
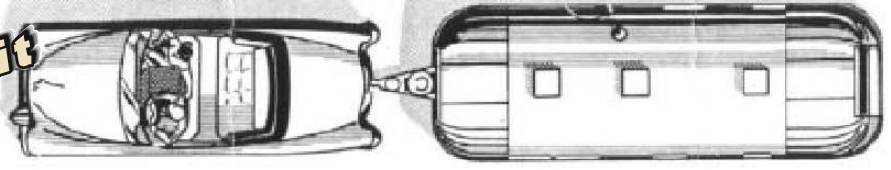


# BADGER BULLETIN



The Wisconsin Unit Newsletter



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## Riveting Reflections



Summer has reportedly arrived although the temperatures are not cooperating with the 'Streaming season. Make sure that your heater is in good order!

The Apostle Island rally planning is underway. We are looking forward to this rally. The last time we

were up here we took a ferry from Bayfield out to the Raspberry Island light house in Lake Superior. The Light House Keepers sure had a rough life style. This time we plan on going to Madeline Island for a bike ride. This area is very relaxing with quite a few adventures available.

I recall that the weather can get quite cool at night so bring some warm clothes. There are a limited number of sites available for this rally so sign up quickly. Remember that Ed and Sandy are planning a informal caravan to Copper Harbor, MI after this rally. We hope many of you can make this rally so we can say a proper good-bye. The "passing of power" will take place at this rally.

Teri and I have made the big move out to Washington, living on the Olympic Peninsula. Too many boxes to unpack! The weather here is great, sunny and 75 at noon every day. Where is the rain? We have a dry season from June to October. We are located in the shadow of the Mount Olympus (living in the shadow of the gods!) so we have weather like the California coast. We have seen a number of Airstreams in the area and are looking forward to meeting the Washington Unit.

There are lots of upcoming events to look forward to, including: Around the World with Folklorama in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Road America Campout, Elkhart Lake, WI; Apostle Island Adventure, Washburn, WI; followed by the caravan to Houghton, MI.

See you 'Streaming down the road.

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## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

**August 6 – 12, 2014, *Around the World with Folkorama Region 7 Rally***, Oak Bluff Recreation Centre, Winnipeg Manitoba. Gail Harrower, [airstream4478@gmail.com](mailto:airstream4478@gmail.com)

**September 12—14, 2014: Road America Camp Out**, Road America Race Course, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Contact Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146 [slem@tds.net](mailto:slem@tds.net)

**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](mailto:tboehmer2001@yahoo.com) See flyer page 7. <http://wisc.wbcci.net/apostle-islands-rally-registration/>

**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. See updated information page 3.

### Member News

#### Welcome New Members!

**Michael & Mary Ellen Alsvig** of Two Rivers Wisconsin. (Michael & Mary Ellen aren't really *new* members, having been members of the unit in the past. Welcome *back!* )

**Rick Vrzal** of Richfield, Wisconsin.

**Matthew & Meghan Lee**, of St. Francis, Wisconsin.

Welcome aboard! Hope to see you all soon at a unit event!

#### International Delegate Meeting Results

From gilette.wbcci.net

**International President:** Joe Perryman

**International 1st VP:** Jim Schwerdfeger

**International 2nd VP:** Richard Girard

**International 3rd VP:** Jim Cocke

(Two candidates ran from the floor for 3rd VP, June Ryan and Barry Bell. The vote totals were Jim Cocke – 3578, June Ryan – 910, and Barry Bell – 367.)

**Nominating Committee.** Jay Thompson & Tom Smithson.

All 3 constitutional amendments passed by large margins.

**Amendment 1**, to provide for chartering and representation of international units outside North America—Passed with 100% of the vote.

**Amendment 2**, to extend the range of dates for the International Rally and Delegates Meeting to June 20 - July 30—Passed 4779 YES to 29 NO

**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 4562 YES to 234 NO.

### In Memoriam – Don Clark



Don & Jan Clark at the 2009 Region 7 rally.

