

# NEWS and VIEWS - AUGUST 2016

Cincinnati Ohio Unit - WBCCI

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.....

### Darren Baker

Hello COU members,

I hope everybody is enjoying their summer travel. I would like to thank Bill and Joyce Grawe for the great job of hosting the Summer Rally at Poor Farmers. We had a good turn out there and at the International Rally at Lewisburg WV. Everyone enjoyed the various activities and the surrounding area in spite of the weather. Congrats to Joyce Grawe for her work on our Unit Parade at International. Because we can, we once again took first place for "theme." A special thank you to Sonny Thompson for filling in for me as President by carrying the Unit Flag at Opening Ceremonies and representing our Unit at the Delegates' Meeting.

Our next up coming event will be a joint rally with Columbus and Miami Valley. The Fall Rally is September 9-11 at Madison County Fair Grounds in London, OH. Columbus Unit is hosting this rally. Doc is handling the arraignments, for any questions his email is [rloldvet@aol.com](mailto:rloldvet@aol.com). Be sure to fill your water tanks as no water will be available at the fair grounds.

After that will be the Turkey Rally at Franklin County 4-H Fairgrounds in Brookville, IN. Please note that the dates have been changed. It will now be held October 6 - 9, please pass the word around so everybody knows as it has been advertised on the Air Forums. I'm still in need

of a host for this event; anybody interested in hosting or helping out please let me know.

I attended the Miami Valley Summer Rally and those attending had a discussion on the merger/consolidation of the Units or joining our Unit. Our incorporation expires this year and the thought was to let it expire and reorganize with a new name for the Unit. We will need everyone's participation, thoughts or ideas on this issue. A couple of people have volunteered to look into the options that we have. There will be more discussion at up coming rallies, one of which is the **Fall Fling Rally, September 9-11 at Madison County Fairgrounds in London, Ohio.** Columbus Unit is hosting this rally.

"Doc" Jeffries is handling the arraignments, for any questions his email is [rloldvet@aol.com](mailto:rloldvet@aol.com).

*(Any who wishes to caravan to this rally, contact Bill Grawe at 513 825 3057 or [wgrawesr@hotmail.com](mailto:wgrawesr@hotmail.com).)*

*Hope to see all of you there!*

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# International Rally 2016 Lewisburg, W. Va. "Because We Can!!!"

WOW! What an interesting rally. We were happy to have several Cincinnati members in attendance.



Our Cincinnati Unit meal was held at a Mexican restaurant called Carlitos. The members and affiliates attending were the families of: Kendigs, Thompsons, Sherron, Badgero, Kennedy, B. Grawes, Carters and daughter Lauren, Baker, Voynovichs, Don and Marion Hetzler (Vice President of Region IV), Reboulets, E. Muellers, D. Muellers and granddaughters Hannah & Ryan, and Karin and Larry Kurkowski (former President and First Mate of Region IV). This was a fun group and nobody lacked for conversation.

Members Chris and Pam Carter and daughter Lauren and Frank and Pam Voynovich were "First Timers" at an International Rally. It was good to see them again and help them experience this special rally.

Once again the Cincinnati Unit, with the help of their affiliates, entered the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade at International. What a wonderful group of people, who are good sports, to go along with our



cockamamie ideas. We decided to be a "theme" entry (**Because We Can** was the theme) and to come up with questions about our Airstream lifestyle. The audience responded loudly after each question with....."**BECAUSE WE CAN!**"

We asked:

Why do we arrive an hour early to eat a meal?  
Why do we eat dessert first?  
Why do we look for a Wal Mart near bedtime?  
Why do we sit on the "pot" and read the Blue Beret?  
Why do we dress in funny costumes to march in our parade?

Why do we honor our military?  
Why do we attend different places to worship?  
Why do we play in the Airstream band?...With this question, all the band members held up their instruments and yelled "**BECAUSE WE CAN!**". The audience responded enthusiastically!

Everyone had on some kind of costume and got into the spirit. We had fun, we laughed, and we received a ribbon for **First Place**. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE....John Sherron, Pat Badgero, Dave and Linda Mueller, Mary Lou (and Suzy) and Sonny Thompson, Mark Kennedy, Darren Baker, Marne Kaemmerer, Ann Reboulet, and Bill and Joyce Grawe.

On a more serious note, as many of you know there was a flood disaster in Lewisburg while our rally was being held there. In one day we had 9" of rain, plus other days of rain which resulted in mass flooding in the area. People lost their homes and sadly several lives were lost. We were without power for 24 hours and dealt with contaminated water for 3 days. Airstreamers brought out their generators and everyone boiled their water or visited K Mart to purchase water. Our inconvenience was nothing compared with the tragedy that the locals suffered. On a more happy note, our **Airstreamers opened their hearts and their billfolds and left \$37,000 in Lewisburg for the flood relief victims**. We couldn't have been more pleased with WBCCI members. All in all, our International Rally was a good rally and our people did what they could to help the locals.

