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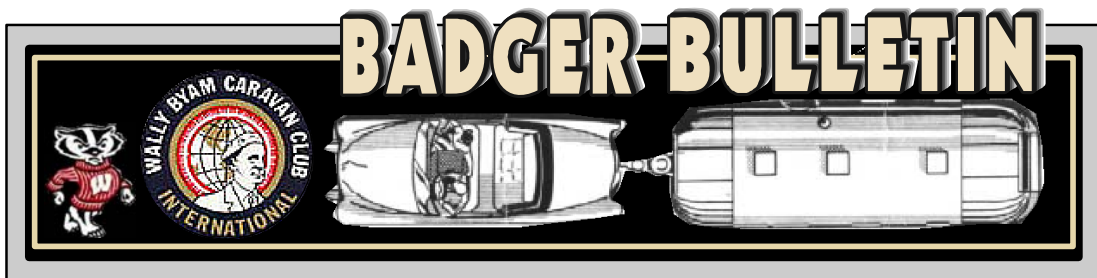
There were no winners in the "What's This Stream" contest in the last Bulletin- the trailer was a 1961 22' Safari! Try this month's puzzle.

Note the change of date/place for the March Luncheon- the new listing is Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Benvenuto's in Beaver Dam. See page 8 for details.

Reminder- registration for the Bozeman International can be found in your Blue Beret. Sign up now!

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## The Pres Sez:



Love me? Love my Airstream! Many of you readers are grateful like I am, that you and your mate are committed to fellowship and in your silver coach. Over the years I've personally seen what happens when a couple completes the childrearing stage and discovers the kids were the glue that bound them together. How nice that we have rivets!!

Winning boasting rights for longest relationship at the February Valentine's luncheon were Elwood and Lydia Brickbauer (below) who've celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding



anniversary! Luncheon hosts Vern and Leola Schultz greeted 20 members at Highway Harry's for this year's event. New members, the Hofers, Frydmans and Plummers were officially inducted into the unit. More on page 7.

Please note the changes in our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. The new date avoids a conflict with Easter weekend. For those of you who were looking forward to visiting Lake Geneva- the Rydells have promised to host a luncheon there in the future! So, dust off your green and join us in Beaver Dam on March 15<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks to members who took the time to fill out the 2008 Membership Survey. Your suggestions have been great. It is not too late to

return your survey. Find it in the January Bulletin and online at our Unit website. (<http://wisc.wbcci.net/>). No organization is static. Our membership is always changing and we need to always be improving if we want to "stay healthy". The summary of the survey results will be announced at the "Down on the Farm" Rally in Jefferson in May.

Speaking of which- save the dates of May 16-18 for Jefferson. Look for more details in the March Badger Bulletin.

*Ellen McGaughey, Unit President*

## Unit Members Brave the Yellowstone Trail To Bozeman!

Seven units will be going to the International Rally in Bozeman, MT via the nation's first transcontinental highway, the Yellowstone Trail. The caravan will depart from the Greenville Grange on June 15, 2008 and make stops in Thorp, WI, Aberdeen, SD and Thermopolis, WY as we work our way to Yellowstone National Park and finally Bozeman, MT. The highlight of the caravan, other than the group experiencing this leader's skill, wit and sense of adventure, will be our five-night stay at Fishing Bridge campground. Fishing Bridge is in the heart of Yellowstone and will allow our Caravaners to stay in a central location while they spend that time exploring our greatest National Park.

Along the way we will look for the difficult to find "Yellow Rock" that mark the trail from east to west. The trail's history is slowly being restored but evidence is still hard to find. Our Caravaners' goal, to find the yellow stones on the way to Yellowstone!

We do have room for 3 more units on this caravan (it would be necessary for you to make some of your own camping reservations, especially at fishing Bridge) but we would love to add you to our adventure. Contact Ed Emerick for more details.

*Ed Emerick, Unit Caravan Chairman*

## Personals

### New Members Welcome!

**Chaz and Karla Plummer**, with pooches Sophie and Maxine by their 16' Bambi CCD Airstream. The



Plummers took the occasion of their maiden trailer voyage to capture their Christmas card. Chaz and Karla love to travel, play golf and enjoy the great outdoors. Karla is also an avid artist and graphic designer. They make their home in Oregon, WI.

**Steve and Marla Frydman**, below, from Mequon have been camping with friends for many years but have had an Airstream for only a few years.



It is now Steve's hobby. They are slowly updating their 1971

Overlander International and having fun doing it. They would love to camp more often but we are both still working full time. Steve is a Podiatrist in the Milwaukee area and since the Frydman's 3 children have grown, Marla has

been one of Steve's office assistants. They are looking forward to making new friends and enjoying many outdoor experiences together.