We regretfully report the passing of Past Region 12 President and Past International 1<sup>st</sup> VP Don Clark on July 6. Many will recall that Don had been forced to decline the office of International President for health reasons.

### Airstream for Sale

1998 31 ft. Airstream Excella 1000 trailer, with 2 Fantastic Fans, 2 skylights, catalytic heater, queen size bed, Corian counter tops, laminated floor, awnings all around. \$31,000 OBO. Also available is a 2000 Suburban. Unit is on an improved 50 X 80 RV lot close to Wisconsin Dells. Will sell as a package—give us a call for price. 608-580-0025



### The Badger Bulletin

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# Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

We haven't used our trailer much since we came back from Florida and Louisiana this spring. We did enjoy ourselves at the Madison Rally and extend our thanks to Vicki and Dave for making that an excellent event. I look forward to their spirited leadership of the club next year. Speaking of leadership, Ed and Sandy are going to lead a caravan to the top of the Upper Peninsula this fall. It will be a beautiful time to visit the south shore of Lake Superior. Why don't you think about joining in on the fun?

You may wonder why the club doesn't have more events during the prime camping season, summertime in Wisconsin. There are so many members traveling with family during Wisconsin's prime camping season, events become difficult to organize. It also relates to the difficulty of finding open camping spots to host rallies.

I would encourage every member to think about his or her favorite local place to visit. Other unit members would like to explore your area to learn about its unique features. Rallies are usually three or four days long, which means one day for arrival and one day for departure, so there really only has to be one or two days of activities of interest to have a successful rally. Most of us live where we do because we find it interesting and enjoyable. If you can identify the reasons why you like living where you do, and there is a place to camp nearby, you have the makings for a great rally.

Give us your ideas, offer a little help, and you can have a parade of silver bullets traveling down the road to your favorite camping spot. They will probably also enjoy visiting your favorite place to retreat from the worries of life. Think about it and help your club become even better than it is today by helping to make a rally successful with your local knowledge.

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

A Caravan by Ed Emerick

Plans for the caravan are coming along and so far we have ten trailers signed up. The itinerary has gelled as follows:

Sunday, 9-21-14 – Depart Washburn, WI

Sunday, 9-21-14 – Camp at Curry Park in Ironwood, MI  
601-807 W Cloverland Dr, Ironwood, MI 49938  
(906) 932-5050

Monday, 9-22-14 - Tour Stormy Kromer in Ironwood  
Stormy Kromer Mercantile  
1238 Wall Street  
Ironwood, MI 49938

Monday, 9-22-14 – Travel to Porcupine Mountain  
Wilderness State Park, Union Bay Campground  
Stay for 2 nights

Tuesday, 9-23-14 – Explore the Porkies

Wednesday, 9-24-14 – Travel to Houghton, MI. Camp at Houghton RV Park. (If you want restrooms and showers stay at the Hancock Recreation Area campground.)

Thursday, 9-25-14 – Explore Houghton-Hancock area

Friday, 9-26-14 – Travel to Copper Harbor. Camp at Fort Wilkins State Park



Copper Harbor and Lake Fannie Hooe from Brockway Mtn. Ft. Wilkins State Park is between these two bodies of water.

Saturday, 9-27-14 – Explore Copper Harbor

Sunday, 9-28-14 – Depart for home

(Sandy and I will be heading back home Saturday morning 9-27, but caravanners may stay and play or travel to wherever your heart's desire.)



Copper Harbor Lighthouse as seen from the tour boat.

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. \$22/night.  
<http://www.cityofhancock.com/recreation-beach-campground.php>

If you are interested, please send us an email!

Sandy Emerick 920-475-7893 [SandyEmerick@yahoo.com](mailto:SandyEmerick@yahoo.com)



## An Airstream Family Wedding June 7, 2014

Photos courtesy of Sandy Emerick, via Facebook

Airstreaming is a family oriented activity, and nowhere more so than the family of Ed & Sandy Emerick (owners of 4 or 5 Airstreams at last count).

