

March, 2013

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Reflections in Aluminum



I look out my window and see the rain dripping down and beginning the snow melt. It's a grey dreary day, but the rain means spring is coming soon. That means the camping season is about to begin. Our semi-shiny 23 foot Safari named Fred will soon return to the driveway

ready for adventures near and far. I had Fred in for some fairly serious maintenance work last winter before storage, so with a little cleaning he should be good to go.

Please join the Wisconsin Unit for one of the early rallies. The first is the traditional Easter Opener at Peninsula State Park in Door County March 29-31. Ed and Sandy Emerick have been hosting this event for untold years, beginning when their girls were little. It is a great shake down for the summer season, and the weather can be anything from beautiful to awful, but the group is always fun. We always find ways to entertain ourselves and fun places to visit.

The last weekend in April, the 26-28th, is the official spring meeting and rally for the Unit. We will be at the KOA-Wisconsin Dells, S235A Stand Rock Rd, Wisconsin Dells, WI, Reservations: (800) 562-4178. We usually have a good turnout for this weekend, and while there is some business we have to take care of after the luncheon on Saturday, we will try to keep it from getting boring. (If need be, Ed can tell about the Badger attack!)

Lynne and I usually spend several months of the winter camping out of the area. Staying home this year has made the winter seem exceptionally long. We are looking forward to getting out. Remember to check tires, gas lines, water lines and such on your trailer before pulling out to camp. It can save a lot of headaches later.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon. Feel free to contact me with any ideas or improvements you would like to see in the Unit.

Steve Piotrowski, Unit President

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News Bits

Upcoming Events

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

Springtime in the Dells Campout, April 26-28, 2013, Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Contact: Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer page 6

Spring Luncheon and membership meeting, April 27, 2013, 11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza, 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Contact: Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer page 6

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

Member News

Who's Going to Alumapalooza?

Members interested in caravanning to the Alumapalooza rally at Jackson Center (May 28 – June 2, 2013) (www.alumapalooza.com) please contact Steve Piotrowski at spiotro@tds.net or 608-255-3953. A leader for the caravan is needed.

Sympathy

Bill and Cathy Nelson have been long-time national caravanners and members of the Wisconsin Unit. Bill was President of the Milwaukee Unit in 1993 and Cathy was President of the Milwaukee Unit in 2000. February brought the word of Cathy Nelson's passing. Bill had previously reported that she had been undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. Our sympathy to Bill and their family.

News also came in February of the untimely passing of Cathy Wachowiak at the age of 60 years. Cathy Wachowiak was Ellen McGaughey's sister in law. Ellen of course, is a long time member of the Wisconsin Unit, Unit President in 2008, and the newsletter editor who put the *Badger Bulletin* in its present form.



Catherine M. Nelson

August 1, 1932 - February 12, 2013

Catherine Marie Nelson, 80, passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in Rockport, Texas. She was born August 1, 1932 in Olean, New York. She graduated from Cornell University and was a retired school teacher. She traveled all 7 continents and all 50 states and was a very Irish Person. She was a member of the Aransas County Women's Club, WBCCI Club and loved to play bridge.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Bill Nelson of Fulton, Texas; a brother Richard Ryan of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; two grandnephews Ryan Driver and Andrew Driver of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Memorial service was February 20, 2013 at the Women's Club of Aransas County, and Rockport, Texas.

Expressions of Sympathy may be made by donation to Aransas County of Aging.

(Obituary courtesy of the Rockport *Pilot*, Rockport, Texas)

One-Liners



Forwarded by Bill Kronholm

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Region 7 News
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July 24-30, 2013
Buffalo Valley Campground
Duluth, Minnesota

Linda Agre, Region 7 President

Tall Ships Rally Update

Get your reservations in for the Tall Ships Rally ASAP!

Send your rally fee to Carolyn Grandstrand. She will hold your check if you are not sure you will be able to attend. I have had a big response from outside Region 7 and I want everyone in Region 7 who wants to attend to be able to. I will be working with the campground on reservations to make sure you get a spot if you are on Carolyn's list. Make sure to include your e-mail address and that I can read it.

