



September 2007

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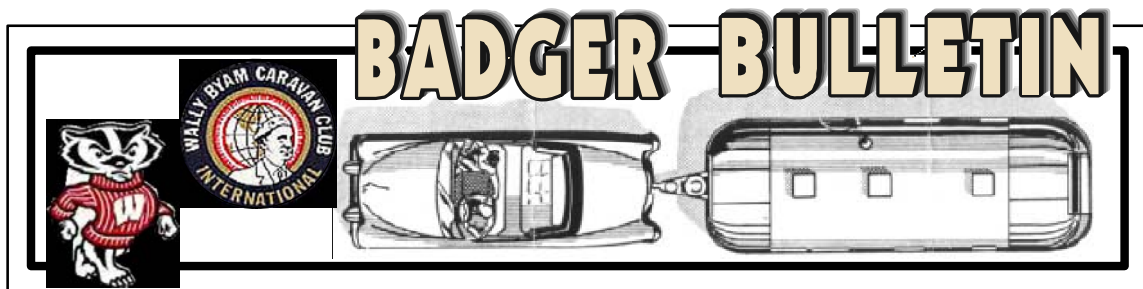
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Here are some good reasons to bookmark it:

- You get to look at the Badger Bulletin in color!
- You can share unit activities with anyone who has internet access. Refer a potential new member to it.
- You can get a free email account—check it out!

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President's Corner



President Joan Lahr & First Mate Mike

The Region 7 rally in Huron, South Dakota was a huge success! Twelve units were registered from Wisconsin.. There was also good representation from Manitoba, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota, with a total of 44 units, including 12 children, and three members who stayed off site. We were kept busy with interesting tours and enjoyed delicious food and fantastic entertainment. Many thanks to Pearl and Dean, Herb and Shirley Rohrer (SD), and Bev Salmen (SD) for their time and efforts in planning and organizing a great event!

Mike and I have heard from quite a few members who are planning to attend the Fall Colorama Rally in Baileys Harbor, Door County, on October 4-7. Beantown campground is only three years old and has terrific facilities—three-point hook-ups with 30 amps electric, clean showers and rest rooms, a dump station on the grounds, a laundry room, free WiFi and satellite TV, and a small playground for the children. The camping fee is \$22.00 per night. Reservations need to be made directly to Beantown toll free at 1-866-471-8696. Leave your name and that you're with the Airstream rally on the recording so they can get an RV count. Be sure to make your reservations early, as we have a limited amount of sites reserved for our group and this is an extremely popular weekend in Door County.

The Pumpkin Patch Festival in Egg Harbor features family fun all weekend, children's activities, outdoor entertainment, food and refreshments, and scarecrow/pumpkin displays throughout the village. An autumn Amish quilt show and sale in Sister Bay, a Spooktacular Hike in Peninsula State Park (for all ages), and an art

fair in Ephraim are also scheduled for this weekend and are just a short distance away. Ridges Sanctuary, a delicate boreal forest community, offers self-guided trails, or take a short walk across a bay on a stone causeway to tour a light house on Cana Island. Riding stables and golf courses are nearby. Many other adventures await you!

A pumpkin carving contest is planned and Dick and Arlene Redell have graciously offered to prepare a delicious fish boil for us on Saturday night.

As the Wisconsin Unit transitions into new leadership in September, Mike and I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support. This was a very rewarding experience for us and I feel that our club has become stronger through the efforts of our team of officers and chairpersons. To them, especially, we extend our gratitude.

We hope to see you at the September and October rallies! *Joan Lahr, President*

New Officer Nominations!

Stan Schwenke, Chairman of the Nominating Committee has announced the following members willing to serve as officers in 2007/08:

President: Ellen McGaughey
1st Vice President: Don Stenz
2nd Vice President: Bob Manak
Treasurer: Sandy Emerick
Secretary: Arlene Redell
1st Trustee: Craig Belling
2nd Trustee: Carol Witzke
3rd Trustee: Robert Wiltrout

The election will take place at the Green and Gold Installation Rally business meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor at that time. If you care.....be there!

The new Region7 WBCCI website is up!!!
It is at: <http://region7.wbcci.net/>

Personals

***Fred and Cyn Schmidt** (Fred shown here with 3 family members) recently attended their first ever



rally in Huron! The Schmidt's great sense of humor helped them fit right in. And they've needed that sense of humor as they've already experienced many "Airstream misadventures" (leaks, scratches, blowouts). Fred and Cyn will be at the Door County rally this October- come and share your trailer tales with them!

***Bob and Arlene Finley** recently let us know that they will be selling their beloved 22 footer at the end of this trailering season. Bob was Unit President in



1998 and Arlene is our official "dog lady" (a title earned from her habit of making canine friends by bringing a pocket full of dog treats to rallies). They will be at the rallies in Shawano and Door County yet this year, so you have time to say your official, "See you down the road"!

