WBCCI Region 5

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(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky)

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

Hello Region 5 Members!



It's already November! The leaves are falling, temperatures are gradually dropping, and it's the perfect time to squeeze in a few final outings before we tuck our Airstreams away for the winter.

Mary Ellen and I have had an amazing year of Airstream adventures! From Camp Airstream Yellowstone to the International Rally in Minot and the OSWL caravan in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, we've certainly put some miles on our Airstream. Along the way, we've had the pleasure of visiting with many of you, meeting new friends, and, as always, sharing great stories from the road. That's what makes this Airstream family so special!

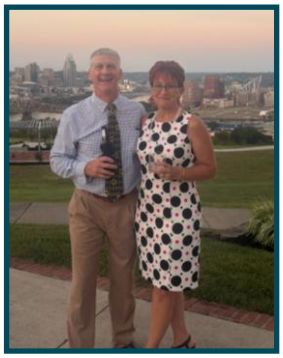
As I recently announced, the Region 5 officer election process has been completed, and the results are in! Through the voting process of our local clubs, you have elected a new team to lead Region 5. Please join me in congratulating the following volunteers:



Artie & Pam Martin
Incoming President
BRN 213



Karen & Mark Kruer
Incoming First VP
BRN 18757



Robb & Jenn Reinshagen
Incoming Second VP
BRN 4447

This is an outstanding team with wonderful skills, fresh ideas, and plenty of energy. I am confident Region 5 is in great hands, and I look forward to seeing what they accomplish together!

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REGION 5 CLUB OFFICERS:

President:
John Deegan
BRN 538

First VP:
Artie Martin
BRN 213

Second VP:
Karen Kruer
BRN 18757

Third VP:
Jenn Reinshagen
BRN 4447

Recording Secretary:
Barbara Zenor
BRN 1680

Corresponding Secretary:
Beverly Martin
BRN 5583

Treasurer:
John Swearingen
BRN 4482

Membership Chair:
Jenn Reinshagen
BRN 4447

Parliamentarian
Steve Broering
BRN 03072

Web Master:
Damon Beals
BRN 4827

Newsletter Editor:
Jenn Reinshagen
BRN 4447

Past President:
Christopher Seplak
BRN 246

Message from John Deegan, Region 5 President *(continued)*

Artie recently represented Region 5 at a week-long IBT meeting in Texas and shared some of the plans taking shape for next year. From what I've heard, 2027 is shaping up to be another exciting year for ACI. Stay tuned!

As I bring my term to a close, I want you to know that serving as your Region 5 President has been a distinct honor and a genuine pleasure. Mary Ellen and I have appreciated the friendships, opportunities to travel, and especially the chance to get to know so many wonderful members throughout our Region.

Thank you for your friendship, encouragement, and support during my two year Presidency. We aren't going anywhere, and we look forward to seeing many of you down the road. After all, retirement doesn't mean giving up adventures!

Safe travels, happy camping, and to always keeping the shiny side up!

John & Mary Ellen Deegan,
Region 5 President & First Lady
WBCCI BRN 00538
EM: jdeegan@airstreamclub.org

Volunteers Make It Happen: Recording Secretary Needed

After years of dedicated service, Barbara Zenor, our Region 5 Recording Secretary, will be retiring from her position at the end of this term. We are incredibly grateful for the time, care, and commitment she has given to Region 5. Her organization, attention to detail, and willingness to help have made a lasting impact on our Board and membership.

With Barbara's retirement, we are looking for someone interested in stepping into the role of Recording Secretary. The position involves coordinating Board meetings, preparing motions for Board action, and helping maintain the records that keep Region 5 operating effectively. Barbara has also created a comprehensive guide and resource handbook to assist the next volunteer in getting started.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved in Region 5, work closely with Board members, and contribute to the continued success of our Airstream community. We would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in learning more about the position. Please reach out to Artie Martin at aom1215@yahoo.com or Barbara at bazenor@gmail.com.



Barbara & Mary Ellen Deegan selling rally raffle tickets.

Welcome to Our New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our 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!

