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CIAC The Ticker



Central Indiana Airstream Club – July, 2023



Can you imagine?

I cannot. That is, I cannot imagine what it would be like to attend an International rally. At the time of this publication, many of you are wrapping up your stay at the 66th WBCCI International Rally in Wyoming. Aside from the amazing surroundings, having the opportunity to meet so many new fellow lovers of Airstreams, gaining new knowledge during the seminars offered, sampling new foods/drinks offered at the community meals or tastings would be a life event in and of itself. And the journey to Wyoming! Seeing rows of trailers in all their aluminum glory, flamingos and flags – what a site it would be and I cannot wait to see photos of everything!

~ Editor Jenn Reinshagen

Welcome New Members!

Extending a very warm welcome to our newest members ~

* Gregory and Rhonda Baker – Indianapolis,
1965 Overlander, BRN 06409



We look forward to meeting you at future meetings, rallies or caravans!

The Natchez Trace and Outer Space: Part III

A Travel Diary by Member Candice Kissinger

Continued from the June Ticker ~

Candice and Pete Kissinger have been Airstreaming since the purchase of their 2019 International Serenity 23FB. They tow BRN 3227 (The Parrot Palace) with a 2019 GMC Sierra Denali and are supervised by their winged overlords: Winston and Clementine (a pair of Indian Ringneck parrots who rule the back seat and make witty comments about the traffic, weather and driving skills of their hapless minions). A birdy rating system is used in this essay to indicate inferior (*) to superior (****) camping experiences encountered on this trip.

Editor's Note: Wintson & Clementine's original rating symbol was a parrot. Unfortunately due to my publishing challenges, it had to be revised to a much less exciting star.

Thank you to Candice for sharing this fantastic trip!



After a full helping of the Big Easy and all she had to offer, we headed back to I-10 and the drive to River Delta Marina and Campground (near Creola AL) owned and operated by Mobile County, Alabama. It is convenient to I-65 which starts nearby. In fact, we can now say that we have traveled the entire length of I-65. This was another (****) camping experience and the best value of the trip! For \$20/



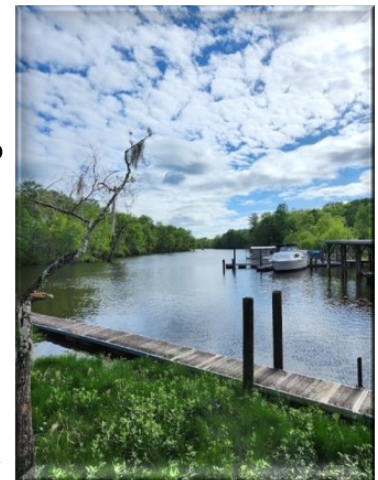
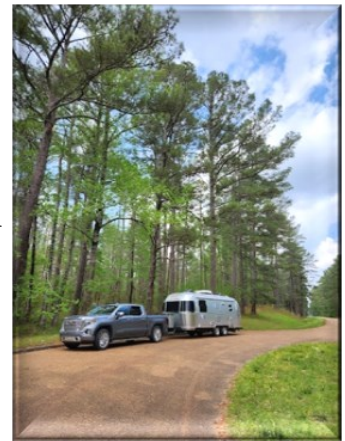
night, you get a pull-through gravel site with full hookups in a big grassy space bordered by cypress trees, ponds (with alligators in them), and a huge river delta. There is a long nature walk on an elevated wooden walkway that allows you to observe the lush growth and wildlife that thrives here. You have a full shop full of fishing supplies from worms to bobbers and with a temporary permit you can catch bass and redfish from the extensive docks. This waterway leads down to Mobile Bay which has its own attractions, but it was very comfortable here. The manager at the campground is Shad, a former college basket-

ball player and coach who received a Purdue tee shirt from us. He will happily share hoops stories of his own. This was our second cash-only place, and they require a \$40 cash deposit. However, Shad is ready with your \$40 refund the next morning, so it is not a problem. We highly recommend this spot!

As we headed north the next day, we aimed for Montgomery, AL and a KOA (****) for another one-night stay. This KOA was under new management and getting a lot of attention from the new owner. It might be worthy of another birdy in the future. Martins Family Restaurant, in operation since 1935, was the spot for a



homestyle meal of ribs, speckled butter beans, green beans, fried okra, mashed potatoes, cole slaw and a big basket of hot cornbread muffins. Although the chocolate pie was tempting, we opted instead for our first experience with rolled ice cream. This involves a highly chilled steel plate onto which a puddle of sweetened heavy cream is poured. Various items (cookies, syrups) can be chopped (Left: Winston and Clementine, Campground Reviewers)



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Natchez Trace and Outer Space Route

March 29-April 16, 2023

Home (West Lafayette IN)
236 miles
Louisville South KOA
(Shepherdsville KY)
154 miles
Nashville Opry KOA
(Nashville TN)
84 miles
Fall Hollow Campground
(Hohenwald TN)
144 miles
Barnes Crossing
Campground (Tupelo MS)
184 miles
Spring Ridge RV Park
(Jackson/Clinton MS)
95 miles
Riverview RV Park (Vidalia
LA)
165 miles
French Quarter RV Resort
(New Orleans LA)
161 miles
River Delta Marina &
Campground (Creola AL)
161 miles
Montgomery KOA
(Montgomery AL)
197 miles
US Space and Rocket
Center Campground
(Huntsville AL)
185 miles
KOA (Bowling Green KY)
132 miles
Charlestown State Park
(Charlestown IN)
178 miles
Carmel IN and then home
(West Lafayette IN)

and mashed into the cream which freezes in seconds and is continuously scraped before being flattened and rolled along the edge of a putty knife into a frozen cylinder. It was good, but doesn't compare to the Original Frozen Custard in Lafayette, IN.



