

February 2011

## THE PREZ SEZ. . .



Winter ain't for wimps. In the picture I'm holding my trophy for grace and artistry in executing a spectacular 1 and ½ gainer, landing on concrete. I clipped my right knee and ended up with what the doctor called a fracture of the tibial plateau.

Fortunately the location of the break didn't carry much load so I was able to hobble around with a cane or walker for a couple of weeks until healing got underway, hence the temporary handicapped tag. With healing begun the doctor said I could do whatever I wanted as long as I didn't do anything foolish. Complete healing will take about 3 months, during which time I can do increasingly foolish things until I am cleared for full foolishness about the start of Airstreaming season!

Thanks to Lilly & Neil King for hosting the Valentine's Luncheon! We had a good turnout for this midwinter event. See story on page 5.

There is a lot of news out of the Mid Winter IBT this month, much of it having to do with things that will need to be considered at the May business meeting. In particular the Executive Committee will be proposing a whole new WBCCI constitution which will be voted upon (and possibly amended) at the Delegates Meeting at the 2011 International. See news item on the Mid Winter IBT, page 2.

Bob Manak held off on publishing the unit directory until now to pick up late renewals and new members. It is in printing as I write this, and once again Bob has done an **outstanding** job on our Unit Directory.

Bob, and Ellen McGaughey, have been conducting "focus groups" to increase vital participation in club offices and at club events. Their results are reported on page 3. Please join me in thanking them for the effort they are putting forth.

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

## The Wisconsin Unit What's New

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April 29 – May 1, 2011



## News Bits

### Upcoming Unit Events

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

**April Camp Out – April 29 – May 1, 2011** at Wisconsin Dells KOA, hosted by Mark and Ellen McGaughey

**April Luncheon – April 30, 2011** at Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Company, Wisconsin Dells, hosted by Mark and Ellen McGaughey

### Welcome New Members!

Wisconsin Unit welcomes 2 new members this month, both from Illinois.

**Pamela Fisher** of Moline, IL encountered our unit at the Elkhart Lake rally and decided to join WBCCI. She is also an active member of our Facebook group. She has a vintage Bubble, not the first vintage trailer she has restored!

**Dave and Dolores Mayo** WBCCI #1772, of St. Charles, IL, joined us from the WDCU.

Welcome aboard, and hope to see you this summer!

### Mid-Winter IBT

The Wisconsin Unit was well represented at the Mid-Winter IBT meeting at Robstown, Texas. In addition to our Region 7 President, Joan Lahr, and husband Mike, were Pearl Adams-Kyle and her husband Dean, Stan & Mary Schwenke, Ed & Carol Witzke, and Bill & Cathy Nelson. Remarkably, Region 7 had more attendees than any other region!



A proposed new WBCCI Constitution was announced at the Mid Winter IBT which units, through their delegates, will be asked to ratify at the 2011 International Rally. The new Constitution was not revealed at the Mid Winter IBT, but the chairman

of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee reported in his presentation that:

WBCCI would go to more electronic means of operation.

The present Delegates meeting would be replaced by direct member voting on issues.

Individual members, including Members at Large, will have a vote.

Term of Region officers would be reduced.

Number of Regions would be reduced.

The Wally Byam Code of Ethics would be replaced with a new "Standard of Conduct".

The Ethics and Grievance Committee will be eliminated.

There will be fewer meetings at the International.

This raises some questions. As its name implies, the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee had the task of revising both the Constitution and the Bylaws. Many of the points listed above are set in the Bylaws, not the Constitution. For example, the present Constitution does not specify the number of regions.

However, units will only be asked to ratify the new *Constitution*, which is supposed to be released to the membership around April 1. Adoption of the new *Bylaws* will be some time in the future. Delegates will be asked to approve individual sections of the constitution by a majority vote, and then the entire constitution, (possibly amended by the Delegates) will have to pass by a 2/3 vote in order to be adopted.

The constitutional amendment proposed by Region 11 (mentioned in last month's newsletter and on the unit web site) was sent back to the originating unit to be approved by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee before being re-sent to the other units in the region. But it was agreed that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee *would* report the amendment to Headquarters in accordance with its duty. We may also be asked to vote on this amendment, which would only go into effect if the new constitution is *not* adopted, since the two are mutually exclusive.

### The Badger Bulletin

#### WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116

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## News Bits – continued

### Condolences

Condolences to past president Don and Kay Stenz on the passing of Don's mother Joanne. She was well known at many Wisconsin Unit rallies, a remarkable lady. This has been a very rough year for Don and Kay. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

### Caravan News

#### ***Badgers Go Buckeye Caravan***

By Ed & Sandy Emerick

Last month hosts Ed & Sandy Emerick announced an exciting trip to their native state to sample many of the pleasures that Ohio can offer, including the Alumapalooza Rally at Jackson Center and the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally in Cleveland. Their original cutoff date was March 1, but they have graciously extended it to April 1.

