



Region 5 -What's in a Name?

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WBCCI Region 5

November, 2023

Region 5
Airstream
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President's Message

Hello to all our friends in Region 5!

The Region 5 Rally "Autumn Leaves and Horses Please" was a huge success!

The Kentucky Horse Park provided the perfect backdrop for the rally and the Saturday evening banquet! In total, 64 Airstreams came together for the event which included a visit to Old Friends Horse Farm in Georgetown, KY. Two nights of live entertainment, a flea market, pet show and an Axle Seminar by Glen Null. And to top it off, Woodland Airstream, who has dealerships in Michigan and Indiana, came to the rally to show off a brand new 25-foot Tradewind. Woodland Airstream is building a new Airstream Dealership in Georgetown, KY. A big Thanks to all who contributed! Erin and Damon Beals put together a great pet show! Sky Med was there as well and a big thanks to Brad Briggs for the great presentation and breakfast!

Tunnel 2 Towers was our Community Service Project. We raised a total of \$2,851.00 !!! Region 5 should be proud of this accomplishment!!!

I want to thank more members! Hope I don't leave anyone out! I would feel horrible :(

The Vintage Airstream Club sponsored an Ice Cream social on Friday evening during entertainment! Thanks to Damon Beals for pulling that together!!

A BIG THANK-YOU to Alan and Debbie Billips for the design of the wooden

ornament that was included in the goodie bags! It is unique and will be a treasure on our Christmas Tree for years to come!!!



Thank-you to Christine Majers for a wonderful narration of our opening Flag Ceremony!

Our parking team of Debbie Kyle, Jenn and Robb Reinshagen handled parking "Without A Hitch" pun intended.

The Northern Illinois Airstream Club provided breakfast on Friday Morning. Thanks to all who participated in the preparation!!!

The Central Indiana Airstream Club provided breakfast on Saturday morning! Again, thanks to all who assisted!!!

Thanks to the Indiana Airstream Club for sponsoring a happy/social hour gathering. It was well attended and there was a ton of food!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped stuff the goodie bags and helped to decorate the pavilion!

Sunday Fellowship was performed by David Peyton! Thank you, David, for a warm message!!!

And Thanks to First Lady Pam Martin!!! Without this wonderful woman, it would have been impossible to have achieved such a wonderful Rally!!

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REGION 5 CLUB OFFICERS:

President:

Artie Martin,
BRN 213

First VP:

John Deegan,
BRN 538

Second VP:

Susan Bishop,
BRN 07164

Recording Secretary:

Susan
Swearingen,
BRN 4482

Treasurer:

John
Swearingen,
BRN 4482

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Artie Martin,
BRN 213

Web Master:

Damon Beals,
BRN 4827

Newsletter:

Jenn Reinshagen
BRN 4447

Parliamentarian:

Steve Broering
BRN 03072

Tunnels to Towers Thank You

The charitable recipient for this year's Region 5 Rally was Tunnels to Towers. This truly extraordinary organization was created after the tragedy of 9/11 to provide housing and financial assistance to Gold Star and First Responders and their families.



Through silent auction items, raffle baskets / items, split the pot drawings



and a special raffle of a Yeti personal sized cooler donated by Woodland Airstream, a donation in the amount of \$2,851.00 was made to T2T.

Thank you to everyone who donated items and supported this effort, it is greatly appreciated.

President's Message

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Her strength and determination surpasses the known limits of womanhood! She is the very breath that I breathe.

She is not only a wonderful Region 5 First Lady, but also my First Lady as well. Without her, none of this rally could have taken place!!! I Love You Pam and thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can't wait to celebrate our 50th anniversary next year! I wonder where we will be ??????????

We had several dignitaries present at the Rally! Barry and Karen Bell, Past International President and First Lady, Bob and Lee Moyer, Past Region 5 President and First Lady, and Christopher and Nancy Seplak, Past Region 5 President and First Lady!!!

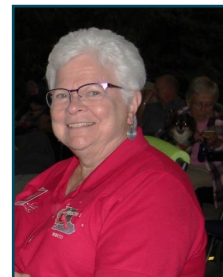
Members from outside Region 5 attended as well!!! Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and Ontario, Canada!!! We also had 16 members join us for their First Region 5 Rally!

Our business meeting was very suc-

cessful. Unfortunately, we accepted the resignation of our long-time recording secretary Susan Swearingen! For 13 years and seven Presidents, Susan has been there for Region 5!

Let's celebrate Susan!!!

She is certainly the "Rock" of Region 5!!!



Exciting News!!!!

Region 5 is presenting a Special Event Eclipse Rally !!!

