

**Region 5**  
**Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.**  
**Annual Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9:15 A.M. CDT/10:15 A.M. EDT**  
**Mark Twain Complex Pavilion**  
**300 Cave Hollow Road**  
**(7097 County Road453)**  
**Hannibal, MO 63401**

Region 5 President Artie Martin, Kentucky Airstream Club, informed the board members that he would recuse himself and turn the running of the meeting over to Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Deegan, Central Indiana Airstream Club. Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Deegan called the meeting to order and then provided an invocation.

Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Susan Bishop, Central Indiana Airstream Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Barbara Zenor, Central Indiana Airstream Club, called the role of board members:

**Board Members:**

President	Artie Martin	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	John Deegan	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Susan Bishop	Present
Recording Secretary	Barbara Zenor	Present
Treasurer	John Swearingen	Present
Immediate Past Region President	Christopher Seplak	Present
Parliamentarian	Steve Broering	Present
President Central Indiana Airstream Club	Jon Schwenk	Present
President IL Lincolnland Airstream Club	Christine Majers	Present
President Indiana Airstream Club	Jim Zatorski	Present
President Kentucky Airstream Club	Alan Billips	Not Present
President Northern IL Airstream Club	Keith Wilson	Present

Steve Broering stated he would represent the Kentucky Airstream Club for Alan Billips. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Deegan asked Recording Secretary Barbara Zenor if there was a quorum, and she indicated there was. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Deegan stated we have a quorum.

**Appointment of immediate past president and appointment of nominating committee**

**chairperson:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Deegan stated at the appropriate time, which will occur later in 2024 at the conclusion of his term, Artie Martin will be appointed as the immediate past president and as the chairperson of the nominating committee. Also that the priority of the nominating committee will be to secure a Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 2025.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the September 15, 2023, Region 5 Annual Board Meeting have been posted on the website and have been distributed to each member of the board and should be before the members of the board at this time. There were no corrections/additions.

### **Reports of Officers and Committees**

**President's Report:** President Martin provided a summary of events which occurred during his office tenure. He stated there remains three and one-half months to the end of his term as President of Region 5 which has covered 4 years of leadership. President Martin reminded members of the pandemic which caused the cancellation of Chris and Nancy Seplak's Region 5 rally in Columbus, Indiana. Also, that attendance dropped at all rallies nationwide, but came back strong with the rally in Warsaw, Indiana. He stated the Madison, Indiana Region 5 rally was attended by roughly 30 rigs and in Sept 2023 over 60 rigs attended the Kentucky Horse Park Region 5 rally. In April of 2024, 62 rigs from 17 states and Canada attended a very successful special event Eclipse Rally in Columbus, Indiana. President Martin stated his pleasure working with John Deegan, Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Susan Bishop, Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. President Martin then reminded members that for the first time in memory the Region held an election to choose a Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President from among three candidates and Tammy Price won that election. President Martin stated he looks forward to serving the Region as Immediate Past President, Nominating Chairperson if so appointed, and that he will also continue to serve as Region 5 Blue Beret Editor and as Membership Chair for Region 5.

See Appendix A for a copy of the submitted written report.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Swearingen, Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, reported the checking account balance, as of May 1, 2024, was \$18,502.66 and noted the Region 5 fiscal year does not start until July 1, 2024. The rally date is earlier than usual in 2023. Treasurer Swearingen stated that at the time the report was compiled all expenses for the current Region 5 Rally had not yet been paid. He also stated that Region 5 is on a fiscal year versus a calendar year and the Internal Revenue Service Electronic Postcard Form 990-N for Fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, has not yet been filed and accepted by the IRS. This report cannot be filed until after June 30, 2024. Sometime after June 30th the IRS report will be filed.

Treasurer Swearingen then reviewed the 2023 Region 5 Rally Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky financial report with board members stating there were 64 rigs with 123 people in attendance. The rally had an income of \$26,150.87 with expenses of \$25,523.88 leaving a positive balance of \$626.99.

Treasurer Swearingen next reviewed the 2024 Region 5 Rally Eclipse Rally Bartholomew County 4H Fairgrounds, Columbus, IN financial report with board members stating there

were 67 rigs with 134 people registered and 62 rigs with 122 people in attendance. The rally had an income of \$25,269.00 with expenses of \$25,247.45 leaving a positive balance of \$21.55. John Deegan asked about cancellations related to the 2024 Region 5 Rally. Treasurer Swearingen stated cancellations occurred for the 2024 Region 5 Rally and he notified those canceling there would be no refunds unless there are enough funds left over. Refunds or partial refunds could occur depending on the financial outcome of the rally.

There were no further questions about the treasurer's reports.

**Motion:** Jon Schwenke moved to accept the treasurer's reports as presented. Christopher Seplak seconded the motion. The motion was passed without dissent.

Keith Wilson, Northern IL Airstream Club President, indicated he received only about a one- or two-day notice regarding the need to produce an IRS report for the club. He asked Treasurer Swearingen when these reports were due. Treasurer Swearingen indicated the IRS changed some rules and each club is now responsible for their own filing. Clubs may need to file on a calendar year versus a fiscal year depending on the club. Clubs have a certain number of days after the end of their year to file. President Martin suggested each club review and update their club policies so future club officers will know when the filing is due and that the filing date could be different for each club. Jim Zatorski, Indiana Airstream Club President, indicated their club had a similar situation a few years ago and were able to find some information from the International Office in Jackson Center and from the Department of Corporations in the State of Indiana. John Deegan asked if there was any further discussion regarding the treasurer's report. There was none.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Rally Report:** There was no rally report. John Deegan indicated there were 45 rigs registered with 86 members for the 2024 Region 5 Rally in Hannibal, MO. Also that 3 rigs had canceled before the start of the rally. John Deegan stated there would be more discussion on rallies as the meeting progressed.

**Membership:** Membership Chair Artie Martie indicated the Region Membership Chairman shall develop and implement a membership program that includes a program for membership retention. In reality, the responsibilities have evolved into a more robust involvement with the membership of our Region. Last year, President Martin appointed himself to be the membership chair of Region 5 after he found out it gave him access to run membership reports at will, sorted just about any way you could imagine. No longer does a club president have to call Headquarters to ask for reports, unless the Membership Chair is unavailable. The Membership Chair can produce them Quickly! How about a real-time report of members whose dues are coming up to be paid sorted in recent date order? How about a report of recently paid dues updated in the last hour? For this reason, the Region 5 President wanted access to this info. Membership Chair Martin felt as if access to this info is invaluable to Presidents of Regions and Local Clubs. But as of now it's only being made available to the Membership Chairs.

