

January 2011

THE PREZ SEZ. . .



Happy New Year!

No January *Prez Sez* column would be complete without the traditional picture of the president standing next to a snow-covered trailer. I'm afraid this issue's picture is a little wimpy. We actually had quite a bit of snow, but it was drifting powder and it mostly blew *off* of the Airstream!

If you want to see a *really* snow covered trailer see the Sinner's on page 6!

This issue of the *Badger Bulletin* contains a revised 2011 unit activities calendar. Two unit caravans announced by our intrepid caravan chairman Ed Emerick, the *Badgers Gone Buckeye* Caravan and the *Badgers Go Weird in Wisconsin* Caravan have been added. See details on page 3.

Also, the date of the Valentine's luncheon has been corrected. It's on Saturday, February 12, not the 14th as shown on the calendar in the November newsletter.

Unfortunately it looks like gas prices are headed skyward again, with \$4 a gallon being widely predicted by summer. Two thoughts about that:

First, we've been there before. The last time gas was that expensive we did the unit Yellowstone Trail Caravan to the International at Bozeman, and Barb and I spent a few weeks after the International touring the beautiful Northwest. I'm sure we cringed paying the monthly credit card bills, but we'll never forget that trip. **And**, our present tow vehicle gets about 30% better mileage, towing, than the one we used then!

And second, if you want to keep your trips short, Wisconsin is a great place to do it! Check out the Wisconsin activities described on page 6 and see if you don't agree!

See you "up" the road, John Sellers, President

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March Luncheon – March 26, 2011 at Benvenuto's Italian Grill, Fitchburg, hosted by Patti and Dennis Thayer.

Wisconsin Unit Facebook Group

Sandy Emerick

Yes! We are now on Facebook! All members currently on Facebook, ask to join the group "WBCCI Wisconsin Unit" to be part of our group. I have set the privacy settings to only allow members access to our information. We don't want to worry about our travel plans being too public!

Please feel free to use this site to post events, weekend camp-outs, a need for a weekend camp-out, help with a technical issue, recipes (like Margarita Pie!), pictures, and so on!

If you are currently not on Facebook, maybe now is the time to sign-up!

Free Days at National Parks in 2011

Contributed by Joan Lahr

The National Park service has announced that there will be seventeen "free" days at all national parks and monuments in 2011. The first is in conjunction with Martin Luther King day on January 15 through January 17. The second period is to commemorate National Park week from April 16 through April 24. The first day of summer will also be free, June 21. The next period is National Public Lands Day, and will be observed on September 24. The last free period will be the week ending that also marks Veteran's day, November 11 through November 13. All entry fees are to be waived on these days. In addition, the Park Service intends to have special programs on those free days to also emphasize the special days.

Mid-Winter IBT Issues

In just two weeks the International Board of Trustees will be meeting in Robstown, Texas. Region 7 President Joan Lahr will be representing our unit at this meeting.

There are two significant issues of which all WBCCI members should be aware.

Bylaws amendments

This year two special committees have been appointed to recommend changes, a Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee (separate from the standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee) and a Motor Home Study Committee. The report of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee is missing from the published agenda, so we do not know what changes will be proposed.

The report of the Motor Home Study Committee contains a paragraph which is cause for concern: "The other alternative would be for a motion be presented to allow any member who owns a current Airstream Motor home to replace it with another brand class A coach." This is a controversial issue which was rejected by a majority of the membership in 2007. Three Wisconsin Unit members, Sandy Emerick, Ed Emerick, and John Sellers, sent a letter to all members of the IBT, with copies to all unit presidents, regarding this issue. This is posted on the unit web site under "Mid-Winter IBT Issues".

Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Region 11

Region 11 has proposed a constitutional amendment, following the procedure prescribed by Article XVI of the WBCCI Constitution. The chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has informed Region 11 that its proposed amendment will "not be allowed to go forward". The Region 11 President has introduced a motion at the mid-winter IBT asking the IBT to direct the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to perform its duties spelled out by the WBCCI constitution and published policies. The Denver Colorado Unit which originally proposed this amendment has sent several letters to all unit presidents explaining their position.

These are complex issues, and too lengthy to include in this newsletter. Detailed information and copies of all of the letters noted above are posted on the unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/>

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News Bits – continued

In Memoriam

The news has come to us that Mark and Ellen McGaughey's canine companion Rebel, a regular at Wisconsin Unit rallies for many years, has passed on to the happy hunting ground. Rebel was a sweet and loving dog who will be greatly missed. The many dog lovers in the Wisconsin Unit (and our dogs) extend our deepest sympathy to Mark and Ellen. Farewell, Rebel. We'll see you down the road.

Wisconsin Unit Caravan 2011

Ed & Sandy Emerick
Caravan Chairman

Badgers Go Buckeye Caravan

The Wisconsin Unit is happy to announce this year's caravan plans will include a wild trip to the Buckeye State to attend the Alumapalooza Rally at Jackson Center and the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally. Join your hosts Ed & Sandy Emerick on this exciting trip to their native state as we sample many of the pleasures that Ohio can offer.

