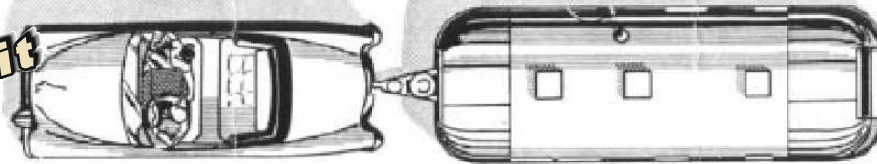


BADGER BULLETIN



November – December, 2013

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Riveting Reflections



The rivets are getting colder on the Airstream as winter approaches. Hopefully the last of the leaves are down now and I won't have to pick up any more walnuts. Wow, what a bumper crop this year!

I hope you all have taken the time to properly

winterize your rigs and get them put away ahead of the coming snow. I decided to reposition mine in the shed several weekends ago. I managed to put a nice dimple in the front roof line. I didn't have the shed door open high enough. Thankfully I have managed to pop most of it back out. (whew!) This lesson was learned the hard way, but not as bad as a friend who unintentionally removed his air conditioner as he parked his rig in a barn. The key is to make sure you have the room, both horizontally and vertically before you move them. (If you need some, I now have two suction cups for pulling out dents.)

We enjoyed the November luncheon in Grafton on Saturday. We had a good showing of members. It was nice to visit and reflect on the past year's activities and all of the fun times. There were many good stories being shared. Ed has major restoration underway on his older unit. Dave has his axle installed and his rig is rolling again. I was pleasantly surprised to find our four "yoopers" in attendance at the luncheon.

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Teri and I are looking forward to enjoying (spoiling) the grandkids. I hope your plans are coming together also.

Planning is being finalized for our events for this year. There will be many opportunities for us to 'Stream and enjoy the Wisconsin wonderland.

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Buck & Honey's restaurant, 804 Liberty Boulevard,
Sun Prairie, WI (608) 837-3131. See flyer page 7.
Contact Vicki Engelstad, vengelstad@yahoo.com or
Dave Sherman, dws Sherman@wisc.edu , 608-423-4561
RSVP by December 7

Member News

Welcome New Members, Welcome Back Old Members, (and a correction)

Wisconsin Unit welcomes new members Michael & Mary Heesakker of Minocqua Wisconsin. They have a 1984 Airstream trailer, one of our large vintage contingent.

Welcome back returning members Kurt and Mary Jorgensen of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. They were members up until 2007, when they got busy and didn't have time for Airstreaming.. Life can be like that. . . hope they will have some time now for *la dolce vita* with the Wisconsin Unit!

Welcome aboard to all, and hope to see you soon. (After we all come out of hibernation, anyway!)

Correction: Last month the Badger Bulletin reported new members Donald & Bonnie Bergman's address as Tomahawk, Wisconsin. It's **Lake** Tomahawk, Wisconsin, about 30 miles north of Tomahawk in scenic Oneida county.

2012-13 Wisconsin Unit Financial Reports

Wisconsin Unit is extremely lucky to have an experienced professional bookkeeper willing to serve as Treasurer. As a result our books are maintained to the highest standards. This year's Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statement (unaudited) are reproduced on pages 9 & 10.

Thanks, Sandy! We don't know what we'd do without you!

Unit Constitution & Bylaws Approved

The Wisconsin Unit constitution and bylaws, as amended this year, were submitted for the quinquennial review by the WBCCI International Constitution & Bylaws Committee mandated by Article VI, Section 2 of the International Bylaws. On November 17 the International C&BL Committee notified us that they had been approved.

Annual Dues

If you haven't renewed yet, there's still time! See renewal form on page 8, **-or-** you can renew at the unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/application/renew-online/>

Airstreamers in the Valley Luncheon 2104 Thursday, February 13, 2013

All Airstream owners and WBCCI members who winter or will be in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas are invited to meet and greet each other at our Sixth Annual Get-Together at the China Sea Buffet, 4901 West Expressway 83, McAllen, TX.

Gather in the large room to the left at 11:30 am for lunch at noon. Lots of parking available.

Lunch/fellowship and gabfest – Chinese Buffet/Mongolian Grill/etc for \$9.30, tax included.

Please RSVP by February 1 to Don McKelvey,
Email: silverbulletspider@gmail.com or 919-723-766.

One Liners

There's a reason they call it *adventure*. . .



“Is that a *tree* in the road up ahead?”

Jack & Carolyn Flietstra recently had an Airstreaming adventure of the scary kind, returning home through Tornado Alley with their 34-foot Airstream. Threading their way through gale force winds and severe thunderstorms, they were thankful to return home unscathed.

