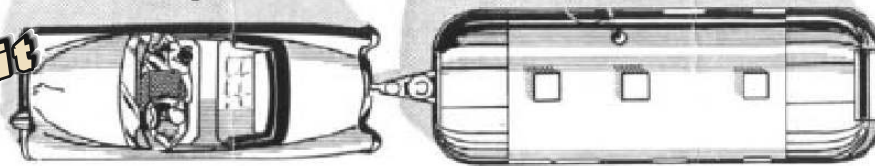


# BADGER BULLETIN



**The Wisconsin Unit Newsletter**



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## Reflections in Aluminum



*To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.*

*From Wally Byam's Creed*

Remember to send in your campground fees for the Marquette Rally to Jane Carmichael by the 15<sup>th</sup> of

April. She will begin releasing the site she has reserved for you shortly after the due date because she has requests from others who wish to join us for the weekend. If you did not sign up and would still like to join, please contact Jane and she can give you an update on site availability.

Wally Byam was a unique and interesting individual. He set out to live life as an adventure and in doing so; he filled a niche in the camping vehicle world. His design concepts continue to be reflected in the newest Airstreams on the road today. One of his beliefs was to "Make no Changes, Only Improvements". When you come to a WBCCI event, you see that belief in the trailers parked one after another in a shiny row. The longer you are around the club, the more often you can spot the differences between the various periods of construction, things like windows, door shapes, hitches, and the four (or is it five) different end panels over time. Yet, they all remain distinctly Airstreams. Even the early motor homes produced by Airstream looked like Airstreams.

One of the really great things about the club is the willingness of members to share their knowledge and experience with each other. The newest member in their brand new trailer brings knowledge to the table with them and walks away from their first rally knowing more about their trailer than they did before coming. We love our trailers, both the good and "unique" things about them. Come join us at a Rally or other event. You will find friendly and knowledgeable people. AND, you will get a thrill seeing all of those beautiful shiny trailers lined up in the campground.

Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

## The Wisconsin Unit

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## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

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Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells, WI.  
Contact: Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151  
[bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)

**Spring Luncheon and membership meeting, April 27, 2013,** 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza, 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
**RSVP by April 19** to: Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151  
[bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)

**Caravan to Alumapalooza, May 25, 2013**  
Volunteer leader needed – route already planned. (Ed & Sandy Emerick will be early workers at Alumapalooza)

### Member News

#### Marquette Rally Update

By Jane Carmichael

**Members attending the Marquette rally August 16-18 need to get their campground fees into host Jane Carmichael by April 15. See registration form page 8.**

First, thanks to everyone in the Wisconsin Unit who has reserved, and more importantly, has sent in their campsite fee! The \$32 per night covers the full hookup campsite cost. We will all be in the same area and they are the more “primo” sites at Tourist Park, located in the city limits of Marquette, MI. Shower house is nearby and a map will be in the June newsletter.

Secondly, the per-person Rally Fee is \$10. The \$10 covers the cost of the Saturday night Pasty Dinner and the cost of firewood. As you know, you are not allowed to move wood into the Upper Peninsula, due to the spread of the nasty Emerald Ash Borer. We must buy it from the concessionaire, no exceptions. There will be campfires every night, weather permitting. **Please pay rally fee(s) to Unit Treasurer Sandy Emerick in advance. See registration form, page 8.**

Thirdly, for everyone (limit 19) who wants to go on the Saturday morning “Tour of Marquette”, there will be a fee of \$25 per person. The Checker Bus Company is providing the coach and Fred Huffman, who has run Marquette County tours for over twenty-five years, is our Tour Guide. The “Tour of Marquette” bus will pick you up at at 10:30 AM Eastern Time on Saturday, August 17. The tour will be about 2 1/2 hours.

When you get back at at 1:00pm you’ll have time for lunch—a nap—and then are free to spend the afternoon on other activities. (Sugarloaf Mountain, Mt. Marquette, Lower Harbor Cruise, Maritime Museum, Historical Society Museum, BREW Pubs...) Saturday evening will be the Pasty Dinner at the campground. So, go have fun that afternoon.

The Rally Fee of \$10 and the optional “Tour of Marquette” Fee of \$25 should be sent to Sandy Emerick. I need a head

count for the “Tour of Marquette” so please email/drop me a note if you are interested. [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com). The first 19 are “in.” Again, please pay Sandy Emerick. See registration form on page 8.

Karen Suksi, Marti and Bill Upton, and I really look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful city. It is a pristine and gracious town, small enough to be very friendly and large enough to take care of your needs.

We have Northern Michigan University (8,000 students); a Trauma II level hospital; many miles of walking/bike paths along Lake Superior; and a rich history in mining, lumber and fishing. You will discover other hidden Marquette treasures when you spend some time exploring.

So---Come on UP to the UP!

Your Hostesses and Host, Jane Carmichael Priante #3230  
Karen Suksi #4496, Marti and Bill Upton #3691

#### Please Say You Are Going!

By Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

I am writing to find out if anyone on the board, executive committee, or other members is planning on going to Alumapalooza. If you are planning on going, when are you going, and do you want to have others tag along with you?

