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Feast of the Hunter's Moon Rally  
Carol Beardshear, Reporter

It's that time again! Time for our annual Christmas Luncheon. This year it will be at MCL on West 86th. We will have a meeting room to gather in, and we will have the good food that MCL is famous for in their cafeteria line. We will have a "meet and greet time" at **10:30 A.M. and lunch at 11:00.**

The executive board meeting will be after lunch.

Some of our members have already left for warmer weather, but this luncheon is a great time to hear about our summer and fall travels, and our plans for winter trips. Also find out about the wonderful plans our new president has for next summer's adventures. Let's hope this nice weather continues for awhile before Ol' Man Winter finds us. See you at MCL.

The Feast of the Hunter's Moon Rally was .....**wet and muddy**, but lots of fun. On Thursday thirteen trailers arrived at AOK Campground, just in time for the skies to open up, but Mother Nature didn't manage to dampen our enthusiasm for being together again. Friday afternoon found us at the Wolf Park in Lafayette, learning about the social structure of wolves and making the acquaintance of Tristan, Wolfgang, Willow, Kiri and Twister, to name a few canine friends. Even in a pouring rain, they came out to greet us. Or was it to stalk us? Our planned pitch-in and bratwurst grill was scrapped in favor of an evening meal, business meeting and election of officers at dry and warm MCL Cafeteria. A great suggestion by Tom Yater! Saturday dawned clear and cool, though a bit damp. It was good to feel the warm sun again and The Feast of the Hunters Moon did not disappoint us. It provided a wealth of entertainment, food, music and mud. Lots of Mud. The variety of costumes at the opening ceremony showcased hours, if not days or weeks of research, careful work and attention to detail. At any one time throughout the day we could hear fife and drums, dulcimers and zithers, Indian drums, or peals of laughter at the banter of the juggling Budabi Brothers. Evening found us at Oliverios Restaurant for dinner, a brief executive meeting and a few words from newly installed President Mike Zimmermann about his future goals for CIU. In short Mike would like to improve membership retention and participation of current members in CIU events, plus enlist the aid of more members in organization and planning of rallies. For pictures of "The Feast Rally" visit <http://gallery.me.com/cbshear2>. You are welcome to download any pictures from this gallery or upload your own pictures by sending them to the email at the top of the page.



OPENING CEREMONIES AT THE FEAST OF THE HUNTER'S MOON

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MIKE ZIMMERMANN

As we consider winterizing our rigs or migrating to warmer climates and recalling last year's experiences, let's look forward to what next year has in store. I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Luncheon.

On December 5 to get more input from members on rallies and caravans.

At the Feast Rally I asked members to help organize our events so CIU activities would be the product of many more minds, and you responded.

Patsy Marston and the Ansons promptly offered to organize the Youth/Buddy Rally and they already have lots of ideas. Dan Kachele, with the help of the Sherleys, is planning a caravan for us in October (check the website for details). The Beals have also created a Facebook page for CIU, so we can network when we can't be together. Thank you to all these members who offered their time and energy to make CIU even better. Let's all make a special effort to encourage members who have not attended recent events to join us in the coming year!

Membership is our lifeblood. I will be passing along ways to invite non-WBCCI and CIU Airstream owners to join in our fun and fellowship. Dan Kachele, Carolyn Beardshear, and Karen Bell have developed a CIU handout to leave with prospective members.

Call or email me if you would like some of these brochures to distribute when you meet a new Airstream owner or see an Airstream without numbers.

One recruitment idea proposed was having Airstream "Open Houses" at shopping centers around central Indiana. For a few hours several trailers would open their doors to visitors, allowing the curious public a peek inside a legendary Silver Bullet. Several members have volunteered to participate and we'll be setting up these dates and locations in the spring. Call or email me to participate.

I would invite members to send me ([zimm5292@hotmail.com](mailto:zimm5292@hotmail.com)) a brief summary of their non-CIU Airstream activities for the website, so all of us can share in your Airstream adventures, and pick up some tips on good destinations. Also, if you have an Airstream to sell or are looking for a new "ride" let me know. We are going to create a "Classified" page for our website. We have received an invitation from the Indiana Unit to attend their spring rally in Rockville, IN, May 13-16. More details to follow in a later Ticker and on the website. We are reciprocating with an invitation to our Crossroads of America Rally later in May.

As president I am looking forward to an exciting year of rallies, caravans, meeting old friends, and making new ones. I want to invite all of you to help find new ways to make our Airstream adventures available to both working and retired members, helping to expand our Central Indiana circle.

