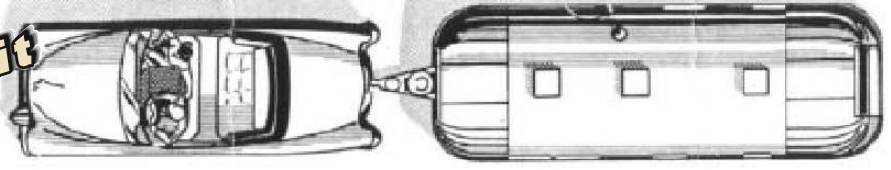



BADGER BULLETIN



March, 2014

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Riveting Reflections



Spring is trying to melt away the winter snows, although as I sit here looking into the back yard we still have about a foot of snow on the grass. Thanks go to the groundhog for the long winter!

My last trip out to the camper was rather upsetting. The battery disconnect relay seems to have failed, so the lights would not go on. Thanks to the internet I have a replacement relay on order that should arrive today. (How did

we find these parts before computers and the internet?) Then the contortions will begin to get it installed. I sure am glad that Airstream designed these units so these devices are soooooo easy to get to! (It is located under our bed at the front of the camper.)

The 'streaming season is just around the corner. We have two events in April, the Easter Camp Out at Peninsula State Park and the Wisconsin Dells Rally following weekend. We also will have a business meeting at the Dells campout. Then we have the Madison rally in May. Planning for that event is well underway. Be sure to register early as this campground does fill up quickly.

The St Patrick's Day Luncheon was great. The Leprechauns gave us good friendship and good weather rather than a pot of gold. Thanks to everyone who came to Delafield.

I am finally enjoying the good life of retirement. What I don't understand is why I saved up so many projects that are filling my days!

See you 'streaming down the road.

George Boehmer, Unit President
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May 16—18, 2014: Capital Campout, 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 See flyer, page 6.

You can register and pay the rally fee for this rally online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/?p=464> !

Member News

CORRECTION!

Date of Elkhart Lake Road America Rally

The annual Road America Rally is timed to coincide with the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association race weekend. In all previous announcements we have given the date of this rally as September 5 – 7, 2014. **That date is wrong—the rally will be September 12 – 14, 2014.** The date has been corrected on the unit web site.

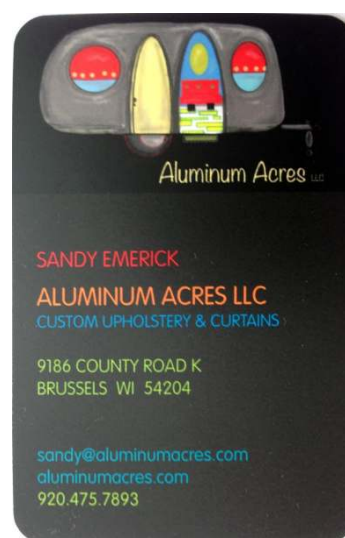
WBCCI Constitutional Amendments

At the unit spring business meeting, at the Wisconsin Dells April luncheon, members will vote on three amendments to the WBCCI Constitution proposed at the 2014 Midwinter IBT meeting. The official motions will be sent to us by WBCCI Headquarters around April 1, but Unit Past President Steve Piotrowski has provided advance copies of the amendments, with perceived pros and cons, for our consideration. These have been included as pages 7 - 10 of this newsletter.

Editorial note: I suggest that everyone **carefully read** the proposed amendments, because the titles of the motions don't relate too closely to what the amendments actually *do*. For example, the amendment titled *Motion to Allow for Online Collection of Dues* doesn't really say anything about online collection of dues, it just eliminates the article of the constitution which requires units to collect international dues. Similarly, the amendment titled *Motion to Change the Date of the Delegates Meeting* (necessarily) also changes the dates of the International Rally.

One Liners

Sandy Emerick's nifty new business card!



(Photos by Bob Manak)

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St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 15, 2014

Revere's Wells Street Tavern Delafield, Wisconsin

Photos by Bob Manak

The leprechauns were still wearing their long johns for the St. Patrick's Day rally, but at least there wasn't a snowstorm, so a hardy band of Wisconsin Unit Airstreamers were able to make it to George and Teri O'Boehmer's party.



A good turnout for a chilly St. Paddy's Day!



When Irish eyes are smiling . . .
... they've had a wee drop of the Jamesons?



Ed's beard is rapidly catching up to Dave's!



