



# The Ticker Central Indiana Unit - WBCCI

October, 2014

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## Greetings from Hetty Gray...

I'm your new Ticker Editor and thanks go to Sandra Langell for guidance. My husband and I still work half time, so time in our Airstream is precious. We truly enjoy meeting other "Airstreamers" as we travel.

Like the Christmas ornament above, our unit is ready to "hook" up and pull out of the driveway to explore the highways and byways that beckon us. My parents had a 30-foot International in the 1970s, so I was familiar with Airstream quality. A furniture designer, Papa used it for his business. He built a huge drafting board into the living room ceiling that pulled down to allow him to work when he arrived at a job site. That was long before computers. CB radio was very popular and he told me he would hear the call "Hello, Airstream" as another unit approached.

We often invite people inside our Airstream at RV parks. Instantly recognized, an Airstream sports the timeless shape and sleek aluminum that inspires interest among campers driving or towing other brands. We're ambassadors on the road!

Sandy suggests that I give my background and how I created "Memorable Journey," but I will include that information in the next issue. Watch for it!

# President's Message

Greetings to all CIU members. Another fun-filled year has come and gone. We owe a lot of thanks to the people that made it possible, especially Dan Kachele and the other officers and committee chairs. Thank you to all our members as well, because it is people like you that make our club special.

We have a lot of rallies and weekenders scheduled for the upcoming year, so please look at the calendar and plan to participate. We are also going to restart the monthly Winter Luncheons at the MCL in Castleton, with the first one November 1 at 11 a.m. If you have never been to one of these, there is no business meeting. We just get together for a good lunch and good fellowship. It's a way to keep in touch through the winter when we are snowbound and so many of our members are travelling.

Please note that the Christmas Party will be at the MCL on West 86th Street on December 6, not at MCL Castleton.

We have a lot of new members this year, CIU is growing, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Keep on camping! Ken Langell

# Board Meeting

October 22, 2014

October 11, 2014

WBCCI Central Indiana Unit Business Meeting

6:40 pm, New Castle, Indiana

Meeting was called to order by Dan Kachele

In attendance:

Barry Bell

Darlene Gordy

Ron Gordy

Ken Langell

Karen Bell

Lana Russel

Patsy Marston

Sandy Langell

Ann Newman

Daryl Baldwin

Denise Baldwin

Dee Harding

Don Russel

Dan Kachele opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He recognized the outgoing officers, and presented Darlene Gordy with a Ribbon of Excellence, and CIU with a certificate of recognition from National Headquarters, for our 50th anniversary. Dan then turned the meeting over to Barry Bell, Past President of Region 5. Barry conducted the installation of officers, swearing in each new officer and presenting them with new name tags and flags for both the President and the Vice-President.

Officers installed:

Ken Langell, President

Lana Russel, Vice-President

Ron Gordy, Treasurer

Karen Bell, Corresponding Secretary

Sandy Langell, Recording Secretary

Darlene Gordy, Trustee

Patsy Marston, Trustee

Don Russel, Trustee

Barry presented Dan Kachele with his Past-President badge and star, and Ken Langell gave Dan a "Thank You" card and a gift card on behalf of the members.

Dan Kachele passed the baton to Ken.

Ken adjourned the business meeting.

# Business Meeting

October 11, 2014

WBCCI Central Indiana Unit 7:00 pm, New Castle, Indiana  
Meeting was called to order by Ken Langell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. (Members present)

Ken Langell

Sandy Langell

Lana Russel

Dan Kachele

Don Russel

Patsy Marston

Karen Bell

We have a quorum.

## **Old business:**

Ken Langell reviewed the minutes of the previous board meeting.

## **New business:**

Ken Langell distributed copies of the proposed 2014-2015 calendar and reviewed items on the calendar. There was discussion about the planned events. There were some changes agreed upon. Patsy Marston moved that we accept the calendar with the changes discussed. Dan Kachele seconded it. Motion passed.

**Community Service Project** - the club has not had a year-long community service project for some time. It was agreed that we would take on a project for the Hawthorne Community Center, project to be determined. There were several good comments made about the direction this should take. Don Russel made a motion that we take on the Hawthorne community service project, with a kickoff event at the Christmas party. Karen Bell seconded it. Motion passed.

Don Russel moved that we adjourn.

Seconded by Patsy Marston.

Meeting adjourned by Ken Langell at 7:40 pm

Picture: Phil & Mardelle St. John



## Spectacular Swiss Festival Rally

There are many reasons this rally continues to be successful after 52 years. Some people come great distances to attend every year so in many ways it is like a family reunion. The location is a choice place to be at this time of the year. Early fall in the beautiful hills of this part of Ohio is spectacular, but you are in the heart of Amish country. The parking lot at the grocery will have a row for horses and buggies, many of the restaurants serve wonderful food prepared by Amish cooks, and the entire area seems so economically vibrant because of hundreds of successful small and not-so-small enterprises.

Last year was our first time to attend the rally and we joined Land-O-Lakes Chapter as affiliate members. This year, we went a week early to help set up for the rally. There is a fair amount of work but plenty of time to enjoy living in the area. The city of Sugarcreek owns a beautiful golf course next to the park where we stayed and we played several times. We took our Suzuki motor scooter to participate in the first planned ride that was a part of the rally, but enjoyed cruising the hills and "back country" on our own. The 120-mile planned ride was one of the best we have ever done, with stops at Troyer's Bakery and Miller's Dutch Kitchen for a late lunch.

