

April 2011

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It's *supposed* to be spring, but winter is hanging on most tenaciously this year. As I write this, the Dells Camp Out is just a week away and Barb at the Wisconsin Dells KOA has cheerfully reported six inches of snow on the ground. This year the

Easter Bunny may be a snowshoe rabbit!

Sadly, this month's news includes the passing April 9 of Walt Knuesel, a key figure in the Wisconsin Unit's history and the only International President from our unit. Deepest sympathy to his wife Mary Agnes and family. We know that several long-time unit members attended his visitation and funeral, and continue to keep in touch.

We are looking forward to the McGaughey's April Camp Out and luncheon at the Dells. Hopefully the snow will have melted by then! (See flyer, page 8.)

Only a few weeks after that, Barb and I hope you can make it to the May 18-22 rally in New Glarus. (See schedule and flyer on pages 6 and 7.)

The Emericks have six or seven trailers signed up for their *Badgers Go Buckeye* caravan the week after the New Glarus rally. Going to be a great caravan!

The long-talked-about proposed revised WBCCI constitution has been distributed to Wisconsin Unit members. This will bear much discussion at the May business meeting since we will have to decide how our delegate at the International Rally should vote on its provisions.

Barb and I hit the road next week for Wisconsin and points north. We're sure looking forward to seeing all of you! Been a long winter.

John Sellers, President

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News Bits

In Memoriam

**Walter Knuesel
1925 - 2011**

**Wisconsin Unit President 1980
Region 7 President 1984-86
International President 1989-90**

The names of Walter and Mary Agnes Knuesel are writ large in the history of the WBCCI and the Wisconsin Unit. Walt was a life member of the WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit President in 1980, Region 7 President in 1984-85, and International President 1989-90, hosting a very successful International Rally at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana with 3,350 trailers in attendance. Mary Agnes also served as Wisconsin Unit President in 2001.

As members of both WBCCI and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Walt and Mary Agnes hosted successful WBCCI National Rallies in conjunction with the EAA Fly In.

Walt and Mary Agnes fulltimed for ten years in retirement, eventually returning to Wisconsin Rapids. Ellen McGaughey presented them with a "Thanks for the Memories" retrospective plaque at the Welcome Home unit rally in 2005, the 25th anniversary of Walt's term as Unit President. (This is reproduced on the next page.)

Walt and Mary Agnes were among the former Unit Presidents in attendance at the April, 2009 luncheon at the Wisconsin Dells celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Unit.



Past Wisconsin Unit Presidents at the Dells in 2009. The Knuesels are seated at the right in the front row.

Most sincere condolences to Mary Agnes and family from all your long time Airstreaming friends. So long, Walt. We'll see you down the road.

Obituary courtesy of gorapidsobituaries.com

Walter Knuesel, 86, of Wisconsin Rapids died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services were April 13 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Wisconsin Rapids, the Reverend William Menzel officiating. Burial was at Restlawn Memorial Park.

Walter was born March 12, 1925, in Milwaukee to Julius and Lena (Grolimund) Knuesel. He graduated from St. John's Military Academy in 1943 and Chicago Technical College in 1946. He married Mary Agnes Jetke on Sept. 17, 1949, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Milwaukee.

Walter and his wife farmed for 10 years in the Junction City area. He was employed for 26 years in the Engineering Division of Consolidated Papers, retiring in 1981 as chief draftsman and office manager.

Walter was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and served as Eucharistic minister and as a prayer leader for the rosary. He served as recording secretary for the St. Vincent de Paul Holy Name Society. Walter was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Knights of Columbus Council No. 1558. He was instrumental in forming Junction City "Christ the King" Council No. 4646 of the Knights of Columbus and served as its first financial secretary. He was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids area Serra Club. Walter was the Institutional representative of Troop No. 111 of the Boy Scouts of America for a number of years. He was a life member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International and served as Unit, Region and International President. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association for many years. His hobbies were travel, Civil War history, genealogy and college football. Walter and his wife full timed in their travel trailer for 10 years, traveling throughout all but one of the lower 48 states. During these travels, they visited many Civil War battlefields, monuments and cemeteries.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary; sister, Elizabeth Blake; four children, Walter Knuesel Jr., Annette Johnson, Andrew (Jean) Knuesel and Jeffrey (Karen) Knuesel, and seven grandchildren.

