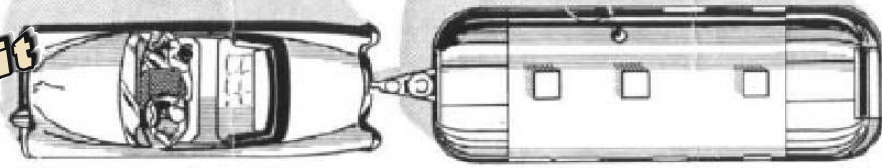


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The Wisconsin Unit
Newsletter



May – June, 2013

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Reflections in Aluminum



I write this column on Memorial Day weekend. Most people consider it the first big summer weekend. Memorial Day is a time to remember friends, comrades, and service members never met, who gave their all fighting our country's wars. I hope your Memorial Day included time to remember those who have fallen.

One thing I often hear when talking to people about WBCCI is "I don't want to waste time on Club business, I just want to camp and have fun." So do I, and so do all the officers in the Wisconsin Unit; and I suspect most of the officers in Regional and National offices. Why do we have constitutional amendments, business meetings, treasurer's reports and all the other bull of a club, why not just get together? That might work, but who is going to make the reservations, who is going to buy firewood, who is going to bring the grill? Successful group events need someone to take charge and organize activities.

We try to keep our business meetings as short and infrequent as possible. I thank all the people who serve and make the club function. We just want to have fun and make things fun for you. Please help us by letting us know what you would like to see the club do. I promise, if you email or call me, I won't ask you to organize your suggestion; however, I do reserve the right to ask if you would be willing to help. We will work things out with our existing structure.

The Club allows us to respond to ideas you might have for fun and adventure. Wally organized trips around the world in Airstreams. The Wisconsin WBCCI can organize activities suggested by its members. Test us, throw ideas my way. In advance, THANK YOU for helping us make it a great club.

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Upcoming Events

June 22-26, 2013 – Caravan to International Rally, Huron, SD, with stops along the way. If interested, contact Steve Piotrowski 608 255 3953, slpiotro@tds.net

June 27-July 4, 2013 – WBCCI International Rally, Huron, SD. Contact – *Blue Beret*, www.WBCCI.org

July 24, 2013 – Caravan to Region 7 Rally, Duluth, MN. If interested, contact – Steve Piotrowski 608 255 3953, slpiotro@tds.net

July 24-30, 2013 – Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN. Advance reservations are closed, but space may be available. Contact – Linda Agre 320-295-1117, agre5628@me.com

August 15-18, 2013 – Meet our Northern Neighbors Michigan Upper Peninsula Camp out, Marquette, MI. Advance reservations are closed, but space may be available. See further information on pages 7-8. Contact – Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677 janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com or Karen Suksi safari906@gmail.com

Member News

Region 7 Second VP Candidate Needed

Two years pass very quickly and it's hard to believe that it's time to recruit a Second Vice President for our region again.

Interested candidates for the position of Region 7 Second Vice President are requested to email their resumes to Joan Lahr by July 1. Applicants will be interviewed by a three person nominating committee representing our units. If interested, please contact Joan or Linda Agre for more information about the position and responsibilities.

Please send your resume to:

Joan Lahr
Region 7 Nominating Committee Chair
lahr@wbcci.net
(cell) 262-251-2159

One-Liner



\$4.29 a gallon for gas! No comment necessary. . .
Contributed by John & Barb Sellers

Lydia Brickbauer

Lydia Brickbauer, a long time member of the Wisconsin Unit passed away on April 19

Obituary:

MIDDLETON-Lydia E. Brickbauer, age 92, of Middleton passed away on Friday, April 19, 2013, at her home, The Aster in Cottage Grove. She was born on Sept. 15, 1920, the daughter of Ferdinand and Hulda Albertin. She married Elwood A. Brickbauer whom she met while attending Lakeland College. Together they transferred to UW-Madison where Lydia received her Bachelor's in Education. Lydia started her career as a high school science teacher. When they started their family, Lydia focused her time and talents on raising her family. She has been a member of St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Middleton since 1957. Lydia has a great love of life, displayed by her support and encouragement of her husband and her loving, gentle ways with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed visiting family and friends as they traveled across the U.S. Lydia is survived by her children, Carol Ozark of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., Mary (Robert) Bauer of Vienna, Va., and James (Judy) of Cottage Grove; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Buddy) Blanton, Jonathan (Nicole) Ozark, Brent and Mark Bauer, and Krista and Carl Brickbauer; her sister-in-law, Alina Hanser of Burnett; and her loving cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters, Agnes Siech and Gertrude Falle.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff and residents at The Aster for all of their love and support.

