

May – June 2011

THE PREZ SEZ. . .



For the Wisconsin Unit, the April camp out and luncheon kick off the 'Streamin season, and suddenly, here it is! Thanks for a great luncheon and camp out, Mark and Ellen.

This newsletter "goes to press", electronically speaking, less than a week before our May *Touring Wisconsin Alps* rally in New Glarus.

Only a week after the New Glarus rally, the *Badgers Go Buckeye* caravan departs for the *Alumapalooza* and *Spirit of Cleveland* rallies in Ohio. A few weeks after that the International rally is just down the road in Du Quoin, IL.

With the International rally in Illinois and the Region 7 and Region 7 VAC rallies both in Wisconsin, we decided not to have a summer Unit rally this year—too much going on already! By all means **do** sign up for the Region 7 rally; Region President Joan Lahr has put together a great rally that no true cheese head will want to miss!

But just because we aren't having an August unit rally, don't think we are slacking off! The weekend following the early September VAC rally at Elkhart Lake is the *Apostle Islands Adventure* rally in Washburn, and Ed & Sandy Emerick are planning a *Weird Wisconsin* caravan from Elkhart Lake to Washburn. Ed & Sandy will keep your wheels turning as far as you want to turn them! And as if that wasn't enough, they're hosting the October rally in Door County! (Or somewhere around there.)

Before getting off my soapbox, a little shameless politicking. Ballots have been distributed to all unit members to be voted by mail or at the May rally. We are being asked to decide two amendments to the WBCCI constitution. In my opinion, Amendment 1 – a complete revision of the Constitution—is, on balance, not a good thing. I advocate a **NO vote on Amendment 1**, either as proposed, or as may be revised at the Delegates Meeting. And, again in my personal opinion, Amendment 2 is a good idea and I recommend a YES vote.

See you this summer!

John Sellers, President

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Upcoming Events

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

Badgers Go Buckeye Caravan, May 27 – June 12.

Caravan will begin in Appleton, WI, go to the *Alumapalooza* rally at Jackson Center, OH, and end at the *Spirit of Cleveland* rally in Cleveland Ohio. For information contact Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-954-1585, emerick@new.rr.com redwagon@new.rr.com



WBCCI International Rally

June 28 – July 4 at Du Quoin, Illinois. See the Blue Beret or WBCCI web site, [Du Quoin International](http://DuQuoinInternational.com)

Region 7 Wings, Rails, and End Zones Rally, July 24 – 29 at De Pere, Wisconsin. See flyer this issue.

May Unit Rally Reminder

With luck, this newsletter will reach you a few days before the May rally, *Touring Wisconsin Alps*, New Glarus, WI. If you decide to come at the last minute, there is plenty of space at the campground and you can pay the rally fee at the rally. The thing that we **do** need to know ASAP are your entrée choices for the group dinner and show at the New Glarus Hotel. Your choices are Wienerschnitzel, baked pork chop, or Kaesechuechli, an individual cheese pie. Send to John Sellers at sellersj@erinet.com or (cell) 937-478-7267.

Region 7 Rally Reminder

Cutoff date for registration and reservations for the Region 7 Wings, Rails, and End Zones rally, De Pere, Wisconsin, is June 1, fast approaching! We will be camped at Apple Creek Campground www.applecreekcamping.com/. The number of available sites is limited, so members must make their campsite reservations by June 1. For reservations call Apple Creek Campground at 920-532-4386. \$25 deposit required.

On the Mend

Our unit has a lot of members in the sick bay this month. Lilly King, Dick Riddell, Bob Manak, Ellen McGaughey, and Dave Mayo are all either ill or recovering from surgery.

Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers (and cards, phone calls, and emails).

Business Meeting at May Rally

Much as our unit likes to keep its business meetings short*, there are a number of important issues that we need to talk about at the spring business meeting at the May rally.

(*I believe the record, 20 minutes, is held by past president Don Stenz at the September, 2009 rally at Bailey's Harbor.)

Candidates for International office and two amendments to the WBCCI constitution will be considered by the Delegates Meeting at the 2011 International Rally. The Wisconsin Unit allows voting either by mail or in person at the spring business meeting, which will be held Saturday morning, May 21 at the New Glarus rally. Ballots have been distributed to unit members by email and mail in accordance with the way they receive the newsletter.

Those returning their ballots by mail are reminded that ballots must be received by the Unit Secretary by May 19 in order for her to bring them to the business meeting to be counted.

The unit is currently running on a skeleton crew of officers, basically, president, secretary, and treasurer, the minimum needed to operate. The vice president pipeline is dry. We will need some new skeletons when the current officers' terms expire. (*Terms—not officers—hopefully, anyway!*) We have some tentative commitments for next year and will need to discuss this further at the meeting.

