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WBCCI Region 5

November, 2025

Region 5 Airstream Club Contact Information:

Region 5 Website: airstreamclub. org/region5

Facebook Page: WBCCI/ACI Region 5 Airstream Club



Message from John Deegan ~ Region 5, President

Greetings Region Fivers.

Fall is here. Leaves are changing and the chilly rain has returned. On the lake where Mary Ellen and I live, the noisy and messy geese have been replaced by coots. And, like many of us, the coots will begin their migration to the South as our lakes and wetlands begin to freeze. (We're not sure where the geese went!)

This has been an exciting year for Region 5. Currently, we have 375 individual rigs and 695 Regular and Mem--at-Large. We also have 46 individual members who are affiliates of one or more of our five clubs.

We had two very successful Region rallies this year (Indianapolis in May and Madison, Indiana in September), along with many Club activities, great caravans, the York International, National and Urban Rallies. Next year, we will again have two Region Rallies, and an International Rally in Minot, ND. Add in all your Club activities, it will be another great year of Airstreaming. If you've been thinking about registering for Minot, you should before it's sold out. The same with caravans. They sell out quickly.

The Indianapolis Rally - "A Racing Good Time" - celebrated the return of Airstreams to Indianapolis during the racing month of May. For many years,

the Central Indiana Unit (now the Central Indiana Airstream Club) held a National Rally during the Indianapolis 500 weekend. To the best of our knowledge, the last time this rally was held was in 2005. It was definitely "A Racing Good Time" and the weather was perfect until our departure!

The Madison Fall Fest Rally was an exceptional rally held during Madison's annual Chautauqua Festival of Art. Held in downtown Madison's National Landmark Historic District, the Festival had hundreds of exhibitors, live entertainment, a wide variety of things to do, and vendors everywhere. We enjoyed a great trolley tour of Madison and explored some wonderful wineries!

We owe a huge Thank You to all the volunteers who helped put together both rallies. From activity leaders to parking, (Continued on page 2)



REGION 5 CLUB OFFICERS:

President: John Deegan, BRN 538

First VP: Tammy Price, BRN 24795

Second VP: This Could Be You!

Recording Secretary: Barbara Zenor BRN 1680

Corresponding Secretary: Jenn Reinshagen BRN 4447

Treasurer: John Swearingen, BRN 4482

Membership: Artie Martin, BRN 213

Parliamentarian: Steve Broering BRN 03072

Web Master: Damon Beals, BRN 4827

Newsletter Editor: Jenn Reinshagen BRN 4447

Past President: Artie Martin, BRN 213

President's Message

community involvement, meal hosting/serving, fund raising/raffles, technical sessions, entertainment, and more, I can't say enough about how thankful we are for the great volunteers who helped make these rallies so successful. It takes a village to do this, and in the case of Indianapolis it also took the creative talent of a group of people (and lots of hours of planning) to create a campground for us!

Mary Ellen and I were fortunate this year to be able to spend quality time with the Clubs in Region 5. It's amazing to me how different – and similar – you are. Our three states offer so much to explore and discover, and the themes of these Club rallies are so different (unique may be a better word!). Again, thanks to the Volunteers in our Clubs for putting together great programs and rallies.

Shortly, you will receive information on upcoming Region officer elections. Region officer positions are two years in length. As an odd-numbered region, Region Five elects new officers with terms beginning on August 1 of even-numbered years. In early 2026,

we will be electing a new President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. Our First Vice President, Tammy Price, will be a candidate for President. The Region President is a voting member of the International Board of Trustees and actively participates in (and votes on) planning for the future of the ACI.

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Please believe me when I say, it's a very interesting and rewarding job.

If you are interested in becoming an elected officer of Region Five, please let Nominating Committee Chair Artie Martin know of your interest. As a Region officer, the only requirements are straightforward: You must be a Regular Member of a Club in Region Five. As Region president, you can hold an intra-club position, but you cannot be an elected local club officer. You can hold a local club office until you become the Region President.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Club Officers and wish them the best of success (and fun!) during their term of office. And Mary Ellen and I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. If you are travelling, please keep an eye on the weather and other drivers!

Keep the shiny side up!

John & Mary Ellen Deegan, Region 5 President & First Lady WBCCI BRN 00538 jdeegan @iquest.net





Message from Tammy Price ~

Region 5 1st Vice President

Happy fall y'all.

