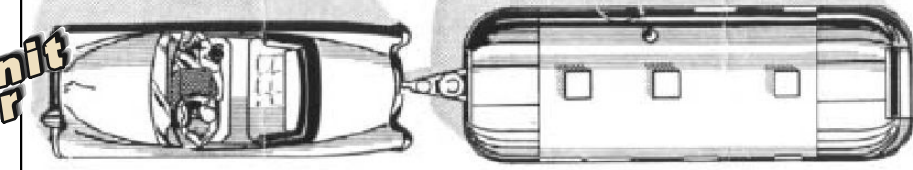


BADGER BULLETIN



May – June 2012

UNDER THE AWNING WITH ED



Its rally season and you need to get those trailers and motor homes out on the road. Sandy and I are packing for our first caravan of the season and making other plans to attend the Unit's other rallies. Take a look at the Unit website and see what we have to offer and join the group for an Airstream event this summer.

BUT..... I'm still sort of bummed. We are not getting the attendance

that I think we should with the number of members we have on the books and would like to see some new and old faces at our events. It seems that we are not drawing the number of attendees as we have in the past to your rallies. I would like to change this. Tell me, how are we missing the mark? What can we change to draw you to our rallies and other events? You know my email send me a suggestion, compliant or complement or two.

I know we are all very busy but I have learned over the years that there is nothing more relaxing than attending an Airstream rally. Picture it..... You wake up in at a safe and secure area, you can get a cup of coffee and sit under your awning looking out over a field of Airstreams, and I call this Nirvana! It's Zen like with a feel of Fen Shui. You can get your Yoga mat out or fire up the Hookah or and start your day in peace. This is what a Wisconsin Unit rally is all about. From there it's all up to you on how the day progresses but I know at a Wisconsin Unit rally I'm going to have fun. You need to try this, again or join us for your first event, all are welcome.

The bottom line is we need you to join us. So come to a rally this season, enjoy Airstreamers enjoying the product in an atmosphere that is inviting a safe.

Until next month, enjoy the ride.

Ed Emerick, Unit President

The Wisconsin Unit

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Upcoming Events

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The Alumapalooza caravan is just about to get under way! Bon Voyage, caravanners! (Alumapaloozers?!)

2012 International Rally, June 27 – July 4, Sedalia, MO

Family Fun Camp Out, July 20 – 22, location TBD,
Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893
SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

Region 7 Rally, & Region 7 VAC Rally, August 8 – 13,
Spicer, MN. Hosted by Linda Agre 320-295-1117
agre5628@me.com **Campsite reservations due July 1.**
See flyer on pages 11 and 12.

Election Results

Ballots cast by mail and at the meeting were tallied at the April 28 business meeting with the following results.

International Officers

With the understanding that the candidate for International President, Don Clark, had resigned for health reasons, and that all Vice Presidential candidates, upon election, would move up one position, all Nominating Committee candidates were elected unanimously except for the office of International President, where the vote was

Don Clark – 93% Ed Emerick – 7%

Constitutional Amendment 1

To adopt the 2011 Revised Constitution “as is”

For – 13 % Against – 87%

Delegate Motion 1 – to restore the Delegates Meeting

For – 73% Against – 27%

Delegate Motion 2 – to give the Delegates oversight over Bylaws (similar to the “Region 11 Amendment”)

For – 67% Against – 33%

Delegate Motion 3 – to restore a path for Constitutional amendment directly by the units

For – 93% Against – 7%

To adopt the 2011 Revised Constitution as revised

For – 27% Against 73%

Constitutional Amendment 2

To allow Life Membership in WBCCI to owners of Thor motor homes

For – 20% Against – 80%

Delegate Authorization

The Unit gave its delegate the power to vote his or her best understanding of the Unit's wishes in matters not voted upon by the Unit.

Delegate Appointment

Unit President Ed Emerick has appointed John Sellers as the unit delegate. The Alternate position is still open.

Don Clark Resignation

Just prior to our spring business meeting, International 1st VP (and International President nominee) Don Clark resigned due to acute health problems. Sadly, he has since been diagnosed with cancer. The current International President has announced that the International officer elections will stand as they are, but upon election, all of the elected Vice Presidents will move up one office to fill the vacant President position and a new 3rd Vice President will be elected by the Delegates from nominees from the floor.