Membership Chair Martin also indicated that last year a new welcome letter was developed to be delivered to new Members at Large (MAL). These welcome letters are designed to encourage new MALs to come to a local rally and join a local club. The theory is if an MAL attends a local rally, they are more apt to join a local club.

Membership Chair Martin stated that since Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023 through current data, Region 5 has gained 39 new members. When compared to the previous period of Sept 1<sup>st</sup>,2022 through 2023, Region 5 had 28 new members. This is a 40% increase of new members and Region 5 has several months to go in this fiscal year. Region 5 is growing and we as members can support more growth by assisting new members in how to use the club's benefits and answer all of their concerns.

Membership Chair Martin addressed a question from the board regarding access to the data indicated. Membership Chair Martin recommended each club assign a Membership Chair who would have access to all the mentioned data for their individual club.

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**Caravans:** Currently, Region 5 does not have a Caravan Chairperson. John Deegan suggested the club presidents discuss the position with their club members to try to recruit a membership chair. If anyone is interested in this position, please see John Deegan.

**Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret:** Artie Martin, Contributing Editor, stated that Region 5 published an article for the Blue Beret Magazine in all issues over the past year. Contributing Editor Martin continues to ask for members to submit articles for inclusion in the magazine, and once again encourages members to participate. He stated the Blue Beret Magazine has been reduced to 4 printed issues per year. These issues will be February, May, August, and November. This is already in operation effective with the August 2023 issue. A new monthly electronic version has been created entitled the "Blue Beret Blog" and it is possible to have the Blue Beret Editor submit articles for the blog as well. Contributing Editor Martin plans to continue being the editor through the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year to provide consistency for Region 5's communication to its members. There were no questions or comments from the board.

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**Community Service:** Region 5 does not currently have a Community Service Chairperson. In the absence of a Community Service Chairperson, President Martin provided a community service report related to the 2023 Region 5 Rally at Kentucky Horse Park. President Martin stated the community service project for the Kentucky Horse Park Rally in Lexington, KY was Tunnel to Towers. He indicated through silent auctions, raffles and donations Region 5 donated a total of \$2,851.00. President Martin provided a copy of a thank you letter from Tunnel to Towers. There were no questions or comments.

See Appendix A for a copy of the submitted written report. and the letter from Tunnel to Towers.

**Legislative:** Christopher Seplak, Legislative Chair, indicated Region 5 has not had a

Legislative report for several years and appreciates being appointed to the Legislative Chair position. Chairperson Seplak stated Thor Industries (Airstream parent company) reported net sales were down to 2.21 billion dollars in the second quarter of the fiscal 2024 compared to 2.35 billion dollars from the second quarter of 2023. The report indicated that although sales were down, the gross profit margin was up 20 points to 12.3% profit. Additionally, the report indicated, the North American Towable RV division net sales were down 11.9% for the second quarter. The gross profit was up 7.4% due to a decrease in material costs.

Chairperson Seplak stated the Illinois Tollway is switching over from the transponders to sticker tags which will be valid in any state that has E-ZPass readers. There is no charge for the sticker Tags and the \$10 transponder deposit bill will be transferred in the current I\_PASS customer's account. In the Illinois General Assembly, the transportation committee is working on a bill to have vehicles slow down and move over in the opposite lane in a construction/emergency zone. The next committee meeting is April 30th.

Chairperson Seplak stated the Commonwealth of Kentucky passed a law to permit the application of sunscreening material with a light transmittance of not less than 70% to a windshield. The transportation committee is also working on a bill to have vehicles slow down and move over in a construction/emergency zone.

Chairperson Seplak indicated there were two bills that didn't pass the Indiana General Assembly that would have affected the club. SB 229 would have prohibited the sale of RV on Sundays and HB 1308 would have increased the speed limits to 75 per hour.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

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**Newsletter Editor:** Jenn Reinshagen, Region 5's Newsletter Editor was not present at the rally. John Deegan read the Newsletter Editor report. The report stated the Region 5 Newsletter was revived and a contest was held to choose a new name. "LINK" was selected as the name which represents all three regional states, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky, and was accompanied by a well-designed logo. The Newsletter includes standing features - Contact Listing, Club Information, Event Listings, Recent Event Photos, Message from the Region President and the publication schedule.

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**Religious Services:** Region 5 does not currently have a Religious Services Coordinator. In the absence of a Religious Services Coordinator, the report will be read by Recording Secretary Barbara Zenor. The worship service last year was held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the Kentucky Horse Park Campground Pavilion, Lexington, Kentucky. Worship Leader – David Peyton and Usher Chairman was John Swearingen. An offering of \$183.00 was given to Tunnel to Towers, which was also the Community Service Project for the rally. The total amount given to Tunnel to Towers was \$2,851.00 (\$183.00 offering + \$2,668.00 charitable donations). There were no questions. If anyone is

interested in this position, please see John Deegan.

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**Vintage Airstream Intra-club (VAC) Representative:** Christopher Seplak, VAC representative described VAC as being made up of members from the WBAC that have older Airstreams. Representative Seplak stated as of this year, any member with an Airstream trailer from the 20th Century can be a full member of VAC. Anyone else can be an associate member of the VAC. As of the last report received from the president of the intra-club and dated 4/14/2023, VAC had 633 members of which 31 members are from Region 5. Representative Seplak stated VAC held a meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, to vote to update the VAC constitution to provide flexibility in the way VAC conducts its business and delineate the duties of the Board Members and appointees who chair specific committees. Also, this meeting was to modify the constitution to allow VAC to conduct electronic meetings. Additionally, to identify any nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president. Tom Price submitted his name for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President. Voting is currently being conducted. Starting on May 26 is the Around the World Caravan & Helen's Homecoming Rally. This Caravan is to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the '63-'64 Around the World Caravan. It will start at the RV museum in Elkhart to Peru to Fort Recovery to Jackson Center for the Helen's Homecoming Rally. The VAC annual meeting will be held in Jackson Center on Saturday, June 1, 2024. The Around the World Caravan & Helen's Homecoming Rally is already closed for registrations. VAC is sponsoring the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at this Region 5 Rally. Representative Seplak stated if you would like more information on the Vintage Airstream Intra-club please contact him.

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

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**Webmaster:** Damon Beals, Region 5's Webmaster, was not present at the Board meeting. John Deegan indicated the report would not be read during the board meeting; however, the report has been included in each board member packet. John Deegan further stated the report contains considerable detail on how electronic transactions are managed within Region 5 membership and within Region 5. He further stated he believes there is an effective process for managing signoffs and other Region 5 transactions. John Deegan indicated there is a new Region 5 email address to which all members have not yet been transitioned as there is a good deal of work to transition all Region 5 membership. However, a transition will be undertaken.

