

# The Ticker

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## " Heel-to-Toe Caravan"

Ready to Roll October 1 through October 9

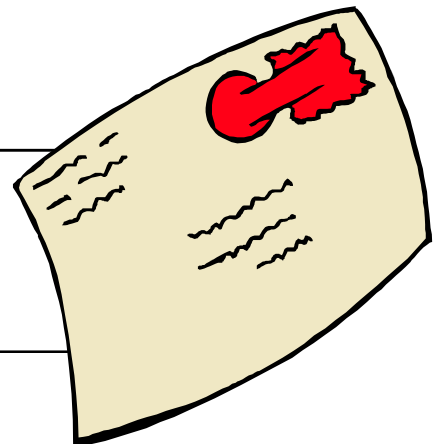
The Fall Rally for Central Indiana Unit will be a caravan. If you have been looking at our web site, you've seen all the information about it. President Mike Zimmermann has planned a fall adventure for us. We will have an opportunity to spend a week traveling across Southern Indiana to some scenic and interesting places. From Madison, Indiana, the heel, to New Harmony, the toe, with a mid-way stop at Patoka Lake. If you can't take the entire week off from your busy schedule, you can join the caravan at any stop for a few days. Mike and Carol have planned fun all along the way. They would like to know when and where you will be joining us, so please let them know via email at [cbshea2aol.com](mailto:cbshea2aol.com) or regular mail asap.

**IMPORTANT: You must reserve your own campsite at Patoka and New Harmony , either by phone at 1-866-622-6746 or on line at [www.camp.in.gov](http://www.camp.in.gov).** State Parks require names and payment when reserving so it is your responsibility to make your own reservations. Be sure to say that you are with the Airstream Caravan.

Because of the logistics involved in planning a "drop in-drop out" caravan we will not have a kitty fee. Instead the rally fee will \$5.00 per person, for each 3-day segment. Since the Madison segment is at a fair-grounds, not a state park, you don't need a reservation, just let Mike and Carol know that you'll be there.

There is more detailed caravan information on the following page.

Our Treasurer Ron Gordy would like to remind you that if you haven't returned your dues notice yet, that time is getting short. You want to be sure that your info gets listed in our Unit Directory, and the International Directory.



## Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Airstreamers,

Congratulations to Patsy Marston for a great "Youth Rally." Despite the heat the "kids" had so much fun that they are asking for an additional youth rally in 2011. Can you handle it, Airstreamers? I know it can be logistical juggling act for some of you so please give us some feedback. We are in the planning stages of a joint rally with the Southern Indiana Unit in southern Indiana or northern Kentucky in May or early June. If the joint rally is not the right venue we might consider an early June rally which we would devote to the kids, but we need your input soon. If the joint rally is in June, I will need someone to run this rally for us as I will need to be in at the International Rally early, as I am the Club Store Chairman. If you are going to DuQuoin and would like to help in the store give me a call, early parking maybe available.

The heat was intense, but I hope you managed to get out and enjoy the summertime. Carol and I managed to avoid the heat this year by going on our first National Caravan, Yellowhead 'n More. We did have a great time even though we had to wear jackets most of the time. Carol and I now "get" the caravaning experience. This is how our rigs really "shine" and were designed to be used. The fellowship and adventure made lifetime memories and friends. If you get the opportunity to go on one of the many fun caravans, by all means—go —. It will be the time of your life.



Speaking of caravans, don't forget our own "Heel to Toe" caravan October 1—10, starting in Madison, IN. Check our CIU website ([centralind.wbccci.net](http://centralind.wbccci.net)) or read about it here in the "Ticker". Planning time is getting short so we need your registration as soon as possible. We have set up this caravan so you can participate for the full ten days or come and go as your schedule permits. We are trying to make this caravan as flexible as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Mike Zimmermann

### Sad News

Our Past President, and friend, Bob Zike passed away August 30. Bob, along with his wife, Gisela, was an enthusiastic member of WBCCI for many years. Always willing to accept any work that needed to be done, he served as unit president as well as an officer of the Indy 500 Race Rally committee. Bob served his country in WW II, and every organization he was involved in, with honors. Truly a member of the "Greatest Generation". He will be missed.

Our deepest condolences to Gisela and their family.

## Heel to Toe Caravan October 1–10, 2010

### FRIDAY, OCT. 1–SUNDAY OCT. 3

Campsite—Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
\$15.00 per night

#### MADISON, INDIANA

We will start in Madison, overlooking the Ohio River, with Kentucky as a backdrop. Our 3 day stay will allow you to choose among a visit to historic Madison, a [Bluegrass festival at the campgrounds](#), a hike in Clifty Falls State Park, the fossil beds at Falls of the Ohio, and many other activities during our stay.

Installation of officers for 2011 will be here, also.