Trailer for Sale

Airstream 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

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April Unit Camp Out Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells April 29 – May 1, 2011

Mark & Ellen McGaughey again hosted the April unit camp out and luncheon at Wisconsin Dells, in what has become an annual rite of passage into the Airstreaming season. (Hopefully, anyway.) The weather cooperated nicely this year, with mild temperatures and only a little rain, and that at night.



Airstreams viewed from the hill

This year our numbers were reduced by regular attendees on the sick list. We had six trailers for the camp out, but more members for the luncheon.

The Dells KOA welcomed us back with their usual outstanding hospitality, and still more refinements to their popular party room—including British flags in honor of the royal wedding!



Disregard non-Airstream 5th wheel in the middle!



Past unit presidents Ed Emerick and Don Stenz contemplate the year's activities while starting their aluminum recycling piles. . .

. . . whilst Kay, Ellen and Sandy look on, and Seymour catches a few Z's on a warm afternoon.



Although in theory no food service is included in a camp out, there was no shortage of good things to eat! Friday evening we all repaired to a fish fry at the neighboring golf course, and Ellen hosted impromptu pitch ins on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.



Saturday evening supper in the KOA party room.



Sunday morning breakfast in the party room



Chillin' on Sunday morning

Thanks, Mark & Ellen, for another great camp out!

April Luncheon

Moosejaw Pizza and Microbrewery,
Wisconsin Dells
April 30, 2011



Like the accompanying camp out, the April luncheon was hosted by Mark and Ellen McGaughey. In a creative token of spring, Ellen provided packets of assorted flower seeds as party favors.

Once again we had the Moosejaws's Rathskeller party room to ourselves, with bar (and video arcade) conveniently adjoining.



Fun, fellowship and adventure! (Mostly the former.)



Socializing before lunch gets underway. The Bloody Marys were quite popular at this year's luncheon. Moosejaw's recipe provides your minimum daily requirement of vegetables with each serving!



Lots to talk about in this "season kickoff" luncheon, including the year's upcoming rallies and caravans, trailer improvements, aches and pains, and other Airstreamy topics.



Have you ever noticed that Airstreamers never run out of things to talk about?



We had a good turnout for the luncheon, including several members who didn't make it to the camp out.

Thanks, Mark and Ellen, for another great Dells luncheon and camp out. By this time of year we're **ready** for spring!

Reminder - no *Badger Bulletin* in June

The *Badger Bulletin* is published 10 months out of the year; June is omitted because of the International Rally and December because of the holidays. The next edition will come out in July.

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

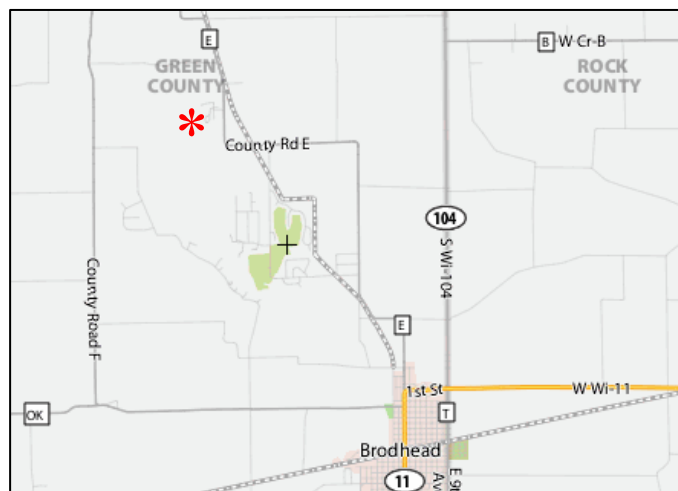
www.sweetminihaha.com

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

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



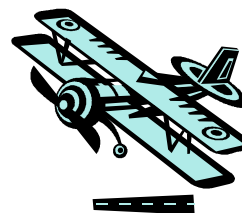
May 18 – 22, 2011: Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally, featuring "Little Switzerland", New Glarus, Wisconsin. Sweet Minihaha Campground, Brodhead, hosted by Barb and John Sellers



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

**Region 7
2011 Rally Reservation**

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

NOTE: Rally fee does not include campground fees. Please call Apple Creek Campground to reserve your campsite (920-532-4386).

Rally fee:

Per person # _____ x \$110.00 \$ _____

Child age 5-11 # _____ x \$85.00 \$ _____

Child under 5 # _____ x \$25.00 \$ _____

Sport fishing-adult # _____ x \$96.00 \$ _____

(Note: based on 4 people in boat, this amount will increase slightly if less than 4 people sign up.

Fishing license is required.)

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Region 7, WBCCI

Reservation forms due June 1st

Mail to:

Pete Yanke

1013 SE 13th Ave.

St. Cloud, MN 56304

Questions to:

Joan Lahr

262-251-2159 or 262-327-4336

lahr@wbcci.net

Apple Creek Campground

3831 County Road U

De Pere, WI 54115

(920) 532-4386

Apple Creek Campground is located 32 miles north of the Oshkosh EAA Air-Venture and 20 miles south of Green Bay.

