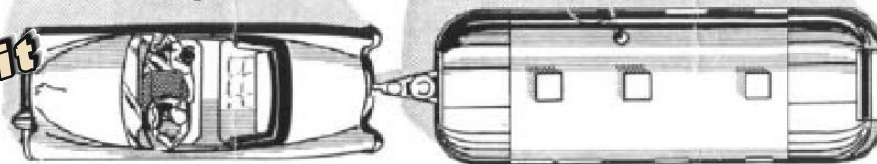


# BADGER BULLETIN



August 2011

## THE PREZ SEZ. . .



We just had a great Region 7 rally near Green Bay. (In the picture I am alongside the pavilion, carefully navigating the unit flag *under* the rafters, and *between* the columns and the swimming pool fence for the opening ceremony.) Story on the rally in this issue.

We are rapidly heading into the Wisconsin Unit's grand finale for this

Airstreaming season, consisting of the Region 7 VAC Rally at Elkhart Lake one weekend, the *Apostle Islands Adventure* rally the following weekend, with the *Wisconsin World's Largest* caravan between! Followed (after a few weeks to recover!) by the Door County camp out in October and the annual Birthday Bash in November.

Hard to believe that this will be my last "Prez Sez" column; my term in office will end with the election and installation of the next unit president at the September rally. My sincere thanks go to all of you who have worked to uphold the honorable traditions of the Wisconsin Unit, including all of you who have served as officers and on committees, hosted luncheons, rallies, and caravans, and all who have supported these events with your participation! Special thanks go to Bob Manak, web master extraordinaire, photographer, quartermaster, etc., etc. and wife Heidi, membership chairperson. Also Ed Emerick, world-renown caravan leader, and wife Sandy, who has undertaken the thankless task of unit treasurer for years, Don & Kay Stenz, for hosting the Elkhart Lake rally and November Birthday Bash, and Dennis Thayer, for completing a 3-year term as Trustee.

Sadly, the Wisconsin Unit will, next year, for the first time in its 53 year history, have to recycle a president—Ed Emerick, whose first term was in 2003. The good news is, we have an experienced candidate to take the job—the bad news is, we need more officers in the chain of succession!

See you down the road,

John Sellers, President

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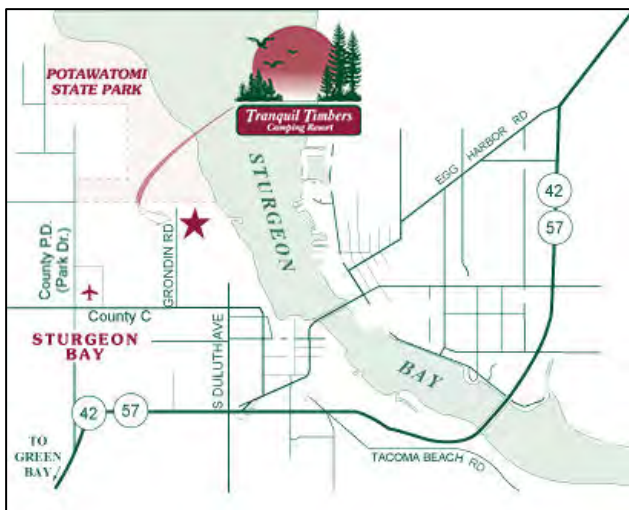
**Region 7 Vintage Rally, Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association Race Weekend and Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America Race Track, September 9 – 11** at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz. See flyer this issue. **Reservations due by Sept. 1.**

**Wisconsin's Worlds Largest Caravan, September 12 – 15** led by Ed & Sandy Emerick from the Region 7 Vintage Rally, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin to the *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally*, Washburn, Wisconsin. See flyer this issue.

**Apostle Islands Adventure Rally, September 15 – 18,** Thompson's West End Campground, Washburn, Wisconsin, hosted by John & Barb Sellers. See flyer this issue. **Reservations due at Sandy's by Sept. 7.**

**Doin' the Door Camp Out, October 14 – 16,** Tranquil Timbers RV Resort, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick and John & Barb Sellers. As many of you know, Ed & Sandy are in the process of acquiring property in Door County and had hoped to have the October camp out on their new acreage. Real estate transactions seldom take place as quickly as we would like, and because of this uncertainty we decided to have the camp out at a nearby campground. If Ed & Sandy get their land on time we can spend most of the time partying at their place!

The camp-out will be October 14-16 at Tranquil Timbers RV Resort, 3668 Grondin Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 <http://www.tranquiltimbers.com/> (920) 743-7115 or email [tranquil\\_timbers@equitylifestyle.com](mailto:tranquil_timbers@equitylifestyle.com) The campground is holding a block of water-and-electric sites for us (MR01 – MR17) for us at a discounted rate of \$30 per night including tax. **Contact the campground directly for reservations and tell them you are with the Airstream group. Cutoff date for reservations is October 4;** after that date any unused spaces will be released. (You are still welcome to come, but may not be parked with the group.) Since this is a camp out, there is no rally fee and no registration coupon to send to the unit treasurer.