Two members have announced their candidacy for the 3rd VP position, namely Region 11 President-Elect Richard Girard and Region 9 President-Elect James Schwerdfeger. Their resumes have been included on pages 8 – 10 of this newsletter and a ballot has been included on page 10 so that you can make your preference known to our delegate. This is not a formal election, but the delegate will vote in accordance with the preferences of the unit membership.

Letter from Bill & Cathy Nelson

April 8, 2012

We have run into a serious health problem. Cathy is being treated by chemo and radiation for lung cancer. We are not sure when we will be back in Wisconsin. Please keep sending our mail to Texas.

A comment as we age, a new motor home will enable us to travel longer in life and retain our Airstream friends. We cannot restore an old trailer or rebuild an engine or transmission at this time.

We will miss you all at the April and May rallies.

Bill & Cathy Nelson, #5522

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International Rally Information

Linda Agre, Region 7 1st Vice President

Region 7 Luncheon

The Region 7 Luncheon will be Friday, June 29, 2012 at 11:30 AM at the Ivory Grille - 317 S. Ohio Ave., Sedalia. Cost \$13 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Region 7 table.

Pet Show

Every year a fun Pet Show is held at the International Rally. This year is no different except I'm in charge. So we are doing a couple of things different. We will still have the categories, Costume, Tricks, Obedience, Best Looking which will be judged by two members from the Sedalia Kennel Club and one member of the Poodle Club of America.

They will be bringing some of their show dogs to display, answer questions about "what to look for in a good used dog", and in general answer your questions.

The pet show is open to ANY PET, dog, cat, bird, hamster, or snake (just kidding). This event will be held on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 in the Youth Building Arena.

We will also have a microchip clinic available for dogs only at a cost of \$20.00.

I need help to man the **Pet Show sign up desk** which is located in the registration area at the International Rally on the following dates:

6-25	1-4 PM	6-26	9 AM to 4 PM
6-27	2-4 PM	6-28	9 AM to noon

Can anyone give me an hour or two? I am really short handed on the 26th.

Thank you,
Linda Agre #5628 agre5628@aol.com

Tim Victor Update

As those who were at the April camp out know, some of our newest members, Tim & Barbara Victor, are not having much luck getting into Airstreaming! They had planned to be at the April camp out but Steve Piotrowski reported that Tim suffered a heart attack just before they went on the road.

Tim is out of the hospital following bypass surgery and the prognosis is good, but for now he's not supposed to "lift anything heavier than a pencil", so will probably not be camping this summer. Hang in there, Tim & Barbara, and we'll see you down the road!

Letter from the Editor

Every now and then there is a Letter to the Editor in the Badger Bulletin, but you don't often see a Letter *from* the Editor, now do you?!

Before I get started I want to quickly qualify what this letter is **not**. It is **not** a letter of resignation. (You can start breathing again, Ed!) It is also **not** a letter of complaint about or against anyone, and I hope no one will interpret it as such.

Next October will mark my third year as editor of the *Badger Bulletin*, which coincides with my occupying the offices of Unit 1st Vice President, President, and now Immediate Past President. I've learned a few thing in those years and as a result I am going to change my editing/publishing *style* some, as I will explain.

When I took on this job I asked myself what the purposes of the newsletter were, and I came up with three,

1. To provide members with all the necessary information about planned unit activities (who, what, when, where) sufficiently far in advance for them to fit them into their busy schedules.
2. To report on the "fun, fellowship and adventure" of current unit activities so that people who didn't come can see what they missed and plan on attending the next one!
3. To favorably present our unit to non-members so that they will be encouraged to join.

Of these purposes, (1) is the most critical. We can't expect people to come to unit events if they don't know about them, and know about them in time to fill in those days on their calendars before something else comes along to fill them.

And unfortunately that's the worst part of being newsletter editor—having to continually *bug* people to obtain the information far enough in advance to do any good. I know that in my tenure as newsletter editor (worst of all, last year, when I was also unit president) I have irritated a lot of people by repeatedly twisting their arms for information.

But at the same time, I am coming to realize that the newsletter is only one of *several* means by which people get the information they need about unit activities. We have an *outstanding* unit web site (thanks to the tireless efforts of Bob Manak), and we have the unit Facebook group. Most important, I think, are the day-to-day, face-to-face, telephone, email, and text messages between members. "Hey, are you going to the Dells campout?" "Well, I hadn't thought about it, but if you're going, we'll come along."

