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## Reflections in Aluminum



One of the great things about WBCCI is the depth of knowledge available from members. When you attend a rally or event with your fellow Airstreamers', you talk aluminum. There is always someone who has information and ideas about how to resolve a problem with your trailer.

I sometimes wondered what the Membership Directory could do for me. We get it every year, and mostly I used it to figure out who was in the trailer parked down the way. By looking up the number, I could find out who it was, what year and size their trailer was, and where they were from quickly and easily. This week, I found out that it was quite useful for another reason.

We have spent every year since we bought our Airstream traveling during the winter months. Usually we are gone four months during fall and spring. We normally park the trailer in our driveway and the car on the street for the few months we were home in the winter. This year we knew we were staying in town for the entire winter, since we spent over half of last year on the road. We did not want to bother with the daily hassle of moving the car from side to side for winter parking, so we needed a place to store the trailer.

Ah Ha, the book of secrets beckoned. I pulled out the directory, and began calling all the people in the Madison area to find out what I could. The answers were all across the board, from parked in my back yard, my parents house, up north, to stored in a commercial facility in town. In the end, several members provided leads to storage facilities and one proved to fit me perfectly.

The really interesting thing was how willing everyone was to help, and how open they were to talking to a fellow Airstreamer. I had met a couple of the folks I called, but most were strangers who only had our love of aluminum in common. You are a member of the club, call someone in the directory, you will find a friend.

Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

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## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

**Valentine Luncheon, February 9, 2013**, at 11:30 AM  
Spring Garden Restaurant, 225 South Century Avenue,  
Waunakee, WI 53597 608-850-3732. Contact:  
Lilly & Neil King, 608-849-8093 [lking8801@gmail.com](mailto:lking8801@gmail.com)  
See flyer page 4

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 16, 2013**, 11:30 AM,  
Revere's Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells Street, Delafield,  
WI 53018 (262) 646-4070. Contact: Teri Boehmer,  
262-646-8697 [tboehmer2001@yahoo.com](mailto:tboehmer2001@yahoo.com)

**Easter Campout, March 29-31, 2013**, Peninsula State  
Park, Door County, WI. Contact: Ed & Sandy Emerick,  
920-475-7893 [SandyEmerick@yahoo.com](mailto:SandyEmerick@yahoo.com)

### Member News

#### Marquette, A Taste of the Yooper Lifestyle Rally Invitation and Questionnaire

The new "Wisconsin Unit Upper Peninsula Committee",  
consisting of Trustees Jane Carmichael and Karen Suksi, is  
enthusiastically planning a blowout rally in Marquette,  
Michigan for August 15-19, 2013.

The campground they have selected for the rally is a busy  
one, and they have tentatively reserved 15 spaces for  
Wisconsin Unit rally goers. To better plan the activities,  
they have come up with two page questionnaire which was  
previously distributed by mail and email and which is  
included on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. **If you plan to  
attend this rally, please respond to the questionnaire as  
soon as possible, preferably by January 15.** Reply to Jane  
Carmichael at email [janeccarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janeccarmichael2000@yahoo.com) or  
mail to her at 615 Cedar St., Marquette MI 49855

And, as a bonus, we will not be the only Airstreamers at the  
campground on Sunday, August 18. We have recently  
learned that Ontario Canada Unit Caravan U-406,  
*Lake Superior Circle Tour*, will be at the campground that  
night, and hopefully we can plan some kind of joint activity.

#### 2013 Region 7 Tall Ships Rally July 24 – 30, 2013

While you are making your plans for the summer of 2013,  
don't forget the Region 7 rally, scheduled for Duluth,  
Minnesota to coincide with the 2013 *Great Lakes Tall Ships  
Challenge*, commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
Great Lakes actions of the War of 1812. We will be staying  
at the Buffalo Valley Campground, 2590 Guss Road,  
Duluth, MN 55810, 218-590-8774  
<http://www.buffalohouseduluth.com/camping.htm>

#### (Tall Ships Rally, continued)

Because of the interest generated by the Tall Ships  
Challenge, Duluth-area campgrounds are expected to be  
reserved early. Buffalo Valley Campground is currently  
closed for the winter, but plan to call soon after they open  
April 1 and reserve your space!

### Trailers For Sale and Sold

#### For Sale

**1965 Airstream Safari** 22 ft. located in Abbotsford, WI.  
Asking \$7500. Contact Jack Warns, 715-223-3473

#### Sold

Pam Fisher has sold her 1957 Bubble.

