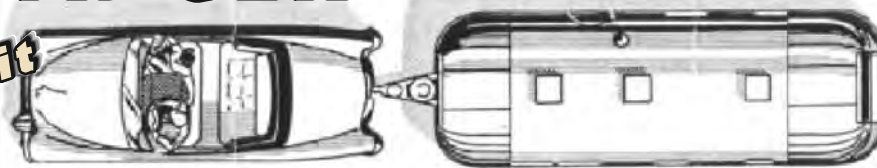


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Riveting Reflections



The spring -Streaming season has finally arrived. The weather gods are cooperating and we can finally enjoy being outside.

I am glad to see that as a direct result of the addition of the Upper Peninsula to the Wisconsin WBCCI unit they have finally been officially recognized. The Webster's Collegiate Dictionary finally added them to the dictionary. öYooperö a resident of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.ö

I am sure we had a great influence in Webster's decision. At least we now have the correct spelling.

We missed the Easter Camp Out but have heard that it was a great event. It was nice to visit with all those who joined us at the April Campout at the Dells. The Capital Camp Out looked like a very nice event. There are lots of upcoming events to look forward to, including: The International in Gillette, Wyoming; *Around the World with Folklorama* in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Road America Campout, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin; Apostle Island Adventure, Washburn, Wisconsin; followed by the caravan to the Porcupine Mountains and Keweenaw Peninsula of the UP of Michigan.

I was watching the Weather Channel the other day when they reported that there was still ice floating in Lake Superior in the Apostle Island area. Sure do hope it warms up enough to melt it before our September Rally! Please let me know if you are planning on attending this rally.

See you -Streaming down the road.

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Upcoming Events

June 28 – July 4, 2014, 57th WBCCI International Rally, Gillette, Wyoming. See Blue Beret & WBCCI.org

August 6 – 12, 2014, *Around the World with Folkorama* Region 7 Rally, Oak Bluff Recreation Centre, Winnipeg Manitoba. Gail Harrower, airstream4478@gmail.com
(Registration closed for this rally; deposits were due May 1)

September 12—14, 2014: Road America Camp Out, Road America Race Course, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. 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

September 21 – 27, 2014: *Say ya to da UP, eh! Caravan,* led by Ed & Sandy Emerick. Departs from the Apostle Island Adventure rally and ends at Copper Harbor, Michigan. **Just announced! See story page 3!**

Member News

Election Results

Wisconsin Unit members voted at the April business meeting for International officers and constitutional amendments. The election was not hotly contested and the candidates named by the International Nominating Committee all won the units vote. As a matter of historical interest, one ballot was cast by email as permitted by the most recent amendment to the Unit constitution.

International President: Joe Perryman

Int'l 1st Vice-President: Jim Schwerdfeger

Int'l 2nd Vice-President: Richard Girard

Int'l 3rd Vice-President: Jim Cocke

Int'l Recording Secretary: Vickie Courtney

International Treasurer: Adolf Knopp

Nominating Committee: Tom Smithson & Jay Thompson

Delegate Authorization: Passed

Amendment 1, to provide for chartering and representation of international units outside North America: Passed

Amendment 2, to extend the range of dates for the International Rally and Delegates Meeting to June 20 - July 30: Passed

Amendment 3, to eliminate the requirement for Units to collect International dues, allowing both unit and international dues to be paid online at the WBCCI.org website: Passed

Welcome New Members!

Wisconsin Unit welcomes new members William & Gail Buell of New Richmond, Wisconsin. The Buells have a 2013 International Signature 28. Welcome aboard!

One Liners

How many Airstreamers can you fit in a photo booth?

(And why would you post the results on Facebook?!)



Photo by Vicki Englestad, via Facebook

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Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

Continuing last month's theme, "Things you should know."