Taking all of these things into consideration, I have decided to adopt a slightly more laid-back approach to publishing the newsletter. If you're hosting a luncheon, campout, rally, or caravan, and you want colorful publicity in the newsletter, I'll do all that I can for you. But I won't twist your arm for information—dates, times, pictures—beyond an email or two, or a phone call. Stuff that I don't get doesn't need to be in the newsletter. This approach will save trouble for everyone, and I'm not sure it will make any difference in event attendance, or membership growth or retention.

See you down the road,
John Sellers

Easter Camp Out Peninsula State Park, April 6 – 8

Photos by Vicki Englestad

Ed & Sandy Emerick hosted their annual Easter camp out at Peninsula State Park. As can be seen from the pictures, they had beautiful weather for it!



Green Bay smooth as glass.



The gang's all here.!

No trip to Door County is complete without a visit to the Door Peninsula Winery! (And now, *distillery*.)



Studying the menu in the tasting room.



Hey, it's cheaper by the case!

Camp outs like the Easter Camp Out are perfect for sitting around the fire (whether it's lit or not) and r-e-l-a-x-i-n-g!



Enjoying a beautiful sunset over Green Bay

Thanks, Ed & Sandy, for another great camp out!

April Camp Out Wisconsin Dells KOA, April 27-29

The April camp out at the Wisconsin Dells KOA, originated by Mark & Ellen McGaughey, has become a Wisconsin Unit institution and is always well attended. This year Bob and Heidi Manak stepped up to host it owing to Ellen McGaughey's health issues. As always, everyone had a good time.



Upstairs – the low rent district (with back-in spaces).



Downstairs – the high rent district (with pull-thru spaces).



We were so glad that Mark & Ellen McGaughey were able to come out for a visit.



Happy hour—the centerpiece of any WBCCI activity!



Ed & John make like *mariachis* at Pedro's restaurant where we had Friday night's dinner. (Photo by Sandy Emerick)



Unit opinion leaders confer at breakfast.

First VP Steve Piotrowski revealed a hitherto unrealized talent as a video producer with a Welcome to Airstreaming video produced for his friend Tim Victor— unfortunately sidelined by a heart attack just before this rally.



Spellbound audience watching Steve's video.



George Boehmer makes an incisive observation.

Another great April camp-out in the bag! Thanks for a great job, Bob & Heidi!

April Luncheon Moosejaw Pizza, Wisconsin Dells, April 28

In accordance with recent tradition, the April Camp Out at Wisconsin Dells was accompanied by the April Luncheon at the Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Company restaurant at Wisconsin Dells, also hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak.

Unlike previous years, we had the unit spring business meeting at the April luncheon, the Moosejaw party room being a fine place to have it.

Turnout was good, with several couples in attendance who were not at the campout.



Most of the attendees hit the bar before the luncheon for the ever popular 6- and 10-glass beer samplers (different flavors every year) and the Moosejaw's signature Bloody Marys, containing your recommended daily requirement of vegetables as well as a satisfactory amount of alcohol.

Taking note of the brisk bar sales, our server passed out cardboard moose antlers for everyone, which met with approval from the crowd.



President & First Lady Moose (with 10-glass beer sampler)



It's a WBCCI Unit, not a Moose Lodge!

All in all, outcomes were very satisfactory. Everyone had plenty to eat and drink, the business meeting was concluded expeditiously, and everyone made it home all right. (Those of us camped at the KOA didn't have very far to go!)

Thanks for putting on a good campout and luncheon, Bob & Heidi—and thanks for all the chocolate candy!

May Mother's Day Rally Walworth County Fairground, Elkhorn, WI, May 10 - 13

Arlene & Dick Reddell did a fantastic job of hosting the May Mothers' Day Rally in Elkhorn Wisconsin, near Lake Geneva. For starters, the Walworth County Fairground is a great place for a rally, with many beautiful grassy, tree shaded water-and-electric campsites. Included in our camping fees (a very reasonable \$25 a night) we had the use of the Activities Building, which was big enough to hold the whole rally, trailers included!

This was not the first Airstream rally at the fairgrounds. The building keys came on a WBCCI keychain!



Hmmm. . . suppose WBCCI has been here before?



