



October 2012

Reflections in Aluminum



First, THANK YOU, to Ed (badger fighter extraordinary) Emerick, our retiring unit President. Ed stepped forward when there were no other volunteers and served a second term as Unit President. Ed and Sandy serve as the backbone of the unit in so many ways, day in and day out. They have

a deep love of Airstreams and Airstreaming. They volunteer their time, their home, and their expertise to the Unit on a regular basis. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do. I also want to extend a special thanks to Bob and Heidi Manak, and John and Barb Sellers for their work with the web site and newsletter. Their continued efforts insure that our lines of communication stay open and members are kept up to date on the unit's activities.

I am excited and apprehensive about taking over as Unit President. This year, as in several years past, we have had difficulty in recruiting individuals willing to serve as unit officers. I understand how busy everyone is, and how intimidating it can be to think about taking on the responsibility of being an officer, but we need your help.

I didn't really want to be an officer in the Unit or any other organization at this time. I retired a few years back after many years as an officer and official in various organizations, primarily with veterans groups. I wanted to take it easy and enjoy all the opportunities that retirement and owning an Airstream offered. Of course, that means that I left the work of organizing the Unit activities and functions to someone else, and enjoyed the fruits of their labor. When asked if I would consider serving as an officer, I said no. I thought about it, talked with Lynne, and came back and said yes. We enjoyed Unit functions, and wanted to see them continue. Lynne is a Master Gardener, and she knows that plants do not grow unless someone prepares the soil, waters them, and takes care to insure that they grow to their full potential. I hope I can help fertilize the Unit (you know what makes the best fertilizer) and plant the seeds for continued growth. Let me know if I spread the fertilizer too deep, or there is something you think the unit needs to try to accomplish.

Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

The Wisconsin Unit

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Birthday Bash Camp Out, November 9 – 11, 2012,
Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
No rally fee, no reservations—pay for campsite at the park.
Contact Don & Kay Stenz,, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

November Luncheon, November 10, 2012, at 11:00.
Water Street Tavern, 2615 Washington Street, Grafton,
WI 53024 (Highway 60 exit off I-43) 262-375-2222.
Contact Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

(Note: time is **11:00**, half an hour earlier than usual.
Another group has the room at 12:30)

Holiday Luncheon, December 8, 2012, Madison, WI,
location TBD. Contact Steve & Lynne Piotrowski,
608-255-3953, slpiotro@tds.net

Member News

New Unit Officers for 2012-13

President – Steve Piotrowski (wife Lynne)

1st Vice President – George Boehmer (wife Teri)

2nd Vice President – Dave Sherman

Secretary* – Teri Boehmer (husband George)

Treasurer – Sandy Emerick (husband Ed)

Trustee – Connie Sheasby

Trustee – Jane Carmichael

Trustee – Karen Suksi

* both recording and corresponding

A heartfelt vote of thanks to all of you who volunteered for unit offices. Your service will allow the Wisconsin Unit to continue—and you all accepted this solemn responsibility with a minimum of arm-twisting and guilt-tripping!



Dave Sherman freely accepts the 2nd VP nomination. . .
(photo by Vicki Engelstad)

Welcome New Members

Our newest members, Jim & Kay Brooks of New Richmond, Wisconsin, WBCCI #6703 are no strangers, having attended the 2009 and 2010 Region 7 VAC rallies at Osceola, WI, and more recently the 2012 Region 7 rally at Spicer, MN, as Members at Large. Welcome to the unit, Jim & Kay, and hope to see you at some WI unit activities next year!

One-Liners Solicited!

At the October rally, Ed Emerick urged members to send in photographs and brief comments to the *Badger Bulletin* to let everyone know what they are up to. A “new media” approach, like Facebook and Twitter. Email to the *Badger Bulletin* editor at sellersj@erinet.com.

For example, here’s a picture of some members pirated from Facebook. (No pun intended. . . well. . .maybe a *little*.)



Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman’s pirate costumes.
—Posted by Vicki Engelstad

The Badger Bulletin

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Meet the New Unit President and First Lady

By Steve Piotrowski



Steve Piotrowski installation at Aluminum Acres

To introduce ourselves, we were tent campers until Lynne retired four years ago. We bought our first trailer, a 2007 23 foot Safari that we named Fred, in February of 2009. We knew nothing about Airstreams. We learned a lot on our first trip to Texas and Arizona two days after picking up the trailer. Some learning was done the hard way and some was quite expensive (two replacement front jacks), because of my failure to establish a specific routine for hooking and unhooking the trailer. We figure that we have around 70,000 miles on the trailer, and around a year and a half of nights spent in Fred.



Steve & Lynne's cookie decorating table at 2011 fall rally.

Lynne & I usually spend at least two months in the spring and two months in the fall traveling in our Airstream. Using WBCCI, we have gone on a couple of Caravans, attended several rallies in other states and plan on going to our second International this summer. They have all been interesting and fun activities. We have met some really terrific people, and one or two old grouches (but when I want, I can grouch with the best of them) and people from all over North America. We now have friends from Coast to Coast, from Texas to Northern Alberta, and many places in between.