So when Ed & Sandy's daughter Elizabeth married Scott Adams (no relation to the *Dilbert* comic strip!), it naturally was an aluminum-themed affair. The social event of the Airstream season took place at Alpine Resort, Egg Harbor.



Ed walks Elizabeth down the aisle.



Liz and Scott with Rev. Don Stenz, WBCCI #4844



A wedding gift of true love—  
Ed & Sandy's painstakingly restored 1959 Traveler.



That pretty well sums it up!





# 57<sup>th</sup> WBCCI International Rally

## June 28 – July 4, 2014

### Gillette, Wyoming

By Jane Carmichael

Photos courtesy of Jane Carmichael and gillette.wbcci.net



There were some last minute changes in the Wisconsin Unit's International lineup this year, as both Unit President George Boehmer and our appointed Delegate, Steve Piotrowski, were unable to attend. Pearl Adams-Kyle stepped up to serve as our Delegate. Thanks, Pearl!

Jane Carmichael attended her first International last year and gave us her first timer impressions. She attended again this year and was kind enough to give us a report on Gillette.

"International President Joe Perryman, and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jim Schwerdfeger and their wives sat at my table at the Region 7 Social Hour. They were interested in my thoughts/concerns about having the 2016 International Rally in Escanaba, Michigan. Discussion centered on the challenges to finding good places to have the International.

"I mentioned that it might be more cost-effective to shorten the length of time needed to prepare and to hold the International. I had heard complaints about volunteers getting to Gillette on June 10 and there wasn't enough to keep them busy preparing for the International. I also suggested that renting the site for a shorter period of time might increase the options for finding sites.

"Another topic mentioned was *change*—as in changing the dates so that there would be more site options for the International. That amendment was passed by the delegates so we now are able to hold the International Rally and Delegates Meeting between June 20 and July 30.

"I mentioned reducing the formality, reducing the time needed for business, and improving the First Timers meeting. (Well, they asked, so I provided suggestions!) I thought their interest in my opinions was surprising, given that I was not a delegate, and a relative newbie.

"The seminars were a big hit—they were packed, some with standing room only. One of the best was the *History of Gillette*, provided by a very entertaining lady from the Historical Society. The Vintage Airstream Club went all out with their events, too.

"I didn't make it to the Free Wheelers gathering because I left early from Gillette to spend a week in the Black Hills.



Devil's Tower National Monument in the background.

"I was a volunteer for the Pet Show, which was well-attended and a lot of fun. One of the talent entries explained to the crowd that his dog was the most talented "tail wagger". You can imagine the laughs.

"Most of all, it sure was convenient to have a power awning—the wind out there rose quickly and blew hard!"



Rainbow after the storm.

# Exploring the Western UP

-or-

## Why you should say ya to the UP Caravan!

By John Sellers

Last year Barb and I met with Bob & Heidi Manak at Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, Michigan for a few days before traveling to the Marquette rally. Barb & I had driven across the UP for nearly 20 years and never taken that side trip up the Keweenaw Peninsula. That part of the UP has more scenery, history, and adventure than we ever imagined. We enjoyed it so much we stopped to explore the area for a few more days on the way back from the Marquette rally. Whether your interests lie in history, geology, wildlife (or good food!) you really should get to know this region!

**Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park.** “The Porkies”, as they are known to Yoopers, is a region of great natural beauty and very sparsely populated. The word *wilderness* is significant. There are several tent campgrounds in the park but only one RV park, partly because there are very few roads. See <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?id=426&type=SPRK>

**Keweenaw Peninsula.** The Keweenaw Peninsula is a treasure of forest, abandoned copper mines, and ghost towns. The town of Calumet was the center of copper mining on the peninsula. In the heyday of copper mining, a century ago, enormous wealth was concentrated there and it was seriously proposed as the state capital of Michigan.



The Ambassador Restaurant in Houghton is a popular Michigan Technical University pizza pub.

