

March 2011

## THE PREZ SEZ. . .



'Tis spring, and a young man's fancies turn to thoughts of "*Hope no pipes froze in the Airstream this winter!*" (If something *did* freeze, what the prez sez may not be suitable for publication in a family newsletter. . . )

Indeed it is spring (and yeah, I know, we just had 16" of snow in northern

Wisconsin!), and everybody is eager to get back on the road. In addition to the unit campout and luncheon April 29 – May 1, the Emericks and the Stowells are hosting informal campouts as early as next weekend! (See Upcoming Events, page 2.)

Dennis and Patti Thayer put on the March luncheon at Benvenuto's in Fitchburg, with their usual high level of Airstreamy décor, and had a good turnout. Thanks, Patti and Dennis! (See page 5)

We are looking forward to the McGaughey's April Camp Out and luncheon at the Dells, which has become a unit tradition and sort of a rite of passage into the Airstreaming season. (See flyer on page 8.)

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

The long-talked-about proposed revised WBCCI constitution has finally been revealed to the membership. 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.

Enough with this "winter" nonsense! Time to get this show on the road! Hope to see you all at this season's events.

John Sellers, President

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## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

**Early Easter April Camp Out – April 8 – 10** at Tension Bay Campground, Peninsula State Park, Door County. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick. For very hardy people. (Not an official Wisconsin Unit event; contact Ed & Sandy, Telephone 920-954-1585 [emerick@new.rr.com](mailto:emerick@new.rr.com) or [redwagon@new.rr.com](mailto:redwagon@new.rr.com) for information.)

**Easter Weekend in Door County – April 22 – 24**, Door County. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick. For hardy people. (Not an official Wisconsin Unit event, contact Ed & Sandy, phone and email above.)

**Easter Airstreaming – April 23 – 25**, Castle Rock Campground, Adams County. Hosted by Dave and Dori Stowell. (Not an official Wisconsin Unit event, contact Dave & Dori at 508-269-1330, [doristowell@yahoo.com](mailto:doristowell@yahoo.com) for information.)

**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.

### Mid-Winter IBT - Corrections

In last month's newsletter the photograph below was attributed to the Mid Winter IBT. In reality it was taken at the Rio Grande Valley Luncheon, which your IBT-challenged editor mistakenly thought was part of the Mid-Winter IBT. Apologies to anyone discomfited by this error.



However, the picture at the top of the right column *does* show Region 7 attendees at the Mid-Winter IBT. Full details of both pictures are included in the March, 2011 Region 7 newsletter.



Region 7 attendees at the Mid Winter IBT.

### Upcoming Caravans

Thanks to our energetic caravan chairpersons and VAC members we have a plethora of caravan opportunities this season. Here's a summary:

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

Led by Ed & Sandy Emerick

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 rally in Jackson Center, OH 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, Cleveland, OH June 8 – 12. For information contact Ed & Sandy, 920-954-1585, [emerick@new.rr.com](mailto:emerick@new.rr.com) or [redwagon@new.rr.com](mailto:redwagon@new.rr.com)

#### ***Badgers Go Weird in Wisconsin***

Led by Ed & Sandy Emerick

This caravan will leave Sept 11 from the Region 7 Vintage rally at Elkhart Lake and arrive Sept. 15 at the Apostle Islands Adventure Rally in Washburn, WI, visiting some of Wisconsin's weirder attractions on the way. Details yet to be determined; for information contact Ed & Sandy as above.

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### **The Badger Bulletin**

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## Upcoming Caravans (continued)

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

Led by Kevin Allen

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. It will rendezvous June 15 at Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area, Highland, WI, tour through scenic Illinois and the Ohio River Road, arriving at the International Rally on June 25. For information contact Kevin Allen. 618-614-4494 or [overlander\\_64@yahoo.com](mailto:overlander_64@yahoo.com)

## International News

### Proposed Revised WBCCI Constitution Now Online

The revised WBCCI Constitution proposed by the Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee and supporting documents, have been distributed to Region and Unit presidents and are available at the WBCCI web site, [here](#).

Interested members are urged to download these documents and study them, as the unit will have a vote not only on the whole proposed revised constitution but also the individual sections, at the Delegates Meeting at the Du Quoin International Rally. Hard copies of these documents will be mailed to members who receive the Badger Bulletin by mail and any other member who request them. (Please download electronically if you can because it's a stack of papers about a half an inch thick.)

The package consists of these documents:

1. Letter from WBCCI HQ to unit presidents
2. Minutes of 2010 Delegates Meeting (3 pgs)
3. International Nominating Committee slate of officers for 2011-12
4. Letter from International President introducing the motion to revise the Constitution (2 pages)
5. Letter of legal opinion from the WBCCI's attorneys
6. Report on the proposed revised constitution by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. (Recommending that the proposed new constitution **not** be adopted!) (9 pages)
7. Guide to the proposed constitutional revision (12 pages)
8. 3-column summary of revisions (45 pages)
9. Report on an IBT-proposed amendment by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

## Impressions of a Facebook Newbie

By John Sellers

Although a frequent computer user, I have avoided Facebook up to now. But when Sandy Emerick started a Wisconsin Unit Facebook Group, I figured I had better learn how to use it to keep track of what was going on in my own unit! The group is already successful, currently with 24 group members who are members and former members of the unit.

