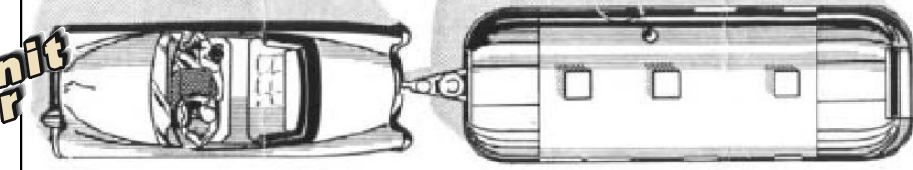


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UNDER THE AWNING WITH ED



Photo by Elaine Emerick

Hello Caravaners, I hope you are enjoying the cool down of the past couple of weeks like I am. I have seen posts, tweets and emails of your adventures this summer and I'm envious of your travels. As most of you know we have been homebound making our new place livable, still it has been fun. The fall Rally season looks to be full with the *Road America* Rally in September, the *Falling Through the Door* Rally in October and our last Campout of the season, the Birthday Rally

in November. There is a ton to do yet this season I hope to see you soon.

The fall is also a time when we look to the membership for support; Wisconsin is in need of new blood to help us continue being an active Unit. At the *Falling Through the Door* rally there will be a short business meeting in which we will elect new Unit officers, and we will need a few volunteers. Positions to fill include a Second VP, Treasurer, Unit Caravan Leader, Trustee(s) and who knows what else. If you have a special skill or a talent that you feel will benefit the Unit then please contact this year's Nominating Committee Chairman John Sellers and volunteer. Another way you can help out is by offering to host a rally. I know you have that special place that some of us have never been to before and that you will love to show off. In short, I am counting on you to help us out next year.

One last thing, I want to thank you all for the kind words we received when we lost Seymour this summer. He was a great Caravaner, he loved to ride and hang outside the Airstream at a Rally. He was a good dog. We are now in the process of training our newest Caravaner, Butters. He is a puppy rescue and I think he is going to love traveling as much as Seymour did. Stop by when you see us at the next rally, he will be the big blond pup under the awning!

Ed Emerick, Unit President

The Wisconsin Unit

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News Bits

Upcoming Events

Wisconsin Unit Road America Rally, September 7 – 9,
Road America Race Track, Elkhart Lake, WI.
Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920 946-4122 slem@tds.net
Rally fee \$69 per person before deadline of September 1,
\$125 per person after September 1, so get those rally
registrations in to Sandy! Details in flyer, page 6.

Note: The September business meeting originally shown in
the unit activity schedule has been changed. The fall
business meeting will be held at the October rally.

Falling Through the Door Rally, October 12–14,:
Emericks' Aluminum Acres, Brussels, WI. Hosted by Ed &
Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893 SandyEmerick@yahoo.com
See flyer page 7.

New Member Welcome!

Last month's new member welcome overlooked Jane
Carmichael, of Marquette, Michigan, who joined the unit in
May (after the May *Badger Bulletin* had come out).

Jane bought her 25 foot Flying Cloud in Traverse City in
May and exhibited her excellent judgment by immediately
joining the Wisconsin Unit! She participated in the July
rally and has also joined the unit's Facebook group. She
hopes to travel with next year's Alumapalooza Caravan and
participate in other Wisconsin Unit activities.

Jane has lived in Marquette for 35 years and was educated at
Coe College and Northern Michigan University. She taught
high school English, Music, and Drama, and retired as a
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Her husband, Joe,
passed away last year. She hired an apartment property
manager for their real estate interests, giving her more
freedom to travel.

Jane is an accomplished equestrian, having trained and
ridden horses for more than 50 years. Horses, of course,
need a lot of TLC, making it hard to travel, so she now rides
"Other Persons' Horses", such as pictured below.



Welcome to the unit, Jane, and best wishes for a long and
happy association!

Unit Officers Needed!

It's that time of year again—time for the Nominating
Committee to find members willing to step up to take the
unit elective offices and committee chairmanships.

We currently are fortunate to have a full slate of unit
officers, so in the usual sequence of events, the current
1st Vice President, Steve Piotrowski, will become President
and the current 2nd Vice President, Arlene Redell, will
become 1st Vice President. (And *hopefully* the current
Secretary and Treasurer will agree to stay on for another
year—as will the unit newsletter editor.)