### Directory Additions-

Please add the Frydmans and returning members:

Steve and Marla Frydman  
11121 N Pebble Lane  
Mequon, WI 53092  
262-241-3296

Larry and Carol Strong  
PMB #215, 200 Capital Cr  
Tallahassee, FLA 32301  
850-222-8889

Wayne and Carol Beaudette  
2024 15th St  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715-834-9623

Kevin Allen  
305 E. Vienna St.  
Anna, Illinois, 62906  
618 833-8137

### Birthdays:

"Getting old ain't for sissies." *Betty Davis*

Hardly folks born this wintry month are: 2/1- Bill Nelson, 2/3- Martha Shea and Ellen McGaughey, 2/7- Rona Dolgner, 2/13- Tyrone Thayer, 2/15- Barbara Pokorski, 2/23- Jane Belling, 2/24- Dick Parins, and 2/26- Bob Manak.

### Anniversaries:

"Marriage is an alliance entered into by a man who can't sleep with the window shut, and a woman who can't sleep with the window open."



*George Bernard Shaw*

Married in February are: 2/1- Richard & Genny Range, 2/10- Dick & Kris Parins, 2/11- Steve & Kelly Klohns, 2/15- Ed & Renee Harrison, and 2/27- William & Patricia Herzing.

### Congratulations:

To Unit Past President and current Region 7 2<sup>nd</sup> VP **Stan Schwenke** who recently received a Superior Merit Award streamer for 2006 from Pearl Adams-Kyle, Region President, for our unit's USA flag. The award recognizes a range of "best practices" that make a unit in the WBCCI a success.

Our unit received its first Superior Merit Award in 2005. In order to receive this recognition, the Unit President must complete an extensive report on unit activities for his/her year in office.



## In Touch

Long time member **Glee Leet** dropped a note with his membership survey to let us know that he has moved to Tudor Oaks in Mukwanago. Glee is not able to manage an Airstream on his own but intends to continue going to events and meeting friends. Glee mentioned that Bozeman was always a favorite site for an International Rally- he wishes us all a great summer.

We send our wishes for a speedy recovery to **Bill Kronholm** who has had a challenging few months healthwise. His latest problem is a dislocated hip. He is recovering at home with the help of his wife "nurse" **Lois**.

**Audrey and Gene Sinner** are soaking up the sun in Donna, Texas but are keeping touch to check the snow levels in Baraboo!

### Spreading the Word

♠ Ed and Sandy Emerick invite members interested in joining them at a Door County camping weekend at Peninsula State Park on April 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Give them a call or email for more details. (920) 954-1585 or [eeemerick@new.rr.com](mailto:eeemerick@new.rr.com).

♠ Jan & Dave Rightmyer, from the Texas Coastal Plains Unit have a home in the UP of Michigan that they go to each summer and will be traveling out to the Bozeman International from there. They were wondering if anyone in our unit might be interested in traveling with them. They want to be leave on June 19 and be there by the 23rd of June. If you interested, contact them at (210) 382-3303

♠ For Sale: For Sale: 2000 Land Yacht 390XL Airstream Motor Home. \$110,000 (average blue book \$120,000) Contact: Julian & Lynne Clements, Georgia Unit #2469, Cell: (706) 244-2129, e-mail: [dandylynne@alltel.net](mailto:dandylynne@alltel.net) Color: Exterior Blue/Silver/White Interior - Leather with Blue Accents, Hickory Cabinets. Amenities: Dual A/C, Dual furnaces, 3 Fantastic fans, Washer and Dryer Combo, Side by Side Refrigerator, Onan Generator, Queen Bed, 2 - 19" TV's, Low Profile Satellite System, 3 Solar Panels, New Coach Batteries, Awnings all around, Day/Night Shades. Comments: Excellent condition, non-smoking, housed in garage for last 2 1/2 years.

## Airstream Ranch

Unit members Joan Lahr and Pat Hart sent in this article that appeared in the Tampa Tribune entitled, "One Man's Art Is Another Man's Trash" on January 9. An excerpt:

"Evoking the spirit of kitschy Americana like giant balls of string or alligator wrestling, seven aluminum-plated travel trailers once destined for the junkyard have gotten unexpected mileage as a roadside curiosity along eastbound Interstate 4. Front ends partially buried in the dirt, rear bumpers scraping the sky, the old Airstream trailers lean at identical acute angles, catching glints of sunlight and the glances of highway travelers.