President Martin commented on the use of JotForms for registration and that Airstream Club International is working on a way to absorb the cost from the clubs so the local regions and clubs will no longer have to pay the fees to use JotForm. The possible solution format is being reviewed and could be a Jotform format or a link that can be used for free.

The Board had no further questions or comments.

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**Unfinished Business:** There was no Unfinished Business.

**Second Vice President's Report:** Susan Bishop, Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, stated the Special Eclipse Rally in Columbus, Indiana was well received by both attendees and the City of Columbus. A great deal of self-care and cleaning supplies were donated to the Lincoln Central Family Neighborhood Family Center in addition to cash donations of \$400.

She indicated that Bowling Green, Kentucky is being considered for the 2026 Region 5 Rally in Kentucky. Susan Bishop stated if Board members have favorite activities or locations in that area to please let her know. John Deegan indicated the Corvette Museum and Susan Bishop stated the Corvette tours are currently shut down as the factory has put in new tooling, which is considered secretive, so no tours are being conducted. She indicated that by 2026 the new tooling may not be as special and perhaps tours could be available.

Susan Bishop stated that in 2027, Peoria, Illinois is being considered but the decision has not yet been made, and she is open to suggestions.

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**New Business:** John Deegan indicated there are two motions.

The first motion (Motion #1) is for officer succession bylaws and the second is a motion for the 2025 annual Region 5 rally to be held in the Speedway, IN area.

Motion #1 discussion: President Martin is the sponsor of the officer succession bylaws motion. John Deegan asked President Martin to discuss the motion with the group. President Martin moved that we add a policy statement concerning officer succession. The policy will say that after an election, a newly elected officer shall assume the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position for 2 years and then proceed to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president for 2 years, and then to President for 2 years. President Martin indicated a second for this motion is not required because the statement came from a committee, including himself, Susan Bishop, Christopher Seplak, and John Deegan. The committee worked to develop the policy statement. Present Martin stated the region does not have constitutional by-laws.

President Martin stated the region does not have constitutional by-laws; the region has policies. The Region 5 policies can be written in such a way as to interpret what the International Constitution by laws state. The International constitution by-laws, even at the International level, allow for a 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of International for 1 year, move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> for 1 year, move to the 1<sup>st</sup> for 1 year and then after all of that dedication an outside candidate can legally run against that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and win the presidency after they have put all of that time and dedication into learning how to be a

president of the international club. The same thing can happen in the region. The same thing can happen at the local level. It is legal to do that. President Martin stated that we have discussed this at length in the IBT (International Board of Trustees). President Martin indicated it (succession statement) is not a law; it is not a constitution, it is a policy. In the future it is still legal for someone to run against a current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice and skip the succession, it is still legal this is just a suggestion. President Martin then asked if there were questions about why or how we are thinking of adding this to our policies.

Susan Bishop indicated the Central Indiana Club is currently doing their CBL (Constitution and Bylaws) review and she is the chairperson for the subcommittee. She indicated the subcommittee did address this in the CBL and it has been approved by International, but it is yet being voted on yet but will be soon by the club.

John Deegan asked if the other clubs in the region have similar statements in their bylaws. Jim Zatorski, President Indiana Airstream Club, indicated this would be a concern for them. President Martin stated that another reason this policy statement has come forward is that for a recent election there were 3 candidates (for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President).

John Deegan called for a vote on Motion #1 - officer succession. The motion was passed without dissent.

See Appendix A for a copy of the Motion #1 officer succession

Motion #2 discussion: John Deegan stated Motion #2 is a motion to establish the process to begin planning for the 2025 rally. He indicated traditionally we have located the rallies across the 3 states of the region Illinois, Indiana, then Kentucky and back to Illinois. John Deegan indicated he is requesting to receive board approval to hold the 2025 Region 5 annual rally in or near the city of Speedway, Marion County Indiana during the second quarter of 2025. He provided some history indicating that for many years the Central Indiana Club, then known as the Central Indiana Unit, sponsored an Indy 500 National Rally in Speedway, Indiana at the Speedway. The best understanding is that the last such national rally was in the 1990's. There is a group of people in the Central Indiana Club who would like to restart the Indy 500 National Rally and this included people at the international level too as they look for opportunities for restarting national rallies across the country. John Deegan stated that he is proposing we have the region rally in the Speedway, Indiana area in the second quarter of 2025 and bring the region to the Speedway. He indicated the reason the motion indicates the second quarter versus specific date is that there is a tremendous amount of logistics that has to be undertaken in order to nail down an exact location and an exact date. The reason for that is there are a lot of activities that go on in Speedway, Indiana in the month of May and we do not necessarily want to be in the middle of all that but would like to be around Speedway when the activity is going on. The second quarter is April, May, and June which puts us in the right timeframe, and we will then, with your approval, get serious about planning the rally and coming up with a time. When the announcement for this current rally was made, last year the question came up about cost and we are asking the Board to give us until the third quarter of this year, end of July 2024, to have the preliminary financials in place.



Jim Zatorski, President Indiana Airstream Club asked if the rally would be held over the race weekend. John Deegan answered by indicating we do not recommend holding the rally over Memorial Day weekend.

President Martin indicated there will need to be further electronic communication because the vote is not for a budget at this time and additional Zoom meetings would be required as we move forward with additional information.

Glenn Null, member of the audience, indicated he would hope the Central Indiana Airstream Club would not be totally responsible for any national rally that might occur; however, he likes the idea of a restart of a national rally. President Martin stated this could be a precursor to a national rally. It is unknown what the organization for a national rally would look like, should such occur. There would be international involvement and perhaps a couple of regions that are close by and volunteers coming in from all over the nation. President Martin stated he would never expect the Central Indiana Club to be the home club to sponsor a national rally. Such a national rally would be much bigger than what the Central Indiana Club could provide by itself.

John Deegan indicated that the process for the Region 5 rally would start by looking at possible sites for holding the rally and there are several venues near the Speedway that could hold 50 to 100 Airstreams.

**Motion:** Jim Zatorski, President Indiana Airstream Club, moved to proceed with a vote on Motion #2. Jon Schwenke, President Central Indiana Airstream Club seconded. The motion was passed without dissent.

See Appendix A for a copy of the Motion #2 - 2025 Rally to be Held in the Speedway, IN Area.