The caravan will begin on May 27, 2011 in Appleton, WI and we will begin our travels the following morning. Our route will take us over the top of Michigan as we explore the UP and avoid the Chicago traffic. The trip will include stops in Mackinaw City, Frankenmuth, MI, and Port Clinton, OH, finally arriving at Alumapalooza on May 31. We will stay at that event until the morning of June 5. We will depart for a stop in Columbus, OH, the Akron, OH area, and Cleveland, OH to attend the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally, arriving in the late afternoon of June 8, 2011. This rally will run from June 8, 2011 through June 12, 2011. See (<http://www.wbcci.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=Rallies&monthID=6> or the December Blue Beret for additional rally information).

Come explore the great State of Ohio with us as we attend Alumapalooza, one of the finer events for Airstream owners, eat famous Barberton Chicken in the Akron area, and tour the Westside Market and the Christmas Story house in Cleveland. We will also have stops in the Tourist Traps of Mackinaw City enjoying their many shops and beautiful views of the bridge, and the Christmas town of Frankenmuth, MI with its German style food and brewery. Our stop in Port Clinton offers either peaceful camping on the shores of Lake Erie or in the mayhem and bustle of Cedar Point Amusement Park's 5 star campground. I will make this reservation depending on the feedback of the attendees, but if you ask me, Cedar Point is my favorite campground in the world!

This is a pay as you go caravan; attendees are responsible for making their own reservations at

Alumapalooza (go to www.alumapalooza.com to register) and the Sprit of Cleveland National Rally (coupon available in the December Blue Beret or call Tom Christopher @ 440-953-9559). These events will fill quickly, so make your reservation now and come join us on this fun filled adventure!

If you are wanting to "Go Buckeye" there is no limit on the number of attendees, but **please notify us that you will be caravanning by March 1, 2011.**

Our contact information is Ed & Sandy Emerick, WBCCI # 4425, 838 E Eldorado Street, Appleton, WI, 54911. Telephone 920-954-1585 or email us at eeemerick@new.rr.com or redwagon@new.rr.com.

PS – This just in.... this year there will be *not only* the *Badgers Go Buckeye* Caravan but also *another* Wisconsin Unit Caravan in the fall!

Yes it's true, not **one** but **two** unit caravans in the same year! Say it ain't so, Ed—but it is! Join us on the ***Badgers Go Weird in Wisconsin Caravan***, September 11, from the Region 7 Vintage rally at Elkhart Lake to the Apostle Islands Adventure Rally in Washburn, WI. Stay tuned for more information later this spring on this exciting caravan.



Wisconsin Concrete Park – part of *weird Wisconsin*.

December Holiday Luncheon

Hi Way Harry's, Johnson Creek, WI
December 11, 2010

Photos by Bob Manak

Bob and Heidi Manak managed to host the December luncheon despite blizzard warnings and snowy winter weather. Some folks who had to travel longer distances had to cancel, but a handful of brave Wisconsin Airstreamers made it to Hi Way Harry's despite the weather.



Thanks, Bob and Heidi, for managing to pull it off against long odds!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2011 Activities Calendar

Revised 1/11



February 12, 2011: Valentine's Luncheon at Spring Garden Restaurant, Waunakee, hosted by Lilly and Neil King



March 26, 2011: March Luncheon at Benvenuto's Italian Grill, Fitchburg, hosted by Patti and Dennis Thayer



April 29 – May 1, 2011: April Camp Out at Wisconsin Dell's KOA hosted by Ellen and Mark McGaughey

April 30, 2011: April Luncheon at Dell's area restaurant (TBD) hosted by Ellen and Mark McGaughey



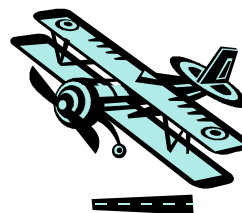
May 18 – 22, 2011: Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally, featuring "Little Switzerland", New Glarus, Wisconsin. Sweet Minihaha Campground, Brodhead, hosted by Barb and John Sellers



May 28, 2011: Badgers Gone Buckeye Caravan, to Alumapalooza Rally, Jackson Center, Ohio and Spirit of Cleveland Rally, Cleveland, Ohio, led by Ed and Sandy Emerick



June 28 – July 4, 2011: WBCCI International Rally, Du Quoin, Illinois



July 24 – 29, 2011: WBCCI Region 7 Rally, in conjunction with EAA Airventure Fly-In, Apple Creek Campground, DePere, Wisconsin



September 9 – 11, 2011: Region 7 Vintage Rally, Road America, Elkhart Lake. Hosted by Region 7 VAC and Don and Kay Stenz

September 11 – 15, 2011. Badgers Go Weird in Wisconsin Caravan from Region 7 Vintage Rally to Apostle Islands Adventure Rally, led by Ed and Sandy Emerick



September 15 – 18, 2011: Apostle Islands Adventure Rally, Thompson's West End Park Campground, Washburn, hosted by Barb and John Sellers



October 14 – 16, 2011: Doin' the Door Rally, Door County, (TBD) hosted by Sandy and Ed Emerick

Think Summer!

