

# The Ticker

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Airstream Club  
November 2020

we did camp twice as a club and got together once

## From Our President – November 2020

Greetings CIACers,

We are definitely into Fall weather now, with lots of rain and wind, daily temperature changes and lots of leaves. Winter will be with us very soon, so it is now time to start thinking about winterizing our Airstreams. For our members who will be heading South (or Southwest) for the winter, please travel and stay safe and we will see you in the Spring!

The CIAC also wishes our best to Club members the Russels and Frys as they begin their new lives “out West.” You will be missed but not forgotten.

Our Club’s Annual Meeting was held last weekend at Versailles State Park. In the Annual Meeting, we reviewed our year just ending, accepted four changes to our Constitution and Bylaws and elected new Officers. For the upcoming year, the Club’s officers are:

President – John Deegan

First Vice President – Susan Bishop

Secretary – Charlie Mason

Treasurer – Mary Ellen Deegan

Past President – Charlie Mason

Trustees: Mike and Mary Jo Brown, Darryl and Denise Baldwin, Damon Beals, Chris Dillow and Joe Ashland.

It has been my pleasure serving the CIAC as your President during a very stressful year. While we did not do all that we planned to do,

in a “Virtual Campfire.” That is not all bad, but let’s hope 2021 is a better year and we’ll be able to do more of what we do best – camp and travel in our Airstreams and enjoy the company of great friends.

Best regards and Keep the Shiny Side Up

John Deegan, CIAC President



## Meet Our New First Vice President

Hi!

I am Susan Bishop and I am a lifelong camper. We have lived in Columbus, Indiana for almost 25 years though I am originally from Ohio. My husband, Howard is from Pennsylvania. We are both Miami U. graduates and although we lived in the same dorm for a few months we did not meet at Miami.

I started camping with my parents as an infant in a hand-built truck camper, taking it all over Ohio and the East Coast. Just after fourth grade they purchased a small Class C for the best

ever month-long trip to California and back. Those are great memories!

Howard and I have two children. Emily is 22 and lives in Huntsville, Alabama and will start grad school in Computer Science in January at UAH (University of Alabama in Huntsville). Davis is 18, working on his first full semester at Ivy Tech here in Columbus, tentatively studying IT.

Howard, the kids and I have tent camped, used a pop-up and a hybrid. We are on our third Airstream and anticipate that this one will “stick”. We have had the kids to New Mexico, Maine, Michigan and Canada, Florida, Maryland and Delaware, and a number of battlegrounds.

I love to knit and although I knit the usual sweaters and such, I always have a pair of socks on the needles. I am just beginning fiddle lessons via zoom and though I am disciplining myself to practice every day, I am will not be taking the fiddle camping with me just yet. I am a beginner and would not want to get murdered by those camping around us. :-)

My most recent real money-making gigs were as a technical writer/editor, hence my difficulty in writing this bio with a flourish rather than like a Standard Operating Procedure. Sorry about that. I have also done a variety of jobs on a club Steering Committee, up to and including Coordinator as head of the committee. Add to that I homeschooled Davis all four years for high school. Howard is an Electronics Architect at Cummins and will happily talk about electronics, Ham radio, history, bicycling and his family’s stint as Peace Corps volunteers in Ecuador when he was a kid.

I am looking forward to fun camping events and the opportunity get to know all of you.



*Susan Bishop*



*Howard Bishop*



It is hard to believe that Fall is upon us and Winter will soon be here. The Fall also is the start of our monthly luncheon.

Like many things this year, our fall luncheons are being affected by COVID. As has been communicated, we are not holding luncheons in November and December.

For 2021, we will re-evaluate the COVID situation late in December and decide about January 2021 and beyond.