1. Lynne is not eager to go, but if necessary, I will lead a caravan to Alumapalooza. If there is someone else willing, I would be happy to hand off the leadership role.
2. The same questions are raised for International, with the exception that we (Lynne & I and our cats Ruby and Dazzle) are going and are willing to caravan with others if they wish to join in a caravan. If so, we need to plan the location to meet and announce that we are going to do so soon.
3. Same for Region 7, Tall Ships rally. It could be fun to find tall places to stop on the way (Timm's hill, tallest spot in WI), (Hayward Fishing museum, tallest fish tale in WI) whatever. If anyone is interested, let me know so we can plan on the route and timing.
4. Please indicate your feelings on the proposed constitutional amendment before the April Meeting at the Dells, if you are not attending.
5. Thank you all for serving and helping the club survive my year of almost leadership.

Thanks, Steve Piotrowski  
[s Piotro@tds.net](mailto:s Piotro@tds.net) or 608-255-3953

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## 2013 International Ballot

### Election of International Officers

Leading off the 2013 Delegates Meeting is the election of International officers for the 2013-14 term. As usual there is only one candidate for each office, as follows:

- International President – John Stumpf
- First Vice President – Joe Perryman
- Second Vice President – Jim Schwerdfeger
- Third Vice President – Richard Girard
- Recording Secretary – Louise Humble
- Treasurer – Ron Gordy
- Nominating Committee (2) – Jim Polk

(Note: only one declared candidate for 2 open positions)

Candidate resumes are published in the April Blue Beret and are available at <http://wbcci.org/club-information/delegates>.

### Proposed Constitutional Amendment

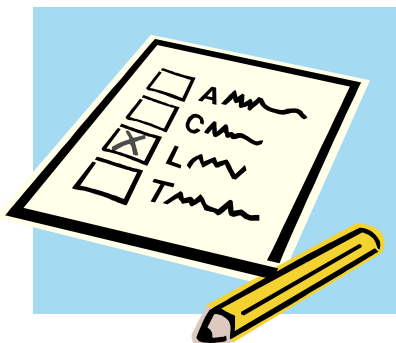
There is only one proposed amendment to the WBCCI International Constitution this year, essentially the same Non-Airstream Motor Home amendment that was proposed last year. The 2012 Delegates Meeting sent the proposed amendment to the International Constitution & Bylaws Committee for correction of technical difficulties, and it has returned for a vote this year.

Amendment 1 is reprinted in its entirety on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. Essentially it would allow a WBCCI Life Member, or members who had been members for at least 10 years, to remain full members and participate in rallies and caravans in a Thor Class A motor home.

Please read the amendment as proposed, but note that there were **several** changes to the amendment proposed at last year's Delegates Meeting, so we really don't know what form will finally be voted upon at the Delegate's Meeting.

Having informed themselves on the candidates and this issue, all Wisconsin Unit members are urged to vote their wishes, preferably by attending the April 27 membership meeting at Wisconsin Dells or by mailing in the ballot contained on page 5 of this newsletter.

The complete Delegates Meeting information package can be viewed or downloaded from the WBCCI.org web site at <http://wbcci.org/club-information/delegates>.



### Statement on the Motor Home Amendment

By Steve Piotrowski, Wisconsin Unit President

The last month has been taken up with my efforts at educating myself regarding the constitution and bylaws of the WBCCI, both International and Wisconsin. In the newsletter you will find the proposed amendment to the International Constitution regarding making non-Airstream owners eligible for membership in WBCCI. This issue has been raised before and has been rejected by the membership when it has been brought forward. Please express your opinion by attending the April Campout and meeting in the Dells, or by sending in your ballot from the newsletter. I will be representing the Unit at the International and wish to properly express the views of our membership.

I belong to the Good Sam Club as well as WBCCI. I receive much good information and many helpful items through Good Sam. I belong to WBCCI because my Airstream trailer is a unique vehicle and other Airstream owners help me find ways to maintain and repair my trailer as well as being a fun group. That knowledge is not available from mainstream camping clubs. I strongly believe that honoring the legacy of Wally Byam includes keeping WBCCI an Airstream only club. **I further believe that opening membership to non-Airstream owners will cause a drastic drop in membership of local units.** I strongly recommend against the adoption of this Constitutional Amendment.

### One-Liner



Wally's comment on the motor home amendment?

Contributed by Steve Piotrowski

# Easter Campout March 29 – 31, 2013

Photos by Sandy Emerick & Kay Stenz

Intrepid hosts Ed & Sandy Emerick managed to pull off the traditional Easter Campout, against long odds.

One week before Easter the road to the Peninsula State Park campground looked like this. Ed & Sandy decided they would have to cancel the campout, a tradition of 15 years.



Road to campground blocked by snow!

It wasn't always like this. Here's what the Easter Campout looked like in 2010:



Ed up to mischief while Don naps in the warm spring sun.

But Don & Kay Stenz, in particular, weren't going to give it up if they could help it. In keeping with the spirit of the season, they were able to "resurrect" the campout at Potawatomi State Park.



