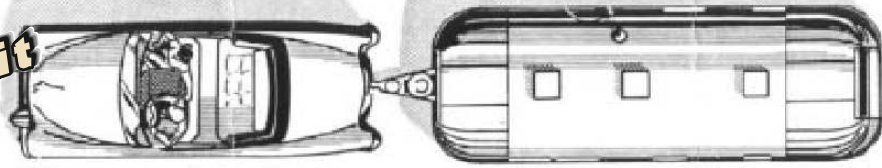


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The Wisconsin Unit
Newsletter



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Happy Trails



You may be reading this after attending the Wisconsin Unit Rally in Prairie du Chien, WI hosted by Kurt and Mary Jorgensen or, in my case, after storing your Airstream for the winter. Regardless, I hope that you were able to attend some of the excellent gatherings planned for you during the year of Dave Sherman's presidency.

Thanks, Dave and Vicki, for shepherding this wonderful group of Airstream enthusiasts during 2014 - 2015. You left mighty big shoes to fill. Thank you for serving the Unit! I was especially impressed by your Washington Island knowledge, the Cherry train tour, and Airstreams on ferries crossing Death's Door. Plus, the Barbecue Fest was outstanding!

Your Business Meeting and Installation of your officers occurred in Houghton, MI. We had a fine turnout and learned a lot about the U P copper mining industry. Sandy and Ed Emerick were excellent hosts and provided tasty breakfast pasties—a first for this Yooper. (Actually, I think they bribed us with breakfast just to get us to the pavilion to attend the business meeting.) Ed and Sandy have firsthand knowledge of the area because their daughter went to Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Thanks for taking the lead on this rally!

Speaking of the installation, your new officers include President (and author) Jane Carmichael; 1st VP Kurt Jorgensen (with an E, not an O); 2nd VP Greg Hyer (thanks, Greg, for stepping up); Corresponding and Recording Secretary Barb Sellers; Treasurer (extraordinaire) Sandy Emerick; Caravan Leader and Legislative Chair Ed Emerick; Membersihop Chair Heidi Manak; Newsletter editor John Sellers; Webmaster Bob Manak; and Trustees Karen Suksi, Bill Scheuerell, and Connie Sheasby.

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You may want to plan now to attend the November 13 - 15 Birthday Bash Camp Out held at the Kohler-Andre State Park in Sheboygan, WI. The luncheon will be November 14 at the Water Street Brewery, Grafton, WI. See our website: wisc.wbcci.net for details and to sign up.

We look forward to meeting our new members and to sharing adventures, lies, and fun. I have started to outline a schedule for Airstream fun in 2015 - 2016. I expect it will include luncheons, campouts/rallies, short caravans, regional and international gatherings, Alumapalooza and Urban Air. More details will be provided in future newsletters.

A warm welcome to our new members! Please feel free to contact me at janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com or call/text 906-236-3677.

OK, the old members may also call/text/email, too. . .

From the Glorious, Colorful Upper Peninsula,

Jane Carmichael, Unit President
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News Bits Upcoming Events

November 13 – 15, 2015: Birthday Bash Camp Out,
Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

November 14, 2015: November Luncheon, 11:30 at Water Street Brewery 2615 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024
Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

Member News

Welcome New Members

Wisconsin Unit welcomes four regular members and one associate member this month.

Jeff Bibler, WBCCI #8484 of Mazomanie, Wisconsin, has a 1982 Excella 27 footer. He is no stranger to the unit, having attended several rallies and officially “badged” at Houghton.

Paul & Jane Brunelle, WBCCI # 7776 of Maple Grove, Minnesota, have a 2015 Flying Cloud 27 ft. They are also no strangers to Wisconsin Unit activities, and transferred in from the Minnesota Unit.

Jamie & Stephannie Dihiansan, WBCCI #4848 of Chicago, Illinois have a 2011 19 footer. They transferred into our unit from MAL status. Note that we now have WBCCI numbers 8484 and 4848 in our unit! What are the odds of that?!

David Roahen, WBCCI #3240 of Madison, Wisconsin, has a 2016 Flying Cloud 25 ft.