Rob & Christy Anderson
Bardwell, KY
2025 Flying Cloud
BRN 14141

Stephen & Beverly Bowman
Lexington, KY
2026 globetrotter
BRN 07877

Carolyn & John Bruns
Newport, KY
2026 Usonian
BRN 10458

Callie & David Chapman
Goshen, KY
2027 Frank Lloyd Wright Edition
BRN 27596

Gregory & Jennifer Conradt
Elmhurst, IL
2021 Globetrotter
BRN 04886

James Howell & Melissa Wasson
Lexington, KY
2026 Basecamp XE
BRN 06247

John & Macey Hussey
Village of Lakewood, IL
1985 Sovereign
BRN 25116

Doug & Cindy Lukach
Indianapolis, IN
2026 World Traveler
BRN 31988

Kimberley & Kevin McSherry
Decatur, IL
2018 Flying Cloud
BRN 23338

John & Teresa Moore
Westfield, IN
2026 Trade Wind 25FB
BRN 04775

Bryan Murphy
Somerset, KY
2026 International
BRN 05455

Patton Robertson
Louisville, KY
2026 Flying Cloud Midnight Flamingo
BRN 05917

Gary & Teresa Schueller
Dunlap, IL
2025 International
BRN 26819

Ron & Angie Snyder
New Castle, KY
2022 Globetrotter
BRN 06490

Jennifer Splitt & Rich Borst
Lemont, IL
2026 Stetson 6666
BRN 24680

Mike & Robin Stricklin
Glen Ellyn, IL
2018 23CB Flying Cloud
BRN 06581

Casey Teets
Inverness, IL
2018 Globetrotter
BRN 07872

Gregory Travis
Bloomington, IN
2017 Trade Wind
BRN 16600

2026 – Region 5 in Memoriam

Charles May
Kentucky Airstream Club

On May 24, 2026, the Kentucky Airstream Club lost a dear dedicated member in 85-year-old Charles May (Charlie). Charlie and Jane May joined the club in the late 1990's and were members for nearly 30 years. He held the office of President and was a Trustee for years. Charlie worked for the US Army as a civilian and later with the Kentucky Highway Department building roads.

While the Airstream Club National Derby Rally was in place, he volunteered as a carpenter, electrician, and plumber setting up for the event held in Shelbyville, KY. He was also heavily involved in helping with the Florida State Rally for many years. He was the first one to introduce a propane firepit to the Kentucky Club members! His stories around the campfires will live on in our memories!

Renee Atchison
Kentucky Airstream Club

On September 2, 2025, second generation member Renee Atchison, 43 years old, passed away from a short but devastating illness. Renee was the daughter of Artie and Pam Martin, members of the Kentucky club as well as Renee and her husband, Rick.

Renee grew up camping in the Martin's 1968 Tradewind, and she loved Airstream travel trailers. She and Rick bought Barry & Karen Bell's 1995 34' Airstream just a few years ago. Barry Bell was International President of the Airstream club during the Doswell, Virginia International Rally. Renee loved her two German shorthaired pointers, Buddy Brown and Archie, and was a magnificent cook – taking home first place with her White Chicken Chili in the 2024 Versailles, IN Fall Rally Chili Cook-off.

Sherrill Ann "Annie" Leslie
Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club

Ann was an active member of the club and a Past Club President in 2018. She co-hosted the club's 2019 caravan that had stops in Jackson Center, Wright Patterson AFB, and the Kentucky Horse Park. Ann also hosted several other local rallies. She is also remembered for her ukulele talent and gathered with the group at rallies to practice and help newcomers interested in learning.

On one of our Region 5 rallies to Madison, IN, Ann suggested we check out the self-guided Architecture Tour. Ann was very tech savvy and had the pocket app all set up to tell us about the buildings. Human achievement, compassion, creativity and all forms of art is what makes life uniquely beautiful, and Ann knew and appreciated that.

Dave Carlig
Northern Illinois Airstream Club

Dave Carlig passed away on January 25, 2026. Dave and his wife Kathy were longtime members of the Northern Illinois Airstream Club. Kathy shared that they had many happy years with their Airstream and enjoyed the company of so many great people.

Northern Illinois Airstream Club treasurer, Mary Beth Comer, shared that she felt lucky for the memories and fun they had with the Carlig's at rallies, Christmas parties, and at Alumaflamingo.

Though their journeys with us have ended, their friendship, stories, and spirit will continue to travel with us wherever the road leads.

A Lifelong Dream - The Purple Palace

Central Indiana second generation member Nancy Longworth (BRN 16744) had a dream, and it was purple.

With the help of former Central Indiana President Tom Price (BRN 24795) and several dedicated friends and family members, Nancy transformed a neglected 1991 Excella Classic 29' into a stunning Airstream.

