

November - December 2012

Reflections in Aluminum



I want to send out a special thanks to the Stenz' and Emericks for the great Birthday Bash weekend. You did well, and the way you got the weather to cooperate was great. Thanks to all of you who showed up, the turnout was terrific, and the luncheon and pot luck food was great. I may not

know a lot, but I know good food (just look at the belly), and I was a happy camper. Lynne and I stayed an extra day and took our trailer down to Ewald's for its winter service. With all the miles we put on this year, it needs lots of tender loving care. Regardless of how you get your trailer taken care of, crawling around on your back in your garage, or taking it in to a dealer, now is the time to be sure that it will be ready for the winter months. Only those of us who are lucky enough to migrate down south to avoid the winter cold can skip that chore.

Speaking of winter weather and the holiday season, I hope many of you will make an effort to join us at the December 8th Unit luncheon. The Luncheon will be at 11:30AM, at Quivey's Grove Stable Grill, 6261 Nesbitt Road, Madison, Wisconsin. Unit activities will be quiet until February when we will have our next luncheon in Waunakee. Then watch out, there are so many fun activities, you will be worn out. I am especially looking forward to the Tall Ships Regional Rally and our Upper Peninsula adventure in Marquette Michigan. The organizing crew has so many options planned; you may want to take a week's vacation to enjoy all the area has to offer. If anyone is interested in Caravanning around Lake Superior after the tall ships rally on our way to Marquette, please let me know. If you are interested, get your passport ready and we'll start planning. I hope to see you in Madison, and please feel free to contact me with any ideas you have for unit activities.

Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

The Wisconsin Unit

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Holiday Luncheon, December 8, 2012, at 11:30 AM
Quivey's Grove Stable Grill, 6261 Nesbitt Road, Madison,
Wisconsin 53719. Contact Steve & Lynne Piotrowski,
608-255-3953, slpiotro@tds.net **RSVP by December 1.**
See flyer page 7.

Member News

Web Site Additions

If you haven't checked out the Wisconsin Unit web site lately, it will be worthwhile to do so. <http://wisc.wbcci.net/>
Bob Manak has recently added a bunch of RV maintenance information provided by the Airstream Tech Help Group.

Bob has also added a whole new tab to the Region 7 web site <http://region7.wbcci.net/> with the Airstream Tech Help Group publications plus links to other use and care information, for Zip Dee awnings, especially. This is all good information!

Finally, Facebook users should all join the Wisconsin Unit Group! <http://www.facebook.com/groups/WBCCIwisconsin/>
There is a lot of activity there which will keep you abreast of what's going on with Wisconsin Unit members.

Welcome Back Members!

Wisconsin Unit members will be glad to hear that Gene and Audrey Sinner of Baraboo, Wisconsin, have rejoined the unit after a two year hiatus. They have long been mainstays of the unit and have been much missed in their absence!

It was Audrey who helped me realize the secret of the Wisconsin Unit's success—practical jokes. After one rally, you have to go to the next rally to get even!



Audrey Sinner makes a unique presentation to Ed Emerick on the 2008 Yellowstone Trail caravan.

A Note from the Region 7 President

What a pleasure to see that the Wisconsin Unit has a full slate of officers for the 2013 calendar year. I know that these officers will be giving their time and energy to make the Wisconsin Unit strong. Everyone, please make sure and let your new President know that you are willing to help at upcoming rallies and do whatever you can to make sure the Wisconsin Unit keeps going for another 50 years. Wouldn't that be great? In a time when many organizations are struggling to keep their membership up, I am happy to know that we fellow Airstreamers (that often have nothing in common to begin with except owning an Airstream RV) can have the hope of years to come enjoying our favorite activity together.

Linda Agre, Region 7 President

One-Liners



Ed Emerick enjoying Redneck Nite in Brussels.
(Photo by Vicki Engelstad)

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A Letter from Linda

Linda Agre, Region 7 President



(Photo by Gail Harrower)

November found me working on Minnesota Unit and Region 7 paperwork and since this is the month 'to be thankful' - I'm thanking my Airstream Friends. I couldn't have done this without you.

Unit Constitution and Bylaws Update

Our three Units of Region 7 are at that five year mark when their Constitutions and Bylaws need to be updated. We need to bring them into the computer age so we may use email as an official means of communication. Unit members will soon be asked to vote on these updates. Please send back your vote as no response means a 'NO' vote. Directions where to send will be on your ballot.

Unit Merit Awards

Another important task for the Region President is to review each unit's Merit Award paperwork.