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Following is information for the September Fall Fling Rally in London, Ohio. This is a joint Rally hosted by the Columbus Unit, with the Cincinnati Unit and Miami Valley Units, September 9th, 10th and 11th, 2016 located at the Madison County, Ohio Fairgrounds in London, Ohio. A registration form is included.

Friday morning - Parking with a tour to start at 12:15 PM to the BCI Labs

Saturday morning - Tour to the London Prison Farm at 9:00 AM.

There will be a banquet at Brennan Loft in London. Fee is all inclusive - Meal, gratuity, tax, etc.

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**IMPORTANT CHANGE..**  
TURKEY RALLY DATE HAS BEEN  
CHANGED TO  
**OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 9, 2016**  
Mark your calendar.

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Coming up is the **Swiss Festival National Rally** on September 24 - October 2. Joyce and Bill Grawe are interested in going. If we get 5 units for a caravan, we can arrive a day early at no additional cost. Let us know your interest by calling us at 513-825-3057. A registration form is attached with detailed information.

If you have never been, this is the best rally in WBCCI for the money, and the most interesting. There are more tours available than you can take in the week!

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**ADDRESS CHANGE for your directory:**

Betty Knollman, Chaminade #220,  
8100 Clyo Road, Centerville, OH 45458  
Telephone No. 1 937 449 0583

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pat Badgero and John Sherron are pleased to announce their engagement!



This is the happy couple at the International Rally. Congratulations! We wish you the very best.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Pam Voynovich who lost her mother in January.

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*WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS -*

*Glynn & Jean Firmin, #3335  
3710 Beaver creek Ct.  
Beabvercreek, OH 45430  
gfirm@woh.rr.com*

*Karen & Timothy Harrington, #2897  
8200 Baywood Lane  
Maineville, OH 45039  
bikesalot@fuse.net*

*Gregory Phillips, #5309  
117 Lynnview Dr.  
Mason, OH 45040  
gregphillips13@gmail.com*

*Raymond & Debbie Story, #4983  
5827 Harbor Pointe Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45248  
rrstory@att.net*

*Robert & Priscilla Bendel, #17150  
239 Waynesville Rd.  
Lebanon, OH 45036  
bobpriscillab@yohoo.com*

Please add these new members to your directory.

*We welcome all you to the Cincinnati Unit and we look forward to getting acquainted and enjoying the Airstream lifestyle with you. Hope you can make the next rally.*

*We were happy to get acquainted with new members, Bob and Priscilla Bendel, at the rally in Berne, Ind. They decided just the day before to attend, threw things into the Airstream and took off. We love that enthusiasm.*

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We send our best wishes to our long time member, Fran Durbin, on her 90th birthday! Way to go, girl!!! You are one feisty lady and we love you.



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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

At the business meeting in October, during the Turkey Rally, our members will discuss and vote on the future of the Cincinnati Unit. While the membership has grown slightly (38 members), the attendance at rallies has decreased. Further, it is most noticeable that we have a lack of interest in becoming a unit officer. Without leadership and member participation, our local units will fail.

This is also the case with other units, which make up the whole of the International Club. The individual units are the sources of the caravan leaders, seminar leaders, authors of Blue Beret articles, committee chairman, officers for the regions, and volunteers for unit, region, and International rallies. Everything that makes up the whole of WBCCI comes from the local Units. Our rally and caravan costs are probably the lowest because the jobs are filled by volunteers.

We have been discussing this problem with other Ohio units for several months. At the October business meeting, we will consider changing the name of the Cincinnati Ohio Unit to make it more acceptable for other units to merge with us. One of the names being considered is "The Ohio Airstream Club". There may be other names considered. We may also vote on a merger or consolidation of units.

In order to vote you must be present at the business meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM **Saturday, September 10, 2016**. Each WBCCI number has one vote. A 2/3 majority of those present is required for these motions to pass.

*Come and support your club so we can keep the International Airstream Club (WBCCI) a strong and viable RV club. It is the oldest and the best RV club in the US.*

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**INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS.....**

It was voted at the IBT meeting in Lewisburg, W. Va. this year to discontinue the Merit Awards. No more club recognition for a "Job Well Done".

*SAFE  
TRAVELING  
TO ALL.....*



*Registration Form*

*September Rally 9th - 11th 2016*

*Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ # in party \_\_\_\_\_*

*Camping fee @ \$ 25.00 per night for \_\_\_\_\_ nights. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Banquet fee @ \$ 23.50 Per person, #of persons for meal \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Camping and Banquet fee .....Grand Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Electric hookup only, with dump station on site, so make sure **water tanks are full** on arrival.*

*Send registration and check to*

*R. L. Jeffries*

*1796 White Rd.*

*Grove City, Ohio*

*43123*

*Phone:*

*Banquet will be a sit-down affair at Brennan Loft in London, Ohio. The fee is all inclusive, meal, gratuity, tax etc.*