The small cost of WBCCI membership has been well worth it for us. We have just returned from the **Alyeska, The**

Great Land caravan. We spent 62 days traveling with a group of 38 Airstreams through parts of British Columbia, The Yukon Territory and Alaska. It was a wonderful way to get to see a large part of Alaska and environs. We plan on going on other Caravans in the future, and hope to lead a group from Wisconsin to South Dakota for the International this summer.



Panama City, last January.

We prefer to camp in National, State and Local Parks, National Forests, BLM land and other back country places. We have installed a solar system and learned how to conserve water so that we can spend four or five days without moving or any hook-ups. I know many Airstreamers prefer to camp in full service facilities. We have done that at times and found the luxury quite enjoyable. Whichever way you use your Airstream, there are others in WBCCI who use theirs the same way. The knowledge we can share is tremendous. Join us at any of the activities we sponsor, and learn something new about your trailer and your club. You are always welcome, and we believe you will find a fun group of like minded people in the Wisconsin WBCCI.



Steve & Lynne with their cats Ruby & Dazzle—on leashes!

See you down the road and keep the shiny side up!

Steve

Falling Through the Door Rally **Emerick's Aluminum Acres, Brussels, WI** **October 12 – 14, 2012**

Photos by Vicki Englestad, Bob Manak, & John Sellers

Ed & Sandy Emerick's October rally was well attended and a great rally, although the weather wasn't too good—it rained most of the weekend! It was still a fun rally!



Airstreams along the country lane, resplendent in fall colors.



More Airstreams on the other side of the driveway.



Hanging out in the Airstream hangar.



It was great to see Stan & Mary Schwenke after their recent "adventure" of a most life-threatening kind.
 Lots of hugs and many a moist eye.



Swapping lies around the indoor electric campfire.
 Just the ticket on a cold, rainy night.



George Boehmer and Bob Manak attend to fish boil duties.



And the fish boil results were very tasty!



A big vote of thanks to our 2012-13 unit officers!
 And thanks to Ed & Sandy for another great rally!

WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit

Trial Balance

As of September 30, 2012

	Sep 30, 12	
	Debit	Credit
Associated Bank Checking Account	1,676.46	
Summit Credit Union	3,192.97	
Summit Credit Union, SVGS	0.18	
Cash on Hand	0.00	
Deposit Paid	0.00	
Inventory of WBCCI Merchandise	0.00	
Prepaid Rally Expenses	0.00	
Undeposited Funds	0.00	
Account Payable		485.45
2009 Unit Dues	0.00	
2010 Unit Dues	0.00	
2011 Unit Dues	0.00	
2012 Unit Dues	0.00	
Prepaid Rally Fees	0.00	
Vintage Dues Collected	0.00	
Opening Bal Equity		5,131.13
Retained Earnings		83.76
Elkhart Lake Rally Income		1,683.00
Family Fun Rally Fees 2012		380.00
International Membership Dues	0.00	
Unit Dues Wisconsin		336.00
Unit Dues, Newsletter Mailed		298.00
Birthday Bash Expense	100.00	
Elkhart Lake Rally Expense 2011	1,683.00	
Family Fun Rally Expenses 2012	515.77	
Wisconsin Dells Campout	37.41	
Postage and Delivery-Newsletter	109.14	
Postage and Delivery - Other	114.66	
Printing and Reproduction-News	114.08	
Printing and Reproduction-Other	193.14	
Supplies and Materials	55.56	
Travel	632.42	
Interest Earned		27.45
TOTAL	8,424.79	8,424.79

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Accrual Basis

WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit
Profit & Loss Standard
 October 2011 through September 2012

	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	May 12	Jun 12	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sep 12	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense													
Income													
Elkhart Lake Rally Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,683.00	1,683.00
Family Fun Rally Fees 2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	380.00	0.00	0.00	380.00
International Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unit Dues Wisconsin	208.00	32.00	8.00	24.00	24.00	8.00	8.00	16.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	336.00
Unit Dues, Newsletter Mailed	180.00	28.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.00
Total Income	388.00	60.00	98.00	24.00	24.00	8.00	8.00	16.00	0.00	388.00	0.00	1,683.00	2,697.00
Cost of Goods Sold													
Birthday Bash Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Elkhart Lake Rally Expense 2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,683.00	1,683.00
Family Fun Rally Expenses 2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	394.26	60.14	61.37	515.77
Wisconsin Dells Campout	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.41	37.41
Total COGS	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	394.26	60.14	1,781.78	2,336.18
Gross Profit	388.00	-40.00	98.00	24.00	24.00	8.00	8.00	16.00	0.00	-6.26	-60.14	-98.78	360.82
Expense													
Postage and Delivery-Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.27	109.14
Postage and Delivery - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.06	114.66
Printing and Reproduction-News	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.79	114.08
Printing and Reproduction-Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.92	193.14
Supplies and Materials	55.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.56
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	632.42	0.00	0.00	632.42
Total Expense	55.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	632.42	0.00	448.04	1,219.00
Net Ordinary Income	332.44	-40.00	98.00	24.00	-58.98	8.00	8.00	16.00	0.00	-638.68	-60.14	-546.82	-858.18
Other Income/Expense													
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Interest Earned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.45	27.45
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.45	27.45
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.45	27.45
Net Income	332.44	-40.00	98.00	24.00	-58.98	8.00	8.00	16.00	0.00	-638.68	-60.14	-519.37	-830.73

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 _____
(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) _____