Sure'n Sandy Emerick has the gift o' blarney,
as Bill & Ginny are discovering!



A gathering of past and future unit presidents



Your St. Paddy's Day Luncheon hosts, George and Teri
Thanks, George & Teri, for another great St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Your parties have become a unit tradition.
Sadly, this will be the last, since George & Teri are moving to coastal Washington state in retirement.

Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

“Didn’t anyone tell you that?” In order to avoid having to face unnecessary embarrassments, I will attempt this month to give you a few insider hints that most learn over the first few years in the club. I hope this knowledge will make it easier for you to enjoy club events.

Let’s start by what events are *called*. You might have noticed that we do not have campouts in WBCCI. We have rallies. In the simplest terms, a rally is a campout sponsored by the club, or some group within the club. The details can vary from the one I am attending right now, a National Rally in New Orleans for Mardi Gras (great fun, great people and a great time; by the way). It can be a club rally like the Easter rally sponsored by Ed and Sandy Emerick every Easter weekend regardless of temperature and snow amounts. The Mardi Gras rally costs \$1200 and lasts six days, includes meals and bleacher seats to parades, etc. The Easter rally costs nothing for the kitty, relies on group decisions on meals, and you pay for your own campsite. Got it? Rally = campout. A rally is a get-together that doesn’t move about and is focused on a particular place or event.

The annual meeting of the WBCCI is considered a rally. In that case, the location changes most years, and it is focused on the business of the club as well as being a fun time and a chance to renew friendships or make new friends. If you have participated in any club rallies or caravans, you’ll almost certainly find people you know at International (the shorthand name for the annual meeting/rally).

One thing to remember, is most local rallies are open to you as a member of WBCCI. In other words, if you see that the Arizona unit is having a rally at Red Rocks State Park and you are going to be in the area, contact them and see if they have room for one more. In general they will welcome you with open arms. You need just ask, and pay the appropriate fees. With the growing acceptance of Regional Calendars, it is becoming easier and easier to find out which Unit is doing what where you travel. It is your club, make use of it (next month, *Caravans!*)

Editorial comment: The term “campout” is not in universal use in WBCCI. Several years ago the Wisconsin Unit adopted that term to mean a less formal sort of rally in which there were no advance registration, no rally fees, and members made their own campsite reservations.

Easter Campout April 18-20, 2014 Peninsula State Park

Dig out your Airstreams, it’s time to roll!

Yes, it is hard to believe, but the annual **Easter Campout** is almost here! April 18th – 20th !

Where is it, you ask? Peninsula State Park in beautiful Door County, Wisconsin!

Easter Campout (continued)

What do I need to know? Many of you want to participate in this exciting, annual extravaganza, but have lots of questions! So here are some highlights:

Arrive anytime Friday, (or sooner) and find a nice, sunny, **dry** campsite in the Tenneson Bay campground in Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek. We park in the winter camping loop, with electric sites. The row beginning with #416E is a good place to start. No need to make a reservation this time of year! What if the weather looks awesome? You can decide to join us at the last minute too! No sign-up required! Just come on up! The showers and flushies at the campground will **not** yet be opened, but we always fill our trailer with water starting with this weekend. (No pit toilets for me!)

Tentative schedule:

Friday night: The group picks a restaurant and we go out to eat. Campfire ?? Last few years it has just been too cold or wet, and we can take a long time at dinner!

Saturday: Breakfast out, maybe the White Gull, maybe the Blue Horse? Then strolling through the towns. If the weather is good, we will do a cookout Saturday. Plan a stop at the Main Street Market in Egg Harbor for some wicked good steaks, a little something of a side dish or dessert to share, and the late afternoon will be spent outdoors, happy hour, grilling, and chatting. Have a favorite game? Bring it! Expect lots of laughter, food, and fun!

Sunday: Breakfast out, then most will head home.

What do I bring? Snacks and beverages. An appetizer or snack to share at happy hours Friday and Saturday, weather permitting. Food if you love to cook! I usually wait until Saturday and shop for the grill-out then. And did I mention how incredible the steaks are at the Main Street Market in Egg Harbor?? I hate to pack food, then unpack it when I get home!

As you can see, this is a very relaxed weekend. If you prefer to stay in and make your own breakfast, that’s what you do! Hate shopping, but love hiking? Then that’s what you do! This is a weekend to relax, hopefully meet new people, and enjoy the Airstream way of life!