Did you know that it is generally considered polite to remove your hitch while parked at a Rally, during a Caravan, and even when at a camp-out? Why? To help keep others from brushing against the greasy ball on your hitch and ruining their clothes. In discussing this issue with our members it is believed it began during the days when many of the club events included "dress-up" dinners and similar events. If you are wearing a suit and/or an evening gown (and I look *sooo* good in my evening gown), it is pretty discouraging to walk past someone's rig and end up with a black grease stain on your pretty clothes. It isn't quite as bad to rub a pair of grubby jeans against the hitch, but it ain't good for them either. So, treat your fellow campers with courtesy, and either remove your hitch, or back your tow vehicle near the hitch point so they are not as likely to bump into it.

Speaking of politeness and unwritten rules of club functions, I have been told that my adult refreshments should be kept in a coffee cup or some other form of disguised container. I spent time looking through the bylaws, policies and other written documents trying to find some such direction or rule. I never found it, so thought that perhaps it was just one of those things that had become custom without ever being written down. Lo and behold, there *is* such a policy outlined in the Caravan Leaders guide, not in the bylaws or club policy documents. (<http://wbccicaravan.wbcci.net/caravan-handbook/>) It probably makes the club look less focused on drinking as a primary source of entertainment if we don't always have drinks in hand. However, there is not a rule requiring that adult beverages be disguised.

Say ya to da UP, eh! September 21 – 27, 2014

A Caravan by Ed Emerick

Yes, it is time for another caravan adventure! Just a short little jaunt up to Houghton and the Keweenaw Peninsula, the Porcupines, Stormy Kromer in Ironwood, departing Monday after the rally in the Apostle Islands.

We will launch our land yachts late Monday morning and travel to Ironwood and the famous Stormy Kromer factory. Tours begin at 1:30, and we will have time to shop at the company store! We will continue to a campground for two nights to allow time to explore the Porcupine Mountain area. (We have never been there!) Wednesday we will continue on to Houghton. We will be staying at the Houghton RV Park Wednesday and Thursday nights and on to Ft. Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, for Friday night. The Houghton RV Park is located right on the Portage River, within walking distance of downtown Houghton. There are no restrooms or showers. If you want these facilities, I suggest the Hancock Recreation Area Campground a few miles away. (John and Barb Sellers will be staying there.)

Some of the things we will see and do:

Pizza and fish bowls at the Ambassador!!

Breakfast at Soumi!! A tiny Finnish/American restaurant

Beer at the KBC!! (Keweenaw Brewing Company)

The Downtowner, The Dog House, The Continental Fire Company (a real night club, in Houghton!!)

The Jampot!! (Bakery and Jam store run by the Holy Transfiguration Skete*.)

Calumet and Laurium!!

Pasties!!

Brockway Mountain!!

Copper Harbor!!

The Giant Snowstick!!

The Quincy Mine!!**

And anything else that sounds interesting!!

Sandy and I will be heading back home Saturday morning, but caravanners may stay and play or travel to wherever your heart's desire!

This caravan will be run without a kitty. You will need to make your own reservation at the Houghton RV Park. We will be in Site 16, on the water. They are beautiful sites with a covered picnic area and full hook-ups. And a great view of the lift bridge! \$30/night (and no reservation fee!)

<http://www.cityofhoughton.com/rec-rv.php>

The Hancock Recreation Area will not require any reservation. I spoke to the campground, and after Labor Day, it is pretty empty. (Is it because it is snowing already???) \$22/night.

<http://www.cityofhancock.com/recreation-beach-campground.php>

We are still working on our route to Houghton, and we will keep interested caravanners updated for any additional reservations that may be required. If you are interested, please send us an email!

This is a fascinating area, one of our favorite places to visit. It's beautiful, yet rugged. And a fun time will be had by all! You betcha!!!!

Sandy Emerick 920-475-7893 SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

Editorial Notes:

**Skete*: A settlement of Eastern Orthodox monks inhabiting a group of small cottages around a church and dependent upon a parent monastery. From New Greek skētē, from Late Greek Skitis, Skitis, desert in northern Egypt once famous for its many hermitages. (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary)

**The Nordberg steam hoisting engine at the Quincy mine is the largest of its kind in the world. It is a Historical Engineering Landmark of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

<http://files.asme.org/ASMEORG/Communities/History/Landmarks/5631.pdf>

Easter Campout April 18 – 20, 2014 Peninsula State Park

Photos by Vicki Engelstad

Once again this year Ed and Sandy Emerick hosted their Easter camp out at Peninsula State Park, Door County, upholding a curious tradition for exceptionally hardy Airstreamers.