**Houghton-Hancock.** The Keweenaw Peninsula is bisected by the Portage River and Portage Lake. Houghton-Hancock is a twin city, Houghton on the south side of the river and Hancock on the north. The caravan will stay there two nights. Your choice is the Houghton RV Park or Hancock Recreation Area. The Houghton RV Park has rather close spaces and no restrooms or showers, but it's right on the river and within walking distance of downtown Houghton watering holes. Barb and I will be staying at the Hancock Recreation Area, a wooded campground with roomy sites, restrooms with showers and good dog walking areas.

Houghton-Hancock will serve as a base for exploring the Calumet copper mining area. The Quincy mine is the largest of the copper mines and offers mine and surface tours.



The Nordberg steam hoisting engine at the Quincy mine is the largest of its kind in the world.



Tour tram entering the Quincy mine.

Several smaller copper mines and their surface works can also be seen. The Delaware mine offers self-guided tours <http://www.delawarecopperminetours.com/>



Touring the Delaware copper mine.

While in Houghton-Hancock you can also tour the copper boom towns of Calumet and Laurium. The ornate red sandstone public buildings and mansions are still there.

**Copper Harbor.** It's only 45 miles from Hancock to Copper Harbor, but don't count on driving it in an hour! We will be staying in Fort Wilkins State Park, a very nice campground within easy walking distance of the restored fort, which is well worth seeing on its own.



Costumed residents reenact daily life at Fort Wilkins.



# APOSTLE ISLANDS ADVENTURE RALLY

September 18 – 21, 2014

## Thompson's West End Campground

South End of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West

Washburn, Wisconsin 54891

(city hall) 715-373-6160

<http://cityofwashburn.org/camping.htm#thompsons>

Join your hosts George & Teri Boehmer for an adventure in Wisconsin's fabled Apostle Islands nestled on the Wisconsin coast of Lake Superior. Take a boat tour of the uninhabited islands, take the ferry to inhabited Madeline Island, tour numerous museums and other attractions in Washburn and nearby Bayfield and Ashland.



We will be camped right on Lake Superior at the City of Washburn's municipal Thompson's West End Campground.

We have reserved all 19 non-seasonal sites of the campground, equipped with 30/50A electric, but no water or sewer hookup. Come with a full freshwater tank and empty waste tanks. There is plenty of water available at the campground (an artesian well, in fact!) but it will have to be transported to your unit. There is a dump station on site. Rally activities begin Thurs. Sept. 18 (Hosts will be there Sept 17.) **The camping fee of \$25 a night is not included in the rally fee. Camping fee will be paid on arrival: self-service, cash or check; NO CREDIT CARDS.** Reservations are not required—we have the campground reserved—but after the start of the rally we will release any unused sites. Campground amenities include restrooms and showers, pavilion (reserved for our use), playground, and swimming beach (brrr!).

Scheduled activities (with plenty of time for sightseeing on your own):

Thurs., Sept. 18 – Parking – Happy Hour - Supper (Hot Dogs and Brats)

Fri., Sept. 19 – Parking – Happy Hour – Supper (out for fish fry)

Sat., Sept. 20 – McDonalds Breakfast (provided) – Business Meeting (installation of officers) – Happy Hour - Dinner at local restaurant

Sun., Sept. 21 – Continental Breakfast – Sightseeing on your own – Departures

Questions? Contact George & Teri Boehmer gboehmer2014@gmail.com cell 262-646-8697

## Apostle Islands Adventure Rally Reservation Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/St \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee (includes pavilion rental, breakfasts, Thursday supper)  
\$20 x number of people \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to WI Unit, WBCCI

Mail to:

Sandy Emerick, Treasurer

9186 County Road K

Brussels, WI 54204

(Advance reservations must reach Sandy before the Emericks leave for the Elkhart Lake rally, around September 7.)

Checks can be sent to Sandy Emerick, or register online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/apostle-islands-rally-registration/>

(Campsite fees of \$25 a night are paid directly to campground.)