## Thoughts and Prayers

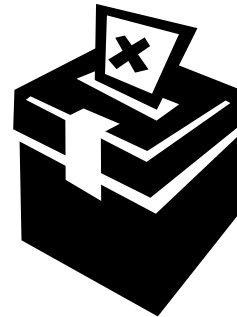
Past unit president, newsletter editor, sunshine lady, and all-around kingpin of the unit, Ellen McGaughey, continues to battle cancer. Let's keep Ellen and Mark in our thoughts and prayers (and cards, phone calls, and emails).

### Fall Business Meeting and Ballot

The fall business meeting will be Saturday morning September 17 at the Apostle Islands rally. In addition to election of unit officers for 2011-12 there are two region officer elections to be voted on and a WBCCI constitutional amendment. The unit officer and WBCCI constitutional amendment ballots are described on the next page.

There are two Region elections on this ballot. Gail Harrower of the North Dakota Unit has agreed to serve as Region 7 Second VP, and one ballot serves to elect her immediately to this vacant position. The second Region ballot is to elect the new slate of Region 7 officers to take office in 2012. Pete Yanke of the Minnesota Unit has agreed to serve as Second VP in 2012, bringing us up to a full complement of officers. (Resumes in this newsletter.)

This newsletter includes a mail ballot for the Region officer and WBCCI Constitutional Amendment. Unit officer elections are not included on this ballot since not all candidates are known at this time. Mail ballots may be voted in accordance with the usual Wisconsin Unit procedure: Mark the ballot and mail to the Unit Secretary, being certain to include your return address, with WBCCI number, on the envelope. Envelopes will not be opened until the meeting so that members who mailed a ballot but then decided to attend the meeting can take back their ballots and vote in person at the meeting. Mail ballots will be opened and mixed with ballots voted at the meeting to maintain secrecy of the ballot.



### The Badger Bulletin WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116

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## Unit Officer Nominations

A sufficient number of members have volunteered to serve as officers to keep the unit going on the same minimalist basis it has been. Nominees to date are:

President: Ed Emerick

First Vice President: open

Second Vice President: open

Treasurer: Sandy Emerick

Recording Secretary: Teri Boehmer

Corresponding Secretary: Teri Boehmer

Trustee: Mary Ellen Alsvig

Trustee: open

Trustee: open

**Heartfelt thanks to you who have agreed to serve (and continue to serve) for another year.** We have two open Vice President positions and two open Trustee positions. Like this year, next year we will have enough officers to perpetuate the unit one more year, but the situation is precarious.

## WBCCI Constitutional Amendment

Article XVI of the WBCCI Constitution, AMENDMENTS, affords two ways to amend the Constitution. Article XVI, Section 2, permits amendment by motion to the Delegates Meeting, and Section 1 permits amendment directly by vote of the units. Last year the Denver Colorado Unit proposed an amendment to the WBCCI Constitution via the path of Section 1, and this motion is now up for a vote of the units. The motion reads as follows:

**“Motion:** The Denver Colorado Unit MOVES to STRIKE from the WBCCI Constitution, Sec 4 of ARTICLE IX, BOARD OF TRUSTEES and in its place INSERT under ARTICLE XII, DELEGATES MEETING, the words, “The Delegates shall have full authority to construe and interpret the Club’s Constitution and annually review and/or repeal any Club Bylaw and/or Policy.”

**Rationale:** Currently, ARTICLE XV, BYLAWS AND POLICY, Sec. 1 provides that, “Bylaws and Policies not inconsistent with the Constitution embodying additional provisions for the government of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. may be adopted by the Board of Trustees.”

In addition, the Constitution, under Sec. 4 of ARTICLE IX, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, provides that, “The Board of Trustees shall have full authority to construe and interpret the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws and Policy and may delegate this authority to its Constitution and Bylaws Committee.”

These two sections of the Constitution create an imbalance of authority in the Club. It is improper for a society governed by parliamentary procedure and democratic principles to allow one governing body to create bylaws and then determine if those bylaws are consistent with its given constitutional authority. In effect, this allows the Board of Trustees to review and audit its own efficiency, effectiveness, accuracy, and appropriateness of action.

An audit process by definition is an assessment typically carried out by an independent review. Since it is in the Board’s own interest to approve its own actions, an impartial review is unlikely and improbable. Therefore the Delegates, who directly carry with them the interests and instructions of the membership, are best suited to review and/or repeal actions taken by the Board of Trustees.