### **First Vice President's Report**

John Deegan stated this has been a great year for Region 5. With an amazing Eclipse Rally and thanked Susan Bishop for facilitating the rally. He indicated his primary activity for the year has been the planning of the Hannibal Rally and stated that he and Mary Ellen found Hannibal to be very excited about our visit. John stated that he and Mary Ellen traveled to Hannibal on numerous occasions to visit with the people in Hannibal who were excited we were coming. They provided discounts, tickets and special prizes that were available on Wednesday night. John and Mary Ellen Deegan made contact with the Convention and Visitors Bureau who helped them move forward with the planning.

He stated the planning for the 2025 Region 5 rally in the Indianapolis area is beginning and will definitely have an Indy 500 based theme. He indicated a group of Region 5 members met at a CIAC rally in early May to discuss ideas and options for the Rally and to identify several "next steps." Now that the Board has approved the location, planning will proceed

with additional details and will be getting together with the Board as the planning progresses.

John Deegan thanked Artie Martin and indicated that as Artie moved on to a well-deserved retirement for the second time, he would personally like to thank President Martin for his leadership and value to all members of the Board. John Deegan referenced that President Martin had helped he and Mary Ellen with planning the rally and that everyone around the table has benefitted from President Martin's guidance and support over the years.

See Appendix A for a copy of the submitted written report.

**Any additional New Business:** There was no additional New Business.

President Martin indicated as part of the Board of Trustees Meeting there is usually an In Memoriam to members that are no longer with us. President Martin verified there were no known members who had passed away and that it is the first time in his memory that such has occurred.

Jon Schwenke, President Central Indiana Airstream Club, provided a suggestion that club's take a look at their constitutions (CBLs) for updates every 5 years which is typically about a 3-month process from beginning to end. Secondly, Jon Schwenke indicated Jenn Reinshagen, Region 5 Newsletter Editor developed a flier to be handed to prospective club members and to ask if they would like to be a member of a local club. Additionally, he stated Central Indiana Airstream Club has updated the club pin to be provided to club membership as well as being provided to all new club members.

Immediate Past Region President/Legislative Chair Christopher Seplak stated the clubs will be in various stages of needing to update their CBLs and the process among the clubs will not necessarily align year by year. President Martin indicated he has information regarding club CBL updates and clubs may reach out to him for that information.

John Deegan stated that over the last two to three years there have been changes at the international level in their constitutional bylaws that are request to be folded into individual units and he stated if the clubs do not have that information Brad Biggs should have that information and clubs should reach out to him and he will make certain that club know what those words are.

Susan Bishop stated there is an electronic file that has instructions and highlighted parts that have to go into the unit CBLs which includes online voting and other things.

John Deegan indicated in preparing for this meeting he asked the club presidents to

send in reports with a summary of their activities for the year, which each president provided. John Deegan stated that this request has never been made before to the club presidents. He indicated his appreciation for receiving the information and that the reports are now part of the record for this meeting. He asked the club presidents if this was something that should continue. The presidents indicated yes, the reports should be part of the process in the future. John Deegan stated the reports will become part of the meeting in the future much like the committee reports and the club president reports will be included in the minutes.

See Appendix A for copies of the club president submitted written reports.

### **Announcements:**

Jon Schwenke, President Central Indiana Airstream Club, previously provided his announcements.

Christine Majer, Lincolnland Airstream Club, stated she has talked to President Martin about pursuing an intra-club for Airstream vans (anything drivable/motorized Airstreams). She asked the Boardmembers, if the chance arises, to ask their members who have a motorized Airstream whether there would be interest in such an intra-club. Christine Majer asked about access to data regarding motorized Airstreams. She indicated Lincolnland has a core group that gets together. President Martin indicated as the Region 5 membership chair he can sort the data by type of vehicle and can locate the motor coaches. He also indicated that he would be spending some time the following week with International President Eric McHenry, and he expected the topic of an intra-club for drivable Airstream branded vehicles to be discussed.

Jim Zatorski, President Indiana Airstream Club, stated his information is in his report. He indicated the Indiana Airstream Club is in good shape. The club has a full slate of officers planning for next year which is underway, and they feel pretty good about where the club is headed.

Keith Wilson, President Northern IL Airstream Club, stated the club is doing pretty good and has a number of active members. He indicated they have a season opener and season closer, April and October, at the Lee County Fairgrounds in Amboy, IL. The club has been using that facility for over 50 years. He stated the facility is a pleasure to work with and last October the club voted to donate \$300 to the fairground association to help maintain the facility. Keith Wilson stated they are pleased to be part of the Region 5 Rally. Because the Region 5 rally fell on the typical date for the season opener, the club decided not to hold the season opening on the same dates to encourage club members to attend the region rally. Northern IL Airstream Club will be doing a joint rally with Indiana Airstream Club in July.

Steve Broering, representing the Kentucky Airstream club, stated the club is doing well. He indicated the VPs are planning rallies. One new rally will be a June Fishing Rally at the National Trout Hatchery near Lake Cumberland. They are planning on some trout/fly fishing lessons as part of the rally. A second new rally will be an

August Range Rally at the Bluegrass Sportsmans League Shooting Sports Complex for anyone from novice to experienced who shoots or wants to learn to shoot. The club has new members, which is good for the club.

John Deegan asked if there were any other announcements and indicated he had a couple of questions. First, he asked for thoughts on whether the region should consider two events per year and pointed out that the region had two events during the current year. Susan Bishop indicated she is having more fun organizing one event per year versus 5 or 6 per year. She indicated if the region were to hold multiple events, they could start cutting out a local club rally. Steve Broering indicated he thought it would be a good idea if there was a special event in the region, otherwise consider a single rally. Susan Bishop asked about the possibility of having a Region 5 Rally outside of the region. President Martin indicated Region 5 has held events such as a picnic and luncheons at the International Rally. Christopher Seplak indicated he believed there were some events held in Florida. President Martin suggested sticking with one rally unless there is a real special event. He stated the Eclipse Rally was a special event. John Sweringen stated he has a list of where all the Region 5 rallies have been held. Anyone interested in the list should reach out to him. Barbara Zenor stated the list might be of interest to many members and perhaps consideration could be given to placing the list on the website. President Martin suggested if it is one page, it could be included in the newsletter. Steve Broering stated it was a great idea to step out of the 3-state region for the rally and a great venue. Future rallies outside of the region should be considered. President Martin stated the region policies were changed when the Region 5 Rally was approved for Hannibal, MO so future rallies outside the region can be considered.

**Adjournment:**

John Deegan asked if there was a motion to close the 2024 Annual Meeting of Region 5.

Motion: Keith Wilson moved that the meeting should be adjourned. Susan Bishop seconded. The motion was passed without dissent. President Martin stated the 49th annual Region 5 rally is officially closed.