If you think you might enjoy this wonderful weekend (we have been spending Easter at Peninsula Park since 1998 or 1999), please come up! It is a lovely time to tour around the peninsula without the summer crowds. And for the “seasoned ’Streamers”—no worries that you might get stuck sitting through the infamous badger tale yet again!!!

Please call me if you have any questions! I hope to see many of you there!

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WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

April Campout and Luncheon

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 25 – 27, 2014

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Campout



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 26, 2013, 11:30 AM

Location:

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

RSVP by April 18th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.



WBCCI Wisconsin Unit Capital Campout Rally May 16 – 18, 2014

Lake Farm Campground
3113 Lake Farm Road
Madison, Wisconsin 53711
(608) 242-4576

Park web site:

https://www.countyofdane.com/lwrparks/lake_farm.aspx

For further information contact

Steve Piotrowski 608 255-3953

Dave Sherman dwsheherman@wisc.edu 608-423-4561,

Registration Form



Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

WBCCI # _____ Email _____

Number of adults attending _____ x \$15 = Rally Fee \$ _____
(children free)

Camp Site No. _____ (Reserve Lake Farm Park campsite at the Dane County Parks web site, <https://www.reservedane.com/parks.aspx?p=13&s=5%2f11%2f2014>)

Please indicate interest in activities listed below:

- ☐ Friday night fish fry
- ☐ Saturday morning Farmers' Market
- ☐ State Street Walk to Memorial Union
- ☐ Museum tours – Art and/or History
- ☐ Zoo visit
- ☐ Brewery Tour
- ☐ Big Red Bike Tour (\$25-44/person)
- ☐ Betty Lou Cruise Boat Tour (\$24-50/person)
(on your own, make reservations at Bettyloucruises.com)
- ☐ Garden Tour

Please send payment by May 10 to

Sandy Emerick
Wisconsin Unit Treasurer
9186 County Road K
Brussels, WI 54204

semerick4425@gmail.com
(cell) 920-475-7893

OR

Reserve and pay online at
<http://wisc.wbcci.net/?p=464>

Motion to Provide Representation for International Units at Delegates Meeting

Motion:

To insert a new Section 3 in Article XI (Title: CLUB ORGANIZATION), page 5 & 6, as follows:

Section 3

Applications for Unit Charters outside of the present geographic areas of the established Regions shall be made directly to WBCCI Headquarters. The WBCCI Executive Committee may, upon being satisfied that the proposed Unit has complied with the minimum qualifications, issue the proposed Unit with a provisional charter. Supervision of these Units once chartered shall be as determined by the Board. All other provisions of this Article shall apply.

And

Renumber the existing Sections 3 and 4 as 4 and 5.

Rationale

With the augmentation of the expanded Airstream Company overseas dealer network and sales, it has already resulted in the formation of a WBCCI Unit outside of the North American continent. The present Constitution is not envisioned with this extension into the 21st century and this amendment would at least provide the groundwork for this and possible future overseas Units. This and additional procedures as listed in the Bylaws, Article VI (Title: Club Organization), page 15 & 16, Section 5, will provide the basic procedures, as we now best know them. Future modification may be necessary, primarily to the Bylaws, as WBCCI becomes more experienced with this concept.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact

Pros:

1. This allows for the quick assignment to a region when a new international club is chartered without waiting for the next International Membership Rally.
2. It is a straightforward revision necessary if the Airstream Corporation continues to expand sales into various International venues outside of the North American continent.
3. It is hoped that the new owners in areas such as Australia (recently chartered) will find membership in the club to be a distinct positive to their ownership of the beautiful silver vehicles we all love, and regional balance can be improved.

Cons:

1. It leaves the decision regarding which region overseas clubs will be assigned to in the hands of the International Board of Trustees rather than the more traditional method of assigning to the nearest geographical region.
2. May create Regions with member Units representing areas with few common interests.

Motion to Allow for Online Collection of Dues

Motion:

That the WBCCI constitution be amended to allow for electronic payment of International Dues to Headquarters using the WBCCI website. To accomplish this the following Constitution Articles need to be changed as indicated.

Article VI, Sec 2 B: Strike lined through text.

Ownership, except as otherwise provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., as defined in this Article, and the payment of annual Unit and International dues to a Unit is prerequisite to retaining membership as a Regular Member.

Article VI, Sec 2 B: Will then read:

Ownership, except as otherwise provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., as defined in this Article, and the payment of annual Unit and International dues is prerequisite to retaining membership as a Regular Member.

