



CIAC News & Notes



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Happy Valentine's Day!



We are hoping this note brings you a bit of a comfort and warmth during this chilly season. Spring and the camping season is just around the corner!

Spring is coming!!

Even though the Groundhog has declared that we will have six more weeks of winter, there is no doubt that spring is on the horizon. With temperatures in the 50's today and the 20's tomorrow, the

weather at least gets us thinking of (consistently) warmer days to come. As I finish putting this edition together, I am thinking of a comforting cozy breakfast recipe to get my day going. The Sheet Pan Pancake is an easy go to for

quick cooking AND the yummy flavors of pancakes. I hope this edition finds everyone well and gearing up for an amazing season with CIAC!

~ Jenn Reinshagen,
BRN 4447

Event Calendar

CIAC Luncheon &
Zoom Meeting
Feb TBD
Location TBD

CIAC Luncheon
March 4th
Location TBD

CIAC Luncheon &
Zoom Meeting
April TBD
Location TBD

CIAC Season Opener
May 5th – 7th
Spring Mill State Park
3333 State Road 60 E.
Mitchell, IN 47446
[Online Reservations](#)

Old National Road—West
Caravan
May 16th – 25th
Richmond KOA
3101 Cart Road
Richmond, IN, 47374
[Caravan Information](#)

2023 International Rally
June 24th – 30th
Rock Springs, WY
[Rally Information](#)

CIAC Mid Summer Rally
July 14th – 16th
Indiana Dunes State Park
1215 SR-49
Porter, IN 46304



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Recipe Round Up ~

Lemon-Blueberry Sheet-Pan Pancake

Prep 15 min
Total 35 min
Servings 8

Ingredients

- 2 cups Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup blueberry spreadable fruit
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds, if desired
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar



Steps

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Line 15x10x1-inch jelly roll pan with foil; spray with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat Bisquick™ mix, milk, eggs, granulated sugar and melted butter with whisk until blended. Stir in 1 TB of lemon zest. Spread in pan. Top with blueberries. Bake 6 mins.
2. Spoon teaspoonfuls of blueberry spreadable fruit over batter. Bake 7 to 11 mins longer or until golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
3. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Top with almonds. Top with remaining 1 TB lemon zest. To serve, cut 6 rows by 4 rows. For each serving, place 3 pancakes on individual serving plate.

Tips

- ❖ Lining your jelly roll pan with foil makes cleanup a breeze. Just don't forget the cooking spray!
- ❖ If you're able to buy smaller blueberries, we really prefer them in this recipe, as they tend to get juicier in the oven and might even burst for a pretty, saucy look.
- ❖ Use a small mesh sieve to sprinkle the pancake with powdered sugar before serving. For an extra-pretty presentation, hold your sieve higher—about 2 feet above the pancake—to create an even dusting of powdered sugar.
- ❖ This sheet-pan pancake is delicious without syrup. But if you can't eat pancakes without it, there's nothing wrong with serving this alongside a jug of syrup.

Nutrition

Serving Size: 3 Pancakes

Calories 280

Saturated Fat 4 1/2g

Sodium 360mg

Dietary Fiber 1g

Calories from Fat 80

Trans Fat 0g

Potassium 90mg

Sugars 22g

Total Fat 9g

Cholesterol 60mg

Total Carbohydrate 46g

Protein 5g

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Event Calendar

Event Calendar Continued ~

CIAC Grandchildren &
Buddy Rally
August 4th – 6th
Prophetstown State Park
5545 Swisher Road
West Lafayette, IN 47906
[Online Reservations](#)

Alumapalooza 2023
September 5th – 10th
Airstream Factory
Jackson Center, OH
(aka "The Mothership")
[Registration info](#)

Region 5 Rally
September 13th – 17th
Kentucky Horse Park
Campground
4089 Iron Works Pike
Lexington, KY, 40511

60th Annual Swiss Festival
National Rally
September 23rd – October 1st
Winklepleck Grove
Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681
[Online Registration](#)

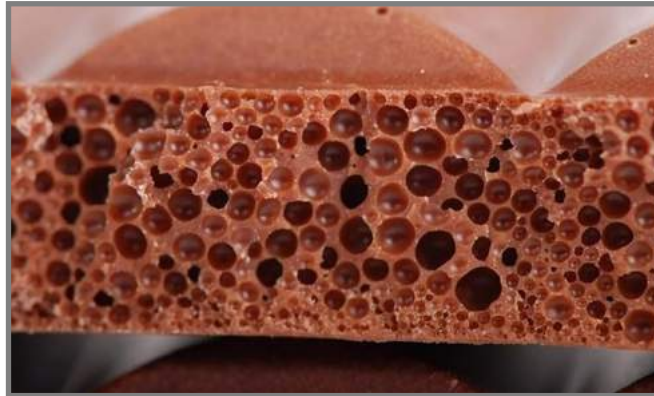
CIAC Season Closer
October 13th – 15th
Turkey Run State Park
8121 E. Park Road
Marshall, IN 47859
[Online Reservations](#)