This time of year it's hard to imagine summer Airstreaming fun with our Airstreams hibernating under a heavy blanket of snow. . .



Photo courtesy of Gene and Audrey Sinner

. . . but warm weather will return in a few months. (We hope, anyway!) Come the spring thaw, there are a lot of great Wisconsin events planned for 2011.

April Campout and Luncheon, Wisconsin Dells, hosted by Mark & Ellen McGaughey. This is a great way to kick off the camping season. Once again we will be camping at the Wisconsin Dells KOA, a very nice campground whose owners could not be more friendly. (And they give us a low daily rate on account of it being off season!)



2010 April Campout, Wisconsin Dells KOA

May Unit Rally, Touring Wisconsin Alps, New Glarus, hosted by Barb & John Sellers. Betcha didn't know Wisconsin even *had* alps! But in 1845 the scouts for the Glarus Emigration Society reported surrounding "mountains" as one of the desirable features of the land they proposed to buy for the settlement of New Glarus. The town of New Glarus has been "Little Switzerland" ever since.

<http://www.swisstown.com/>



A New Glarus butcher shop. (English also spoken!)

We will be camping at the Sweet Minihaha Campground in nearby Brodhead. See the Swiss Historical Village, the very Swiss historical district of New Glarus, and of course, the New Glarus brewery! Brodhead also has a historical museum, Amish shops, **and**, at the time of the rally, will have a traveling Smithsonian exhibition!

Badgers Gone Buckeye Caravan will depart from Appleton the week after the New Glarus rally!

WBCCI International Rally will be in DuQuoin, IL, right down the road, June 28 – July 4 2011!

Region 7 Rally will be in DePere, Wisconsin, July 24-29. Lots of things to see and do, EAA Airventure in Oshkosh, Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and stadium, and National Railroad Museum. And, a *spanferkel*! (Remind me to Google that. . .)

Back by popular demand, the **Region 7 VAC Rally** will be at Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI, September 9 – 11.



Vintage sports cars racing, Road America, 2010

Hopefully having recovered from the June unit caravan, our intrepid caravanners Ed & Sandy Emerick will lead the **Badgers Gone Weird in Wisconsin Caravan** from the VAC Rally at Elkhart Lake to the Apostle Island Rally the following week!

Apostle Islands Adventure Rally will be Sept 15-18 at Thompson's West End Park Campground, on the shore of Lake Superior in Washburn, Wisconsin. Tour the National Lakeshore, take an Apostle Islands Cruise on the *Island Princess*, visit the Bayfield Maritime Museum, tour Madeline Island, and sample the wares of local orchards and smoked fish shops.

Finish out the season Oct 14-16 at Ed & Sandy Emerick's **Doin' the Door Rally**, Door County.



Ed cooks eggs to order at Doin' the Door, 2008

No shortage of "things to do" in the Wisconsin Unit!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

Valentine Luncheon

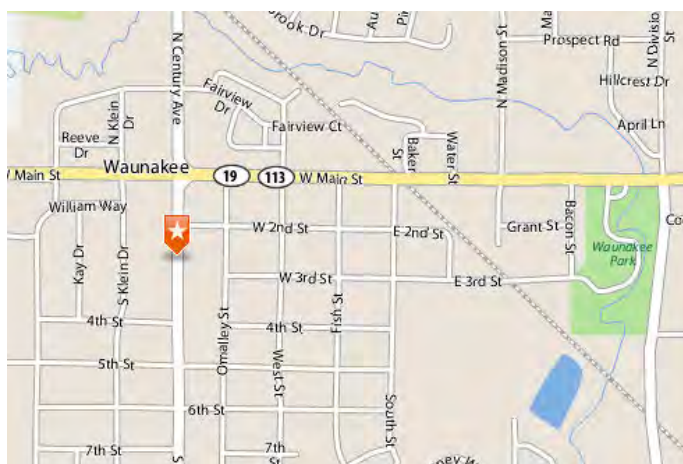
Saturday, February 12, 2011, 11:30 AM



Hosted by Lilly & Neil King

**Spring Garden Restaurant
225 South Century Ave
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 850-3732**

RSVP to Lilly & Neil King, 608-849-8093 lking8801@tds.net



The Spring Garden Restaurant in Waunakee is located in a shopping center on South Century Avenue about two blocks south of West Main Street (State Route 19/113).

There is plenty of parking in the shopping center.



WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

MARCH LUNCHEON



Saturday, March 26, 2010, 11:30 AM

**Benvenuto's Italian Grill
2949 Triverton Pike Drive
Fitchburg, WI 53711**

(608) 278-7800

Hosted by Patti & Dennis, #6569

RSVP to Patti & Dennis 608-274-7663 vintagepatti@earthlink.net

Benvenuto's is located in Fitchburg, on Triverton Pike Drive at Gaylord Way

Take Fish Hatchery Road exit off US 12/14/18/151 and go south about 2 miles, then right on McKee Road. Go ¼ mile west to left on Triverton Pike Drive.