Wow, look at all the Airstreams! (Four, to be exact.)



Arlene's creative display of literature on local attractions.

Arlene really pulled out all the stops on **food** for this rally! Friday evening we repaired to a local club for an excellent all-you-can-eat fish fry, then Saturday morning Arlene & Dick prepared a unique Green Eggs & Spam breakfast. (In case you are wondering, the Green Eggs were scrambled eggs with sautéed spinach. The spinach adds a nice crunchy texture. The recipe indicated that green food coloring was optional, but, tastefully, Arlene did not opt.)



Heidi Manak (with cat, outside trailer) talks with Barbara Sellers (with dogs, inside trailer)



Hosts Dick & Arlene fixing Green Eggs & Spam breakfast.

On Saturday everyone took off on their own to see nearby attractions, like the upscale town of Lake Geneva (practically a suburb for Chicago money), the Geneva Lake Museum, Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, and numerous other sights. Ice cream shops and the Lake Geneva Pie Company also got their share of visits.



A small but congenial gathering.

Saturday evening we went to the Elkhorn Pizza Ranch for a pizza buffet, for the grand finale of a weekend eating extravaganza. Upon returning, the Sellers had a vintage Airstream "adventure" when the door latch on their 1980 Caravelle broke and refused to let them in. Fortunately the windows were open, so John got in through the bathroom window and managed to dissect the lock from the inside enough to get the door open.

Thanks for an outstanding rally, Arlene & Dick. All of you who missed it, missed a good one!

Richard Girard
18223 N 1st Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85023



Position: International 3rd Vice President

WBCCI Experience:

Member since 2006
Region 11 1st Vice President, July 2010-Present
Four Corners Unit President, 2009 & 2010
Four Corners Unit Vice President, 2008
Four Corners Unit Secretary, 2007
Committee Member to Charter the Four Corners Unit 2006-2007
Charter Member of the Four Corners Unit
Region 11 Membership Chairman July 2010-Present
Member 2020 Planning Committee, International, July 2010-Present
Region 11 Nominating Committee Member 2008
Member of the Vintage Airstream Club since 2007
Delegate at the International Rally 2009-2011
Region 11 Representative on the IBT 2011 Mid Winter Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.
Attended Region 11 Rallies in 2007, 2009 and 2010
Hosted numerous Unit Rallies 2006-2012

Work History

1968-1972 United States Air Force (Honorable Discharge)
1973-1997 – IBM Corp. – Various hardware and software development and support positions
1998-2011 - Central Arizona Project – Information Technologies Specialist
2011 Retired

Education/Training:

Calhoun High School, Merrick, NY
Attended SUNY at Oswego & Nassau Community College
Professional Technical Certifications from IBM, Microsoft and Symantec Corp.

PERSONAL:

Age 62, married 28 years to my best friend Jan.
Currently reside in Phoenix, AZ with our two dogs Gracie and Smokie

INTRESTS:

Traveling, camping, fly fishing and spending time with our dogs
Member of the Arizona Flycasters Club since 1985 and former Board Member

I am proud to be a member of the WBCCI. If I am elected to this position I will continue to work for the members and to move the club forward with new ideas, but never forgetting the history of this great organization.

Resume
WBCCI International 3rd Vice-President
2012-2013

Name: James (Jim) L. Schwerdfeger

For more than sixteen (16) years, Raisin and I have enjoyed the fellowship, friends, fun, adventure and many benefits of WBCCI. It is now time for me to step forward and give something back to WBCCI.

Personal:

Born November 20, 1934 in Waldo, Kansas
Married to Joyce (Raisin) for 56 years
Two children – Kathy (deceased - 2003) and Rick
4 grandchildren



Education:

Western ...and Wayne State .., Michigan
USAFI, Massachusetts
C.O.M., Texas

Professional:

Raisin's Ranch (cow/calf operation), Caldwell, Texas
Owned and operated the following businesses:
Raisin's Club, Texas City, Texas
Raisin's Restaurant, Texas City, Texas
Ma's Café, Texas City, Texas
Raisin's Sandwich Shoppe, Texas City, Texas
Raisin's Gift Shoppe, Texas City, Texas
Relief Night Plant Superintendent, AMOCO Chemical Company
AMOCO Chemical Company, Texas City, Texas – retired 1989
Thumb Broadcasting Company, Bad Axe, Michigan
Chief Radio Engineer and on air news with DJ duties
United States Coast Guard, 8 years
Aviation Electronics Technician, Air Search and Rescue
Budd Wheel and Fisher Body, Detroit, Michigan
Apprentice tool and die maker

