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UNDER THE AWNING WITH ED



Sandy and I would take our girls camping for Easter each year and often we were the only ones in the campground. Door County was all ours, there were not many people around to share it with. There was no waiting to be served or lines in the stores and no traffic or congestion. Most of all it was peaceful, the campground was often covered with snow, the

Northern Lights were visible at night and there were no crowds on the beaches. I often think of those times with the girls and smile.... That's why we go back each year.

Sandy and I want you to join us this Easter weekend in Door County and enjoy the peacefulness that many miss by going up during the peak of tourist season. Wisconsin Unit's first campout is on April $6-8^{th}$ in the winter camping loop at Tennison Bay in Peninsula State Park. No reservations are needed, just come on up and there will be plenty of sites for you to choose from. If you plan on going shoot Sandy or me an email or letter and we will keep an eye out for you.

Speaking of campouts make sure you keep checking the Unit's website for an up to date list of events, we have a very full schedule for 2012. Also, I want to remind you that if you are planning on going on the caravan to Alumapalooza please contact me, I am in the planning stages and need to get a head/trailer count. I am planning on departing our place in the Door on Saturday May 26, 2012 at 8 AM and arriving in Jackson Center (Airstream's Mecca) on Tuesday May 29, 2012. The route will be over the top, the UP, through Michigan and down into Ohio. I have NO idea on where we will stop yet! If you are planning on going and have ideas on where you would like to go or places to see in route, send me an email by April 6, 2012 and I will start the planning. If you plan on going on this wonderful caravan (yet to be named) please RSVP by April 6.

I have one last item that needs to be addressed this month and that is Wisconsin Unit representation at this year's International Rally. Sandy and I will not be able to attend this event and we (the Unit) need someone to represent us at the rally. If you are willing to do so please let me know as

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soon as you can and I will make sure you get the Unit's flag for the opening ceremony.

Come join us in the Door for our Easter campout! The Wisconsin Unit wants to provide you with the opportunity to do what you want amongst other Airstreamers in Airstream products in an inviting place.

Until next time I see you, enjoy the ride.

Ed Emerick, President

News Bits

Upcoming Events

Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 17, 2012 at 11:30 AM. Revere's Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells Street, Delafield, WI 53018 262-646-4070 Hosted by George & Teri Boehmer, 262-646-8697, tboehmer2001@yahoo.com (See flyer page 6)

Easter Camp Out, April 6 – 8, 2012, Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, WI. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893 Sandy Emerick @yahoo.com

April Camp Out, April 27 – 28, 2012, Wisconsin Dells KOA, South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 608-254-4177. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711 bob.manak@wbcci.net (See flyer page 7)

April Luncheon & Business Meeting, April 28, 2012 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co. 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI 608-254-1122 Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711 bob.manak@wbcci.net (See flyer page 7)

May Rally, May 10 – 13, 2012 Walworth County Fairground, Elkhorn, WI Hosted by Arlene & Dick Redell, 262-248-6108 redella@yahoo.com

Caravan to Alumapalooza, May 26 – 29, 2011. From Emerick's Aluminum Acres, Brussels, WI to the Alumapalooza rally, Jackson Center, OH. Led by Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893 <u>SandyEmerick@yahoo.com</u>

New Member Welcome

Welcome to our latest Wisconsin Unit members Tim & Barbara Victor of Plover, Wisconsin. The Victors recently purchased an Airstream and have already been to the Valentine Luncheon. Hope to see them at some of this summer's activities!

[Note: Since the Badger Bulletin is published on the unit web site, which is open to the public, we have adopted the policy of not publishing contact information for new members. Contact information will be in the unit directory.]



(Unofficial) Mid Winter IBT News

The Region President's report from the Mid Winter IBT will have to await the next Region newsletter, but some things can be unofficially reported from the audio feeds of the meetings available on the internet.

The controversial proposed constitutional amendment to extend all classes of WBCCI membership to owners of Thor motor homes—not just life members—was withdrawn, apparently for procedural reasons. The constitutional amendment to extend WBCCI membership to owners of Thor motor homes, provided the owners are life members of WBCCI, proposed at last summer's IBT, remains, to be voted upon at the 2012 Delegate's Meeting.