Unlike last year, the park was at least *open* (last year the roads were blocked by snow and they had to pick an alternate park), and the weather wasn't too bad.



A band of dedicated Airstreamers at the rally.



Still quite a bit of ice on Green Bay. . .



A little sun showing for happy hour. . .



Roald Amundsen at the North Pole. . . well, actually, Vicki Englestad on the beach at Green Bay!



Lots of good places for *essen und trinken* in Door County!



Sun! Sun! Time for a nice sit on the patio!

Congratulations, Ed & Sandy, on another successful Easter campout, a Wisconsin Unit tradition.

April Campout **April 25 – 27, 2014** **Wisconsin Dells KOA** **Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin**

Photos by Vicki Engelstad, Bob Manak, & John Sellers

Bob & Heidi Manak hosted the traditional spring rally at the Wisconsin Dells KOA. You never know what kind of weather we're going to get for this rally. . . this year we arrived and departed in rain, but had a day or two of pretty decent weather in the middle.

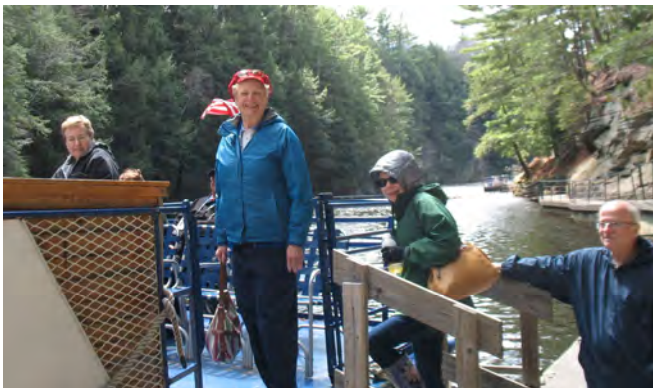


Airstreams dominate Wisconsin Dells KOA in late April.

Several arrived on Thursday (in the rain!) but Friday, with decent weather, resolved to do a little sightseeing on the Upper Dells boat tour.



Touring Witches Gulch on the Wisconsin River.



Back aboard the boat.

Friday night we all repaired to the clubhouse at Trapper's Turn Country Club, within walking distance of the KOA and the most popular place in town for their Friday night fish fry.

With the uncertain weather, the meeting room graciously provided by our friends at the Wisconsin Dells KOA was much appreciated. Bob & Heidi and the other rally attendees kept us well supplied with viands for breakfasts and happy hours, and much time was spent swapping lies and planning the upcoming travel season.



Barb Sellers seems to have everyone's attention. . .

Thanks, Bob & Heidi for hosting another successful April rally and luncheon, kicking off the Airstreaming season for those of us who can't quite manage Ed & Sandy's Easter campout!

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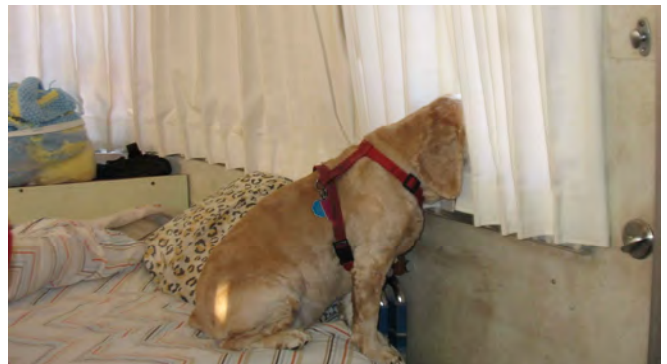
(The following is a shameless unsolicited advertisement.)

By John & Barb Sellers



Aluminum Acres LLC, otherwise known as Sandy Emerick, (920-475-7893 SandyEmerick@yahoo.com) made a set of new curtains for our trailer and they came out great!

