

October 2011

UNDER THE AWNING WITH ED



I'm sure that most of you have now winterized your trailers/motor homes and are settling in for the winter.

But wait, we have one more unit event, the Birthday Bash. Not Wally's birthday, heck, *anyone* can rally in July. For hardy Wisconsin Airstreamers, the true Birthday Bash is in November, yes, NOVEMBER! There are 12 members of the

Wisconsin Unit that have birthdays in November, and three of us share November 7 (the coooooool kids). With that said, a number of us have gotten together to celebrate this momentous occasion for years, and this year is no exception. There is often chili, beer, bean dip, beer, nachos, beer, roast beast, beer, fish, beer, candy, pastries, and many other delights to eat while it snows on our Airstreams. Oh, and did I mention beer?

So come join us on November 11–13, 2011 at Kohler Andrae State Park for this year's "Birthday Bash" Campout. Our hosts Don & Kay Stenz promise that it will snow, blow, rain and freeze us. Most of all the Birthday Bash gives us a chance to use our Airstreams one last time this year in Wisconsin for Fun, Fellowship and Adventure! I love this event; we have such a good time having the lakeshore to ourselves. We skinny dip, have bonfires, cook, drink and chat about the past rally season.

I beseech you, forget about winterizing, forget about the cold and the snow and come to Kohler for the hottest event of the season, the Birthday Bash. If you don't I will be all by myself celebrating, just me, on my birthday, all by myself. How sad would that be?

As I said in my last column, I promise no business meetings, no deep discussions about the club, no hard work or running around like a chicken with your head cut off. We are providing you with the opportunity to do what you want amongst other Airstreamers in an inviting place.

Until next time I see you, enjoy the ride.

Ed Emerick, President

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Upcoming Events

Birthday Bash Camp Out, November 11 – 13, at Kohler-Andrae State Park on Wisconsin's east coast between Sheboygan and Oostburg, hosted by Don & Kay Stenz. The Birthday Bash is a Wisconsin Unit tradition, to celebrate the November birthdays of several unit members. Reservations are not needed. Campsites offer electric hookups; water, restrooms, and dump station are available. For information contact Don & Kay Stenz, 920-946-2122 or email slem@tds.net

November Luncheon, Saturday November 14, 11:30 AM, Oostburg Pizza Ranch, 944 Center Ave., Oostburg, WI, 53070, phone 920-564-6333. Information from, and RSVP to, hosts Don & Kay Stenz, 920-946-2122, or slem@tds.net

Holiday Luncheon, Saturday December 3, 11:30 AM, at Millie's Restaurant, N2484 County Road O (South Shore Dr. at County Highway "O"), Delavan, WI, 262-728-2434.

Please bring a pet toy or container of pet food for a donation to our local humane society so the pets will have a happier Christmas.

Hosted by Arlene & Dick Redell, 262-248-6108, or redellal@yahoo.com

Sad News

At the October rally Bill and Cathy Nelson said that they had received word from Wisconsin Unit life member Norm Lammers of Pharr, Texas, that his wife Clara had passed away in July as a result of complications of surgery. A sympathy card was circulated at the rally.

Norm and Clara Lammers led the national Polar Bear caravan for many years. Up to date contact information is in the unit directory for those who would like to extend your sympathies to Norm.



Happy News from the McGaugheys

Airstream Friends—Mark and I have sure missed seeing you and hearing about your camping exploits this year! We have been the recipients of many good wishes and prayers from you and we want you to know that it does make a difference in how our days evolve when we hear from you.

Want you to know that chemo is completed and radiation has started. I'm guaranteed to glow in the dark by Christmas!

While no one would choose to have cancer, I have experienced many blessings and much spiritual enlightenment over the last few months—it has been a remarkable adventure! Thanks for your part in it all!"

Ellen

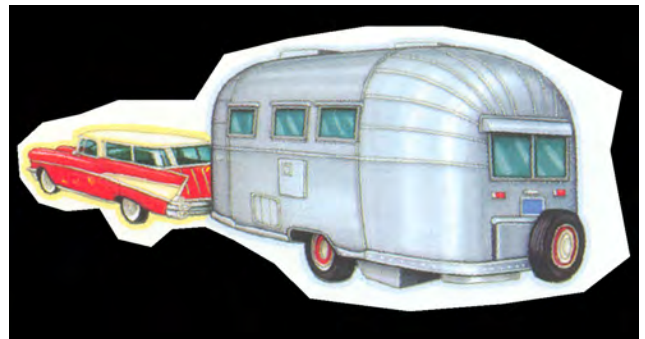
Airstream for Sale

Stan Schwenke has reported an Airstream trailer for sale in Sheboygan. Details below:

1969 Airstream Tradewind, 24/25 ft. rear bath, center queen bed, needs some work. Stored in Sheboygan

Andrew & Shawn Ridgway,
2714 S. 11th Place
Sheboygan, WI 53081

920-803-8622



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Doin' the Door Camp Out **Tranquil Timbers RV Resort** **Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin** October 14 – 16, 2011

Photos by Steve Piotrowski and John Sellers

The October Door County camp out was jointly hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick and John & Barb Sellers. Ed & Sandy had originally hoped to hold it at their new Door County digs, but the timing didn't quite work out, so it was held at Tranquil Timbers instead.