#### One-Liners

Ten years ago—December 29, 2002—we first laid eyes  
upon the 1960 Airstream Pacer sitting forlornly behind our  
cousin Bob's barn.



Little did we know. . .

(Post by John Sellers on Wisconsin Unit Facebook Group)

#### The Badger Bulletin WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116

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# December Luncheon Quivey's Grove Stable Grill December 8, 2012

Photos by Bob Manak and Vicki Engelstad

Hosts Steve and Lynne Piotrowski had a great turnout for the December luncheon.



Steve & Lynne had come up with unique party favors, incorporating the paper crowns. . .



Audrey Sinner drew the first prize, a journaling book,



And all the ladies received an Airstream (?) themed "Trailer Trash" pendant!

The occasion was marked by many witty discourses. . .

Below, King Stephen the First waxes eloquent. . .



Before an attentive audience. . .



Ironically (no pun intended) various Dick Cooley objects of "recycled" art were on display, including this Airstream-like object made from a waffle iron. (Not a door prize, though!)



Below, the President and Vice Presidents all in a row. Although the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP is the only one with a crown!



Thanks, Steve & Lynne, for a very creative December luncheon!

**WBCCI Wisconsin Unit**

## *Valentine Luncheon*

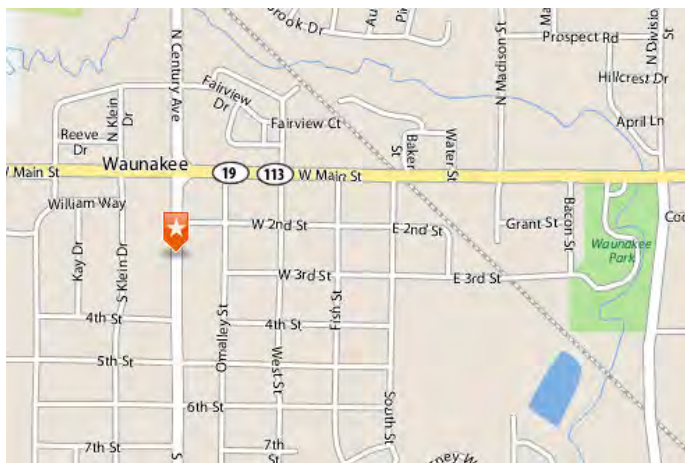
**Saturday, February 9, 2013, 11:30 AM**



**Hosted by Lilly & Neil King**

**Spring Garden Restaurant  
225 South Century Ave  
Waunakee, WI 53597  
(608) 850-3732**

**RSVP to Lilly & Neil King, 608-849-8093 [lking8801@gmail.com](mailto:lking8801@gmail.com)**



The Spring Garden Restaurant in Waunakee is located in a shopping center on South Century Avenue about two blocks south of West Main Street (State Route 19/113).

There is plenty of parking in the shopping center.

## Marquette, A Taste of the Yooper Lifestyle

*The Wisconsin Unit of WBCCI moves north for a weekend of fun, fellowship and adventure.*

To the members of the Wisconsin Unit of WBCCI:

We are planning a weekend rally in Marquette, Michigan. Our two new members from the area have graciously agreed to coordinate the campout and event. In order to nail down various things related to the weekend, we need your help. First and foremost, a commitment from you to join the fun weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to become a Yooper for two days, three days, four days, or longer. We just need to know what nights you would expect to be staying over. We do not need your payment right now.

We just need to know how long you are planning on staying and who is coming. Please respond to Jane Carmichael. Check the boxes below to indicate the dates you will be there, the number of people you will be bringing, and the length of your trailer.

**We need your initial response no later than the 15th of January.** We will need your confirmed response and payment by April 15th (consider it a fun tax).

The Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail/address \_\_\_\_\_ # of people  
\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending in our \_\_\_\_\_ Foot Airstream Trailer/ Motor-coach.

We will be staying the nights of:

Thursday the 15th of August \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday the 16th of August \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday the 17th of August \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday the 18th of August \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday the 19th of August \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival:** Thursday August 15 or Friday August 16 Marquette, Michigan Tourist Park Campground (this is a city-owned campground with full hook-ups (water, electric and sewer) at our sites priced at \$32.00 per night. Shower house is near our sites.