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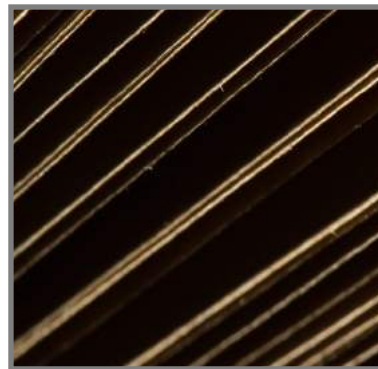
What is it??

Here is this month's photo question. Macro photography is extreme close up photography in which everyday items can be unrecognizable. This is a close up photo of an everyday item. See if you can guess what it is. We'll have the answer for you in the next newsletter. (and if you absolutely cannot take the suspense, feel free to email me for the answer!)



Hint: It's extra popular during this month.

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**January's
photo an-
swer—
Pages of a
book**

*Photo courtesy
of Lenstore*



Transitioning from Passive to Active Membership in CIAC

Submitted by Candice Kissinger, BRN 3227

At the end of November 2018, my husband Pete and I picked up our new Airstream, a 2019 International Serenity 23FB. It had been 30 years since we had last towed a recreational vehicle: a little popup camper. Navigating from that vaguely-remembered experience in the distant past to a serious travel trailer towed by a powerful and equally new tow vehicle (GMC Sierra Denali 6.2L V-8) was an experiential lurch! We pulled away from the dealer in Naperville, IL straight into heavy Friday evening traffic on the south side of Chicago with a light rain...and the rear camera didn't work. It was a reality check! On the way home to West Lafayette, we stopped at Fair Oak Farms on I-65 for a late supper and an opportunity to pry my clenched hands off the steering wheel.

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We got home safely, thanking divine intervention for the assistance, and parked the already-winterized Airstream until the Spring. In 2019, we joined the Wally Byam Caravan Club International after first learning about it from a flyer tucked into the binder of materials provided by the dealer. Membership required that we also select a local arm of the club and the Central Indiana Airstream Club sounded like a good fit. A welcome message was received shortly thereafter and we joined the WBCCI and CIAC Facebook pages, as well as Airstream Addicts.

After spending the winter studying 2 binders stuffed with manuals, we were anxious to reacquaint ourselves with our new trailer. Our first official trip was a 5 minute drive from our parking spot to Prophetstown State Park, where I had reserved a lovely pull-through site with full hookups. Learning to back a trailer into a campsite was a challenge deferred until later...much, much later. That first camping experience was a trial run and confidence builder. We practiced connections, disconnections, and operations of all the key systems. We flushed out the goo used by the dealer to winterize the trailer. Typical of a Spring day, the outside temperature swung from the high 40's at night to 80°F by noon. A list was started of things that didn't seem to work, like the heat pump, air conditioner and rear camera. A phone call to the dealer confirmed the need for a return trip to Naperville in 6 weeks, the first available service slot. We then learned another lesson: service from Airstream dealers is not like service from auto dealers. The work is not done that day, or that week, or even that month. It took another 4 weeks before we got the call that the service was complete. We arrived to pick up a trailer with a dead battery (they had left the power on inside the trailer), a sticky placard stuck to the window (using an adhesive that we have never been able to fully remove) and muddy boot prints all over the inside of the trailer. They didn't fix the camera and had no suggestions. After waiting 2-1/2 months, we could only hope the AC now worked.

It was this sad experience with service on our new trailer that made me wonder what others did when they needed assistance with their Airstream? A question posted to WBCCI and CIAC members on Facebook resulted in some very important clues. Need service? Go to Jackson Center. In fact, for a new trailer, keep a list and get everything done under warranty in one visit to the Mothership, while you wait. Need to winterize? Do it yourself, no dealer service needed, ask questions here. Camera doesn't work? Check this list. These exchanges lifted my spirit considerably. They also made me wonder about the activities posted by these groups. What was a rally? What was a caravan? What was 'International' all about? By the end of 2019, after a couple of long camping trips to Washington DC and Florida, we started attending the MCL Cafeteria Saturday lunches hosted by CIAC. We heard about the rally plans and decided



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to join in during 2020. We also registered for the International to be held in Colorado that summer.

