

The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club
November 2019

What a Great Weekend!



The club held its last weekender of the year on October 18-19-20 at Versailles State Park.

It was a great weekend. The weather was perfect, we enjoyed great food, great fellowship, and a visit to the Milan 54 Museum.

Ten units participated. We were camped on the "C" loop at Versailles State Park; the campsites were shaded and very generously sized.

A club business meeting was held on Saturday evening. The minutes of that meeting are included in this edition of The Ticker.

The Milan 54 Museum celebrates the Milan High School Indians winning the 1954 Indiana High School Association State Basketball Championship. The museum holds a large collection of memorabilia related to the Indians and the 1954 championship. There is also a screening room where one can view the actual black and white TV broadcast of the championship game.

On Saturday evening, after our business meeting and a pitch in dinner, we watched the 1984 Gene Hackman movie "Hoosiers" which is loosely based on the 1954 Milan Indians.

During the business meeting, we had the passing of the president's flag and gavel from our 2018-2019 president, Charlie Mason, to our 2019-2020 president, John Deegan.

It was a great weekend! Thanks to all who participated and to all who help organize the outing.



Charlie Mason hands off the president's flag to John Deegan



Passing of the Gavel



Past President and First Lady Charlie and Donna Mason. Thanks for a great 2018-2019 year!

Scenes from the Versailles Weekender



Pitch in Dinner



Saturday Night at the Movies



Visiting with Friends



Lana and Mary Ellen and a Friend!



The Tyson Memorial United Methodist Church in Versailles, Indiana, was built in 1937. James Henry Tyson — Versailles native, devout Methodist, and co-founder of Walgreen Drug Company — commissioned the church in memory of his mother, a charter member of the town's United Methodist congregation. Tyson's travels in Europe and the Middle East influenced the structure's forward-thinking design. An Egyptian influence is evident at the church's temple-like entry, flanked by massive columns. Builders eliminated wood in the church's construction — except for furnishings — using only concrete, steel, glazed terra cotta brick, and glass tile. No nails were used in its construction.



State Champs, 1954 Milan Indians



Indians Cheerleaders and Mascot



Our Group at the Milam 54 Museum

"No discussion of Indiana basketball would be complete without mention of the "Milan Miracle of 1954." On a cold March night in Butler Fieldhouse, the Indians of tiny Milan High School (enrollment 161) defeated the mighty Muncie Central Bearcats (enrollment 1,662) to win the state championship and secure their place in Hoosier Folklore




Water Tower, Milan, Indiana



Milan 54 Museum



And of course, we had some 4-legged campers along with us for the weekend!



It's Airstream Club Renewal Time *
Your International and Unit dues are now payable

If you have already renewed,
THANK YOU!
If not...
Please do so as soon as possible.

[See page 5 for more renewal info](#)

November Club Luncheon



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The club had a great turnout for our first winter luncheon of the year at the MCL Cafeteria on West 86th Street. Remember that the next lunch is on Saturday, December 7th, also at the West 86th Street MCL Cafeteria. We start at 11:00 AM. Male Plans to join us!

**Airstream Club International
60th Annual International Rally
The Ranch Event Center
Loveland, Colorado
June 20-27,2020**



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

<https://airstreamclub.org/loveland-2020-international-rally>

IT'S AIRSTREAM CLUB RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of the year! Now is the time to renew your Airstream Club membership. Mary Ellen Deegan coordinates membership renewal for our club.

The preferred way to renew and pay is via the new Airstream Club website airstreamclub.org. If you have any questions, need assistance, or need to renew / pay using any method other than online, please contact Mary Ellen.

- * Dues for "Regular" members are \$65.00 for International plus \$15 for our local CIAC unit (total \$80).
- * If you are a Lifetime Member, **you must still renew** using this method; just choose Life Membership Renewal. Note: You only will be paying \$15 dues to CIAC.
- * If you are an Affiliate Member your CIAC dues are \$15. You can simply write a check payable to CIAC and send to me at the address below. We still need your directory information.

Please review your contact information in the CIAC club directory. If updates or corrections are required, correct it as part of your renewal.

Renew before November 1st to assure your information gets into the 2019 WBCCI and Unit Directories

Feel free to contact Mary Ellen with questions or for assistance.