What is Merit Award paperwork? Each new unit president faces the challenge of planning, coordinating and documenting the many unit events that will take place during his or her term. At the end of the term, this completed paperwork, known as the Unit Merit Award Guide, is reviewed by the region president, then submitted to the WBCCI Merit Award Program Coordinator. These preformatted "Unit Merit Award" documents identify the many activities, each with an associated point value, the unit is expected to accomplish. Some of these activities are administrative, most are social and fun...rallies, caravans, luncheons, etc. The more activities accomplished, the more points earned. Quite often, a unit president doesn't get around to filling out this official documentation until he's completed his term. He has 60 days from his end of term to submit the completed forms. The Region president helps each unit president get it done, then submits the completed information to the WBCCI Coordinator. When a unit has earned enough points (at least 2000) during a president's term a Merit Award is issued. If a unit has earned 4000 points or more, a Superior Merit Award is issued. Have you seen the ribbons attached to the top of our unit's Flag Pole

at the opening ceremonies at the International and/or Regional rallies? Each Blue Streamer/Ribbon represents a Unit Merit Award; a Gold Streamer/ Ribbon represents a Unit Superior Merit Award.

I'm very proud to announce that Region 7's North Dakota Peace Garden Unit has earned a Unit Superior Merit Award. Congratulations to 2012 Unit President Beth Zinc and all NDPG members.

I mentioned earlier that all too often, a Unit's Merit Award activities aren't documented until the end of the president's term. But the true purpose of the Unit Merit Award Guide worksheets is to help the president plan the many activities a unit should be doing. It may identify an activity he didn't realize had award points associated with it, or identify one he may not have considered. Each Unit's first vice-presidents should already be reviewing the Guide.

Unit Officer Training Guide

I've been rewriting and updating the Region Training Guide with a lot of help from 'my friends'. It will be ready for the 2013 Region Rally. If you have the 2012 Training Guide and are no longer an officer, please pass it on to a new officer or to me so I may include new information. This will save the Region money in printing costs.

2013 Region 7 Tall Ships Rally

Now for the fun part. Plans are well under way for the Region 7 Rally in Duluth - The Festival of the Tall Ships. Once again, this will be a joint rally of the Region 7 and the Region 7 Vintage Airstream Club. We had so much fun at Spicer, Curt Gunderson and I decided to continue a good thing. Wonder if the cheese head will be there?? In the near future, a rally flyer will be included in your newsletter and on the Region web site: <http://www.region7.wbcci.net/>.

Our tours will be by bus (keeping gas costs down), very little cooking (I don't consider cooking an art because I'm not much good at it), and you will be doing things you haven't done before. Please read the flyer carefully and call in your reservations to the Buffalo House right after April 1, 2013. I have had many inquires about this rally, so don't put it off!



And, the winner of the coveted 2012 Region 7 VAC Cheese Head trophy is... Sharon Ramler!
(Photo by Cathy Reubel)

Birthday Bash Campout **Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, WI** **November 9 - 11, 2012**

Photos by Vicki Englestad and Ed & Sandy Emerick

Don & Kay Stenz had nice weather for this year's annual Birthday Bash campout aside from a little(?) wind and rain Sunday.



Shiny Airstreams in the woods.

If you don't like crowded campgrounds, the Birthday Bash is a great campout for you! Not too many folks go camping in November in Wisconsin. . .



Dave Sherman has the Lake Michigan beach to himself.



Sandy Emerick demonstrates her multitasking ability—talking and texting at the same time—while Butters investigates something in the leaves.



The park lodge is a wonderful feature of the Kohler-Andrae year-round campground. The big stone fireplace is the place to gather for partying and storytelling!



Ages of members with November birthdays totals up to 320 years (!). Boy—some of us must be getting old!



A rowdy bunch of gangsta Airstreamers flash their sign at the Oostburg Pizza Ranch. What's this unit coming to? Thanks, Don & Kay, for another great Birthday Bash!

November Luncheon **Water Street Tavern, Grafton, WI** **November 10, 2012**

Photos by Bob Manak and Vicki Englestad

Once again this years November luncheon was held in conjunction with the Birthday Bash. Don & Kay Stenz hosted the luncheon closer to Milwaukee to attract members who were not at the campout. This strategy worked well!



Good turnout at the Water Street Tavern!



Connie and the Boehmers. (Sounds like a rock group!)



Don gets a good laugh from the audience.



New Wisconsin Unit members Jim & Kay Brooks



The Three Musketeers—welcome back, Gene!



Vicki Engelstad explains that they fill those beer samples so full, you hafta drink some of each just to pick up the tray!



There's that gang sign again!