Purchased in January, the trailer had spent nearly 20 years sitting in a field in Florida. Its condition was rough enough that it couldn't even be towed until the 25-year-old tires were replaced and extensive work was completed on the brakes, bearings, shock absorbers, and original 4-pin (!) electrical connector.

The restoration quickly became a team effort. Nancy's brother, John Covault (BRN 15744), who along with his wife owns a beautifully restored 1976 Argosy, contributed his expertise to the project. Tom Price removed the faded clear coat and tackled numerous other restoration tasks.

Vintage Base Camp (now Peak Form) played a major role, installing the trailer's eye-catching purple awnings, painting the wheels and air conditioner cover, and completing custom interior woodworking. Nancy added her own personal touches with painting, window treatments, and curtains. She found affordable mattresses and, using a $1 bread knife from a thrift store, fit them to the trailer's curved corners.

The project wasn't without its adventures. On the way to the International Rally, the microwave failed, leading to an overnight stop at a Walmart parking lot in Fargo for a replacement before the trip continued.

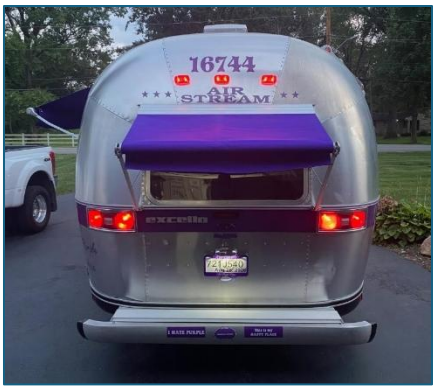
Today, Nancy's "purple dream" stands as a testament to perseverance, creativity, and the generous support of fellow Airstream enthusiasts. After dreaming about owning a trailer like this for many of her 26 years with the club, Nancy is grateful that everything came together and credits God's guidance in making it possible.

What began as a weathered trailer forgotten in a field has become a beautiful reflection of one member's vision, determination, and the strength of the Airstream community. Congratulations, Nancy!









Where We Are Going—2026 Region 5 Events

Airstream club members are welcome to join any event or rally hosted by a club or Region. Events and rallies are also posted on the Airstream Club website.

IL Lincolnland Season Closer Dinner
Sunday, Nov 1st, Time TBD
Atlanta Community House
106 SW 6th Street, Atlanta, IL 61723
Contact: Rick Hankins
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Kentucky Club Range Rally
Nov 18th – Nov 22nd
Bluegrass Sportsmen's League
2500 Handy's Bend Road
Wilmore, KY 40390
Contact: Darrall Henderson
Phone: 845-216-8036
EM: darrall.henderson@gmail.com

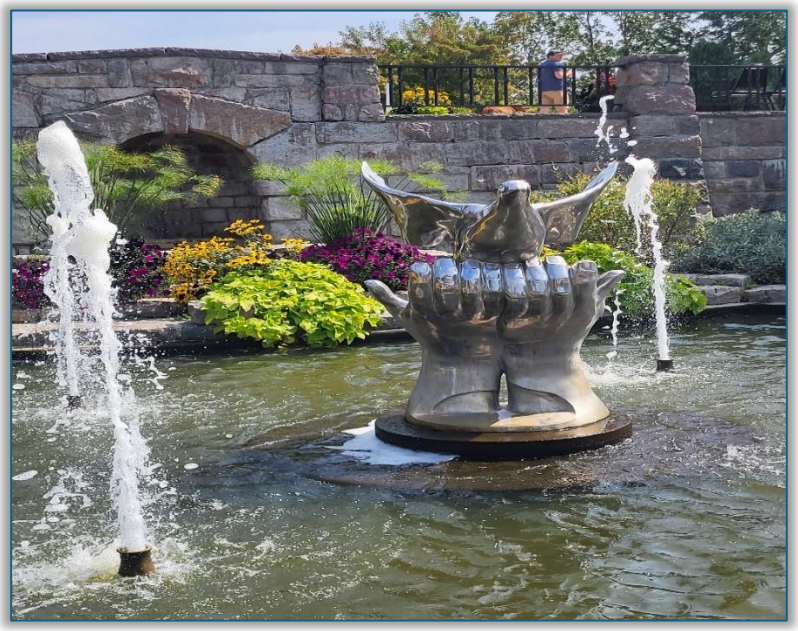
Central Indiana & Indiana Club Joint Holiday Party
Saturday, Dec 12th; Time TBD
Fitness Farm, 2525 W 44th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46228
Contact: Kristy Boyer, CIAC
EM: kristye10@att.net
Contact: Karen Kruer, IAC
EM: karen.kruer@gmail.com

