

November - December 2010

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Hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving! Truly, most of us lucky enough to be Airstreamers have much to be thankful for, and Thanksgiving is a good time to express our thanks. A heartfelt thanks to all you great folks in the WBCCI Wisconsin Unit! Many of us have been members for a long time, and we've come to be like a

family. Like members of a family, we don't always agree about things, but we're always there for each other.

Since the Badger Bulletin isn't published in December, we decided to put out this issue late November and call it the November-December issue. We do have one Unit activity left in the calendar year, the December 11 Holiday Luncheon at Hi-Way Harry's in Johnson Creek, hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak. See flyer on page 7. Hope you can make it.

In November we had a successful November luncheon in Delavan, hosted by Dick & Arlene Riddell, and the annual Birthday Bash Campout at Kohler-Andrae State Park, hosted by Don & Kay Stenz. Reports on these events in this issue.

Dates (and most other details) of 2011 activities have been finalized. A convenient one-page-to-stick-on-your-refrigerator calendar is included on page 5.

The unit has completed the year "in the black" financially and our Treasurer, Sandy Emerick has prepared the 2010 financial statement, included on page 6. Instead of a certified audit letter, her 2010 statement is summarized in a little poem. (I'm not sure if poetry is covered under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, but it's certainly unique! And Sandy's books would pass audit by *anybody*.) Thanks, Sandy.

And finally, if you haven't renewed your membership yet, the 2011 international directory has closed, but it's not too late to be in the Unit directory. Renewal form on page 8.

Best wishes to all for happy holidays, and we'll see you next year!

John Sellers, President

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Future of our Wisconsin Unit

Bob Manak, Immediate Past President
and Nominating Committee Chairman

The Wisconsin Unit has been in existence for nearly fifty-three years. Many members have served our unit over the years as officers, rally hosts, and in too many other ways to name. Forty-nine members served as President and, in the first few years, some individuals served for multiple years. A few families have had both spouses serve as President. Our unit is now facing a dilemma. Currently we have an open 1st VP, 2nd VP, and Trustee position. Also, the Treasurer graciously served for a fourth year because no one stepped forward to take over the duties.

In the last few years, two units in Region 7 have disbanded because they had low membership numbers and no officers. We currently have 87 members and have a very good balance sheet with a balance in excess of \$5,500. (See the Treasurer's report elsewhere in this newsletter.) The International Blue Book states that a unit needs to have ten members and officers to retain its charter. If not the, "unit may merge with another unit, consolidate with one or more units, or the unit may dissolve". This is the stark reality that the Wisconsin Unit faces if we do not replenish our officer ranks.

This problem was brought to light at the installation dinner in Sparta. Ellen McGaughey volunteered to help facilitate brainstorming and obtain Member input regarding the future of the Wisconsin Unit. We started with a discussion at the November luncheon that touched various aspects of the Unit and the viability issues it is facing. Please send your comments and suggestions that you would like to add to this discussion to Ellen (608-245-5849, mcgaugheys@verizon.net or me (262-544-6151, bob.manak@wbcci.net). Suggestions and comments will be included in a future newsletter. And, very importantly, if you are interested in serving in a Unit position or want to know about what a specific position entails, please contact me.

A postscript

John Sellers, Unit President

Since our most noticeable officer shortage is in the area of vice presidents, I thought I would give you my perspective on what these jobs entail. The short answer is, probably not as much as you think. Except for the president slot that includes some specific duties, most of the offices of the presidential chain can be defined by their occupant.

The Trustee – 2nd VP – 1st VP – President sequence is intended to provide on-the-job training for the eventual unit leader, but note that vice presidential succession is a tradition, not a requirement of the unit constitution.

Here's my own experience as newly-minted Unit President. I accepted when invited to serve as 2nd VP and really didn't do much except attend unit functions as usual and watch closely what the big kids were doing. Last year as 1st VP, Barb and I hosted the Green Lake rally (Bob Manak had reserved the site) and we had a blast! This encouraged us to scout the two rallies we will be hosting this year, and we discovered scouting rallies is as much or more fun than attending them. You will find campground owners and chambers of commerce very friendly when you start talking about bringing them a bunch of customers!