## **Appendix A**

### **President's Written Report:**

**Artie Martin**

### **Region 5 Presidents Report**

**May 18, 2024**

It is with great joy that I report to the membership today

The State of "Region 5 Address"

As we head downhill of the final 3 and one half months to the end of my term as President, I feel both joy and sorrow simultaneously. Together, Pam and I have now gone through 4 years of region 5 leadership. In between terms we suffered through a massive pandemic which caused the cancellation of Chris and Nancy Seplak's Region 5 rally in Columbus, Indiana. After all of their planning, they didn't get to reward in the joy of completing the journey.

Attendance dropped at all rallies nationwide, but they came back strong with their rally in Warsaw, Indiana!!! We then moved on to Madison, Indiana where we had roughly 30 rigs attend. Last Sept 2023 we drew over 60 rigs to the Ky Horse Park and then had a very successful Special event Eclipse Rally in Columbus, Indiana in April of 2024 with 62 rigs from 17 states and Canada.

I believe Region 5 is back with a vengeance!!!

When I took over as President for this current term, I wondered who might step up to follow me in Region leadership. We don't have to wonder who anymore. John Deegan and Susan Bishop joined the squad much to my absolute enjoyment!!! It has been a pleasure to have worked with John and Susan. John's Hannibal Rally is now in process, and I know it will be remembered as a great success.

And then to top it off!!! We had to have an Election for the first time anyone can remember because we had 3 candidates interested in becoming Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Tammy Price won that election and Pam and I wish her nothing but good tidings moving forward.

I look forward to serving the Region as Immediate Past President, and Nominating Chairperson if so appointed. I will also continue to serve as Region 5 Blue Beret Editor and as Membership Chair for Region 5.

Pam and I feel confident that Region 5 now has the Stewardship to continue a successful Region 5 Airstream Club. Membership has increased for 2 years in a row. And

we would love to thank everyone for the assistance, guidance and love we have received over the years. We consider ourselves lucky to have so many friends and acquaintances. We will always be "Friends of Region 5".

**...until then, we can't wait to get "On the Road Again".**

Artie Martin

Region 5 President WBCCI #213

Aom1215@yahoo.com

## **Membership Written Report:**

Artie Martin

Region 5 Membership Chairman Report

May 18, 2024

Region Membership Chairman:

The Region Membership Chairman shall develop and implement a membership program that includes a program for membership retention.

In Reality, the responsibilities have evolved into a more robust involvement with the membership of our Region.

Last Year, I appointed myself to be the membership chair of Region 5 after I found out it gave me access to run membership reports at will, sorted just about any way you could imagine. No longer does a Club President have to call Headquarters to ask for reports, unless I am unavailable. I can produce them Quickly! How about a real time report of members whose dues are coming up to be paid sorted in recent date order? How about a report of recently paid dues updated in the last hour? For this reason only, I wanted access to this info! I felt as if access to this info is invaluable to Presidents of Regions and Local Clubs. But as of now its only being made available to the Membership Chairs.

Last Year the Club initiated a new welcome letter to be delivered to new Members at Large. These welcome letters are designed to encourage new MAL's to come to a local rally and join a local club. The theory is if a Member at Large attends a local rally, they are more apt to join a local club.

Since Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023 thru current data, Region 5 has gained 39 new members. If we compare this to the previous period of Sept 1,2022 thru 2023, we had 28 new members.

This is a 40% increase of new members and we have several months to go in this fiscal year. Region 5 is growing and we as members can support more growth by assisting new members in how to use the clubs benefits and answer all of their concerns.

Artie Martin

Region 5 President WBCCI #213

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**Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret Written Report:**

**Artie Martin**

**Blue Beret Region 5 Contributing Editor**

**Region 5 Meeting Report out**

**May 18, 2024**

I am happy to report that Region 5 published an article for the Blue Beret Magazine in all issues over the past year. I am always asking for members to submit articles for inclusion in the magazine, and once again encourage members to participate!

The Blue Beret Magazine has been reduced to 4 printed issues per year. These issues will be February, May, August, and November. This is already in operation effective with the August 2023 issue. A new monthly electronic version has been created entitled the "Blue Beret Blog". It is possible to have the Blue Beret Editor submit articles for the blog as well.

I plan to continue being the editor thru the 2024 / 2025 Fiscal Year to provide consistency for Region 5's communication to its members.

Artie Martin

Region 5 President WBCCI #213

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**Community Service Written Report:**

**Artie Martin**

**Region 5 Community Service Report**

**May 18, 2024**

The community Service Project for the Sept 2023 Region 5 Rally at the Ky Horse Park in Lexington, KY was "Tunnel 2 Towers". Thru silent auctions, raffles and donations Region 5 donated a grand total of \$2,851.00. Following this report is a thankyou letter from Tunnel 2 Towers.

Artie Martin

Region 5 President WBCCI #213

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Region 5 of WBCCI  
PO Box 356  
Atlanta, IL 61723

Dear Region 5 of WBCCI,

On behalf of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, we would like to thank you for your recent extremely generous contribution. We are truly grateful for your generosity and honored to have your support.

In Stephen Siller's memory, the Foundation strives to "do good" by making a positive and lasting impact in the lives of others. Tunnel to Towers Foundation continues to provide dozens of homes to deserving American heroes and their families, including Catastrophically Injured Service Members, Fallen First Responders, Gold Star families and Homeless Veterans.

In 2023, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation delivered over 200 mortgage free homes to our nation's heroes and their families as part of our Smart Home, Fallen First Responder, and Gold Star Family Programs. In addition, the Foundation opened its first Veterans Village in Houston, TX and housed over 3,000 veterans as part of our Homeless Veteran Program. You can learn more about this and all our programs at [t2t.org](http://t2t.org).

If you have any questions about the Foundation or would like more information please call my direct line at 347-533-4575 or feel free to email me at [brenda.horgan@t2t.org](mailto:brenda.horgan@t2t.org).

Best Regards,

Brenda Horgan  
Manager, Development

## Legislative Written Report:

### Legislative Report for Region 5

I know we have not had a Legislative report for several years. Thanks for giving a me chance on being this committee chairman.

#### Thor Industries (Airstream parent company)

As of the 2nd quarter report from Thor Industries, the net sales were down to 2.21 billion dollars in the second quarter of the fiscal 2024 compared to 2.35 billion dollars from the 2nd quarter of 2023. Although sales were down, the gross profit margin was up 20 points to 12.3% profit. The North American Towable RV division net sales were down 11.9% for the second quarter. The gross profit was up 7.4% due to decrease in material cost.