Jamie & Joan Hyde, WBCCI #7390, of the Ontario Unit are joining us as associate members.

2015 – 2016 Unit Officers

New unit officers elected and installed at the Houghton rally:

President:	Jane Carmichael
1st Vice President:	Kurt Jorgensen
2 nd Vice President:	Greg Hyer
Secretary:	Barbara Sellers
Treasurer:	Sandy Emerick
Trustees:	Karen Suksi Bill Scheuerell Connie Sheasby

Thanks to all for accepting these responsibilities!

A Thought for Airstreamers

Contributed by Jane Carmichael, Unit President

“For my part,” Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, “I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel’s sake. The great affair is to move.” The great affair, the love affair with life, is to live as variously as possible, to groom one’s curiosity like a high-spirited thoroughbred, climb aboard, and gallop over the thick, sun-struck hills every day. Where there is no risk, the emotional terrain is flat and unyielding, and, despite all its dimensions, valleys, pinnacles, and detours, life will seem to have none of its magnificent geography, only a length. It began in mystery, and it will end in mystery, but what a savage and beautiful country lies in between.”

(Quote from Dianne Ackerman in "Brain Pickings")

2016 Dues are Payable

It’s that time of the year again. . . The treasurer will be mailing out individual pre-filled-out renewal forms this year, but a blank renewal form is also included on page 8. Members can also renew on the WBCCI web site.

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Road America Campout Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin September 18 - 20, 2015

Story by Dave Sherman
Photos by Vicki Engelstad,

Hosted by Don and Kay Stenz, the *Road America* Campout this year was a joint rally with the Northern Illinois Unit. Our neighbors from the south were the early arrivals with most of them set up before early afternoon on Friday. Included in the Illinois contingent was an Airstream Skydeck. If you are not familiar with this product, picture a large Class A motorhome with a seating pit on the roof surrounded by checkered flag graphics—an impressive rig!



Our neighbors with the Skydeck

The remainder of the afternoon saw the arrival of the rest of the gathering who were all set up in time for happy hour. The evening meal was on our own with some dining in at their unit in the campground, some taking in a fish fry at a local restaurant, and others driving south to Plymouth to take in a local festival. As forecast, the rain and wind Friday night into the early hours of Saturday morning had us all thankful we were sleeping in Jackson Center's finest.



Lots of Airstreams (and an Avion or two)

By morning the rain had past and Saturday turned out picture perfect for a day of racing. The sounds of the early time trials made sure everyone was up and moving and everyone dispersed to their favorite viewing area of the track. If you have yet to attend a race at Road America you should know there are many viewing areas around the four plus mile track and you are free to move about at will to enjoy the races.



Also the paddock area is open and you are able to check out all the race cars and watch the mechanics and drivers working on their cars.



Mid afternoon was the re-enactment of the original road race on the county roads around Elkhart Lake ending downtown with a car show on the street. Also from 3:00 until 7:00 was a *concours d'elegance* car show at the Osthoff Resort on the shores of Elkhart Lake featuring 125 cars, trucks, and motorcycles.



The featured “badge” or manufacturer this year was Jaguar, and if you think the E Type of the sixties and seventies is one of the most beautiful cars ever produced you missed what had to be one of the largest assemblies of the type in the country.



Well-badged Jaguar XK-120

Over the afternoon an area near where we were camping filled with families competing in go kart racing on the Motorplex race track nearby. Racing was in many classes including “Kid Karts” where the drivers are 5 to 7 years old. To see a pint size racer that barely came up to my waist in a full fire suit and full face helmet with a Go Pro camera mounted on the top giving a high five to their mom made me realize there is a whole other world out there.



Cars, cars, and more cars!



This one's also a boat!



Emericks' Airstream dazzles onlookers in the afternoon sun.

The Saturday happy hour evolved into a cook out with BYO meat to grill and a dish to share. A campfire was lit and the evening was spent visiting around the campfire or going over to watch the kart racing under the lights.



The weather Sunday again was beautiful as everyone slowly packed up to leave and good byes were said. I for one am hoping Don and Kay continue to host this fun event!

