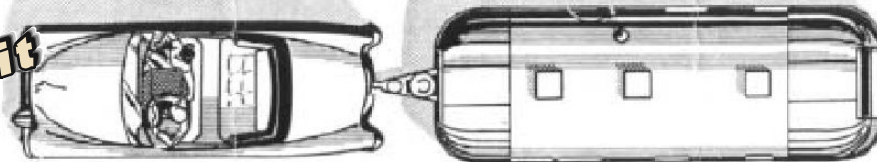


# BADGER BULLETIN



July 2011

## THE PREZ SEZ. . .



A lot has happened since the last newsletter—the May rally, the Badgers Go Buckeye caravan, and the International rally. Fast approaching are the Region 7 Rally in De Pere, the Elkhart Lake rally and the Apostle Islands rally.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Barb, Region 7 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Agree and me at Du Quoin. (Both of them smile better than your curmudgeonly unit president!)

We had a great rally at New Glarus, although sadly our numbers were somewhat limited by several of our usual stalwarts being sidelined by health issues. The weather was even good, despite dire weather forecasts every day!

The *Badgers Go Buckeye* caravan to the Alumapalooza and *Spirit of Cleveland* rallies was a smashing success, and Ed and Sandy Emerick have gained some new caravan disciples, as well as meeting new friends from Ohio.

Wisconsin had a good turnout at the Du Quoin International, although here again, a few “regulars” were unable to attend because of health issues. And, after great trepidation over the prospect of a marathon delegates meeting, the International President made the problem go away by withdrawing his motion to revise the WBCCI Constitution. But it will be back next year.

In just a little over a week the Region 7 rally at De Pere will be upon us, followed in early September by a dazzling non-stop sequence of Region 7 Vintage Rally at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin Unit *Wisconsin's Worlds Largest* caravan, and the *Apostle Islands Adventure* rally at Washburn, Wisconsin. Ed and Sandy Emerick are real troupers to put on yet another caravan so close on the heels of their last one!

Hope to see you at the *Apostle Islands Adventure* rally, where—contrary to a rumor that Barb has been spreading—you will **not** see me in a grass skirt!

See you down the road, John Sellers, President

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## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

**Region 7 Wings, Rails, and End Zones Rally, July 24 – 29**  
at De Pere, Wisconsin. See update below.

**Region 7 Vintage Rally, Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association Race Weekend and Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America Race Track, September 9 – 11**  
at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz and Curt & Julie Gunderson. See flyer this issue.

**Wisconsin's Worlds Largest Caravan, , September 12 – 15**  
led by Ed & Sandy Emerick from the Region 7 Vintage Rally, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin to the *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally*, Washburn, Wisconsin. See flyer this issue.

**Apostle Islands Adventure Rally, September 15 – 18,**  
Thompson's West End Campground, Washburn, Wisconsin, hosted by John & Barb Sellers. See flyer this issue.

### Region 7 Rally Update

Plan to arrive at Apple Creek Campground after 2:00 PM on July 24. This will ensure that there will be no delay to park your rig as the weekend campers have until 1:00 p.m. to vacate their campsites. There will be a no-snack happy hour at 5:00, followed by a catered picnic at 6:00. A brief opening ceremony is scheduled for 7:30.

A white elephant auction will be held at the rally to support the **Wounded Warrior Project**. Search your closets, cupboards, and garages to find things you can live without (I'm sure most of us will have no problem with that! RV items would be great!) Bring them to the rally in brown paper bags. (It'll be more fun if you write a few clues on the outside of the bag.)

The Wounded Warrior Project, organized February 23, 2005, provides vital programs and services to severely wounded service members and veterans in order to support their transition to civilian life as well-adjusted citizens, both physically and mentally. The mission of the organization is to honor and empower wounded warriors. Their purpose is threefold: to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women; to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. Their vision is to foster the most successful and well-adjusted generation of wounded warriors in our nation's history.

Donations to the Wounded Warrior Project enable them to help the thousands of wounded warriors returning home from current conflicts and to provide assistance to their families. Forty-three thousand men and women have been injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many veterans have received injuries ranging from missing limbs to traumatic brain injuries to post traumatic stress disorder.

We owe our freedom to our Vets and this is a nice way to give a little back to them!

## Thoughts and Prayers

Bob Manak, Dave Mayo, and Dick Redell, are "back on the road again" but others, including Ellen McGaughey, continue to suffer from health issues. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers (and cards, phone calls, and emails).

### News from the 2011 International

The IBT and Delegates Meetings were relatively undramatic after International President Norm Beu withdrew his motion to introduce the proposed revised constitution. We were told that the motion would be re-introduced at the 2012 Delegates Meeting, but that the proposed revised Bylaws would be released to the membership soon so that members could discuss the revisions as a complete package.

