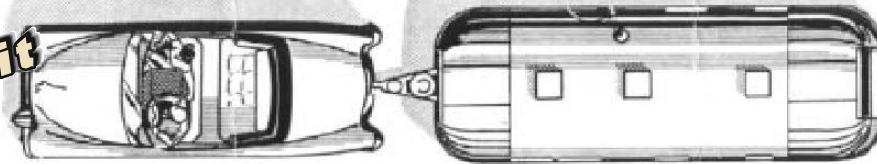


# BADGER BULLETIN



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## UNDER THE AWNING WITH ED



I'm back. . .

As you can see it's time to recycle, and just when you thought you took out the bin, look who shows up back at the house! If I have researched this properly, it looks like I'm the first recycled president in the Wisconsin Unit. I hope I will be the last.

Before I start, I want to say thanks to Barb and John for all

the hard work they have done for the unit. I know I had a great year of Airstreaming because of them. Also the support group should be thanked, the board members, volunteers and others that help run this unit, thanks again to all of you for a great year.

The 2011-2012 season looks very promising as we have a full slate of officers that you will read about later in this newsletter. Again, thanks to this group for stepping up and helping out just when the Wisconsin Unit needed you the most. The 2011-2012 event season is also shaping up nicely; more information as details are finalized.

After seeing me writing the president's column again, many of you are thinking, "What's this guy got up his sleeve this time around?" Sandy and I have some changes planned that we hope will stabilize the unit and maybe help it grow.

First, as most of you that have hosted events know, that can be a cumbersome and sometimes overwhelming challenge. Sandy is going to organize a committee to help future presidents plan and organize the rally season. We both feel this is one of the major reasons that many members will not take a VP position; this task alone is intimidating. Come to the Door County camp out and see what she is planning I hope many of you join us in this fun-loving group!

You will also notice that the *majority* of next year's rallies will be more free-flowing and less structured. It's time to relax and enjoy our surroundings with those who share our love of Airstream products. Again, Sandy's committee will work on the details of these events, so stay tuned.

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## *(Under the Awning With Ed – continued)*

An overwhelming moment in a new unit president's term of office is when the past president presents him with the gavel and 20 tote boxes of kitchen gear! (Thanks again, John, and I will soon thank you too, Bob!) I have had a chance to start rummaging around in them and have to wonder why we have, for example, 27 serving spoons. I have an answer to my own question: We have merged three Wisconsin-based units together over the years and their kitchen gear has accumulated. Back when all this kitchen stuff was needed, 50 to 60 trailers would show up for a rally and we had a committee in charge of organizing and cooking all the meals. But rally attendance is no longer what it was, and the Kitchen Committee dissolved sometime in the early 2000's.

### **Rummage Sale!**

With the above justification, my first presidential decision is to divest the Wisconsin Unit of those serving spoons and most of the other stuff in those totes. At this year's October rally the unit will be holding the **Kitchen Stuff Fire Sale Blowout**. Bring your dollars and quarters and come help us finance the 2012 October Blow Out Rally. The proceeds of this sale will be placed in the treasury and earmarked to help offer an October rally at a greatly reduced price to our members. What is not sold at the rally will be donated to the charities of St. Vincent DePaul, so one way or another the kitchen equipment is going to go to a good cause. If you are in the Appleton area and want to see what we have, stop by and we will give you a gander.

I hope you will join us next year for a fun and relaxing rally season. I know that many of you are very busy, but see if you can squeeze in one event. I promise no long business meetings, no deep discussions about the club, no hard work or running around like a chicken with your head cut off. We want to provide you with the opportunity to do what you want, in an inviting place, amongst other Airstreamers.

Until next time I see you, enjoy the ride.

Ed Emerick, President

## **Region & International Election Results**

### **Region Officers**

In the 2011 special election to fill the empty 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position, Gail Harrower of the North Dakota unit was elected with 100% of the vote.