**Departure:** choose Sunday August 18th or Monday August 19, or Tuesday August 20th

**Activities** will focus on Friday, Saturday and early day Sunday, so if you work and can only come for the weekend, you will not be left out. If you can stay longer, there are a variety of things to do and see in the area and we will help you find what you like as long as it is legal. (Mostly legal anyway)

**Thursday:** PM: Welcome and Campfire with Overview of Marquette and discussion of your choices for Activities;

**Friday:** Lunch Out at Local Restaurant; Art Galleries on Presque Isle; Downtown and Lower Harbor Time; Evening cocktail hour, Potluck and Campfire with Fred (tour guide)

**Saturday:** Your choice: History of Marquette Tour w/ Fred Huffman; Local Brew pubs; Boathouse Theatre; Harbor Cruise; Largest Wooden Dome in USA tour;  
Supper will be Pasties (Provided) around the Campfire



**Sunday:** Tour of Presque Isle by car, or bike, or walk (your choice); Presentation from Airstream of Traverse City; Mt. Marquette overlook by car; climb Sugarloaf for view of Marquette; Cocktail hour and Barbecue (bring own meat + dish) Campfire

**Monday:** Historical Society Tour; Maritime Museum Tour; Fishing Charter; East Ridge Walking Tour; Beach Stroll; Must-go Supper (clear the frig)

Now, the other thing we need your help on, what would you like to do? Check the boxes below. The costs are dependent on the number interested, and we will get back to you as things are nailed down in detail.

☐ Guided Tour of Historic Marquette w/ Marquette County Tours (Fred)  
☐ Boathouse Theater Show  
☐ Harbor Cruise 2 hour; either an Historic Schooner or Tourist Boat  
☐ Tour of Presque Isle (free--car, bike or walk)  
☐ East Ridge Walking Tour (free)  
☐ Brew Pubs Tour (there are 3 around downtown--Checker taxi will be hired)  
☐ Fishing Charter (Daybreak Charters---also available for tour)

We are particularly interested in participating in:

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<http://www.mqtcty.org/visiting.html> (for more information on Marquette area)

Finally, besides Marquette itself, try to make time to visit some of the other scenic and interesting places in the Upper Peninsula. Places like Big Bay, site of filming for "Anatomy of a Murder". There are miles of beaches and shoreline on Lake Superior and Lake Michigan to enjoy and explore. The Porcupine Mountains, Lake Gogebic, Iron Range and Copper Range history, and much, much, more.

So we invite you to join us this August and find out why people from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan proudly call themselves Yoopers and most never want to leave for more than a vacation.

PS: Marquette is on Eastern Time. Not to worry---you'll get your hour back when you head home!! Thanks for your cooperation.

Steve Piotrowski, Unit 116 President: [<slpiotro@tds.net>](mailto:slpiotro@tds.net) 608-255-3953

Jane Carmichael, Co-host: [<janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com>](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)  
615 Cedar St., Marquette MI 49855 906-225-0406

and Karen Suksi Co-Host. [<safari906@gmail.com>](mailto:safari906@gmail.com)

If you have questions, please e-mail one of us, or call Steve (608-255-3953) (Cell 608-770-2900)

## REGION 7 & REGION 7 VAC CLUB

### 2013 Rally Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

RALLY FEE: (CAMPING EXTRA)

Unit w/2 -----\$340.00

Unit w/1-----\$170.00

Children # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$60.00-\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**

Region 7, WBCCI

Forms due July 1, 2013

**Mail to:** Carolyn Grandstrand

1862 N. Budd Ave

Maple Plain, MN 55359

**Questions to:**

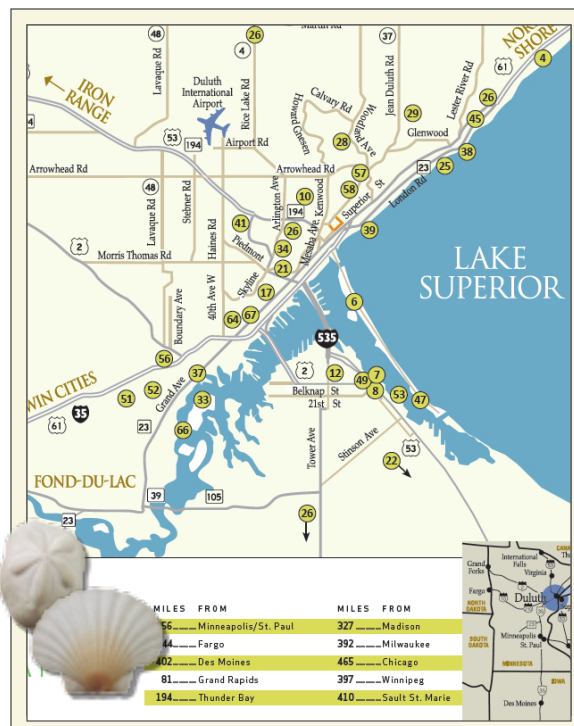
Linda Agre Cell: 320.295.1117

E-mail: [agre5628@aol.com](mailto:agre5628@aol.com)