### Monday, Oct. 4–Wednesday, Oct. 6

Campground: Patoka Lake (Newton-Stewart SRA)  
\$18.00 per night  
Electric Hookup Only. Water tanks can be filled  
Dump station

#### PATOKA LAKE

Weather permitting we'll rent a pontoon boat for some lake cruising with our own experienced "Captain Barry Bell". Patoka offers bike paths, hiking, local restaurants, French Lick and West Baden restored hotels, a railway museum and train trip, antiques, shopping and beautiful scenery. Dinner on Oct. 6 will be at a locally famous Schnitzelbank German Restaurant (Dutch Treat).

**NOTE:** Make your own reservations at Patoka. Try to reserve a Type 8 site in Section C between sites **290 to 303**. If need be 304 to 320 will also be close. Say you are with the Airstream Caravan.

On October 7 we will depart for New Harmony State Park and it's historic "harmonist" settlement.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 TO SUNDAY, OCT. 10

#### NEW HARMONY, IN

Campground : Harmonie State Park  
\$25.50 per night

The area has locks on the Ohio and is close to Evansville, Vincennes and the confluence of the Ohio and Wabash Rivers  
Enjoy the Historical Town and Visitors Center, also Lincoln State Park and Hovey Lake State Wildlife Area.

**Note:** Make your own reservations here also. Ask for a site in the range **167-191**. Say you are with the Airstream Caravan.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE CARAVAN

Dinner the first night at each stop over will be on your own (we will have a list of area establishments), with a pitch-in (with main dish provided) and a campfire the next night, then a dinner "destination" on the last night (Dutch Treat).

Lunches will be on your own as most of us will be out and about. Breakfasts are not planned so participants can get a leisurely start as their bodies dictate. If the group wants to organize a pancake breakfast(s), we'll have a griddle on hand.— Just expect to have a **great time**.

### Officers for 2011

President	Karen Bell
Vice-President	Mike Brown
Treasurer	Ron Gordy
Trustees	Mary Jo Brown (2-year term)
	Darlene Gordy (2-year term)
	Damon Beals (1-year term)
	John Himmelheber (1-year term)

### News from Region 5

Region 5 President ,Louise Humble, has reported that she has accepted the resignation of 1st V.P. Bob Gregory. Bob is moving to Gulfport, Mississippi, and can no longer fulfill the duties of Vice-President. Our own Barry Bell, the current 2nd Vice-President of Region 5 will move up to 1st Vice-President.

We know that Barry will do a fine job, and we wish Bob Gregory the best in his new home.

President Louise has asked for suggestions of persons to fill the vacancy of 2nd Vice-President.

## NEWS FROM THE YOUTH RALLY

The weather certainly cooperated for the "Christmas in August" rally. It was a little on the warm— 90—side, but no rain, and usually a breeze. We were all parked within a short walk of each other, and there was shade. We had 13 WBCCI units there with 13 children among them. Those members attending were: **Botkins, Brunks, Branscomb, Browns, Broglins, Hershbergers, Himmelhebers., Longworths, Marston, Gordys, Bells, Thackerys**, and a big surprise, **Dan Kachele** with his recently purchased Airstream trailer. Dan had kept it a secret wanting to surprise all of us, and he sure did. When you see him next time, ask for the story about his Airstream, it's a good one. Our hot-dog, pitch-in on Thursday was attended by a bunch of hungry Caravanners, but even at that there was one entire crock-pot of dogs left for Friday. All of the kids and several of the adults went to Holiday World on Friday along with about a gazillion other people. This is a really terrific place. If you've never been it is certainly worth a visit. The kids rode rides, swam and splashed at the Water Park, and so did some of the adults. I know Karen and Barry enjoyed the water. This grandma mainly enjoyed people watching and keeping track of several kids "stuff" while they rode and swam. But what a memorable time it was!

Back at the campground everyone was getting ready for the Christmas in August flea market and yard sale, that is an annual event there. Trailers and motor homes were decorated, even with animated Santas that sang carols, and waving snowmen. This was not our group, although some of us did hang a Holiday thingee or two from our awning. Saturday we spent in the park after touring the Lincoln Pioneer village at Rockport. We had a very interesting guide and the kids might have learned a thing or two about living during Lincoln's boyhood in Indiana, anyway they enjoyed the large, go-round in the yard. Saturday evening **Nancy and Richard** treated us all to a camp-fire and s'mores. I think the adults enjoyed this even more than the kids. A brief worship service Sunday morning, with Christmas carols led by Jackie Thackery ended the rally. We all were on the road again with happy memories of another good rally, and the kids saying "bye" to friends they wouldn't see for another year. Some of them were suggesting that we have "TWO" youth rallies every year.—I don't think most of us grandmas are ready for that!