As we start to winterize our Airstreams and get ready for the holidays, I like to reflect back and think of what a wonderful year we have had in our region! It has truly been a blessing and great experience working with some very talented, passionate and dedicated group of volunteers this past year! These volunteers are what keep this region going strong! We are currently in the full swing of creating more memo-

rable and exciting camping experiences for all our club members for 2026 and are currently looking for new volunteers who would like to be a part of this awesome team of leaders on creating these experiences as well!! Please reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you!

I urge you to check out our 2026 calendar of events and join us at one or all of the rallies. You won't want to miss out on these great events coming up!

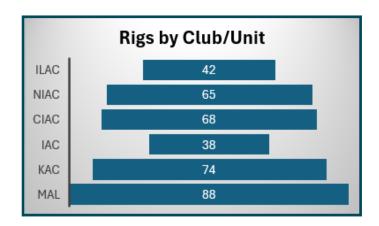
Happy holidays. See you down the road!

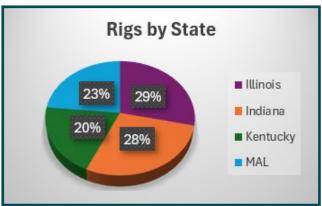
Tammy Price Region 5, 1st VP WBCCI BRN 24795 greeneyedtammy @yahoo.com



Membership Update

Region 5 continues to show strong engagement across all units, with a combined total of 398 members, including 11 lifetime members. The largest share comes from Members At Large (MAL) with 88 regular members (23%), followed by the Kentucky Club at 74 (20%) and the Central Indiana Club at 68 (18%). Illinois and Indiana lead state totals with 107 (29%) and 106 (28%) of members, respectively. Affiliate memberships remain steady at 23 overall, supporting our diverse network. These numbers reflect the ongoing commitment and growth within our region—thank you to everyone contributing to this success!





Volunteering

This article originally appeared in the June, 2021 edition of the Blue Beret, last month's edition of CIAC Ticker and is reprinted with permission from author Artie Martin.

This month I would like to talk about "Volunteering."

Every time I attend an Airstream Rally, whether it be Club, Region, or International, it appears that members are having fun! Members gather for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, social hours, around campfires, museums, entertainment, worship, community service and too many more occasions to count. All this activity did not just happen by itself. It happened because someone volunteered! Someone stepped up to the plate and shouted, "Let me have a crack at this"! Throughout the Airstream Club there are many instances of clubs/units having difficulty filling officer positions. Some club/units have had to recycle their officers through numerous times to keep the club from dissolving. This makes no sense to me. How could all these gatherings be so much fun and yet we struggle to keep officers in positions? Let me give you this scenario:

If a club/unit has 25 actively participating members, and each member volunteered to be President just once, it would keep the officer-ship intact for 25 years!!!!!! How is it possible to have so much fun and not take just 1 or 2 years to guide your friends on new adventures? When you volunteer you get to choose where you will be camping all year! Take your friends to your favorite places. Show them things in your hometown. Take them to your favorite restaurant. Or take your friends on an adventure to someplace no one has ever been to. Then find out together what it is like around that next curve!

Yes, there is a little paperwork involved, but it has gotten much easier since most everything is online now thanks to our great leadership at Jackson Center and our International Officers. And you need not be afraid when you run up against something you can't solve. There are thousands of friends to call upon to figure it out!

I urge all our members across the world to take the next step! It is rewarding It's fun! It's meaningful! And best of all.... You will sleep better at night knowing you contributed to the best camping club in the world! The Wally Byam Airstream Club!

Artie Martin VAC 3rd Vice President Region 5 Past President Kentucky Club Past President WBCCI BRN 213 aom1215@yahoo.com

Editor's Note: Artie welcomes any and all questions or concerns about volunteering in any capacity in the club.







Rollin' on the River Urban Rally - Madison, Indiana

June 9 - 14, 2026

Join us in Historic Madison—the largest contiguous National Historic Landmark District in the U.S.—for a one-of-a-kind Airstream rally along the scenic Ohio River. Enjoy on street parking next to the river in a charming town with the longest accredited National Main Street!

Details:

- Rally Fee: \$350 − 1 Airstream, 1 person; \$30 each additional person, children 6 and under free.
- Tuesday Staging: Jefferson County Fairgrounds (30-amp Electric, Water, Dump Station).
- Wednesday Escort: Guided arrival to designated riverfront sites with full water tanks.
- Camping: 30-amp electric hookups available.
- Included: Crystal Beach Aquatic Center & Pool/Bathhouse Pass, Banquet Dinner, Dump Station.