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Birthday Bash Camp Out Kohler-Andrae State Park November 8 – 10, 2013

Photos by Vicki Engelstad

The usual hardy band of Airstreamers turned out for this year's Birthday Bash Campout at Kohler-Andrae State Park on Lake Michigan shore, hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick and Don & Kay Stenz.



Airstreams nestled in the trees.

Weather for the Birthday Bash is always chancy; it can be anything from temperatures in the 70s to snow. This year weather was decent with chilly nights but highs in the 50s and just a trace of precipitation.



Clear skies over the Lake Michigan beach.

The Birthday Bash theme is to celebrate the fact that several members of the unit have early November birthdays.



This year's Birthday Bash cake.

The *main* theme of the Birthday Bash is eating and drinking, as exemplified by Sandy's appropriate name for the Saturday night "crocked potluck dinner". Kohler-Andrae has a nice lodge at the year-round camping area which is very handy for these purposes.

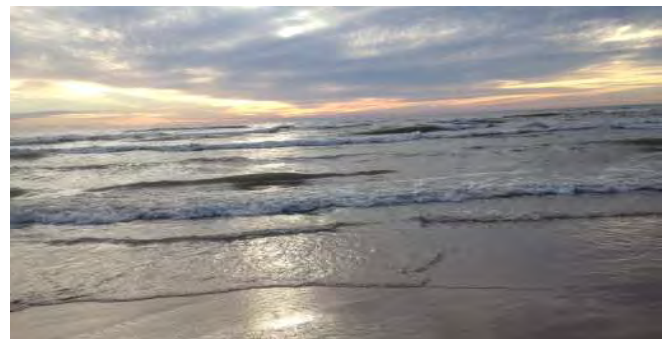


Relaxing around the fireplace in the lodge.

Being a sailor and all, Vicki Engelstad likes to take pictures of the lake and sky. The downside of the East coast of Wisconsin is that you have to take photograph *sunrises* not *sunsets*, meaning you have get up early in the morning! Although, this time of year, maybe not *too* early.



"Red sky at morning, sailors' fair warning", or "Mare's tails and mackerel scales make tall ships carry low sails"?



Thanks, Ed & Sandy and Don & Kay for putting on another successful Birthday Bash, upholding a long-standing Wisconsin Unit tradition!

November Luncheon Water Street Brewery, Grafton, Wisconsin November 9, 2013

Photos by Bob Manak unless otherwise noted.

Ed & Sandy Emerick also hosted the November luncheon in conjunction with the Birthday Bash campout. The Water Street Brewery in Grafton is a popular location, not too far from Kohler-Andrae but closer to population centers.



George Boehmer speaks presidentially.

A goodly crowd of members showed up.



Bill & Marti Upton from our Yooper contingent!
(Note "You bet they still make 'em" theme.)



Also our Free Wheeler contingent, represented here by Pearl Adams-Kyle and Jane Carmichael. (Photo: Sandy Emerick)

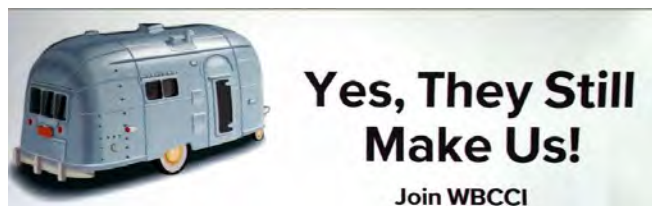


Our most-photographed couple, Santa & Mrs. Claus.
(Photo: Sandy Emerick)



Animated conversations in progress. . .

Steve Piotrowski presented everyone with a bumper sticker on the "Yes, they still make 'em" theme.



More animated conversation. . .

Thanks, Ed & Sandy, for another successful November luncheon!

Urban Air Rally Eaton Rapids, Michigan October 10 – 13, 2013

By Jane Carmichael
Photos by Carolyn Flietstra

If you are interested in having some fun in a small town setting, you may want to consider the Urban Air rally. This year's event took place October 10 - 13, 2013 in Eaton Rapids, Michigan (south of Lansing). The cost was \$50 for the 3 nights of camping plus entertainment. More than 100 Airstreams attended. Urban Air is a non-profit organization formed by Chad Carlson and Kirk MacKellar to focus attention on Airstreams and "Main Street Michigan". For more information see www.wakeupdowntown.com

I attended this event after leaving the Wisconsin Unit campout October 3 - 6 at Neillsville, Wisconsin. My guest and I met Jack and Carolyn Flietstra south of Grand Rapids for our own "Caravan to Urban Air." Jack and Carolyn had decided to camp downtown in Eaton Rapids, but I chose the grassy football field a short walk across the river.



The Flietstras parked in downtown Eaton Rapids.

We all agreed that the experience was well organized from parking to entertainment. A list of events was provided at registration, and the games began.