Leaves just starting to turn, mid October.



A gaggle of Airstreams at Tranquil Timbers.



Ever-popular happy hour



Arlene Redell's one-stop service center—
book exchange, snacks, and quilts!

As luck would have it, the Emerick's real estate transaction **did** go through. They closed the first morning of the rally! (See story next page.)



Ed Emerick pops a cork to celebrate becoming a land baron.



Steve & Lynn Piotrowski hosted a great pumpkin-cookie
decorating contest .



More of Lynn's artistic Halloween cookies



Potential new member Karen Suksi meets Bill & Cathy
Nelson and Ed Emerick (but decided to join anyway!)

Thanks to all who helped make our October camp out a
success!

Emerick's Airstream Acres

At the October camp out, Ed & Sandy Emerick achieved their long-time goal of owning land in Door County. Their ten acre plot near Brussels, Wisconsin—the previous owner's private airport—will give them plenty of space for restoring (and parking) vintage Airstreams and otherwise pursuing their dreams.

(The previous owners are building a new house on a lot on a larger airport just a few miles away.)



The first Airstream is parked in a hangar at Airstream Acres.



A scene of general confusion as previous owners move out while Ed & Sandy begin to move in.



"Flying Cloud Four Four Two Five is cleared for takeoff on runway Three Six, wind Two Seven Zero Degrees, Five."

Actually, Ed and Sandy are planning to plant most of the land in fruits and vegetables and join the thriving Door County agricultural industry. (Do Brussels sprouts come from Brussels, Wisconsin?)



Elaine and Sandy explore their very own grassy lane.
(Also known as a snowmobile trail. . .)

Good luck, Ed & Sandy! Best wishes for a happy and prosperous term as Door County land barons!

(And let us know when your courtesy parking is ready!)

Where did you get that?

by Steve Piotrowski. 1st Vice President

I hope to encourage members of the Wisconsin Unit to share their secrets with the rest of us. (No Ed and Sandy, not *those* secrets!)

I'm sure you all have found some little item that makes life on the road easier.



I'll start it off by bringing to your attention something we found that really helps keep the kitchen dry when doing dishes. These drying mats store easily, and absorb huge quantities of water (beer too, I suppose, but I haven't ever wanted to waste that much beer). Use one to stack your dishes after rinsing, and you no longer need the extra pan and rack. They take up no space, cost under ten dollars, and are available at all the stores that sell any sort of kitchen ware. We like them so much, we use them at home for the few hand wash dishes we have there. Try it, you'll like it.

The below is from the Bed Bath and Beyond website description.

"Dish drying mats cushion your delicate dishes and stemware. Holding four times its weight in water, mat is extremely absorbent. Folds and stores easily. Unique laminated



design combines a thin layer of foam between two layers of super absorbent microfiber. Measures 16" W x 18" L. Machine wash. Also available in 18"x24" size."

Exploring Northwestern Illinois

by John Sellers, Past President

After the Apostle Islands rally in September, Barb and I wandered into northwestern Illinois to sightsee and contemplate a future rally. Our first stop was Galena, IL, a lead mining boom town in the early 1800', then a major Mississippi River port, and now a tourist destination.



Galena's historic Main Street now houses upscale emporia.

Galena is very upsy-downy; streets parallel to the Galena River are *streets*, but many cross "streets" are *stairs*!



While staying in Galena we also visited the historic Sinsinawa Mound Center, headquarters of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, founders of many churches and schools.

After touring Galena, Barb and I headed for home. Barb stayed home to do grandmotherly duties and I Airstreamed back north with former co-worker Stan Tate riding shotgun. On the way we checked out the Quad Cities—Moline & Rock Island, IL, and Davenport & Bettendorf, IA.

My main motive was to see the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, the Army's second oldest museum and the one with the largest small arms collection. However our first stop was the John Deere Pavilion, mecca for fans of a brand rivaling Airstream in public recognition!



Antique tractor on display at John Deere Pavilion.

Returning from sightseeing one afternoon we followed a vintage Airstream into the Rock Island KOA campground. Going over for a visit, we had the unexpected pleasure of meeting Wisconsin Unit member Pam Fisher—who has a *very* nice vintage Airstream.

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is located in Building 60, one of the original (1866) stone shops of the Arsenal.



Among firearm enthusiasts, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum is best known for its small arms collection—approximately 1,600 firearms on display. This to the chagrin of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, since the 1903 Springfield rifle was the *only* small arm ever manufactured at the Arsenal!. Its mission has been to make



whatever the Army needed made, from cavalry sabers to saddles and holsters, artillery carriages, and even, once, an orange juicer!

We enjoyed our time in northern Illinois, and barely scratched the surface of things to see.

So we'll have to go back. . .



WI Unit Membership Application

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

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 2012 Membership Information

Last Name _____ His first _____ Her first _____

Children: Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

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)

Courtesy parking: Yes _____ No _____

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

Affiliate _____ Member-at-Large _____ Vintage _____

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

Trailer / MH Serial Number (new applications only) _____