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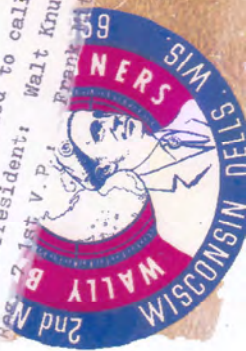


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Thanks for the memories!

The Region 7 board meeting was held on September 1st at the Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The Region 7 board meeting was called to order by President Lawrie Stephen. Some of the items discussed and ratified as such. The Region 7 board meeting was called to order by President Knuesel at 2:18 P.M. at the Region 7 "Chippewa Pow-Wow" at the Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. The Secretary was asked to call the Roll. Reg. 7 President: Walt Knuesel. Reg. 7 1st V.P.: Frank Mitchell. 2nd V.P.: [Name obscured]



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Upcoming Events

April Camp Out – April 29 – May 1, at Wisconsin Dells KOA, hosted by Mark and Ellen McGaughey See flyer this issue.

April Luncheon – April 30, at Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Company, Wisconsin Dells, hosted by Mark and Ellen McGaughey See flyer this issue.

Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally, May 18 – 22 at “Little Switzerland”, New Glarus, WI. Hosted by John & Barb Sellers. See flyer this issue.

Region 7 Rally Reminder

For the 2011 *Wings, Rails, and End Zones* rally we will be camped at Apple Creek Campground, De Pere, WI, <http://www.applecreekcamping.com/> The number of available sites is limited, so members planning to attend are urged to make their campsite reservations early. **Now** is not too early! For reservations call Apple Creek Campground at 920-532-4386. \$25 deposit required.

Badgers Go Buckeye Caravan Update

Led by Ed & Sandy Emerick

The caravan will meet on May 27, 2011 in Appleton, WI and begin the following morning, through the UP and lower Michigan, including stops in Mackinaw City and Frankenmuth, MI, and Port Clinton, OH. It will arrive at the Alumapalooza rally in Jackson Center, OH on May 31, and afterwards proceed to the Spirit of Cleveland National Rally, June 8 – 12.

Ed and Sandy have a good group for the caravan, so far consisting of Connie Sheasby, Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad, Steve & Lynne Piotrowski, Dennis & Patti Thayer, Gene and Audrey Sinner, and possibly Tim & Melanie Clifford.

For information contact Ed & Sandy, 920-954-1585, eemerick@new.rr.com or redwagon@new.rr.com

On the Mend

Shortly after hosting the Valentine Luncheon in February, **Lilly King** developed health problems and was in and out of the hospital for various procedures but is now back home.

Immediate Past President **Bob Manak** had foot surgery on April 14 and is recovering at home. (It would be considered minor surgery, except, “the only ‘minor surgery’ is on someone else!”) The main difficulty is that his mobility will be severely impaired during recovery, so he will not be able to attend the April camp out and luncheon.

Lets keep them in our thoughts and prayers—and cards, phone calls, and emails!

International News

Wanted – Torch Bearers

Carolyn Beardshear, WBCCI #7982, of the Central Indiana Unit says, “Be a WBCCI Torch Carrier!”

WBCCI is looking for four members to carry a plastic torch from their hometowns to the 2011 International Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois.

Torch carriers will be asked to photograph their torches in various contexts and locales en route to Du Quoin, then either send me your images or post them on the WBCCI Facebook Page along the way. The torches will be carried into the opening ceremony and “light” a larger torch before the official opening of the Rally, a la Olympic Games.

If you are interested in being a torch carrier, please contact me through Facebook or email me at cbshear2@aol.com.

Proposed Revised WBCCI Constitution Has Been Distributed to Members

The revised WBCCI Constitution proposed by the Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee, together with supporting documents, was sent to Region and Unit presidents and is on the [WBCCI web site](http://www.wbcci.org). All Wisconsin Unit members receiving the *Badger Bulletin* electronically should have received an email with further information, and those who receive the newsletter by regular mail should have received a printed copy of the 85-page information package by mail. If you have not received your copy, or have questions or comments, feel free to contact Unit President John Sellers, sellersj@erinet.com or (cell) 937-478-7267.

Trailer for Sale

Airsteam 1987 Excella 1000, 32 feet. Good condition, non-smoking, no pets. Twin rear beds, side bath. New refrigerator and water heater. Oven with four burners, double sink, microwave, Zipdee awnings all around. Stone guard over front windows.

