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Reflections in Aluminum



Thank you to all the members from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for a wonderful rally in Marquette. Jane and Karen, in particular, deserve the highest praise for organizing the weekend delightfully, and handling all issues that came up during the

Rally. I have heard from several of the Canadians, and they praised us for the welcome they received. It was a great time and a great location. We now know why you are such loyal Yoopers, and why you continue to live there in spite of the miles of snow that bury you each winter. Thank you for sharing your home community with us.

I am about to take off for the races, and hope to see several of you there. I know I will get to meet several new people this weekend, since it is a joint rally with the Northern Illinois Unit of WBCCI. It is one of the great things about our club, the chance to meet new people. Even if you don't have much else in common, you know that they love their Airstreams, and you always have a beginning point for a conversation. Sometimes the conversation moves into many other areas and you begin a friendship that will last for years. Other times, the biggest thing you have in common is the Airstream, but it is enough so that you look forward to seeing each other whenever you can.

I invite you all to attend one of our rallies. You will meet many nice people, and you will get a chance to see other Airstreams. I guarantee that the work put into some of the trailers will impress you. Others will show that their owners use them a lot, and care more about the travel than the shine. Either way, they love their Airstreams.

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November 8 – 10, 2013, Birthday Bash Camp Out, Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. No rally fee, no reservations—pay for campsite at the park. Friday night, out to dinner. Saturday night Crooked Pot Luck in the shelter! (Or whatever you would like to bring. Does not have to be in a crock pot!) Contact Sandy Emerick 920-475-7893, semerick4425@gmail.com

November 9, 2013, November Luncheon, arrive between 11-11:30am. Water Street Brewery, 2615 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024 (Highway 60 exit off I-43) 262-375-2222. RSVP to Sandy Emerick 920-475-7893 or semerick4425@gmail.com

Member News

Fall Business Meeting

The Wisconsin Unit fall business meeting will be at the October rally at Neillsville, WI, October 4 – 6. Those not attending the meeting can vote by mail; a ballot is included on page 4 of this newsletter.

Unit Constitutional Amendment to be Voted On at Fall Business Meeting

On this year's fall ballot is an amendment to Article VI, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Unit constitution to allow voting at unit business meetings by email and fax as well as by mail and in person. This will bring the unit constitution into agreement with the Model Unit Constitution in the current Blue Book. The motion to amend the Unit Constitution is shown in entirety on page 5.

Officer and Committee Volunteers Needed

We are fortunate to have a full slate of officers and key committee members who (we hope) will continue the usual chain of succession. New volunteers are earnestly solicited by Nominating Committee chairman Ed Emerick.



Dave Sherman willingly volunteering to be 2nd VP

Dues are Due!

It's that time of the year again. . . time to renew our memberships for next year. A renewal form is included on page 8. *Note to our new members:* If you joined after July 1 you are paid up through the 2013-2014 unit fiscal year.

Online Renewal Now Available

By Sandy Emerick, Treasurer & Bob Manak, Webmaster

Members are now able to renew online at our Unit web site <http://wisc.wbcci.net/application/renew-online/> with either a credit card or a PayPal account. (Members may still renew by sending a check and renewal form to the Treasurer.)

The prices for renewal did not change, except there will be a \$1 processing fee to cover part of our cost of using the electronic payment system. You have both newsletter delivery options available when you renew: electronic delivery of the newsletter, or for an additional \$10, receiving a printed mailed copy of the Badger Bulletin newsletter.

After the Unit receives your transaction from PayPal, the club's Treasurer will send you an email confirming your listing in the directory (address summer/winter, email(s), telephone(s), and courtesy parking). To complete your membership renewal, please return that email with a response of "no changes needed", or update with your current information.

One Liners



Joan Lahr won first place for her beaded jewelry in the hobby show at this year's International. Leola Schultz also won first place in her category with a quilted Christmas tree skirt, but we don't have a picture.

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The Great U P Rally Marquette, Michigan August 15 – 18, 2013

Photos by Bob Manak & John Sellers

Wisconsin Unit's dynamic duo from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Jane Carmichael & Karen Suksi, aided by Bill and Marti Upton, put on a most spectacular rally for us. They got nearly twice the turnout of most recent Wisconsin Unit rallies and there was talk of making it an annual event.



Airstreams in the tall pines of Marquette's Tourist Park.

The venue, Marquette's Tourist Park Campground, was spectacular, with spacious sites among tall pines. The weather was wonderful—and no mosquitoes! (You don't want to mess with these ladies. . . they have *connections*!)

The rally offered a *very* full schedule of activities, including a harbor cruise, bus tour, hike up neighboring Sugarloaf Mountain, pub tour, assorted museums, etc., etc., etc.!



Region officers line the rails on the harbor cruise.



Fred the tour guide discourses at ice cream stop.