It should be noted that this motion continues to allow the Board of Trustees the right to create bylaw and policy. It simply changes how those bylaws and policies are reviewed and audited.”

This motion was reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) Committee, which recommended that it not be adopted. Upon this recommendation the Denver Colorado Unit wrote a rebuttal to the C&BL Committee’s recommendation. The motion, the C&BL committee report and the DenCo Unit rebuttal are included in this newsletter and on the unit web site at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/files/2011/08/region-11-denver-motion.pdf>

**Editorial Comment** by John Sellers, *Badger Bulletin* editor and current Unit President: On balance, I think the ratification of this amendment would be a good thing. As the rationale indicates, it would address a noticeable imbalance of power in the WBCCI. If we compare the working of WBCCI with the working of the United States government, it is as if the functions of the White House, the Supreme Court, and the Senate are all rolled into the International Board of Trustees, while the Delegates represent the House of Representatives. Moreover, the White House [WBCCI Executive Committee] also has 1/3 of the votes in the Senate! (Six members of the Executive Committee and 12 Region Presidents vote on the IBT.) It seems to me that this amendment would make the WBCCI appreciably more democratic.

On the down side, Unit Presidents typically serve as Delegates, and ratification of this amendment would necessarily increase their political involvement, whether they want it or not. (Most don’t.)

This motion is on the ballot for the fall business meeting (included in this newsletter), so vote what you think best for the WBCCI.



# **Wings, Rails, & End Zones**

## **Region 7 Rally**

### **De Pere, Wisconsin**

#### **July 24 – 29, 2011**

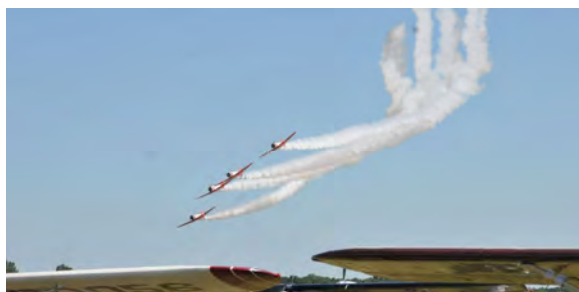
Photos by Bob Manak and John Sellers

Region president Joan and Mike Lahr hosted a dynamite region rally at Apple Creek Campground! The high-energy program attracted 47 units, a great turnout! Opening day (Sunday) included the opening ceremonies and an excellent catered dinner.



Opening ceremonies at Apple Creek Campground.

Monday was spent at the EAA AirVenture fly-in in Oshkosh, including the world-famous air show and an REO Speedwagon concert.



First stop: EAA AirVenture air show.

The next day was spent touring Lambeau Field, the home of the Green Bay Packers, the Hall of Fame, and lunch at Brett Favre's Steakhouse.



Rally goes on the steps of Lambeau Field.

Food at this rally was outstanding, with creative breakfasts (largely due to the efforts of the Minnesota Unit), excellent catered meals, and happy hours!



Minnesota Unit breakfast burrito team.

Wednesday's focus was the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, whose collection includes Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's staff train from WW II, and a Union Pacific Big Boy articulated locomotive, one of the biggest steam locomotives ever built.



Catered dinner at the National Railroad Museum.



Impressive place for a business meeting!

Thursday included region leadership meeting and member "round table" discussions, followed by a trip to a nearby American Legion hall for another great catered dinner and brown bag auction, which raised more than \$1,200 for the Wounded Warrior project.



Vern Schultz demonstrates his auctioneering skills.

Thanks, Joan, Mike, & Linda, for an outstanding region rally!

*The Region 7 Vintage Club  
hosts the September 9–11 WBCCI Rally  
at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.*



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!**

Come and see first hand the 4 mile race track that has become world renown. The 640 acre site was formed by the glaciers and sets the scene for a very interesting track through its hills and valleys. The grandeur of the area is experienced by about 700,000 visitors here each year.

There are events going on at RA throughout the season, but this weekend is the “VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association) Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival”. Come see some of the world’s most beautiful sports cars out on the track. Plus see the Historic Reenactment of the actual street races that took place in the early 1950’s right through the Elkhart Lake. Enjoy the village festivities along with its shops throughout the day, or a round of golf at the neighboring golf courses. And don’t forget the “Gathering on the Green” and Concourse de Provenance with cocktails and live music Saturday afternoon.

WBCCI members who wish to participate will play host to a Public Open House on Saturday the 10th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. While these gorgeous cars drive right around the perimeter of our camping area we will be showing off our Shiny Aluminum Dream Machines as well.