Thanks for a great job on both the Birthday Bash and the luncheon, Don & Kay!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2013 Activities Calendar (Preliminary- Nov. 2012)



February 9, 2013 – Valentine Luncheon, Spring Garden Cafe, Waunakee. Contact – Lilly King

March 16, 2013 – March Luncheon, Revere's in Delafield, Wisconsin.. Contact – Teri Boehmer



March 29-31, 2013 – Easter Campout, Peninsula State Park, Door County, Contact – Ed & Sandy Emerick



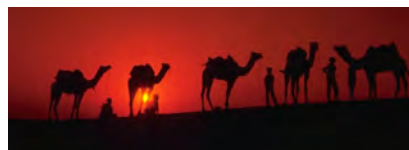
April 26-28, 2013 – Springtime in the Dells Campout, KOA, Wisconsin Dells. Contact – Bob & Heidi Manak

April 27, 2013 – Spring membership meeting, Moosejaw Pizza, Wisconsin Dells. Contact – Bob Manak



May 25, 2013 – Caravan to Alumapalooza, Volunteer leader needed – route already planned. (Ed & Sandy Emerick will be early workers at Alumapalooza)

June/early July – Family and Youth event. Dates and location TBA. Contact – Kay Stenz

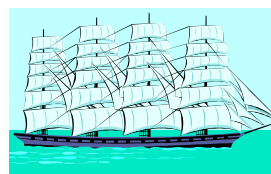


June 22-26, 2013 – Caravan to International Rally, Huron, SD, with stops along the way. Contact – Steve Piotrowski



June 27-July 4, 2013 – WBCCI International Rally, Huron, SD. Contact – Blue Beret, www.WBCCI.org

July 24, 2013 – Caravan to Region 7 Rally, Duluth, MN. Contact – Steve Piotrowski/Ed Emerick



July 24-30, 2013 – Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN. Contact – Linda Agre/Steve Piotrowski

August 16-18, 2013 – Meet our Northern Neighbors Michigan Upper Peninsula Camp out, Marquette, MI, Contact – Jane Carmichael/Karen Suksi



September 6-8, 2013 – Road America Vintage Races Rally, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Contact – Don & Kay Stenz



October 4-6, 2013 – Fall Membership Meeting and Campout, Snyder Park, Clark County, Wisconsin Contact – Steve Piotrowski

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit December Holiday Luncheon



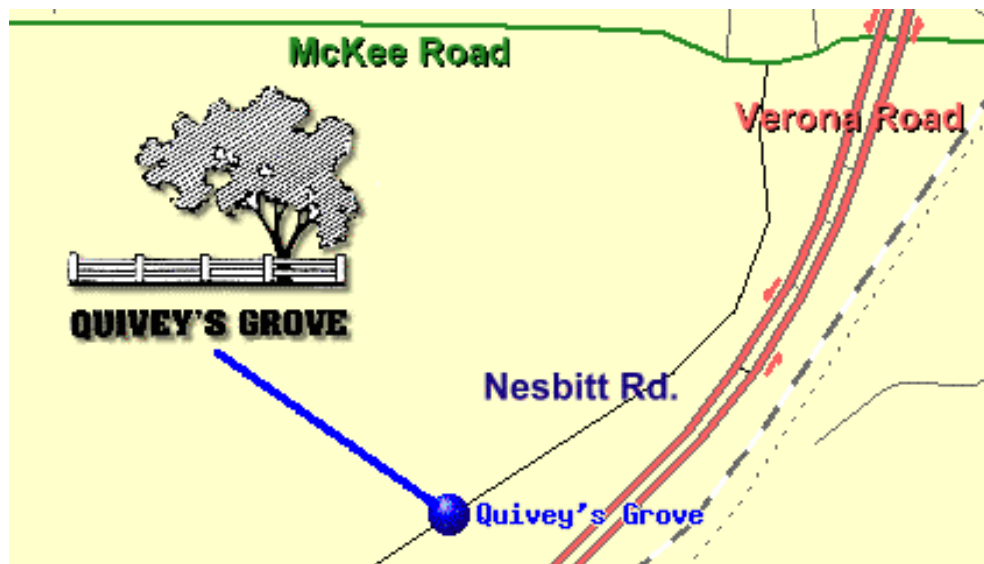
Quivey's Grove Stable Grill
6261 Nesbitt Road
Madison, WI 53719
Phone: (608) 273-4900

December 8, 2012 at 11:30 AM



Hosted by Steve & Lynne Piotrowski, (608) 255-3953, slpiotro@tds.net

RSVP by December 1



From anywhere around Madison, take Highway 12/18 (The Beltline) to Verona Road. Take Verona Rd (Hwy 151) South to McKee Rd (PD). Take a right on McKee and then the first left on Nesbitt Rd. Watch for the low stone wall on your left, followed by our driveway and hanging signpost. A white fence and second drive follows. (Busses and trucks must use second drive.)

I hope many of you will make an effort to join us at the December 8th Unit luncheon at 11:30AM, at Quivey's Grove Stable Grill, 6261 Nesbitt Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53719. The food is good, we will have door prizes, and we will try to make it fun. Madison is a great town to visit, especially around the holidays.

Check out: <http://www.visitmadison.com/visitors/calendar-events/> for more information.

The holiday tree will be in the Capitol, the train and flower show will be at Olbrich Gardens, and lots of unique and special shopping all over town.

Steve & Lynne Piotrowski

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) _____