

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA UNIT -
"FROM THE HEART OF INDIANA"



the **TICKER**

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A Word from our President

Dear CIU Friends,

It has been a whole year now. This is my last letter as your CIU President. It has been a great year. I couldn't have done it without the help provided by all my CIU staff and friends. I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU. It takes a lot of people to get it done.



Ron & I got home yesterday (Sep 16, 2013) from the Region 5 rally, held at the General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky. We had a great time. Barry and Karen Bell did a fantastic job making the rally a big success. CIU had 15 trailers and motor homes attend. Twenty-six people from our unit. We had great tours of the Butler-Turpin State Historic House (both day time and night time paranormal tours) and of the Kentucky Speedway. We had a band concert, great entertainment, and door prizes. Barry had beautiful cutting boards for all attendees. First Lady Karen even rode with Phil St John on his motorcycle. She had fun (we think).

Ron & I are now getting ready to head east to attend the Canadian Thanksgiving / Columbus Day rally in Provincetown, MA (at the tip of Cape Cod), and therefore will not be able to attend CIU caravan on the Wabash. We understand there is still room on that Caravan, so call Ann Newman and let her know you would like to attend part or all of it. The new officers will be installed during a portion of the caravan. Dan Kachele will be your new President, and Ken Langell will be the Vice President. We are so happy they stepped forward to help keep our unit active. THANK YOU.

Dan will have new rallies and luncheons planned so please come and help us have fun, adventure, and good fellowship. Keep safe and in good health till we see you soon down the road.

God Bless, Ron and Darlene Gordy

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, October 8, we will hold our annual meeting for election and installation of officers. This will take place in Rockville, Indiana, at Benjamin's Family Restaurant, 605 E. Ohio Street. Dinner will be at 6 pm with meeting to follow.

If you are not signed up for the Wabash Caravan, but plan to come to dinner at Benjamin's and attend the meeting, please contact Ann Newman at anewman2@indy.rr.com or (317) 769-0099, so she can provide an accurate head count for the restaurant.

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee are:

President - Dan Kachele
Vice-President - Ken Langell
Recording Secretary - Mary Jo Brown
Corresponding Secretary - Karen Bell
Treasurer - Ron Gordy
Trustee, 2 Years - Phil St. John
Trustee, 2 Years - Lana Russel
Trustee, 1 Year - Jim Fuller
Trustee, 1 Year - Marsha Beals

Further nominations may be made from the floor.

BANKS OF THE WABASH, PART 2

The last chance for camping with us this season is coming up - Banks of the Wabash Part 2!

There's a real mix in this caravan - from Frank Lloyd Wright to Red Skelton, from George Rogers Clark in 1779 to Ernie Pyle in WW II. Throw in some covered bridges, grist mill tours, fall leaves, voyageurs and even Hogeys Navy and it should be a real winning combination!

We have room for more rigs – and even some non-Airstream buddies if you have interested friends. There's more information on the CIU website <http://centralind.wbcci.net/> or contact Ann Newman at anewman2@indy.rr.com or 317 769 0099.

Hope you can join us!

Banks of the Wabash Caravan Part 2 Oct. 4-13, 2013

Please join us for the 2013 CIU “come and go” caravan as we visit towns along the banks of the Wabash River from Lafayette to Vincennes. You can join and leave the caravan as your schedule permits. There will be a separate “rally fee” for each three day stop, which will be collected on the last day when all costs are known. We have planned many activities for the group and many more alternative things for you to see and enjoy on your own.

Stop 1 – West Lafayette

Ross Camp, 9225 W. 75, W. Lafayette, IN
3 nights Friday Oct. 4 – Sunday Oct. 6



The highlight of the first stop is a visit to Fort Ouiatenen in Lafayette and the Feast of the Hunter’s Moon – a re-creation of the annual fall gathering of the French and Native Americans at this fur trading outpost in the mid-1700’s. There will also be a tour of Samara, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in West Lafayette, which is still lived in by the original owner.

Stop 2 – Parke County

Parke County Fairgrounds, 1472 North U.S. Highway 41, Rockville, IN
3 nights Monday Oct. 7 – Wednesday Oct. 9



We’ll visit the covered bridges in Parke County before the Covered Bridge festival officially opens, missing the crowds and traffic but still getting to see the bridges, tour mills, and enjoy beautiful fall scenery. Along the way, we will also tour the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum in Dana and have a wagon tour of the Wabash & Erie Canal sites in Montezuma.

