.00
Profit or Loss (-)		\$327.66

Ending Balances:

March 31, 2020 Checking Account	\$3,138.50
March 31, 2020 Savings Account	\$2,711.47
March 31, 2020 Petty Cash	<u>\$184.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$6,033.97

Beginning Balances	\$5,706.31
Profit or Loss (-)	<u>\$327.66</u>
Ending Balance	\$6,033.97

**Interim Summary Financial Report
Central Indiana Airstream Club (CIAC)
October 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020**

Beginning Balance - as of October 1, 2019		\$5,706.31
Income:		
Dues, Banking Interest	570.11	
Expenses:		
Gifts, Flags, Admission Fees	242.45	
Ending Balance - as of March 31, 2020		\$6,033.97

March 31 Membership Status:

45 Current members including:

- 42 regular members
- 2 affiliate members
- 1 life-time member

Nine 2019 members have not renewed for 2020. Our practice is for them to remain in our database and directory for one year.