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Looking to 2020 – Here is a Potential Location for a Rally

John Deegan asked us to identify a potential site for a rally for 2020 and develop a proposal for an event. We thought about places we have been that we enjoyed and have an idea. Let's go to Utopia! Continue to read below for destination information.

Utopia [yoo-**toh**-pee-uh]: (1) an imaginary island described in Sir Thomas More's *Utopia* (1516) as enjoying perfection in law, politics, etc.; (2) an ideal place or state; (3) any visionary system of political or social perfection.

There have been two experiments in creating utopia, here is Indiana. We can visit the town where these two experiments took place – New Harmony, Indiana.

The Rappite Experiment

In 1804, the Harmonists, a German Lutheran separatist group led by Johann Georg Rapp emigrated to the United States, fleeing religious persecution. The Harmonists lived communally, held all property in common, and lived under Rapp's spiritual and material leadership.

After initially setting in Pennsylvania, the Harmonists moved to the Indiana Territory in 1814 and settled on the banks of the Wabash River. They called their new settlement Harmony, which grew and thrived economically. Their ideal community worked. However, Georg Rapp decided that the community needed to move back to Pennsylvania in 1824 to be closer to commercial markets.

The Owenite Experiment

The Harmonists sold Harmony to Robert Owen, a Welsh textile manufacturer. Owen was a philanthropic social reformer and a proponent of creating utopic socialistic communities. Owen renamed Harmony as "New Harmony", and worked with a noted scientist, William MacClure, to create an ideal community. Owen and MacClure wanted to create a community based on economic and social equality. New Harmony attracted

intellectuals. Noted scientists, educators, and artists moved there. Town residents established the first free library, a civic drama club, and a public-school system open to men and women. However, Owen's New Harmony experiment failed economically after two short years. Owen left New Harmony and returned to the United Kingdom.

The Owen Family

Owen left New Harmony to his sons who remained there. Although Owen's social experiment failed, his sons were quite successful Hoosiers. Robert Dale Owen was an Indiana congressman and social reformer who sponsored legislation to create the Smithsonian Institution. David Dale Owen was a noted state and federal geologist. William Owen was a successful businessman. Richard Owen was an Indiana state geologist, an Indiana University professor, and the first president of Purdue University.

Kenneth Dale Owen and Jane Blaffer Owen

By the mid 1940's New Harmony was a small, sleepy Indiana town with a largely forgotten history. Owen's great-great grandson, Kenneth Dale Owen, was a successful petroleum geologist and businessman living in Texas but still owning a home in New Harmony. In 1941, Kenneth Owen married Jane Blaffer, the heiress to the Humble Oil Company (now Exxon) fortune. Jane fell in love with Kenneth's birthplace, New Harmony, and adopted the town as her home. Jane used her artistic skill, intelligence, and generosity to preserve and promote the town's historical and educational attributes. She created a foundation to support New Harmony long term as a special and unique place.

Jane survived Kenneth and split her time between her homes in Texas and in New Harmony. She was a presence in New Harmony, driving about the town in a golf cart, with bunches of flowers and wearing a large hat.

Visiting New Harmony

Location: Posey County, Indiana, on the banks of the Wabash River. 181 miles SW of Indianapolis via Interstates 69 and 64.

Time zone: Central – one hour behind Indianapolis time.

Camping: Harmonie State Park, three miles south of town. 192 electric sites.

Other Lodging: New Harmony Inn, Cooks on Brewery Bed and Breakfast, Ludwig Eppe Guest House, The Old Rooming House.

Food: Many restaurants around town. No chain restaurants or fast food! Independent coffeehouse and no Starbucks! The Red Geranium Restaurant at the New Harmony Inn is a very nice place for a special occasion meal.

Shopping: Antiques, Art, Soap, Dulcimers, Gifts, Books, Food. Plenty of shops to browse and buy.

Activities: Visit the Moon River Spa. There is a canoe and kayak launch on the Wabash River. Visit art galleries. Take in a free concert.

Special Events: The New Harmony School of Music and Festival is held in July, the first week after the Independence Day holiday. It's a celebration of acoustic music - no electric instruments. German "Kunsfest" in September. Christmas in New Harmony. Biannual dulcimer festival.

Visit architect Richard Meier's Athenaeum, the New Harmony Visitor Center. View an orientation film and see exhibits and the gift show there. There are guided walking tours which leave from the Athenaeum. On the tours you will see and visit buildings from both the Rappite and Owenite time periods. There are some outstanding restorations of historic buildings.