Our intrepid rally-goers enjoy a Captain Morgan moment.

Community organizations put on breakfasts to raise funds. The merchants ran Urban Air specials and added staff to take care of our eat/drink needs.



Urban Air entertainment provided by Josh Rogan

Airstream experts, Dave Schumann and Tim Maxwell provided an interactive session that was very helpful for all Airstream owners.



Jane learns the secret of the running light jumper wire.

Halloween dominated trailer decoration ideas—there were some extremely creative folks. We donated canned goods to select our favorite choices—and the Hearts and Hands pantry benefited from the "contest." The event garnered lots of interest by the local TV stations and newspapers, which brought in hundreds of curious visitors to view and tour our Airstreams.

What did I learn? How to make and use a Jumper Wire. A new expression: "SOB". [ed. note: *Some Other Brand*] And a phrase: *Friends Don't Let Friends Tow White Boxes!*

Plus, I now have the T shirt and window sticker. . . What more could you want?

Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

“I Can’t Sponsor a Rally!”



I recently had someone say to me, *I would like to hold a rally, but I don’t know how to do it!* First, don’t over-think it. Think about what you like to do in your Airstream and where you like to go. That gives you the theme and the place. It is probably better not

to have the theme as getting falling down drunk, but it could be visits to the home of Sammy’s Beer.

Now you know that the State Park near Podunk, which is near Sammy’s Brewery, is very busy on the weekends all year. But there is a Yellowstone campground a couple of miles away that seems to have open spots most weekends. Since you started planning almost a year ahead, you can call the campground and find out how long and how many sites they will hold at what cost. Since most times we have less than twenty units show up for rallies, you ask them for details regarding the weekend you want. Once you nail that down, the two biggies are done, the *when* and the *where*. Now you need to spend some time on the *what!*



The National Mustard Museum, Middleton, Wisconsin

Well Sammy’s brewery is lots of fun, but you want folks to enjoy the whole weekend. Look up the local Chamber of Commerce or Visitor’s Bureau and give them a call. You might be surprised at all the things going on in this town that you don’t know about. Maybe they have a museum dedicated to the “Jocularity Brothers” who founded the town as a retreat for ministers who lost their sense of humor?



The Sandpaper Museum, Two Harbors, Minnesota

Maybe they have a regional Quilt and Sewing Arts show the weekend you were planning your rally. Maybe there is nothing special going on. However, a local history savant loves to tell groups the story of the area, including ghosts, corruption and heroes! It doesn’t much matter what the area has to offer, it will be new and entertaining to the folks from the Wisconsin Unit of the WBCCI.



The Wisconsin Concrete Park, Phillips, Wisconsin

You need to consider the Rally Fee you will charge and if events are included or not. Either way works, but making it clear before people sign up saves headaches later. If Sammy’s doesn’t charge for tours, you make that free. If the campground told you \$10 a bundle for firewood and you plan a campfire program, add in that cost. If the local historian wants twenty bucks for talking to you, add that in. If you know a place that will cater a meal featuring local foods, figure that in and add a few bucks for contingencies. Again, it is not so much the actual amount—being clear about what is covered saves your butt from being chewed.

Once you have nailed down the information on the area, your biggest responsibility is to relay that information to the President and the newsletter editor. Then it is double checking on the arrangements you made. Making sure that the folks coming are welcomed and any little issues that come up are resolved with a smile and a helping hand. Yes, it takes some effort to put on a rally, but with the help of one or two members in the area, it can be fun and rewarding. It is a great way to give back to the club that gives you so much entertainment and so many opportunities. Try it, you will find it rewarding.



World’s Largest Muskie, Hayward, Wisconsin

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit December Holiday Luncheon



