

January, 2014
Riveting Reflections

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I hope everyone had a great holiday season. We were at home this year. Spent some nice moments with family and friends.

Well, we definitely are in the grips of winter! It has been quite a few years since it has been this cold. I had to start the truck after work

last week in -18 degrees weather. The truck started quite hard and then groaned and moaned. I have never heard such sounds coming from my truck! Just remember, if you are in that situation, let your vehicle sit and warm up for a few minutes before moving. The oil is quite thick when it gets that cold. I don't believe the Airstream heater would keep up with this cold.

It was nice to visit with all of those who made the December luncheon. It was a nice new restaurant with a good food selection. Thank you Dave and Vicki for setting this up.

Teri and I are looking forward to the upcoming Airstreaming season. I am looking forward to retirement and the ability to go out on a whim.

Welcome to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan into Region 7! We have a number of members located there. Our club has benefited from their membership. Welcome Yoopers! (I'm not sure on the spelling but they do run a great rally!)

Looking forward, we have the February 8th luncheon coming up in Waunakee. I hope you can make it.

See you down the road.

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Member News

Notes from 2014 Midwinter IBT

By Damon Beals, forwarded by Steve Piotrowski

The Midwinter IBT meeting was quite busy. A number of far-reaching changes were adopted, and constitutional amendments sent to the 2014 Delegates Meeting.

2016 International Rally will be in Lewisburg, West Virginia at the West Virginia State Fair Grounds.

Motion 13, moved to front because it involved voting. Passed—records will show who voted and how.

Motion 1, changes to constitution for Australia. Sent to delegates.

Motion 2, require units outside of USA to be non-profit. Passed.

Motion 3, merge PR and Rally Promotions. Passed.

Motion 4, change name of Down Under Unit to Airstream Club Australia. Passed.

Motion 5, move Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Region 7 from Region 4. Passed.

Motion 6, Southeast Camping Unit Charter. Passed.

Motion 7, Southeast Camping Unit flag. Passed.

Motion 8, Update Historical Committee responsibilities. Passed.

Motion 9, Add number of people attending to national special event rally reports. Passed.

Motion 10, Change International Rally date requirements. Sent to delegates.

Motion 11, Rewrite of International Rally section of Blue Book. Passed.

Motion 12, Amend Constitution to allow electronic payments. Sent to delegates.

Motion 14. Update vacant Region office section. Passed.

Motion 15, Reinstate News & Views. Passed.

Motion 16, Remove the Headquarters service fee from the International Rally starting in 2015. Passed.

Annual Dues

A few members haven't renewed yet, but Sandy will still be glad to take your money. See renewal form on page 8, **-or-** you can renew at the unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/application/renew-online/>

One Liners

It's winter in Wisconsin. . .



Connie Sheasby's Airstream around New Years Day
(Photo: Connie Sheasby via Facebook)

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Holiday Luncheon December 14, 2013 Buck & Honey's Restaurant Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Photos by Bob Manak

Dave Sherman and Vicki Engelstad (a.k.a Santa and Mrs. Claus) had a good turnout for the Holiday Luncheon despite somewhat threatening (snowy) weather.



The gang at Buck & Honey's



The UP was well represented—a long trip for a luncheon!



Were you little girls naughty or nice this year? (Ho, ho, ho!)



Dave addresses the multitude.



George has discovered that being Unit President is enough to make you want to tear your hair out!



Steve promoting his "they still make 'em" bumper sticker.



Santa visits the Mikkelsens.



Good to see Gene & Audrey again!

Hey, Dave & Vicki, thanks for allowing yourselves to be roped into Holiday Luncheon duty this year! Great job!

Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

The calendar turns a page and a new year begins. We hope that your trailers are stored comfortably, or are on the road taking you to another adventure. I see life as a journey, and my Airstream makes the journey more comfortable and enjoyable. I've had folks ask me how we can stand to spend months on end in such a tiny space. Our answer is that you enjoy great vistas every day you are in your Airstream.



The view out the window at Banff National Park

Think about it, even in the worst of the campgrounds that you stop at while getting from Point A to Point B, you find interesting people and their pets. You get to see our beautiful country go by through your windshield, and you have the freedom to stop and enjoy any place that catches your fancy. The Airstream trailer as it comes from the factory can easily spend two to three days without outside power or water. You have to conserve to make it work, but not having any noise but that of the river outside your window can be worth the sacrifice.



