



CIAC The Ticker



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Spring Opener at Spring Mill— A Fiesta of Fun!



Our 2023 CIAC Season Opener at Spring Mill State Park was a fantastic time for all. Hosts Tammy and Thomas Price planned a wonderful Happy Hour on Friday evening complete with an abundance of conversation and lively music. Saturday evening's Fiesta Dinner ended with a bit of rain, but that did not deter the pinata fun.

The Local and International Community Service Project was a great success. With the help of Woodland Airstream and our gracious club members we raised \$275 in cash donations (to purchase diapers), well over 100 Can Food items for a local food pantry and diapers, diapers, diapers to contribute to International at Rock Springs, WY .

Thanks to Woodland, Tammy and Thomas Price, Stan Schwenke for the SkyMed seminar and our special guests International President Eric McHenry and Region 12 President LeVerne McHenry! (pictured above with Thomas and Tammy Price)



Event Calendar

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

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](#)



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Recipe Round Up ~ Campfire Apple Crisp

Prep Time: 5 min
Total Time: 20 min

Cook Time: 15 min
Servings: 2

A quick and easy dessert, this vegan campfire apple crisp is guaranteed to leave you feeling warm and cozy at the end of the night.

Ingredients:

- ◆ 2-3 apples sliced 1/4" thin
- ◆ 1 TB oil or butter
- ◆ 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- ◆ 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- ◆ 2 TB bourbon
- ◆ 1/4 cup brown sugar
- ◆ 1 cup granola



Instructions:

1. In an 8" or 10" cast iron skillet, over medium heat, saute sliced apples in a bit of oil or butter until beginning to soften, about 5 min.
2. Add the spices, bourbon, and sugar, and stir to combine. Continue cooking until sauce thickens and apples are tender, 5-10 min.
3. Remove from heat and sprinkle granola evenly across top. Enjoy straight from skillet or serve in individual bowls with a dollop of whipped cream.

Equipment Needed:

Cast iron skillet, Sharp Knife, (*because really, what use is a dull one?*) Cutting board, Measuring Cups, Measuring Spoons, Wooden spoon or spatula.

Author: Fresh Off The Grid

Welcome New Members!

We are growing again! Please give a warm welcome to the newest members to our Airstream family. Also, sincerest apologies on omitting Joel from our announcement last month, the correction is below~

- * Paul and Rinda Carey—Thorntown, IN
2023 International, BRN 21381
- * Randall and Rhonda Todd—Bargersville, IN
2021 Caravel, BRN 09651
- * Todd and Nancy Wilcox—Lafayette, IN
2022 International, BRN 31945
- * Joel and Theresa Goodwin—Greenwood, IN
2023 International, BRN 19626



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

Event Calendar

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Continued ~

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
Sugar creek, 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. What is this a photo of?
HINT: It was something we SAW during the Season Opener at Spring Mill. We'll have the answer for you in the July Ticker!



Photo Credit: JENN REINSHAGEN



The answer to May's photo:

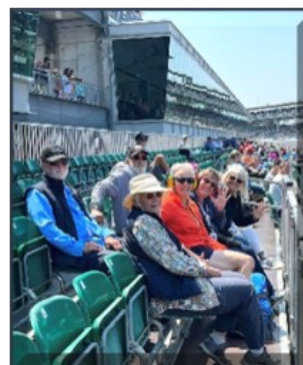
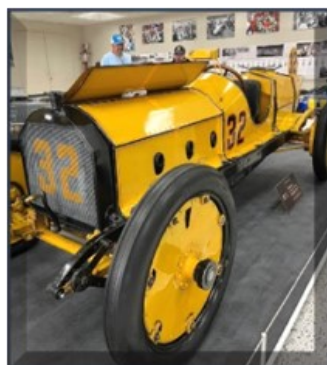
A lime! (Often enjoyed in a Cinco de Mayo margarita!)

Photo Credit: ANDREY ARMYAGOV/SHUTTERSTOCK

Old National Road Caravan Stops in Indy

The Old National Road Caravan visit to Indianapolis featured a visit the Motor Speedway Museum, viewing the first day of Qualifying for the 2023 Indianapolis 500 and lunch at Slippery Noodle.

Thank you to the Ketchum's for extending the invitation to our club!



The Natchez Trace and Outer Space: Part II

A Travel Diary by Member Candice Kissinger

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: *Winston & 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.*

Continued from the May Ticker ~ Still enjoying the drive (and our renewed appreciation of being alive!), we continued to our next stop in Tupelo, MS. The NTP runs through a tiny corner of Alabama, but we missed it entirely due to a detour which took us on a merry chase before we finally edged back on the parkway in Mississippi. However, there were two opportunities to view ancient burial mounds, including Bynum Mounds at Milepost 232.4. I did a double take at that sign...until I remembered that the inventor of the Airstream was named Wally Byam, not Bynum. The mounds were appropriately streamlined, nonetheless. We spent a night at the Barnes Crossing Campground (**), one of two cash-only campgrounds we visited (no cards, no checks, no shenanigans, and no clerk either). We left a \$50 bill in an envelope and found our site on a bulletin board. It was so steep on this hillside campground that the stopover took a long time to set up. Leveling was difficult (proving again that you can never have too many of those leveling blocks). Also, someone else had taken our assigned campsite and we had to find another on our own. After all this extra exercise, we lost the opportunity to locate Elvis' birthplace in town or find a jar of Tupelo honey. The lost honey opportunity knocked one birdy off their rating!