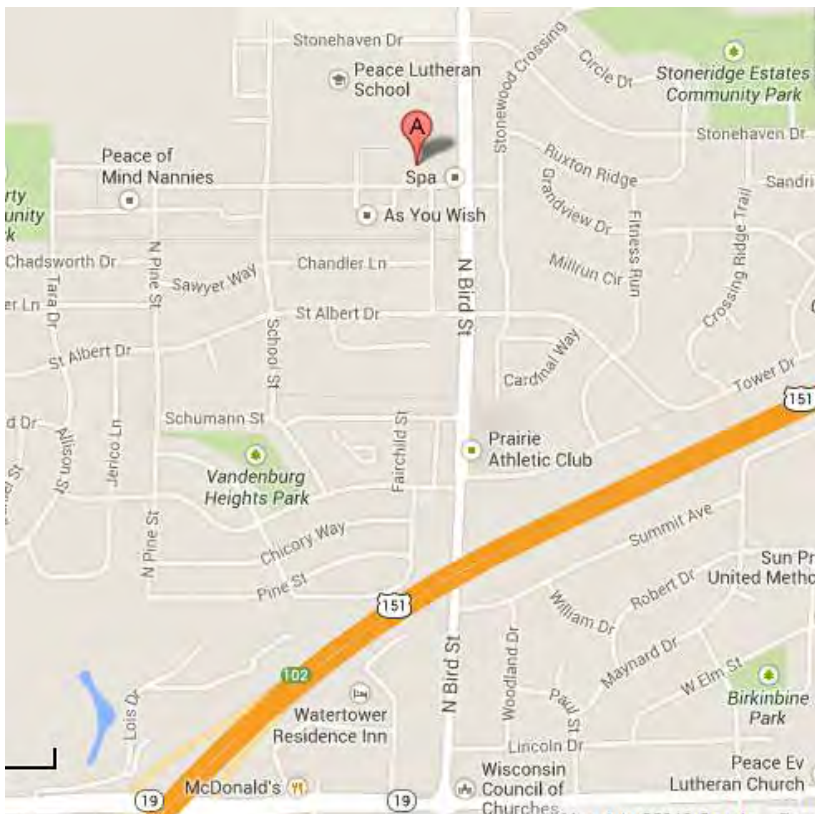
Buck & Honey's Restaurant
804 Liberty Boulevard
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
Phone: (608) 837-3131

December 14, 2013 at 11:30 AM



Hosted by Dave Sherman, dwsherman@wisc.edu
and Vicki Engelstad, vengelstad@yahoo.com
Phone: 608-423-4561

RSVP by December 7



Please join us for the annual Holiday Luncheon at Buck & Honey's Restaurant in Sun Prairie. Check out the restaurant's web site at www.buckandhoneys.com/.

Sun Prairie (home of "Jimmy the Groundhog") is just a few miles north of Madison. If you haven't been there in a while, you're in for a surprise. Sun Prairie is really reinventing itself. Check out their web site at www.visitsunprairie.com for a list of shops—everything from yarn and beads to guns and ammo!

The restaurant is only a few miles from the new Cosco, Super Target and Woodmans, if anyone needs to do any Christmas shopping.

Please let us know you are coming by December 7 so we can give the restaurant a head count.

Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad

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) _____

11:17 AM
10/17/13
Accrual Basis

WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit
Balance Sheet Summary
As of September 30, 2013

	<u>Sep 30, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	4,569.97
Other Current Assets	<u>-230.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,339.97</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,339.97</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	-7.25
Other Current Liabilities	<u>162.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>154.75</u>
Total Liabilities	154.75
Equity	<u>4,185.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4,339.97</u>

WBCCI, Wisconsin Unit
Profit & Loss Standard

October 2012 through September 2013

	Oct 12	Nov 12	Dec 12	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense													
Income													
Door County Rally Fee	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Elkhart Lake Rally Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	800.00	1,050.00
Highground Veterans Rally	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
International Membership Dues	325.00	-325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	-195.00	0.00
Marquette Rally Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	170.00	95.00	312.50	1,127.50
Unit Dues, Base Amount	136.00	56.00	16.00	56.00	0.00	-8.00	112.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00	-32.00	368.00
Unit Dues, Mailing Charge	190.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	36.00	18.00	-112.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	18.00	-36.00	150.00
Total Income	1,151.00	-269.00	16.00	74.00	36.00	10.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	188.00	590.00	849.50	3,195.50
Cost of Goods Sold													
Birthday Bash Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Door County Rally Expenses	487.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	487.64
Elkhart Lake Rally Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Marquette Rally Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	312.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	752.67	0.00	1,065.17
Wisconsin Dells Campout	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.27	64.27
Total COGS	487.64	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	312.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	752.67	1,114.27	2,767.08
Gross Profit	663.36	-369.00	16.00	74.00	36.00	10.00	237.50	0.00	0.00	188.00	-162.67	-264.77	428.42
Expense													
Charitable Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	25.00	175.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	65.00	345.36	-345.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
PayPal Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.35	-4.35	0.00
Postage and Delivery-Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.34	73.75
Postage and Delivery - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.59	0.00	0.00	9.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.22	83.01
Printing and Reproduction-News!	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.73	81.24
Printing and Reproduction-Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.40	166.10
Total Expense	0.00	65.00	345.36	-73.15	25.00	25.00	9.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.35	143.34	644.10
Net Ordinary Income	663.36	-434.00	-329.36	147.15	11.00	-15.00	228.30	0.00	0.00	188.00	-267.02	-408.11	-215.68
Other Income/Expense													
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.44	16.74
Interest Earned	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.44	16.74
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.44	16.74
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.44	16.74
Net Income	663.36	-434.00	-329.36	147.15	11.00	-15.00	238.60	0.00	0.00	188.00	-267.02	-401.67	-198.94