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Check out this new feature in your Badger Bulletin- identify the year and model of the Airstream in the photo on page 5 and win a (great) prize!

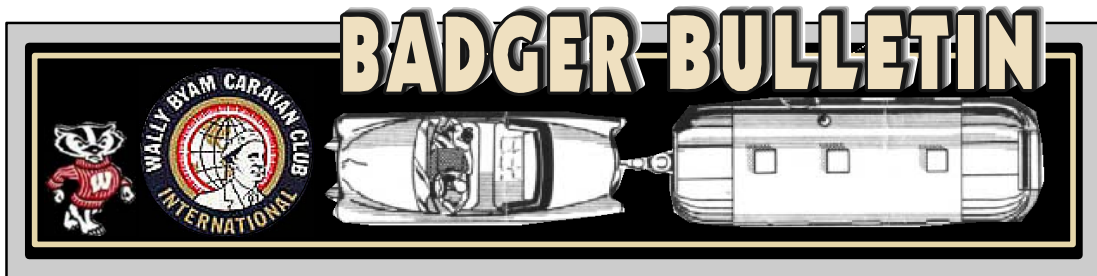
Make plans this winter for summer fun-. Consider the Yellowstone Trail Caravan to the Bozeman International! See details inside.

On the road? Stay in touch with the WI Unit website: <http://wisc.wbcc.net>



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Enough snow already! And with all due respect for our snowbird members, please no more reports about warm sunny days on the beach.

We wish you all well and a safe return to us this spring....but we are only hoping to dig our Airstreams out by then!!

Seriously, now is the time for all Wisconsin Airstreamers to start planning your warm weather trips for '08. Transfer the dates for Unit rallies to your calendar now because unit rallies are where the fun is at this year. And when you think of out of state travel, consider the Yellowstone Trail Caravan detailed on page 4. That caravan will take you right to the International Rally in Bozeman, Montana. Remember that adventure is around the corner...once we've dug out!

The 2008 WI Unit Membership Directory is now in your hands. I know you appreciate the updated look (i.e.color) that we're enjoying this year. So it's time to acknowledge the creativity and work of the Directory "staff", Bob Manak and Joan Lahr. Bob donated much of his time to printing and assembling the document from his own computer. Because of his work and Joan's assistance we have a quality publication representing our Unit. Thanks to you both!

A special thanks to Don and Kay Stenz for hosting a memorable Holiday Luncheon at Fusion Restaurant in Fond Du Lac last month. Twenty three members attended, taking advantage of one of the few good travel Saturdays we experienced in December.

Kay showed off her craft talents, making Airstream coasters she gave to attendees. And everyone enjoyed a unique dining experience in a restaurant Don's company renovated.

Please note that the correct date for the Valentine's Luncheon this year is February 9th. Hosts Vern and Leola Shultz have chosen a group favorite, Highway Harry's in Johnson Creek as our restaurant. See details on page 6.

Many of you have been keeping track of husband Mark's adventures in cardiac rehab. He is doing fine, though I'm sure he is tiring of the food police watching his daily intake of salt! It helps us both to spend this winter season grateful for the gift of life and to think ahead to future trips in our Airstream. And as of you're reading this, we have only about 99 days until our first Camp-Out of the year at Mirror Lake State Park starting on Friday, April 19th. At least they plow out the sites there!

Ellen McGaughey, Unit President

Unit Votes Tallied

Wisconsin Unit members voted at the end of 2007 for a slate of officers seeking election for Region 7 posts in 2008. Our Unit is a part of Region 7 which also includes the Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and Manitoba Units. Each of these Units has one vote for each office in the final election and while we don't know that final outcome, our vote has been taken.

The candidates receiving the majority votes by Wisconsin Unit members are:

Region 7 President: Don Rodgers
1st Vice President: Stan Schwenke
2nd Vice President: Joan Lahr

Thirty-five ballots (one vote per Airstream) were cast. Details about the election can be viewed on the Unit website.



New Members Welcome!