In the regular election to determine the 2012 officers, all nominating committee candidates were elected with 100% of the vote. These were:

President – Linda Agre, Minnesota Unit

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Gail Harrower, ND Unit

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Pete Yanke, Minnesota Unit

## **WBCCI Constitutional Amendment**

The Denver Colorado amendment to the WBCCI Constitution, giving increased power to the Delegates Meeting, was ratified by a vote of 90% - 10%.

### **2011-12 Unit Officers**



2011-2012 unit officers ready for installation.

We are very happy to report that for the first time in a few years the Wisconsin Unit again has a full complement of unit officers! They are (from left to right in photo above)

President – Ed Emerick

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steve Piotrowski

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Arlene Redell

Secretary – Teri Boehmer

Treasurer – Sandy Emerick

Trustee – Mary Ellen Alsvig (not pictured)

Trustee – Connie Sheasby

Trustee – George Boehmer

Many thanks to all of you who stepped up to the challenge!

## **The Badger Bulletin WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116**

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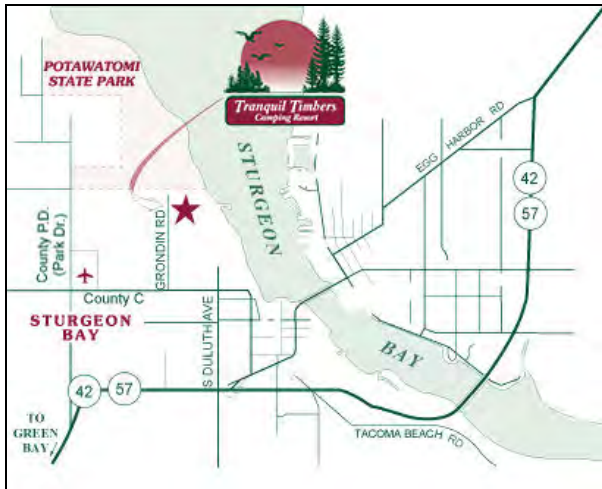
## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

***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. Closing has been rescheduled again, so it doesn't look like Airstream Acres will be theirs till after the rally.

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.**

Since this is a camp out, there is no rally fee and no registration coupon to send to the unit treasurer.



***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](mailto:slem@tds.net)

**November Luncheon, Saturday November 14, 11:30 AM**, Oostburg Pizza Ranch, 944 Center Ave., Oostburg, WI, 53070, phone 920-564-6333. Hosts Don & Kay Stenz, 920-946-2122, or [slem@tds.net](mailto:slem@tds.net)

## 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)

### Schwenkes Win SkyMed Sales Award

SkyMed International has just reported that long-time Wisconsin Unit members Stan & Mary Schwenke have won top producers for July and then repeated to be top producers for August. *SkyMed Takes You Home* is the evacuation service of choice for WBCCI.

### Bill Kronholm Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Bill Kronholm celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday October 6. Congratulations, Bill! This is an accomplishment not everyone is able to manage!

### Larry Huttle Retiring

Cindy Reed of WBCCI headquarters sent this email to region presidents and past presidents:

"As most of you are aware, Larry Huttle, Chairman of Airstream, Inc. will be retiring by the end of this year. His Administrative Assistant, Linda Markley, would like to present him with a gift of memories of his many years of involvement in WBCCI.

"If you would like to send Larry your thoughts or best wishes in a note or card, please mail it to me at headquarters as this is a surprise! I will pass them along to Linda. If you have photos that you would like to include, they would be welcome.

"Also, if you know of others who would like to send their best wishes, please let them know.

"Thanks,  
Cindy"

### 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



## Region 7 Vintage Airstream Club Rally Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin September 9-11, 2011

Photos by Vicki Engelstad

The second annual Road America Region 7 Vintage Airstream Club rally hosted by Don & Kay Stenz and Curt & Julie Gunderson was a great success, with 18 trailers in attendance. This rally is held on the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association race weekend. Vintage Airstreams and vintage sports cars—a great combination!



The Airstream Village at Road America.

This rally has become known for its lack of organized activities. Watch the races, hang out with your friends—and of course, eat, drink, and be merry!



Under the Awning with Ed.