Region 7 President Joan Lahr's motion to establish the WBCCI International Peace Garden Project to restore the "Hands of Peace" sculpture at the US-Canada International Peace Garden, which was placed by the WBCCI at the 1975 International Rally, was approved. For further information see Joan Lahr's article about the project on page 5.

(Unofficial) Proposed Revised Constitution

Last spring a proposed revised WBCCI constitution was circulated, to be voted on at the 2011 Delegate's Meeting. However the motion to revise the constitution was withdrawn by the International President just before the meeting. It is reported through unofficial channels that the revised constitution will again be on the ballot this year. (Units will not be officially notified of International officer candidates and ballot issues until April 1, which will be rather short notice since this year the Wisconsin Unit spring business meeting will be at the April luncheon on April 28.) The complete proposed revised constitution and supporting documents are still available on the Wisconsin Unit web site.

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Valentine Luncheon Spring Garden Restaurant Waunakee, Wisconsin February 11, 2012

Photos by Bob Manak

Neil & Lilly King hosted the Valentines Luncheon this year at the Spring Garden Restaurant in Waunakee, a good location for members in south central Wisconsin.



Your hosts, Lilly and Neil King. . .

There was a good turnout of long-time members, newer members, and newest members:



From left to right, Bob & Arlene Finley, Teri & George Boehmer, and new member Tim Victor.



From left to right, Vern & Leola Schultz, Heidi Manak, Dick & Arlene Redell, and Lilly King. (Bob Manak was taking the picture!)

Easter Camp Out Memories

Ed & Sandy Emerick's informal Easter Camp Out at Peninsula State Park (Under the Awning with Ed, page 1) has become a popular Unit tradition. With a little luck the weather is warm, perfect for the first Airstream outing of the season, including. . .



Fellowship. .



Relaxation. . .

. . . and . . .



More relaxation. . .

Travelers Rest Resort Dade City, Florida

Story and photos by John Sellers

Barb wanted to get away from the winter for a while so we headed for Florida early in February. We had heard a lot about Traveler's Rest, formerly an Airstream park, and made reservations for a week there. http://travelersrestresort.com/



Main entrance

Travelers Rest is a fairly typical Florida RV park, mostly consisting of year-round leased spaces. Ownership of the park is complex. One part, called the Village, consists of spaces owned by the occupants. Most of the rest of the park consists of leased spaces leased by shareholders of the park.



Still an Airstream orientation in the leased spaces

Seventy full-hookup spaces in the "Golf View" and "Oak View" sections are rented on a daily/weekly/monthly basis.



Golf View campground.

The main focus of Traveler's Rest is the golf course. In fact, when we punched "Traveler's Rest" into the GPS it came back with "Traveler's Rest Golf Course" at the same address! However there are numerous activities. The park even publishes its own 25-page weekly newspaper.



The golf course view from Golf View campground



Busch Hall is the activity center, containing the auditorium, library, and post office as well as laundromat and restrooms.

The Garden Club has constructed an elaborately landscaped garden around a pond named "Lake Margaret"



Traveler's Rest is well out in the country, surrounded by citrus groves and cattle ranches. It's about 12 miles to the nearest supermarket or Wal Mart.

We enjoyed our time at Traveler's Rest, but we found it not to be "dog friendly" as advertised. "(Barely) dog tolerant" might be a better choice of words. If you golf, and don't have dogs, it would be a great place for you. If you don't golf, or travel with a dog, we wouldn't recommend it.

International Peace Garden Project

by Joan Lahr, Region 7 President

Our Club has a unique opportunity to participate in the fouryear celebration (2012-2016) commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 between the nations of the United States of America and Canada by replacing the original WBCCI/Brandon "Hands of Peace" sculpture that was placed in the International Peace Garden in 1975.

The original sculpture, created by artist Barry Burdeny of Canada, was a joint effort by the city of Brandon, Manitoba and the WBCCI. It was dedicated on June 27, 1975 in the International Peace Garden during the International Rally in Brandon, Manitoba. The International Peace Garden is located on the Canadian and USA border between Dunseith, North Dakota and Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. During the early beginnings of the "Hands Across the Border" program between the USA and Canada, this sculpture was a symbol of the achievement by two nations working together for peace, which should be celebrated especially in our international situations today. As of this date, the International Peace Garden's staff has been unable to locate the original WBCCI "Hands of Peace" sculpture, as it apparently was removed several years ago due to its poor state of disrepair.