Heated swimming pool and catch and release fishing pond on grounds. Mid Vallee Golf course is next door to the campground.

Rally campers will have free WI-FI, electric (30 amp) and water hookups for \$30.00 per night. 50 amp electric is available for \$32.00 per night. Restrooms and coin operated showers are available. Laundry facility and camp store on site.

No ground dumping of gray or black water is allowed. Pump outs are available on Monday and Thursday for \$5.00. There is a dump site on the campground.

***Please reserve your site by June 1st
directly with Apple Creek Campground.
Mention Airstream group when reserving.***

Directions:

From the south: Take US-41 north. Take the CR-U exit (Exit 154) toward Wrightstown. Turn left onto CR-U N/County Line Road to Apple Creek campground.

From the west: Take WI-29 E to Green Bay. Take US-41 south. Take the CR-U exit (Exit 154). Turn right onto CR-U to Apple Creek campground.

**Region 7 Rally
Wings, Rails, & End Zones
July 24-29, 2011
De Pere, Wisconsin**



Apple Creek Campgrounds



Region 7 Rally–Wings, Rails, & End Zones

All aboard for a great experience in Wisconsin at the Region 7 rally. Featured events are the world's largest fly-in convention, Oshkosh's AirVenture 2011, the Green Bay Packer's Hall of Fame and legendary Lambeau Field, and our nation's National Railroad Museum.

EAA AirVenture

EAA AirVenture 2011 is the 59th annual edition of "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration." Highlighted activities include the Centennial of Naval Aviation. AirVenture has already been named as one of the U.S. Navy's top tier events for support throughout the service's year long recognition of 100 years of naval aviation. In addition, the centennial of air mail service is also being recognized in 2011. Many other top-level attractions will be on the program. Thousands of aircraft will be on display on the grounds. Nearly 100 full-size airplanes and model airplanes and their designers are highlighted in the newest exhibit, "Little Wings, Big Dreams," in the AirVenture Museum.

Green Bay Packers

Welcome to Tiletown! The Green Bay Packers are the only community-owned team in the National Football League and Green Bay is the smallest market to host an NFL team. But it's big on football! Relive the most exciting moments in the Packers 90-year history at the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame. Pure Packers adrenaline fills this 25,000 square foot museum where fans can see, touch and feel nearly 80 exhibits.

The Lambeau Field stadium tour allows fans to experience the Packers' history-rich facility first-hand and see several behind the scenes areas. Guided tours trek through the Lambeau Field Atrium, up to the exclusive Club Level for a look at the Legends Club. From there, it's down and through the players' tunnel to learn all about the incredible history of the Green Bay Packers. Feel the indomitable spirit and impassioned energy that makes the Packers and Lambeau Field so endearing. GO PACK GO!

The National Railroad Museum

Explore the icons of American railroading at the 26,000 square foot National Railroad Museum. From the newest exhibit, Pullman Porters: from Service to Civil Rights, to the world's largest steam locomotive, the Union Pacific Big Boy, experience the industry that built the nation. Sit in the cab of the Big Boy. Examine Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's World War II command train. Ponder the futuristic Aerotrain from the 1950s. As one of the oldest railroad museums in the country, the National Railroad Museum exhibits a large collection of locomotives and railcars spanning more than a century of railroading. The Museum will take you on a journey through the historical and technical development of the railroad industry. Ride a full size train through the Museum grounds. Savor a delicious, authentic Spanferkel (pig roast), which will be served inside this beautiful Museum. ALL ABOARD!

For more information, contact Joan Lahr
262-327-4336 or lahr@wbcci.net.

Scheduled activities:

- EAA AirVenture experience
- EAA AirVenture Museum
- Lambeau Field tour
- Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame tour
- Green Bay Packers Pro Shop
- National Railroad Museum tour
- A full size train ride
- Authentic Spanferkel catered dinner served in a stunning location inside the Railroad Museum right in front of the beautiful, restored locomotives
- Sell your arts, crafts, and wares at the Region 7 "flea market"
- Three dinners, including a Spanferkel, a pizza party, and a welcome BBQ
- Three hearty breakfasts

Free time activities all located in nearby, scenic Green Bay:

- Cooks Corner—the nation's largest kitchen store
- Green Bay Botanical Garden
- Seroogy's Homemade Chocolates
- The Spice & Tea Exchange
- Oneida Nation Museum
- Oneida Casino
- Guided Walleye sport fishing
- Golf at Mid Vallee Golf Course
- Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bay Beach Amusement Park
- New Zoo
- Fox River cruises
- Bay Park Square Mall
- The ARTgarage
- Waterboard Warriors Water Ski Show
- Captain's Walk Winery
- Tiletown Brewing Company
- Wisconsin cheese!!
- And much more!