The tours offered by this rally really deserve top billing and are included in your rally fee. There were 6 tours set up, each taking most of a day, and offered for 3 days. That means you have to attend more than one year to complete the tours and they add new places to tour every year so people who come every year will have new exciting experiences. The other main reason for the rally is the Annual Swiss Festival that is on Friday and Saturday in Sugarcreek. This is really something to see, complete with a big parade and plenty of entertainment. And speaking of entertainment, this rally offers nightly programs that are some of the best.

We know most of our members have attended this event so we are "preaching to the choir", but this is another good reason to be a part of W.B.C.C.I. and to make frequent visits to this great rally.

Phil & Mardelle St. John - #6060

# Member Photos



**Hoosier Gym - Knightstown**



**Shades of Gene Hackman and "Hoosiers!"**

**What better way to celebrate Hoosier Hysteria than a visit to the historic gymnasium at Knightstown where the production company actually shot scenes in the film.**

# Wilbur Wright Home and Museum – Hagerstown, Indiana





James Whitcomb Riley Home  
&  
Museum - Greenfield



**James Whitcomb Riley, widely known as "The Hoosier Poet" has thrilled generations with his works.**

**Little Orphan Annie is based on a teenager who moved in to help his parents.**

**The home tour features the law office he shared with a partner and recounts his life and accomplishments as a treasured Indiana writer.**

Knightstown, Hagerstown and Greenfield photos are courtesy of Dan Kachele. Our thanks to him!

## CIU Directory News from Ann Newman

The new directory comes out in December. Both electronic and print copies are available. If you want ONLY an electronic copy and DO NOT WANT a printed copy, contact Ann. Her address is [anewman2@indy.rr.com](mailto:anewman2@indy.rr.com). This helps her to know how many copies to print. Thanks!

## Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership, please go online to <http://centralind.wbccci.net> and follow instructions. The instructions take you to PayPal, but you do not need a PayPal account. You may use your credit card. It is very simple.

## Nov. & Dec. Luncheons

November 1<sup>st</sup> – 11AM, MCL Castleton, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, the same location last year. Come and help us kick off the winter season!

The December Luncheon is our Christmas Party. December 6<sup>th</sup>, MCL 86<sup>th</sup> Street, 2370 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Please note that this is a new location and not the one we are accustomed to using.

## Weekenders

### WHAT IS A “WEEKENDER?”

We all know what Rallies are - 4 -14 days of camping with a bunch of your buds - going on tours, sharing campfires and meals, learning from each other about our Airstreams, hikes in the woods and lots and lots of fun. They can also be a good bit of work for the hosts, and sometimes require at least a couple of vacation days from school or work for the campers.

A Weekender, on the other hand, is short - Friday and Saturday nights - centrally located - and nearly completely unplanned (means *flexible*). We try to locate them in areas where there are lots of things to do, and make them easy and fun for everyone to attend.

Our Weekenders last year were so popular that some folks didn't want them to end - and if you're one of those, the first Weekender for 2015 will be May 1, 2 & 3, at Brown County State Park. This is URGENT because reservations must be made soon. Each member should call to reserve a campsite. Reservations may be made starting six months in advance - THAT IS NOVEMBER 1. We have had great success with getting sites for everyone in one area, but you must call as soon as possible (on or after November 1). If you must cancel later, there is a \$10 fee for a cancellation made 8 or more days in advance. Because we always try to fill a cancelled spot with another club member, your risk of a fee may be low or nil. Let's try to fill up sites 32-42 first, and then sites 43-52 in the Buffalo Ridge Loop. There will be a small kitty fee of no more than \$5.00 to cover the cost of the shelter we have reserved in case of rain.

You may make reservations online at [indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com](http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com) or by calling 1-866-622-6746. Please notify Ken Langell [kslangell@me.com](mailto:kslangell@me.com) when you have reserved a site.

# CIU Calendar

## 2014 - 2015

### **WINTER LUNCHEON - NOV 1**

MCL Castleton, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, 11 AM. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC 6**

86th Street MCL, 2370 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, 11 AM. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799. Please note that this is a different location than usual.

### **WINTER LUNCHEON - JAN 3**

MCL Castleton, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, 11 AM. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **WINTER LUNCHEON - FEB 7**

MCL Castleton, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, 11 AM. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **WINTER LUNCHEON - MAR 7**

MCL Castleton, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, 11 AM. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **SPRING LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING - APR 4**

MCL Castleton, 5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, 11 AM. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **MAY WEEKENDER - MAY 1-3**

Brown County State Park: Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **CARAVAN TO ALUMAPALOOZA - MAY 25-31**

Camp May 25 at White River Campground and depart for Alumapalooza, Jackson Center, Ohio. Contact Lana Russel (317) 410-4750.

### **JUNE WEEKENDER - JUNE 12-14**

Oubache State Park: Contact Ann Newman (317) 769-0099.

### **INTERNATIONAL RALLY - JUNE 26-JULY 4**

Farmington, New Mexico: Contact Dan Kachele (317) 372-2907.

### **JULY WEEKENDER - JULY 17-19**

Location (TBA): Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **FAMILY STATE FAIR RALLY - AUG 6-9**

Joint the Indiana Unit, camp at White River Campground near Noblesville and take the Fair Train into Indianapolis for a day at the Indiana State Fair. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **REGION 5 RALLY - SEPT 9-13**

Goshen, Indiana: Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **CARAVAN TO SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY - SEPT 20-28**

Sugarcreek, Ohio: Contact Lana Russel (317) 410-4750 (We are still confirming these dates.)

### **RALLY AT MISSISSINEWA - OCT 8-11**

Mississinewa State Recreation Area: Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **FALL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held during the Rally at Mississinewa. Details are to be announced. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

