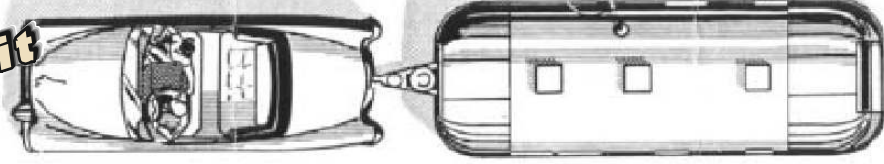


# BADGER BULLETIN



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## From the Crows Nest



Our September Apostle Island Adventure Rally included a semi-annual business meeting with the installation of officers - thus begins my tenure as President of this great club.

Region 7 Past Presidents Linda Agre and Pearl Adams-Kyle were on hand to perform the installation ceremonies. Upon my installation as President, now Past President

George Boehmer presented me with a custom crown and a tie made from sail cloth, both created by his wife Teri, and Pearl presented me with an official Cheese Head hat.

For the members who don't know me well, Vicki and I are also long time boaters (hence my tag line). I knew something was in the air Saturday morning of the installation when all the Airstream campsites were decorated with pirate flags. In keeping with the nautical theme, Past President Steve Piotrowski and his wife Lynn had presented me with an Admirals hat. And to show their support for the new "Captain", all present at the installation ceremony donned a pirate's eye patch! Who could ask for a better crew!

I'd like to thank George for his service this past year. Besides serving as President, he and Teri also bought and sold a house, which included applying umpteen gallons of paint at each location, and relocated 2,000 miles to the west! I hope that is not an indication of how tough the Presidency is! I was hoping to have some fun! George and Teri, your Airstream family wishes you the best of everything in your new adventure and hope to see you down the road. A heartfelt thank you is also in order for Pearl Adams-Kyle, who completed her term as Trustee.

I would like to congratulate Jane Carmichael on her installation as 1st Vice President, Kurt Jorgenson as 2nd Vice President, and Bill Scheuerell as Trustee. I also want to thank all of the other members of the club who agreed to another term of their existing position. Thank you all for committing your time and efforts to our Unit.

Steve and Lynn had also created a piñata in the likeness of now Past President George filled with goodies including

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adult beverages in sample bottles Teri was given first whack at it but it took George to deliver the goods.

By next month's newsletter I will have a list of proposed activities for 2015. To wrap up 2014 be sure to attend the last camping activity of the season - the November Birthday Bash at Kohler-Andrae State Park in Sheboygan Nov 7 - 9. If you can't bring your camper at least join us for the November Luncheon at the Water Street Brewery in Grafton on Saturday the 8th. In December Vicki and I will host the December Holiday Luncheon at Buck and Honey's in Sun Prairie on Saturday the 13th.

Dave Sherman, Unit President [dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu)

# News Bits

## Upcoming Events

**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](mailto: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](mailto:slem@tds.net)

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

## Member News

### 2014-15 Unit Officers

Unit officers for the 2014-2015 season were elected and installed at the Apostle Islands rally. There were no surprises; all officers were as nominated,

**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 of you who have stepped up to become unit officers!

## What Wisconsin Unit Members Are Doing

Bob & Heidi Manak, Connie Sheasby, and Annette Hooker all traveled on the Southwest Adventure caravan. Annette injured her knee on caravan day 44 and had to drop out. Skymed flew her son out to drive her back in her Interstate. She is currently recovering back in Wisconsin.



High noon? Connie, Heidi, & Annette in Silverton, CO.  
(Photo by Bob Manak)

(What Wisconsin Unit Members Are Doing, continued)

Jane Carmichael and Jack & Carolyn Flietstra attended the Urban Air rally in Eaton Rapids, Michigan October 2-5.

Steve & Lynn Piotrowski were unable to make it to the Apostle Islands rally and UP caravan because Steve needed a cardiac procedure to correct an arrhythmia. Steve thanks all who asked and cared. His heart is doing better, but another procedure may be needed in the future.

## 2015 Dues are Due

**Dues for 2015 must be paid by October 30 for your name and address to be included in the WBCCI International Directory.** (But if you don't care if you are listed in the International directory—or don't want to be—the good old Wisconsin Unit will still be happy to take your dues after that! Bob Manak doesn't put out our unit directory until January or February.) A renewal form is on page 8. Or renew online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/join-or-renew/>.

## One-Liners



Incoming Unit President Dave Sherman announces his new program to revitalize the unit.

## The Badger Bulletin

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## Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski, Unit Past President

Congratulations to the new officers of the Wisconsin Unit. I'm certain that Dave and Vicki and the rest of the officers will have an exciting year of activities for you to during their term of office. A big THANK YOU to the folks who stepped up to fill the offices for this year. Their willingness to give their time and effort bodes well for the future of our club. Finally, a special Thank You to Ed and Sandy for sponsoring the caravan up the backside of the Upper Peninsula. It looked like everyone was having a great time, and if experience is any indicator, Ed and Sandy worked hard to make sure you had a good time.