There is so much to see and do for the family this weekend; it’s going to be tough to decide. You can find more information about the weekend and the area on the web at [www.elkhartlake.com](http://www.elkhartlake.com) and Road America race schedule information at <http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=246>

**Deadline for Tickets is September 1, 2011 !!**

Remember this rally is **DRY CAMPING**; (Generators allowed until 10:00pm. For special needs call Don Stenz)

**Rally fee includes:** 3 days track pass, Camping in the “Carousel Area” on the grass, Rest rooms and Showers, Dump station, Fresh water filling station. Concession Stands are available on the grounds.

Due to all the events going on throughout the weekend, meals will be on your own. We will have Happy Hour for those who are around.

**Make checks payable to:**

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI  
Reservation forms due Thursday, September 1st  
Tickets will be picked up at the track

**Mail to:**

Sandy Emerick  
838 E. Eldorado St  
Appleton, WI 54911

**Questions to:**

Don Stenz • 920 946-4122 • [slem@tds.net](mailto:slem@tds.net)

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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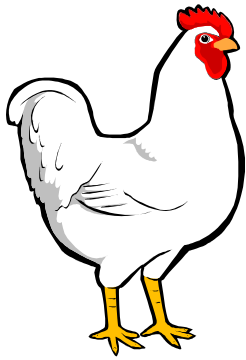
WBCCI# or buddy of (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Per person(13 and older) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$69.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(12 and under are free) (after deadline \$125.00)

Site fee per rig \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 15.00  
(after deadline \$20.00)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_





## The *Wisconsin's World's Largest* Caravan 2011

Led by Ed & Sandy Emerick  
September 12 – 15, 2011



Have you ever wanted to see the **world's largest CHICKEN, PENNY or BADGER????!!!**  
If so, come join us on the *Wisconsin's World's Largest Caravan* from the Region 7 VAC Rally at Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI to the *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally* in Washburn, WI.

The *Wisconsin's World's Largest Caravan* will take you from the "Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival", aka the Region 7 VAC Rally at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, WI to Washburn, WI via Minocqua, WI.

We will depart the Region 7 VAC Rally on Monday morning, September 12, 2011 and travel about 200 miles into the North Woods of Wisconsin in search of the largest Wisconsin has to offer. On that Monday we will stop in Birnamwood, WI and see not only the **World's Largest Chicken** (aka the Big Chicken) but also the **World's Largest Badger**. From Birnamwood, WI we will complete our day in Minocqua, WI, the **World's Largest Wisconsin Tourist Trap**.

We will stay at Indian Shores Campground. Each caravanner is responsible for making his/her own reservations. The contact information is:

Indian Shores Camping Resort  
Hwy 47 SE  
PO Box 12  
Woodruff, WI 54568-0012

Phone: 715-356-5552  
Fax: 715-356-1146  
Email: [info@Indian-Shores.com](mailto:info@Indian-Shores.com)

We will arrive at Indian Shores on the afternoon of September 12 and depart for the Adventure Rally on Thursday morning September 15; you will need to make a 3 night reservation. Tell the campground that you are with the Wisconsin Airstreamers group to be placed near each other.

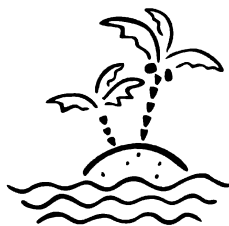
While in Minocqua we are planning a day trip over to **Wisconsin's World's Largest Concrete Park** in Phillips, WI, a visit to **Wisconsin's World's Largest Penny** in Woodruff, WI, and the **Wisconsin's World's Largest/First Snowmobile** in Sayner, WI. In Minocqua we will be in the middle of the **World's Largest Wisconsin Tourist Trap** for your touring pleasure.

We will travel to *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally* on the Morning of September 15, 2011 and on the way we will make stops in Mercer, WI to see **Wisconsin's World's Largest Loon** and in Hurley, WI to **Wisconsin's World's Largest Corkscrew**. We will arrive in Washburn, WI at the *Apostle Islands Adventure Rally* on the afternoon of September 15 to end our *Wisconsin's World's Largest Caravan*, 2011.

**Contact Ed & Sandy Emerick if you are planning on caravanning with us;**  
Email: [redwagon@new.rr.com](mailto:redwagon@new.rr.com) or [eeemerick@new.rr.com](mailto:eeemerick@new.rr.com), Phone: 920-954-1585.



## Apostle Island Area – Things to Do



We will be camping at Washburn, WI, on the west side of Chequamegon Bay, 12 miles south of Bayfield and 12 miles northwest of Ashland.