Ben & Molly Butterworth, shown below with their latest 'Stream, live near St. Louis, Missouri. Ben is the operations manager for a firm that restores



and rebuilds private railroad cars, and Molly is a curator at a transportation museum. They own three Airstreams - a 1949 Liner, a 1971 Sovereign, and a 2008 25' Classic - and enjoy traveling as much as they can when they're not working to support the Airstreams. They have been members of the WBCCI and Vintage Airstream Club since 2001.

Chris and Cheryl Fahler, below with their '77 Argosy, joined our unit late last year after many of us met them at the Door County Rally in October. The Fahler's live in Streamwood Illinois and have three other vintage "Streams- a 1971 Overlander that they use for rallies and travel and two more Overlanders (a '63 and a '69) that are waiting in the wings for updates and repairs. Chris is the repair guy and Cheryl handles the interior décor.



Steve and Kelly Klohn and their caravan of five- Andy age 20, Andrea-12, Calaynn-9, Amery-7 and Stefan-7 joined our unit late last year. Their home base is in Waukesha. Their 1967 Ambassador is their first ever travel trailer and Steve is taking the renovation of it seriously. For an interesting look at the Klohn coach, below, in progress check out Steve's blog at

<http://byamcaravanner.blogspot.com/>



Richard & Lindsey Hofer, below, discovered the WI Unit via our website and met us at the Holiday Luncheon in Fond Du Lac in December. We must have been on our best behavior because they joined the unit shortly thereafter! Please add their



information to your Unit Directory:

Richard & Lindsey Hofer
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Fond Du Lac, WI 54935
920-929-0738
rhofer@charter.net

Martha and Larry Shea, now from Janesville, are originally from Florida and have lived in Wisconsin since 1993. They have three daughters: Ellie, a sophomore at the University of Iowa, studying computer science, Ruthie, a senior in high school, who is hoping to attend UW Madison or U Minnesota. Daughter Caroline is a sophomore in high school and loves basketball and track. (Anybody thinking Teen Queen candidates here??)



Larry is an urgent care physician for Mercy hospital, in Janesville, and Martha has been busy making a home for the Sheas. They are interested in reading, gardening, camping (of course!), and bicycling. They recently began playing bridge; though hope to live long enough to fully understand the complexities of the game!

The Sheas are owners of a 2007 Safari SE 20' which is currently "wintering" in their driveway while Larry scouts out a tow vehicle.

Please add these new members to your Directory:

Charles (Chaz) Plummer and Karla Mattson,
268 Hayler Court
Oregon, WI 53575
(608) 835-3351

**Winter is the season in which
people try to keep the house
as warm as it was in the
summer. When they
complained about the heat.**

~author

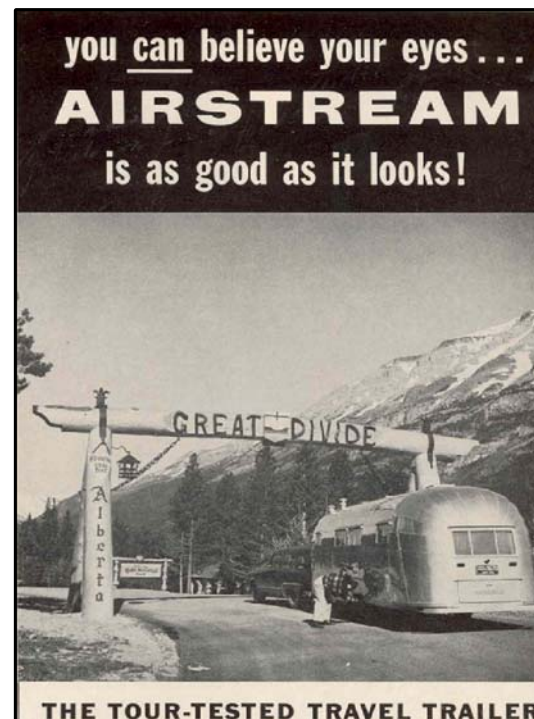
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Birthdays: *"The best birthdays of all are those that haven't arrived yet."* **Robert Orben**

Celebrating the start of the New Year and another birthday this month are: 1/1- Genny Range, 1/14- Norm Lammers, 1/16- Siegfried Katzfuss & Bill Upton, 1/25- Dennis Thayer & Larry Shea, 1/29 Donald Alesi and 1/31- Pearl Kyle.