Campground Reservations – The original instructions said not to call the Buffalo Valley Campground for reservations before April 1. **This has changed.** Because of interest generated by the Tall Ships Festival, the campground has opened their reservation system early. **Make your campsite reservations ASAP** (218-590-8774).

Tall Ships Festival Tickets – The Tall Ships Festival *Multi-Day On Board Ship Tour Pass* is included in your rally fee. This pass provides four-day access to the festival grounds and countless activities. This also encompasses Bayfront Festival Park, Harbor Drive behind the DECC and the area located behind Grandma's Sports Garden. There will be food and refreshments, a Parade of Sail, musical performances, family activities and educational programs. On Thursday, July 25, rally goers will be aboard the cruise ship *Vista Cruise* to watch the Parade of Tall Ships into Duluth Harbor.

Tickets are also available to sail on some of the Tall Ships, as explained in the press release quoted below. **Cost for each ticket is \$95. This is not included in your rally fee.**

"In addition to onboard tours, Tall Ships® Duluth 2013 will offer the opportunity for visitors to sail on Lake Superior aboard the Privateer *Lynx*, S/V *Denis Sullivan* and the Schooner *Hindu*. Each vessel will sail several times daily beginning Friday, July 26, providing not only an educational glimpse into daily life aboard a tall ship, but also the grandeur of experiencing Lake Superior under sail."



Schooner *Denis Sullivan* of Milwaukee

Anyone interested in doing this, **please call me before March 22 at 320-295-1117** and I will reserve a block of tickets for us. Or, you can purchase your tickets on your own on Monday, April 1 after 10 AM either by calling 1-877-435-9809 or online at www.visitduluth.com



The topsail schooner *Lynx* under full sail.

Blue Beret Directory Issue

Got your new WBCCI directory? Please check your information to make sure it is correct.

Region 7 Luncheon at International

The Region 7 luncheon at the WBCCI International Rally in Huron, South Dakota is scheduled for June 28, 11:30 AM at the Huron Event Center, 100 4th Street SW. Please put this date on your calendar. Look forward to seeing you in Huron! (If you are able to give a couple of hours staffing the Region 7 table during registration please let me or Gail Harrower know.)

Orange City, Iowa Tulip Festival

Region 7 has been asked to join the MN Unit for the Tulip Festival May 15-29, 2013 in Orange City, Iowa. This is one of the best rallies if you love tulips and music. Saturday, May 18th you will attend the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof' which I can tell you from experience the talent in this small Iowa city is incredible. Get your reservations in for this rally ASAP, as tickets for the musical need to be purchased soon. For more information call John Tetzlaff 612-839-4013 or see rally flyer on the Region 7 web site, www.region7.wbcci.net. This will be my 3rd time attending, if that tells you how good the Tulip Festival is.

Sympathy

Dean Kyle lost his battle with cancer in February. Prayers for Dean's family and beautiful wife Pearl Adams-Kyle. Dean will be sadly missed by all Region 7.

Your Unit Officers are planning a fun filled summer for you. Please offer to help with the rallies. Don't wait to be asked.

Linda

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon March 16, 2013 Revere's Wells Street Tavern Delavan, Wisconsin

Photos by Vicki Engelstad

Once again the Boehmer's did a bang-up job on the St. Patrick's Day luncheon. This year they added a new fillip by starting out at the Wells Street Tavern and ending up at their house for Irish-themed desserts. (And if that's not a vote of confidence in Wisconsin Airstreamers' ability to drink responsibly, what is!)



Your hosts, Teri and George O'Boehmer.

Wells Street Tavern, the quintessential place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



The luncheon gets underway with animated conversations.



St. Paddy's day or no, Bloody Marys dominate the libations!



Wearin' o' the green—check! Shamrock—check!
Harp Lager—check! Ready for St. Patrick's Day!



