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Riveting Reflections



The fall 'streaming season has finally arrived. Most camp grounds should have plenty of room to accommodate your next adventure. Make sure that your heater is working or you might freeze overnight! Our neighbor was down in Oregon camping last weekend at 5000 feet and had 25 degrees in the morning. BRRRR!

The Road America Campout at Elkhart Lake starts on September 12. We don't get back to Wisconsin until Saturday night so we won't be able to join this great rally at a race track. The Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival is a great setting for a rally. There is a great vintage car expo with some outstanding restored cars.

The Apostle Island rally, Washburn, Wisconsin starts on September 19. There are a lot of things to do in the great north woods. There will be a business meeting and installation of new officers. Whew, passing of the crown of power! Teri and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again. Our woods have offered up a spot for parking the camper and planning is under way for a shed to park the Airstream. Once in place, we will have space for those of you who travel to the Northwest and need an overnight spot to stay. It truly is paradise.

Following the rally a caravan will head to the wilds of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. That will be another 'Ed' adventure. I am sure it will be a fun time for all.

See you 'Streaming down the road.

George Boehmer, Unit President
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Upcoming Events

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 See flyer page 6.

<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 further information page 4.

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

Member News

Welcome New Members!

New members continue to pour in! This month we welcome,

Tom & Maureen Meyer of Madison, Wisconsin. They have a 2015 model 25 footer. (And it's not even 2015 yet!)

Matt & Katie Rinka of Shorewood, Wisconsin. They have a 2009 Safari Sport 24.

And, as noted in last month's *Badger Bulletin*,

John Becker of Two Rivers Wisconsin, a long time member who has been unable to participate on account of his late wife's illness, has rejoined the unit. Welcome back, John!

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

2014-15 Unit Officer Candidates

The Nominating Committee (Past President Steve Piotrowski) is pleased to announce the following unit officer candidates for the 2014-15 club year. Officers will be elected and installed at the Apostle Islands rally. (In addition to nominating committee candidates, members can be placed in nomination at the meeting.)

President: Dave Sherman

1st Vice President: Jane Carmichael

2nd Vice President: Kurt Jorgensen

Secretary: Barbara Sellers

Treasurer: Sandy Emerick

Board of Trustees: Bill Scheuerell
Karen Suksi
Connie Sheasby

Sincere thanks to all who have volunteered for unit office, and thanks, Steve, for recruiting them!

One-Liners



The Uptons' new Airstream Interstate!

Holy whitefish, Andy! Either an epidemic of New Airstream Envy has broken out in the U P or those Yoopers have discovered those big lumps of copper in the back yard are really gold! A couple of months ago Karen Suksi showed up with a new Flying Cloud, and now Bill and Marti Upton have a new Interstate! (Photo by Jane Carmichael)

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



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2015 Dues

At the April, 2014 business meeting it was voted to raise dues slightly to cover actual costs of printing and postage. The unit dues for members receiving the newsletter electronically were increased from \$8 to \$10, and the additional charge to receive the newsletter by mail was increased from \$10 to \$13. A new renewal form was also prepared to more closely agree with the WBCCI headquarters form. A copy of the new form is on page 7. (New members who joined after July 1, 2014, please disregard this form. You are paid up through 2015.)

Region 7 Update

Region 7 President Gail Harrower is pleased (and relieved!) to announce that we have a Region Second Vice President.

Don Thomson of Cavalier, North Dakota, WBCCI # 4304 has volunteered to serve as Region 7 Second Vice President, and was installed on August 8, 2014 at the Region 7 rally. Don and his wife Lillian are 20-year members of WBCCI.

Balloon Fiesta Caravan Announcement

Caravan leader Harvey Craig has requested the following announcement. Oyez, oyez! All members having interest in this matter draw nigh:

New Mexico Balloon Fiesta Caravan U-410 (Sept 28 - Oct 12, 2014) Stand-bys are needed.

Currently, this caravan is full; however, we do not have any Stand-Bys. If you are interested in being listed as a Stand-By in case of a last minute cancellation, please contact the Caravan Leader, Harvey Craig at: eharv@msn.com or 512/633-0380. (No money is needed unless you take the place of an existing caravan member who cancels from the caravan.)