The river outside your window. (Salt Creek, Alberta)

If you add a little solar power, you can easily go for weeks on end without hooking up to outside power. You do need to find dump stations and water sources, but those are usually available all across the land.

I love waking up in the morning, putting the coffee on the stove, and as soon as it is ready, walking out the door to

view today's landscape. This spring we are planning time in Sarasota at Aluma Flamingo as well as being in New Orleans with our great club at Mardi Gras. After that, we will have a few weeks to explore Northern Florida before joining a WBCCI caravan of the great Georgia Plantations. History and beauty wrapped up in one great trip. How can I stand living in that 23 foot trailer? I would ask why I don't spend even more time enjoying the great freedom of Airstream travel.

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(After traveling a few years in her Bambi Sport model, Karen decided she needed a bigger trailer. The fact that her new Airstream arrived in the dead of winter didn't stop her from taking it on the road immediately!)

Karen's Winter Camping Adventure

By Karen Suksi, via Facebook

Urban winter campouts are great fun, and challenging!

Arrived in 35 degree weather; next morning woke to sleet and mega ice all round my spot; second morning woke to four inches of powder snow covering everything!

Didn't mind a bit—had heat and power (you betcha, I'm not simple!!)

What a great way to begin a new year!!! Happy New Year to all; looking forward to spring...



(Photo: Karen Suksi, via Facebook)

Capital Campout Lake Farm Campground Madison, Wisconsin May 16 – 18, 2014

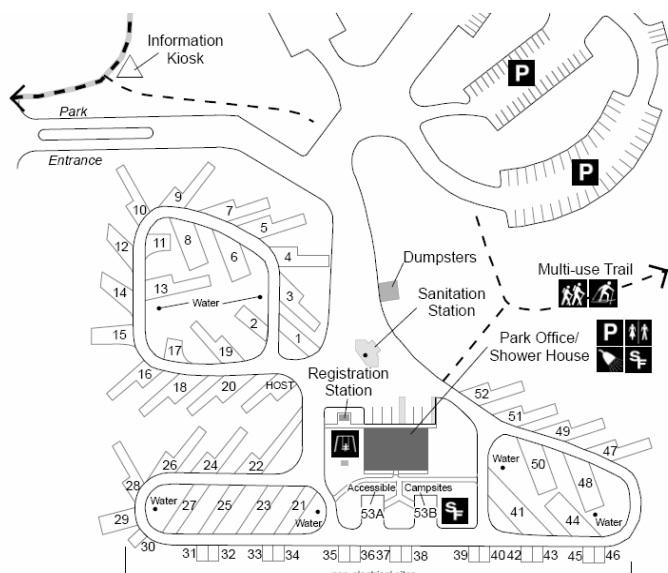
By Steve Piotrowski



The Capital Campout rally in Madison will be based at the Lake Farm County Park, 3113 Lake Farm Road, Madison, WI 53711, (608) 242-4576. This Dane County park has approximately forty sites available for campers. Further information at the park web site, http://www.countyofdane.com/lwrp/parks/lake_farm.aspx

Make Reservations ASAP

We were not able to arrange for sites to be held for us, so please make your reservations as soon as possible for a fun weekend. The park has only 38 campsites with electricity, and the rally will be the same weekend as the nearby Stoughton, Wisconsin *Syttende Mai* (Norwegian Independence Day) festival, which may increase the demand for campsites.



Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad scouted the campground and recommend that we try for the loop containing sites 41, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52. Steve & Lynne Piotrowski have reserved Site #50 and Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad have reserved Site #48. In a pinch you can reserve any site and not be far from the action; the campground is not very big.

Electric sites are \$26 a night and there is a non-refundable \$10 reservation fee. Reservations are also not refundable; in the event of a cancellation you get credit for a future stay.

Depending on what you want to do, some additional permits may be required. See the park web site link for details. The complete fee schedule can be downloaded at

<http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/pdf/lwrp/parks/Parks%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>

Dane County parks require a dog permit for dogs in the campground. One-day permits are available for \$5 per dog per day or you can buy an annual permit for \$30 for the first dog plus \$14 for each additional dog. Senior and handicapped discounts available—see fee schedule.

The park is on the state bike trail and a State Trail Pass is needed to ride on the trail. (Annual \$20, daily \$4.)

The park is located on the Madison Area bike trail, and we hope to have the Capitol Pedaler available to help us tour the city and its sights.