Illinois Legislative report: The Illinois Tollway is switching over from the transponders to sticker tags. They will be good on any state that has EZ Pass readers. No Charge for the sticker Tags. The \$10 transponder deposit bill be transferred in the current I\_PASS customers account.

In the General Assembly, the transportation committee is working on a bill to have vehicles slow down and move over in the opposite lane in a construction/emergency zone. The next committee meeting is April 30th.

Kentucky Legislative Report: The Commonwealth passed a law to permit the application of suncreening material with a light transmittance of not less than 70% to a windshield. The transportation committee is also working on a bill to have vehicles slow down and move over in a construction/emergency zone.

Indiana Legislative Report: There were two bills that didn't pass the Gen Assem. that would have effect the club. SB 229 would have prohibited the sale of RV on Sundays and HB 1308 would have increased speed limits to 75 per hour.

Christopher Seplak  
Region 5 Legislative Chairman

## Newsletter Editor Written Report:

2024 Region 5

### Newsletter Editor Report for Regional Meeting

After successfully reviving the Region 5 newsletter, a contest was organized to choose a new name. Among the numerous options, “LINK” emerged as the clear winner. This name beautifully represents all three regional states—Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky—and was accompanied by a well-designed logo.

The revamped newsletter includes the following features:

Ø Contact Listing: Readers can find information about the Region 5 board members and Unit Presidents.

Ø Club Information: Corresponding club details will be included.

Ø Event Listings: Stay updated on upcoming Rallies and gatherings within the region.

Ø Recent Event Photos: Enjoy snapshots from recent Rallies and gatherings.

Ø Message from the Region President: The newsletter will feature a message from the region’s President and periodic messages from upcoming Presidents.

Ø Publication Schedule: The newsletter will be released quarterly, with issues scheduled for February, May, August, and November.

For contributions or inquiries, feel free to reach out via email at [wbcci4447@gmail.com](mailto:wbcci4447@gmail.com) or contact me directly at 513.919.0229. I welcome articles, suggestions, and photos for the newsletters!

Jenn Reinshagen, BRN 4447  
Versailles, Indiana

## Religious Services Written Report:

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES 2024 REPORT

Region 5 Annual Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 2024  
Mark Twain Cave Complex Campground  
Hannibal, Missouri

There was no chaplain for Region 5 in 2023.

The worship service last year was held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the Kentucky Horse Park Campground Pavilion, Lexington, Kentucky.

Worship Leader – David Peyton, WBAC #4563

Usher Chairman - John Swearingen, WBAC #4482

An offering of \$183.00 was given to Tunnel to Towers, which was also the Community Service Project for the rally.

The total amount given to Tunnel to Towers was \$2,851.00 (\$183.00 offering + \$2,668.00 charitable donations).

Submitted by Barbara Zenor, Recording Secretary, Region 5

## Vintage Airstream Intra-Club Written Report:

### Vintage Airstream Intra Group Report

The Vintage Airstream Club is made up members from the WBAC that have older Airstreams. As of this year, any members with an Airstream trailer from the 20th Century (19XX) can be a full member of the Vintage Airstream club. Any one else can be an associate member of the Vintage Airstream club. As of the last report on 4/14, the Vintage Airstream club has 633 members in the VAC club. Of those 633 members, Region 5 has 31 members.

On Mon May 13, we had a meeting of the membership to vote to update our constitution so we have the flexibility in the way the VAC conducts its business and delineate the duties of the Board Members and appointees who chair specific committees. Also, this meeting was to set up so in the constitution that we can have electronic meetings and also any nominations for third vice president. This motion passed.

Starting on May 26 is the start of the Around the World Caravan & Helen's Homecoming Rally. This Caravan is to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the '63-'64 Around the World Caravan. It will start at the RV museum in Elkhart to Peru to Fort Recovery to Jackson Center for the Helen's Homecoming Rally. We will be have our annual meeting there in Jackson Center on Saturday June 1st. This event is closed already for registrations.

We as members of the VAC would like to thank the Vintage Intraclub for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday of the Region 5 Rally.

If you would like more information on the Vintage Airstream Intraclub please contact myself.

Christopher Seplak

Vintage Airstream Region 5 Representative

## Webmaster Written Report:

WBCCI Region 5 Website Report  
Region 5 Rally 2024 in Hannibal, MO  
Damon Beals #4827

I have continued to update and add content to the Region 5 website as it is provided. The updates included the 2024 Region Rally, the Eclipse Rally and the return of the R5 Newsletter. As well as updates for the R5 Board meetings reports.

The International club has finished moving club email accounts from wbcci.net and airstreamclub.net to airstreamclub.org. Region 5 has a new email address ([region5@airstreamclub.org](mailto:region5@airstreamclub.org)) that account is used for Jotforms and can be used for Region 5 communications.

I would encourage each club in Region 5 to request to get a club email account, as it can be passed from President to incoming President and not tie email and services like jotforms and paypal to a personal email account.

Due to the cost of Jotforms, we should offer the jotform to all of the clubs in Region 5. No reason for every club to pay for a Jotform account. Region 5 is paying \$17 a month for the Jotform Bronze account, we get a %50 discount as we are a non-profit.

I will continue to help clubs get access and help them learn the new site, but the individual clubs will need to input their clubs event data. Clubs should be reminded that putting information in the calendar is how new members will see your club. Why would a new member join a club that isn't listing any events? And a reminder when you do add events to the Calendar please put your Club name in the event title so people know who is hosting the event, just using "Rally at State Park" doesn't provide people looking at the calendar with much information at a glance. As of this report Region 5 only has 15 events listed for the rest of the year.

The International Club has added many new features to the website. You can now do user searches, and find your club members. A recent update also now allows a member to join and renew for Intraclubs, no need to go to another website or send a check, it is one stop shopping for joins and renewals now. The other major upgrade are tools for membership chairs, they can now generate reports to get all the information on members of their club. The International Club also did a review of the website to make it more user friendly, this resulted in new menus and renaming of menu items to be more clear.

The International Club has also created a new website for various topics and marketing to a wider audience. <https://blog.airstreamclub.org> this site has Club News, Destinations, Education, Gear, History, Rally/Events and Stories. This site doesn't require any login, and is where you can find articles that have also appeared in the Blue Beret and elsewhere.

Some reminders for Club officers:

If there is an Officer change of any kind (including webmasters or assistant webmasters), the information needs to go to [info@airstreamclub.org](mailto:info@airstreamclub.org).

