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## Reflections in Aluminum



Why do we belong to the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International? The official answer is **Fun, Fellowship and Adventure**. I want to explore some of the things I have found out after several years in the club.

**Fun:** From the very first event we attended with the Wisconsin Unit, we

had fun. On our way home from the Wisconsin Dells spring rally, we said to each other, "That is a fun group." Even when we get together to conduct business, there is an element of fun in all of our rallies. The story goes that Wally seldom missed the four o'clock cocktail and social hour. The WBCCI carries on that tradition. Sometimes activities make the social hour start a little later, but it remains an important part of club activities.

**Fellowship:** The fellowship of Airstreamers goes beyond the WBCCI. When you park your rig in a campground, you will have any Airstreamers in the area come around and talk with you. The love of Aluminum goes far beyond the club boundaries. However, the longer you belong to the club and the more active you become, the more friends you make. The fellowship that I appreciate more and more is the ability to ask questions and get answers. Last week, one of our members broke a window and asked if anyone knew where to get a replacement and quickly got suggestions. I just posted a question regarding DC power and got an answer.

**Adventure:** The club offers Caravans and many folks miss this wonderful benefit of the club. We have gone on two so far and signed up for two more in the near future. I doubt we would have dared go to Alaska for two months by ourselves, but with the Club Caravan, we had a wonderful time and a great adventure. Try Caravans out, they are inexpensive when compared to self booked rates and get you to places you might miss otherwise.

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# News Bits

## Upcoming Events

**July 24-30, 2013 – Region 7 Tall Ships Rally**, Duluth, MN. Advance reservations are closed, but space may be available. Contact – Linda Agre 320-295-1117, [agre5628@me.com](mailto:agre5628@me.com)

**August 15-18, 2013 – Meet our Northern Neighbors Michigan Upper Peninsula Camp out**, Marquette, MI. Advance reservations are closed, but space may be available. Contact – Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677 [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com) or Karen Suksi [safari906@gmail.com](mailto:safari906@gmail.com) See flyer pages 5-6.

**September 6-8, 2013, Fourth Annual Road America Rally**, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Contact Don Stenz, 920-698-2305, [slem@tds.net](mailto:slem@tds.net) See flyer pages 7-8.

**October 4-6, 2013, Fall Rally & Business Meeting**, Snyder Park, Neillsville, WI. For information on the campground, see their website at [https://parks.co.clark.wi.us/parks/camping/snyder\\_campground/details/](https://parks.co.clark.wi.us/parks/camping/snyder_campground/details/) Contact Steve Piotrowski 608-255-3953 [slpiotro@tds.net](mailto:slpiotro@tds.net) Please let Steve know you are planning to attend so he can get an early count for the campground.

## Member News

### Welcome New Members!

The Wisconsin Unit welcomes new members **Todd & Sarah Eiden**, WBCCI #2270, of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. The Eidens have a 2012 Flying Cloud 23 footer. Todd & Sarah, we hope to see you soon at a Wisconsin Unit activity!

## International Rally News

### Delegates Meeting

The slate of officers proposed by the International Nominating Committee was elected.

The controversial **Motor Home Amendment** to the WBCCI Constitution was **rejected** by a vote of 1493 for, 3301 against.

## International Board of Trustees

A number of motions were presented to the IBT. Outcomes were as follows:

**Motion 1** – To eliminate the RV Parks standing committee – **Adopted**

**Motion 2** – To remove the words “in accordance with Internal Revenue Service requirements” from Article VI, Section 2 of the International Bylaws – **Adopted**

This motion was championed by our own Unit President Steve Piotrowski and Region President Linda Agre. Thanks, Steve and Linda, for getting this misleading line removed from the WBCCI bylaws!

## International Board of Trustees (cont.)

**Motion 3** – Loan to the “Hands of Peace” Committee – **Rejected** by a vote of 8 votes for, 9 votes against, and 1 abstention

**Motion 4** – Names of Units – **Adopted**

**Motion 5** – Units formed outside the US and Canada – **Adopted**

**Motion 6** – Approval of *Down Under Unit* of Australia – **Adopted**

**Motion 7** – New Standing Committee on Planning – **Rejected** by a vote of 6 votes for, 9 votes against. The feeling of the Region Presidents was that we have enough standing committees.

## Pearl Adams-Kyle Elected 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Free Wheelers

Jane Carmichael nominated Pearl Adams-Kyle to the office of First Vice President of the *Free Wheelers* intraclub, and Pearl was elected to the office. Pearl promises to get even with Jane at the earliest opportunity!