On-line condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com

Memorials:

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elwood and Lydia Brickbauer Graduate Student Research Fund through the University of Wisconsin Foundation Fund or to St. Lukes Lutheran Church.

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Business Meeting Report

2013 International Ballot Results

The results of ballots cast at the spring business meeting at the April luncheon and by mail are as follows:

International Officers

The International Nominating Committee only nominated one candidate for each International office. All received the unanimous vote of the Wisconsin Unit.

- 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 openings) – Jim Polk

Although two people are elected to the International Nominating Committee, only Jim Polk had been nominated when the ballot was certified to the units by April 1. Afterwards Ann Wirth was named as a candidate in the *Blue Beret*. She received several votes as a write-in candidate, and will be supported by the unit.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

The unit rejected the proposed Non-Airstream Motor Home amendment by a vote of 80% NO, 20% YES, both as proposed, and as may be amended by the delegates.

Delegate Authorization

The unit voted unanimously to authorize its delegate to cast the unit's vote in accordance with his understanding of the unit's wishes on matters that may come before the delegates which were not voted upon by the unit.

New Business

Article VI, Section 3 of the WBCCI bylaws requires units to resubmit their unit constitutions and bylaws (C&BL) for approval by the International C&BL Committee at five year intervals. The Wisconsin Unit C&BL were last approved in 2007 and are due for reapproval. The WBCCI Blue Book includes a Model Unit C&BL which are revised from time to time, and which have been revised since the Wisconsin Unit C&BL were last approved. Early this year the Unit C&BL Committee (Bob Manak and John Sellers) examined our existing C&BL and found that some changes were necessary to comply with mandatory provisions of the Model C&BL.

After considerable discussion, the Unit Executive Committee decided to make the necessary changes to the Unit Bylaws and to recommend the necessary changes to the Unit Constitution for the membership to vote on at the fall business meeting. The changes are not very controversial.

The only change required to the Unit Bylaws is the addition of one sentence to Article VI, Delegates:

“An Affiliate Member of this unit who is a regular member in the same region may be appointed if the unit has no Regular Members who are going to attend the Delegates Meeting.”

The purpose of this change is make it easier to find a delegate as attendance at the International Rally declines.

Full details of the recommended amendments to the Unit Constitution will be provided along with the ballot for the fall business meeting. Essentially the change consists of allowing voting at Unit business meetings by electronic means (fax or email) as well as by mail or in person as allowed by our present Constitution. The Unit C&BL committee has also recommended some additional minor “housekeeping” changes.

After the fall business meeting the Unit C&BL will be sent to the International C&BL Committee for approval. In the event that the International C&BL committee does not approve the revised Unit C&BL, this might be an ongoing process. Only time will tell.

October Rally Information

Unit President Steve Piotrowski wants to remind everyone of the Fall Rally and Business Meeting October 4-6, 2013, at Snyder Park, W8046 Arndt Road, Neillsville, WI 54456 and the Highground Veterans Memorial, W7031 Ridge Road, Neillsville, WI 54456

Camping will be at Snyder Park, a Clark County park located on Snyder Lake, offering 35 electric campsites (10 non-electric), beach, launch ramp and picnic area with shelters, flush toilets and showers, and a dump station. For further information, see the campground web site at https://parks.co.clark.wi.us/parks/camping/snyder_campground/details/



Rally activities will center around The Highground Veterans Memorial, a memorial park offering a meditation garden, walking trails, museum, and gift shop. On October 5, the weekend of the rally, will be the Highground annual Car Show and Chili Cookoff. For more information see their web site, <http://www.thehighground.org/> Note from web site: *Pets cannot be accommodated at The Highground.*

For further information on this rally, contact Steve Piotrowski 608-255-3953 slpiotro@tds.net

Springtime in the Dells Campout

Wisconsin Dells KOA

April 26 – 28, 2013

Photos by Bob Manak & John Sellers

Bob and Heidi Manak again graciously hosted this year's traditional April campout at the Wisconsin Dells KOA, naming this year's edition *Springtime in the Dells*. And after a long, long—far *too* long, winter, the weather relented and lived up to the name with a wonderful spring weekend!