The President or Vice President can email the change to [info@airstreamclub.org](mailto:info@airstreamclub.org) or fill out the online Officer Reporting Form. <https://airstreamclub.org/form/officer-reporting-form>

If there is a change in the communication list for new members, renewals, etc. that change needs to go to [membership@airstreamclub.org](mailto:membership@airstreamclub.org)

**Blue Beret:**

To ensure your Club event gets published in the Blue Beret, the event must be posted to Airstreamclub.org website by the closing date of each issue. The Blue Beret will NOT publish TBD events or events with incomplete information (ie no contact person, or location, etc). Note the changes in dates due to the new BB schedule.

**Closing Dates**

Issue	Closing/Due Date
February	December 15
May	March 15
August	June 15
November	September 15

For dates falling on weekends or holidays, the deadline is the next business day.

**For additional information contact us at:**  
[blueberet@airstreamclub.org](mailto:blueberet@airstreamclub.org) or contact Corey  
Maxwell at 937-596-5211

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Damon Beals #4827  
Central Indiana Airstream Club  
Region 5 Webmaster

## **Second Vice President's Written Report:**

2nd VP Report

### *Special Eclipse Rally*

The Region 5 Special Eclipse Rally in Columbus, Indiana was well received by both Airstreamer attendees and the City of Columbus. A great deal of self care and cleaning supplies were donated to the Lincoln Central Family Neighborhood Family Center in addition to cash donations of \$400! Thanks to everyone who donated!

The Eclipse itself was simply spectacular!

### *Future Rallies*

2026 Region 5 Rally in Kentucky - We are currently looking at Bowling Green Kentucky. If you have favorite activities or locations in the area, let me know.

2027 Region 5 Rally in Illinois - A decision hasn't been made, but I'm thinking Peoria, Illinois. Always open to suggestions!

Susan Bishop

2nd VP, Region 5, Airstream Club International

BRN 7164

[henry2398@yahoo.com](mailto:henry2398@yahoo.com)



## Motion #1 - Officer Succession:

### WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. REGION 5 MOTION

**Motion / Item Number:**

**Meeting Location and Date:** Hannibal, MO, May 18, 2024

[Instructions and examples for the Motion Maker are highlighted in blue font. Completing the form will remove the blue font. Send the completed form to [motions@airstreamclub.org](mailto:motions@airstreamclub.org).]

**Motion Maker:** Artie Martin

**Title:** President Region 5 Airstream Club

**Summary:** Add a policy statement concerning Officer succession, as after election, a newly elected officer shall assume the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position for 2 years and then proceed to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president for 2 years, and then to President for 2 years.

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**Motion:** I move that we:

**Add a policy statement concerning Officer succession,**

**Policy will say:** After an election, a newly elected officer shall assume the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position for 2 years and then proceed to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president for 2 years, and then to President for 2 years.

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**REQUIRED Attachments (for Policy, Bylaws and/or Constitutional Amendments):**

- Exhibit 1: Redlined Current Blue Book text - None
- Exhibit 2: Proposed (new) Blue Book text - None

**SECONDED BY:** Not necessary coming from a committee

**Purpose / Impact(s):** Guideline never stated for Region 5

**Background:**

**Financial Impact:** None

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Exhibit 1:** (None)

**Exhibit 2:** (None)

**Motion:**

- Reviewed by (Constitution and Bylaws Committee):

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
REGION 5 MOTION

- **Reviewed by (Parliamentarian):**

**Motion Resolution (Office Use Only – check one):**

- Adopted
- Defeated
- Amended
- Referred
- Postponed
- Tabled (cannot be postponed beyond session)
- Withdrawn (will lie on the table only until the end of the present session)

## Motion #2 - 2024 Region Rally to be Held in the Speedway, IN Area:

### WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. REGION 5 MOTION

**Motion / Item Number:**

**Meeting Location and Date:** Hannibal, MO, May 18, 2024

[Instructions and examples for the Motion Maker are highlighted in blue font. Completing the form will remove the blue font. Send the completed form to [motions@airstreamclub.org](mailto:motions@airstreamclub.org).]

**Motion Maker:** John Deegan

**Title:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President, ACI Region 5

**Summary:** This motion aims to request Region 5 Board approval to hold the 2025 Region 5 Annual Rally in (or near) the City of Speedway, Marion County, Indiana during the second quarter of 2025.

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**Motion:** I move that the 2025 Region 5 Annual Rally be held in (or near) Speedway, Marion County, Indiana during the second quarter of 2025.

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**REQUIRED Attachments (for Policy, Bylaws and/or Constitutional Amendments):**

- **Exhibit 1: Redlined Current Blue Book text - None**
- **Exhibit 2: Proposed (new) Blue Book text - None**

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose / Impact(s):** Region 5 annual rallies are rotated through the Region's three states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky). An Indiana Region Rally in 2025 would be consistent with the natural rotation through the states.

**Background:** "Speedway" Rallies have been held in past years by the local ACI club (Central Indiana Unit – the precursor to the current Central Indiana Airstream Club).

**Financial Impact:** (To be determined no later than the end of the Third Quarter, 2025).

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Exhibit 1:** (None)

**Exhibit 2:** (None)

**Motion:**

- **Reviewed by (Constitution and Bylaws Committee):**
- **Reviewed by (Parliamentarian):**

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
REGION 5 MOTION

**Motion Resolution (Office Use Only – check one):**

- Adopted
- Defeated
- Amended
- Referred
- Postponed
- Tabled (cannot be postponed beyond session)
- Withdrawn (will lie on the table only until the end of the present session)

**First Vice President’s Written Report:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report

May 7, 2024

This has been a great year for Region 5. With an amazing Eclipse Rally (including the eclipse itself!) and three candidates for the 2VP position, Region 5 is very healthy.

My primary activity this year has been the planning of the Hannibal Rally. We found Hannibal to be very excited about our visit. The Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, the Mark Twain Cave Complex, the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, as well as other merchants and attractions have been very helpful to us during our planning. The proof is in the pudding, but we expect Hannibal will be a great rally.

2025 Region 5 Rally

Planning for the 2025 Region 5 rally in the Indianapolis area is now beginning. The Rally will have an “Indy 500” based theme. A group of Region 5 members met at a CIAC rally in early May to discuss ideas and options for the Rally and to identify several “next steps.” Additional details will be provided as they become available.

A Thank You

As Artie Martin and others move on to well-deserved retirement from the Region 5 Board, I would like to personally thank them for their leadership and guidance. I mentioned earlier that Region 5 is very healthy – this is due in a large part to Artie’s (and others) dedication to the Region and the Airstream way of life. Thank you!

## **Central Indiana Airstream Club President's Written Report:**

### Central Indiana Airstream Club #41

#### Report for Region 5 Meeting

I inherited a well-run club from my predecessors.