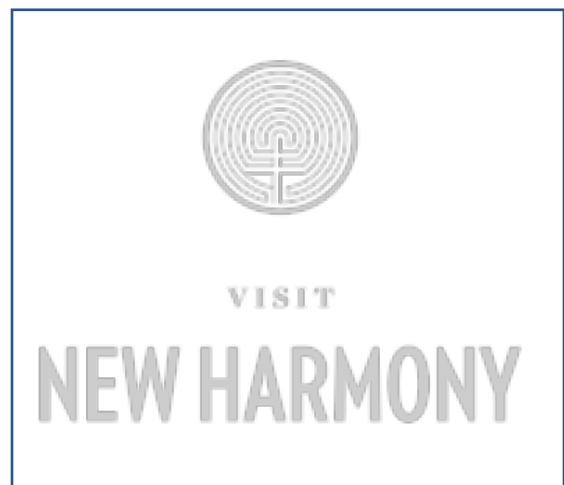
Visit the Roofless Church, designed by noted architect Phillip Johnson. Jane Blaffer studied religion under 20th century theologian Paul Tillich and did not want a roof on the church, as "all religions hold the heavens in common." The Roofless Church won the American Institute of Architects Gold Medal in 1960. There are multiple spots in the roofless church for quiet contemplation. Also visit the Cathedral Labyrinth, built for meditation and prayer, or walk quietly through Paul Tillich Park.

We visited New Harmony in 2012. We were not Airstream owners then and opted to stay at the Cooks on Brewery Bed and Breakfast. We also enjoyed a cozy dinner at the Red Geranium Restaurant, our visit to New Harmony coincided with the New Harmony School of Music and Festival. We thus were able to attend an art show opening event and attend the Friday evening gala concert at the historic Thrall Opera House. The Festival also features a Saturday morning, outdoor grand piano concert at the Roofless Church.

For more New Harmony information:

<https://visitnewharmony.com/>

<http://www.newharmonyinfo.com/events.html>



Editors Comments

*Joe and Julie Ashland
WBCCI #7522*

This is our third effort at publishing our club newsletter, The Ticker. We hope that you found our October edition both enjoyable and informative.

We enjoyed the October weekender at Versailles State Park. It was fun to visit with our Airstream family. Thanks goes to Charlie for organizing the visit to the Milan 54 Museum.

We were unable to attend the November luncheon but hear that it was very well attended.

As we said in the September edition, we welcome any submissions of information for inclusion in The Ticker. The email address to use is: jjashland522@gmail.com. Our telephone numbers are 317-430-1395 (Joe) and 317-430-8401 (Julie).

For anyone travelling this month, especially folks heading south for the winter, enjoy your travels wherever they take you and keep safe!

Joe and Julie

electric bikes and would love to go on bike rides with the group.

We are still collecting things to publish in future Ticker editions. How was your Airstream named? Is there something you travel with that is unique, or, something you just could not live without in your Airstream? What are some things you'd like to do out on weekenders or at rallies?

What's in a Name?

We've asked members to share how their Airstream was named.

Last month we shared that our trailer, 7522, got its name "Archie" from my maternal grandfather, Archie Joseph McElroy.

We've had two more couples share their naming story.

Ken and Sandy Langell

"Our trailer is The Peapod. The story we tell most people- it's because we are like two peas in a pod. The real story - it's because for many years we tent camped at historic reenactments, and there was always a long walk to the restrooms or portajohns, and we wanted a camper with a bathroom. Hence - the peepod."

Don and Lana Russell

"Our trailer number is 12356 - my birthdate 1/23/56. We named our Airstream, Ruby, because we bought it for our 40th wedding anniversary gift to each other. Ruby is the designated 40th anniversary gift. We were married in 1978 and our Airstream is a 2018." Don and Lana also shared that they like to play cards, mostly pinochle, but do enjoy learning and playing new games. They have

Minutes of Business meeting: October 19, 2019 held at Versailles State Park, Indiana.

Charles Mason, CIAC President, called meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

With 8 members present, a quorum is established.

Don Russel moved that the minutes of the business meeting in Brown County be accepted as typed. Dave Ansel seconded. Unanimous vote to accept.

Treasurer report was read and accepted. \$5,706.31 total as of September 30, 2019.

