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Happy New Year to one and all....



The holiday season is always packed with family, placing decorations, fantastic cooking and merriment of all shapes/sizes. As the activity level begins to return to “normal,” I begin to look forward to a 2019 camping season that is filled with curiosity and adventure. So this issue is full of prospective unit rally schedules, member travel stories (which should have been in the last issue...oops) of Chuck and Janet Zellermyer; helpful tips in compiling your tool bag for your rig from Jim Guthrie, and greetings from our President John Cooper.

A Message from John...

For many of us the 2018 camping season is done, and our trailers are winterized and put away. Terri and I had a great time participating in Wisconsin Unit rallies and



luncheons in 2018, and we got to know some great people we could only have met through the Airstream community. Thank you, Greg and Jane, for putting together a wonderful series of events!

Some lucky folks will be heading south shortly to participate in an Airstream Caravan or to spend some time exploring states with warmer climates for a few months. But for many of us it is time to start planning for next season.

Our 2019 events are published in this newsletter and on the unit website at <http://wisc.wbcci.net>. If you are thinking about attending either the

Pictured Rocks and/or the Octoberfest campout next year, please make your reservations as soon as possible. Both campgrounds fill very early.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in getting our Unit Constitution and Bylaws updated on schedule in 2018. Our executive committee spent several evenings discussing revisions and putting together a proposal that was unanimously adopted by the membership via email vote and in-person voting at the Birthday Bash luncheon. Our new Constitution and Bylaws were officially approved by the WBCCI National Constitution and Bylaws Committee on November 12.

Bob Manak has been busy putting our 2019 Wisconsin Unit Directory together (Thank you, Bob!), and it should be available shortly. Please remember that our unit directory is intended for personal use only, for example to reconnect with friends you make during a unit event. It should never be shared with anyone outside the unit or used for marketing any business.

While we have a series of official events planned for 2019, I encourage anyone who has a favorite place or activity to put together a campout or luncheon to share it with other members. Anyone who participates in the **Wisconsin Unit Facebook Group** can post it there, and we can also publish it on the web in our Members Exchange.

Bill Scheuerell (billscheurerell@sbcglobal.net) and **Ginny Jansen** are already planning our 2020 events, so let them know if you would like to host an official event in 2020.

One activity that you should do before our Wisconsin Dells campout in May is think about what name would best represent our unit. While our official name is "Wisconsin Unit" within WBCCI (which itself is slowly being renamed Wally Byam Airstream Club or WBAC); geographically, we represent both Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. If you have an idea for a new name, please send it to me via email (jcooper@newrr.com). Bear in mind that Airstream, Inc. is now supporting use of the trademark "Airstream" in unit names through licensing agreements, and many units are switching to "Airstream Club" rather than

“Unit” as part of their name. I will collect all suggestions, review them with the Executive Committee, and we will vote on a new name at the **Wisconsin Dells Luncheon in May 2019**. This name change must be approved by the WBCCI/WBAC at an International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting, and that will occur in July at the [62nd WBCCI International Rally](#) in Doswell Virginia.

I have one last thing to share - our web site has a [Members Exchange](#) area where we can post items or services for sale, or to publicize unofficial events. This has not been heavily used in the past, so it has been moved it to the main menu to make it easier to find. We are working on an online form for you to use, but in the meantime you can send an email with details about your items, services, or activities to 0116@wbcci.net to have them listed here.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as President. Terri and I are looking forward to a great year in 2019, and to connecting with you at an Airstream community event!

What's in Jim Guthrie's tool bag...

Here are some ideas to keep your mobile habitat usable and functional.

Consider the lowly ice pic. In the past, your household would be delivered a block of ice by the ice man. It was then often necessary to use your ice pic to trim the block in order to make it fit into the icebox. The pic could also be used to chip off bits of ice for ones cocktail.

This tool has also been used by numerous mystery writers as a tool for murder; it left a much smaller and maybe less detectable hole than would a bullet or knife. I'm writing this article to suggest a couple other more civilized uses that you may find useful.





The pic is a tool that is occasionally found in thrift and antique stores (I have a fair collection), thus they are one of the cheaper items I have in my tool bag. One use of this tool is really quite simple; to make a hole. Seriously, if you need (or want) to put a screw in the aluminum skin of your trailer in order to secure your favorite picture, or a piece of furniture (Airstream uses screws to secure cabinets and counters, etc.), the best way to create a hole for a #8 (or #10) sheet metal screw, is with the pic. If you drill a whole or use a self-drilling style screw, you will be removing aluminum material that could be used to help secure the screw and thus your item. By using the pic you will be forcing material inward from the surface and thus creating a bit longer/deeper surface to engage the threads of the screw. By the way, you'll need something to pound with...I also have a carpenter's nail hammer that of course has other uses. **Words of caution at this point; you'll want to avoid the frame ribs** (they are between the inside and outside sheet aluminum) you'll know you've hit one when the pic won't make a hole, additionally don't be too aggressive with the hammer, if you drive through the 2" space between inside and outside, you will be creating another hole on the outside of your rig – unsightly at best. Other uses for the ice pic include: are temporally aligning the trim "belt" on the exterior while you re-rivet the belt; using it to check for rotten floor before you make an offer on that vintage prize; or it can still be used for chipping ice for your cocktail while on "the trail." So add this tool to your bag... you will be amazed at how often you'll use it, not to mention the variety of other uses you might find.

If you have RV questions or suggestions for this newsletter section... contact Jim through his email:
1ordinarycyclist@gmail.com.