### Apostle Islands



**Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Visitor Center**, 415 Washington Ave., Bayfield  
[www.nps.gov/apis](http://www.nps.gov/apis) Displays and information about the Apostle Islands. M – F 8 AM – 4:30 PM



**Apostle Islands Cruises** [www.apostleisland.com](http://www.apostleisland.com)  
City Dock, Bayfield. Tour the uninhabited Apostle Islands on the *Island Princess*. The “Grand Tour” cruise is 3½ hours departing daily at 10:00 \$39.95

The rally will coincide with the annual **Lighthouse Celebration** [www.lighthousecelebration.com/](http://www.lighthousecelebration.com/) and there are special cruises to the lighthouses.

**Madeline Island Ferry Line** [www.madferry.com](http://www.madferry.com)  
Ferries between Bayfield and inhabited Madeline Island run approximately hourly; \$12 per person round trip, \$6 for bicycles.

### Bayfield County

**Bayfield Orchards.** County Road J circles Bayfield and contains numerous orchards and fruit farms. These will be selling the produce of their fall harvests at the time of the rally. See map in rally packet.

Many **hiking trails** in the National Lakeshore and Chequamegon National Forest. See Bayfield County Visitors Guide in rally packet.

### Bayfield



**Bayfield Heritage Center** [www.bayfieldheritage.org](http://www.bayfieldheritage.org)  
30 North Broad Street, Bayfield. Tues – Sat 1 – 4

**Bayfield Maritime Museum** 131 South. First Street

**Shopping in Bayfield.** Bayfield is a vacation/tourist town with numerous shops, restaurants, and ice cream places.

Note: We were asked about **Big Top Chautauqua**. Unfortunately their season closes before our rally.

### Washburn

**Washburn Cultural Center**, 1 East Bayfield Street  
[www.washburnculturalcenter.org](http://www.washburnculturalcenter.org) Washburn area history museum and gift shop.

**Lakefront Walk** runs from Thompson’s West End Campground to Washburn Marina, with displays depicting the history of the Washburn lakefront.

**Shopping in Washburn.** Washburn is smaller than Bayfield, but has several restaurants, art galleries, antique shops, etc.

**Lake Superior View Golf Course and Driving Range** [www.lakesuperiorviewgolf.com/](http://www.lakesuperiorviewgolf.com/) Near the campground on County Highway C. \$15-9 holes, \$22-18 holes; Cart rental \$10 for 1 person, \$15 for 2

### Ashland



**Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center** Hwy 2 west of Ashland. [www.northerngreatlakescenter.org/](http://www.northerngreatlakescenter.org/)  
History and ecology of Lake Superior region.

**Ashland Mural Walk.** See brochure in rally packet.

# Apostle Islands Adventure Rally

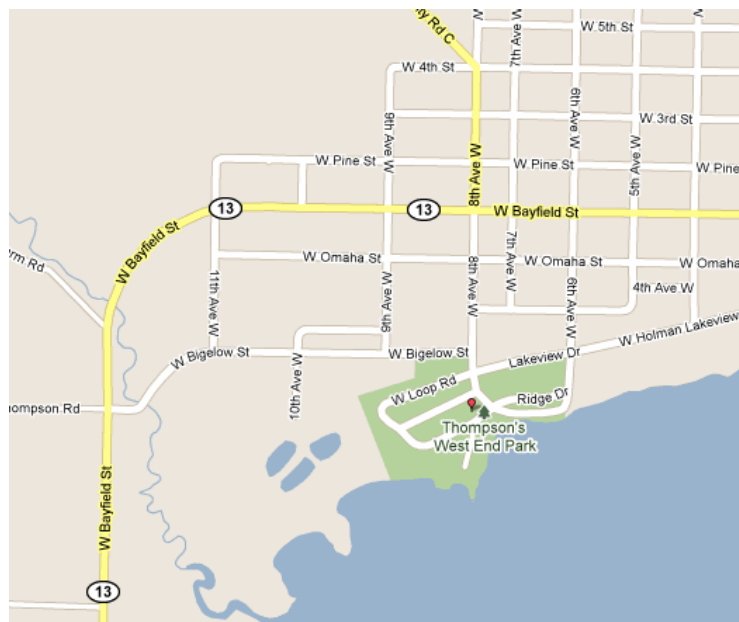
Wisconsin Unit September Rally  
September 15 - 18, 2011

Thompson's West End Campground  
South End of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Washburn, Wisconsin 54891  
(city hall) 715-373-6160

<http://cityofwashburn.org/camping.htm#thompsons>



Join your hosts John & Barb Sellers for an adventure in Wisconsin's fabled Apostle Islands nestled on the North Coast of Wisconsin. Take a boat tour of the uninhabited islands, take the ferry to inhabited Madeline Island, tour numerous museums and other attractions in Washburn and nearby Bayfield and Ashland.



We will be camped right on Lake Superior at the City of Washburn's municipal Thompson's West End Campground.