Looking ahead with some optimism, we will meet at the MCL Restaurant and Bakery (AKA MCL Cafeteria), 2370 W 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260, from 11 AM until 1:30 PM, Eastern Time:

- January 9, 2021 (note: second Saturday of the month)
- February 6
- March 6
- April 3

We expect to be meeting in the North Banquet room. Restaurant management has advised their tables - including the banquet rooms - are set up for Social Distancing, but please bring your mask.

For those members who haven't joined us in the past, we meet for lunch once a month at the 86th Street MCL, typically on the first Saturday of each month (except in January, 2021), at 11 AM Eastern Time during the Fall and Winter months. The lunch is no-host meaning everyone should be prepared to pay for their own meals.

After everyone arrives, we go through the serving line then into the banquet room. We typically have an assigned server who helps with whatever we need, including drink refills, etc., so we do try to thank/tip our server before we leave after our meal.

We do hope you will be able to join us this winter for our monthly luncheons. We try to have some fun, share some information, and learn about our member's travels.

## It's Airstream Club Renewal Time \*

The renewal deadline for assuring your information will be in the 2021 International and local club directories is December 31<sup>st</sup> (later than previous years). The preferred way to renew and pay is via the Airstream Club website [airstreamclub.org/renew](http://airstreamclub.org/renew).

- \* International dues for "Regular" members have increased to \$75.00 for 2021 (previously \$65.00).
- \* Our CIAC executive board has agreed to **eliminate the local club dues for the 2021 membership year for those who renew before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. You must still go through the normal renewal process, pay your International dues, and select your

local club (041-Central Indiana Airstream Club). The Club dues should be 0 (zero).

- \* If you are a Lifetime Member, **you must still renew** using this method; just choose Life Membership Renewal.
- \* Dues are also waived for renewing and new Affiliate members, but to remain in our membership records, notify our Treasurer (see below) of your intent.

**Please review your contact information in the CIAC club directory. If updates / corrections are required, correct it as part of your renewal or email changes** (see below). If you have any questions, need assistance, or need to renew / pay using any method other than online, please contact me.

*Feel free to contact me with questions for renewal assistance*

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### Reminders!

*Renew before December 31, 2020 to assure your information gets into the 2021 WBCCI and Unit Directories.*

*Renewals starting January 1, 2021 will include the \$15.00 Central Indiana Airstream Club dues.*

Think Spring.



Our first weekender for 2021 will be at Brown  
County State Park

Buffalo Ridge Campground

Target Sites: 25-32, 36-42, 43-52

Friday, April 30 - Sunday, May 2

Reservations Open at 12 noon. Monday,  
November 30

<https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>



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

## Registration Info:

<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally/lebanon-2021-registration>

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you cannot make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July

14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

Keep the Shiny Side Up.



A Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Enjoy the day, and remember,

CIAC 2021 Events Calendar - Preliminary For Planning					
Month	Date	Event	Location	Reservation Opening Date	Sites
January	9	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
February	6	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
February TBA		Florida Snowbirds Luncheon	Location TBA		
March	6	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
April	3	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
April 30 - May 2		Season Opener	Brown County State Park	November 30, 2020	
June 11-13		Weekender by the Ohio River	Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, IN	January 11, 2021	
July 17-24		International Rally	Wilson County Expo Center, Lebanon, TN	Now	
July 30 - August 1		Dog Days of Summer Weekender	Ouabache State Park	February 28, 2021	
August TBA		Club Picnic	A Saturday Afternoon Event (Location TBA)		
September 3-12		Alumapalooza 11	Jackson Center, Ohio	Now	
September 15-19		Region 5 Rally	Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, Warsaw, Indiana		
Sept 25- Oct 3		Swiss Festival National Airstream Rally	Sugarcreek, Ohio		
October 22-24		Celebrate Fall Season Close Weekender & Annual Business Meeting	Location TBA	April 22, 2021	
November	6	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
December	4	Luncheon	MCL, West 86th St, Indpls		
International Rally Registration Information: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon">https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon</a>				10/12/2020	All dates not confirmed