The caravan will meet on May 27, 2011 in Appleton, WI and begin the following morning. The route will go over the top of Michigan to explore the UP and avoid the Chicago traffic. The trip will include stops in Mackinaw City and Frankenmuth, MI, and Port Clinton, OH, arriving at Alumapalooza on May 31, remaining there until the morning of June 5. It will depart for stops in Columbus, OH, and Akron, OH, arriving the afternoon of June 8 at the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally, which runs from June 8 through June 12. See [Spirit of Cleveland Rally](#) web site or the Blue Beret for additional information.

Explore the State of Ohio and 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. There will also be stops in Mackinaw City enjoying the shops and views of the bridge, and Frankenmuth, MI with its German style food and brewery. The 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. Ed and Sandy will make reservations at the campground preferred by the caravanners, but highly recommend Cedar Point as their favorite campground.

This is a pay as you go caravan; attendees are responsible for making their own reservations at Alumapalooza (go to [www.alumapalooza.com](http://www.alumapalooza.com) to register) and the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally (coupon available in the Blue Beret, or call Tom Christopher @ 440-953-9559). These events will fill quickly, so make your reservation now for this fun filled adventure!

If you are wanting to "Go Buckeye" there is no limit on the number of attendees, but **please notify Ed and Sandy that you will be caravanning by April 1.** Contact information is Ed & Sandy Emerick, WBCCI # 4425, 838 E Eldorado Street, Appleton, WI, 54911. Telephone 920-954-1585 or email [emerick@new.rr.com](mailto:emerick@new.rr.com) or [redwagon@new.rr.com](mailto:redwagon@new.rr.com).

### ***Badgers Go Buckeye Caravan Option***

Anyone who would like to join the ***Badgers Go Buckeye*** caravan but would prefer *not* to attend Alumapalooza are welcome to stay for free at John & Barbara Sellers place, just south of Bellbrook, OH, about 60 miles south of Jackson Center. We have 3 acres of wooded land for grass parking and can provide daisy-chained "3 amp" electric and water, also kitchen and bathroom facilities in our currently-unoccupied guest apartment. Numerous historical attractions are nearby, including the [Air Force Museum](#), [Carillon Park](#), and the [Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal](#). If you would like to stay with us, advise Ed & Sandy when you sign up for the caravan and contact John & Barb at 937-848-5924 or email [sellersj@erinet.com](mailto:sellersj@erinet.com)

### ***Wagon Wheel Caravan to Du Quoin Grazing Across the Illinois Prairie***

Led by Kevin Allen, WBCCI # 6359

This year the Vintage Airstream Club Wagon Wheel Caravan to the International Rally at Du Quoin, IL will be led by Wisconsin Unit's own Kevin Allen. This caravan is open to VAC members and "friends", people who have paid the VAC dues (\$20) but do not own a vintage Airstream. Tentative schedule:

Rendezvous June 15-16 at Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area, Highland, WI

June 17-18 – Hickory Hollow Campground, Utica, IL  
Tour Quad Cities and I & M Canal on your own.

June 19-20 – Illinois State Fairground, Springfield, IL. Tour Illinois State Capitol and Lincoln historical sites on your own.

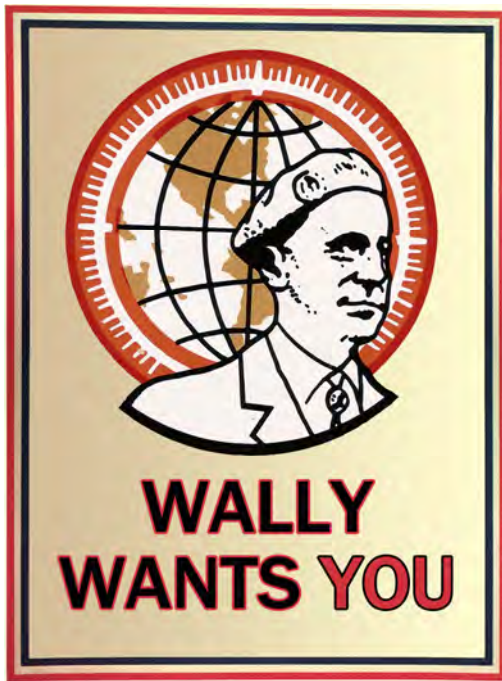
June 21-22, touring Ohio River Road Territory from Rosiclare, IL to Cairo, IL. Tour on your own, *Shawnee Queen* Riverboat Tour. Campgrounds Casey KOA, Casey, IL and 34 Ranch & RV Resort, Herrod, IL.

