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Thoughts from Greg and Jane....



There's still plenty of time this year to enjoy some adventures with your Airstream friends.

Fall in Wisconsin is the best. It'll be tough to find a campsite near Warrens, WI for Cranfest if you haven't already nailed one down.

But if you live in the area or can find a site and want to join us for any and all events, there's still time to

register for our rally September 27-30.

You've got plenty of time to plan for the Birthday Bash and Luncheon November 2-4 in Door County. No need to make advance reservations for a campsite at Potawatomi State Park. Luncheon site to be determined. Or celebrate the holidays December First at our Holiday Luncheon hosted by Kurt and Mary Jorgenson in Southern Wisconsin.

It's been a good summer for cherry picking; learning about frontier history and the geology of the Keweenaw Peninsula on the shores of Lake Superior and, all things cranberry (Who knew it's the state fruit?). We've met a lot of new folks; connected with old friends, laughed and shared. I hope the rest of this year will be healthy and enjoyable for you.

Travel Tales from Steve Piotrowski...

We planned a leisurely trip out to Salem, Oregon for the 62nd International Rally, making various two to four days stops on our way to the coast. A few months before the Rally I got a call asking me to take over the "Check-in Table" for the reformatted Rally. If you attended in the past it was called "Registration".

Working with the Rally Coordinator and suckering in a bunch of our friends from various caravans and events we had attended, we planned staffing of the "Check-in" tables prior to our arrival. Being new to the process, we didn't know exactly what to expect, but focused on making participants first stop at the Rally pleasant and painless. As luck would have it, we suffered a breakdown of our tow vehicle in Billings, Montana on a Thursday. A bearing in our Turbocharger failed and suffice it to say, we got stuck for five days while we waited for repairs. Fortunately, the very capable Judy & David Cahall assisted by Judy & Jim Rabe took charge and made the first couple of days of "Check-in" run smoothly with help from several people who volunteered on the spot. When we arrived, we found parking completely revised. As you came in, you were parked in the next available slot regardless of office or status. Clubs that wanted to park together needed to caravan in together.

There was a wide offering of classes, seminars and programs available. One of the great changes implemented this year was to "run" all activities during the

time that the Rally was officially open. I didn't attend any of the classes or seminars; being busy with registration and hanging out with friends. Airstream Adventures Northwest had a large display of trailers at the Rally. You could take a walk through most of the Airstream models and could purchase any of them on the spot. The company would customize a unit from front to back and top to bottom. They had some great trailers to view; some slightly redone, some completely revamped. There were more travel related vendors, as they could set-up for one or two days or the entire rally, attracting vendors that might not otherwise show.

Of course, there were the usual happy hours, conversations, and plans made to join caravans. The approximately seven hundred trailers that attended became family for a week. The fact that the City water was contaminated by a algae toxin didn't slow things down. A purified water source was set up near the main building and everyone could fill up bottles and containers to insure their drinking safety.

All in all, the rally was a great time and I highly recommend that you make plans to attend an International Rally. When you do, consider being a volunteer on one of the rally committees. It is a great way to meet more people and have fun while contributing some time to the club's well-being.

And thanks again to all those who helped

What's happens at the Region level?

New unit members may not know why/how the Wisconsin Unit is connected to the Region 7 group. So I asked Jane Carmichael (1st Vice President; #3230) to give a breakdown of what goes on...

"Our efforts, along with Region Officers from all 12 Regions, provide you with the environment to have safe, secure, and interesting events. We are here to serve you in the best way we know how.

How do we do this? Oh, let us count the ways!

At the Unit Level: Your Past or Present Region Officers conduct the installation of unit officers. The installation can be casual, solemn, or formal, whichever approach your incoming Unit President requests.

Region Officers provide information, encouragement, ideas, and support for recruiting and maintaining membership for the unit.

Additionally, a Region Officer may arrange a multi-Unit Caravan.

At the Region Level:

A list of your Region 7 Officers may be found at www.region7.wbccci.net. Please take a look at this site. There is a lot of information there.

The Region 7 Executive Board includes your Unit President, which assures your input at the region level.

Your Region President hosts a Region Rally. Typically, Region 7 has one Region Rally each year. This year rally will be held in West Fargo, North Dakota.

In 2019 it will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Special Event approved). In 2020 and 2021 it will be in Marquette, MI and Chippewa Falls, WI, respectively.

The Region 7 Rally provides another venue for you to discuss any questions regarding the Region and to suggest ideas for improvement.

The Region Membership and the Newsletter/website Chairs develop direct communication with members using the website, mail, emails, and newsletters. The Corresponding Secretary records and distributes minutes, plus receives the Region mail from Corporate Headquarters.

At the International Level:

We voice your "interest" by casting votes at the International Board of Trustees' (IBT) meetings.

The Region 7 President will do his/her best to vote your wishes at each IBT. Two IBT meetings each year: one held in conjunction with the International Rally. (Douswell, VA in 2019; Loveland, CO in 2020; Lebanon, TN in 2021). The other is held mid-winter (Robertsdale, AL in 2019).

Acting as a liaison between the Unit level and the International level, your Region 7 Officers, along with the other 12 Regional Officers, provide you with the environment to have safe, secure, and interesting events. We are here to serve you in the best way we know how. Please feel free to contact me janecamichael2000@yahoo.com “

Notations from the Membership Chair, Linda Agre (#5628)...

What can I say but that our Airstream Family is growing in 'leaps and bounds'. 1084. New Members since January 1, 2018 bringing our Airstream Club membership to 7767.

What is the meaning of the Stars next to the numbers? Each year at the Region 7 Rally, the Region Membership Chairperson gives 2 red stars to all the continuous members in the club. Each star represents 5 years of membership in WBCCI (one goes on the front & one on the rear of the trailer).

For 20 years of continuous membership:

Gary & Sharon Colbert;

Ed & Sandy Emerick;

Stan & Mary Schwenke;

James & Sharon Swanson

For 15 years of membership :

Mike Lahr;

Danny & Janice Schroeder;

Continue to grow Wisconsin Unit! See you down the road.

John & Barb Sellers

For 10 years of continuous membership:

Jim & Kay Brooks

For 5 years of continuous membership:

Rod & Beth Fierek

Ginny Janssen & Bill Scheuerell

Congratulation also to your long time members:

Pearl Adams-Kyle - 31 years

Peter & Irene Breu - 29 years

Annette Hooker - 29 years

Marv Knuesel - 42 years

Donald & Barbara Pokorske - 22 years

Robert Sharrock 19 years.

Someone just told me that having an Airstream and moving your wheels keeps you young and I believe it!

Unit Classified section:

Ken and Georgellen Mikkleson are interested in selling the following:

1991 25" Airstream + 2008 Toyota Sequoia (68K) tow vehicle

They would consider selling these separately:

Airstream trailer: \$15,000

Tow vehicle: \$24,000

Both are in very good condition and are located south of Verona in Bellville/
Dayton WI.

Contact number: Cell: 608-445-0854

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**Membership Renewal is OPEN for 2019... Go to the
unit Website and fill out the form.**

Recent Rally Pictures...