As president you become the point of contact for WBCCI headquarters, and traditionally (although not necessarily) represent the unit at the Delegates Meeting at the International Rally. I personally expect to be as cantankerous as I want to be, to encourage someone to be positively eager to replace me come the next election!

Patti Thayer Photo in Nov. *Blue Beret*

Patti Thayer has a photo on page 51 of the November *Blue Beret* – their trailer parked next to an Amish buggy in Shipshewana, IN. Congratulations, Patti!

Airstream for Sale

For sale - 1996 30 ft. Airstream Land Yacht.
454 Chevy motor and chassis, 53,000 m., located in Poynette, WI. \$16,695 or best offer. 608-575-9642

Airstream Sold

The 1973 Overlander in Black River Falls advertised in last month's *Badger Bulletin* has been sold.

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November Luncheon Delavan, Wisconsin November 13, 2010

Photos by Bob Manak

Arlene and Dick Riddell had a good turnout for the November luncheon in Delavan despite indifferent weather and the Kohler-Andrae campout having been inadvertently scheduled the same weekend.



Among the topics of conversation was the current Wisconsin Unit officer shortage, and possible courses of action to take to ensure the future of the unit. Unit Past Presidents Ellen McGaughey (below) and Bob Manak are serving as point persons on a committee to suggest changes to attract new officer candidates.



Thanks, Dick and Arlene, for a successful unit luncheon!

Birthday Bash Camp Out

**Kohler-Andrae State Park
November 12 – 14, 2010**

Photos by Bob Manak and John Sellers

Don and Kay Stenz again hosted the Birthday Bash Camp Out celebrating members with November birthdays. Last year the event was characterized by sunny weather in the 70's, but this year was more typical for the season—overcast, cool, and rainy.



Airstreams in the trees at Kohler-Andrae.



Gray skies and a surf running at the beach.

Fortunately Don had reserved the nice shelter house, which was a little tricky since the park office thought it was closed for the season. Last year Audrey Sinner had gotten a *letter* saying that the shelter could be reserved in November, resulting in the odd combination of signs below. Thanks, Audrey!



Which is it?



The fireplace was very welcome!



A rainy Saturday afternoon in the picnic shelter.



Saturday night potluck dinner



Think we've got enough food?



A spirited game of "Thumper" front of the fireplace.



Eight of those present have November birthdays!

Thanks, Don & Kay (and all who brought copious quantities of *food!*) for a great campout!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2011 Activities Calendar



February 14, 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



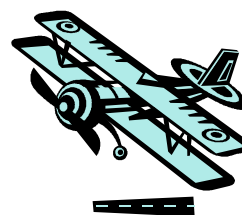
May 18 – 22, 2011: Touring Wisconsin Alps Rally, featuring "Little Switzerland", New Glarus, Wisconsin. Sweet Minihaha Campground, Brodhead, hosted by Barb and John Sellers



May 28, 2011: Wisconsin Unit Caravan to Alumapalooza Rally, Jackson Center, Ohio led by Ed and Sandy Emerick



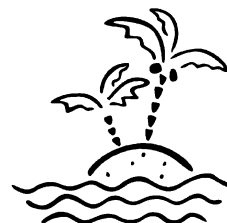
June 28 – July 4, 2011: WBCCI International Rally, Du Quoin, Illinois



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 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

September 30, 2010

Year End Financial Reports

Wisconsin Unit

WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit Balance Sheet Summary As of September 30, 2010

	Sep 30, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	5,582.08
Other Current Assets	625.00
Total Current Assets	6,207.08
TOTAL ASSETS	6,207.08
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	608.00
Total Current Liabilities	608.00
Total Liabilities	608.00
Equity	5,599.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6,207.08

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER!