Airstreamers on the Rocks. Copper mass, Presque Isle Park.

Happy hour and campfire activities centered around Jane and Karen's trailers. (Karen's is the one with the red, white, and blue bunting in the picture below. Running for office?)



Happy hours were well attended.

In addition to the usual eating, drinking, and socializing, happy hour and campfire activities included numerous humorous presentations (and a few serious ones), presentations by *Nature & Me RV*, the Airstream dealer in Traverse City, talks by Fred, the bus tour guide, and even an address by the mayor of Marquette. Jane and Karen must know everybody in Marquette! (It seems like *everybody* in Marquette knows everybody else in Marquette!)

As if that weren't enough, the *Lake Superior Circle Tour* caravan from the Ontario Unit arrived at the park Sunday, doubling the number of Airstreams present. Several local folks were heard to wonder, "*Where did all these Airstreams come from?!*"



Potluck barbecue with the Canadian caravanners.

Kudos to "The Marquette Mafia" for a truly outstanding rally! You realize, you've started something here. People are going to want to do it again!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit Ballot for Fall 2013 Unit Election

The Wisconsin Unit fall unit business meeting will be held Sunday, October 6 at 10:00 AM at the fall rally, at Snyder Park and Campground, W8046 Arndt Road, Neillsville, WI 54456.

A ballot can be cast at the meeting or returned by mail. Blank ballots will be available at the meeting.

This ballot may be mailed to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Unit or voted at the business meeting. To vote by mail, mark your ballot and enclose in an envelope addressed to Teri Boehmer, Wisconsin Unit Secretary, 928 Oak Street, Delafield, WI 53018. Include your name and WBCCI number in the return address.

**You may bring this ballot to the meeting or mail it to the unit secretary at the address given above.
Mailed ballots must be received by October 2, 2013 to be counted.**

2013 – 14 Unit Officers

Since the recommendations of the nominating committee have not yet been finalized at publication time, the ballot offers the options of voting for the unspecified committee nominee, or for a write-in candidate.

President:	<i>as recommended by nominating committee</i>	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
First Vice-President:	<i>as recommended by nominating committee</i>	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Second Vice-President:	<i>as recommended by nominating committee</i>	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Corresponding Secretary:	<i>as recommended by nominating committee</i>	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Recording Secretary:	<i>as recommended by nominating committee</i>	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Treasurer:	<i>as recommended by nominating committee</i>	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]

Amendment to the Wisconsin Unit Constitution

The Unit Constitution and Bylaws Committee has proposed, and the Unit Executive Committee has approved, an amendment to the Wisconsin Unit Constitution to bring Article VI, Section 3 into agreement with the WBCCI International Model Unit Constitution. The proposed amendment is presented in its entirety in the September, 2013 unit newsletter, page 5.

The effect of this amendment is to allow voting in Unit elections by email or electronic facsimile in addition to in person and by mail.

Should the proposed Amendment be adopted?

YES	[]
NO	[]

Motion to Amend the Wisconsin Unit Constitution

Background

Article VI, Section 3 of the WBCCI bylaws requires units to resubmit their unit constitutions and bylaws to the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee at five year intervals. The Wisconsin Unit Constitution and Bylaws were last submitted in 2007 and are due for resubmission. The WBCCI Blue Book includes a Model Unit Constitution and Bylaws which are revised from time to time, and which have been revised since the Wisconsin Unit Constitution and Bylaws were last submitted.

The Wisconsin Unit Constitution and Bylaws Committee has proposed, and the Executive Committee has approved, the following amendment to the Wisconsin Unit Constitution to bring the Wisconsin Unit Constitution into agreement with changes in the Model Unit Constitution and Bylaws since the Model Unit Constitution and Bylaws were last revised.

Briefly, the amendment allows submission of ballots at Unit business meetings by email and fax as well as by mail and in person.

The motion to implement the proposed amendments is as follows:

Article VI, Unit Business Meetings

Article VI, Section 3 currently reads,

“A mail ballot may be used to obtain the vote of the members of the Unit on a proposal when such is deemed desirable or necessary. When a mail ballot is used to obtain the vote of the members of the Unit on a proposal, no other method of voting on such proposal shall be utilized.”

Article VI, Section 3 of the Model Unit Constitution and Bylaws has been changed to read,

Ballots submitted by email, regular mail or facsimile may also be accepted from Regular members unable to attend regular or special business meetings. The President and Recording Secretary shall ensure no member casts more than one ballot. Votes allowed in this manner should be received by the unit no later than two (2) days before the regular or special meeting at which a vote is to be taken. These votes must be kept confidential until voting at a meeting has taken place.

It is hereby moved that the current Article VI section 3 be replaced by Article VI, Section 3 of the Model Unit Constitution and Bylaws issued 1/13/12.

