

**2015**

# The Ticker

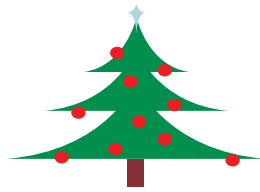
## Central Indiana Unit – WBCCI

# December, 2014

**Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year  
to CIU Members!**

Christmas always sparks memories for Americans. Happy or sad, they remind us of family members and friends with whom we have shared joy in the past.

May each of you feel the comfort and peace that Christmas brings and look forward to a good 2015.  
Happy travels and safe journeys to all!



Merry Christmas, everyone!

I hope this edition of the Ticker finds everybody well. To those of you that were unable to make it to the Christmas Party - you were missed! We had a great time - good food, good fellowship, music provided by the Slates Family Band, and the highlight was the auction to benefit the Hawthorne Community Center. This will be an ongoing project for our club this year, and we have started it off with a \$200 contribution raised in our White Elephant Auction.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the International Rally in Farmington, New Mexico this summer. Having attended the last two Internationals, I can tell you both times were marvelous experiences. The days are full of wonderful seminars, the evenings are full of great fellowship and entertainment. Sadly, it looks as though Sandy and I may not be able to attend this year, and we really hate to miss it. If you haven't given it much thought, it is not too late to get signed up.

If you are not one of the early workers going to International, it is time to make your reservations for the Wabash State Park rally in June - the weekend of 12-14. Some of us are going early on Thursday - look for details elsewhere in this Ticker.

Be safe, stay warm, and keep on campin'!

Ken Langell

PS - Snowbirds - you are getting out just in time! The Persimmon Lady says those of us staying in Indiana are going to see a lot of snow this winter. For those that are not flying south - don't let a little snow keep you away from MCL lunches, the first Saturday of each month.

## 2014 Christmas Party

Many thanks to Patsy Marston for all the handmade “Snowbirds” that “flew” around the Christmas Party --- and to Don Russel for his mood lighting! Member contributions are priceless and highly valued.

The location changed, but the camaraderie was warm as usual. There were thirty-two members in attendance, and everyone had a really good time. Great job, folks!

# Alumapalooza!

May 25 - 31

If you have attended Alumapalooza before, then you know what a great event it is. If you haven't, then you are in for a wonderful time! Five days of hourly seminars under the big tent (towing, cooking, organizing, awning maintenance, etc), factory tours, riveting contest (Greg and Theresa Sherley are former winners!), back up derby, daily happy hours at 4:00 with prizes, open grill, Saturday evening catered dinner, and nightly entertainment, featuring our own Ken Langell Friday night!!! These are just a few of the featured events. Check out Alumapalooza.com for all the details. We have been to all five of the Alumapalooza events, and what we look forward to the most is meeting new Airstreamers from all over the US.

Alumapalooza begins Tuesday, May 26, so we have a block of campsites being held for us at White River Campground in Strawtown on Monday, May 25, so we can leave from there together Tuesday morning. You must call and make your own reservations with White River Campground and then email Lana Russel, lanarussel@gmail.com, with your site number.

It has been recommended that if we are attending Alumapalooza as a group, that we send our reservations in together. So, if you haven't already sent yours in, send it to Lana Russel, 4509 East 169th Street, Noblesville, IN 46062 and Lana will send them in together. If we want to park together, we must all arrive together. Trailers are parked together as they arrive. Please join us for this fabulous event! We will have a blast. Guaranteed!

Lana Russel



## June Weekender!

It's time to make reservations for our second Weekender Rally – June 12 – 14 at Oubache State Park in Bluffton. There are lots of things to see & do around the park and in Bluffton – buffalo grazing, geocaches, hiking, and biking on the River Greenway to Bluffton. Nearby is the village of Berne with the Swiss Heritage Village & Museum, the Muensterberg Plaza and Clock Tower. and Swiss shops. A little further away in Geneva is Limberlost, Gene Stratton Porter's home. You can also walk through part of the restored Loblolly Marsh or take a walking tour of historic Geneva.

Each member should call to reserve a campsite. Reservations may be made starting six months in advance - THAT IS DECEMBER 12. If you must cancel later, there is a \$10 fee for a cancellation made 8 or more days in advance. Because we always try to fill a cancelled spot with another club member, your risk of a fee may be low or nil. Let's try to fill up sites 26 – 40 first, then any other spot available on the loop.

You may make reservations online at [www.indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com](http://www.indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com) or by calling 1-866-622-6746.

# CIU Calendar 2014 - 2015

## MAY WEEKENDER - MAY 1-3

Brown County State Park  
Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

## MAY 25-31

### ALUMAPALOOZA

We will camp May 25 at White River Campground and depart for Alumapalooza, Jackson Center, Ohio.  
Contact Lana Russel (317) 410-4750.

## JUNE WEEKENDER - JUNE 12-14

Outbache State Park  
Contact Ann Newman (317) 769-0099.

## INTERNATIONAL RALLY - JUNE 26 -JULY 4

Farmington, New Mexico  
Contact Dan Kachele (317) 372-2907.

## JULY WEEKENDER - JULY 17-19

Location TBA  
Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **FAMILY STATE FAIR RALLY - AUGUST 6-9**

Join the Indiana Unit, camp at White River Campground Near Noblesville and take the State Fair Train into Indianapolis for a day at the Indiana State Fair. Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **CARAVAN TO SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY SEPTEMBER 20-28**

Contact Lana Russel (317) 410-4750.

These dates are in the pipeline for confirmation.

### **MISSISSINEWA - OCTOBER 8-11**

Mississinewa State Recreation Area

Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

### **FALL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting is scheduled during the Rally at Mississinewa.

Details are yet to be announced.

Contact Ken Langell (317) 408-6799.

## **A “nudge” to New Mexico!**

The International Rally has been a highlight to countless Airstream owners for years. If you have not attended one of these gatherings, you need to consider it seriously.

As two-year members, we attended the International Rally in Huron, South Dakota. A seminar presenter, I got to see the inner workings of the rally, and those responsible should take a good deal of pride in the planning and execution of a well-oiled, time-tested event. Over time, names and faces change, but the enthusiasm survives to the delight of those who take the opportunity to attend.