The man who arranged them into a row of giant silver dominoes frozen in free-fall said he is paying tribute to an American icon: the Cadillac Ranch, a display of 10 tail-finned cars placed nose-down in a prairie near Amarillo, Texas. "It's art," said Frank Bates, the owner of Bates RV and the adjacent field near McIntosh Road where the teetering trailers were planted Friday. But one person's art is another's junk - at least that is how Hillsborough County code enforcement inspectors defined the display when they found Bates in violation of land-use codes. Bates will be cited for accumulating items on his property - namely the old trailers - that code enforcement officers deem debris or junk, Green said. Bates can explain his case at a code enforcement board hearing, she said. If Bates does not comply, he could have daily fees assessed on his property. Although allegedly in violation of county codes, the trailers have passed the muster of the county Environmental Protection Commission's wetlands and solid waste divisions. The trailers, which were put into position by crane and backhoe operators, are on pasture, not wetlands, commission inspector Bob Owens said."

By RAY REYES

For the complete story go to:  
<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2008/jan/09/me-one-mans-art-is-anothers-trailer-trash/>

## Mid-Winter IBT Report

The Winter IBT Meeting/Rally was held January 14 - 18, 2008 at Gonzales, Louisiana. The open seminar was held on January 15th and the Executive Meeting and IBT Meeting were held on January 18th. Live streaming was offered on the internet and the meetings have been archived so anyone can hear exactly what transpired. This is available at [www.wbccci.org](http://www.wbccci.org) and then click on the IBT link. A short summation of the highlights follows:

The reports of the Standing Committees were presented and I have noted some items.

**Budget:** We are running a deficit budget this year due to loss of total membership and loss of advertising income. Ewalds Airstream will be one of three dealers that will not be advertising in the Blue Beret this year. They are cutting back on expenses. The IBT instructed the budget committee to make recommendations to balance the budget.

**Caravan:** As of January 18th there were 16 caravans scheduled to come to the Bozeman International Rally.

**Family & Youth:** A website is being set up for the youth of the WBCCI to chat and get information on International Youth Activities.

The Common Cents child from Perry, GA is undergoing chemo and may need a lung transplant. Her progress can be followed on <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/abbywilson>

Note: Common Cents is a "loose change" collecting project conducted by children attending the International Rally. The proceeds are given to child with a medical problem chosen from the community.

The Special Committee reports highlights were:

**Long Range Planning:** Bill Schrader #283 was selected by this committee to be Chairman. There are currently five members on this committee and they are looking for two more. February 10th is the deadline for resumes for anyone interested in joining this committee. It will be called the 20/20 committee.

**Electronic Communications:** This committee has worked with Units, Regions, Intra-Clubs and National and Special Event Rallies to create free WBCCI websites that are linked to each other. To date, 41 Units, 6 Regions, 2 Intra-Club and 2 National and Special Event Rally websites have been created. The goal is to expand the WBCCI.net network to include as many of the units, regions, etc. as are interested in sites.

### Motions of note:

#5 the nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers which **will include all candidates deemed suitable for each office**, etc. This motion was defeated 16 - 2. (Candidates not nominated by the committee should get their resumes in the April Blue Beret, deadline of Feb. 15th. This will give the units time to review the candidates and instruct their delegates on how to vote at the June delegate's meeting).

#8 The Units, Regions and International may use the title **First Lady** or **First Mate** on their badges as appropriate. This motion adopted.

#10 Adding a notification to the Blue Book that Units now need to file an annual 990-N form with the IRS. This motion adopted.

#13 Mississippi Unit flag - Adopted.

#14 Hudson-Mohawk New York flag - Adopted

#15 Vintage Airstream Club flag - Adopted

Other notes: Barry Heckenswiler (past President of Region 2) will be nominated by the Nominating Committee for 3rd International VP at Bozeman.

During the months of November-December, **The Wisconsin Unit had the third highest hits on their website with 566. (Thanks to our Webmaster Bob Manak for his work making our site a success!)** The total hits on all WBCCI.net sites was 6,550.



“Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling” Unknown



## ID This Airstream?

Can you identify this Airstream?? The first Unit member to correctly recognize the year 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 March Badger Bulletin.

The answer to last month's "puzzle" is a 1961 Safari. Do you have a photo of an Airstream that you'd like

identified? Send it in to the editor and it will be included in this contest.