As always, Wisconsin Airstreamers, glad to welcome spring, turned out in good numbers, except for some unfortunate ones like those in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, whose trailers were still buried in snow!



Airstreams up and Airstreams down.

What a joy it was to relax in the sun for happy hour in shirtsleeves! And it was great to have Mark and Ellen McGaughey—to whom the unit owes much—come by for happy hour.



A blissfully warm, sunny happy hour!



Hard to believe spring is finally here.

After soaking up our fill of sun (for one afternoon) the attendees went over to the nearby Trapper's Turn Country Club for their Friday night fish fry and a good fill of fish.

One of the nice features of the Dells KOA is their well equipped party room, a great place to hang out in inclement weather and have rally breakfasts.



Bob & Heidi catered the "McDonald's Breakfast Buffet" on Sunday morning

In what is becoming a *questionable* tradition, on Friday night the rally was visited by the Bumper Sticker Fairy, who decorated our cars with bumper stickers. Two of the milder examples are pictured below. (Fear not, they're *magnetic*, and can be removed or displayed at the owner's discretion.) The Usual Suspect was brought in for questioning, but pled the Fifth Amendment just like an IRS commissioner.



But no Wisconsin Unit rally would be complete without the usual gag gifts. Remember our motto: The secret of our success is that you have to come to the *next* rally to get even for the *last* one.



Thanks, Bob & Heidi, for another great rally in the Dells!

April Luncheon & Business Meeting Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Co. Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin April 27, 2013

Photos by Bob Manak

Along with the traditional April Dells Campout comes the traditional April Luncheon at Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Company, known for its food food, good beer, good Bloody Marys, and huge meeting room all to ourselves.

Being close to the population centers of Wisconsin, the April luncheon always draws a good crowd.



Instead of the *long, long trailer* it's the *long, long table!*



Deliberating over the extensive menu.



The Bloody Mary seems to be the drink of choice this year.

This was also the site of the spring business meeting, the results of which are reported elsewhere.



Unit President Steve Piotrowski orates on an issue.

In addition to voting on the International ballot issues, the subject of mandatory unit constitution and bylaw amendments was discussed. Details elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.



Weighty deliberations.



John Sellers explains the Unit Constitution and Bylaws Committee's recommendations. (Punt!)

Thanks to Bob & Heidi Manak for hosting the luncheon as well as the Dells campout, to all the members who attended and participated in the business meeting, and to the Moosejaw staff who put up with us every year!

Wisconsin Unit Historical Quiz

Members of the Wisconsin Unit have a rich store of memorable moments accumulated over years of fun, fellowship, and adventure. How many of these do you remember? Match the clues with the answers at the bottom of the right column. (Correct answers at bottom of page—no peeking!)

1. Leading the 2008 Yellowstone Trail caravan into Spearfish, SD, he suddenly exclaimed on the CB, “Don’t follow me! Don’t follow me!”
2. Near Bagley, MN on the 2010 Canadian Rockies caravan, Don Stenz said on the CB, “Look at that crazy lady jumping up and down at the side of the road!” Who was the “crazy lady”?
3. At what rally did Ed Emerick prepare “Eggs cooked to order—as long as you order ‘em the way I’m cookin’ ‘em.”



4. Who bailed out of their flaming Airstream motor home in West Virginia, demonstrating that Skymed really works?
5. Whose bulldog skateboarded her way around North America on the 2010 Canadian Rockies caravan?
6. Who miraculously showed up at the Thermopolis, WY campground after chasing the 2008 Yellowstone Trail caravan halfway across the country?
7. Whose cats are often seen at rallies walking on leashes?
8. Who had a heart attack at the thought of attending his first Wisconsin Unit rally?
9. Which of our member couples run *marathons*—making the rest of us look pretty soft?
10. Who was reported to have “consumed large quantities of wine” after a harrowing drive on a narrow gravel mountain road on the Wisconsin Unit caravan to the 2007 Rocky Mountain VAC Rally?
11. Who was wearing “*E-coli* sandals” after an encounter with a flooded dump station on the 2010 Canadian Rockies caravan?