So, if you'd like to have a beautiful new set of curtains for your Airstream, Sandy's the person to talk to!



Darn Velcro! I can't nose the curtains open anymore!

April Luncheon **April 26, 2014** **Moosejaw Restaurant** **Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin**

Photos by Bob Manak, & John Sellers

In keeping with the tradition of having the April rally at the Wisconsin Dells KOA, we had the April luncheon and business meeting at the Moosejaw Pizza and Dells Brewing Company restaurant, known for their towering Bloody Marys and generous beer samplers.



As always, in addition to members at the campout, a number of other members attended the luncheon, so we had a good turnout.



Some significant changes occurred at the Unit executive committee and membership meetings. Ed & Sandy Emerick announced that they would be leading a caravan from the Apostle Islands rally to the UP. Newsletter and directory costs were discussed. Bob Manak reported that the direct cost of printing and mailing a hard copy of the newsletter was \$13 a year. Also, it was thought that it would be useful to send the newsletter to Airstream dealers in Wisconsin, and neighboring states as a member recruiting effort.

We are currently sending a copy of the Unit Constitution and Bylaws with the annual directory. It was decided to discontinue mailing the C&BL to all members, only new members. (They are available on the club web site.)

The executive committee voted to raise unit dues from the present \$8 per year to \$10 per year to cover these costs, and increase the surcharge to receive the newsletter by mail from the present \$10 per year to \$13 per year, the actual cost. Unit dues are still small in comparison to the \$65 International dues.



Not a reassuring look on the Treasurer's face?

The vote on the International officers and issues for the 2014 Delegates Meeting was generally non-controversial this year. All candidates recommended by the International Nominating Committee received the unit's votes. All three proposed constitutional amendments received a majority of the unit's votes. Steve Piotrowski announced that he would be appointed to the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee.



Active participation in the unit business meeting.

Thanks again, Bob & Heidi, for another successful event!

Capital Campout **May 16 – 18, 2014** **Lake Farm County Park** **Madison, Wisconsin**

Photos by Vicki Engelstad & Bob Manak

Wisconsin Unit's May rally, the *Capital Campout*, hosted by Steve & Lynne Piotrowski, ably assisted by 1st VP Dave Sherman and Vicki Engelstad, was a spectacular success! They had a good turnout, decent weather, and lots to see and do in the Madison area. What more could you ask?



A gaggle of Airstreams at Lake Farm County Park



A great turnout of members and friends of the unit for years!

The rally organizers had lined up a number of things to see and do in the Madison Area, including Capitol Square and a special glimpse of the University of Wisconsin experimental Virtual Reality cave.



Carolyn Holloway and their skateboarding bulldog Ruby

Everybody who has been to one of Steve's rallies knows that he likes to cook, and generally manages a demonstration. . .



Your hosts, Chef Steve & Lynn Piotrowski.



Ed Emerick with economy model's virtual reality display.



Still cool enough for a campfire.



Ice cream and cake for breakfast? Why not?!

Kudos to Steve & Lynn and Dave & Vicki for putting on a *great* rally. You done good!

Karen's New Flying Cloud

Photos courtesy of Sandy Emerick, Jane Carmichael, Marti Upton, and Bob Manak

Karen Suksi's predisposition to aluminitis was evident when, never having towed a trailer, she drove clear to the west coast to bring home her first Airstream.



Is there a species of Silver Grouse? I guess there is now!



This trailer is on the level!
(Come to think of it, the level is on the trailer!)

After a few years of Airstreaming, Dr. Suksi, upon careful consideration of the symptoms, was forced to conclude that she had chronic aluminitis, which, we all know, is incurable. However this condition can be quite enjoyable, so she prescribed a bigger Airstream! (And, while she was at it, a new tow vehicle.)

The whole UP division of the Wisconsin Unit joined her in group therapy. . .



The UP branch of the Wisconsin Unit
(a.k.a. the Marquette Mafia)



Breaking a bottle of champagne on the trailer might dent the aluminum, so they drank it instead.



Now that's traveling in style!

Congratulations on your new trailer, Karen, and best wishes for many happy miles!