The dates include 4 nights of camping April 5-9, 2024, Friday night thru Tuesday morning at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana. Rally fee includes 30/50 amp electric and water hookups and sewer hookups as well. Fee also includes Private viewing of the Eric Bricker directed movie "Alumination" at the YES! Theatre. Followed by a banquet buffet luncheon at Zaharakos Restaurant, both located in Beautiful Downtown Columbus, Indiana! We will also tour the Cummins Diesel Motor Plant. Rally Price is



\$335.00 for 1 Airstream and 2 people, \$266.00 for 1 Airstream and 1 person. Extra adults 17 and over will be \$56.00 per person. Once we have 75 sites booked, registration will be handled with a waiting list. Online registration is now open! Sites are filling up quickly so don't miss this rare opportunity!!! Follow this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/232695594297171>

Here is a link to the WBAC web site for more information:
<https://airstreamclub.org/region-5-special-event-eclipse-rally>

Stay tuned for info on the Region 5 Rally in Hannibal, Missouri next spring, May 15th—19th, 2024.

Now I have a retraction to take care of !!!

The November issue of the Blue Beret printed and electronic version of the Region 5 Blue Beret Editor article (page 48) lists the location for next years Eclipse Rally as "Ceraland". This is incorrect !! The Eclipse Rally will be at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana. All other info in this article is correct. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused !!!

Artie Martin
 Region 5 President
 WBCCI BRN 213
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From The First Lady ~ Pam Martin

I would like to personally thank Christopher and Nancy Seplak, Susan and John Swearingen, John and Mary Ellen Deegan, Jenn and Robb Reinshagen, Renee Atchison, and especially Debi Kyle for all of their assistance decorating the pavilion and filling the goodie bags, and being there for support. Your help and friendship goes beyond measurability!! You helped us make the Region 5 Rally an exciting and memorable event.

It truly takes a village, and I just wanted to express my appreciation for all of your assistance!!!

Thank you, again!

Pam Martin
 Region 5 First Lady
 WBCCI BRN 213



R-L: President Artie Martin, First Lady Pam Martin, Daughter Renee and Renee's husband Rick Atchison



Where We Have Been

Thanks to everyone who joined the Region 5 Rally 'Autumn Leaves and Horses, Please' held at the Kentucky Horse Park Campground from Thurs-day, Sept 13th to Sunday, Sept 17th, 2023.

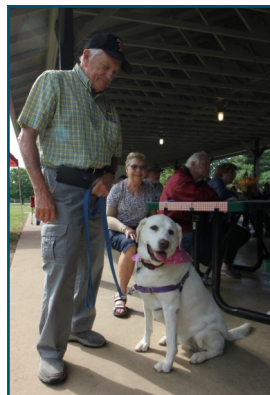
The attendance for the rally was a total of 64 rigs with 123 people which included many first timers!

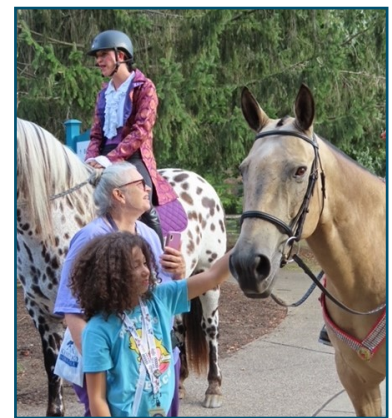
Throughout the event with our fund raising we were able to make a donation in the amount of \$2,851.00 to T2T. Attendees enjoyed live music on Thursday and Friday evenings, a SkyMed seminar and breakfast by Brad Briggs, a Dexter Axle seminar by Glenn Null, a Pet Show hosted by Damon and Erin Beals, tour of Old Friends Horse Park and meet and greet with two of the residents of the Kentucky Horse Park. It was an eventful rally!





Where We Have Been ~ *Region 5 Rally Pet Show*





Welcome New Members!

We are so very excited to have you as a member of our Region 5 Airstream family and look forward to meeting you at future rallies or events.