12. What “hostess with the mostest” has a Margarita machine in her trailer kitchen?

13. At what Wisconsin Unit rally did Don Stenz assemble this contraption for the mass production of water balloons?



14. Where, on the 2010 Canadian Rockies caravan, did Ed Emerick have to partly disassemble their trailer to rescue their cat?

15. What contraband was confiscated by the Department of Homeland Security when John & Barb Sellers’ trailer was searched upon return to the US from the 2010 Canadian Rockies caravan?

Answers

- A. Kevin Allen
- B. Bill & Carolyn Holloway
- C. *Camp Airstream 2009*, Pipe, Wisconsin
- D. Audrey Sinner
- E. Connie Sheasby
- F. Swift Current, Saskatchewan
- G. Bob Manak
- H. Barb Sellers
- I. An orange and half a dozen green onions
- J. Stan & Mary Schwenke
- K. George & Teri Boehmer
- L. *Doin’ the Door*, 2009, Door County, Wisconsin
- M. Tim Victor
- N. Steve & Lynn Piotrowski
- O. Sandy Emerick

Answers:

1-G, 2-H, 3-L, 4-J, 5-B, 6-A, 7-N, 8-M, 9-K, 10-D, 11-E, 12-O, 13-C, 14-F, 15-I

Marquette, Michigan Rally August 15 – 18, 2013

By Jane Carmichael and Karen Suksi

If you haven't signed up for the August 15/16 – August 19/20, 2013 Marquette, MI Rally, never fear, there's room for you! Yes there is—Here's what you need to do:

Send your Rally Fee of \$10 to Sandy Emerick, Treasurer, 9186 County Road K, Brussels, WI 54204.

Call directly to the Tourist Park staff to make your camp site reservation. The phone number is 906-228-0465 (Eastern Time Zone). The Tourist Park Staff will take your credit card number and answer any questions.



The Tourist Park staff is looking forward to your stay with them! We have 19 Airstreamers in our group. Fifteen Airstreamers from the Ontario Unit will spend August 18 at Tourist Park. We will have aluminum everywhere!



The Tourist Park Campground is located on the Dead River (Map and directions next page.)

Some detailed information on the camping facility: Tourist Park is a city-owned campground. They have a shower house, and firewood for sale. Check in time is 3 PM, check out time is noon. There is a waste water dump sink next to the East Bathhouse.

For more information go to: www.mqtcty.org

We have planned an Airstream Informational Presentation both Saturday and Sunday night prior to "happy hour."

Group photo will be August 18—do we have a volunteer photographer?

When you arrive at the park you will need to provide Tourist Park staff with your names, address, and contact phone number, and you will be given a site. The information is needed for emergency purposes.

The water connection may require extra length water hoses, so pack an extra one.

Our rally activities are being developed. The tentative rally schedule is listed on the next page.

Bill and Marti Upton are in charge of planning the boat cruise and possibly a tour of an iron ore mine. Although they won't be able to camp with us, they are helping now with planning—plus they are preparing packets for each Airstream camper. Thanks!!



Marquette harbor cruise on the *Isle Royale Queen III*

Karen Suksi will conduct a WHITE ELEPHANT exchange on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 PM. She asks that you bring a camping-related item in a brown paper sack. She will collect it when you arrive, or bring it to her at site #71.

Each evening, weather permitting, we will have a Happy Hour and Campfire. For the Happy Hours (5 PM each day) you are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre based on your campsite number. If you are in an ODD numbered site, you will bring a snack on Thursday and Saturday nights. If you are in an EVEN numbered site, your turn will be on Friday and Sunday nights. (Thanks to Bill and Marti for this idea-- which they picked up at another Airstream rally).

Are you tired of reading? Do you have questions? Are you getting excited about getting back to the UP or coming up here for the first time? Please know that we are thrilled to put on this gathering for the benefit of the group.

