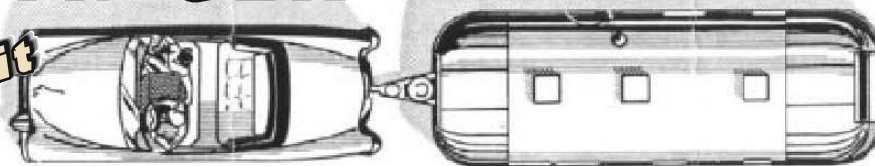


BADGER BULLETIN



The Wisconsin Unit
Newsletter



February, 2013

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Reflections in Aluminum



Why don't you...?" Many people dread that question. I relish it. OK, maybe relish is a little strong, but as Unit President, I am requesting an answer. If I don't get an answer, everyone has to drop and give me twenty push-ups. That's the Army drill sergeant's way.

How can we make the club the best it can be for our members? I know that it offers much of what I wanted, information, technical advice, friendship, Rallies (Campouts in normal language), and Caravans (trips in plain speak). When we got our Airstream, our previous trailer was a small tent, and we had lots of learning needed about the trailer. The WBCCI turned out to be the perfect opportunity to learn, and we met lots of great people at the same time.

I've been involved in many organizations over the years, and one thing that is clear to me, if you are not changing and growing, you are dying. We have lost membership at the International level over the years; the Wisconsin Unit, while suffering some loss, has done a little better than most units around the country. We can do better, a lot better.

The first way to improve is to listen to our members. What do you want from the club? Let me know, PLEASE! Maybe we can't offer what you want or need, but maybe we can. I would like a little more emphasis on maintenance and technical aspects of keeping up the trailer, but maybe you want more free beer. Sorry, that one we can't do, at least not all the time, but maybe once in a while.

The response to the Marquette Rally has been terrific, so that seems to be one of the things that members wanted. We will have another big New Rally location in October at The Highground, so start planning for that, October 4-6th at Snyder Park in Neillsville. Drop me a line with your wishes; we will see what we can do to make them come true.

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Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

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Easter Campout, March 29-31, 2013, Peninsula State Park, Door County, WI. Contact: Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893 SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

Springtime in the Dells Campout, April 26-28, 2013, Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Contact: Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer page 6

Spring Luncheon and membership meeting, April 27, 2013, 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza, 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Contact: Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer page 6

Member News

In Memoriam, Dean W. Kyle, 1928 - 2013

We are sad to report the passing of Dean Kyle, of Shawano, Wisconsin and Sweet Home, Oregon.

For newer members who may not know the story, Pearl Adams-Kyle and her late husband Fred Adams were kingpins of the Wisconsin Unit and Region 7 for many years. Fred was Wisconsin Unit President in 1999 followed by Pearl in 2002; Pearl was Region 7 President 2006-08. Fred passed away in 2005, and in the fullness of time, Pearl met Dean Kyle and they were married.

This week came the news that Dean had passed away on February 4. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pearl, now widowed once again. We can do no better than the Manak's reminiscences that accompanied the news of Dean's passing.

"It is with much sadness that we are sending news of Dean Kyle's passing on February 4th. As many of you know, Dean was a member of WBCCI for many years and was active with the WI Unit, volunteering his time and talent to Airstream events including Unit, Region, and International Rallies. We first met Dean at the Region 7 Rally in Baraboo, WI in 2006 where he assisted Pearl Adams, then President of the Region 7 and soon-to-be spouse, in running a fun circus-themed rally. As we became better acquainted with him and Pearl through our past 6 years in WBCCI, we came to know him for his energy, expertise and passion for Airstreaming. Those qualities were inspiring and he served as a valuable resource to many of us as we "traveled down the road" as fellow Airstreamers. He will be remembered as a warm friend and will be greatly missed."

Heidi and Bob Manak

Dean W. Kyle July 31, 1928 - February 4, 2013



Dean W. Kyle, 84, passed away at home in Sweet Home after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was born in Geneva, Wisconsin to Willard and Dorothy (Anderson) Kyle. Dean lived in Wisconsin and Oregon. He practiced developmental optometry in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, Cottage Grove, Sweet Home and Brownsville.

Dean married his first wife, Mary Ann, in 1954, and together they raised three daughters and enjoyed many aspects of life in the communities where they lived. Mary Ann preceded Dean in death in 2003.

Dean was an active part of the Sweet Home community for many years involved with Sweet Home Evangelical Church, Lions Club, Kiwanis, and other community organizations.

Dean's main passion in life was to travel with a trailer of some kind in tow. He enjoyed his association and adventures with the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, the Airstream RV Owners Association. He was also an avid Green Bay Packers and University of Oregon football fan and enjoyed photography, bow hunting, model railroading, and a host of other interests.

