

The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club

May-June 2021



It is Almost Time!

Wally Byam Airstream Club
64th Annual International Rally
July 17 – 24, 2021
Wilson County Expo Center
Lebanon, Tennessee

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings CIACers, and welcome to summer (or so it seems).

Earlier this week, I spoke with Adam Coley, the newly hired General Manager of the Lebanon Woodland Airstream

dealership. Adam and I had a great conversation and he brought me up to date on the status of the new building.

Construction continues on the building and walls should begin going up in June. Adam anticipates a September Grand Opening and a few new Airstreams designated for the Lebanon center have already been delivered to Grand Rapids.

We talked about his warranty and service philosophy. Unfortunately, those of us who are “Airstream Addicts” have read about some Airstream dealers who will not provide Warranty Service on units not sold by their dealership. Adam assured me this is not his work ethic and he will provide service and Warranty support for any Airstream.

Adam currently lives in Danville, and he worked in the boating sales industry prior to his new Airstream career. He commutes to Grand Rapids a few days a week until the new Lebanon building is ready. If you are going to Woodland Airstream in Grand Rapids, please say hello to Adam.

With June 1st just a few days away, I hope everyone has their Airstream “ready to go.” There is lots to do in the next few months, including the Clifty Falls Rally, led by Joe and Julie Ashland, the “Rally Before the Rally” at Cedars of Lebanon State Park in TN, led by Brenda Ansel, the International Rally itself, a weekender at Turkey Run State Park, a Club picnic, the Region Five Rally, the Swiss Festival National Rally in Ohio, and the Club Season Closer. (I apologize if I forgot something! There is so many this year – and that is great!)

I know I am preaching to the choir, but here is a friendly reminder as we all

prepare to head out to the open road: Check your tires and wheels (lug nut torque), sanitize your water tank, make sure your batteries are “watered” (use distilled water only), and do not forget to have your Tow Vehicle serviced too!

The International Rally – July 17 to 24,
2021 – Lebanon, TN

For those of us going to the International Rally, an email was sent out to participants on May 19th. The email contained a lot of great – and important – information including a Preliminary Schedule of Events. Also included was information on the “Grupio” APP, which is a tool that Rally participants will be able to use to check schedules, find participants, look at maps, find exhibitors, etc., etc.

CIACers attending the International should have received their Arrival Date information by now. We asked to travel into the Rally site together and are receiving July 15th Arrival Dates. Please let me know if you have received a different arrival date or have not yet received your arrival date.

If you are a first timer going to the International, or have not gone in a few years, here is a note with some good information from Larry Owens, the Arrival Team leader, on what to carry in your Airstream:

*“Be prepared. We are camping on a state fairground where water and electricity may not be close to your rig. **Please bring (2) 25 ft. water hoses or longer with a free flow Y adapter so water can be daisy-chained if necessary.** Bring an additional electric cord and adapters suitable to carry the electrical load your trailer requires. Please switch your water*

heater and refrigerator to gas and run only one air conditioner. We do not want to overload the power grid. Arrive with your holding tanks empty and freshwater tank completely full. Thanks.”

I personally recommend everyone attending the International have an Electrical Monitoring System (EMS) type Surge Protector to protect your Airstream from anything damaging on the power grid. At Alumapalooza a couple of years ago, several Airstreams were damaged by a fault inside an electrical distribution box. An EMS protector would have disconnected the Airstream from the power source. EMS manufacturers include Progressive Industries, Hughes Autoformer, Southwire, Camco and others.

With that, Mary Ellen and I look forward to seeing everybody this summer. Please remember to Stay Safe and follow the guidelines of the states and communities you visit.

Best Regards and Keep the Shiny Side Up.

John Deegan, CIAC President, #538

Club Picnic – A New Tradition

It is time to start a new tradition for the club – a summer picnic!

Aside from monthly lunches during the winter, our summer activities are all built around camping. Why not also have a one-day event that does not involve camping? A summer picnic is the perfect answer.

This will give us a chance to gather and visit. It is also a good opportunity for our

members who are no longer camping to join in a summer activity with the club.

Hold the date, August 21st. We will hold this event at Fort Harrison State Park, and we have reserved the Sycamore Shelter. More details will be forthcoming. See you there.



Central Indiana Airstream Club
"Rally by the River"

June 9 – June 13, 2021

Clifty Falls State Park Madison, Indiana

Note: The electric area of the Clifty Falls Campground is sold out at this time. There are still a few campsites available in the non-electric area.

For more information, or if you would like to join in, please contact Joe Ashland ASAP at 317-430-1395 or email jjashland522@gmail.com. This is your last chance to sign up. We will finalize numbers for our activities on Thursday, June 3rd.



Central Indiana Airstream Club
July Weekender
"Dog Days of Summer"
Turkey Run State Park
July 30 – August 1, 2021



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.

See You in September!

September could be a remarkably busy month for Central Indiana Airstreamers.

Not 1, not 2, but **3** events will be taking place!

Let us run down the options.



Alumnalooza 11
September 7-12
Jackson Center, Ohio

<http://alumalooza.com/>

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



<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/>



SEASON OPENER

The club had a very well attended and successful season opener on April 30th through May 2nd at Brown County State Park!

We were blessed with good weather for the weekend – sunny, breezy, and mild temperatures.

We enjoyed a Friday evening gathering and happy hour – thank you to Nancy Ellis and Dan Beck for hosting. A group gathered for a Friday evening campfire and were entertained by Darryl Baldwin playing his guitar.

We gathered on Saturday evening for a potluck dinner and a screening of the movie “The Great Outdoors”.

A big thank you goes to Susan Bishop for being our weekend host and for organizing the potluck dinner and the movie.





Editor's Note

We always like to share when we enjoy a campground or a camping destination.

As some of you may know, one of my hobbies is bourbon whiskey. Not just drinking it but learning about it and enjoying it with others. I am a Certified Bourbon Steward.

We went last weekend to Bardstown, Kentucky. For a bourbon lover it is a great destination, being in the heart of Kentucky's bourbon region and being the home of several distilleries. For non-bourbon lovers, there is also great history there, shopping, and eating out. It is an easy 3-hour drive from our place in Plainfield, Indiana.

We camped at the "Lil Patch of Heaven Campground". \$30 a night, full hook ups. It exceeded our expectations. My understanding, speaking with the managers, is that the campground had become rather run down in recent years and was largely seasonal campers. They were hired to turn the place around and they have succeeded. It is cleaned up and looking good. Most of the seasonal campers are gone (I believe there are about 4 left).

Some photos of the campground follow.

Joe Ashland



 **LITTLE PATCH
OF HEAVEN**