This is a 26 rig caravan of 14 nights/15 days from Sunday, September 28 to Sunday, October 12, 2014 and includes six stops which include: 1 night at South Llano River State Park, 1 night at Balmorehea State Park, 2 nights at Carlsbad KOA Resort, 5 nights in Albuquerque at the New Mexico Balloon Fiesta Site (dry camping), 3 nights at Santa Fe Skies RV Resort in Santa Fe, and 2 nights at Bottomless Lake State Park in Roswell.

The Caravan Kitty Fee is \$1,000 for 2 in a rig and includes: all parking charges, some lunches, dinners, tours, RV parking where one can sit outside his/her Airstream and watch the balloons ascent and fly over his/her Airstream with unlimited access to the Balloon Fiesta Site and Balloon Field, and a memorable farewell dinner in Santa Fe.

In Memoriam Darina Lindroth

From Region 7 President Gail Harrower

It is with regret that we inform the members of Region 7 and WBCCI that Darina Lindroth, Past First Lady of Region 7, and Past International Treasurer of WBCCI, passed away on Friday, August 29th. Attached is her obituary.

Helen Darina Lindroth



Helen Darina Lindroth, 89, of Grand Forks, ND, passed away on Friday morning, August 29, 2014 at her home in Grand Forks, ND.

Helen Darina Slusar was born October 18, 1924 in Tabor Township to John and Helen (Bakalar) Slusar. She was baptized, confirmed and

married in Our Saviors' Lutheran Church in Warren. She attended Boxville School and graduated from Warren High School in 1942. She graduated from the Minnesota School of Business, Minneapolis, MN on March 26, 1943. She then worked at the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant until her marriage to Harlan Ortel Lindroth on May 12, 1946. They lived in Grand Forks from 1945 to 1949 when they moved on the farm near Warren. In 1970 they moved back to Grand Forks. She worked at Kedney Warehouse from 1952 to 1960 and at the Grand Forks Air Force Base from 1960 to 1978. From 1978 to 1986, she helped take care of her grandsons. They retired in 1986 and spend winters in Fort Myers, FL and traveled in their Airstream trailer in the summer. Darina continued traveling with her Airstream until she turned 80 years old.

They were active in the Wally Byam Caravan Club, an Airstream trailer club. She held offices at the Unit, Regional and International Level. She also was a member of the Elks Lodge in Fort Myers and volunteered there until the last few years. She was a Lifetime member of the Warren American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Grand Forks and Messiah Lutheran Church, Fort Myers. She liked to volunteer, until her health and loss of vision prevented her from doing so.

Her favorite things to do were to go fishing up at Morson, Ontario, in the summer. She enjoyed playing cards with her many friends in Grand Forks and Fort Myers and traveling.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara (Richard) Wessling of Grand Forks, ND; two grandchildren, Jon (Erin) Wessling of Maple Grove, MN and Chris Wessling of Eden Prairie, MN. Also survived by two great grandchildren, Jacob and Sophia. Brother: Ernest Slusar and Sister: Jeanette Ohnstad and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harlan in 1995, one brother Maynard Slusar, and one sister Catherine Slusar.

Obituary courtesy of DuBore Funeral Home, Warren, MN

Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

While I was riding a bus at the Region Rally in Winnipeg, Manitoba going to one of the events, the tour guide asked if this was a reward trip for the “Big Shots” in the club. I told him no, it was a Region Rally open to all members. Then I asked him why he referred to us as “Big Shots”. He said “all of you have President, First Lady, and other titles on your badges so I figured this was a trip for the Big Shots”. This conversation got me thinking about why we wear badges. Is it to show off our past rank or to make it easy to have conversations by giving the name and location of our fellow Airstream travelers? Think about the new person coming to an event for the very first time and looking around the room. If it seems like the only ones who show up for events are the Past Presidents, their spouses and the current officers, will the new member feel welcome? If it looks like everyone at the event is a “Big Shot”, do the new members feel like equals? Do they really feel like they belong? Or could we be making them uncomfortable with our “Big Shot” badges?

This year I am wearing a badge that says Past President. I wear it because I am in the office of immediate Past President. Beginning September 17th, I am going back to my Original Member Badge. It identifies me as a member of our great Wisconsin Unit, and doesn't portray an arrogant attitude of being more important than other members of the club.