In 2006, Dean married Pearl Adams of Shawano, Wisconsin and enjoyed his travels with her.

Dean is survived by: his daughters, Kimberly and son-in-law Chuck Messick of Sweet Home, Kirsten and son-in-law George Offutt of Sweet Home, and Deanna and son-in-law Ron Emmert of Corvallis; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 15, at Sweet Home Evangelical Church. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Sweet Home Evangelical Church or Sweet Home Emergency Ministries.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet Home Funeral Chapel.

(Obituary courtesy of Sweet Home Funeral Chapel)

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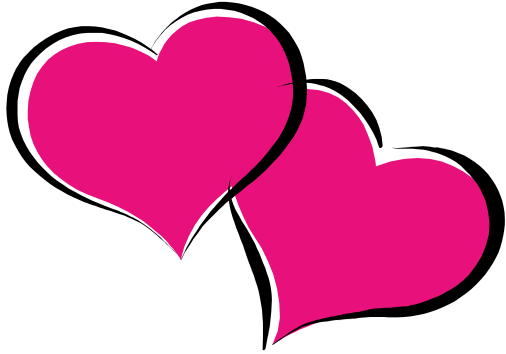
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**Valentine's Luncheon
Spring Garden Restaurant,
Waunakee, Wisconsin
February 9, 2013**

Photos by Vicki Engelstad



A goodly number of Airstreamers braved much-less-than-ideal weather (like, *freezing drizzle* in the morning) to attend the Valentine's luncheon hosted by Neil and Lilly King.



The unit's Dynamic Duo, George and Teri Boehmer.



Neither snow, nor rain, nor dark of night will stay these Airstreamers from their unit activities!



Somebody is always texting nowadays. . . !



Your hosts, Neil and Lilly King.



Thanks, Lily & Neil, for a successful February luncheon!

Paradise Park Punta Gorda, Florida

Story and photos by John & Barb Sellers

This year Barb and I are doing the “snowbird” thing at Paradise Park, one of several Airstream parks in Florida. Paradise Park is a condominium—all spaces are privately owned, together with their share of the common facilities—which, as in most Airstream parks, are extensive!



Paradise Park Boulevard seen from the park entrance.



Huge recreation hall containing auditorium, meeting rooms, kitchen, library, restrooms, exercise room and locker rooms.



Outdoor pool (only occasionally visited by alligators).

The main park attraction is the golf course, but there are also two lakes, shuffleboard, bocci ball & basketball courts, etc.

Owing to tax and zoning laws and condo association rules, all 314 lots are very similar. In addition to a full-hookup RV pad, most include an 8'x10' “shed” and a 10'x20' “cabana”, or “Florida room”. Both are usually well furnished. The shed in the space we are renting contains a toilet, sink, and full-sized shower stall, large refrigerator, over/under washer-dryer, and even some storage! At any given time 20 or 30 spaces are available for rent. Spaces available for rent and for sale are listed on the park web site, www.pcca.us



Some of these trailers haven't moved in years. . .



Small lake, with 24 full-hookup visitor spaces at one end.

The folks at Paradise Park are friendly, and will party at the drop of a hat. We happened to be here for Festival Week, essentially celebratng that they don't have winter here!



Rec hall tricked out as “Nashville Saloon” for Festival.

This park is unusually dog friendly. Probably half the residents own dogs. There are dog walking areas and a fenced dog park. Golf carts are the most popular conveyance in the park. Our dogs *love* to ride in ours, but we have to stop every few lots so people can meet the dogs!

Paradise park *is* kinda out in the boonies. It's 20 miles to the nearest grocery store or gas station. The towns of Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte, and Arcadia are roughly equidistant. All offer shopping and thngs to see and do.

All in all a friendly place—a good place to consider if you want to go snowbirding in a tropical climate. Sun and palm trees included—Margaritas optional—mix your own!

Hasta luego!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Saturday, March 16, 2012, 11:30 AM

Hosted by George & Teri Boehmer



Revere's Wells Street Tavern
505 Wells Street
Delafield, WI 53018
(262) 646-4070



RSVP to George & Teri Boehmer, (262) 646-8697 or tboehmer2001@yahoo.com

Directions

From Interstate 94

Interstate 94 exit Hwy C Delafield

Take Hwy C north to Wells Street

Turn left onto Wells Street
(approximately 1 block on the
north side of the street)

505 Wells Street

From Hwy 16

Hwy 16 to Hwy C

Head south on Hwy C

Take Hwy C to Wells Street

Turn right on to Wells Street

505 Wells Street



WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

April Camp Out and Luncheon

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 26 – 28, 2013

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Camp Out



KOA-Wisconsin Dells
S235A Stand Rock Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Information: (608) 254-4177
Reservations: (800) 562-4178
Email: wd.koa@frontier.com

Please make camping reservation directly with the KOA between March 15 and April 1st. Tell them you are with the Airstream/ WBCCI group to get the \$25 a night group rate.



