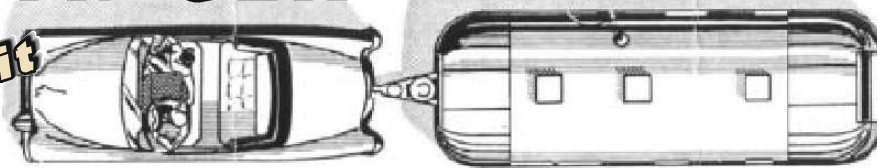


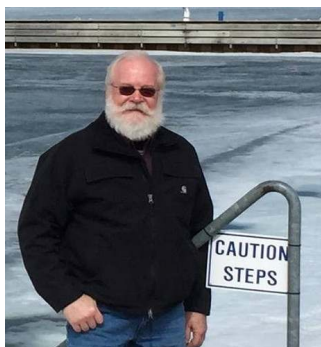
BADGER BULLETIN



April, 2015

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From the Crows Nest



You may have noticed the newsletter is a little early this month. The reason is there is a proposed constitutional amendment that will be voted on at the International Rally this summer. As your delegate, I will cast our Unit's votes based on the vote conducted at our April business meeting. Though the

amendment is a language clarification and is not controversial, please see Steve Piotrowski's comments in this newsletter to be informed on the measure. If you cannot attend our April business meeting please cast your vote by mail or e-mail to make sure your voice is heard.

We just finished our first camping event of the year, the Easter Camp Out in Door County. Though cool, the weather was beautiful and there was a gorgeous full moon Saturday night. It was a lot of fun and the follow up article along with the photos on our Facebook page detail our activities.

Our next camping opportunity will be at the Dells KOA the weekend of the 25th. Hosted by Bob and Heidi Manak, the weekend includes our April business meeting at Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co., 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells on Saturday the 25th. We will gather at Moosejaw Pizza at 11:30 a.m. and even if you are not able to camp please join us for the luncheon and business meeting.

Steve and Lynne Piotrowski are working out the details for the May Madison Camp Out at Lake Farm Park Campground May 15th - 17th. Those of us that live in vicinity of our capital city tend to take to take our surroundings for granted. For those of you from outside south central Wisconsin this is a great opportunity to explore all this area has to offer with the benefit of local knowledge - there is something for everyone. If you have any questions contact the Piotrowskis or Vicki and me.

Due to the space required for information on the constitutional amendment the newsletter editor has issued a gag order to me! 😊

I will provide additional information on our summer events in the May newsletter. Dave Sherman, Unit President

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April 25, 2015: April Luncheon & Business Meeting, 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co. 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI 608-254-1122 Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711, bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer, page 7.

May 15 – 17, 2015: Capital Campout, Lake Farm Park Campground, 3113 Lake Farm Rd, Madison, WI 53711. Hosted by Steve or Lynne Piotrowski 608-255-3953, slpiotro@tds.net See flyer, page 8.

June 12 – 25, 2015: Region 7 Caravan to International Rally From Minnesota Airstream Park, Clear Lake, MN to Farmington, NM. Contact Linda Agre, agre5628@aol.com

June 26 – July 4, 2015: WBCCI 58th Annual International Rally, Farmington, NM
<http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2015-farmington-nm>

Member News

Welcome New Members

The Wisconsin Unit welcomes Dave & Lori Gobeli, WBCCI No.1959, of Bayfield, Wisconsin. Welcome aboard! We all remember Bayfield from our recent Apostle Islands rallies!

International Ballot Issues

At the April business meeting the Unit will vote on the 2015-16 International officer candidates and one proposed amendment to the International Constitution. Our Delegate will vote accordingly at the Delegate's Meeting at the International Rally.

As in most years, there is only one candidate nominated for each office. Candidate profiles are published in the April issue of the *Blue Beret*.