Currently 69 Big Red Numbers in Club #41, and 10 Affiliate Members.

We post our Club and Airstream International news in our monthly newsletter, The Ticker.

We promote 6 Campout Rallies a year, as well as Region 5 activities, and the International Rally.

We do Zoom call get togethers during Winter months.

We have great fun having a themed Rally and build activities and meals around the theme.

We do a combined Holiday Party with the Indiana Club.

We have worked with Woodland Airstream to share with new buyers a flyer to join CIAC to compliment the dealer sponsored membership to the WBCCI.

We have made several purchases to enhance our club activities and promote club pride.

We purchased a 27" Solo Fire Pit Stove at a great price. Will give us smokeless campfires.

We slightly changed our Central Indiana Club Pin for our lanyards and ordered 500 of them to make available free to our members.

We ordered new Airstream name badges for any member who requested them as well as officers and trustees.

We are offering club paid complimentary admission to two of our activities to promote attendance.

Circus Tickets to the Peru Community Circus, and Speedway admission to the Eldora Speedway.

We have a charitable designee for our campouts whether it is a food drive, monetary donation, or raffle tickets towards door prizes, we as a club want to make a favorable impression on our community.

We are currently soliciting a new design for our club flag. If we change it the new design will be submitted for approval by International.

Our Club's Constitution is up for renewal. We are blessed with having 3 Club ex-Presidents that were willing to work on and submit a new proposed Constitution. We are

awaiting the approval.

On going conversations to get new candidates to fill the officers and trustee positions for the new term.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Schwenke, President CIAC #41

### **IL Lincolnland Airstream Club President's Written Report:**

The Illinois Lincolnland Club has stayed very active over the last year. With a focus on learning, one particular rally included an immersion into the life and times of coal mining in central Illinois. Some in the unit have begun learning to play the ukulele. Additionally, we stretched our use of our rigs and explored dry camping. While the rigs were winterized, we came together monthly for lunch to stay connected and enjoy each other's fellowship.

### **Indiana Airstream Club President's Written Report:**

To: John Deegan, Region 5 President

From: Jim Zatorski, IAC President

Subject: IAC Report – 2024 Region 5 Meeting

As of May 1, 2024

#### 1. Officers:

Jim Zatorski-President

Karen Kruer-Vice President

Treasurer-Stephani Minor

Secretary-Sandy Null

Jim Fike and Glenn Null – Trustees

Mark Kruer – Past President

#### 2. Membership:

39 BRNs

10 Affiliate BRNs

#### 3. Financial:

\$3,013.00 – Checking

\$2,156.00 – CD

\$5,169.00 – Total Cash and Investments

#### 4. Activities Planning for 2024

##### Rally at French Lick Springs RV Resort

Date: April 11-14

Hosts: Karen and Mark Kruer

*6 BRNs attended, 10 members total. Great campout with access to the French Lick areas provided by shuttles and trolley. Highly recommend this location as it has 10 spots that have full hookups and share a common firepit and covered pavilion (small). Area includes wineries, shops, West Baden and French Lick Springs Hotels (turn-of-the-century). Any activity you can think of from Golf, Casino, event center, Pickleball, trails, etc.*

##### Family and Friends Rally in Thorntown, Indiana at Old Mill Run Campground

Date: June 6-9

Hosts: Stephanie and Terry Minor

*Great location with many activities planned to include trips to West Fork Distillery and Urban Vines Winery. Special Happy Hour Event including Strawberry and Sips Sangria Special. Great opportunity to enjoy the Summer while meeting with family and friends to share the Air Stream Camping Experience. Pavilion on site for in climate weather. Swimming Pool and Mini-Golf. All sites are full hook up.*

##### Joint Rally with Northern Illinois AS Club at the Retreat at Hickory Hills in Spencer Indiana

Date: July 18 – 21

Hosts: Jim Zatorski and Keith Wilson

*Reservations are still open. Great brand-new location an hour east of Indianapolis. Brand new Pickleball courts, Pool and Recreation Center. Large Full Hook Up sites that include numerous pull throughs. Great location with McCormick's Creek State Park and Indiana University a short drive away. This will be an Outdoor Cooking Campout which is sure to be a fun time. Also planning outings to local winery*

##### Joint Holiday Gathering with CIAC at Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park

Date: TBA

5. Election of Officers for 2024-2025

Nomination Committee: Mark Kruer and Jim Fike

*Nominations are in process with members encouraged to reach out to nominating committee.*

6. Communications

*IAC Facebook Page*

*IAC Newsletter*

*Email to all Members*

**Kentucky Airstream Club President's Written Report:**

The Kentucky Airstream Club had a great 2023 season.

We started the year with our annual "Reunion/Derby" Rally. This is usually our highest turn out and gets the year started.

Continued with Rallies such as the Northern Kentucky Backroads Wine Trail, Grandkids Rally in Mammoth Cave Area, the Paducah Quilt Museum and the Foxfire Rally.

Every year, we choose a charity to sponsor. This year it was Operation Underground Railroad that battles against child sex trafficking.

We also now have a facebook page that allows the members to post and respond as it did not work that way before.

We have accepted two new club logos to be used to promote the club. And, I am pleased to announce that we have a full slate of officers for the 2024 year to help guide us to the future of the club.

2024 looks to have many good rallies, including a June Fishing Rally at the National Trout Hatchery and an August Range Rally at the Bluegrass Sportsmans League Shooting Sports Complex.

**Northern IL Airstream Club President's Written Report:**



# Northern Illinois Airstream Club

2024

- 130 Members

Season opener Rally at Lee County Fairgrounds in April was a success with 22 rigs and 40 members in attendance. Activities included a chili cook-off and a trivia contest. Club member and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president brought a vinyl press and vinyl cut outs of our club logo and applied the logo to member's apparel.

## Upcoming Rallies

- June Club Rally: 7-9 Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park (Sites 111-129) (Hosts Tom and Jenn Fallucca)
- July Joint Club Rally with Indiana Airstream Club 18-21 Retreat at Hickory Hills in Quincy, Indiana
- Aug Club Rally: 16-18 Illinois Beach State Park (Sites 302-314 & 377-388)
- Sep Club Rally: 20-22 Starved Rock State Park-Buddy Rally (Sites 11-36) (Hosts Tom and Rose Myers)
- Oct International Rally: 5-10 Sedalia, Missouri
- Oct Club Rally: 18-20 Amboy, IL

## Items of Note

Last October the Club Executive Board voted to Donate \$300 to the Lee County Fairground Association.

## Club Executive Board

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