(Editorial note: The Capitol Pedaler, a.k.a. “The Big Red Bike” is essentially a tram powered by all the passengers pedaling. (Who steers?!) Think of it as a “Bicycle Built for Fourteen”.)

Details on the entire weekend will be posted as we get closer, but expect a great time in our capital city. If you can get away, plan on arriving Thursday and staying through Sunday.

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit 2014 Activities Calendar



February 8, 2014: Valentine Luncheon, at 11:30 AM.
Spring Garden Restaurant, 225 South Century Avenue,
Waukegan, WI 53597 608-850-3732. Hosted by Lilly & Neil
King, 608-849-8093, lking8801@gmail.com



March 15, 2014: Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon,
at 11:30 AM. Revere's Wells Street Tavern, Delafield.
Hosted by Teri & George Boehmer, 262-646-8697,
tboehmer2001@yahoo.com



April 18—20, 2014: Easter Camp Out, Peninsula State
Park, Fish Creek, WI. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick,
920-475-7893, SandyEmerick@yahoo.com



April 25—27, 2014: April Camp Out, Wisconsin Dells
KOA, South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells,
WI 53965 608-254-4177. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak,
262-524-8711, bob.manak@wbcci.net

April 26, 2014: April Luncheon & Business Meeting,
11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI
608-254-1122 Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak,
262-524-8711, bob.manak@wbcci.net



May 16—18, 2014: Capital Camp Out, Lake Farm Park
Campground, 3113 Lake Farm Rd, Madison, WI 53711,
(608) 242-4576. Hosted by Steve & Lynne Piotrowski
608-255-3953 slpiotro@tds.net

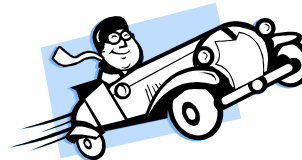
**June 25—28, 2014: Caravan from Wisconsin to
International Rally**, Gillette, WY Contact Teri & George
Boehmer, 262-646-8697, tboehmer2001@yahoo.com



**June 28—July 4, 2014: WBCCI 57th Annual International
Convention Rally**, Gillette, WY Contact – *Blue Beret*,
www.WBCCI.org



August 6—12, 2014: Around the World with Folklorama
Region 7 Rally, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,
Contact Gail Harrower US Cell: 956-246-7698,
email: airstream4478@gmail.com



September 5—7, 2014: Road America Camp Out,
Road America Race Course, Elkhart Lake, WI.
Contact Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146

**September 19—21, 2014: Apostle Island Adventure
Rally & Business Meeting** with Installation of Officers at
Thompson's West End Park Campground, 119 Washington
Ave, Washburn, WI 54891, (715) 373-6160.
Hosted by Teri & George Boehmer, 262-646-8697,
tboehmer2001@yahoo.com



November 7—9, 2014: Birthday Bash Camp Out,
Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

November 8, 2014: November Luncheon, 11:30 AM
Water Street Brewery, 2615 Washington Street, Grafton,
WI 53024 Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146,
slem@tds.net

December 13, 2014: December Holiday Luncheon,
11:30AM Buck & Honey's Restaurant, 804 Liberty Blvd Ste
105, Sun Prairie · (608) 837-3131. Hosted by Dave Sherman
& Vicki Engelstad, 608-423-4561, dwsherman@wisc.edu

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

Valentine Luncheon

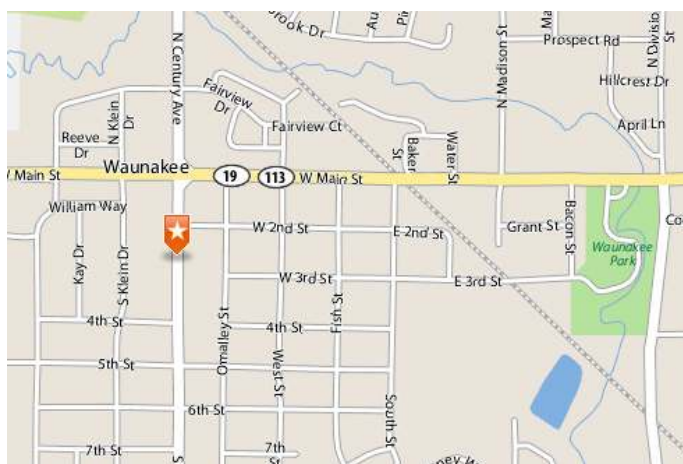
Saturday, February 8, 2014, 11:30 AM



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



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.

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) _____