The International officer nominees are:

International President – James Schwerdfeger

International 1st Vice President – Richard Girard

International 2nd Vice President – Jim Cocke

International 3rd Vice President – Barry Bell

International Recording Secretary – Euna Ridenour

International Treasurer – Richard Turner

International Nominating Committee – Helen Bourgeois

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Our own unit's Steve Piotrowski, who is a member of the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee, had this to say about the proposed constitutional amendment:

“The Constitutional Amendment to be voted on this year is an effort to insure that the process for having a Unanimous Consent vote is clearly outlined. We have, under the current language, a situation where we have to have a roll call vote even when the vote is known to be unanimous. The C&BL Committee recommends passage, as do most who have read the current and proposed language.”

The proposed constitutional amendment is presented on page 5. The ballot is page 6. Unit members may vote in person at the meeting, by mail, or by email.

2015 Region 7 Rally Reminder

The 2015 Region 7 Rally will be in Wisconsin this year, August 12 – 16 at the Country Roads RV Park, Wisconsin Dells. For information see the Region 7 web site, <http://region7.wbcci.net/2015-theres-something-for-everyone-rally/>. The rally flyer was also included in the February, 2015 issue of the *Badger Bulletin*. Campsites are not included in the rally registration. **If you plan to attend this rally you must call the campground to reserve a campsite before April 15. 608-253-2132**

One-Liners



Dave Sherman came across this picture of a “wrapped” Airstream. Notice that they covered the windows!

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Easter Campout Peninsula State Park Fish Creek, Wisconsin April 3 – 5, 2015

By Dave Sherman
Photos by Vicki Engelstad

The weekend of April 3rd through the 5th was your unit's first camping activity of the season. Hosted by Ed and Sandy Emerick at Peninsula State Park in Fish Creek of Door County, five trailers arrived on Friday for a weekend of fellowship with good friends.

After parking and setting up the trailers, all gathered to visit and catch up on a long winters worth of news of each other and to decide where to go out for dinner. It was agreed to experience a traditional Wisconsin Friday night fish fry at the Sister Bay Bowl - reported by locals to be the best fish fry in Door County. Dinner discussion included the upcoming basketball game between Wisconsin and Kentucky and as a result there was a scouting mission to several other establishments after dinner to find the best place to watch the game Saturday night.

There was time to spend on our own before we met at Don & Kay's campsite to grill dinner. Everyone brought extra and as usual there was plenty to eat! We spent time at the campfire until time to go to the game. We headed for the Bayside Tavern in Fish Creek where Greg was able to score seats for us to enjoy watching a great game.



Warm enough for a cookout!



Friday night fish fry.

Saturday, though cool, brought blue skies and sunshine. We went to the Blue Horse Cafe in Fish Creek for breakfast and afterwards the ladies got in a little recreational shopping.

Sunday morning people were packing up and heading home. For Karen it was back to Marquette after five months and 6,000 miles roaming the southeast. For some of us there was a departure breakfast at Egg Harbor and then good byes and a promise to "See you down the road".



Karen, back from her wanderings in the South.



Sandy! It's you!



But still snow and ice down by the water.

Be sure to look at the pictures of the weekend on the unit's Facebook page. Not signed up yet? Contact Sandy Emerick to be allowed access to this closed group - it's a fun way to keep track of your fellow members.

Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

To Customize or Not?

I have owned multiple Harley Davidson motorcycles over the years. The first thing you do with a bike when it comes into your hands is customize it and make it your own. Airstream trailers have a very different personality and Airstream owners are much less likely to do a major customization of their silver home on wheels.

When we first bought our Airstream, we were shocked by the lack of custom parts available on the secondary market. That is beginning to change. If you compare the products available through the "Company" today, with what was available five years ago, you will note a dramatic increase. It started with the stainless steel cover doors for the refrigerator and water heater, expanded to the variety of LED replacement lights, and now even includes mattresses.

We are looking for new materials to cover our couch and floor. We have looked at various materials, often finding them attractive but unsuitable for use in the weather extremes faced by our Airstream. Places like Air Forums can be helpful, but you often get contradictory opinions. One poster will say that product X works to perfection, while the next will say it's worthless. What to do?