A motion intended for this project was introduced and passed unanimously by the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit of Region 7 at the Unit's meeting on July 16, 2011, held at the Unit rally in the International Peace Garden. On July 27, 2011, at the Region 7 rally in De Pere, Wisconsin, the Region board unanimously agreed to have the Region 7 President place a motion to create a Special Committee for the International Peace Garden Monument Project on the agenda for the Mid-Winter IBT meeting to be held in January 2012 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The IBT approved the motion to form a Special Committee to proceed with this project.

Committee members representing Canada are Gail Harrower, Chair, and Chris Wells of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit. Representing the United States are Jerry Larson, Don Thomson, and Vern Zink of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit; Linda Agre of the Minnesota Unit; and Joan Lahr of the Wisconsin Unit. Research to replace the sculpture is progressing with final details to be completed soon. The International Peace Garden is located within Region 7 and committee members are considering staging a Special Event Rally around the dedication of the sculpture. The committee will give a progress report at the June 27, 2012 IBT meeting.

Dedication of this replacement sculpture presents an excellent public relations opportunity for our club. Dignitaries from both nations will be invited to participate in this international event of promoting peace among its peoples. In support of Wally Byam's Creed to us all, representatives from the Airstream Company and Thor Industries will also be invited to attend the ceremony. This is a noteworthy legacy to Wally Byam, his Airstream, and his club, the WBCCI.

This project will be funded on donations which are fully tax deductible. The International Peace Garden is a 501(c) (3) organization (45-0368420) in North Dakota; and a registered charity (127250181RR0001) in Manitoba. Donations, with checks payable to "International Peace Garden Inc." either in US funds or Canadian funds can be mailed to the addresses below, OR direct deposit into the IPC bank account. Identify "WBCCI Project" on checks. Please contact Mr. Doug Hevenor, International Peace Garden CEO, for more information on direct deposits.

United States: International Peace Garden 10939 Highway 281 Dunseith, ND 58329 701-263-4390 888-432-6733

Canada:

International Peace Garden Box 419 Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0 204-534-2510 888-432-6733

Where did you get that?

by Steve Piotrowski. 1st Vice President

Tervis Cups

Many of you have these wonderful cups already, but if you don't you are in for a treat...

These well made, beautifully insulated, and comfortable cups are available in literally hundreds of patterns and styles.



You like the Packers, there is a cup with the Packers logo. You like the Bears? Go join some other group, the Wisconsin group doesn't want you! (Just kidding, maybe.)

The cups generally run about 11 dollars each, but they



eliminate the need for drink glasses since your coffee cup becomes your Bloody Mary glass with a quick rinse and a little help from the bar. You can purchase handles for them, but they never get hot or cold, so why bother? They fit well in most auto cup holders, and the tops seal well (you can get them to leak, but they will not drip with a quick tip over).

Once you start using it, you will use it for all your refreshments. Try it, you'll like it!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 11:30 AM Hosted by George & Teri Boehmer



Revere's Wells Street Tavern 505 Wells Street Delafield, WI 53018 (262) 646-4070



RSVP to George & Teri Boehmer, (262) 646-8697 or tboehmer2001@yahoo.com

Directions

From Interstate 94
Interstate 94 exit Hwy C Delafield
Take Hwy C north to Wells Street
Turn left onto Wells Street
(approximately 1 block on the
north side of the street)
505 Wells Street

From Hwy 16
Hwy 16 to Hwy C
Head south on Hwy C
Take Hwy C to Wells Street
Turn right on to Wells Street
505 Wells Street



WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

April Camp Out and LuncheonWisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 27 – 29, 2012

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Camp Out



KOA-Wisconsin Dells S235A Stand Rock Rd Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 Information: (608) 254-4177 Reservations: (800) 562-4178 Email: wd.koa@frontier.com

Please make camping reservation directly with the KOA between March 15 and April 1st.

Tell them you are with the Airstream/WBCCI group to get the \$25/night rate.



Directions

2 mi off I-90/94

From east take Exit 87 Hwy 13 N, left at 3rd stoplight on Stand Rock Rd.

From west take Exit 85, left on Hwy 12, left on City A, right on Stand Rock Rd (before bridge).

Luncheon

April 28, 2012, 11:30 AM

Location:

Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co. 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

RSVP by April 20th to Heidi or Bob Manak at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.