June 23 - 24 - caravan finale. Double M Campground, Junction, IL.

June 25 – arrive at International Rally, Du Quoin, IL.

Contact Kevin Allen, Wagonmaster, WBCCI #6359  
675 Lick Creek Road, Anna, IL 62906-3257  
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### **Future of Our Unit**

Bob Manak – Nominating Committee

Our unit is still facing a critical shortage of officers for next year. Ellen McGaughey and I facilitated comment-idea sessions at the last three luncheons. The comments we received are summarized below. (A more detailed listing is on the unit web site.).

For reference the officer job duties are listed in the Constitution and Bylaws, which are also available on our unit website. A description was also given in the November/December newsletter.

Please send comments to Ellen McGaughey, 608-254-7146 or [mcgaugheys@charter.net](mailto:mcgaugheys@charter.net) or Bob Manak, 262-544-6151 or [bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)

#### **Comments and Ideas to Improve Participation**

##### **Impediments to becoming an officer:**

- Too much work and too time-consuming
- Rallies too complex -- simplify

##### **Scale back on food preparation at rallies**

(Goals: more relaxing rallies with less commitment to food preparation; free president from having to maintain kitchen supplies)

- continue coffee service, but get rid of most other kitchen supplies
- increase number of potlucks
- more snack Happy Hours, fewer supper meals

##### **Offer more Camp-Outs**

(Goals: decrease amount of time involved in planning a group camping event)

- members make own campground reservations
- combine camp-outs with luncheons when possible
- plan potluck meals at the camp-out with group participation in menu planning

##### **Decrease number of rallies to 1-2 per year**

(Goal: encourage participation with selling point of quality vs. quantity)

- use money to include well-known events for the Rally location
- use money for catered dinners
- build in free time with itinerary of things to do on your own

##### **Increase rally structure with schedule of events**

- include scheduled activities for each day and blocks of time -- more like an itinerary
- have fewer potluck meals in favor of more planned meals with members jointly preparing meals

##### **Put out rally schedule of events well in advance**

(Goal: hopefully to build excitement and anticipation for going to the Rally)

**Send postcard reminders to new members -- or use Twitter when appropriate**

(Goal: promote engagement through committed communication)

##### **Decrease amount of work of serving as an officer**

(Goal: encourage members to serve as officers)

- Increase use of Internet to reduce what the Treasurer now has to do manually
- Set realistic responsibilities for offices
- Publish job descriptions for offices
- Consider reducing number of offices

##### **Use more technology to improve communication**

(Goal: promote continued member engagement in and focus on upcoming Club events)

Consider Facebook group, Twitter, and/or other email group

#### **Editorial (and unit presidential) comment:**

These are all good suggestions, although you may have noticed that some are mutually exclusive! For example we can't make rallies more structured and less structured at the same time. This does point out the need for a "product mix" with something for everyone. We are actually putting on one less rally this year, having cut out the unit summer rally since the Region 7 rally is in Wisconsin this year. It does seem like fewer formal rallies and more informal campouts is a popular idea, and less work for the hosts. The spring camp out and luncheon have been combined for the last few years.

Sandy Emerick has started a Wisconsin Unit Facebook group which already has 23 members. It shows great promise as a means of real-time member communication.

Barb and I have planned the May and September rallies with many activities, all but a few of which can be done (or not done) at the members own pace. I plan to publish a list of activities for the May rally in the March newsletter.

**Valentine Luncheon**  
**February 12, 2011**  
**Spring Garden Restaurant,**  
**Waunakee, WI**

Photos by Bob Manak

The weather has always been a chancy affair for Wisconsin Unit winter luncheons, but Lilly and Neil King had a good turnout for the 2011 Valentine's Luncheon at Waunakee, WI.



Vern Schultz introduced the first person in Wisconsin to meet Vince Lombardi—our own Neil King!

Neil recounted his encounter with the famous coach. Neil was working for North Central Airlines when he noticed a lone distinguished-looking gentleman looking for his luggage. After engaging him in conversation, Neil found out that the still-anonymous gentleman needed a ride to his hotel. Being the service-minded North Central associate he was, Neil enlisted a fellow associate to drive the future Green Bay Packer coach to his hotel, providing that positive first impression of Green Bay to the stranger and a positive first impression of the soon-to-be Green Bay citizen to the driver. It was only later that Neil found out who the distinguished gentleman was—and of course, the rest is history!



Thanks, Lilly and Neil, for a successful luncheon!





WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

# MARCH LUNCHEON



**Saturday, March 26, 2010, 11:30 AM**

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

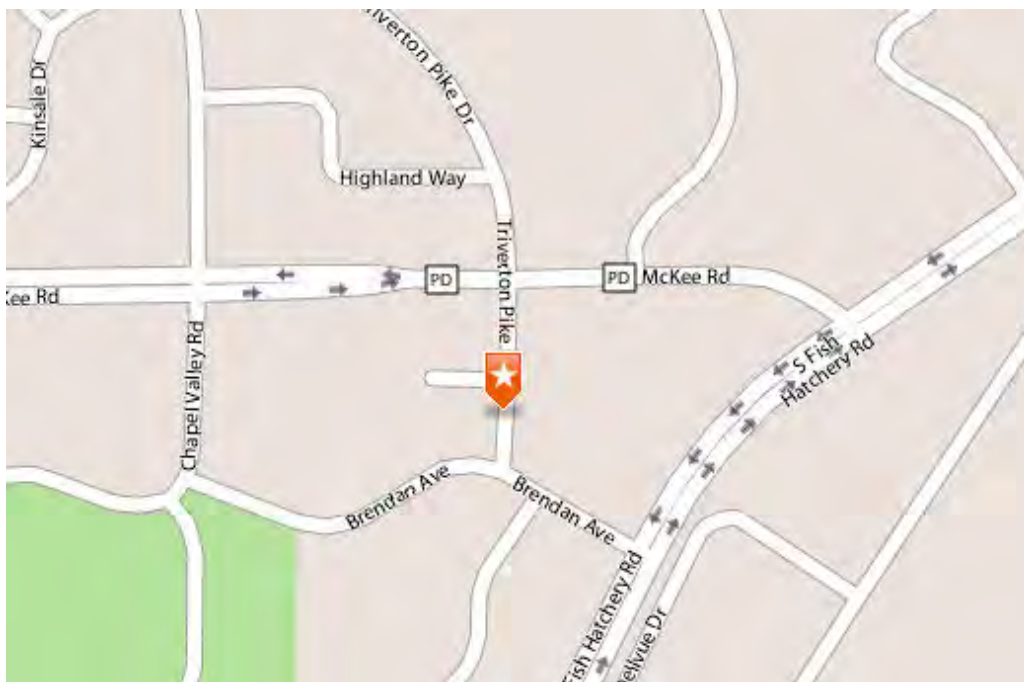
**(608) 278-7800**

**Hosted by Patti & Dennis, #6569**

**RSVP to Patti & Dennis 608-274-7663 [vintagepatti@earthlink.net](mailto: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.



# THINK SPRING, THINK AIRSTREAMING!

Join your

Airstream friends at the Spring Luncheon and Campout in the FUN Capital of Wisconsin- Wisconsin Dells! You can join your hosts Mark and Ellen McGaughey for lunch at the Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brew Company or join us for the whole weekend at the Dells KOA. The Dells offers activities for young and old bring the kids and grandkids for a memorable time. If you're camping with us, you'll have time to explore, dine in or out and tell tales of your winter over the campfire. Hot sandwiches will be provided at a Saturday evening potluck. For more Dells information checkout: [dells.com](http://dells.com) and for more about the Moosejaw look for: [dellsmoosejaw.com](http://dellsmoosejaw.com)!



Planning to come? Please call Mark or Ellen at (608) 254-7146 by Sunday, April 24, 2011!!



**KOA x**

## Moosejaw Luncheon:

Sat. April 30, 2011  
at 11:30 am  
110 Wl Dells Parkway South

## KOA Camp-Out:

April 29- May 1, 2011  
at the Dells KOA  
Standrock Road



For KOA reservations call: 1-800-254-4177. Mention that you are with the Airstream Club to get the \$25 per night rate which includes electricity and water. Visit the KOA website at: [wisdellskoa.com](http://wisdellskoa.com) for more information! Directions to the campground below.



• **From the East** just take Interstate 90/94 to Exit 87 for Wisconsin Dells to the third set of lights. Turn left on Stand Rock Road and drive 1/2 mile to your KOA headquarters.

• **From the West** take the Interstate 90/94 to Exit 85, turn left on Hwy 12, left on Hwy's 23 & 13, then left on Stand Rock Road (before the bridge.) KOA is 1/2 mile on the right.

GPS location is: Lat. 43.635956 by Long - 89.785472

# WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2011 Activities Calendar

Revised 1/11



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**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



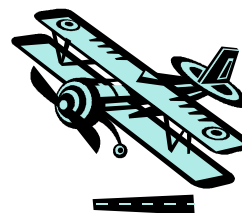
**May 18 – 22, 2011: Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally**, featuring "Little Switzerland", New Glarus, Wisconsin. Sweet Minihaha Campground, Brodhead, hosted by Barb and John Sellers



**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