



*The newsletter for the Central Indiana Unit
"From the Heart of Indiana"*

The Ticker

April 2, 2017

A Word from our President

I think spring is here, and I've got the trailer ready for the first weekender. I hope yours is ready too.

We had a nice turnout for the April luncheon. Eighteen people attended, many new faces. Brad and Michelle Eisenhart were the newest members, and we will see them at upcoming weekenders. All in all, since last camping season we have gained eight new members. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them!

The lunch was followed by a business meeting. Minutes of the meeting are included in the newsletter.

We also recognized members that have clocked 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years of membership by awarding stars for their trailer. You may have seen red stars beside the numbers on some trailers – each star denotes five years of membership. Damon awarded stars, but the only members present to receive a star were, ... Damon and Erin. They received a star for 10 years. Damon listed the other recipients:

Swan	5yr
Stephan	10yr
Brown	10yr
Frist	15yr
Phillips	15yr
Bell	15yr
Anderson	25yr

An invitation to our members who do not camp anymore

We have several members who have been active campers in their younger days, but don't travel as much now. To those members: We would love to see you and catch up. We invite you to attend the Saturday night meal at the Brown County weekender May 6th. You would not need to bring any dish – you will be our guest. If you would like to come, let me know so we can look out for you. I would suggest arriving by 5:00. We will be in the Buffalo Ridge loop.

A note on weekenders and other things

In any organization, we seem to assume that everyone knows what is going on or how things are done, even if they are new to the group. I noticed that when we joined CIU, and I had to ask a lot of questions to figure out what people were talking about, or what was involved in different activities. I encourage all the

seasoned members to remember this and to explain to and involve the newer members, so they feel 'up to speed'. In that light, here is a little bit about our weekenders and other activities:

Weekenders -- Our weekenders are usually planned for just the weekend so that working families can attend without missing work. There are no scheduled activities at the weekenders - just time to explore the area, visit with other members. Evenings may be passed sitting around a campfire hearing camp stories, singing or listening to live music. Also, if your schedule will not allow you to come for the entire weekend, come for one night if that works out better for you.

The only activity planned for Weekenders is a carry-in meal on Saturday evening. For these meals, the main dish will be provided, and you would bring a side dish or dessert. Also, we collect a 'kitty fee' of \$3 per person to cover the cost of the main dish and any incidentals. Just get that to Denise or me, or to Don Russel sometime during the event. For other meals, some people go out to local restaurants, or eat at the campsite. It's all up to you.

Family/Buddy Rally – this is planned for you to invite friends that like to camp, other family members, grandchildren, etc. They do not have to have an Airstream. This year's Rally is at Prophetstown State Park. There is a water park near the campground, a working 1920's farm, a wolf park, museums in Lafayette, and a tour of the Caterpillar Large Engine factory (provided by me, professional Cat tour guide!). But you do not have to bring a friend or grandchildren to attend. You can treat it just like a weekender.

Weekenders

Reservations are now open for our first two weekenders and the Family Buddy rally. There are no activities planned for the weekenders, other than we will have a carry-in on Saturday evenings:

Brown County weekender is May 5-7, 2017. Reserve one of the following sites: 36-42, or 47-52, or if booked other sites in the area.

Turkey Run weekender is June 2-4, 2017. Reserve one of the following sites: 175-183, or 159-162.

Oubache State Park Weekender is Oct 13-15. Reservations open on April 13. Target one of these sites: 20-31.

International Rally at Escanaba

Sites at the event are booked. However, they are now booking space at nearby campgrounds for those still interested in going. So it's not too late to go.

Family/Friends Rally

Prophetstown Family and Buddy rally is Aug 10-13. Reserve 216,218,220,222,224,226,228,230,232,234,236

Region 5 Rally

The rally will be at Kentucky Horse Park campground in Lexington KY. We will plan to caravan to the event. Signup information TBD

Calendar

		<u>Reservations</u>	<u>Sites</u>
May 5-7	Brown County Weekender	Now	36-42, 47-52
June 2-4	Turkey Run Weekender	Now	175-183, 159-162
July 22-29	International Rally at Escanaba MI	Now	
Aug 10-13	Prophetstown S.P. - Family Rally	Now	216,218,220,222,224,226, 228,230,232,234,236 (inner side of loop)
Aug 18-22	Little Grassy Lake Campground at Carbondale IL – Eclipse DuQuoin Fairgrounds Illini Unit Eclipse Rally	full available – contact Monte Barksdale	
Sep 13-17	Caravan to Region 5 Rally at Kentucky Horse Park	tbd	
Oct 13-15	Oubache St Park Weekender	Apr 13	20-31

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Darryl Baldwin, (temporary, I hope) editor

Attachment: Minutes of Spring Business Meeting

Spring 2017 Business Meeting Minutes 01apr2017

Meeting was called to order by Darryl. Sixteen members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Denise read the previous meeting's minutes. Jim Fuller moved to accept the minutes as read. Patty seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report – Don could not be present, but he submitted the balance sheet. No one had any questions about it. It shows a total equity of \$5356.53. He also reported that at Donna Carmichael's request, the memorial funds that we collected upon the passing of her husband Max were to be donated to the Indiana Alzheimer's Association. Don made that donation.

Unfinished business

- We discussed the need to fill out the slate of officers. At this time there are four open spots, and for next year we will need to fill at least six positions. We plan to make it through this year as-is – but in a few months we will begin seeking nominees for the positions. All were encouraged to think about their participation.

New Business

- Since Darryl and Denise will not be attending the International meet, we needed to nominate a delegate to the 2017 Delegates meeting. Beals will be attending and Damon said he could fill that role. We followed with a vote of unanimous approval. Damon will be the delegate.
- Discussion about planning to caravan to Escanaba. We only know of three to four couples attending, and agreed that they can plan any caravanning among themselves.
- New members – Through the winter we have had eight new or transfer members join the unit. Three recent additions to the group were present at the meeting, and they introduced themselves to the group. New members present were:
 - Brad and Michelle Eisenhart
 - Michael Puchel and Jenny Broome
 - Jim and Jan Trosky

We'd like to welcome them all to the group!

- We reviewed the calendar. Brown county will be our first weekender. We highlighted the change to the Family and Buddy rally, which has moved from Indiana Dunes to Prohetstown on Aug 10-13.

Star awards – Damon had stars to award the members with 5, 10, 15, etc years of membership. Daals received a star for 10 years. No other recipients we present.

Jim Trosky moved for Adjournment. Jan seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Denise Baldwin, Recording Secretary