With that hearty food to fuel us, we set off the next morning for Huntsville, AL and our campsite at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Camp at



One Tranquility Drive. It was a bargain at \$30/night with full hookups, paved platforms, and a very pretty wooded campground... very easy to reserve online too. This was another (****) location, perfectly located within the big park where kids attend Space Camp. We could watch them setting off model rockets from the camp test facility and the drone facility was a short walk away, as was the Museum Complex. Our two days here were full of plenty of attractions at the Museum, plus loads of options within the very lovely city of Huntsville. No surprise to learn that this is the top re-location destination in the USA for scientists and engineers associated with the Aerospace industry. The Redstone Arsenal is in Huntsville, along with a major NASA research complex. We highly recommend the campground and the town. Plan for not less than 2 days, although 3 might be better.



April 14th found us spending the night at the KOA right off I-65 in Bowling Green, KY (***). We arrived during a thunderstorm, and it rained all night. This limited the opportunity to walk around but it was a very nice layout and easy to find.

The next night we crossed the Ohio River and stayed at Charlestown State Park in Indiana (***). The park was packed with campers, all enjoying a very warm evening. Two major loops with full hookups were still closed, so we adjusted to an electric-only campsite and got into line for the dump station the next morning. How spoiled we had become on this trip! We guessed that it was still early in the season and labor might still be in short supply until high schools and colleges finished their spring semesters. There was no evidence of any rangers or patrols in the campground, but other patrons were well behaved. Charlestown would be worth a return visit.

We headed home on Sunday, April 16th, stopping in Carmel to see the grandchildren, let them jump around and hide inside the Airstream, and then drive the last leg of our 2,027-mile trip. After unhooking and unloading, Pete looked over at me and lovingly asked "Well, where do we go for our next trip?"




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Event Calendar

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

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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Recipe Round Up ~ One Pot Pesto Pasta with Bacon

AUTHOR: FRESH OFF THE GRID

PREP TIME: 5 MIN
TOTAL TIME: 25 MIN

COOK TIME: 20 MIN
SERVINGS: 2

This Pasta is a saucy one pot meal that features pesto, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, and parmesan cheese with pasta and bacon.

INGREDIENTS

- ❖ 2 slices bacon
- ❖ 2 zucchinis sliced
- ❖ Handful of cherry tomatoes
- ❖ 2 cups pasta
- ❖ ¼ cup pesto
- ❖ ¼ cup parmesan
- ❖ 2 tablespoons pine nuts
- ❖ Salt + pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cook the bacon in a skillet over medium heat until crispy, remove, chop, and set aside.
2. Add zucchini, cherry tomatoes, and a pinch of salt to skillet and sauté until zucchini is tender and beginning to brown in spots, 5-7 mins. Remove vegetables to a plate or bowl and set aside.
3. Add pasta, 3 cups water, and ½ tsp salt to skillet. Boil, stirring frequently until pasta is tender and most of water has been absorbed - about 10 mins (but check package directions). You can add more water if needed or drain at end if there is excess. Remove from heat.
4. Toss pasta with pesto, then toss in vegetables, parmesan cheese, chopped bacon, and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt & pepper.

What is it??

Here is this month's photo question. Macro photography is extreme close up photography in which everyday items can be unrecognizable. What is this a photo of? HINT: It was something found while meandering through the woods. We'll have the answer for you in the next Ticker!

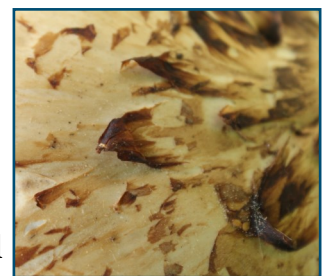


Photo Credit: Jenn Reinshagen



The answer to last month's photo is:

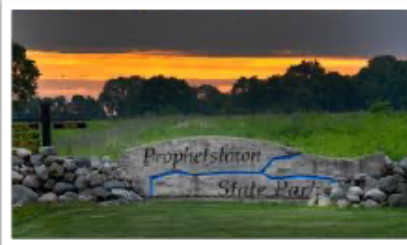
A piece of wood from the water-powered sawmill at Spring Mill State Park.

Photo Credit: Jenn Reinshagen

CIAC Dog Days of Summer Buddy Rally

AUGUST 8/4-8/6, 2023

Dog Days of Summer @Prophetstown



Friday

HAPPY HOUR - 6 PM

Bring your drinks and an appetizer to share

Campfire to follow

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.



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!

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



Photo by Deb Kyle, BRN 1419; in Colorado heading to the International Rally



Please go to: <https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com>
to make reservations.

Booking Site from 129-169