Mike Zimmermann, President



Tom and Pat Anson and Howard Branscomb at The Feast

Members attending the Lafayette Rally:

Tom and Pat Anson  
Damon & Erin Beals  
Carolyn Beardshear  
Barry & Karen Bell  
Howard Branscomb  
Ron & Darlene Gordy  
Bud & Ida Mae Hershberger  
John & Darleen Himmelheber  
Don & Barbara Horner  
Dan & Martha Kachele  
Richard & Nancy Longworth, Faith & Jared  
Patsy Marston  
Tom & Donna Yater  
Mike Zimmermann  
Bob Gregory, Reg. 5, 2nd Vice-President

**FALL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2009 CENTRAL INDIANA UNIT 041**  
**Feast of the Hunters' Moon Rally in Lafayette, IN**

At the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette, IN, the Fall General Business meeting of the Central Indiana Unit of Wally Byum Caravan Club International was called to order by President Barry Bell at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those attending were: Barry and Karen Bell, Tom and Donna Yater, John K. and Andrea Barrett, Ron and Darlene Gordy, Don & Barb Horner, Dan & Martha Kachele, John and Darleen Himmelheber, Carolyn Beardshear, Bud & Ida Mae Hershberger, Damon and Erin Beals, Hallis & Marsha Beals, Dick and Nancy Longworth, Faith Longworth, Tom and Pat Anson, Patsy Marston, Howard Branscomb, Mike Zimmermann and Region 5 Officers, Bob Gregory and Lu Shaw.

The minutes of the Spring General Business held at the Crossroads of America Rally at the Indiana State Fairgrounds was read by Recording Secretary, Karen Bell. The report was approved as read.

The treasurer's report was read by Ron Gordy. He stated his books closed on October 9, 2009. The report shows a total equity of \$4,265.99. Since there were no questions, the report was filed for audit. Ron also mentioned that your dues for 2010 are now due. If you haven't paid yet, please see Ron after the meeting. The dues need to be paid for you to be included in our Unit and International directories. Dan Kachele needs a current roster in order to work on our membership directory.

**Correspondence** – None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** –

Nominating Committee Chairman, Bud Hershberger, read the list of officers nominated for next year. They are:

President: - Mike Zimmermann

Vice President – Karen Bell

Secretary – Carolyn Beardshear

Treasurer – Ron Gordy

Past President – Barry Bell

Trustees: John Himmelheber, Damon Beals, Dan Kachele and Mike Brown

Patsy Marston made a motion to accept the nominations as read. Martha Kachele seconded the motion. Motion carried. The nominated slate of officers for next year was elected.

The lost CIU Banner has still not been located. Everyone should continue to search for it and maybe it will show up.

Dan Kachele requested people to e-mail him any changes they would like to have in the directory. He would like to have any new pictures and information about your travels or things you and your family have been doing to be included in the membership directory. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

Mike Zimmermann stated that the club has quite a lot of things that are not being used anymore. Dan Kachele said he had several things stored at his house. A motion was made, seconded and passed that members of the executive board collect all CIU property in one location and determine what needs to be saved and what can be disposed of.

Carol Beardshear mentioned that we are trying to make our website more interesting by adding additional pictures. She also thought it would be more useful and nice if we could add an additional page or a link for information on people who want to buy or sell an Airstream.

Ida Mae Hershberger mentioned that former members of CIU, John and Helen Dailey, should be kept in our thoughts and prayers as John has been having quite a few health problems.

Mike Zimmermann discussed ideas of trying to increase participation of our members. One suggestion was to assign an active member to call an inactive member and talk to them in order to try to find out why they may not be participating. They could invite them to our next activity and follow up with getting to know them better.

Barry thanked everyone for their help this past year in helping make this a successful year and asked that everyone support Mike Zimmermann as he continues leading CIU in the next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Bell, Recording Secretary



### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Our Past-President **Barry Bell** has been selected as the nominee for the position of Region 5 Second Vice-President. If elected by the units Barry will be installed during the International Rally In Gillette, Wyoming. **Barry and Karen** have served as Central Indiana President and First Lady during the past year. They are committed to the Airstream "way of life" and will make terrific Region officers as they did unit officers. Congratulations, Barry.

Pat and Tom Anson are in their winter home in Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL after a trip delayed by the remnants of a hurricane. They stayed an extra night on the road, but arrived safely in Florida.

### Sad News

I'm sorry to report that my good friend, and long time member of WBCCI, **Alice Himelick**, has died. Alice with her husband, Al, were members for many years. They attended the International Rally in Hershey, PA in 1961 and their last was Rapid City in 1996. I'm sure many of you have fond memories of them both. Cards can be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Himelick  
4691 Wexmoor Dr.  
Kokomo, IN 46902

Our visit to Wolf Park had lots of umbrellas



Saturday night the rain finally gave up and let us have a camp fire

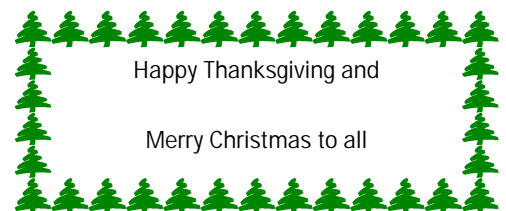


This picture is titled "Men in Fur" and they are from left to right, Bud Hershberger, Dan Kachele, Mike Zimmerman and Barry Bell



Boomer really loves camping in the Airstream

I guess this one could be titled " Dog in Fur"



Happy Thanksgiving and

Merry Christmas to all