Jeff & Barb Carpenter
Noblesville, IN
2024 International, BRN 13225

Laura & James Elkins
Bargersville, IN
2024 Basecamp, BRN 08241

Robert & Mary Fleming
Plano, IL
2023 International, BRN 04886

Stuart Harrod
Frankfort, KY
2023 Globetrotter, BRN 04458

Cherie & Van Howk
Laguna Woods, CA
1992 Excella Classic, BRN 14695

Rebecca & Dan Ireland
Bloomington, IN
2023 Flying Cloud, BRN 09823

Martin & Toni Kottowski
Greenfield, IN
2023 Flying Cloud, BRN 11285

Lenville & Beverly Martin
Martin, KY
2009 Flying Cloud, BRN 05583

Christina & Jason McDaniel
Cadiz, KY
2021 International RB

Jonathan & KaraBeth Moor
Lexington, KY
1962 Overlander, BRN 08797

Brandie Nowak
Rockport, IN
2023 Flying Cloud, BRN 31917

Tom & Mary Anne Pryde
Granger, IN
2014 Flying Cloud, BRN 05710

Aaron & Katharina Shepler
Indianapolis, IN
2023 International, BRN 05245

Thomas & Francene Smrt
Union, IL
2024 Airstream Atlas-e,
BRN 18181

Gary Spangler
Wilmette, IL
2022 Globetrotter, BRN 05797

Jim Tome
Carol Stream, IL
2023 Classic, BRN 05984

Mark & Michele Wendt
Fort Wayne, IN
2023 Caravel, BRN 04654



Where We Are Going ~ Calendar of Events

Central Indiana and Indiana Club Joint Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9th 1-3 pm
Brown Cty State Park
Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville, IN
Contact: Jon Schwenke
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Region 5 Solar Eclipse Rally

April 5th—9th, 2024
Bartholomew Cty Fairgrounds
750 W 200 South
Columbus, IN 47201
Contact: Artie Martin
EM: aom1215@yahoo.com
Phone: 513-288-3419

Indiana Club French Lick & West Baden Rally

April 11th —14th, 2024
French Lick Springs Hotel
8670 IN-56
French Lick, IN 47432
Call French Lick Resort for Reservations:
888-542-8520

49th Annual Region 5 Rally

May 15th – 19th, 2024
Mark Twain Cave Campground
300 Cave Hollow Road
Hannibal, Missouri 63401
More Info to Follow~



What's in a Name? Our Newsletter Needs Your Help!

As part of our revival of the Region 5 Newsletter, we need your help with a very important part—the name!

Here are the suggestions:

- ◇ On The Road Again
- ◇ Quarter to Five
- ◇ R5 Fact's
- ◇ Region Five Frolic
- ◇ Region 5 Register
- ◇ Region 5 Report
- ◇ Region 5 Rocket
- ◇ Riveted Visitor
- ◇ See You Down the Road
- ◇ Shenanigans
- ◇ Silver Star Newsletter
- ◇ The Cardinal

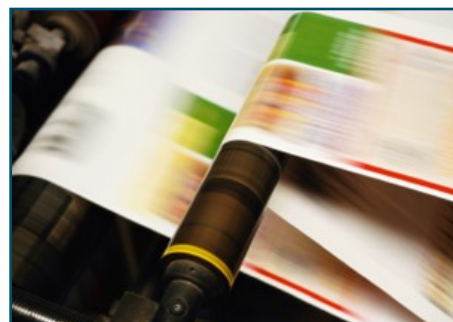
- ◇ The Fiver-er
- ◇ The Glamper Gazette
- ◇ The Region 5-tow
- ◇ LINK (IL, IN, KY)

Please submit your vote using this [link](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXQHD58) to be directed to the poll. (www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXQHD58)

Thank you in
advance, we
appreciate
your help!



Logo for LINK



Message from John Deegan ~ Region 5 1st Vice President

Greetings!

This Fall has been very busy for Mary Ellen and me as we participated in the Region 5 Rally at the Kentucky Horse Park, the Swiss Festival National Rally in Ohio, and spent a long weekend in Hannibal, Missouri planning next year's Region 5 Rally.

The weekend before Halloween, Mary Ellen and I traveled over to Hannibal and met with the owners of the Mark Twain Cave Complex and Campground to work on the schedule for our Region 5 Rally next May. Hannibal is all about Mark Twain, Tom Sawyer, and Becky Thatcher, and we will have opportunities to meet them (through reenactors!) and learn about life along the Mississippi in the 1800's.

Hannibal is a wonderful town to explore – with many unique shops and great restaurants. If you are into

quilting or sewing, you won't be disappointed! Also, there are amazing museums, antiquing and haunted tours! Our campground has two caves right on the property, as well as a Winery and a camp store/gift shop.

In closing, over the next few months, you will receive more information on the Hannibal rally – including costs, activities, and registration information. If you would like to help with planning this rally, please let me know. Your help will be greatly appreciated with parking, prizes/silent auction, evening activities, and ideas to make our long weekend in Hannibal memorable.

Best regards to all,
John Deegan
1st VP Region 5, BRN 538
Email – jdeegan@iquest.net



Kentucky Club Flag Available

The Kentucky Airstream Club has Club Flags available for sale.

Measuring 3' x 5', the price is \$42.04 for each flag if hand delivered and \$49.54 if mailed. To place your order or for any questions, please contact Artie Martin at 513-288-3419 or via email at aom1215@yahoo.com.