So the main requirement is for a new 2nd Vice President to
keep the executive pipeline full. The Nominating
Committee fervently hopes that some of you will decide that
it's your turn to shine and step up to the plate. If so, please
contact Nominating Committee chairman John Sellers,
sellersj@erinet.com or (cell) 937-478-7267.

Thereby eliminating the need to turn to more persuasive
techniques, such as plying candidates with strong drink,
guilt-trip-laying, begging, pleading, and groveling.

But we might as well build a foundation for guilt-trip-laying
by pointing out that the honorable 53 year history of the
Wisconsin Unit will be imperiled if we can't find members
willing to serve as officers. It is often—and truthfully—said
that more units go out of business from a lack of members
willing to serve as unit officers than from a lack of members.
Let's not let Wisconsin be one of them!

Trailer for Sale

1964 - 24 foot Airstream Tradewind- needs some work.

Asking \$4,000.00

Contact John Davis in Brandon, Manitoba
Call - 204-724-4429 after 3 pm

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Region 7 Rally Spicer, Minnesota August 8 – 12, 2012

Incoming Region 7 President Linda Agre hosted a spectacularly successful 2012 Region 7 Rally, which also served as the 2012 Region 7 Vintage Airstream Club rally. The rally was coordinated with the 26th Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. In fact, Linda arranged for the cars to stop at our rally!



A 1907 Stevens-Duryea Six cruises into the campground.

Unit officers and committee chairpersons were invited to arrive a day early for a training class on the first morning of the rally. That morning we went on a cruise tour of Green Lake narrated by Linda herself, who grew up in the area.



Linda Agre makes like a tour guide.

The town of Spicer is named for John Spicer, who developed the surrounding lands. His home on Green Lake became known as Spicer Castle, a local landmark, and today a bed and breakfast.



Spicer Castle on Green Lake



John Tetzlaff hosts Wednesday morning unit officer class.

Most of the attendees arrived Wednesday afternoon in time for a catered Walleye dinner and the opening ceremonies.



Incoming International 3rd Vice President Jim Schwerdfeger speaks at the opening ceremonies

Thursday morning, members who arrived Wednesday went on the boat tour while the rest of us went on a tour of the J&R Bison Ranch, where the owner regaled us with stories of buffalo ranching. Bison are wild animals, not domesticated, and can't be herded like cattle. If they decide to go someplace, the best thing to do is *get out of their way!*



Buffalo herd as seen from tour bus window.

The antique cars arrived at the campground mid morning Thursday and stayed for an hour, so we could look at their cars and talk with the owners, while they could tour our

trailers and talk with us. Afterwards we all went over to the American Legion (only about a mile away) for a buffet lunch. As you can imagine, cross-country touring in century old cars can be quite an adventure, and the owners had many great stories to tell.



A 1912 Maxwell amongst the Airstreams.



A gaggle of antique cars in our Happy Hour area!

Thursday evening was the VAC cookout---complete with Region 7 VAC Coordinator Curt Gunderson's famous cheese and beer identification contest---followed by a campfire installation of Region 1st Vice President Gail Harrower and 2nd Vice President Pete Yanke.



A Region 7 installation to remember!

Friday was a grand tour of local attractions including such places as the Kandiyohi County Historical Museum and Schwanke's Tractor Museum, a huge collection of antique tractors and cars, including some one-of-a-kind models.



Early Caterpillar 22 at Schwanke's Tractor Museum

Friday's festivities were finished off with a trip to New London to watch the pre-run antique car parade. Those willing to get up early enough returned to New London on Saturday morning to watch the official start of the 120 mile run at 7 AM, followed by a pancake breakfast. Then we were off to tour two little-known private museums, Sheehan's Country Store and Levin's Raptor Ridge.



Nostalgia tripping at Sheehan's Country Store.



Larry Levin comments on his collections at Raptor Ridge.

Our new Region President Linda Agree really pulled out all the stops on this one! Thanks, Linda, for a memorable rally!

Be sure to mark your calendars for July 24-30, 2013---the Region 7 **Tall Ships Rally** at Duluth, Minnesota.