Covid cancellations in 2020 forced a delay in those plans, although we still camped in our silver isolation bubble and continued to learn on our own. 2021 was a continuation of our isolation from social events, while still camping alone. After vaccinations and boosters, we hoped to be able to try a rally or caravan for the first time in 2022.



The Zoom meeting of CIAC at the beginning of the year described an interesting and active schedule. We participated in the tour of the new Airstream dealership in Lebanon and also signed up for the opening rally at French Lick; the 'Way of American Genius' tour from Hannibal to Hamilton, MO; the Anniversary Rally in Columbus, IN and the Prophetstown Rally. We also registered for our first National Rally at the Swiss Festival in Ohio this September.

The tour of the Woodland dealership was our first social event in 2 years and we didn't keel over dead from Covid afterwards! Yippee!! Emboldened by this positive result, we joined the French Lick rally. It was great to meet new people, sit around the campfire, share a couple of meals, take a tour of the historic West Baden Springs Hotel and camp somewhere with other Airstreamers.

Although the Missouri caravan was cancelled at the last minute due to a health crisis, we decided to follow the excellent itinerary designed by John and Mary Ellen Deegan and continue on our own. It was well worth the effort, despite the heat dome over Missouri and temperatures up to 106°F. Never was a cave tour more appreciated!

The weekend at Ceraland near Columbus was another terrific experience, perfectly planned with a tour of Cummins Engine, a private theater showing of the 'Alumination' documentary, a birthday bash at a historic ice cream parlor and an excellent architectural walking tour. As a bonus, the campground was hosting a weekend Tough Mudder competition with athletic, stalwart folk sloshing through mud pits and clambering over obstacles to run a 5K race on a hot summer day.

We still have 5 camping trips remaining on our 2022 calendar, one of them with CIAC. Overall, it has been very worthwhile to transition to an active participant in this Airstream Club, after a 2 year pandemic delay. A friend recently asked if it was worthwhile to join the club? After just a few experiences, I can answer 'Yes!' with confidence and great enthusiasm. If you are members of CIAC, but still outsiders like we were, plan to attend a rally or two. There are still opportunities left this year.

Congratulations!!

We would like to wish Congratulations to our members who have earned a WBCCI Star. A Star is earned for every five years of membership. Damon Beals will be mailing Stars to members.

20 Year Star Members:

- ☆ Barry and Karen Bell #126

15 Year Star Members:

- ☆ Michael and MaryJo Brown #8060

10 Year Star Members:

- ☆ Robb and Jenn Reinshagen #4447

5 Year Star Members:

- ☆ Brad and Michelle Eisenhart #1612
- ☆ Rick and Nancy Vanderwielen #5103
- ☆ Vern and Pam Rager #5514
- ☆ Lisa Hall and Robin Herman #24248
- ☆ Michael and Jenny Puchel #31956



And an extra Congrats to our 40+ year members:

- ☆ Patsy Marston 44 years
- ☆ George and Barbara Phillips 42 years

CIAC Dog Days of Summer Buddy Rally

AUGUST 8/4-8/6, 2023

Dog Days of Summer @ Prophetstown



Welcome to the CIAC Buddy Rally !!

Welcome club members, families and buddies!!!

Dave & Brenda Ansel BRN # 25161, are excited to be hosting our 2023 Buddy Rally. We hope you enjoy yourselves, your friends and families while we share our love and passion for Airstreams !!!

So many things to do this weekend!

Aquatic Center

Hiking & Biking trails

Visit The Farm at Prophetstown

Visit Lafayette (Purdue)

See the Battle of Tippecanoe Memorial Site & Museum

Much More

All information will be included in your welcome packet.



Photo by Jenn Reinshagen

Friday

HAPPY HOUR - 6 PM

Bring your drinks and an appetizer to share

Campfire to follow

Saturday

COFFEE AND DONUTS - 8 AM

Join us for Coffee & Donuts !!!!!

PITCH-IN MEAL, ETC - 6 PM

Pitch-In. The club will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and buns. Bring a side dish to share and your own table service and drinks. Stay after for games, a campfire and jam session!!! Bring your instruments and voices. If you have a fun game, bring that too!

Please go to: <https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com> after Feb. 4th to make reservations.

Booking Site from 129-169



May you and yours have safe travels and shiny trailers ~ Until we meet again, Blessings from the Heart of Indiana