The crowd reconvenes at George & Teri's house...



... where sits a bountiful table of St. Paddy's Day desserts!

Thanks for a great job, Teri & George!
Begorrah! You folks know how to party!

Florida State Rally February 13-18, 2013, Sarasota, Florida

Story and photos by John Sellers

The Wisconsin Unit and Region 7 were well represented at this year's Florida State Rally. The Florida State Rally's tradition of being the WBCCI's second largest rally was upheld with a total attendance of some three hundred and thirty trailers and motor homes.



Trailers parked in orderly rows behind Robarts Arena.



Vintage parking—apparent from the polished trailers.

The FSR always has a good selection of vendors and seminars. This year's included everything from WBCCI and Airstream, Inc. maintenance seminars to a Dutch oven cooking class and a Florida concealed weapons permit class. (We don't have a Dutch oven, but we *did* sample the product, some chocolate concoction. Wonderful!)

Bates RV put on an RV show adjacent to the rally, bringing a large number of new Airstream models to tour (and want)!



Airstream factory maintenance seminar in Robarts Arena.

As usual, Vintage Airstream Club had a strong presence, with a potluck dinner Friday and an Open House Saturday.



VAC potluck dinner in the Potter Building



Another view of vintage parking. It was overcast most days.



A little national sentiment on a B-190 in the vintage area.



The flea market was well attended.

2013 was the last year for the WBCCI Florida State Rally. This year the Board of Governors voted to dissolve the corporation on account of insufficient volunteers to continue. But the event will continue as Alumaflamingo under the management of R & B Events, the organizers of the "Aluma" rallies—Alumapalooza, Alumafandango, and Alumafiasco (or something like that). You can make your reservations for next year at www.alumaflamingo.com.

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

April Camp Out and Luncheon

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 26 – 28, 2013

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Camp Out



KOA-Wisconsin Dells
S235A Stand Rock Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Information: (608) 254-4177
Reservations: (800) 562-4178
Email: wd.koa@frontier.com

Please make camping reservation directly with the KOA between March 15 and April 1st. Tell them you are with the Airstream/ WBCCI group to get the \$25 a night group rate.



Directions

2 mi off I-90/94

From east take Exit 87 Hwy 13 N, left at 3rd stoplight on Stand Rock Rd.

From west take Exit 85, left on Hwy 12, left on City A, right on Stand Rock Rd (before bridge).

Luncheon

April 27, 2013, 11:30 AM

Location:

Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South,
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

RSVP by April 19th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.



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:

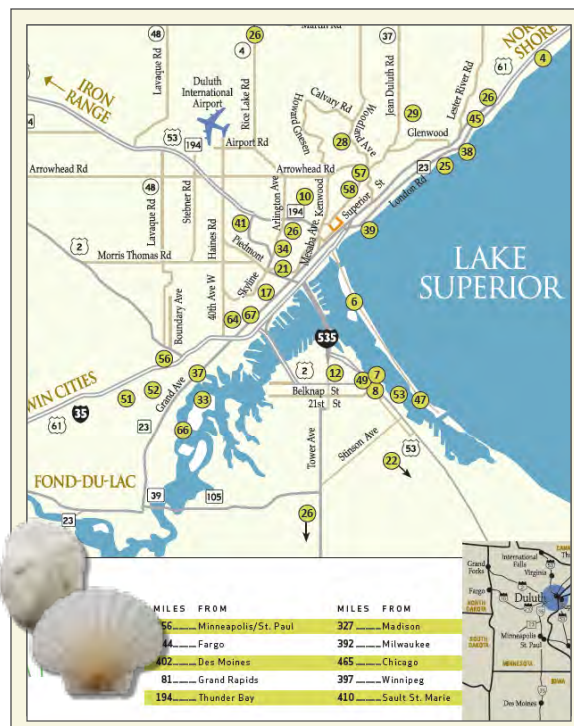
Linda Agre Cell: 320.295.1117

E-mail: agre5628@aol.com

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 CAMPGING

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