Membership report: 21 renewals as of Oct.15,2019.

Vote held for 2nd Vice President, Region 5. Unanimous yes to elect Artie Martin. Charles Mason to fill in ballot and mail to Region 5 Secretary. Artie also ok'd to be Blue Beret Contributing Editor.

Election results for CIAC officers for 2019/2020: John Deegan; President, Dan Beck: 1st Vice President,

Joe Ashland: 2nd Vice President, Mary Ellen Deegan; Treasurer, Charles Mason: Secretary, Mary Jo Brown; Trustee, Mike Brown; Trustee. Each officer was elected by unanimous vote.

Old Business/Announcements: Lana Russel embroidered the Pendleton Blanket and it was presented to Karen and Barry Bell during the Region 5 luncheon at 2019 International Rally in Doswell, Virginia.

Joe and Julie Ashland are starting to plan a rally for 2020.

Past President Mason adjourned the meeting at 4:26 PM.

President John Deegan presiding:

Meeting called to order at 4:29PM

New business; Weekenders described and general discussion.

Brief history of the CIAC, Patsy Marston has historical materials

Renewals; 21 renewals to date, John will send letters to those members who haven't renewed.

Discussion of memorial contributions for deceased members; suggestion was made to donate to a charity when the family of the deceased hasn't specified one. Cancer fund "Little Red Door", Habitat for Humanity offered as possibilities. Re Donna Carmichael, motion to donate to Little Red Door made by Mary Ellen Deegan, seconded by Tom Fry. After discussion, motion modified to allow President or another officer to decide which charity and the amount of donation. Passed unanimously.

Pres. Deegan reviewed the club schedule for Nov. 2019 through Oct. 2020. Luncheons to continue the first Sat. of each month at the MCL cafeteria on West 86th street. John may try to

have a “guest” speaker to talk about various topics relating to Airstreams. Discussion of 1st camping of 2020 may be in Logan, Ohio. Trailers line the downtown streets. President Deegan to contact organizer/s to see if registration is still available. Discussion of holding the spring business meeting at the April 2020 luncheon. Additional camping locations offered. New Harmony, Indiana and Shipshewana were suggested. Someone from an Ohio Airstream club contacted John about possibly having a joint rally. We might contact Ann Newman to see if she has caravan notes she would allow us to use to help plan locations. Ashland’s know of a campground near Rochester, Indiana. Member Rick Vanderwielen has offered boondock camping at his property for a weekender in 2020.

During the Region 5 rally in Columbus, In., CIAC may need to provide a breakfast one morning. Sugar Creek Rally was highly recommended by those who attended this year. Discussed having the October business meeting at Brown County (Oct 16-18).

Discussed community project/s for CIAC. Thank you letters for “Honor Flights” veterans, Habitat for Humanity workday, Little Red Door activity.

Discussed the January RV Show in Indpls, we could have “Tickers” available for the public.

President Deegan asked for members to volunteer to be ‘Weekender Host/s’. Help plan activities, etc.

Discussion about reaching out to members who don’t tow or travel.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36PM

Central Indiana Airstream Club
Upcoming Events

1. April 30-May 3, 2020. Urban Air/Wake Up Downtown, Logan Ohio.

Book NOW at <https://wakeupdowntown.com/>.

Book Downtown Street Camping Site - \$90.00 plus \$7.11 fee PLUS Fairground Camping site with water and electric for April 29 - \$30.00 plus \$3.46 fee.

Event Tee Shirts are available through the booking site.

Additional nights camping are available at the Fairground – see web site for details.

2. May 26-31, 2020. Alumapalooza 11. Jackson Center, Ohio. Book at

<http://alumapalooza.com/>.

Fees: Campsite - \$325 for 5 nights (increases to \$375 on January 1, 2020). Includes 1 pump-out. Adults: \$95 each. Youth under 15 – free with paid adult and campsite.

Camping choices: Factory or Holloway (3/4 mile down the road – shuttle bus). Water with 3 amp electric or water/generator site.

3. International Rally. Loveland Colorado. June 20-27, 2020. Registration:

<https://airstreamclub.org/loveland-2020-international-rally> .