A wide variety of vintage sports cars are present. . .



Will we fit? Airstreamers contemplate full-race Isetta (complete with training wheels).

Region 7 VAC Coordinator Curt Gunderson added a new twist this year to his popular “name that cheese” contest, “name that beer”. This is, after all, *Wisconsin!*



The beer and cheese identification contest. . .



. . . with its coveted “cheese head” traveling trophy.



Wisconsin Unit contingent lined up in a row.



Wow! A neat Airstream-theme birthday cake for Kay Stenz.

Thanks, Don & Kay, Curt & Julie, and everyone who helped make this rally another spectacular success!



## Wisconsin World's Largest Caravan September 12-15, 2011

Photos by Sandy Emerick and Marcia Hahn

The Wisconsin Unit's enthusiastic Caravan Committee (Ed & Sandy Emerick) led a caravan from the Elkhart Lake rally to the Apostle Islands rally the following weekend, managing to take in many of Wisconsin's unique vintage tourist traps.



All lined up and ready to go.



All that's left of the historic Worlds Largest Badger is his head and neck, but those appear to be freshly painted.



Think this is the World's Largest Chicken, as advertised? I'm doubtful. . .



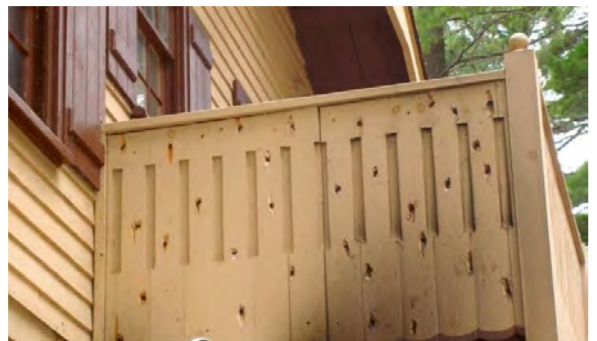
World's Largest Corkscrew is a little shopworn. . .



Ed Emerick in World's Largest Rocking Chair.



The 5 trailers of the caravan lined up in a row.



Little Bohemia lodge where John Dillinger's gang shot it out with the FBI in 1934. (They got away.)

Thanks, Ed & Sandy, for another great caravan!



## ***Apostle Islands Adventure Rally*** **Washburn, Wisconsin** September 15 – 18, 2011

The September 9 – 18 Wisconsin Unit event trifecta wound up with the Apostle Islands Adventure rally hosted by Barb & John Sellers at Thompsons's West End Park campground in Washburn. We were blessed with beautiful sunny weather, albeit a *mite* chilly at times.



*Wisconsin World's Largest caravan arriving.*

This was your free-form laid-back style rally; some visited Madeline Island, toured the popular local attractions, while more ambitious members hiked and kayaked. The city of Washburn was unbelievably supportive. We were extended every courtesy by the city Clerk/Treasurer, and the campground manager. The Mayor even stopped by a couple of times to see if there was anything we needed!



The Holloways kayaking off the campground beach.



Enough rum punch and you *can* get the unit president into a grass skirt! (About time to replace the unit president. . .)



Airstreams scattered about the park.



Good food—always a key ingredient at Airstream rallies!



Brrr! It's cold enough to freeze the coconuts off a palm tree! As you can see from people's clothing, nights were brisk. . .



It was Arlene's birthday, but she provided her own cake(s)!

All in all another great Wisconsin Unit rally!

## From Washburn to Madison in 21 Days

By Steve Piotrowski

We joined the Apostle Islands rally in Washburn on Thursday afternoon September 15. It was a beautiful drive, broken by a stop in Minocqua to purchase a few miniature trees for our newly landscaped back yard. The sale was great, they agreed to hold the trees until our return trip and we have the beginnings of our rock garden plantings. The group was just finishing the happy hour and evening meal when we pulled in, so we quickly set up and joined the friendly folks of the Wisconsin Unit. The weekend went smoothly, even if we were surprised to see our old friend Tim Victor, who is thinking about getting an Airstream and wanted to check things out. By Sunday I was the new 1st Vice President of the Wisconsin Unit, and we had a full slate of officers for the coming year. It was great to see so many step forward to insure that Wisconsin's proud history of an active and involved WBCCI unit is continued.