“On the trail” stories from...Chuck & Janet Zellermayer

Salem, OR 2018

Last June, Janet and I were delighted to be going to the International Rally in Salem, OR. It was our 2nd and we were looking forward to the experience. One experience that I was not expecting was that of participating in the “Flag Ceremony”. This is a parade like affair at the opening ceremony where the Presidents and 1st Vice Presidents of each Region enter the hall and each unit enters with their unit flag. Normally the President of each unit carries the unit flag. In our case our beloved President Greg Hyer was not going to be able to join us in Salem. Therefore he approached me and

asked if I would be willing to carry the flag. I was honored but really didn't think much about it. Other than I would have to wear long pants and a long sleeve shirt. I didn't like that idea but what the hey. I'd take one for the team.

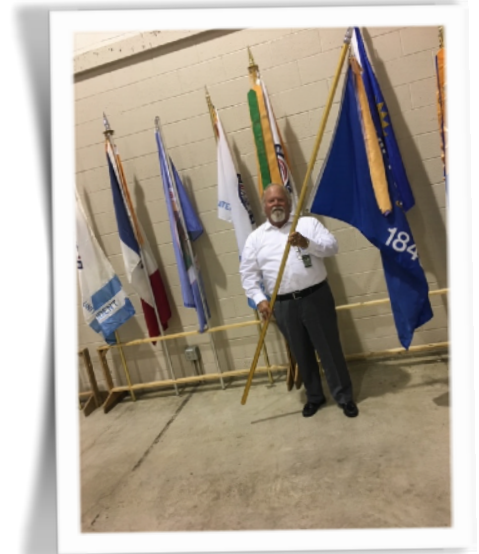
I do have to tell you that when the event came I was a little bit in awe. WBCCI has quite a number of traditions. Not all are held in high esteem by some and in some cases for good reason. But this one came to mean something special to me. To be able to represent our unit along with all of the other units throughout the USA, Canada, and Europe felt pretty good. Not because of the display of pretty flags, and pretty people I might add, but because it represented thousands of people who really like each other and are a wonderful example of fellowship and friendship. Isn't that really why we all do this? To make new friends, to see new places, and to create community.

Thanks for the opportunity Greg.

See y'all down the road.

Chuck Zellermayer

If you would like to share one of your journeys /adventures let the editor know via email: safari906@gmail.com





In memoriam...

Sandy Emerick asked that this be posted in the newsletter.

Sharrock, Mary Ann (Nee Wolfe)

Passed away peacefully on July 10, 2018 at age 73. She was born on August 16, 1944, in Bucyrus, OH. She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Sharrock whom she married on July 3, 1964; her son, William (Gabrielle) Sharrock, of Madison, WI and her daughter, Julia (Paul) Kaminski, of Lake Zurich, IL; her three grandchildren: Zachary Kaminski, Alexander and Arianna Sharrock; her sister Jean McFarland of Bucyrus, OH; many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Preceded in death by her mother Mary Teynor. Mary served as past president of the Wally Byam Caravan Club (Mary followed Ed Emerick as President of our group) and a member of the American Legion Post 356 Auxiliary. She was a nurse's aide at a number of nursing homes in the Milwaukee and Muskego areas. Mary was interred at Southern WI Veteran's Cemetery in Union Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Charity or other charity of your choice.

Rally Schedule for 2018

March

- 23 - Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon - 11:30 AM
[Erin's Snug Irish Pub](#),
4601 American Pkwy, Madison, WI 53718
Hosted by [Vicki Englestad](#) and [Dave Sherman](#).

April

- 19-21 - Easter Campout at
[Peninsula State Park](#), Fish Creek, WI
No reservations, Tension Bay Campground
Hosted by [Ed and Sandy Emerick](#).

May

- 17-19 - Dells Campout and Spring Business Meeting
Wisconsin Dells KOA,
South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965,
Call for reservations at (800) 562-4178 (ask for the \$45 Airstream Club Campout rate) by April 1, 2019
Business meeting and luncheon, 11:30 AM
Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.,
110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Hosted by Bob and Heidi Manak and John and Terri Cooper.
- 28-June 2 - [Alumapalooza 10](#), Jackson Center, OH.

June

- 20-23 - Pictured Rocks Campout on Lake Superior
[Munising Tourist Park](#) in Munising, MI
Sites will quickly be gone at this campground so make your reservations ASAP at (906) 387-3145 or [online!](#)
(Gina and Mark are in site 56, Coopers in site 55.)
Hosted by Gina Eggers and Mark Kasten.

July

- 20-27 - [WBCCI International Rally](#), Doswell VA

August

- 7-14 - [Region 7 Folklorama Rally](#),
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

September

- 27-29 – Octoberfest Weekend,
[High Cliff State Park](#), Sherwood, WI
Campout and Business Meeting with New Officer Installation
(Coopers in site 47, **electric sites are limited and fill up quickly**)
This is Appleton's Octoberfest weekend, with License to Cruise
(classic car show) on Friday night and Mile of Music (live
bands), arts and crafts, 100+ food (and beer) vendors on
Saturday
Hosted by John and Terri Cooper.

November

- 1-3 - Birthday Bash
[Potawatomi State Park](#), Sturgeon Bay, WI
No reservations, campsites at south loop of the Daisy Field
Campground
Hosted by Ed and Sandy Emerick.

December

- Holiday Luncheon,
Date and location TBD
Hosted by Vicki Englestad and Dave Sherman.