Anniversaries: These unit members chose a winter wedding a few years ago: 1/2- John & Barb Sellers and 1/14 Nick & June Mazos. (Apologies to those whose birthdays and anniversaries we missed last Nov. and Dec. We promise to do better in 2008!)

Ruth Simmons, who with her husband Charles were once active Airstreamers, passed on November 9, 2007. Ruth survived Charles and was living in Watertown at the time of her death. Ruth and Charles spent 20 years after their retirement wandering the country in their 'Stream. They had two sons and five grandchildren. We enjoyed visiting with Ruth at the Holiday Luncheon in 2006 where she was the guest of Elwood and Lydia Brickbauer



The Yellowstone Trail Caravan



*Following the First Transcontinental
Highway to the International Rally in
Bozeman, MT*

with Sandy & Ed Emerick

The **Yellowstone Trail** was the first transcontinental automobile highway through the upper tier of states in the United States. It ran from Massachusetts to Seattle and was one of the earliest transcontinental automobile routes in the world. It had significant social, political and economic effects on either the local communities or the nation during its short life from 1912 to 1930. Our caravan will follow its route from Greenville, WI through South Dakota investigating a number of interesting and historical stops.

These stops will include **Thorp, WI** – a chance to see some Yellowstone Trail markers (boulders painted yellow) as well as a rare cottage style gas station, **Olivia, MN** - World's Largest Ear of Corn, **Ortonville MN** - Paul Bunyan's Anchor and **Aberdeen, SD**- a stop on the "Heart of the Road". We will then head for Wyoming and our next stop, **Thermopolis, WY**- Thermopolis has long been a hot bed of eruptive earth forces and this is the world's largest mineral hot spring. It is evidence of one great subterranean force viewable today. Today the thermal springs are utilized primarily for recreational and therapeutic purposes; we will swim in the thermal therapeutic waters of the area to relax from our long travels. From Thermopolis we are a hop skip and a jump from Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks where we explore the area for 5 days before heading into the International Rally in Bozeman, MT.

The Yellowstone Trail Caravan departs from the Greenville Grange on Monday June 16, 2008 and arrives in the Yellowstone National Park area on June 20, 2008. This caravan is limited to 10 units and you will need to RSVP with Ed & Sandy Emerick at eeemerick@new.rr.com, or 920-954-1585 or 838 E. Eldorado St, Appleton, WI, 54911 by February 1, 2008. Get your name on the list and join us on this Wisconsin Unit historical journey to the 2008 International Rally in Bozeman, MT. Caravan fees

have yet to be determined. If you can't join us you can still follow this route by visiting the Wisconsin Unit website and download this "Canned Caravan" for your own use!

Yellowstone Trail Caravan 2008

Itinerary Overview

Pre Day One - Sunday, June 15, 2008 - Meet at the Greenville Grange

Day One – Monday, June 16, 2008 - Destination - Prior Lake, MN

Day Two – Tuesday, June 17, 2008 - Destination - Aberdeen, SD

Day Three – Wednesday, June 18, 2008 - Destination – Spearfish, SD

Day Four – Thursday, June 19 –Destination – Thermopolis, WY

Day Five – Friday, June 20, 2008 - Destination – Moran, WY

Days Six & Seven – Saturday June 21 & Sunday June 22 - Yellowstone/Grand Teton National Parks

Day Eight – Monday, June 23, 2008 - Destination – Gardiner, MT

Day Nine - Tuesday, June 24, 2008 – Yellowstone National Park

Day Ten – Wednesday, June, 25, 2008 – Destination – Bozeman, MT



New Website Feature

Our unit website has a few new and updated features. A past presidents and past events pages have been added. The rallies and luncheons pages have been combined into an events schedule page. The events schedule page has map links included for most events. Clicking on the map link will bring up a Google map showing the location of the event. The best part is to come. Click the upper "get directions", enter your zip code or city and get a map and directions including mileage and estimated drive time. The website is at <http://wisc.wbccci.net>

The December Wisconsin website statistics are: 397 pages viewed by 129 visitors. The Region 7 site had: 244 pages viewed by 83 visitors.