Portage River from Hancock Recreation Area campground

The change of officers and fall makes me think about change in general. Is change a good or a bad thing? That depends mostly on your perspective. If you liked the way things were, you may not be eager for change. If you didn't like what was happening, you probably can't wait for the new pathways. Our structure insures constant change by not allowing Presidents to serve more than two consecutive terms, but keeps stability by having trustees and other officers serve an oversight role. It makes for a nice balance between new ideas and old ways of doing things.

I see that Kurt Jorgensen is bringing one of his ideas forward with the posting of his plan to camp at Governor Dodge State Park October 16-20<sup>th</sup>. He has posted an invite to WBCCI members to join Mary and him for a weekend of camping and hiking. Much like the Aluma forum events, nothing formal, just letting friends know where you will be and that you would be happy to have them join you. If you want to do the same sort of thing, use the Wisconsin Facebook page to let us know your plans. Fall is a great time to enjoy the Wisconsin State Parks.



Lake of the Clouds, Porcupine Mountain Wilderness

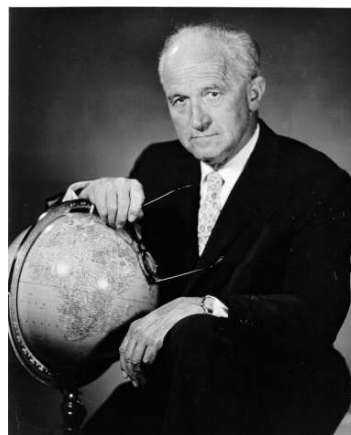
## A Guide for our Guests

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

During my tenure as President I would like to feature a monthly column for those of you who have found our web site on-line and are trying to figure out this whole Airstream thing. Check back each month and I will try to help unravel the some of the mysteries of Airstream ownership.

### What is the WBCCI? Who are we?

WBCCI stands for Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Wally Byam (1896-1962) was the founder and driving force behind Airstream trailers. Founded in 1936, Airstream is the oldest continuous (except for a break during WWII) manufacturer of travel trailers in the United States.



Wally, being the consummate promoter, led groups of Airstream owners on "Caravans" to promote his product and to experience the trailers in actual use to garner ideas for improvements.

Take some time to research Wally's Caravan from Cape Town to Cairo, the length of Africa, in 1959 - it was an amazing feat!

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/history/peewee/caravans/59-africa-caravan/59-africa-index.html>

Additional Caravans were led through Central America and throughout the United States and Canada.

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International was formed to promote group travel in Airstreams in 1955, during the Eastern Canada Caravan of 100 trailers from Sault Saint Marie, Michigan across Canada to Bangor, Maine.

The WBCCI is the owners group of Airstream RVs - travel trailers, Class A motorhomes, and B-Vans. Owners of SOBs (Some Other Brand ☺) will need to seek out your own owners group - the WBCCI is for Airstream products only.

So as has been said since the mid-16th century, "Birds of a feather, flock together". If you have an Airstream, an adventurous nature, and love to travel, joining the WBCCI will introduce you to a whole new group of friends that share your passions.

More next month. Stop back for more information or better yet - join your local WBCCI Unit and join the fun. Dave





# ***Apostle Islands Adventure Rally***

**Washburn, Wisconsin  
September 18 - 21, 2014**

Photos by Vicki Engelstad and John Sellers

The Apostle Islands Adventure rally, hosted by George & Teri Boehmer, was one for the record books! Turnout was excellent, (16 trailers, if memory serves) including some Minnesota Unit members. Installation of officers was taken to new heights. (We can only speculate on what will be done next year to top it!)



A long row of Airstreams under overcast skies



Good early turnout for a Thursday night! Teri had graciously planned and prepared dinner for everybody.



Chilly fall weather in the evenings

Friday and Saturday were for sightseeing, plus a fish fry Friday and group dinner at the Steak Pit on Saturday.



Friday happy hour in the picnic pavilion



The Bayfield Maritime Museum was closed at the time of the 2011 Apostle Islands rally but has now reopened.



Hardy Airstreamers on the top deck of the Apostle Islands tour boat (Engelstad)



Suppose Ed has enough flags? (I count 12.)



Since Dave and Vicki were well known for their “pirate” proclivities, Ed & Sandy Emerick donated pirate flags and eye patches for all the members the day of the installation.



Our Region 7 Past Presidents planned a great installation!



Unit Trustees (except for Connie, who was on a caravan)



1<sup>st</sup> VP Jane Carmichael and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kurt Jorgensen

Although unable to attend due to last-minute health issues, Steve & Lynne Piotrowski contributed immensely with an “Admiral” hat for Dave and—since unit presidents often feel like a piñata with everybody beating on them!—a piñata bearing past president George Boehmer’s likeness.



Treasurer Sandy Emerick got a badger puppet to stalk Ed.



Our new Unit President is a man of many hats. . .



The whole motley crew!



New Unit President Dave tees up the “Past President Piñata”

Thanks, George & Teri, for a successful term as President and a **great** rally!