There are no "directions" for Facebook—at least I never found any—so to learn how to use it you have to jump in and do it. I thought I would relate my own impressions in the hope of encouraging more unit members to join.

When you sign up for Facebook you *have* to give it your email address, your name, and date of birth (but you can tell it not to show your birthdate). It would also *like* a picture and a bunch of other information, such as your employer and schools you attended, but none of these are actually *required*. I know one lady who uses a false name and a picture of her cat. The first rule of protecting your privacy on Facebook is, don't tell it much! I used my real name and picture so my actual friends could recognize me.

Having done that, I found myself with a Facebook identity consisting of a "profile" containing very little information and a "wall" that people see when they search on my name. The wall contains my name and picture plus whatever my friends or I have posted on it. You can limit, under your account security settings, who can write on your "wall". The tightest setting, which I recommend, is just your friends. Likewise, you can restrict who can *see* what you have posted to just your friends.

Facebook started out (by peeking at my email address book, I think) by recommending a whole bunch of "friends"—most of whom I found that I *did* know. I sent out a slew of "friend requests" and quickly acquired a goodly handful of "friends".

With no more than this I was able to request to join the WBCCI Wisconsin Unit Facebook group, and was promptly admitted (by Gene Sinner).

Now, the view that I see when I log onto Facebook is my "News Feed", which consists of everything that my "friends", Facebook pages that I have "liked", and groups I have joined (only the WI Unit, so far) have posted lately. A marvelous way of knowing what all your friends are doing—in real time.

The Wisconsin Unit group has great potential for unit communications. We can set up and respond to invitations to events, conduct virtual meetings in the group chat room, and collectively write and revise group documents. I urge every internet-active unit member to join the WBCCI Wisconsin Unit Facebook group!



## Emerick's Airstream at Bockfest 2011



Hardy Bockfest goes with snow-capped Airstream.

OK, all you Wisconsin Unit members. . . let's play a game of word association! What's the first word you associate with "Ed Emerick"?

All of you who said, **Airstream**—you're right! Ed has so many Airstreams that the state is probably investigating him for dealing RVs without a license!

And those of you who said, **beer**—you're right, too! Anybody who's camped with Ed knows he's the first in the campground to get the awning up, the cooler and folding chairs out, and pop a foamy.

So when Capital Brewing, famous for their "Supper Club" beer with the Airstream on the label, wanted an Airstream for their annual Bockfest, they knew where to go!



Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman hoist a toast.



Nothing like a good, cold beer!

Now of course, there *is* the little matter that it was *snowing* like crazy that weekend, but Ed and Sandy weren't going to let a little thing like that stop them.



Look at that snow!



Ed, Dave, and Sandy huddle together for warmth.



Hey—the snow is diluting my beer!

**Bockfest.**  
For people  
who like  
their beer  
*cold.*





# **March Luncheon** **March 26, 2011** **Benvenuto's Italian Grill,** **Fitchburg, WI**

Photos by Patti Thayer & Bob Manak

Dennis and Patti Thayer hosted the March luncheon in Fitchburg, and as usual, put on a major production with an Airstream-themed welcoming table and centerpieces.



Welcome, Airstreamers



Your hosts, Dennis and Patti Thayer



Good turnout!



The books are from Arlene Riddells' Wisconsin Unit traveling lending library. Thanks, Arlene!



Past region president Vern Schultz making introductions. Not an Airstream on their centerpiece!



Don't know what he said, but it looks like George Boehmer is in trouble with Teri!



Illinois was well represented by new members Dave & Delores Mayo, who joined us from the WDCU, and old hands Sue & Tom Nugler

Thanks, Patti & Dennis, for another successful luncheon!

## 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](http://www.newglarusbrewing.com)

**Hösl’s Meats.** More kindsa sausage than you ever hearda. [www.hoeslysmeats.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.greencountybarnquilts.com)

**Sugar River Trail & Badger State Trail.** Hiking and biking trails. [www.badger-trail.com](http://www.badger-trail.com)

**National Historic Cheesemaking Center,** Monroe. Cheese making museum. Open daily 9-4 [www.nationalhistoriccheesemakingcenter.org](http://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

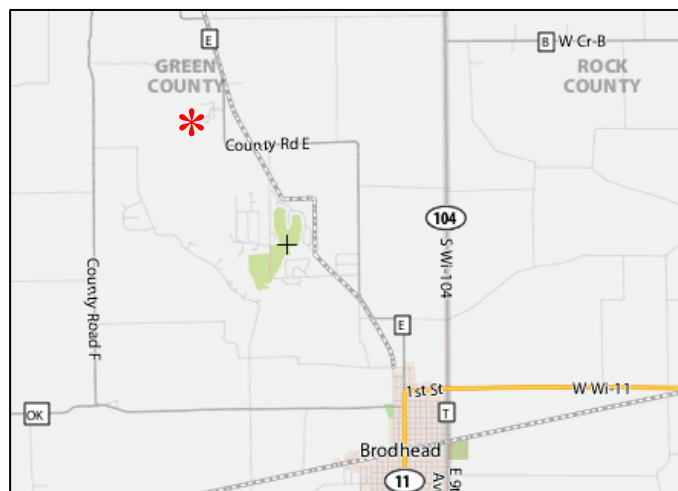
[www.sweetminihaha.com](http://www.sweetminihaha.com)

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](mailto: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](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