Back on the road the next morning (April 3rd), we headed just south of Jackson, MS to the Spring Ridge RV Park in Clinton, MS. The famous Southern heat was upon us that day as we pulled into a very utilitarian and fully paved RV park with permanent trailers. However, the place was clean, well-organized, fully functional and had an excellent laundry just steps from our pull-through will full hookups. At \$33/night, it was a far better overall deal than we had encountered in Tupelo. They get a (***) rating.

We were approaching Natchez the next day: the end of this joyful feast of history and natural beauty along the Trace. We had a picnic at yet another one of the lovely pullouts: Red Dog Road. Here we learned about Choctaw leader Red Dog and his fateful treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek which required him to move to Oklahoma and a new home considerably less pretty than the one he left. We crossed the Mississippi River to stay at Riverview RV Park in Vidalia, LA. This was the first (****) park: a real beauty!! We should have planned another night there. Great view of the river, the big bridge, wide open spaces, first rate clubhouse, outstanding laundry room, perfectly level sites on concrete pads with pristine hookups. We later learned that this was the initial rally point for the 'Cruisin the Natchez Trace' caravan and a couple of Airstreams were already parked there. Natchez would certainly have been worth another day. It is a beautiful town with well-preserved mansions and gardens overlooking the river. Clearly, it was a center of commerce in the distant past. We found a cheerful restaurant and hearty dinner near the dock for one of the big river boats. It was my first experience with cucumber lemonade (recommended!). When I posted an online photo of the big boat that evening, a friend of



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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)

mine from Missouri pointed out that he had seen the same scene that same day, on his way home to Missouri from Gulfport, MS.

On Wednesday, April 5th it was back to the highway and a faster pace.

We found our way to the French Quarter RV Resort (****) on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans (NOLA, The Big Easy). Safety was a high priority here, with high stone walls tipped with steel spikes, high intensity lighting at night, security cameras, a locked gate and security guard station. However, the sites were huge and level, with decorative



stone pavers. We had a furnished screened gazebo to ourselves. There was a well-maintained small pool, hot tub and a good laundry. At \$170/night, this was a premium RV park, but it is notoriously hard to find a spot. We reserved ours in early January for an April 5th arrival. It is indeed on the north side of the French Quarter, an easy walk to Bourbon Street if you want to drink a 'Big Freezy' daiquiri and spend the rest of your visit semi-

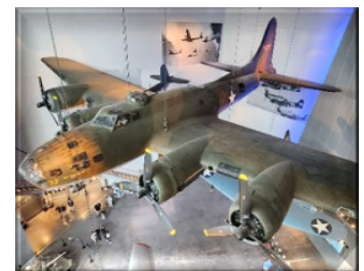


conscious. Huge glossy magnolia trees were in full bloom. A Whole Foods Market is a 5-minute drive from the campground. Our entire trip was centered on a visit to the National World War II Museum, and we spent



two days awestruck by how huge it had become while still retaining excellence in the quality of exhibits, presentations, films and special experiences. We found that a cab was the easiest way to get there (\$11 one way) and were able to use an app that called cabs, an imitation of Uber or Lyft. There had been some notorious incidents with Uber drivers in NOLA recently and we were advised to stick with an actual cab. The cab drivers were still highly suspicious of the app, even though their cabs were equipped with the special panel, so it was tricky sometimes to convince them that they had just been paid. We spent both Thursday and Friday at the Museum, and it was packed with school children and other visitors. Some of the best restaurants in NOLA were located within blocks of the Museum. For those unfamiliar with the city, avoid the French Quarter where there are dozens of restaurants all serving the standard creole fare of gumbo, crawfish etouffee, po-boys to tourists. We enjoyed a spectacular lunch at the new Higgins Hotel, which is part of the WWII Museum complex, and an equally magnificent meal at Meril, one of the Emeril Lagasse restaurants three blocks away in the Warehouse District. Don't stand in line for an hour at the Café du Monde in Jackson Square for a beignet when you can get one at the other location in City Park on Dreyfous Drive, with no wait and plenty of comfortable seating.

To be continued...




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CIAC RALLY AT INDIANA DUNES THUR. 13TH – SUN. 16TH JULY

Let's Flamingle at the lake!



Thursday 5pm onwards. Enjoy a pink drink (soft or Sangria or cocktail) at your Hosts at site 111 – stay and continue around the fire. Sign up for informal trips on Friday

Friday 10 am–visit to the John H Barker Mansion or Hesston Steam Museum – if interested sign up!

Friday 6pm – appetizer pitch-in at your Co-hosts at site 99. Bring your chair and a favorite appetizer to share

Saturday 11am – sign up for brunch/lunch at Ivy's Bohemia House

Saturday 2pm– Weather permitting - Find the club flag at the beach and enter best sandcastle competition (win a pink flamingo!) and bring and fly a kite

Saturday 5pm Happy hour at site 111 – bring a drink a chair and relax and chat

Saturday 6.30pm Potluck Sausage sizzle at site 111. Your Hosts will provide a good range of butcher made sausages, bring a side or desert!

Sunday 9am grab a coffee and donut at site 111 – Safe travels!

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Spring Opener at Spring Mill State Park



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



There were so many fantastic photos from this event that we could have filled pages! Photos courtesy of Tammy Price, Nancy Longworth and Jenn Reinshagen.



Photo by Jenn Reinshagen; Thomas Price's Collection