Directions

2 mi off I-90/94

From east take Exit 87 Hwy 13 N, left at 3rd stoplight on Stand Rock Rd.

From west take Exit 85, left on Hwy 12, left on City A, right on Stand Rock Rd (before bridge).

Luncheon

April 27, 2013, 11:30 AM

Location:

Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South,
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

RSVP by April 19th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place
immediately following lunch.



REGION 7 & REGION 7 VAC CLUB

2013 Rally Reservation

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit # _____

RALLY FEE: (CAMPING EXTRA)

Unit w/2 -----\$340.00

Unit w/1-----\$170.00

Children # _____ X \$60.00-\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Region 7, WBCCI

Forms due July 1, 2013

Mail to: Carolyn Grandstrand

1862 N. Budd Ave

Maple Plain, MN 55359

Questions to:

Linda Agre Cell: 320.295.1117

E-mail: agre5628@aol.com

NOTE: Rally fee Does NOT Include camping - CALL: 218-590-8774

BUFFALO VALLEY CAMPGROUND

LIMIT OF 55 UNITS



TALL SHIP CHALLENGE

TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE Great Lakes 2013 will celebrate the 200th anniversary of major military events of the War of 1812 that took place in the Great Lakes. The series is also dedicated to promoting awareness of the Lakes' ecosystems and fresh water conservation. The series will sail to all five Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. There will be point-to-point races, more than ten ports, wonderful hospitality, and a millions of visitors.

THE MISSION OF TALL SHIPS AMERICA IS TO ENCOURAGE CHARACTER BUILDING THROUGH SAIL TRAINING, PROMOTE SAIL TRAINING TO THE NORTH AMERICAN PUBLIC, AND SUPPORT EDUCATION UNDER SAIL.

REGION 7 RALLY

TALL SHIPS

JULY 24-30, 2013



DULUTH, MN

BUFFALO VALLEY CAMPGING

EXIT 245 ON I-35

2590 GUSS & BUFFALO VALLEY ROAD

DULUTH, MN 55810

218-590-8774



REGION 7 - 'TALL SHIPS'



SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE



GLENSHEEN

THE CHESTER CONGDON ESTATE

Imagine the sun rising over clear blue waters, white fluffy clouds, a gentle breeze blowing, the slap of gentle waves washing up on the pebble beaches of Lake Superior, then in the distance the appearance of white sails, masts of tall timbers, bodies scrambling up the masts controlling the white of the silk sail. Step back into the era of the "Tall Ships" in a time 200 years ago.

Join Region 7 & the Region 7 VAC Club for a once in a life time experience of White Sails, The War of 1812, an era where pirates robbed and buried treasure in yet to be discovered places. The era of the Tall Ships and romance on the high seas.

Come with us to 'Glensheen' the Chester Congdon Estate where you will hear a tale of riches, greed, and murder. The gardens and the grounds show cased in a beautiful setting in the woods on the shore of Lake Superior. Walk the grounds, imagine going for a sleigh ride from the carriage house. Take yourself back in time to a place where life was a little slower, and if you were the richest man in Minnesota, pretty comfortable.

Join us for the history of the Split Rock Lighthouse. The story of the 'Last Lighthouse Keeper', what stories he has to share.

Put on your walking shoes, pack a bag lunch, your camera, and spend the day on a trip up the northern shore of Lake Superior to the 100 year old Split Rock Lighthouse. Where a guided tour will take you back to a time of the lonely life of the 'Light Keeper.' Stop at Gooseberry Falls for a hike or walk the shores of Superior looking for agates.

Join the Region 7 and Region 7 VAC Club in this joint rally for more fun and fellowship. It's a chance in a lifetime and who knows what this may lead to.

THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT!

LINDA



ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN RALLY FEE

FESTIVAL OF THE TALL SHIPS - Two Full Days on the Waterfront - with optional shuttle bus service

WELCOME DINNER

3 BREAKFASTS

CATERED DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT

BIKE RIDING

LAKE CRUISE

-TOURS OF-

DULUTH SKYLINE DRIVE

ROSE GARDENS

ENGER TOWER

SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE

GLENSHEEN - THE HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE

HARRINGTON ARTS CENTER & ACCORDION MUSEUM

VINTAGE AIRSTREAM OPEN HOUSE

BUS INCLUDED WITH TOURS

OPTIONAL AT EXTRA ON YOUR OWN FEE

GOLF

CASINO NIGHT