Birthdays

No wise man ever wished to be younger.

Jonathan Swift

Born in September are: Bob Wilttrout- 9/1, Lily King- 9/1, Mark McGaughey- 9/5, Jane Armour- 9/7, Patti Thayer- 9/9, George Jelich- 9/11, Kay Stenz- 9/11, Carol Witzke- 9/11, Audrey Sinner- 9/12, Barbara Obst- 9/12, Lydia Brickbauer- 9/15, John Unbehaun- 9/15, Arlenme Rydell- 9/15, Mary Schwenke- 9/22, John Becker- 9/23, Willard Armour- 9/28 and Lois Kronholm- 9/30.

Anniversaries Toasting another year on the road together are: the Finleys- 9/1, the Pokorskis- 9/3, the Stenzs- 9/7, the Bakers- 9/14, and Tyrone and Loise Thayer- 9/19.

Correct Your Directory!

Vern and Leola Schultz are now at:
4902 Monarch Drive
Milton, WI 53563
Home: 608-580-0025
Cell: 608-359-9273 (same)
vschultz0025@charter.net

Wanted

Carlyle Welch (calowe@mac.com) from Minnesota is looking for a 19-24 ft range 'Stream and in the \$25,000 or less price range.

Wisconsin Unit Members Caravan to the Rocky Mountain Vintage Rally

Six vintage minded families packed up and headed west to the Mecca of all vintage Airstream Rallies, the RMVR! The caravan west held many adventures and a few setbacks and lots for fun for the Emericks, Stoffels, Stenzs, Connie Sheasby, the Sinners (nothing better than traveling with a sinner!), Kevin Allen and our Iowa based friends Scott & Lise Scheuermann. Traveling over 1100 miles in 7 days allowed for this adventurous group to avoid the Interstate highways and see sights that often mystified us.

The first two days were filled with Grotto visits and baseball, quite a combination but it all worked out. Stop one, day one the Dickeyville Grotto where the group met up toured, visited the basement flea market and where Elaine purchased a statue of Michael the Archangel! That set the tone for the rest of the trip! From there it was on to a place I have always wanted to visit, The Field of Dreams! The group took many photos of our travelers emerging out of the corn and a number of us "had a catch" This corn was over 8 feet tall!

Below: The Wisconsin crew at the Dickeyville Grotto



Under the Awning Continued

Day two had us at another grotto, the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, IA where we toured and spent the night in their campground. A number of us filled our freshwater holding tanks with "holy water" and Elaine and I did some myth busting involving train tracks and pennies, I'll let that go at that!

Day three had us in the heart of the Nebraska sand hills where the temperature was in the upper 90's, with all the sand I though I was in the desert! We moved on the next day to Alliance, NE where our goal was to visit the infamous Carhenge. Cars half buried in the prairie was a sight to behold but again another one of those places you just have to see. In Alliance a number of us found a couple of great western stores and purchases of boots and hats were made. Don Stenz was introduced to something petrified and used as a walking stick, I'm not sure he purchased it but ask him when you see him! That night we had one of the best steak dinners I have ever had, I swear the cow was the one I saw in the field earlier that day.

Days five and six have us at the foot of Estes Park, CO where we spent two nights at the Elk Meadow RV Park. Some of the group headed into the mountains to explore while others went to town to shop. Sandy, Elaine and I found a great farmer's market where you could purchase local produce, breads and a salsa that set me on fire! The Scheuermanns lead the Sinners on a dirt road tour to the top of the mountain that had Audrey drinking large amounts of wine when they returned, it sounds like the scenery was fantastic!

Day seven has us in Breckenridge, CO and the RMVR where we spent 5 days enjoying vintage fellowship and fun. We dumped our chili, trout fished, bike hiked, picnic lunched, went Alpine sliding, toured and generally enjoyed the cool dry air of the Rocky Mountains. Each day was happy hour with margaritas and Fat Tire Beer; those Denver Unit members sure know how to host a rally!

I know I had a great time thanks to the company I had from my fellow Wisconsin Unit Adventurers! Now I have to plan my trip to next year's International Rally on the Yellowstone Trail, want to come along?
Ed Emerick



More Dutch Oven cooking!
This recipe is a great side dish for fall camping meals. Or bake it in your trailer oven!

Hash Brown Casserole

Ingredients:

2 pounds of hash browns (frozen hash browns thawed)
1/16 ounce sour cream
1 can of cream of chicken soup
1/4 - 1/2 cup green onions (chopped)
1 stick butter (or margarine)

2 cup sharp cheddar cheese
1 can French fried (grated) onions

Directions:

1. Put uncooked hash brown potatoes in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste.
2. Melt butter and add onions, sour cream, soup, 1 cup of cheddar cheese. Mix with hash browns.
3. Pour into oiled Dutch oven; put fried onions in a ring around the top and fill the center with cheese.
4. Place dutch oven on a rack over a low fire (about 12 inches above the highest flame) and bake for 45 minutes, or until hash browns are completely warm and cheese melts.
5. If you are cooking inside: place mixture in a 9x13 inch baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Serves 8-10.

