

The Ticker

*Newsletter of the Central Indiana
Airstream Club*

October 2021

President's Message

October 5, 2021

Greetings CIACers.

It has been my pleasure to be your Club President for the last two years. While the CIAC did not accomplish everything we planned back in 2019, we did have some great outings and one great Rally during the COVID Pandemic.

We are a Camping Club, and camping is what we did – COVID or no COVID! We camped, we stayed safe, and we visited several of Indiana's best state parks.

Twenty-one of our club members went to the International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee, and sixteen of our members participated in the Region Five Rally in Warsaw, IN.

Our club members participated in Alumapalooza and the Swiss Festival National Rally and several of our members participated in activities hosted by other clubs.

In closing, if you have not joined your Club on a weekender or a Rally, I do hope you consider doing this

in 2022. Our activities are fun and the friendships you can make are long-lasting. One of the benefits of belonging to the WBCCI is being a part of the Airstream community and experiencing the Airstream lifestyle of travel, exploration, and independence. I do hope you will join us in 2022.

Best regards to all and keep the shiny side up!

John Deegan, BRN 538, CIAC
President



Club Luncheon

MCL Cafeteria

2370 West 86th Street

Indianapolis, IN

317-334-1875

Saturday, November 6, 2021

11:00 AM



The club does monthly luncheons during the non-camping season. We have traditionally held these at the MCL Cafeteria on West 86th Street in Indianapolis. For those who like landmarks, MCL Cafeteria is a couple of blocks west of Saint Vincent Hospital.

We start at 11:00 AM when MCL opens.

Here is our routine.

We gather and either find tables or go to one of the event rooms. Sometimes we have a room reserved and sometimes we do not. In November we will be eating in the main dining room. We then go as a group and go through the cafeteria line. Everyone pays for their own meals. We enjoy lunch and visiting with one another.

There may be announcements, discussion about club business or events, or even a speaker.

MCL staff are around to help clear dishes and refresh beverages.

MCL has always seemed to work. The food is good and reasonably priced. Everyone can get what want, spend what they want, and we do not have to deal with having a server do individual checks for us.

We will publish dates for 2022 luncheons in January, February, March, and April.

NOTE: If COVID does not settle down, the CIAC leadership team reserves the right to cancel any luncheon. We care for all of you and prefer to keep you safe! We will keep you updated using the club email and Facebook group.

Come and join us the group for some good fellowship and tasty food. John Deegan's recollection is that this will be our first luncheon since February or March of 2020.

Club Weekender

Versailles State Park

Versailles, Indiana

October 22-24

Our annual business meeting will be held at this event





Region 5 Rally

"Airstreams and Flamingos on the Lakes"

Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
Warsaw, IN

On September 15-19, over 60 Airstreams joined in the fun at the Region 5 Rally in Warsaw, Indiana.

*Holiday Luncheon
Abe Martin Lodge
Brown County State Park
Nashville, Indiana
Saturday Dec 4th. 1:00 PM*

This will be a shared luncheon with the Indiana Airstream Club.

We will eat in The Little Gem Restaurant at the lodge.

Everyone will be ordering off the dining room menu and paying for their own meal.

We are asking each couple to bring a \$7.00-\$10.00 wrapped gift to exchange. We would like these to be useable gifts, please, no gag gifts.

We will also be collecting nonperishable food items and/or monetary donations for a donation to a food pantry in Brown County.

More info or want to RSVP now? Contact Mark Kruer at 502-644-6824 or email him at markrkruer@gmail.com. Our RSVP deadline will be December 1st.



Central Indiana Club Flags



RV Hall of Fame



Chris Seplak, R5 President



Sunset at the Campground





Dinner on the SS Lillypad



Entertainment by Artie Martin



Lake Wawasee Sunset



Winery Visit



Airstream Swiss Festival National Rally

The Oldest Continually Running Airstream Rally



Rally Site

70 Airstreams participated in the 58th edition of the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugar Creek, Ohio. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful program and a week of outstanding weather (this rally has an "informal history" of cool and wet weather).

Kudos go out to the rally chairpersons, Larry and Karin Kurkowski. This couple has been tirelessly running this event for a number of years. Larry and Karin will now be retiring from their leadership roles for this event. Thank you, Larry and Karin.



Central Indiana Airstream Club members Damon, Erin, and Pippa Beals enjoy an Amish buggy ride

Damon was kind enough to share some of his and Erin's thoughts about the rally with us.

The 58th Swiss Festival National Rally "In the Heart of Amish Country"

Erin and I attended our first Swiss Festival, we have been to the Ohio Amish country several times before, but this was our first Rally. We really enjoy the Sugar Creek, Ohio area, the rolling green hills with Amish farms are a photographer's dream. The

weather was terrific with highs in the 70's and some chilly nights in the 40's. We enjoyed taking some of the tours offered. We visited an Amish one room school and talked with the teachers and students. We toured the NuCamp factory, they make teardrop campers, interesting differences between how Airstream and NuCamp are made. We enjoyed too many Amish baked goods. The sales supported the local Amish school. One of the highlight events is four huge kettles of ham and beans cooked over open fire, everyone took home leftovers. Every evening there was entertainment, from an Amish choir to singers and a polka band.

Plans are already in the works for the 59th Rally, and registration is open.

Damon Beals

As you make plans for your 2022 and 2023 travels, consider this event for your itinerary. It is a fun rally with many interesting activities and tours. Winklepleck Grove is a charming park.



Tyson on guard, inside the Beal's Airstream!





Many of the rally workers dress in traditional Swiss apparel



A highlight is a ham and bean supper. The meal is cooked in giant iron kettles over a wood fire



*Ernest Warther Museum, Dover, Ohio
Wood Carving Collection*



Cuckoo Clock, downtown Sugar Creek



Amazing detail on the cuckoo clock



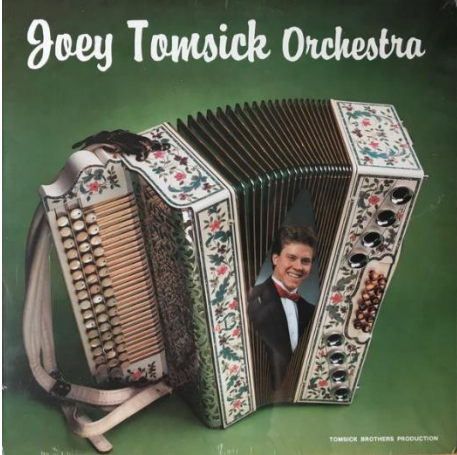
Swiss Alphorns



A trip to Ohio's Amish country is not complete without a visit to Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, Ohio



Rally float in the Ohio Swiss Festival Parade





*Entertainment Every Night, including
Joey Tomsick and the Shotski's*

**Airstream Swiss Festival
National Rally
59th Edition
September 24 - October 2,
2022
Sugarcreek, Ohio**

**Northern Illinois Airstream Club
Fall Rally
Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds
Amboy, Illinois
10/15/21 - 10/17/21**

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-illinois>

Lots of stuff happening!

Chili Cookoff

Baked Potato Bar Supper Gathering

Turkey Dinner with all the fixings.

Questions? Need Information? Would
like to join the fun?

Contact Northern Illinois Club
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Editor's Notes

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This will be the last edition of The Ticker that we publish. After 2 years we decided it was time to move on. We have enjoyed doing this for the club. Thanks to everyone who has contributed over the past 2 years.

Joe and Julie Ashland