The proposed revised constitution was discussed at the Delegates Seminar and there seemed to be little support for the proposed replacement of the Delegates Meeting with a member caucus. It seems likely that the revised constitution will be so amended at the 2012 Delegates Meeting.

There were no International officer nominations from the floor and the Nominating Committee's slate of officers was accepted. Constitutional Amendment 2, requiring the Nominating Committee to publish the position papers of all qualified candidates, not just those selected by the Committee, passed with 96% of the votes in favor.

The IBT voted to place a constitutional amendment on the 2012 ballot to allow life members of WBCCI to continue full membership while owning Thor motor homes rather than Airstream products, since Airstream no longer makes motor homes. This is similar to the controversial amendment which was defeated in 2007 except that it is limited to life members.

There was no unit publications contest this year.

### Trailer for Sale

Airsteam 1987 Excella 1000, 32 feet. Good condition, non-smoking, no pets. Twin rear beds, side bath. New refrigerator and water heater. Oven with four burners, double sink, microwave, Zipdee awnings all around. Stone guard over front windows. Three 75 Watt roof mounted solar panels with four gel cell batteries. Price: \$10,500.

William Kronholm 8040 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Kenosha, WI  
phone: 262-652-2869 cell: 262-945-9673

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## ***Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally*** Sweet Minihaha CG, Brodhead, WI May 18 – 22, 2011

Barb & John Sellers hosted the *Touring Wisconsin Alps* rally centered on New Glarus, Wisconsin, “little Switzerland”. There aren’t any very suitable campgrounds near New Glarus, but Sweet Minihaha, between Brodhead and New Glarus (and under new ownership) is a good spot.



Airstreams arrayed at Sweet Minihaha

The schedule for the rally was open, with arrivals as early as Wednesday. That worked well, with some trailers arriving Wednesday and many by Thursday.



A mini-caravan arrives from the Appleton area.

Sweet Minihaha is situated on the Sugar River so the Hahns took the opportunity to kayak the river.



Hahns depart Albany for a paddle to the campground.



Smithsonian traveling exhibition, “Key Ingredients” in Brodhead was a popular attraction.

“Official” rally activities began Friday evening with happy hour, supper, and trivia games for appropriate prizes (Swiss chocolate!). Also a special award ceremony celebrating Connie Sheasby’s retirement. Remember the Wisconsin Unit’s motto, “You have to go to the next rally to get even for the last one!”



Unsuspecting Connie prior to presentation by Barb.

Saturday morning breakfast was an experiment, “McDonalds breakfast buffet”—place your order the night before and we pick up in the morning.



Your hosts deserve a break today!

The centerpiece of the rally—and the only group activity—was the Swiss dinner and entertainment at the New Glarus hotel, including fondue, yodeling and Alpenhorn demonstrations.



Our chef explains the intricacies of fondue making.

The conclusion of the rally was the Swiss Continental Breakfast on Sunday morning, featuring “the bounty of Green County”, local Amish baked goods and cheese and sausage from New Glarus.

A very successful rally. On to De Pere, Elkhart Lake, and the Apostle Islands!



## **Badgers Go Buckeye Caravan**

May 27 – June 12, 2011

Photos by Vicki Englestad, Steve Piotrowski, and  
Sandy Emerick

Caravan chairman Ed & Sandy Emerick led another unforgettable caravan to Alumapalooza and the Spirit of Cleveland rallies in Ohio via the Upper Peninsula.



In line astern behind Fearless Leader Ed, while Sergeant Seagull (foreground) calls the roll.



Crossing Da Bridge.



Covered bridge at Frankenmuth, Michigan



Breakfast at Tony's in Frankenmuth. Got bacon?



At the Airstream factory for Alumapalooza.



Happy hour!



Antsy McClain autographs Ed & Sandy's plate.



Parked at Alumapalooza



Ed's well-attended seminar on dumping.



Cleveland skyline from the Spirit of Cleveland rally.

Thanks for another great caravan, Ed & Sandy!



## 2011 WBCCI International Rally, Du Quoin, IL June 28 – July 4, 2011



Photos by Bob Manak and John Sellers

Eight member families from Wisconsin were among the 539 trailers present at the 54<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois. Weather varied from thunderstorms to hot and humid, with temperatures and relative humidities both in the 90s. But with 30 A hookups, we *used* our air conditioners!



Wisconsin leads Region 7's flags at opening.



Will it fit? Parking vintage motor home.



Dr. Holman's original 1935 Airstream Torpedo



The ever-popular VAC happy hour!



Region 7's bulletin boards.