We have reserved all 19 non-seasonal sites of the campground, equipped with 30/50A electric, but no water or sewer hookup. Come with a full freshwater tank and empty waste tanks. There is plenty of water available at the campground (an artesian well, in fact!) but it will have to be transported to your unit. There is a dump station on site. Rally activities begin Thurs. Sept. 15. (Hosts will be there Sept 14.)

**The camping fee of \$22 a night is not included in the rally fee. Camping fee will be paid on arrival; self-service, cash or check; no charge cards.** Reservations are not required—we have the campground reserved—but after the start of the rally we will release any unused sites. Campground

amenities include restrooms and showers, pavilion (reserved for our use), playground, and swimming beach (brrr!).

Scheduled activities (with plenty of time for sightseeing on your own):

Thu., Sept. 15 – Parking – Caravan arrives – Happy Hour (bring snacks) – Supper (sandwich makin's provided) – games

Fri., Sept. 16 – Continental Breakfast – Parking – Happy Hour (bring snacks) – Dinner on your own at local restaurants

Sat., Sept. 21 – Breakfast (provided) – Business Meeting – Happy Hour (no snacks) - Pizza buffet + salad

Sun., Sept. 22 – Apostle Islands Continental Breakfast – Sightseeing on your own - Departures

Questions? Contact John & Barb Sellers, [sellersj@erinet.com](mailto:sellersj@erinet.com) cell 937-478-7267

## Apostle Islands Adventure Rally Reservation Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/St \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee (includes pavilion rental, 3 breakfasts, Thursday supper, and Friday pizza buffet)

\$22 x number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Campsite fees of \$22 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

(Advance reservations must reach Sandy before the Emericks leave for the Elkhart Lake rally, around September 7.)





## *the AIRSTREAM RV Association*

803 E. PIKE STREET  
PO BOX 612  
JACKSON CENTER, OH 45334-0612

Phone: 937-596-52  
FAX: 937-596-554  
www.wbccci.org

12 February 2011

To: President, Denver Colorado Unit, WBCCI

From: Chairman, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, WBCCI

Subject: Report

The following constitutes the report of this committee in accordance with the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, to your Unit concerning your proposed constitutional amendment to Article IX. The motion contains merit but cannot be recommended due to following as covered in the numbered paragraphs below (Please especially note the contents of paragraph 7):

1. It is noted that in the Constitution, the International Board of Trustees (IBT) is the "administrative body of the International Club", and elsewhere in Article IX, additional authorities are specified including (Section 4) "full authority to construe and interpret the Club's Constitution and.....". This authority is given only to the IBT as a body and NOT the WBCCI President, Executive Committee, any one or special grouping of the IBT, C & BL Committee, Headquarters or any Region or Unit Board. This is an authorization that the IBT must have in order to fully complete and LIMIT their constitutional mandated authority.
2. As the Delegates (Membership) are the only authority with the power in the Constitution to amend it (Article XVI), it is understood that this body already possesses the authority to construe and interpret it or how else could they change it? The IBT possesses the same authority with regards to the Bylaws as the IBT is the maker (Article XV). The basic question is why would it be necessary to make an amendment for authority the Delegates already possess.
3. The Delegates, having this complete authority over the Constitution to amend it, would have also at least partial power over the Bylaws if the motion were to succeed. This would place the Delegates as an additional administrative body within the Club. Your motion does not place limits or specifics resulting in overlapping or grey areas of responsibility. This further makes an imbalance of authority in allowing one body to create both the Constitution and Bylaws and not allowing IBT any duplicate authority of both. It creates in reverse the same argument used in the third and fourth paragraphs of your rationale. It must work both ways.

4. The intent of the Bylaws (Article XV) is for the government of the WBCCI within the confines of the Constitution. All members of the IBT are elected as representatives of the Units within their Regions or are elected as International Officers. The members of the Delegate body are also either elected or selected by their Units. In either case, the IBT or the Delegates, the wishes of the membership (one member, one vote) is a prime consideration. How can changes be made to the Constitution, Bylaws or Policy when the originals came from the same source or if properly conceived, be different? My experience, having been a part of both, is that the intent of the individuals involved is not different, but "what is best for the Club".
5. Any degree of control by the Delegates over the Bylaws or Policy results in them being in a position of "administrative control" or governing the organization (now solely consigned to the IBT). I am not debating the question of right or wrong but rather clarifying the limits of authorities allotted to the Delegates on one hand, and the IBT on the other. There may also be problems to be worked out going back to our Corporation requirements and authorities which could override this motion.
6. In the absence of procedures not listed in your motion, input to the Delegates for the intent of the motion would have to be in the form of "an amendment" as this is the only procedure so designated in the Constitution.
7. Also, please consider that with the proposed completely new constitution projected for vote this coming June, action on this motion at this time may be a wasted effort. If action is still contemplated, it is recommended that a motion be directed at Article XV (Bylaws).
8. Motions that change the Constitution as motions that change the Bylaws do not leave openings in the document. If a segment is removed, it should state how the rest of that document is to be renumbered, and if inserted, it must state where and how numbered. It is not automatically done. Also, in the second line of the motion where the words "and it its place INSERT", what is it that is to be inserted? You are inserting in Article XII. If you are trying to sell a motion, it is recommended that it be in the best possible form.