Lynne and I had planned on spending the next couple of weeks touring around the Lake Superior area. We had made no definitive plans, just stay near the lake and enjoy the great north and the beauty of the lakes. Dazzle and Ruby agreed to come along, I guess they really didn't have a lot of choice, they can't open the cat food cans by themselves. The weather was nice, so we spent another couple of days at Washburn, including a magnificent meal at the Rittenhouse, in Bayfield, before moving on to Little Girl Point campground near Ironwood, Michigan. If you haven't been there, it is a great place to pick Lake Superior Rocks. The County has a very nice park with electric sites (but no dump station). We picked up some rocks, walked in the woods, and then headed up to Black River Harbor National Forest Campground on Lake Superior in Ottawa National Forest. They have no electric sites, but a dump station and water source. We have solar, but when it is completely overcast, you don't gain a lot of solar. We had lots of clouds, one day of sun, and just a little rain during our three day stay. The campground overlooks the lake, and there are hiking trails to the lake and to the falls along the river. It is a very peaceful place and generally not heavily used.

We headed up to the Porcupine Mountains (known as the Porkies to old UP hands) and stayed at Union Bay Campground. It was sunny and beautiful when we came in, but by evening, the clouds and rain came in again. In the morning we went up to Lake of the Clouds, and it lives up to its name. We moved on to Copper Harbor, Ft. Wilkins State Park. We had one sunny day, one decent day, and one day of heavy rain that kept us hunkered down. The power went out all across the top of the Peninsula, and all over the UP because of the storm. We came down to Van Riper Park outside of Marquette, and ran into a couple of other Airstreams. We may have Karen, the proud owner of a Bambi bought this summer, talked into coming down to the October Campout in Sturgeon Bay. We spent a few days there before heading home.

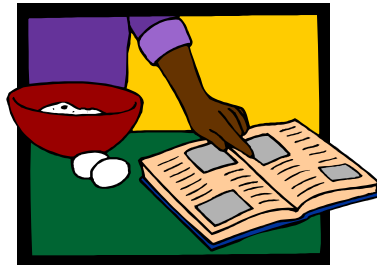
Each trip brings lessons about owning an Airstream. Our 23 footer has dual axles, and we found that a flat tire is not very noticeable. We apparently picked up a screw/nail

somewhere between the Porkies and Copper Harbor. When we set up at Ft. Wilkins we noted a very flat tire.



No big deal, says I, we can take it into town to get someone to fix it. No service station. Oh well, I can just change it. Whoops, the wrench for the wheel nuts and the stabilizers is not strong enough to turn the bolts loose after they were air wrenched on. Call a tow truck, pay a large service fee to have someone come out and use a solid wrench to take off the wheel and put on the spare (fortunately, fully inflated) and plan on getting it repaired in Marquette. Note to self and others: purchase a strong tire wrench to remove flats. Worth it for your peace of mind, even if never used again. You can lift up the wheel by driving up on blocks, but without a wrench that will allow you to break loose the nuts, it does you no good at all.

All's well that ends well and anytime we are spending time in our Airstream, things are good. See you all in October!



### Barb's Beef Barbeque Recipe

Barb Sellers' beef barbecue sandwiches were a big hit at the Apostle Islands rally and several people asked for the recipe. (She doubled this recipe for the rally.)

- 3 pounds chuck roast
- 1/2 pound onions (2-3 onions), chopped
- 1/8 lb green peppers, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups catsup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/8 cup white vinegar
- Pinch of dry mustard

Cut chuck roast into chunks and brown in a skillet, then put in crock pot to cook for a while. Add remaining ingredients and cook until the meat is falling apart. Remove meat from crock pot, shred with forks to desired consistency and return to crock pot. May be served from the crock pot or frozen and reheated when wanted.

## WI Unit Membership Application

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

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!*

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_