Activities & Attractions:

- Antique shops, historic landmarks, wineries, local eateries, river & Trolley tours.
- Fenced in dog park and pet friendly shops.
- Heritage Trail for hikers and dog walkers.
- Clifty Falls State Park for hiking and bird watching.
- Lumber Mill Antique Mall 3 floors of Finds!
- Newly Renovated Crystal Beach Aquatic Center & pool.
- Golf Carts rentals available to explore entire community.



Parking Here!

Experience Madison Like Never Before

History, nature, charm, and Airstream camaraderie—all in one unforgettable riverside rally.



Register here:

https://pci.jotform.com/form/252923610060144

Contact Information: Artie & Pam Martin –

Email: aom1215@yahoo.com

Jenn Reinshagen – Email: wbcci4447@gmail.com







REGION 5 RALLY

STREAMIN IN THE BLUEGRASS STATE

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

JULY 22 - 26, 2026



Rally Highlights:

- Woodland Airstream Tour with Lunch
- Buffalo Trace Distillery Visit
- Live Entertainment The Thunderbay Band
- Old Friends Horse Farm Tour and Community Service Project
- MASA Presentation with Dinner Medical Evacuation Company
- Two Dinners
- Continental Breakfasts
- Silent Auction/Raffles
- Flea Market
- Pet Show



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Kentucky Horse Park

Campground 4089 Iron Works Park Lexington, KY

50/30-amp Electricity and Water, Dump Station, Swimming Pool

Rally Fee: \$350 for 1 Airstream and 1 person; \$30 each additional person, Children under 6 Free

Register at:

https://pci.jotform.com/form/ 252923632418155

Contact:

Tammy Price, Region 5, 1 VP EM: greeneyedtammy@yahoo.com



What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.

July 15-22, 2026

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM



https://airstreamclub.org/ silver-river-2026

In Memory ~

Katherine "Renée" Atchinson

Katherine "Renée" Atchinson, member of Region 5, Kentucky Unit, passed away on September 2, 2025. Renée, was wife to Rick Atchinson and daughter of Artie and Pam Martin, Region 5 Past President and First Lady. The following is reprinted from the CIAC newsletter~

How do you begin to describe the heartbreak of losing a child, spouse, sibling, or friend? Words often fall short. There's a poem about the hyphen between a person's birth and death—the life lived in between—but even that small mark can't capture the fullness of Renee's spirit.

Renee's smile was infectious, her laugh full of joy. She had a way of making everyone feel welcome and truly seen. While we may all wish for more time or different choices, it's comforting to reflect on the joy she brought into our lives—the conversations, the laughter, the quiet moments of connection.

She was one of the hosts for the upcoming Madison Fall Fest – Chautauqua rally. Though nervous

about being a first-time host, she embraced the challenge with her usual enthusiasm and radiant energy. Games, food and fun were all top priorities! Renee loved to make you feel loved—and like a Shorthaired Pointer dog stretched out on a sun-warmed picnic table, you couldn't help but bask in her attention.

"Renee, your light continues to shine in every memory, every smile you inspired. We miss you deeply, and we will never forget you." ~ Jenn Reinshagen













Welcome New Members and Affiliate Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our wonderful Region 5 Airstream family! We're excited to share memorable moments with you at our upcoming rallies and events. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance with anything, have questions, suggestions, or would like to help in any capacity. Safe travels, and see you soon!

Doc Adams & Corrin Charbonneau-Adams Monticello, IN 2018 Classic BRN 12100

Stefan & Sharon Bathory Martinsville, IN 2021 Flying Cloud BRN 12108

Stephen & Avis Becker Carmel, IN 2025 30 RBT Classic BRN 04933

Elizabeth Bean Columbus, IN 2020 Flying Cloud BRN 09104

Robert & Michelle Beattie Orland Park, IL 2025 International BRN 21804

Nathan & Emily Berning Fort Wayne, IN 2020 International Serenity BRN 09280

Brian Borgmann La Grange, KY 2025 Midnight Flamingo BRN 05001

Seaborn & Deborah Chavers Stamping Ground, KY 2025 Globetrotter BRN 30681

Kenneth & Sandy Fouts Walton, KY 2026 Classic BRN 04336 Gene Goodnight Parker City, IN 2025 Pottery Barn BRN 05104

Douglas & Heidi Gray Bristol, IN 1986 Sovereign BRN 25045

Brian & Lisa Hoover Fishers, IN 2023 Flying Cloud BRN 05646

Doug & Jackie Howell Belleville, IL 2025 Classic BRN 06708

Donald Kauerauf Chatham, IL 2025 Caravel BRN 05673

Mark Knepper & Julie Montesano Evanston, IL 2018 Bambi RB16 BRN 14371



Welcome New Members!