I hope you will join me in sharing your experiences with fellow members of the Wisconsin Unit of WBCCI. Join us at our next rally and let us know how product XYZ worked for you, and why you would or wouldn't recommend it. You can learn so much more talking with someone as compared to seeing a short post on an internet forum. In fact, you can probably get a chance to look inside a trailer and see how the product worked with your own eyes. We can help each other learn, and we can make certain that our Airstreams provide us with the best possible experience.



Landscaping, anyone? (Photo: Vintage Trailer Supply)

Just a reminder that you have a chance to join the members of the Wisconsin Unit in sharing everything Airstream in April at the Dells, and in May at Madison for great, fun rallies.

A Guide for our Guests

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

This is my sixth installment of information aimed at non-members (at least not yet) who have found us on the web and are curious about who we are. My first five installments are located in previous Badger Bulletins - please check the archives.

Yet another Intra Club within the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) is my subject this month.

Are you single and wondering if you can enjoy the benefits of Airstreaming? Do all the RV ads you see show couples or families having fun? Are you wondering if you can do this alone? The answer is a resounding YES YOU CAN!



When Karen Suksi finished backing her trailer between two trees into a tight campsite, at Jekyll Island, GA, the neighbors asked if she was a retired truck driver!

Man or woman, young or old, if you are single the WBCCI has an Intra-Club just for you. The Free Wheelers Intra-Club was founded "to encourage unmarried single WBCCI members to become members; to participate in rallies and caravans; and to sponsor social activities and events for club members at rallies and caravans".



Of course you are welcome at all WBCCI sponsored events, but Free Wheeler activities are for singles only. If this sounds interesting to you, their website is <http://freewheelers.wbcci.net> and you can contact their President if you have any questions.

The Wisconsin Unit is proud to have two of its female members currently serving as officers of the Free Wheelers.

If you have been following this thread you must be running out of reasons to not join us - come along and have some fun. Dave

Amendment No. 1

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the Constitution by Section 5 be amended by striking the partial sentence of line three, which reads: "unless such vote is to be unanimous" and insert in its place: "except when a request for Unanimous Consent is approved."

Sec.5 At the Delegates Meeting all voting, except voting on procedural matters, shall be conducted by roll call of the Units with each Delegate casting the number of votes to which that unit is entitled ; ~~unless such vote is to be unanimous~~-in which case a roll-call may be dispensed with. WBCCI Officers shall be elected by a majority vote and should a candidate fail to obtain a majority upon the completion of the first roll-call, a second roll-call will be conducted and the Delegates will choose between the two candidates who received the highest and the second highest number of votes on the first roll-call. If there be only one candidate for an office, a roll-call may be dispensed with by unanimous consent of the Delegates.

The proposed wording of Section 5 reads as follows with the partial sentence to be added in "bold-face":

Sec.5 At the Delegates Meeting all voting, except voting on procedural matters, shall be conducted by roll call of the Units with each Delegate casting the number of votes to which that unit is entitled; **except when a request for Unanimous Consent is approved**, in which case a roll-call may be dispensed with. WBCCI Officers shall be elected by a majority vote and should a candidate fail to obtain a majority upon the completion of the first roll-call, a second roll-call will be conducted and the Delegates will choose between the two candidates who received the highest and the second highest number of votes on the first roll-call. If there be only one candidate for an office, a roll-call may be dispensed with by unanimous consent of the Delegates.

Rationale:

The current wording is somewhat unclear as to how and when the Delegates can request an alternate voting method other than by "Roll Call"; this revision is to clarify the method by which the Delegates can request a Unanimous Consent. This would also place this process for the Delegates Meeting in-line with the IBT Meeting voting process.

April 2, 2015

"These recommendations are forwarded to the Delegates at their 2015 annual Delegates Meeting by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee in accordance with the Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, as follows: The Committee strongly recommends that the Delegates favorably pass this amendment to our Constitution. The amendment would then allow the Delegates to act on their proceedings with the same parliamentary method as now enjoyed by the International Board of Trustees which saves an extensive roll call vote if a UNANIMOUS CONSENT is approved. The Delegates even last year approved an amendment by roll call vote that was unanimous". The present Constitution already has the modification in it, printed in the Blue Book and also the Directory.