Message from Susan Bishop ~ Region 5 2nd Vice President

I hope everyone had a great camping season! Winterizing the trailer is just the pits, isn't it? Not the act of winterizing, but it just BEING winterized. It cuts way back on our camping, and it's a symbol of dreary Indiana / Kentucky / Illinois weather to come.

On that note, I encourage everyone to remember the people you spent time with this summer. The laughs, stories, sharing and campfires. It's kind of like having a life outside of your normal life, right? Sometimes it's like having an extra family.

The colors of Fall have been beautiful! While we've finished harvesting our flower and vegetable gardens and will let them stay dormant til

spring, our friendships will continue to grow year round if we tend them.

Fertilize your camping friendships. On dreary days maybe remember to text, call or email a camping friend or two. Maybe even drop a card in the mail. They'll appreciate the gesture and it'll give you a little boost, too.

"Fertilizer does no good in a heap, but a little spread around works miracles all over."

~ Richard Brinsley Sheridan

Yours,

Susan Bishop
2nd VP Region 5, ACI
BRN 07164



A Family Affair ~ Tammy Price, President Central Indiana Club

Congratulations to Tammy for having the following article featured in the current Blue Beret!

We are the Price family! We are a party of five: Tom, Tammy, Alec, Gabby and Macy! Our oldest daughter Gabby has left the nest and we are now anxiously awaiting the arrival our first grandchild!

We bought our first Airstream during the pandemic and Tom started to restore it to its previous luster so we could get out and travel and be together as a family. Tom soon said, "I believe I found my new passion!"

We got curious about those shadowing numbers just like everyone else does, and soon learned about they were Big Red Numbers via the Airstream Club, and immediately signed up and joined the vintage Airstream Club as well. We

started exploring the local rallies and went to our first local rally and were encouraged to register for the International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. We registered for that International Rally and decided to park with the Vintage Airstream Club and that's where the magic began!

Upon arrival at the International Rally in Lebanon, we informed the parking attendant that we had a special needs son with autism and asked if we could be parked near the restrooms in the Vintage group. They were so welcoming and accommodating and parked us right next to the restrooms and subsequently right next to Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn. We had coffee with Pee Wee every morning and sometimes a night cap.

From him we listened and learned the wealth of knowledge of Airstreaming, the history be-

A Family Affair ~ *(Continued from Page 7)*

hind it and what a family affair it can be. Right then, we knew this club was much bigger than we imagined. Our daughter Macy was so welcomed by everyone. She started socializing, helping others, pet sitting and fund-raising for the foundation; she had the best time and learned so much from everyone! We knew a spark had been lit inside her!

She volunteers and is always asking, "What can I do to help? How can I get involved?" She actually wants to be considered for a trustee position for our home club! I see the growth and potential for our children in this club for their future in Airstreaming and I'm excited with where it's going!

We have been to three Internationals Rallies, been to Alumalina and Region 5 Rallies, joined the Future Streamers and Grapes and Grains Intra-Clubs and now I'm currently the 2023 Central Indiana President!

We held our first CIAC season opener at Spring Mill State Park with sponsorship from Woodland Airstream of Lebanon, Indiana, and even had our own International President, Eric McHenry, and his wife, Region 12 President LaVerne McHenry, attend our rally that turned out to be one of Central Indiana's largest season opener in years!

We feel so blessed to have been welcomed so openly into this wonderful Airstream family! We have met lifelong friends through this organiza-

tion and through the opportunity to offer courtesy parking to other members on their travels as well! Courtesy parking is a great way to meet new members and show them how welcoming of a club that we are!

When we travel in our Airstream, we travel as a family and are almost always going to Airstream Rallies or functions, creating a stronger family bond and memories that our children will want to manifest for themselves in the future. Our family is deeply rooted in the Airstream community now, and I know that I can continue to contribute towards this "family atmosphere" in our entire region! We are excited to see where this journey leads our "shiny hiney's" down the road.

Tammy Price,
BRN # 24795, CIAC 2023 President
IG: Airstream317 &
Airstreaminfluencer



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Region 5 - What's in a Name?



No matter which direction you are traveling in your Airstream, adventure is all around you. It is an even greater adventure when you share your travels with friends and members of Region 5.



Region 5 Airstream Clubs

** Elections in process, officers will be updated for next issue*

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Central Indiana Airstream Club

Indiana Airstream Club; Unit 40

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Club Facebook Group Page:

Indiana Airstream Club

Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club;

Unit 176

President: Christine Majers, BRN 1329

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Northern Illinois Airstream Club

Kentucky Airstream Club; Unit 49

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Kentucky Airstream Club