*The reports are completed with no need to fear,
They provide us a glimpse of our past fiscal year,
We ended most even in income and cost,
Our budget did balance without financial loss!*

Sandy Emerick

WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit Profit & Loss Standard October 2009 through September 2010

	Oct '09 - Sep 10
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Advertisement	20.00
Bikes and Buggies Income 2010	0.00
Elkhart Lake Rally Income 2010	2,767.00
Fall Camp-out Rally Fee	631.00
Green Lake Rally 2010 Fees	1,938.48
International Membership Dues	0.00
Unit Dues Wisconsin	504.00
Unit Dues, Newsletter Mailed	376.00
Waukesha Rally 2010 Fees	1,095.00
Total Income	7,331.48
Cost of Goods Sold	
Bikes and Buggies Expenses	0.00
Elkhart Lake Rally Expenses	2,767.00
Fall Campout Rally Expenses	696.18
Green Lake Rally 2010 Expenses	1,984.34
Waukesha Rally May 2010 Expense	1,105.70
Total COGS	6,553.22
Gross Profit	778.26
Expense	
Postage and Delivery-Newsletter	126.56
Postage and Delivery - Other	82.88
Printing and Reproduction-News	124.80
Printing and Reproduction-Other	144.95
Supplies and Materials	284.72
Total Expense	763.91
Net Ordinary Income	14.35
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Earned	60.12
Total Other Income	60.12
Net Other Income	60.12
Net Income	74.47

Holiday Luncheon

December 11, 2010

11:30 AM

Hi-Way Harry's Restaurant

710 Glover Lane
Hwy 26 and I94—Across from the Outlet Mall
Johnson Creek, WI 53038

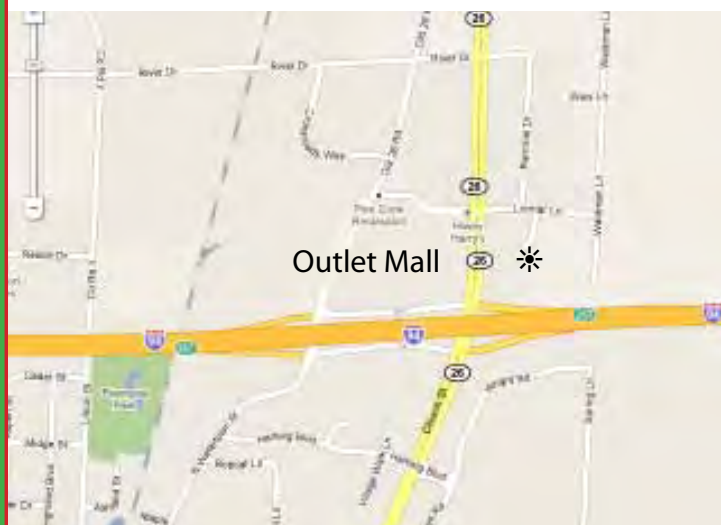
Please join us for the WBCCI Wisconsin
Unit Holiday Luncheon.

RSVP: by Sunday December 5th

To: Heidi or Bob Manak

Call: 262 544-6151 or

email: bob.manak@wbcci.net



WI Unit Membership Application

International dues \$65.00
Wisconsin Unit dues (*email newsletter*) \$8.00
Total due to Treasurer: (*email newsletter only*) \$73.00
Add newsletter by US Mail \$10.00
Total due to Treasurer: (*Includes US Mail newsletter*) \$83.00

Please make checks payable to: **W. B. C. C. I. – Wisconsin Unit**
Mail to: Sandy Emerick, Treasurer
838 E. Eldorado
Appleton, WI 54911

*Please update your personal information for our records and send with your dues.
Thank you for your continuing/new membership in the club!*

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2011 Membership Information

Last Name _____ His first _____ Her first _____

Children: Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Summer

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

(Badger Bulletin will be mailed to this address from April to November.)

Winter

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

(Badger Bulletin will be mailed to this address from January through March.)

Contact numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

WBCCI Unit number _____ Type/length of unit _____ Year _____

Email _____ Receive newsletter via: Unit website _____ USPS _____ Both _____
(You will get an email notice when each new Bulletin is online)

Include email address in Intl Directory: Yes _____ No _____ Unit Directory: Yes _____ No _____

Courtesy parking: Yes _____ No _____

Type of membership: New _____ Life _____ Renewal _____ Transfer _____ From _____

Affiliate _____ Member-at-Large _____ Vintage _____

Newsletter Only _____

Birthday (month/day only): His _____ Hers _____ Anniversary _____

Interests/hobbies: His _____ Hers _____

Vocation: His _____ Hers _____