I realize there is a lot of effort that goes into holding office, especially the higher offices. Perhaps it is time we honor that effort and dedication by giving them the privilege of wearing a colored badge that indicates they served as Regional or National Officers. This change would make it easier for members to recognize who is a current officer. I know that traditionally many organizations honor all Past Officers in this way. Does continuing to do so label our Club as out of date? This is just my opinion, but I would love to hear from others regarding this or any other issue. Thanks for reading.

UP Caravan Update September 21 – 27, 2014

Plans for the caravan have progressed and at last report 14 trailers were signed up!

It has been decided that the first night's stop will be at Curry Park in Ironwood, Michigan. The folks at Curry Park had advised earlier that access was difficult due to road construction, but that situation has been resolved.

Jane Carmichael has made reservations for supper at *The Liberty Bell Chalet* at 5:30 PM (Central Time) in Hurley, Wisconsin (only about a mile west of Curry Park.) They will have an area reserved for 20-25 people.

The *Bell Chalet* is an Italian restaurant, with a varied menu. It is known for the Caesar Salad for 2. (Feeds 4, Jane says!)

The attached Italian market is closed on Sundays, but they said they will open it for us if we ask the wait staff. The store has a wonderful selection of meats, cheeses, oils, pastas, etc. (Jane plans to stock up on balsamic vinegar.)

Sunday, 9-21-14 – Depart Washburn, WI

Sunday, 9-21-14 – Camp at Curry Park, west end of Ironwood, MI on US 2; supper at *Bell Chalet* a mile west

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

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



Hope Ed knows where he's going. . .
Sign brought to our attention by Vicki Engelstad!

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.
Pub crawl optional. (See Wisconsin Unit Facebook group.)

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

<http://www.michiganandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?id=65&type=SPCG>

Saturday, 9-27-14 – Explore Copper Harbor

Sunday, 9-28-14 – Depart for home (Ed & Sandy will be heading home Saturday morning 9-27)

This caravan will be run without a kitty. You will need to make your own reservation at the Houghton RV Park. Ed & Sandy will be in Site 16, on the water. Full hook-up sites \$30/night (and no reservation fee!)
<http://www.cityofhoughton.com/rec-rv.php>

The Hancock Recreation Area will not require any reservation. \$22/night
<http://www.cityofhancock.com/recreation-beach-campground.php>

Contact: Ed & Sandy Emerick,
Sandy Emerick 920-475-7893 SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

5th Annual Road America Rally Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin September 12 – 14, 2014

Photos by Vicki Engelstad

The Fifth Annual Road America Rally, ably hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, was another in a long string of successes. The weather *could* have been a *little* more cooperative (like, no rain!) but it was good most of the time.



Wisconsin Unit contingent at Road America race course.



“Under the awning with Ed.” Handy rain or shine!



Sittin’ on the corner, watching all the cars go by. . .

Ed is back towing the Sovereign after giving the Traveler to Liz & Scott. . .



Is it gonna fit?

One of the great things about the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association meeting (with which this rally coincides) is the fantastic collection of old sports cars to be seen. (If a tornado hit Elkhart lake, several insurance companies would be wiped out!)



Now *that’s* a proper motor car!



Fenders optional at extra cost. . .

Thanks, Don & Kay, for another great Road America rally!
(And Vicki—thanks for the great pictures!)

APOSTLE ISLANDS ADVENTURE RALLY

September 18 – 21, 2014

Thompson's West End Campground

South End of 8th 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.)



WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL

DUES RECEIPT

UNIT NAME	NUMBER
Wisconsin Unit	116

WBCCI#: _____

YEAR: 2015

Name/s	_____
Address	_____
City, State/Province, Zip	_____
Email Address	_____
Partner Email Address	_____
Home Phone	_____
Cell Phone	_____
Partner Cell Phone	_____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	
NEW MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>
RENEWAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSFER	<input type="checkbox"/>
COURTESY PARKING	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUES \$75.00 *	
NEWSLETTER PRINTED & MAILED	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUES \$88.00 **	
DATE _____	
BY _____	

VEHICLE INFO		
TYPE	YEAR	SIZE
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer <input type="checkbox"/> Class A <input type="checkbox"/> Class B	_____	_____
MODEL	_____	

* Newsletter by email	International dues	\$65.00
	Wisconsin Unit dues	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total due to Treasurer:	(email newsletter only)	\$75.00

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Total due to Treasurer:	(Includes US Mail newsletter)	\$88.00

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