## One-Liner



Airstreams everywhere! Gene and Audrey Sinner's daughter in law, Laura Burns, spotted this one in France

Submitted by Gene & Audrey Sinner

## The Badger Bulletin WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116

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## My Second International Rally (But my first having any idea of what was going on!)

Story and photographs by Steve & Lynne Piotrowski



Our illustrious Unit President at opening ceremonies

The 56<sup>th</sup> International Rally of the W.B.C.C.I. was held over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2013 in Huron, South Dakota. Lynne and I attended on behalf of the Wisconsin Unit, and our cats Ruby and Dazzle joined us for the trip.



Steve & Lynn, Ruby & Dazzle

We stopped in New Ulm Minnesota to visit with our old college friend and retired DNR Naturalist, Bob Beck and stayed at Fort Ridgely State Park located at the beginnings of the Great Plains area of the United States. The river bottom has lots of trees and many birds to enjoy. The town of Huron, population 12,000 plus was very welcoming to the Rally participants and the State Fair Grounds proved to be an adequate site for the rally. I will highlight areas so you can read what interests you most first. I do expect you to come back and read all of the report, because there will be a test at Marquette.



The Wisconsin Unit fashion show team,, Pearl Adams-Kyle, Joan Lahr, Annette Hooker, and Lynne Piotrowski.

**Friends:** I was amazed at how many people I knew at the International. Besides the Wisconsin members, Jane Carmichael, Annette Hooker, Pearl Adams-Kyle, Mike & Joan Lahr, Jack and Bobbi Moen, Vern & Leola Schultz, and Edwin & Carol Witzke, all who arrived early to help with set up, I found many others that I had met over the last few years. We got in late the first night (Monday), about ten minutes after four and parking was over for the day. We ended up spending the night in the bull pen, and decided to walk around the grounds and see whom we might know. Quickly we ran into JJ and Sandy, the leaders of the Alaska caravan who are two very nice people from Ohio. We had a drink and talked with them for a while and then walked back towards our trailer, where we ran into the Shultz's. It seemed like every time we turned around we ran into someone we knew from caravans, rallies, the WBCCI reform movement, and our travels in our Airstream. Our first International was the year we bought the trailer and it was held in Madison, where everyone wants to return as soon as possible.



Spectacular opening ceremonies

**Fun:** It was there, but you had to look a little harder to find it. If there is a significant criticism I have of the club, this is it. The club tends to be bound to traditions regardless of the applicability to current members or events. I could go down a long list of specific items, but I will summarize it this way. There was not one bit of rock and roll music during the entertainment sessions of the program. There was a nice bluegrass band one night, but there was no one like Ansty McClain to do trailer folk or humorous music, and they seem to have no idea that Rock and Roll was invented. Things like the unit parade were held in the meeting hall, because only a couple of units had a parade entry and for the most part the Regions walked together so there would be some sort of a parade and to get points in the competitions for superior unit awards. My advice is, if people no longer care about it, don't do it. The most fun was getting together with friends. The least fun was hanging around for several days extra just because the rally has to last through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Wally's birthday. Heck, by the time the IBT and Executive meetings were held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, water was shut off and 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the people were gone. It seems that a large number come early to help with set up, but no one stays late. Stop wasting the time of the people who come to the International.



Region flag bearers Mike and Joan Lahr

**Adventure:** I am not sure that Huron, South Dakota would have been my destination if not for the International, but it gave me an excuse to go somewhere I never was before. The real adventure was the chance to hook up with two caravans and one rally. Next year we will be going to the Mardi Gras Rally in New Orleans. Absolutely everyone who has been on it says it is one of the great things about WBCCI. We met the leaders and it appears that they know how to have a good time. When we were on the Cajun Caravan a couple of years ago, we met Jim and Vickie Courney who will be leading the "Where the Heck is Chockoloskee" caravan along the Gulf coast of Florida this year and again next fall. We know they know how to have fun. Finally, we've wanted to go on the Viking Caravan for several years, and decided to sign up for it in 2015. Too many of our members fail to take advantage of the club's caravan offerings. They are inexpensive and take you to places you might not see otherwise.

In summary, the International Rally is starting to wake up to the need to change and do things to attract new members. It is slow going and will take all of us continuing to keep pressure on the organization to modernize and stop holding so tight to dying traditions. Tradition is important, but when it overrules common sense and current wants, it is self defeating. Change is good and needs to be embraced.

## A New Member's View of the International

Upon learning that one of our newer members, Jane Carmichael, had attended the International at Huron, SD, your editor asked for her impressions. She replied,

"I would encourage new members to attend the International for many reasons.