Prepared with much consideration and with due respect,

Don Shafer

Cc: International President, with further copies as he desires

Region 11 President

WBCCI Headquarters



February 15, 2011

**To:** Corporate Manager, Cindy Reed, WBCCI  
**From:** President Patricia Reed, WBCCI Denver Colorado Unit #24  
**Subject:** Rebuttal to Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report on the Denver Colorado Unit Motion to Amend Article IX, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Section 4 and Article XII, DELEGATES MEETINGS.

Dear Members of the WBCCI,

The purpose of this rebuttal is to show why our motion has merit and should be recommended.

Our motion is simple and easy to understand. It leaves the Board with the power to make Policy and Bylaws but transfers to the Delegates, the right to decide if any bylaw or policy conflicts with the Constitution and if it does the right to repeal it.

International President Beu has agreed to let us rebut the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report, on a point-by-point basis:

1. This first point in the committee's report says that ARTICLE IX, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Sec. 4 "LIMITS" the board's authority. Our view is that this section gives the Board UNLIMITED authority. The Board makes our bylaws and Sec. 4 gives them, "... full authority to construe and interpret the Club's Constitution and Bylaws..." The meaning of the word *full* is, "absolute." There is no limit to that.
2. The committee report says that the Delegates already have "power" and "authority" so why is it, "necessary to make an amendment for authority the Delegates already possess?" We believe the only *authority* the Delegates currently have is to deliberate on motions presented to them at the annual Delegates Meeting and cast their Unit's allocated votes.<sup>1</sup>
3. Delegates would not become an, "additional administrative body." Our motion will increase their ability as a legislative body, but specifically "limit" the Delegates to repealing bylaws and policy, not making them. So our motion does not create, "overlapping or grey areas of responsibility." The IBT would continue to make bylaws and policy, the Delegates would only have the ability to review and repeal a bylaw or policy they determine is not consistent with the Constitution. This provides balance to IBT authority.
4. The idea presented by the report that the Club must be held, "within the confines of the Constitution," is troublesome. The *intent* of the Constitution is **not to confine** the Club within a myriad of bylaws, but instead is found in the words used in ARTICLE III, Sec. 3 Objectives – *encouragement, assistance, opportunities*, "and active participation of all its members." The word *confine* is not found anywhere in the Constitution.
5. The Club's corporation requirements are a short document and there is nothing in it that would override our motion should the members ratify it.<sup>2</sup>
6. The report states that the only method allowed for the Delegates to repeal bylaws would be by constitutional amendment. We believe that is a contradiction and so is not possible. Voting on



bylaws requires a simple majority vote, whereas voting on a constitutional amendment requires 2/3 majority.

Provision for the Delegates to make motions from the floor of their meeting is already authorized by the Bylaws.<sup>3</sup>

The Delegates Meeting is a convention and parliamentary setting, governed by Roberts Rules.<sup>4</sup>

Our motion further defines the powers and duties of the Delegates.<sup>5</sup>

7. On this point, the Committee's report is complete conjecture. It asks that you pay particular attention to a proposal by the President's Special Revision Committee with the suggestion that, "action on," the Denver Colorado Unit motion, "may be a wasted effort."

The Revision Committee's original mandate was only to "streamline" the Bylaws, not rewrite the Constitution.

If the Revision Committee's proposal is presented to the IBT this June, to become an IBT motion, it would not go before the Delegates until June 2012. The Revision Committee's proposal is complex and full of unknowns.

Our motion is a grass-roots motion, and comes from a Unit just like yours. We have faith in the collective wisdom and intelligence of our Club's broad and diverse membership. Our motion is designed to put that membership back in the driver's seat.

8. The report's final point seems to be that our motion does not designate where it is to be inserted as a new section of Article XII. Our motion simply, but clearly, specifies that it is to be inserted under Article XII.

If the Constitution and Bylaws Committee wants to designate it as being a new additional Section then that would be fine with us. It does not have to be given a section designation at all. Look at the Constitution of the United States, Article V, VI, VII and Amendments 1 through 12. They are not broken down into sections, just written as simple paragraphs under their Article and Amendment headings.

The Denver Colorado Unit sincerely hopes that you will find merit in our motion and vote yes for its inclusion in the WBCCI constitution. Now is the time for members and their delegates to have a greater voice in how our club is run.