Mary and I wish you a prosperous 2008 and safe Airstreaming.

A big "Thank You" to all of you who chose to become members of SkyMed through me. We appreciate it and I am here to serve you at anytime.

This year we plan on attending all the Airstream functions we can. It is a great feeling knowing, if the unexpected should occur, there are people at SkyMed ready to help and get us safely back home. That's why we are members and you should be too. If you would like more information on what SkyMed has to offer, please contact me.

See you down the road!
Contact: Stan Schwenke
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cell: 920-918-9923

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Can you identify this Airstream?? The first Unit member to correctly ID the year and model of this beauty and email (or call) the answer to the editor wins! The prize will be mailed to you and the winner announced in the February Badger Bulletin.



Camping World Update

Construction has been proceeding on a new 24,000 foot, \$25 million Camping World on a hill northeast of Interstate 39-90-94 and Highway 51 outside of Madison. The Camping World is partnered with a new 90,000 foot Gander Mountain. Last year the two retailers announced plans to market each other's products and services. The stores are scheduled for completion this summer.



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Hosts: Vernon and Leola Schultz

Tel: 608-580-0025 or E-Mail vschultz0025@charter.net





Your Bulletin Is In The Mail

On the application that members completed to join/renew their 2008 WI Unit membership, there was an opportunity for you to choose how you wanted to receive the Badger Bulletin. The choices were: 1. to receive a "hard" copy via the US Post Office, 2. to receive a notification via email that the Bulletin is available on the Unit website or 3. both! The majority of folks decided to receive their newsletter through the mail.

The following members indicated they wanted the email only notification: members with trailer numbers 11823, #14637, #4425, #21183, #2524, #3026, #1587, #6864, #4844 and #3773.

If your trailer number is on this list- this will be your last hard copy of the Badger Bulletin. If you have changed your mind about how you receive the Bulletin, please let the Editor know immediately. Email to mccgaugheys@verizon.net or call 608-254-7146.

Whose Your Buddy?

According to the Bylaws that govern the WBCCI, each Unit may conduct a "Buddy Rally" during the year. The purpose of a Buddy Rally is to introduce a non-member- perhaps a camping friend of yours that owns an RV other than Airstream or an Airstream owner who doesn't belong, to the Airstream way of life.

In 2008, the "Down on the Farm Rally" scheduled for May 16-19 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds is our buddy rally. Now is the time to be thinking about bringing a buddy to that rally! Look for details about the rally in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

Holiday Luncheon Highlights



2008 Wisconsin Unit Membership Survey

Your officers could use your help! They are in the process of finalizing the details of this year's rallies and planning for activities for 2009 and beyond. But the success of the Wisconsin Unit has always been dependant on YOU. Without your participation, we are only names on a roster. We all want a club that is lively, fun and fosters the Wally Byam spirit of adventure. Here's your chance to contribute your ideas about how to achieve that. (New members: tell us how we can meet your expectations!)

Please fill out this survey and return it to the Editor. Add any comments you like.

1. What activities do you look forward to most at an Airstream rally? Is there an activity that doesn't happen that you would like to see at a rally?
2. What area of the state that you would like to visit at a rally?
3. What are your food preferences at a rally? Pot-lucks, catered meals, restaurants?
4. What features do you like most and least about the Badger Bulletin?
5. What can we do to make the Unit Membership Directory more useful to you?
6. What would tempt you to join a unit caravan (destination, time of year, duration, cost)?
7. The year 2009 marks our Unit's 50th anniversary! How should we celebrate?