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Thomas Kurgan Hanover Park, IL 2025 Rangeline BRN 10769

Mark & Cindy McCoy Crown Point, IN 2025 Globetrotter BRN 06725

Neal & Christy Metcalfe Richmond, KY 2025 Flying Cloud BRN 04749

David Mills Indianapolis, IN 1969 Sovereign BRN 11610

Phil Olson & Denise Savone Palatine, IL 2025 Bambi BRN 30459

Victoria Rogers Roanoke, IN 2020 Globetrotter BRN 05697 Robert & Debra Smith Grayslake, IL 2022 Flying Cloud BRN 31806

Kristen & Brant Suhrie Greenwood, IN 2025 Caravel 20FB BRN 04188

Michele & Ivan Truyaert New Carlisle, IN 2024 Flying Cloud BRN 08943

Jeff & Denise Urban Schaumburg, IL 2025 Classic BRN 19947

Christine & John Winter Peru, IN 2024 Tradewind BRN 04879







Madison Fall Fest Special Event Rally

Thanks to everyone who joined us for a wonderful time during the Madison Fall Fest Rally. Arts, crafts, air shows, campfires, music and more! Charitable efforts raised \$600 for the Madison Parks Dept. Special thanks to the Indiana Club for providing an incredible Everything IN the Kitchen Sink Ice Cream Social and to Deb Kyle, Susan Swearingen, Pam Martin and Jenn Reinshagen for prize donations. We look forward to returning to historic Madison, IN in June, 2026 for our version of an Urban/Main Street rally (camping on the riverfront street of Vaughn Drive). Details to follow~



Trolley Tour with Lanier Mansion in background.



Airshow performs overhead



Deb Kyle, Artie & Pam Martin, Susan Swearingen



Jim & Jane Zatorski with Mark & Karen Kruer

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Madison (continued)



Artie Martin with campfire music



Jane Zatorski visiting Red Pepperoni

Where We Are Going

IL Lincolnland Season Closer Dinner

November 2nd, 1:00 pm The Atlanta Community House 106 SW 6th Street Atlanta, IL 61723 Contact: Rick Hankins EM: hankrd72@gmail.com

Quarterly Airstream Club International Fireside Chat November 13th, 7 pm ET

Central Indiana and Indiana Club Joint Holiday Party

December 6th, 1:00 pm
McCormick's Creek State Park
Canyon Inn
451 McCormick Creek Park Rd
Spencer, IN 47460
Contact:
Tom Price - tom@paint317.com
Karen Kruer-karen.kruer@gmail.com

KY Club Holiday Party

December 13th, 1:30 pm Woodland Airstream—Georgetown 120 Wahland Hall Path Georgetown, KY 40324 Contact: Darrall Henderson -Darrall.henderson@gmail.com



Lance & Jeanette Schortmann with Cindy & Karl Weisenberger on Mother Load Route 66 Caravan

Region 5 Special Event Rally Madison Rollin' on the River

Camp riverside on Vaughn Drive in Historic Madison, Indiana during this 'Urban' rally!
June 9th—June 14th, 2026
Contact:
Artie Martin - aom1215@yahoo.com
Jenn Reinshagen—
wbcci4447@gmail.com

2026 Region 5 Rally - Saddle Up!

July 22nd—July 26th, 2026 Kentucky Horse Park 4089 Iron Works Pike Lexington, KY 40511 Contact: Tammy Price

EM: greenevedtammy@yahoo.com



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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

Central Indiana Airstream Club; Unit 41

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Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club;

Unit 176

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Northern Illinois Airstream Club; Unit 38

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Website: northernillinois.airstreamclub.net

Club Facebook Group Page:

Northern Illinois Airstream Club

Kentucky Airstream Club; Unit 49 President: Darrall Henderson, BRN 8906 Email: Darrall.henderson@gmail.com

Club Facebook Group Page: Kentucky Airstream Club

Newsletter Content: Got stories?

Content is always welcome—whether it is an article, note of celebration, photos from rallies or your own travels, tips or questions. Please email your submissions to Jenn Reinshagen at wbcci4447@gmail.com. Submission deadlines are requested as follows:

For the February edition: by January 21st

For the May edition: by April 21st

For the August edition: by July 21st

For the November edition: by October 21st