Region 7 picnic July 4—in air conditioning!



Nice campground for an International rally!

*The Region 7 Vintage Club  
hosts the September 9–11 WBCCI Rally  
at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.*



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!**

Come and see first hand the 4 mile race track that has become world renown. The 640 acre site was formed by the glaciers and sets the scene for a very interesting track through its hills and valleys. The grandeur of the area is experienced by about 700,000 visitors here each year.

There are events going on at RA throughout the season, but this weekend is the “VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association) Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival”. Come see some of the world’s most beautiful sports cars out on the track. Plus see the Historic Reenactment of the actual street races that took place in the early 1950’s right through the Elkhart Lake. Enjoy the village festivities along with its shops throughout the day, or a round of golf at the neighboring golf courses. And don’t forget the “Gathering on the Green” and Concourse de Provenance with cocktails and live music Saturday afternoon.

WBCCI members who wish to participate will play host to a Public Open House on Saturday the 10th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. While these gorgeous cars drive right around the perimeter of our camping area we will be showing off our Shiny Aluminum Dream Machines as well.

There is so much to see and do for the family this weekend; it’s going to be tough to decide. You can find more information about the weekend and the area on the web at [www.elkhartlake.com](http://www.elkhartlake.com) and Road America race schedule information at <http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=246>

**Deadline for Tickets is September 1, 2011 !!**

Remember this rally is **DRY CAMPING**; (Generators allowed until 10:00pm. For special needs call Don Stenz)

**Rally fee includes:** 3 days track pass, Camping in the “Carousel Area” on the grass, Rest rooms and Showers, Dump station, Fresh water filling station. Concession Stands are available on the grounds.

Due to all the events going on throughout the weekend, meals will be on your own. We will have Happy Hour for those who are around.

**Make checks payable to:**

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI  
Reservation forms due Thursday, September 1st  
Tickets will be picked up at the track

**Mail to:**

Sandy Emerick  
838 E. Eldorado St  
Appleton, WI 54911

**Questions to:**

Don Stenz • 920 946-4122 • [slem@tds.net](mailto:slem@tds.net)

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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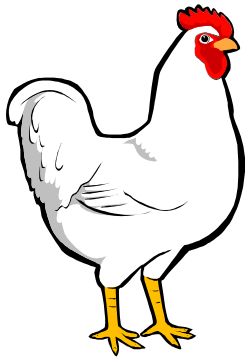
Per person(13 and older) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$69.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(12 and under are free) (after deadline \$125.00)

Site fee per rig \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(after deadline \$20.00)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_







## The *Wisconsin's World's Largest* Caravan 2011

Led by Ed & Sandy Emerick  
September 12 – 15, 2011



Have you ever wanted to see the **world's largest CHICKEN, PENNY or BADGER????!!!**  
If so, come join us on the *Wisconsin's World's Largest Caravan* from the Region 7 VAC Rally at Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI to the *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally* in Washburn, WI.

The *Wisconsin's World's Largest Caravan* will take you from the "Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival", aka the Region 7 VAC Rally at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, WI to Washburn, WI via Minocqua, WI.

We will depart the Region 7 VAC Rally on Monday morning, September 12, 2011 and travel about 200 miles into the North Woods of Wisconsin in search of the largest Wisconsin has to offer. On that Monday we will stop in Birnamwood, WI and see not only the **World's Largest Chicken** (aka the Big Chicken) but also the **World's Largest Badger**. From Birnamwood, WI we will complete our day in Minocqua, WI, the **World's Largest Wisconsin Tourist Trap**.

We will stay at Indian Shores Campground. Each caravanner is responsible for making his/her own reservations. The contact information is:

Indian Shores Camping Resort  
Hwy 47 SE  
PO Box 12  
Woodruff, WI 54568-0012

Phone: 715-356-5552  
Fax: 715-356-1146  
Email: [info@Indian-Shores.com](mailto:info@Indian-Shores.com)

We will arrive at Indian Shores on the afternoon of September 12 and depart for the Adventure Rally on Thursday morning September 15; you will need to make a 3 night reservation. Tell the campground that you are with the Wisconsin Airstreamers group to be placed near each other.

While in Minocqua we are planning a day trip over to **Wisconsin's World's Largest Concrete Park** in Phillips, WI, a visit to **Wisconsin's World's Largest Penny** in Woodruff, WI, and the **Wisconsin's World's Largest/First Snowmobile** in Sayner, WI. In Minocqua we will be in the middle of the **World's Largest Wisconsin Tourist Trap** for your touring pleasure.