## Milwaukee RV Show Approaches

Wisconsin RVers will be visiting State Fair Park this month for the Milwaukee RV Show. The show will host 100 exhibitors including Ewald Airstream from Franklin. Last year, members from the WI Unit



*ad from 1935 trailer show.*

volunteered at the Ewald booth to talk to potential Airstream buyers about the WBCCI and our unit, in particular. This year, we have designed a special flyer describing the WI Unit that will be available along with the WBCCI membership packet and copies of the Blue Beret at the booth. If you are interested in visiting the show and spending some time at the Ewald booth as a "recruiter", please contact Bob Manak at 262-524-8711 immediately. The show dates/times are:

Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm

Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-6 pm

Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 9 pm

Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm

Admission is \$8 per adult and parking is \$5.



Sue and Wilbur Collins of Hillsboro, TX were traveling through Las Vegas when Sue became ill. She was immediately hospitalized, complications arose and it wasn't until three weeks later she was stable enough to be transported. SkyMed flew Sue, along with Wilbur, by air ambulance to Temple, TX for continuing care. Arrangements were made to return their RV home by a professional driver.

Over 40 phone calls were made by SkyMed to complete this service. The total cost would have been \$20,660.00 if they had not been SkyMed members. Could you have budgeted \$20,000.00 or more for an emergency such as this?

The Collins are members of WBCCI and have been with SkyMed since 1996.

Contact me and let me explain what SkyMed can do for you!

Stanley Schwenke, rep #391601  
e-mail: [smh9112@hotmail.com](mailto:smh9112@hotmail.com)  
cell: 920-918



## Flags A Flyin'

Unit members who've attended a rally- be it a unit rally all the way up the International Rally, know the absolute beauty of a row of Airstreams with their flags blowing in the wind. The sight of it makes you think of the first celebrations of Wally Byam's Fourth of July birthday



around which our International Rallies have traditionally been arranged. The red, white and blue against the gleaming silver of our coaches add a genuine patriotic touch to our rallies. Add to that our state, unit, Vintage and other flags!

The WBCCI Blue Book (the compilation of our International Constitution, Bylaws and Policies) addresses the "how and where" of flag arrangement on trailers at rallies. While Unit Officers have copies of the actual Blue Book- you can access the book on the WBCCI website:

<http://www.wbcci.org/>

Go to the *General Information* link where you will find flag protocol in *Bylaws and Policy, Appendix # 12*, starting on page 8. We will also have a "flag talk" at our first rally of the year in Jefferson this May.

If you have a flag holder attached to your trailer- bring those flags to our rallies this year! Fly them high!! If you are new to the club, you can find flag poles and holders for sale in the Classified Section of the Blue Beret under the "Miscellaneous" category. Or come to your first rally, check it out and be inspired.



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## Reminders

κ Spaces are filling up for the International Rally at Bozeman! Sign up now (registration in the Blue Beret) and consider joining the Wisconsin Unit Yellowstone Trail Caravan there. Remember that there is an April deadline for requesting 30 amp service in Bozeman.

κ If you are traveling to the Region 7 Rally at Thunder Bay, Ontario this August, you will need a passport to return to the USA. You will also need proof of vaccinations for cats or dogs you take across the border. Because of delays in passport processing- you must act now! Registration for the Thunder Bay Rally will be the the March Bulletin.

## Valentine Luncheon '08

Attending the luncheon at Highway Harry's in Johnson Creek were Hosts Vern and Leola Schultz, Mark and Ellen McGaughey, Dennis and Patti Thayer, Bob and Phyllis Toonen. Elwood and Lydia Brickbauer, Jack and Bobbie Moen (visiting from California), Bob and Tyra Garipey, Rich and Lindsey Hofer, Chaz and Karla Plummer and Steve and Marla Frydman.



Standing left to right, Ellen McGaughey installs new members Chaz and Karla Plummer, Lindsey and Rich Hofer and Steve and Marla Frydman while, bottom left, Patti and Dennis Thayer and Jack Moen witness the ceremony.



Clockwise top left, Elwood and Lydia Brickbauer share an Airstream tale with Lindsey Hofer. Below Bob and Tyra Garipey, below center the Moens and the Toonens give Ellen their attention, Bottom left. Leola and Vern Schultz discuss an important management decision.





# Get Lucky



## St Patrick's Luncheon Saturday March 15th, 11:30 am Benvenuto's Italian Grill in Beaver Dam

Everybody's Irish this time of year! So reserve the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day to celebrate the holiday with your Airstream friends. We'll spin some stories and share some food (Italian instead of Irish, though!).

**All roads lead to Beaver Dam!**

Please RSVP to Mark and Ellen McGaughey by Wednesday, March 12th.

Call: (608) 254-7146 or

Email: [mcgaugheys@verizon.net](mailto:mcgaugheys@verizon.net)



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