Article XIV Section 2: Strike lined through text deleting the Section.

~~The International Club dues of members, except Members at Large, shall be collected through the units of the club, and in the case of a unit in the process of formation, through the provisional unit and all International dues so collected shall be forwarded to International Club Headquarters. The International dues of Members at Large and the established surcharge shall be collected by International Club Headquarters. (6/30/95) Article VI~~

Rationale:

Currently WBCCI requires each Unit to collect and send a member's International dues to Headquarters WBCCI. By allowing the payment of International and possibly Unit dues using an online system, implemented on WBCCI.org, members will enjoy a new convenience and there will be an increase in efficiency for the Club. Article VI, Section 2B content is already covered in the existing bylaws. (Article IV, Sec. 11D and Article VI, Policy Sec. E)

Additional changes will be required in the Bylaws and will be done if this amendment motion is adopted.

Financial Impact:

There is a minimal transaction cost, but as all Units move toward electronic collection of dues and or reporting to Headquarters there should be considerable savings of time at Headquarters in dealing with renewals and corrections to the database. This increased efficiency should offset the transaction cost.

Pros:

1. Does not eliminate paper payment for those who do not wish to use the Internet for payment. This change will allow the International Office to collect membership dues from new and existing members by electronic means.
2. More and more people rely on electronic transfers to make payments for everything, especially those who spend a great deal of time on the road.
3. It will modernize the appearance and functions of WBCCI and will lend greater appeal to the club in the eyes of the new, younger and more electronically sophisticated buyers who are accustomed to doing their financial business on the Internet.

4. Better tracking of payments and less staff time used in manually recording checks and hand entering data.
5. Expected to result in an increase in new members and quicker renewals as well as increased accuracy in the database.

Cons:

1. Some cost in processing electronic payments (expected to be between 3% and 4%).
2. Integration of the new File Maker database and the club website will be required,
3. It will require staff to learn a new means of collecting payments and verifying membership

Motion to Change the Date of the Delegates Meeting

Motion:

I move to strike parts of two sentences and add the word “be” in the WBCCI CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII, DELEGATES MEETINGS, Section 2 as follows:

The period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates meeting shall “be” ~~include July 1, Canada Day, and July 4, Independence Day, If there is no suitable site available during such a period the Executive Committee is authorized to approve a suitable site which is available between June 20 and July 30.~~

It would then read as follows:

The period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting shall be between June 20 and July 30.

In addition, for Constitutional consistency: I move to strike the words "Fourth of July" and add "last day of the International Rally" to WBCCI CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI CLUB ORGANIZATION Section 2, sentence three as follows:

Any such charter so issued shall terminate on the ~~Fourth of July~~ *last day of the International Rally* next following the date of its issuance unless terminated by action of said Board in granting or denying such application.

The sentence would then read:

Any such charter so issued shall terminate on the last day of the International Rally next following the date of its issuance unless terminated by action of said Board in granting or denying such application.

Proviso: If adopted, this motion would be implemented in 2017.

Rationale:

1. Many members state that they would prefer to celebrate the holidays with their families.
2. This would give the freedom needed to schedule the International Rally away from July 1st and 4th.
3. If the International Rally were scheduled after the holidays, more students and members with school related jobs would be able to attend.

4. This would give the International Vice Presidents more flexibility in searching for a future International Rally site as many qualified venues are reluctant to contract over the holiday time.
5. Financial Impact Statement: Increased registrations for the International Rally would mean increased Rally revenue and attendance.

Pros:

1. Will allow much greater flexibility in planning the annual Delegates meeting for WBCCI.
2. The change in dates will allow the primary Rally of WBCCI to be held in better venues, and more convenient times, and with greater participation by the members.
3. The venues available over the limited window of the 4th of July weekend increase the difficulty of planning and implementing an attractive and well-attended event.
4. The demands of families, hometown celebrations, and other events on the 4th make it more difficult for members who wish to attend.
5. The high volume of traffic on that weekend increases the danger posed to our members traveling to the International rally.
6. The limited window stated by this change will keep the rally in the summer vacation period of most students and their families.
7. Vendors are not willing to contract for the July 4th weekend. Moving from July 4 could dramatically increase the number of vendors at the International Rally.

Cons:

1. The primary negative is the movement away from the traditional dates of the rally commemorating Wally Byam's birthday on the 4th of July.
2. It is clearly a break with the tradition of the club to honor the founder of the club on his birthday.