Send your Dutch Oven recipes to the editor!



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Region 7 President Pearl Adams presides over her final rally.



Region 2nd VP Don Rodgers & 3rd VP Stan Schwenke

Rally on..In Hot Huron!



The 2007 Region 7 Rally was recently held in Huron South Dakota. Attending from our unit were: the Moens, Manaks, Sellers, Kings, Nelsons, Lahrs, Schmidts, McGaugheys, Katzfuss', and the Schwenkes. They were among the 43 units parked at the South Dakota Fairgrounds in Huron. The steamy summer weather didn't deter folks from having fun- highlights included a visit to a Hutterite community (similar to the Amish) where attendees toured their agricultural complex and were served a delicious lunch, a day at unique Wessington Springs that culminated with dinner and a show presented by the Stoneback Brass musicians. A region rally wouldn't be complete without the traditional skit competition. This year Heide Manak provided the inspiration for our skit- "Rolling on to Huron". Based on the real-life experiences of Airstreamers eating their way from Milwaukee to South Dakota, the skit provided the audience (besides a few laughs) with some tips on where and what to eat along the east/west route! The 2008 Region 7 Rally will be held at Thunderbay, Canada. *Second VP Don Rodgers encourages those who haven't a valid passport to apply for one now as people will need passports to return to the states after the rally.*

Pictured below are (left): waitress Joan Lahr serving the Wisconsin contingent of diners. Below right are the important stage crew team of Mike Lahr and Jack Moen .



Sojourn in Colorado- 2007

By Audrey Sinner, #1216

After the Rocky Mountain Vintage Rally (July) in Breckenridge, Gene, Greg and I decided to explore more of Colorado- it had been 41 years since we briefly visited! We



caravanned to Montrose, CO with another "vintage" couple who lived there. This was the first endurance test for the diesel, to make it over Monarch Pass, Elev. 11,312 ft. We stopped at the Continental Divide for a photo op since the day was our wedding anniversary.

Montrose is a great western town of 17,000 people. It is relatively flat; however the area around it is mostly mountains. We did day trips from there to Ouray, Telluride and Black Canyon National Park.

After leaving Montrose we headed for Durango and our long awaited ride on the Durango-Silverton narrow gauge railroad. We left promptly at 9:00am for an all day excursion. I have no words to describe the beautiful scenery along the Animas River as we road along the edge of the mountains. It took three and a half hours to get to Silverton where we spent our 2 hour layover with Michael and Tracy- another couple we met at the Rocky Mt Rally. We vowed to return to this little town- Michael and Tracy said the snow in the winter comes up to their kitchen window!



While in Mesa Verdes National Park we spent a day going to the "Four Corners" (which charges \$3 just to stop in at the spot where Arizona, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico meet.) There you can do the "Frog" by putting two hands in two states and your two feet in the other two states.

In Cortez, Colorado, we discovered an Airstream coffee shop that had more business than it could handle on a Monday morning! Gigi Schwartz, the owner of the Silver Bean, jumpstarts everyone's day with coffee served from a 1969 Overlander complete with a white picket fence and pink flamingos.

Gigi was originally from Green Lake and attended Ripon College. She was extra friendly when she saw our WI license plate. We met her on a Sunday when she had some time to talk. She told us she loves living in CO, has two kids, Ben is 7 weeks old; she had him with her on Monday morning. She wants a vintage Airstream hat, and wanted Gene's in trade for a coffee mug.



Above: Gene and Audrey in front of the Silver. Below: The inside of the Silver Bean.



We also found another Airstream in Durango (below) that serves tacos, located behind a Harley Davidson store. When we can no longer travel in our Airstream- we can start our own business in #1216!



We ended our travels through Colorado by ascending Pike's Peak. This was the first time I couldn't bear to look over the edge! No guard rails and straight down. We were a bit wobbly by the time we got to the top at 14,100ft. I finally got to see a Big Horn Sheep on the rocks.

And for our strange ending- at the top of the peak we met a lady from Ohio who was asking for a ride back down. She had hiked up with her son and couldn't get a ticket on the cog rail back. She looked harmless, so we offered her a ride and as we descended (in 4 wheel drive!) we learned.....that she had an Airstream! What a small world it is!!!