A little chilly, maybe, but, we're camped!



Could use a little more fire. . .

The attendees also upheld the reputation of the Wisconsin Unit. When the Stenzes showed up, the ranger at the gate asked, "Are you camping with those loonies back there?!"



Hardy Airstreamers pose for a group picture.

There are a few compensations for winter camping. . .



. . . you don't need any ice for the cooler.  
In fact. . . you don't even need a cooler!

Thanks to Ed & Sandy for a successful rally despite Old Man Winter overstaying his welcome!

And congratulations to all of you "loonies" for upholding the highest traditions of the Wisconsin Unit!



## **Amendment No. 1**

### **Proposed by: Delegates**

As instructed by the Delegates at the June 30, 2012, meeting , the following amendment has been reviewed and revised by the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article VI (Title: Qualifications of Membership), Section 1, by inserting after "Airstream, Inc." and before the words "shall be.." the following: **or a class A motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc., beginning with the 2007 model year,** and at the end of this section, add the following: **Ownership of a Thor manufactured class A motor home shall be by a LIFE or a minimum 10 year member.**

Section 1 would then read as follows:

An adult who owns a hard sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., **or a class A motor home manufactured by Thor Industries, Inc., beginning with the 2007 model year,** shall be eligible for membership. **Ownership of a Thor manufactured class A motor home shall be by a LIFE or minimum 10 year member.**

and

Insert in Section 2.B of this Article after the words "Airstream, Inc.," and before "as defined in this article" the following: **or Thor Industries, Inc.,**

Section 2.B would then read as follows: Ownership, except as provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., **or Thor Industries, Inc.,** as defined by this Article, and the payment of annual Unit and International dues to a Unit is prerequisite to retaining membership as a regular member.

(The changing of Section 2.C is not recommended at this time.)

Further, the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the amendment of the WBCCI Constitution, Article III (Title: Visions, missions and Objectives), Section 1, by inserting between the words "for Airstream" and the word "owners.," the following: **and specified Thor.**

Section 1 would then read as follows:

**Vision Statement.** Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. maintains its unique position of strength and visibility among recreational vehicle organizations as the recreational vehicle club of choice for Airstream **and specified Thor** owners.

and

In Section 2 of the same Article, insert between the words “of Airstream” and the words “owners” the following: **and specified Thor.**

Section 2 would then read as follows:

**Mission Statement.** Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. is a diverse community of Airstream **and specified Thor** owners with a commitment to Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

#### RATIONALE

The basic issue on this proposed amendment appears to be whether to keep the Club “pure” Airstream or give primary consideration to “membership”. The intent of this proposed amendment has these purposes:

1. An attempt to win back former WBCCI members who have chosen the motor home lifestyle either by desire or physical requirements due to the fact that since the 2006 model year Airstream no longer manufactures class A motor homes.
2. To provide a suitable choice for current Airstream class A owners who would prefer to have a newer RV.
3. To establish a business relationship with a second Thor Industries Company for the purpose of shared interests and resources to the mutual benefit of WBCCI, Airstream and Thor Motor Coach Company.
4. Continue to maintain our present status as an independently owned corporation with a willingness to diversify our member base by selected non-Airstream products within the Thor Industries umbrella as only towable Airstreams and class B motorized vehicles are now produced by the Airstream Company, and therefore, not limit our membership to a reduced portion of the RV public.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

If not passed, none. If passed, a reasonable increase in membership resulting in increased income.

**Marquette, Michigan Rally – Campsite Fees**  
**Rally August 15 – 19, 2013**  
**Campsite Fees due April 15, 2013**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

|                     |       |   |
|---------------------|-------|---|
| Thursday, August 15 | _____ | Campsite \$32/night x ___ nights = \$ _____ |
| Friday, August 16   | _____ |   |
| Saturday, August 17 | _____ | Mail to: Jane Carmichael                    |
| Sunday, August 18   | _____ | 615 Cedar Street                            |
| Monday, August 19   | _____ | Marquette, MI 49855                         |

(Make checks payable to Jane Carmichael)

Length of camping unit \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Any questions? Contact Jane Carmichael, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com) .

Please enclose this registration form with your payment.

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**Marquette, Michigan Rally – Rally Fees**  
**Rally August 15 – 19, 2013**

**Rally fees due ASAP – Bus tour limited to first 19 registrants!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_

|                               |          |                          |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Rally Fee \$10/person         | \$ _____ | Mail to: Sandy Emerick   |
| Tour of Marquette \$25/person | \$ _____ | Wisconsin Unit Treasurer |
| Total Enclosed                | \$ _____ | 9186 County Road K       |

Brussels, WI 64204  
(Make checks payable to WBCCI Wisconsin Unit)

Any questions? Contact Jane Carmichael, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com) , **or**,  
Wisconsin Unit Treasurer Sandy Emerick, [SandyEmerick@yahoo.com](mailto:SandyEmerick@yahoo.com) , 920-475-7893 .

Please enclose this registration form with your payment.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)

The spring business meeting will take place  
immediately following lunch.