(Right) Just before the start of the Minot International Rally, Jon & Margo also visited the Promise of Peace Sculpture which stands in a beautiful, quiet setting that reflects its meaningful message. Dedicated in July 2016 by the Wally Byam Caravan Club, the project reached its $80,000 goal thanks to the leadership of Region 7 and the support of the Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisc-Up, and Manitoba clubs. It's a striking reminder of the unity and shared purpose within the Airstream community. Thank you to the Schwenke's for the photos!

Kentucky Club Holiday Luncheon
Saturday, Dec 5th; 11 am – 1 pm
Trackside at the Depot Restaurant
134 East 10th Street, Paris, KY 40361
Order off menu, prices range $15-$27, cash bar
tracksideatthedepot.com
Contact: Lenville & Beverly Martin
Phone: 606-831-5344



(Above) While traveling to and from the International Rally, Jon & Margo Schwenke had a rather large visitor to their trailer at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park Welcome Center just East of Medora, ND.





Join us in LAS VEGAS for a very special rally to attend the 2026 Formula One LVGP

November 18 - 22, 2026

Our group is working with an F1 Executive Account Representative to reserve tickets for our group before the tickets go on sale to the general public. Tickets will be self-purchased and are available at several different price points.

The rally will be located at The Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas, which is on the strip, a few miles from the race circuit. Part of the rally fee will include transportation from the RV Resort each day to the track and back to your Airstream at the end of the day, for all 3 days of the Grand Prix!

Here's a (very) tentative schedule:

11/18 - Welcome to the LVGP Rally Dinner
11/19 - Practice 1 & Practice 2
Transportation to the track 3:00
Transportation back to Oasis after practice (10:00 ish)
11/20 - Practice 3 & Qualifying
Transportation to the track 3:00
Transportation back to Oasis after qualifying (10:00ish)
11/21 - HAPPY RACE DAY
Transportation to the track 3:00
Transportation back to the Oasis after the RACE! (10:30 ish)

Please contact the rally team right away if you are interested, so we can get your spot reserved before tickets go on sale for the rest of the world! This is a bucket list opportunity and it will be really fun!

f1airstreamrally@gmail.com
Rally hosts: Handshoes, Jewett- Goldbere, McHenrys



Rollin' on the River II

52nd Annual Region 5 Rally

Madison, Indiana

August 10 – 15, 2027

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 or campground parking and a riverboat dinner cruise on the Belle of Cincinnati in a charming town with the longest accredited National Main Street!

Details:

- Tuesday Staging: Jefferson County Fairgrounds (30-amp Electric, Water, Dump Station).
- Wednesday: Small group arrivals to designated sites in Historic Madison.
- Camping Options: *(Preferences can be listed on registration form)*
  - Electric on Vaughn Drive – Parallel to river, 30-amp electric
  - Campground Riverfront – First row, Back-In, 30/50-amp electric, water, picnic table, firepit
  - Campground Riverview – Interior row, Back-in, 30/50-amp electric, water, picnic table
  - Campground Pull Through – Outer row, 30/50-amp electric, water, picnic table
  - Boondocking on Vaughn Drive – Parallel to river, generators welcome
  - Riverboat Inn Lawn - Parallel to river, 30-amp electric, water available, parking on grass
- Included: Riverboat Dinner Cruise, Aquatic Center & Pool/Bathhouse Pass, Dump Site.

Activities & Attractions:

- Antique shops, historic landmarks, wineries, local eateries, river & Trolley tours.
- Discount for Golf Cart rentals to explore on your own.
- Newly Renovated Playground next to camping sites.
- Newly Renovated Aquatic Center & pool.
- Heritage Trail for hikers and dog walkers.





Experience Madison Like Never Before

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

Watch for Registration To Open Soon!

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Phone: 513.919.0229

Artie & Pam Martin
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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

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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
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Northern Illinois Airstream Club; Unit 38
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Club Email: mailto:club038@airstreamclub.org
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Club Facebook Group Page:
Northern Illinois Airstream Club

Kentucky Airstream Club; Unit 49
President: Lenville Martin, BRN 5583
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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