Your Trustees,

Karen Suksi safari906@gmail.com

Jane Carmichael Priante 906-236-3677
janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

P.S. I would like to overnight in Madison, WI on Wednesday, June 19. Any suggestions? My phone numbers are : home 906 225-0406 and cell 906-236-3677
I appreciate your help. Jane

Marquette, Michigan Rally

August 15 – 18, 2013

Marquette Tourist Park Campground
2145 Sugarloaf Ave
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-0465

http://www.mqtcty.org/parks_tourist.html

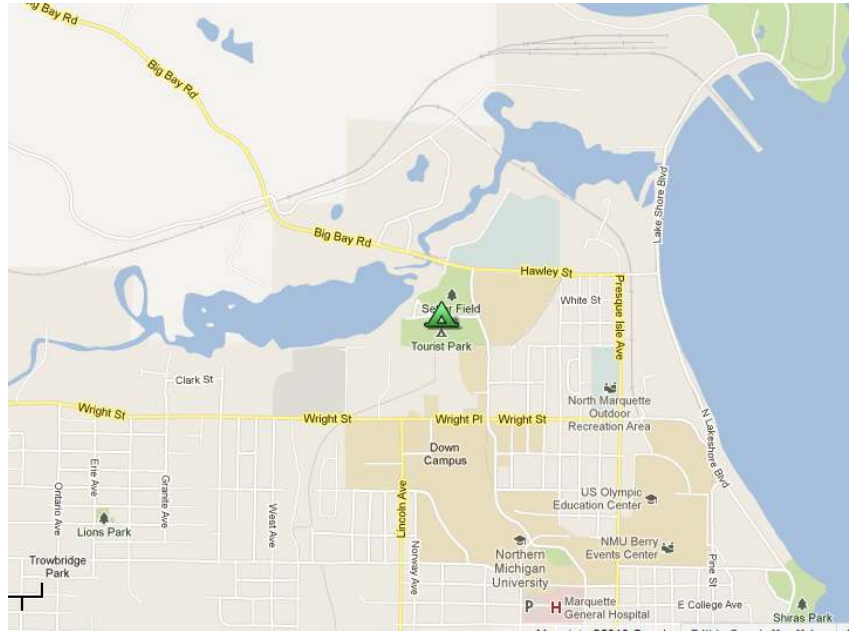
Directions from US41/M28:

From US 41 turn North on County Road HQ on west side of Marquette. (Wal Mart Supercenter at intersection).

Continue North on County Road HQ, which becomes Wright Street.

Drive about 3 miles then turn Left on Sugar Loaf Avenue.

The campground is at 2145 Sugar Loaf Avenue



Tentative Schedule

	Thursday, 8/15	Friday, 8/16	Saturday, 8/17	Sunday, 8/18
Breakfast	----	on your own	on your own	on your own
Morning Activities	----	9:30 Beach Walk from Tourist Park	10:15 Bus Arrives for Tour 10:30 Tour of Marquette with Fred (\$)	Church services on your own
Lunch	----	Heather caters lunch at Tourist Park (\$)	on your own	on your own
Afternoon Activities	3:00 Check In Welcome packets 5:00 Happy Hour Odd # sites bring snacks	Downtown Marquette brew pubs 5:00 Happy Hour Even # sites bring snacks	2:00 Boat Tour (\$) 4:30 Airstream info session at Tourist Park by Larry 5:00 Happy Hour Odd # sites bring snacks	12:30 Climb Sugar Loaf 2:30 Car Pool to Marquette Mountain 4:30 Airstream info session at Tourist Park by Larry 5:00 Happy Hour Even # sites bring snacks
Supper	on your own	6:30 Potluck Bring a dish	6:30 Pasties included in rally fee Bring a salad	6:30 Barbecue with Canadians, weather permitting. Bring meat to grill + salad or desert PHOTO
Evening Activities	7:30 Campfire Bill & Marti Upton GAM (greet and meet)	7:30 Campfire with Fred, the tour guide	7:30 Campfire White Elephant exchange by Karen. Bring one camping related item	7:30 Campfire BIG group!

\$ = not included in rally fee