"The most compelling would be to bond with the WBCCI, to understand some of where your dues go, to develop friendships, and to share the camaraderie of Airstream ownership.

"It is educational, most everyone is friendly, and the entertainment is non-stop.

"First Timers now have mentors—that's a good thing! Plus I was greeted over and over with 'Welcome!—Where are you from? Are you solo?' And the conversation ensued. . .

"I think we need to include new members 'early and often'. (Hook them right away—it worked for me!)"

Jane





# Marquette, Michigan Rally

**August 15 – 18, 2013**

By Jane Carmichael and Karen Suksi

If you haven't signed up for the August 15/16 – August 19/20, 2013 Marquette, MI Rally, never fear, there's room for you! Yes there is~~Here's what you need to do:

Send your Rally Fee of \$10 to Sandy Emerick, Treasurer, 9186 County Road K, Brussels, WI 54204.

Call directly to the Tourist Park staff to make your camp site reservation. The phone number is 906-228-0465 (Eastern Time Zone). The Tourist Park Staff will take your credit card number and answer any questions.



The Tourist Park staff is looking forward to your stay with them! We have 19 Airstreamers in our group. Fifteen Airstreamers from the Ontario Unit will spend August 18 at Tourist Park. We will have aluminum everywhere!



The Tourist Park Campground is located on the Dead River (Map and directions next page.)

Some detailed information on the camping facility: Tourist Park is a city-owned campground. They have a shower house, and firewood for sale. Check in time is 3 PM, check out time is noon. There is a waste water dump sink next to the East Bathhouse.

For more information go to: [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org)

We have planned an Airstream Informational Presentation both Saturday and Sunday night prior to "happy hour."

Group photo will be August 18—do we have a volunteer photographer?

When you arrive at the park you will need to provide Tourist Park staff with your names, address, and contact phone number, and you will be given a site. The information is needed for emergency purposes.

The water connection may require extra length water hoses, so pack an extra one.

Our rally activities are being developed. The tentative rally schedule is listed on the next page.

Bill and Marti Upton are in charge of planning the boat cruise and possibly a tour of an iron ore mine. Although they won't be able to camp with us, they are helping now with planning—plus they are preparing packets for each Airstream camper. Thanks!!



Marquette harbor cruise on the *Isle Royale Queen III*

Karen Suksi will conduct a WHITE ELEPHANT exchange on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 PM. She asks that you bring a camping-related item in a brown paper sack. She will collect it when you arrive, or bring it to her at site #71.

Each evening, weather permitting, we will have a Happy Hour and Campfire. For the Happy Hours (5 PM each day) you are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre based on your campsite number. If you are in an ODD numbered site, you will bring a snack on Thursday and Saturday nights. If you are in an EVEN numbered site, your turn will be on Friday and Sunday nights. (Thanks to Bill and Marti for this idea-- which they picked up at another Airstream rally).

Are you tired of reading? Do you have questions? Are you getting excited about getting back to the UP or coming up here for the first time? Please know that we are thrilled to put on this gathering for the benefit of the group.

Your Trustees,

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# Marquette, Michigan Rally

## August 15 – 18, 2013

**Marquette Tourist Park Campground**  
**2145 Sugarloaf Ave**  
**Marquette, MI 49855**

**906-228-0465**

[http://www.mqtcty.org/parks\\_tourist.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/parks_tourist.html)

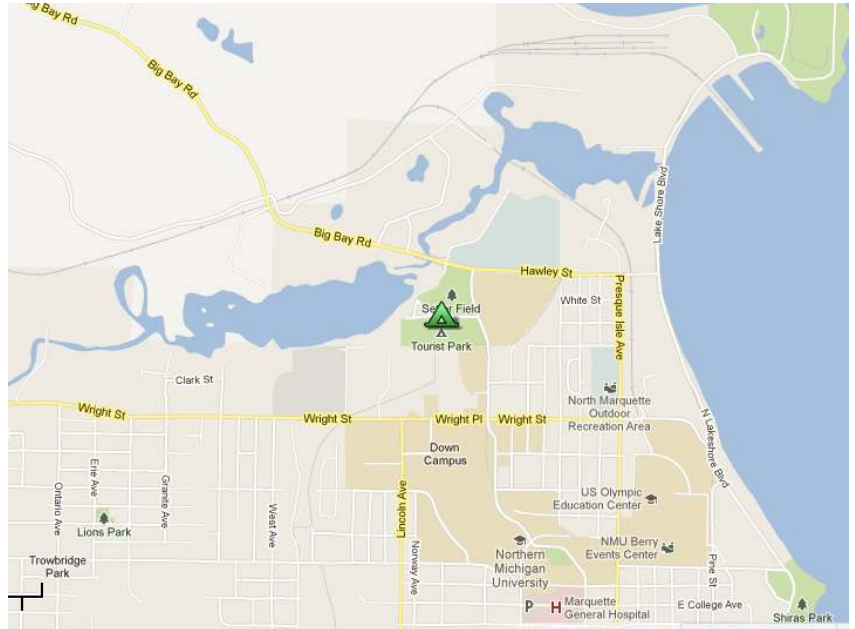
Directions from US41/M28:

From US 41 turn North on County Road HQ on west side of Marquette. (Wal Mart Supercenter at intersection).

Continue North on County Road HQ, which becomes Wright Street.

Drive about 3 miles then turn Left on Sugar Loaf Avenue.

The campground is at 2145 Sugar Loaf Avenue



### Tentative Schedule

	Thursday, 8/15	Friday, 8/16	Saturday, 8/17	Sunday, 8/18
Breakfast	-----	on your own	on your own	on your own
Morning Activities	-----	9:30 Beach Walk from Tourist Park	10:15 Bus Arrives for Tour 10:30 Tour of Marquette with Fred (\$)	Church services on your own
Lunch	-----	Heather caters lunch at Tourist Park (\$)	on your own	on your own
Afternoon Activities	3:00 Check In Welcome packets 5:00 Happy Hour Odd # sites bring snacks	Downtown Marquette brew pubs 5:00 Happy Hour Even # sites bring snacks	2:00 Boat Tour (\$) 4:30 Airstream info session at Tourist Park by Larry 5:00 Happy Hour Odd # sites bring snacks	12:30 Climb Sugar Loaf 2:30 Car Pool to Marquette Mountain 4:30 Airstream info session at Tourist Park by Larry 5:00 Happy Hour Even # sites bring snacks
Supper	on your own	6:30 Potluck Bring a dish	6:30 Pasties included in rally fee Bring a salad	6:30 Barbecue with Canadians, weather permitting. Bring meat to grill + salad or desert PHOTO
Evening Activities	7:30 Campfire Bill & Marti Upton GAM (greet and meet)	7:30 Campfire with Fred, the tour guide	7:30 Campfire White Elephant exchange by Karen. Bring one camping related item	7:30 Campfire BIG group!

\$ = not included in rally fee

# *The Wisconsin & Northern Illinois Units are hosting the 4th Annual WBCCI Rally at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin September 6–8, 2013*



## **BY POPULAR DEMAND...BACK FOR THE 4TH YEAR!!!!**

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.

WBCCI members who wish to participate will host a Public Open House on Saturday the 7th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. While gorgeous cars drive right around the perimeter of our camping area we will be showing off our Shiny Aluminum Dream Machines. 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](http://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# \_\_\_\_\_

Per person(13 and older) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$70.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (12 and under are free) (after deadline \$110.00)

Site fee per rig \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 20.00  
 (after deadline \$35.00)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Deadline for Tickets is Friday, August 30, 2013!!**

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 your unit:**

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI or Northern Illinois Unit, WBCCI  
 Reservation forms due Friday, August 30th  
 Tickets will be picked up at the track

### **Mail to:**

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI or Northern Illinois Unit, WBCCI  
 Sandy Emerick Robert Kock  
 9186 County Road K 2085 Carillion Dr.  
 Brussels, WI 54204 Grayslake, IL 60030

### **Questions to:**

Don Stenz • 920 698-2305 • [slem@tds.net](mailto:slem@tds.net)





# ROAD AMERICA FAN MAP

**KEY**

- # Spectator Gates
- P# General Parking
- RP# Reserved Parking
- Surface Roads
- S Security Check Point
- Track & 14 Turns
- Pedestrian Bridge/Tunnel
- Traffic Bridge / Tunnel
- C Concession Stands
- 4M 4-Mile Merchant
- First Aid
- VIP / Media Tower
- W Winner's Circle
- Road America Center
- Orion Tech Center
- Lester Carport
- Family Fun Zone



To WBCCI Area

COMPETITOR & RA OFFICE GATE

Road America Office

TO ELKHART LAKE  
TO GATES 3-4 & CTY RD J  
TO PLYMOUTH

**MAIN GATE**

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Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

**WBCCI Camping**

## PARKING

Spectators may park in designated parking areas or around the facility unless posted. Spectator parking is NOT allowed in the paddock or in reserved lots near the VIP Tower.