Stop 3 – Vincennes

Ouabache Trails Campground
3500 N. Lower Ft. Knox Rd., Vincennes, IN
3 nights Thursday Oct. 10 – Saturday Oct. 12

Lots of historical sites to visit!
Vincennes is the first city in Indiana (1732) and served as the capital of the Indiana Territory (1800–1813). We will take tours of the George Rogers Clark Memorial, the Old Cathedral, the Red Skelton Museum, Grouseland (William Henry Harrison’s mansion), and the Vincennes State Historic Sites.



E-mail Ann Newman at anewman2@indy.rr.com or call 317-769-0099 if you have questions.

RESERVATIONS: To reserve your space on the Banks of the Wabash Part 2 Caravan, fill out the following form. Please send this even if you have already told me you intend to be on the caravan!

BANKS OF THE WABASH PART 2
CENTRAL INDIANA UNIT
COME AND GO CARAVAN
Oct. 4-13, 2013

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Code _____

WBCCI # _____ Email _____

Phone: H _____ C _____

___ Trailer ___ Motorhome Length _____

Registering for _____ Full length of caravan OR

_____ Stop 1 Oct. 4 – 6 Lafayette _____ Stop 2 Oct. 7 – 9 Parke Co. _____ Stop 3 Oct. 10-13 Vincennes

The estimated cost for 2 is about \$90 per section (meals are extra). Payment is due at end of the section(s) you attend.

Please return this information to Ann Newman via email anewman2@indy.rr.com or via mail 6364 Central Blvd, Whitestown, IN 46075

Friends We Haven't Met Yet

In your travels around the country, please always make a point to introduce yourself, and our club, to any Airstreamers you see that don't have big red numbers! Maybe they are already members and just don't display numbers - or maybe not. Give them a warm greeting and tell them who we are, what we do, and how much fun we have. Invite them to drop by an event, ask for their e-mail address and send them The Ticker or a link to the website. Follow up with another contact when you get home. They are all friends we haven't met yet!

UNBRIDLED SPIRIT ROUNDUP

by Patsy Marston

It was an outstanding experience! The parking was different than a usual region rally. We had large shady campsites with tables and fire-rings and cement parking pads. All the activities were held at the Convention Center, which is near the lodge, but separate. It had beautiful rooms and comfortable chairs and lots of space.

Opening ceremonies on Wednesday were impressive with Bill Schrader in charge of the flag ceremony and Artie Martin as M.C. After the program there were several who attended a "Paranormal Tour" of the Butler-Turpin historic house on the park grounds. Don't think any ghosties were seen, but everyone had a good time.

Thursday, after a tremendous breakfast buffet at the Lodge we enjoyed a guided tour of Kentucky Speedway with a thrilling van tour around the banked track. That evening we were entertained by Molly McCormick on dulcimer and Walter Lay on guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

Friday morning Dr. Bradley Bell gave a seminar on robotic surgery for renal and prostate cancer. The videos of actual operations were interesting and informative. The lodge staff prepared lunch for us with burgers and hot dogs cooked outside and served inside with all the usual accompaniments. Friday afternoon was devoted to the Board of Trustees meeting and the business part of any region rally. We actually had a horse race with horses provided by several members. Dice were rolled and each horse moved according to the numbers showing on the dice. Doesn't sound like nearly as much fun as it actually was. You hadda be there. Another buffet meal for the evening and professional entertainment by a group called "Sunday Drive". Lots of good music and lots of laughs, too.

Our Swap and Sell on Saturday was well attended with lots of bargains to be had. The open house in the afternoon had many people interested especially in the vintage trailers. One member estimated they had 35-40 people touring their vintage trailer. Saturday evening's banquet was followed by traveling to the Butler-Turpin House and hearing pure, old bluegrass from a group called the Whiskey Bent Valley Boys. Fiddle, banjo, guitar and string bass played by experts. Some of the locals even did some clogging. Real foot-tapping music, in a beautiful, outdoor setting.

Sunday's worship service followed by the closing ceremony ended the rally. Barry and Karen Bell are to be congratulated on a terrific rally. I know they had lots of help and it all came together beautifully. The total count of units attending the rally was 62, which was an increase from last year. Attending from CIU were:

Bells, Browns, Brunks, Howard Branscomb, Gordys, Shirlys with little McKenna (what a cutie), Dan Kachele, St.Johns, Ann Newman, Russells, Patsy Marston.