Three seventy five watt roof mounted solar panels with four gel cell batteries. Front window guards.

Ideal size for family of four. Price: \$10,500.

Pictures are available to interested buyers

William Kronholm 8040 42nd Ave. Kenosha, WI
phone: 262-652-2869 cell: 262-945-9673

Emerick's Early Bird Camp Out Peninsula State Park, Door County April 8-10

Photos by Sandy Emerick

Ed and Sandy Emerick traditionally host the first unofficial unit campout of the season in Door County. This year's was **April 8**, yes, that's right, **April 8**—meaning—in Wisconsin—risking blizzard and white-out conditions! But their luck held, and Ed and Sandy and their hardy band of adventurers had quite decent weather for the weekend.

The gathering took place at Tennison Bay Camp Ground in Peninsula State Park, near Sister Bay.



A little chilly for swimming,
but *most* of the ice is gone!

One of the best things about beginning- and end-of-season camping in Door County is *no crowds*—something that's not true of the rest of the year!



Ed and Don waiting for the morning coffee to brew.
(Or whatever it is they're going to put in their cups!)



With all the Stenzes have been through this winter, it's good to see Kay laugh. And notice the complete lack of *snow*!



The whole motley crew. From left to right, Karen and Steve Kondreck, Lynne and Steve Piotrowski, Ed Emerick, Kay and Don Stenz, and Seymour Emerick. (And Sandy Emerick behind the camera!)

The long, snowy Wisconsin winter seems to have induced cabin fever among Wisconsin Airstreamers, as there are **two** unofficial unit camp outs Easter weekend. Ed and Sandy are returning to Door County April 22 – 24 and Dave and Dori Stowell are hosting a campout at Castle Rock Campground in Adams County. (Complete with Easter egg hunt!) The weather forecast looks good for both of them.

Now watch and see if we get snow at the “official” spring campout at the Dells, April 29 – May 1!

Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally New Glarus, WI, May 18 – 22

Join your hosts John & Barbara Sellers for a rally in “Little Switzerland”, historic New Glarus, WI, and the attractions of surrounding Green County. We will be camped at Sweet Minihaha Campground, located on the Sugar River near Brodhead, WI. In addition to the attractions of New Glarus, Brodhead, and Green County, Sweet Minihaha Campground includes a canoe, kayak, and tube rental for water sports on the Sugar River.



Attendees will be free to do whatever they want, at their own pace, as there is only two group activities—the business meeting and Saturday night dinner at the New Glarus Hotel. Because there’s a lot to see in Green County, campsites may be reserved as early as Wednesday, May 18. Official rally activities will begin the afternoon of Friday, May 20.

Schedule

Friday, May 20

Afternoon: Happy hour, changing into supper. Sandwich makin’s provided by unit.

Evening: Activity (TBD); ice cream

Saturday, May 21

Morning: Breakfast – Something new: McDonald’s breakfast buffet! Check off your menu choices Friday evening and your hosts will pick up the food and bring it to the campground Saturday morning.

Unit business meeting.

Afternoon: Touring local attractions on your own. Lunch on your own.

Evening: Group dinner and show at New Glarus Hotel. Includes yodeling demonstration, talks on Swiss culture and customs, fondue demonstration (our appetizer) and dinner. [We sampled the food while scouting the rally, and it’s **wonderful!**]

Sunday, May 22

Morning: Swiss continental breakfast.

Touring on your own.

Afternoon: Lunch on your own. Touring on your own. Hitch up and depart at your convenience, or, if you have time, stay another night!

New Glarus attractions

Swiss Historical Village. A must-see! 10 – 4 daily. Museum & reconstructed village. Small fee.



New Glarus Town Center. Historical district with gift shops, restaurants, cheese & chocolate shops, Swiss church, founder’s statue, and floral clock.

New Glarus Brewery. Tasting room, gift shop, and brewery tours all day. www.newglarusbrewing.com

Hösl’s Meats. More kindsa sausage than you ever hearda. www.hoeslysmeats.com

Brodhead attractions

Brodhead Depot Museum. History of the town, local industries and personages. Wed-Sat-Sun 1-4.



Key Ingredients: America by Food.

Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit. Brodhead Public Library, M-Th-F-10-7, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4

Decatur Dairy. *Curd is the Word™* Cheese and curds; tours. Mon-Sat 9-5 www.decaturdairy.com

Amish Community Businesses. Unique Amish businesses near Brodhead include Detweiler Kauffman Furniture, Detweiler Bent and Dent Groceries, Detweiler’s Bulk Foods, and Country Lane Bakery/Brodhead Harness. Open various hours, but all closed Sunday.

Green County attractions

Green County Barn Quilt Tour. Tour the back roads. www.greencountybarnquilts.com

Sugar River Trail & Badger State Trail. Hiking and biking trails. www.badger-trail.com

National Historic Cheesemaking Center, Monroe. Cheese making museum. Open daily 9-4 www.nationalhistoriccheesemakingcenter.org

Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally

Wisconsin Unit Spring Rally
May 18-22, 2011

Sweet Minihaha Campground

N4697 County Road E
Brodhead, WI 53520
608-862-3769

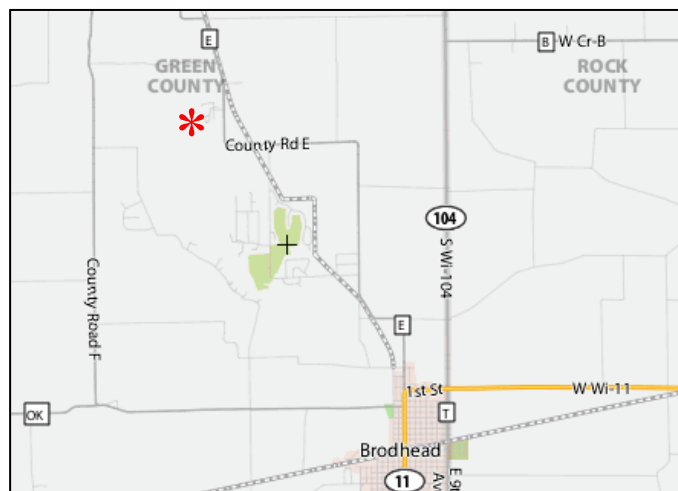
www.sweetminihaha.com

Join your hosts John & Barb Sellers for a fun-filled tour of historic "Little Switzerland", New Glarus, Wisconsin, and surrounding scenic Green County, including such attractions as the Swiss Historical Village, New Glarus Brewery, a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit, and museums and shops showcasing New Glarus and Green County culture and history.



We will be camped at Sweet Minihaha Campground located on County Road E about 5 miles north of Brodhead.

Latitude N 42° 40.478' Longitude W 089° 25.138'



We have reserved a block of 19 water & electric campsites (112-131) from Wed, May 18 thru Sun, May 22. Rally activities begin Fri. May 20. (Hosts will be there May 18.) **The rally rate for camping is \$20 a night and is not included in the rally fee. Please call the campground directly (608-862-3769) to reserve a space; be sure to tell them you are with the Airstream group.** The campground is not crowded this time of year so you can make reservations up to May 18. There are also a few overflow spots with water and electric and still more with no hookups that we can use if you don't mind daisy-chained water and electric. Restrooms and showers and an Airstream-friendly dump station are provided.

Campground services also include canoe, kayak, and tube rental.

Schedule – Sightseeing on your own. Only scheduled group activities are business meeting and Saturday dinner.

Friday, May 20 – Parking – Happy Hour – Supper (sandwich materials provided) – Activities – Ice Cream

Saturday, May 21 – Breakfast (provided) – Business Meeting (important!) – Dinner & Show at New Glarus Hotel

Sunday, May 22 – Breakfast (provided) – Sightseeing on your own - Departures

Questions? Contact John & Barb Sellers, sellersj@erinet.com cell 937-478-7267

Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Unit Length _____

Street _____

Trailer ☐ Motor Home ☐

City/St _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE May 18

Phone: _____ Email _____

Rally fee (includes 2 breakfasts, Friday supper and Saturday dinner and entertainment at the New Glarus Hotel

\$33 x number of people _____ = _____

(Campsite fees of \$20 a night are paid directly to campground.)

Make checks payable to WI Unit, WBCCI

Mail to:
Sandy Emerick, Treasurer
838 East Eldorado
Appleton, WI 54911

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 and for more about the Moosejaw look for: 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 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