Signed: Don Shafer, Chairman

Wisconsin Unit Ballot for 2015 International Election

The Wisconsin Unit spring unit business meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, April 25, 2015 at the Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Company restaurant, 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. The business meeting will take place immediately following the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 AM.

This ballot can be cast at the meeting, returned by mail, or emailed. (Blank ballots will also be available at the meeting.)

To vote by mail, mark your ballot and enclose in an envelope addressed to Barbara Sellers, Wisconsin Unit Secretary, 3820 Centerville Road, Spring Valley, OH 45370. Include your name and WBCCI number in the return address. Ballots cast by email should be emailed to sellersj@erinet.com. You can attach a scan of the completed paper ballot to the email or simply indicate your choices in the body of the email. **Mailed ballots must be received by April 22 to be counted.**

International Officers

International President: Jim Schwerdfeger []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

Int'l 1st Vice-President: Richard Girard []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

Int'l 2nd Vice-President Jim Cocke []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

Int'l 3rd Vice-President Barry Bell []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

Int'l Recording Secretary: Euna Ridenour []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

International Treasurer: Richard Turner []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

Nominating Committee: Helen Bourgeois []
Nominating Committee: Patti Reed []
 (write in candidate) _____ []

(Vote for no more than 2 nominating committee candidates.)

Delegate Authorization

The Delegates Meeting is defined as a “deliberative assembly”, meaning that Delegates have the power to discuss and amend matters before them, including matters which have not been voted on by their Units.

Traditionally, Units may allow, or not allow, their Delegate to “vote their conscience”, meaning to cast the Unit’s vote at the Delegates Meeting in accordance with their understanding of the Unit’s wishes.

Should the Wisconsin Unit Delegate and/or Associate Delegate be allowed to cast the Unit’s vote on matters not voted upon by the unit in accordance with their understanding of the Unit’s wishes?

YES []

NO []

Amendments to International Constitution

Amendment 1. Proposed by the International Board of Trustees at the 2015 Midwinter IBT. Amendment 1 would amend Section 5 to clarify the method by which Delegates can request a vote of Unanimous Consent.

Should the proposed Amendment 1 be adopted?

YES []

NO []

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit
April Campout and Luncheon
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 24 – 26, 2015

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Campout



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 25, 2015, 11:30 AM

Location:

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

RSVP by April 18th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.



Capital Campout

May 15 – 17, 2015

Lake Farm Campground
3113 Lake Farm Road
Madison, Wisconsin 53711
(608) 242-4576

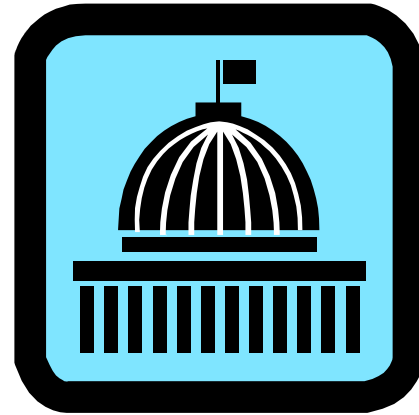
Park web site:

https://www.countyofdane.com/lwrparks/lake_farm.aspx

For further information contact

Steve Piotrowski slpiotro@tds.net 608 255-3953

You can also register online at
<http://wisc.wbcci.net/madison-camp-out/>



Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

WBCCI # _____ Email _____

Rally cost: 1 Adult \$12.50 2 Adults \$25.00 3 Adults \$37.50 (Children are free)

Just coming to Saturday evening social hour and dinner.

Number of people attending Saturday dinner? _____

Camp Site No. _____ (Reserve your Lake Farm Park campsite at the Dane County Parks web site, <https://www.reservedane.com/parks.aspx?p=13&s=5%2f11%2f2014>)

Please check all activities that you are interested in:

- Friday Fish Fry
- Tour of the Capitol
- Tour of the Veteran Museum
- Tour of the State Historical Museum

Any other activities you would like to do?
We will try to assist you in finding the best
Madison has to offer.

Please send payment to

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