CIU Rallies and Events

October 4 – 13, 2013 Banks of the Wabash Caravan, Part 2
Along the Wabash River, Host - Ann Newman 317-769-0099
anewman2@indy.rr.com

Tuesday, October 8 – CIU Business Meeting
Benjamin's Family Restaurant, 605 E Ohio St., Rockville, IN
dinner at 6 pm, meeting following dinner

November 30, 2013 Christmas Luncheon – TBD
Host - Dan Kachele 317-372-2907 dachele@gmail.com

Visit Airforums.com for a lively discussion of all things Airstream! Here's
the link: Airforums.com.

International Rally, June 28 – July 4, 2014, Gillette, Wyoming

For information about the 2014 International Rally: Go to the WBCCI.org website. Click on the home page. Click on the Rallies & Caravans drop down, and then click on International Rally 2014. For those not registered the site has a registration form.

Submission deadline for the next Ticker is October 24.
I can be contacted at kslangell@me.com, or (317) 408-6798.

Sandy

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

See what's happening with CIU at the Central Indiana Facebook Page.
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/181854158507/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Editor's Note: I'd like to hear from you about your favorite campgrounds! If there is someplace you just love to go, please write up a few words about it and send it to me.

Prophetstown State Park

Last October, the final stop on the Wabash Caravan Part 1, was Prophetstown State Park. While we were there Ken and I enjoyed visiting the 1920s era working farm, did some geocaching, and visited the nearby Battleground Memorial. We recently returned for a weekend with some tent-camping friends. We were pleasantly surprised to learn Prophetstown has a brand new water park! It just opened in July, and it is a refreshing spot to spend a hot afternoon.



Park admission for Indiana residents is just \$6 per vehicle, and admission to the water park is \$3. There are two challenging slides - with tubes or without - Ken and our grandson Dean loved both of them. My favorite feature was the lazy river, where we floated along on giant tubes, dodging the occasional spray. Our 15 month old friend and his parents were enchanted by the play area with its easy-to-navigate walk-in pool. There is a snack bar, lots of grassy lawn for blankets, and plenty of lounge chairs with huge umbrellas for shade.

The campground is very nice, with sites with full hookups as well as less expensive electric only sites. Some are quite private and surrounded by pine trees, others are on the edge of the restored prairie or surround the large lawn in the center of the campground - a great choice if you are camping with children or dogs. The sites are roomy and level with gravel pads.

On Saturday night we celebrated National S'more Day with a party at the shelter house. Ever tried roasted coconut marshmallow s'mores? We took our instruments and had the kids singing songs with us. Lizzy, a cute little blonde with no front teeth, volunteered to lead a rousing version of "The Eensy Weensy Spider"!

This is Indiana's newest state park, and long-term plans include a lodge and family cabins. There is fishing, hiking, paved bicycle trails - I have heard there are even river otters. This is a great park to keep in mind as you plan next summer's outings. After two visits, there are still features of the park we have not explored, and we look forward to many more weekends at Prophetstown.

We are now getting ready for Part 2 of the Wabash Caravan, and we can't wait! Ann has a lot of great activities planned - if you haven't signed up yet, get in touch with her right away, it is too good to miss.

Keep the Shiny Side Up!

Sandy Langell

Who Ya' Gonna Call?

There may be members of our club that are not aware of the positions and responsibilities of club leadership. You may need to know who to go to when you have an idea for the club - or you may be looking for a way to get more involved.

The Central Indiana Unit Directory is the place to find answers to those questions. In the back of the directory are our Constitution and Bylaws, and there is an explanation of the duties of each office in our club. Some rainy afternoon in the Airstream, put your feet up, get a cup of something good, and read through the bylaws - you will be prepared when someone comes around to ask you which office you would like to hold!

<http://centralind.wbcci.net>

If you haven't visited the CIU website lately, you are missing some great photos and a lot of good information. Our website is something to be proud of. Many thanks to our Webmaster, Carolyn Beardshear, for helping us all to stay connected!

These are some of the topics you will find on our website:

2013 Banks of the Wabash Caravan, Part 2

White River Spring Rally - May 16-19, 2013

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