Cheeseheads to da UP Rally **Houghton, Michigan** **September 25 – 27, 2015**

Story by John Sellers

Photos by Vicki Engelstad, Bob Manak, & Gary Burnham

After Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad scheduled this rally, they subcontracted the production to Ed & Sandy Emerick, who are old UP hands. It was a rousing success! The unit did—as advertised—fill the Houghton City RV Park, overbooked it, in fact.



Both upper and lower levels full!

Many members were “early arrivals” Thursday afternoon. Most of us went to the Ambassador for dinner.



Weather for the rally was good, typically with fog in the morning but clearing to cool and sunny in the afternoons.



Morning fog hanging low over Portage Lake

Sandy had scheduled a bus tour of the Calumet copper mining area for Friday morning. The guide was a local historian who was also a great storyteller!



Boarding the bus for the Calumet tour

The tour ran all morning, and by the time we got back the park was really beginning to fill up. Our bunch went into a long happy hour with dinner provided. The waterfront pavilions of the park were so full that it was hard to find a level spot to put a chair!



Happy hour on the shore of Portage Lake



Incoming Unit President Jane and 1st VP Kurt contemplate the essence of the Wisconsin Unit.

Sandy considerably (?) scheduled the unit business meeting for zero-dark-thirty Saturday morning, possibly thinking that this would facilitate members sleeping through it. (Well, OK, 8:00 AM) To assure attendance, she bribed us with excellent breakfast pasties, made at the bakery right down the street. Think of it as sort of an Upper-Peninsula-style Sausage Biscuit with Egg, only bigger!



Breakfast at the pavilion on a foggy morning

Immediately after the conclusion of the business meeting and collecting some dues we all piled into our vehicles for a tour of the Keweenaw Peninsula guided by Ed & Sandy. Some stopped at Fitzgerald's in Eagle River for lunch or a beer, and everybody stopped at the Jam Pot for jam and baked goods. Operated by monks of the Society of Saint John, it's located out in the middle of trackless nowhere on the Lake Superior shore. The parking lot is always full and there is always a line at the cash register!



On the beach at Fitzgerald's

Next was the obligatory group picture at the Snow Stick, north of Calumet. (According to the Snow Stick, they got 28ft. of snow last year, close to their all-time record 32.5 ft.)



After the whirlwind tour of the Keweenaw Peninsula it was time to think about the serious business (yeah, right!) of installing our new unit officers. For this solemn function Ed & Sandy had reserved space at the Library Restaurant and Brewpub.



At The Library

Our incoming Unit President, Jane Carmichael, reputedly knows everyone in the UP, and some of her dear friends had declared themselves "Ladies In Waiting" for her new position as Queen. Well, President, actually, but close enough! So Jane's installation began with an extensive series of presentations from her retinue of attendants. (The guys at the bar behind us *really* wondered what was going on!)



Chief Lady-in-Waiting presents Jane a lucky horseshoe (on the assumption that she can use all the luck she can get).



Region 7 1st VP Pete Yanke officially installing Queen Jane (Either that or they're doing the Macarena.)

The festivities ended with Dave Sherman doing his interpretation of Unit President as puppet-on-a string, which, any past president can tell you, is not too far from the truth!

Thanks, Dave, Vicki, Ed, and Sandy for a spectacularly successful rally!

Urban Air Rally Eaton Rapids, Michigan October 1 – 4, 2015

Photos by Jane Carmichael, Joan Hyde, Jack & Carolyn Flietstra, and Ed & Sandy Emerick

Several Wisconsin Unit members attended the annual *Urban Air* rally in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The city of Eaton Rapids hosts an Airstream rally on its city streets, with food, entertainment, and partying. (Eaton Rapids, population 5,214 as of the 2010 census, isn't really *too* urban!).



Airstreams parked right on the street—ready to party!



Emericks' shiny Airstream—seen in daylight.



Here's what it looks like at night!



Looks pretty spectacular!



Some of this year's Wisconsin Unit attendees: L to R back row: Ed Klein, Jane Carmichael, Jamie Hyde, Jack Flietstra; Carolyn Fleistra; Front row: Beth Fierek; Rod Fierek . (Photo by Joan Hyde) For more information, see <http://www.wakeupdowntown.com/>



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