We will travel to *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally* on the Morning of September 15, 2011 and on the way we will make stops in Mercer, WI to see **Wisconsin's World's Largest Loon** and in Hurley, WI to **Wisconsin's World's Largest Corkscrew**. We will arrive in Washburn, WI at the *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally* on the afternoon of September 15 to end our *Wisconsin's World's Largest Caravan*, 2011.

**Contact Ed & Sandy Emerick if you are planning on caravanning with us;**  
Email: [redwagon@new.rr.com](mailto:redwagon@new.rr.com) or [eeemerick@new.rr.com](mailto:eeemerick@new.rr.com), Phone: 920-954-1585.

# Apostle Islands Adventure Rally

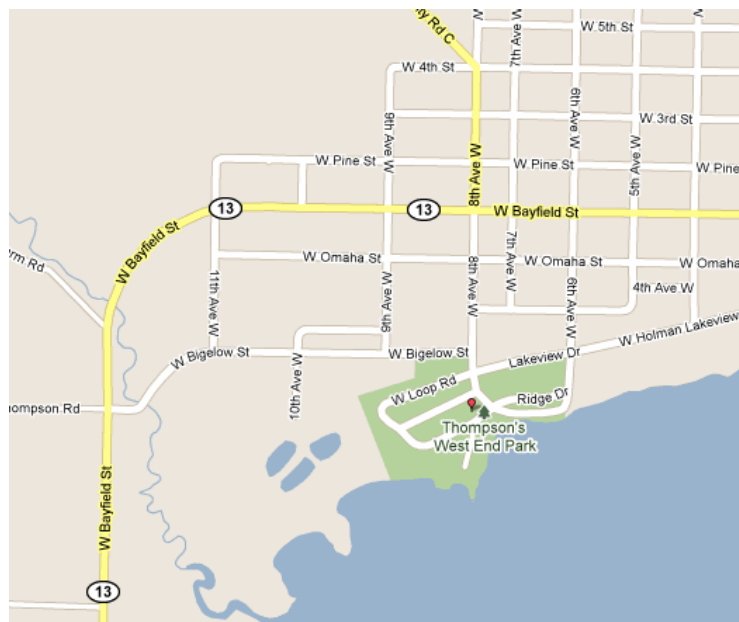
Wisconsin Unit September Rally  
September 15 - 18, 2011

Thompson's West End Campground  
South End of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Washburn, Wisconsin 54891  
(city hall) 715-373-6160

<http://cityofwashburn.org/camping.htm#thompsons>



Join your hosts John & Barb Sellers for an adventure in Wisconsin's fabled Apostle Islands nestled on the North Coast of Wisconsin. Take a boat tour of the uninhabited islands, take the ferry to inhabited Madeline Island, tour numerous museums and other attractions in Washburn and nearby Bayfield and Ashland.



We will be camped right on Lake Superior at the City of Washburn's municipal Thompson's West End Campground.

We have reserved all 19 non-seasonal sites of the campground, equipped with 30/50A electric, but no water or sewer hookup. Come with a full freshwater tank and empty waste tanks. There is plenty of water available at the campground (an artesian well, in fact!) but it will have to be transported to your unit. There is a dump station on site. Rally activities begin Thurs. Sept. 15. (Hosts will be there Sept 14.)

**The camping fee of \$22 a night is not included in the rally fee. Camping fee will be paid on arrival; self-service, cash or check; no charge cards.** Reservations are not required—we have the campground reserved—but after the start of the rally we will release any unused sites. Campground

amenities include restrooms and showers, pavilion (reserved for our use), playground, and swimming beach (brrr!).

Scheduled activities (with plenty of time for sightseeing on your own):

Thu., Sept. 15 – Parking – Caravan arrives – Happy Hour (bring snacks) – Supper (sandwich makin's provided)

Fri., Sept. 16 – Continental Breakfast – Parking – Happy Hour (no snacks) – Supper (pizza buffet plus salad & fruit)

Sat., Sept. 21 – Breakfast (provided) – Business Meeting – Happy Hour (bring snacks) - Dinner at local restaurant

Sun., Sept. 22 – Apostle Islands Continental Breakfast – Sightseeing on your own - Departures

Questions? Contact John & Barb Sellers, [sellersj@erinet.com](mailto:sellersj@erinet.com) cell 937-478-7267

## Apostle Islands Adventure Rally Reservation Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/St \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee (includes pavilion rental, 3 breakfasts, Thursday supper, and Friday pizza buffet)

\$22 x number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Campsite fees of \$22 a night are paid directly to campground.)

Make checks payable to WI Unit, WBCCI

Mail to:  
Sandy Emerick, Treasurer  
838 East Eldorado  
Appleton, WI 54911

(Advance reservations must reach Sandy before the Emericks leave for the Elkhart Lake rally, around September 7.)