Denver Colorado Unit President Patricia Reed (#1953)

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<sup>1</sup> See Constitution Article XII, Section 5, and Article XVI Section 2

<sup>2</sup> The document is available on-line at: [http://www2.sos.state.oh.us/reports/rwservlet?imgc&Din=D067\\_1917](http://www2.sos.state.oh.us/reports/rwservlet?imgc&Din=D067_1917)

<sup>3</sup> *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* are authorized by BYLAW, ARTICLE I, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY, Sec. 1

<sup>4</sup> RONR (10<sup>th</sup> ed) p. 581, I. 1-9

<sup>5</sup> RONR (10<sup>th</sup> ed) p. 582, I. 22-30, also outlines that, "the governing instrument of the association," should define the convention's, "powers and duties."

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**Unit** North Dakota (145)

**WBCCI** Member of WBCCI for the last 31 years  
Joined WBCCI September 1979 with the Alberta / Saskatchewan Unit  
Transferred membership to Manitoba Canada Unit in 1984  
Transferred membership to North Dakota Unit in 2009  
Recording Secretary & Treasurer - Manitoba Canada Unit - 1986 to 1992  
President Manitoba Canada Unit - 1992-1993, 2003-2004,  
First Lady Manitoba Canada Unit - 1988-1989, 2005-2006, 2007-2008  
Secretary / Treasurer - Morris Stampede Special Events Rally  
- 1988 - 1995  
Region 7 Membership Chair - 2007-Present

**Occupation** Financial Administrator, Superior Technologies, Winnipeg, MB. from November 1, 1984 to December 1, 2006. Part of the management committee that documented and implemented ISO 9001 certification in the company.

**Rallies Attended**

International Rally - 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003  
IBT Mid Winter Board Meeting & Rally - 2008, 2009, 2011  
Morris Stampede Special Events Rally - responsible for registration -  
1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995  
Region 7 Folklorama Rally in Winnipeg, MB - 1989 - Registration  
Region 7 Rally - 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011

**Caravans** 1988 - 2003 - caravanned with Manitoba Unit to International Rallies.  
Caravanned with the Manitoba Unit to the Region 7 rallies

**Personal** Married to Bruce since 1973 - two children, two grandchildren

**Volunteering** June 2007 to present - Editor of the newsletter for the Paradise Village Residents' Association. The newsletter is the largest publication in South East Manitoba and consists of 48 to 52 pages each month and is distributed to over 250 homes in Paradise Village and 70 advertisers.

Headed the committee that raised over \$18,000.00 for the local Ste. Anne Hospital in 2010 through a fundraising dinner at Paradise Village.

Very active in the community of Paradise Village since May 2006.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with and represent the members of Region 7.

Pete Yanke #7528

Candidate for Region 7 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, July 2012

- Vitals:
  - Wife – Kathy
  - WBCCI member since 2002
  - Past MN unit President and Trustee, Current Region 7 Treasurer.
  - Planned caravans and rallies.
- Objectives:
  - Represent the interests of Region 7 as directed by the units.
  - Work with other IBT representatives to affect positive policy decisions
  - Make region officer positions more attractive to members.
  - Keep events on all levels interesting and affordable, a good value



## Wisconsin Unit Ballot for the Region 11 Denver Colorado Motion

Motion: The Denver Colorado Unit MOVES to STRIKE from the WBCCI Constitution, Sec 4 of ARTICLE IX, BOARD OF TRUSTEES and in its place INSERT under ARTICLE XII, DELEGATES MEETING, the words, "The Delegates shall have full authority to construe and interpret the Club's Constitution and annually review and/or repeal any Club Bylaw and/or Policy.

**Ratify the Motion :** ..... ☐

**Reject the Motion :** ..... ☐

*Please remember that you are allowed one vote per unit (trailer/motorhome) that is, one vote per couple. You must include your Name and WBCCI # in the return address on your envelope. All folded ballots will be separated from the envelopes, mixed up, then counted. This is treated as a secret ballot election.*

**Your ballots must be returned by September 12, 2011 or bring your ballot envelope to the business meeting at the rally on September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Mail to: Teri Boehmer, Secretary WI Unit - Ballot  
928 Oak St  
Delafield, WI 53018

## Wisconsin Unit Ballot for the Special Region 7 Election

Election to fill the open 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position for the remainder of the 2010-11 term that ends July 2012.

**Region 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Gail Harrower ..... ☐  
*write in* \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

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## Wisconsin Unit Ballot for the Region 7 Election for 2012-2013

Candidate information can be found in Region 7 Newsletter.

**Region 7 President:** Linda Agre ..... ☐  
*write in* \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

**Region 7 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Gail Harrower ..... ☐  
*write in* \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

**Region 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Pete Yanke ..... ☐  
*write in* \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

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