**NOTE: Rally fee Does NOT Include  
camping - CALL: 218-590-8774**

**BUFFALO VALLEY CAMPGROUND**

**LIMIT OF 55 UNITS**



### TALL SHIP CHALLENGE

TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE Great Lakes 2013 will celebrate the 200th anniversary of major military events of the War of 1812 that took place in the Great Lakes. The series is also dedicated to promoting awareness of the Lakes' ecosystems and fresh water conservation. The series will sail to all five Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. There will be point-to-point races, more than ten ports, wonderful hospitality, and a millions of visitors.

THE MISSION OF TALL SHIPS  
AMERICA IS TO ENCOURAGE  
CHARACTER BUILDING THROUGH SAIL  
TRAINING, PROMOTE SAIL TRAINING  
TO THE NORTH AMERICAN PUBLIC,  
AND SUPPORT EDUCATION UNDER  
SAIL.

# REGION 7 RALLY

## TALL SHIPS

JULY 24-30, 2013



**DULUTH, MN**

**BUFFALO VALLEY CAMPING**

EXIT 245 ON I-35

2590 GUSS & BUFFALO  
VALLEY ROAD

DULUTH, MN 55810

218-590-8774



# REGION 7 - 'TALL SHIPS'



SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE



GLENSHEEN

THE CHESTER CONGDON ESTATE

Imagine the sun rising over clear blue waters, white fluffy clouds, a gentle breeze blowing, the slap of gentle waves washing up on the pebble beaches of Lake Superior, then in the distance the appearance of white sails, masts of tall timbers, bodies scrambling up the masts controlling the white of the silk sail. Step back into the era of the "Tall Ships" in a time 200 years ago.

Join Region 7 & the Region 7 VAC Club for a once in a life time experience of White Sails, The War of 1812, an era where pirates robbed and buried treasure in yet to be discovered places. The era of the Tall Ships and romance on the high seas.

Come with us to 'Glensheen' the Chester Congdon Estate where you will hear a tale of riches, greed, and murder. The gardens and the grounds show cased in a beautiful setting in the woods on the shore of Lake Superior. Walk the grounds, imagine going for a sleigh ride from the carriage house. Take yourself back in time to a place where life was a little slower, and if you were the richest man in Minnesota, pretty comfortable.

Join us for the history of the Split Rock Lighthouse. The story of the 'Last Lighthouse Keeper', what stories he has to share.

Put on your walking shoes, pack a bag lunch, your camera, and spend the day on a trip up the northern shore of Lake Superior to the 100 year old Split Rock Lighthouse. Where a guided tour will take you back to a time of the lonely life of the 'Light Keeper.' Stop at Gooseberry Falls for a hike or walk the shores of Superior looking for agates.

Join the Region 7 and Region 7 VAC Club in this joint rally for more fun and fellowship. It's a chance in a lifetime and who knows what this may lead to.

THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT!

LINDA



## *ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN RALLY FEE*

**\*FESTIVAL OF THE TALL SHIPS - Two Full Days on the Waterfront - with optional shuttle bus service\***

**\*WELCOME DINNER\***

**\*3 BREAKFASTS\***

**\*CATERED DINNER\***

**\*ENTERTAINMENT\***

**\*BIKE RIDING\***

**\*LAKE CRUISE\***

### ***-TOURS OF-***

**\*DULUTH SKYLINE DRIVE\***

**\*ROSE GARDENS\***

**\*ENGER TOWER\***

**\*SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE\***

**\*GLENSHEEN - THE HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE\***

**\*HARRINGTON ARTS CENTER & ACCORDION MUSEUM\***

**\*VINTAGE AIRSTREAM OPEN HOUSE\***

**\*BUS INCLUDED WITH TOURS\***

**OPTIONAL AT EXTRA ON YOUR OWN FEE**

**\*GOLF\***

**\*CASINO NIGHT\***