Wisconsin Unit October Rally

October 4 – 6, 2013

Snyder Park Campground
W8046 Arndt Road
Neilsville, WI 54456
(715) 743-5140

Highground Veterans Memorial
W7031 Ridge Road
Neilsville, WI 54456
(715) 743-4224

Your hosts Steve and Lynne Piotrowski invite you to the Wisconsin Unit Fall Rally and Business Meeting October 4 – 6, 2013, at Neillsville, Wisconsin.



Camping will be at Snyder Park, a Clark County park located on Snyder Lake, offering 35 electric campsites (10 non-electric), beach, launch ramp and picnic area with shelters, flush toilets and showers, and a dump station. Electric sites are \$21 a night.

Steve & Lynne plan to be on site 16, located on the loop of spacious sites near the lake, and suggest that you plan to camp on that loop, approximate site numbers 10 through 30. Reservations are neither needed nor accepted for October.

You can view the campground map and see detailed site descriptions at the campground web site, https://parks.co.clark.wi.us/parks/camping/snyder_campground/details/

Rally activities will center around The Highground Veterans Memorial, a memorial park offering a meditation garden, walking trails, museum, and gift shop. On October 5, the weekend of the rally, will be the Highground annual Car Show and Chili Cookoff. For more information see their web site, <http://www.thehighground.org/>. The rally fee covers a ticket to the chili cookoff (good for samples of all chili!) and a guided tour of The Highground. If you wish to enter a batch of chili in the chili cookoff, be prepared to provide 18 quarts of chili. For contest entry form, see the Highground web site.

Note from web site: ***Pets cannot be accommodated at The Highground.***

For further information, contact Steve Piotrowski (608) 255-3953 slpiotro@tds.net

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of persons attending _____

Rally Fee \$15/person \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Sandy Emerick
Wisconsin Unit Treasurer
9186 County Road K
Brussels, WI 64204

(Make checks payable to WBCCI Wisconsin Unit)

Please enclose this registration form with your payment.



Wisconsin Unit WBCCI

Fifty years—1959 to 2009



Snyder Park and Campground, W8046 Arndt Road, Neillsville, WI 54456

	Thursday Oct. 3 rd	Friday October 4 th	Saturday October 5 th	Sunday October 6 th
Morning All times approximate and subject to weather	The campground does not take reservations after October first, so sites are available on a first come first serve basis. Over 50 sites available	Meet and greet time (Breakfast on your own) Visit to local Museums, shops and other attractions (on your own)	Continental Breakfast Juice, Bagels, Rolls and Coffee (Included in rally fee) (You need something so you can taste the chili's)	Continental Breakfast –Juice, Coffee, Rolls 10AM Unit Fall Business Meeting and Installation of officers for 2013 - 2014
Mid Day	Early Arrivals Fishing available at Snyder Park. Black River State Forest nearby as well as ATV and other trails	Visit to local Museums, shops and other attractions (on your own) Primary arrival time for members and guests for the weekend.	10:00 AM Depart for Chili Tasting/Judging and Antique Car Show at the Highground (tasting fee included in registration) Guided Tour of The Highground	Departure as desired after Meeting.
Afternoon	Early Arrivals, Informal Get together Happy hour, 5pm	Primary arrival time for members and guests. Happy Hour 4:30-6 PM (sunset 6:36)	3:00 PM Winterization of your Airstream presented by Ed Emerick in the Northern Shelter Airstream related Questions welcome Happy Hour 5:30PM, followed by pot luck dinner	Normal Happy Hour procedure, BYO Drinks, and bring a small snack to share.
Evening	Dinner at local Eatery (based on preference of those present) followed by evening visit to The Highground (Campfire at park if desired)	Traditional Friday Night Fish Fry at local Super Club(s) Evening visit to The Highground (if desired) Campfire chats, shelter available in case of rain	AND Campfire (in the shelter if it rains)	Visits to the Highground include tours by one of the founders of the memorial park and current staff

WBCCI Wisconsin 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

You can now renew either by filling in the form below and mailing to the Unit Treasurer with a check, or online at the unit web site <http://wisc.wbcci.net/application/renew-online/> with either a credit card or a PayPal account. The price is the same except for a \$1 processing fee to cover part of our cost of using the electronic payment system. After the unit receives your transaction from PayPal, the Treasurer will send you an email confirming your listing in the directory (address summer/winter, email(s), telephone(s), and courtesy parking). To complete your membership renewal, please return that email with a response of “no changes needed”, or update with your current information.

Thank you for your continuing/new membership in the club!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2014 Membership Information

Name(s) _____

Children: Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Summer
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
(Mailed copies of Badger Bulletin will be sent to this address from April to November.)

Winter
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
(Mailed copies of Badger Bulletin will be sent to this address from January through March.)

Contact numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

WBCCI 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) _____