## **Say Ya to da UP, Eh? Caravan September 21 – 27, 2014**

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

Photos by Vicki Engelstad and John Sellers

At the conclusion of the Apostle Island Adventure Rally in Washburn, WI twelve trailers departed Thompson's West End Park for the "Say Ya To Da UP" Caravan. Our intrepid leader, Past President Ed Emerick and his lovely wife Sandy, promised us a week full of adventures. And to show the Wisconsin Unit is an open minded group we even included some Interlopers and Vagabonds from neighboring Minnesota. [Editor note: I'm pretty sure "Interloper" and "Vagabond" were concisely defined at one happy hour, but I don't remember the definitions. In fact, I don't remember much from that happy hour. . . ]

While the weather for the weekend in Washburn was overcast and cool, it steadily improved as we traveled to our first stop in Ironwood Michigan. Arrangements had been made for us to spend the night at Curry Park located on US 2 in Ironwood. Road construction on US 2 made finding the park interesting, but everyone arrived in due time. Curry Park is located on the south side of the Gogebic County Fairgrounds and provides shaded sites with power, water, a dump site, and a bathhouse. That evening we dined as a group at the Bell Chalet located in neighboring Hurley, WI.



A beautiful Monday morning at Curry Park

Monday dawned with clear blue skies and warming temperatures. We had a leisurely morning at the campsite as our next appointment was a tour of the Stormy Kromer manufacturing facility in Ironwood at 1:30 p.m. Anyone familiar with the upper Midwest knows the Stormy Kromer hat is required headwear during our long winters. It was interesting to see our favorite hats being produced.



At the Stormy Kromer factory

The rest of the afternoon was spent traveling to Porcupine Mountains State Park and Union Bay Campground.

Union Bay Campground is located on the shores of Lake Superior and provides electric sites, a dump station, and a bathhouse. The campground is on two levels, with the lower level campsites located on the shoreline. The sites are so close to the water that in a bad storm several weeks ago campers had to be moved from the lower level because of the large waves splashing across the sites. The "Porkies" are a 60,000 acre wilderness area with hiking trails, old growth trees, waterfalls, beaches and, when we were there, peak fall colors. The weather continued to be perfect. Clear blue skies, calm wind, warm temperatures (everyone packed cold weather clothes), and no bugs. A must-see is the overlook at Lake of the Clouds.



Lake of the Clouds overlook

After two nights in the Porkies we departed for some urban camping at the Houghton RV Park in Houghton, MI. This campground is also on two levels with the lower level sites being waterfront. Each site has full hook-ups, a covered deck, and picnic table. The campground is within walking distance of the downtown area, eating establishments, and a brew pub. I believe this campground must be one of the best kept secrets in the UP. It is a good home base to explore the Houghton/Hancock and Keweenaw Peninsula area.



Happy hour at Houghton RV Park (Engelstad)



Some of us visited Calumet and its interesting buildings. Like most travel, you need to get off the beaten path, get out of your vehicle, and explore by foot or bike or - you get the message. You need to get close to the people and area to really appreciate where you are visiting. The history of the Keweenaw Peninsula is tied directly to the copper deposits located in the area. While there is evidence of Native Americans digging native copper 7,000 years ago, large scale mining developed in the mid 1800's, peaked in 1913, and declined until mining ceased in the 1960's. During the boom days the Keweenaw produced almost a quarter if the worlds copper. Evidence of the wealth at the end of the 19th century can be found throughout the area.

The two days in Houghton went quickly and it was time to move on to our final destination, Fort Wilkins State Park in Copper Harbor. Fort Wilkins is located on the shores of Lake Fanny Hooe and is a beautifully wooded campground with electric sites, a dump station, and bathhouse.



Happy hour at Fort Wilkins State Park

Friday night everyone dined as a group at the Harbor Haus German restaurant and spent the days exploring the area. A must-see is Brockway Mountain Drive which follows the ridge of Brockway Mountain and rises over 700 feet above Lake Superior. The views of the Keweenaw and Lake Superior, during peak color, were stunning.



View from Brockway Mountain Drive

Some traveled to the downhill ski area Mount Bohemia and rode the chairlift, which operates for two weekends during peak colors, to the top of the hill for again, spectacular views of the peninsula.



Brockway Mountain summit (Engelstad)

Not mentioned were all the “happy hours”, individual dining experiences, shopping, hikes in the woods, exploring the fort, float planes, views of multiple lake freighters at one time, the Jampot, and more. Several of us agreed if you really wanted to explore the peninsula you could easily spend a week. And the camping facilities provide a great home base from which to base your day trips.



A sea plane braves a strong crosswind to land at the Lake Fanny Hooe “Splash In”, Saturday, Sept 26



The Jampot—the premier bakery of the Keweenaw

As we prepared to leave for home on Sunday, with the same clear skies we had all week and temperatures in the 70s, I asked Ed how he appealed to the Weather Gods for an entire week of the most pleasant weather of the summer. He just smiled and said, “Like I’ve told you, good clean living always pays off”.

If you know Ed like the rest of us - - - I’m sure it must be something else.

Dave



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