Green and Gold Installation Rally

Shawano, Wisconsin

September 13–16, 2007

Bring your cheese heads and wear your green and gold to join the fun at St. James Retreat, located 7 miles north of Shawano on Retreat Road. Eighty acres of peace and quiet with water and electric sites, indoor restrooms (no showers), and dump station. Baseball diamond, basketball backstops, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and playground equipment are available. Directions: from Hwy 29-Exit 227, turn north on Airport Dr., continue north on Cty H to Oak Park Rd., turn left; go to Woods Rd., turn left; then to Retreat Rd. and turn right.

— Preliminary Rally Highlights —

Thursday, Sept. 13th	12:00 noon	Parking begins
	5:30 p.m.	Pot luck dinner—bring your favorite dish to pass
Friday, Sept. 14th Wear your Green and Gold today!	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Caravan to Amish Country Store
	5:30 p.m.	Green Bay Packer Tailgate Party
		Prizes awarded for the most GB Packer attire
	7:00 p.m.	Bonfire
Saturday, Sept. 15th	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Executive board meeting
	9:30 a.m.	General business meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Photo contest judging
	2:00 p.m.	Football games
	6:00 p.m.	Catered dinner followed by installation of new officers and door prizes
Sunday, Sept. 16th	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Safety seminar

Registration Form for Green and Gold Installation Rally, Sept. 13–16, Shawano, WI

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parking fee: \$11.00 per night w/electric/water (includes hall rental) _____ nights x \$11.00 = _____

Rally fee: \$25.00 per adult (includes tailgate party, catered dinner
3 breakfasts, activities, and door prizes) _____ adults x \$25.00 = _____

Kids under 18 are free **Total** _____

Make checks payable to WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit and mail to Mary Schwenke, Treasurer,
4203 Elmwood Court, Sheboygan, WI 53081-1760, 920-918-9920, smh9112@hotmail.com

— Please note reservations and checks should be received by Sept. 10 —

Questions to Joan or Mike Lahr, rally cohosts, 262-251-2159, or xla10004us@milwpc.com

Fall Colorama Rally
October 4–7, 2007
Beantown Campground, Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin

The annual Pumpkin Patch Festival in Egg Harbor featuring family fun all weekend, a delicious fish boil, beautiful fall color, and a pumpkin carving contest are scheduled for the rally. Other adventures in beautiful Door County include an Amish quilt show and sale, a Spooktacular Hike in Peninsula State Park, an art fair and much more. Beantown Campground has 3-point hookups with 30-amp electric, showers and rest rooms, dump station on the grounds, laundry room, and a playground. The address is 8400 County Hwy F in Baileys Harbor. Directions: from Sturgeon Bay travel Hwy 57 north to F, west on F (left) to Beantown (north side of road).

— Preliminary Rally Highlights —

Thursday, Oct. 4th	12:00 noon	Parking begins
		Open time to explore Door County
	5:30 p.m.	Pot luck dinner—bring your favorite dish to pass
Friday, Oct. 5th	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
		Open time to explore Door County
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
Saturday, Oct. 6th	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
		Attend Pumpkin Patch Festival/explore the area
	6:00 p.m.	Fish boil prepared by Dick and Arlene Redell
Sunday, Oct. 7th	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast

Registration Form for Fall Colorama Rally, October 4–7, Baileys Harbor, WI

You will need to make your camping reservation directly with Beantown Campground at 1-866-471-8696. Leave your name and say you're with the Airstream rally on the recording. The fee is \$22.00 per night. The campground amenities are noted above.

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Rally fee: \$25.00 per adult (includes fish boil, Friday dinner,
3 breakfasts, activities, and door prizes)

_____ adults x \$25.00 = _____

Kids under 18 are free

Total _____

Make checks payable to WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit and mail to Mary Schwenke, Treasurer,
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— Please note reservations and checks should be received by October 1—

Questions to Joan or Mike Lahr, rally hosts, 262-251-2159, or xla10004us@milwpc.com



It's that time of year again . . .

WBCCI dues for 2008 need to be paid to the Treasurer by October 15, 2007 in order for your name to be included in the Wisconsin Unit directory and the International directory for 2008. Dues for 2008 are as follows:

International dues	\$55.00
Wisconsin Unit dues	<u>\$15.00</u>
Total due to Treasurer:	<u>\$70.00</u>

Please make checks payable to: **W. B. C. C. I. – Wisconsin Unit**
Mail to: Sandy Emerick, Treasurer
838 E Eldorado St.
Appleton, WI 54911

Please update your personal information for our records and send with your dues.

Thank you for your continuing/new membership in the club!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2008 Membership Information

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Children: Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

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Courtesy parking: Yes _____ No _____

Type of membership: New _____ Life _____ Renewal _____ Transfer _____ From _____

Affiliate _____ Member-at-Large _____ Vintage _____

Birthday (month/day only): His _____ Hers _____ Anniversary _____

Interests/hobbies: His _____ Hers _____

Vocation: His _____ Hers _____