4. Region 5 Rally – Columbus, IN, September 16-20, 2020.

5. Branson Musicland Revisited National Event Rally – Branson, MO, September 22-29, 2020. *(New event, no additional information available. Found on IBT minutes.)*

6. Swiss Festival Airstream National Rally – No details yet. Possible date September 26-October 4, 2020.

7. Winter Luncheons (at MCL Cafeteria – 86th Street, Indpls)

November 2, 2019

February 1, 2020

December 7, 2019

March 7, 2020

January 4, 2020

April 4, 2020

8. Snowbird Luncheon in Florida – February, March?

9. **Club Weekenders** – All weekenders are in very early stages of planning and subject to change. More details to follow. Possible joint event with the MVU.

New Harmony – July (The Ashlands)

Shipshewana – August (The Ashlands)

Brown County – October (Chris Dillow)

10. **Club Cookout/Overnight in Noblesville – July 25-26** - At the home of club members Rick and Nancy Vanderwielen.

John Deegan's List of RV ESSENTIALS

1. An outlet/receptacle tester to check AC service
BEFORE PLUGGING YOUR RV INTO THE PEDASTAL.
May require adapters (see #16, below).



Preferred Alternative: An Electrical Management System (EMS), such as Progressive Industries (external) EMS-PT30x or EMS-PT50x or (internal) EMS-HW30c or EMS-HW50c. (An EMS tests and monitors the conditions of power coming from the pedestal.)

2. A Tire Pressure Monitor System (TPMS) to monitor tire pressures and temperatures on your RV tires (including the spare). Examples: TST (Truck Systems Technologies), TireMinder.
3. Tire changing kit. With long breaker bar, torque wrench (150-ft pounds), appropriate sockets for tire lugs, tire pressure gauge, reflective safety jacket. (A kit is available through airstreamlife.com)



4. Wheel lift for tandem axle tire changing or appropriate bottle jack for single axle tire changing. Example: Trailer-Aid Plus.



5. First Aid kit with a tick removal tool, Benadryl for bee or wasp stings.

6. Water pressure regulator. 50-55 psi maximum. Attach to water faucet before hoses, filters.

7. Two or more "white" drinking water hoses. 5/8 inch diameter, 25 feet long.

8. One or more hose "Y" adapters.

9. Two (minimum) 10-ft sewer hoses.

10. Clear sewer hose elbow fitting with 4-in-1 adapter and a 4" x 3" Sewer "Donut."

11. Clear 45° sewer hose adapter.

12. A "clean-out" water hose for flushing out Black or Grey water holding tanks. Example: CAMCO orange RhinoFlex 5/8 inch 25 foot hose. DO NOT use your drinking water hoses for this task.



13. A shovel.

14. A set of DOT-approved highway warning triangles.



15. Tire chocks (minimum four). Example: Buyers Products WC1467A Rubber Wheel Chock.



16. Fifty (50) feet of power cord, 30 amp or 50 amp as appropriate. Recommendation: One standard power cord and one matching extension cord.

17. "Dogbone" adapters for 30 amp service: 15 amp male to 30 amp female. 50 amp male to 30 amp female. "Dogbone" adapters for 50 amp service: 30 amp male to 50 amp female. Also, 15 amp male to TT-30R RV plug adapter (see picture).



18. A simple multimeter to test and monitor AC and DC voltage and current. Example: Uni-T B4Q094 True RMS AC/DC Current Mini Clamp Tester.



19. Extra fuses for 12-volt system. Including fuse for electric lift jack.

20. An AC power line voltage monitor. Example: Prime Products 12-4058C Power Line Monitor.



21. A flashlight (LED preferred) with extra batteries.

22. Hand tools, including socket wrench set.

23. Hitch ball lube. Example: Reese 58117.



24. (Minimum length) 24-inch level.

25. Plastic leveling blocks (minimum 20) for stabilizers, tires, front jack. Example: Lynx Levelers.



26. Extra camper keys, stored outside the camper.

27. Tow vehicle and RV emergency road service. Example: Coach-Net, AAA, Good Sam.

28. Emergency travel evacuation/medevac membership. Example: SkyMed.

29. Rain gear!



30. Plastic yard flamingos.

WINTER LUNCHEON PRESENTATIONS
(Goal – 15 to 20 minute presentations)

Name:

1. I have an idea for a short presentation:

2. I'd like to hear about:

3. We should invite to our luncheons:

Ideas: Technical talks – Maintenance tips – Show and tell. The club has a computer projector and screen.