Alaska Caravan Adventures

By 1st Vice President Steve Piotrowski

Photos by Steve & Lynne Piotrowski



Start of the Alaska Highway at Dawson Creek, BC

Lynne and I are in the middle of our second WBCCI National Caravan. The first was the Cajun Caravan a year ago in the spring. That was only three weeks long, and a great way to get a feel for the process. Our second is the current experience, "Alyeska, The Great Land", usually referred to as the Alaska Caravan.



Midnight—in the Land of the Midnight Sun

In fact, you spend just about as much time in Canada (The Yukon and British Columbia) as you do in Alaska. The scenery is beautiful, most of the roads are decent (but you really remember the bad ones), and you need to make sure your trailer is in great shape before you leave.

We met up with three people we knew from the Cajun caravan, and thousands who know Ed and Sandy. We also met a few that knew various other members of the Wisconsin unit. The campgrounds mostly have full hook-ups, though there have been a few nights of limited power and having to use internal water. The scenery is beautiful, the train ride to Skagway was spectacular.



Caribou in Denali National Park.



"If you're gonna go bear, go grizzly!"

The 34 trailers and four motor homes break up into small groups for the moves, with most days having less than two hundred miles travel. Of course one of the shortest days of travel in mileage was one of the worst in road conditions. Gas and fuel are expensive, especially in Canada, as much as six dollars plus per gallon. Prices are not as bad in Alaska. As we were told by locals, the cost of transport to the places of the Yukon and the gold fields of Alaska is tremendous.



Boarding the ferry to cross the Yukon River

For us personally, the big adjustment is traveling with a group, and staying in private campgrounds. We usually camp by ourselves in public lands.



Ready to roll!

I highly recommend doing at least one caravan. They sound expensive at first, but if you compare them to the other groups, they are much less costly and cheaper than you could go to the area by yourself. The caravan introduces you to the area and helps you plan future trips of your own. There are planned activities, but you are always free to do what interests you (like panning for gold and getting two or three flakes). We will certainly go on other caravans and look forward to seeing people we have met on this one at other WBCCI events. It is a great way to make use of the club and have a wonderful experience.

See you all in October!

*The Wisconsin Unit
hosts the September 7–9 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.

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 and Road America race schedule information at <http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=246>

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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 \$ _____
(after deadline \$20.00)

Total \$ _____

Deadline for Tickets is September 1, 2012!!

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 Saturday, September 1st

Tickets will be picked up at the track

Mail to:

Sandy Emerick
9186 County Road K
Brussels, WI 54204

Questions to:

Don Stenz • 920 946-4122 • slem@tds.net



FALLING THROUGH THE DOOR

October 12 – 14, 2012

Kick off fall in beautiful Door County!

The rally begins Friday, parking anytime. This rally is “dry camping”, so come with full water tanks and empty holding tanks. There will be a port-a-potty available too!

If you need hook-ups, Quietwoods South RV Resort is just around the corner!

Bring something to share for a happy hour/light supper Friday night. Hot sandwiches will be provided for a dinner in, or feel free to sample one of our local fish fries on your own. Campfire outside or in, depending on the weather.

Saturday morning we will travel to Sturgeon Bay and take a ride on the “Fireboat”. Group rate is \$17 per person with a minimum of 15 people.. Since this activity is dependent on the weather, we will pay on our own at the time of the tour.

Saturday night dinner will be provided! We will hold our business meeting and installation of our new officers at this time. It is a time to celebrate another year! Campfire and celebratory dessert of some sort!

Breakfasts will be provided Saturday and Sunday. (for those of you who attended the July rally, you will be pleased to know I now have a “real” range! Cooking breakfast will be so much easier!)

Hope to see everyone soon!

Rally location:

*Aluminum Acres (Ed and Sandy Emerick's home)
9186 County Rd K
Brussels WI 54204
920.475.7893*

Name

_____Number attending X \$25 per person _____

(please call for children's rates)

Please mail by October 1st so I can purchase food!

Make check payable to WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit and mail to address above.

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
9186 County Road K
Brussels, WI 54204

*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 2013 Membership Information

Name(s) _____

Children: Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
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Winter Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
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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) _____