WBCCI:

President Elect, Region 9
First Vice President, Region 9
Second Vice President, Region 9
Raisin & I have been co-chairpersons of the International Welcome Committee for several years

Over the years, Raisin and I have been active members in WBCCI. We have participated in many International, IBT, Region, Unit, Special Event and National Rallies. We were part of the Special Event Rally, Fiesta San Antonio, for ten years and are now a part of the reborn Fiesta San Antonio Rally.

Community Service:

Member of Elizabeth Lutheran Church ELCA, Caldwell, Texas
Past President and many years on the Church Council
Past President Burleson County, Texas Historical Society
Past President Beaver Creek Land Owners Association, Caldwell, Texas
Past Vice President of Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Caldwell, Texas
Past participating member of K & F Club, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas
Burleson County Fair Board Scholarship Fund Raiser, Caldwell, Texas

Other:

Trustee of our granddaughter's Trust Fund
We are enjoying our family, church, home, toys, friends, volunteer work, WBCCI, traveling, camping, pets and our "good life"
I believe strongly in team effort and if elected will work together with you to uphold the principles that make WBCCI great.

Wisconsin Unit – 3rd Vice President Preference Poll

Note: This is not an "official" ballot, as the International election candidates and issues were voted on at the Spring business meeting. The two candidates whose resumes appear above will be nominated from the floor at the Delegate's Meeting on June 30. This poll will allow you to express your preference between the two candidates.

For International 3rd Vice President: Richard Girard []
 James Schwerdfeger []

You can communicate your preference directly to the Wisconsin Unit delegate any of 3 ways,

1. Email to the delegate, John Sellers, at sellersj@erinet.com
2. Phone or text message to the delegate at (cell) 937-478-7267 . (If texting or leaving a voicemail, please give your name and WBCCI number.)
3. Check your preference and mail this ballot directly to the delegate at
John Sellers, 3820 Centerville Road, Spring Valley, OH 45370
Mailed ballots must be received by about June 22 in order to be counted.

REGION 7

2012 Rally Reservation

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit # _____

NOTE: Rally fee Does NOT Include
camping

RALLY FEE:

Unit w/2 -----\$180.00

Unit w/1-----\$90.00

Children # _____ X \$50.00-\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Region 7, WBCCI

Forms due July 25, 2012

Mail to: Carolyn Grandstrand

1862 N. Budd Ave

Maple Plain, MN 55359

Questions to:

Linda Agre Cell: 320.295.1117

E-mail: agre5628@aol.com



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SAT. AUG. 11, 2012



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GREEN LAKE - 1895



Region 7 Rally - 'Step Back Into The Good Old Days'

The New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run began in 1987 during New Brighton's Centennial Celebration to reinforce the City's namesake ties to Brighton, England. It is patterned after the prestigious London to Brighton Veteran Car Run held annually in England. The English Run celebrates the repeal of the 'Red Flag' law in 1896. The law banned the first motorized vehicles from using the road unless a man carrying a red flag walked in front of the car.

The Minnesota Run is a 120 mile American version designed to show case the beauty & endurance of very early automobiles. With the costumed drivers and gleaming vintage cars, the unique event promises 'turn of the century' charm for at least one day. All vehicles are pre 1916 & include bikes & motorcycles, steam & electric cars.

Pack up your Bike, Roller Blades, & Hiking shoes & come enjoy the beautiful Lake Area of Kandiyohi County at Spicer, MN and Green Lake. You can hike or bike on more than 30 miles of paved nature trails and enjoy the songs of the many varieties of birds that bring the rolling hills to life.

Bring along your fishing gear and swimming suit to enjoy beautiful Green Lake known for its clear water and sand beaches and walleyes.

Wander the streets of Spicer or the quaint village of New London, visit the shops of local artisans, quilt shops and antique stores.

Visit the Kandiyohi County Fair in Willmar where exhibits include cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, and chickens & ducks. See the handiwork of quilters and seamstresses. Enjoy the old art of home canning and bread making. Ending the day with Stock Car Racing.

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