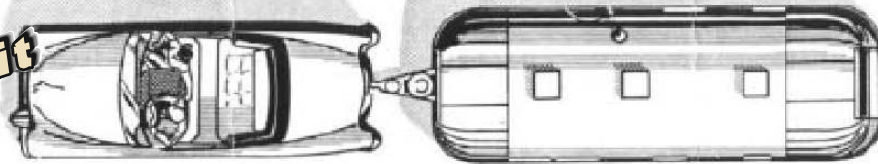


# BADGER BULLETIN



**The Wisconsin Unit Newsletter**



**November - December, 2014**

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## From the Crows Nest



As I write this month's column, southern Wisconsin has just received its first measurable snow fall and outside is a beautiful winter wonderland. Nationally we've had our first visit from the Polar Vortex. A year ago I had never heard of the Polar Vortex, now it is a common

topic of discussion. Thanks to the Polar Vortex our friends in the UP received over 40 inches of snow in the last week - I wonder if they fashion snow plows on the front of their Airstreams? Last month's newsletter should have contained a reminder to winterize your rigs! If the autumn weather lulled you into complacency we have received a wakeup call in the last several weeks. Make sure your baby is either tucked away for the winter or has its hitch pointed south.

Unfortunately due to illness, Vicki and I were not able to attend the November Birthday Bash at Kohler-Andre State Park the 7th - 9th. The unseasonably cold weather also had an impact on the attendance for the camp out. I've been informed Greg and Jane Hyer braved the cold to join Ed and Sandy Emerick and hosts Don and Kay Stenz to camp along the shores of Lake Michigan. These three couples definitely deserve the "Hardy Camper" award!

I was also told the November luncheon at the Water Street Brewery on the 8th was well attended. Members who chose not to camp still made a point to join friends for a nice meal and a chance to visit. Amongst the diners were Bob and Heidi Manak, Connie Sheasby, and Annette Hooker, all of whom attended the Southwest Adventure National Caravan which started in the mountains of Colorado and progressed through the desert southwest ending at the International Balloon Rally in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I personally am interested in hearing details of their experiences and am sorry I missed this event - perhaps I can corner them at the December Luncheon.

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## From the Crows Nest

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Speaking of the December Luncheon (nice segway huh?), please contact Vicki or me by leaving a message on our home phone at 608-423-4561 or e-mailing [dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu) or [vengelstad@yahoo.com](mailto:vengelstad@yahoo.com) by Saturday December 6th to confirm you will be attending the luncheon - we need to provide the number attending to the restaurant. The luncheon is at Buck & Honey's located in Sun Prairie on Saturday the 13th from 11:30 - 1:30. We will be ordering from a limited menu but the restaurant will accommodate special needs, such as gluten free, upon request. To those who have not attended a luncheon these are not business meetings. It is a chance to meet members, visit with old friends, get tips on travel destinations, gather information on having service work done at Jackson Center, etc., etc., etc. The members of our club are the best resource for anything Airstream. If it's out there, someone has probably done it!

Till next month, keep warm and start planning your next adventure. Dave.

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

## News Bits

### Upcoming Events

**December 13, 2014: 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, [dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu)

This being *Wisconsin*, the unit traditionally plans no activities in January. (Badgers stay in their dens during periods of cold weather and deep snow!)

**February 7, 2015: Valentine Luncheon, 11:30 AM**  
Spring Garden Restaurant, 225 South Century Avenue,  
Waukegan, WI 53597. Hosted by Lilly & Neil King,  
608-849-8093, [iking8801@gmail.com](mailto:iking8801@gmail.com)

### 2015 Dues are Due

Dues for 2015 had to be paid by October 30 for your name and address to be included in the WBCCI International Directory. (But the good old Wisconsin Unit will still be happy to take your dues any time. 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



(Photo & Story courtesy of Vicki Engelstad)

Somebody once said that Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms ought to be a convenience store, not a federal agency.

Well, here it is—and in Wisconsin! Stark's Sport Shop in Prairie du Chien. Their motto is *Mixing Guns and Liquor Since Prohibition*. And, naturally, being in Wisconsin, they also sell cheese and sausage in addition to a wide variety of beers. Oh, by the way—these are all sidelines. Their main business is *boats*.

### The Badger Bulletin

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## 2015 Adventures

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

One of the first duties as Unit President is to submit to International a list of planned Unit Activities for the upcoming year. With the help of club members I have planned a variety of activities which is a mix of old favorites and some new adventures.

It is my perception the Wisconsin Unit is a wonderful group of free spirits with varied interests - different strokes for different folks. As a result most of our activities are loosely planned with plenty of opportunities to strike out on your own. We will provide suggested activities but you will decide in which to participate and when to find your own adventure - which we hope you will share with the rest of us.

In the winter months, for those of us not fortunate enough to be in warmer climes, we try to gather once a month for a 11:30 - 1:30 Saturday luncheon to enjoy good food as well as old and new friends. On December 13<sup>th</sup> the **Holiday Luncheon** will be at Buck & Honey's in Sun Prairie, please see my "From The Crow's Nest" and the flyer on page 7 to make a reservation.

There are no planned activities for January - sorry - but Neal and Lilly King have agreed to host our February **Valentine's Luncheon** at the Spring Garden Restaurant February 7 in Waunakee.

In March we will return to Revere's Well St. Tavern in Delafield where Vicki and I will host the **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**. In future newsletters, as the dates approach, I will provide the additional information needed to make reservations. Please come and join us.

April is the start of a new camping season! Once again Ed and Sandy Emerick will host the **Easter Camp Out** at Peninsula State Park in Door County April 3rd - 5th.

Also in April Bob and Heidi Manak will host the traditional **April Camp Out** at the Wisconsin Dells KOA the weekend of April 24th - 26th. Included in that weekend's activities are the **April Luncheon and Business Meeting** at Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co. (I promise to keep the meeting short and to the point).

In May Steve and Lynn Piotrowski will host another **Madison Camp Out** May 15th - 17th. There is so much to do in the Madison area we felt we needed to return to this venue for additional exploration.

In late June I will be heading to the International Rally in Farmington New Mexico and will be happy to lead a Caravan for anyone heading in that direction.

The weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> I will host the **Airventure - Oshkosh 101 Camp Out** at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) grounds in Oshkosh. After attending 39 of the last 40 EAA fly-ins I can help you negotiate what is required to camp there.

In August Vicki and I will host the **Ferry Tales Washington Island Camp Out** in conjunction with the Deaths Door BBQ August 27th - 30th. Washington Island is located off the tip of Door County and is only accessible by a car ferry. Picture a car ferry full of shiny aluminum ala the old Wally Byam Caravans!

In September we will return to Elkhart Lake for the annual **Road America Camp Out** on the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) Vintage Weekend September 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> which features antique and collectable race cars.

Also in September on the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> will be the **Cheeseheads to the UP Camp Out and Business Meeting** in Houghton, MI. This will be our second business meeting of the year and the installation of your clubs new officers for the next year.

Vicki and I spent some time with Kurt and Mary Jorgensen in the beautiful Prairie du Chien area and are happy to announce they are excited to host a **Fall Colors on the Mississippi Camp Out** the weekend of October 9th - 11th. This should be peak fall colors and if you haven't seen the Wisconsin and Mississippi river valleys from the Wisconsin Ridge Campground in Wyalusing State Park you need to put this camp out on your calendar.



Overlooking the Mississippi, Wyalusing State Park.  
(photo by Vicki Engelstad)

This brings us back to the **November Birthday Bash** the second weekend in November. Perhaps the weather will be sunny and warm next year.

As dates approach more detailed information will appear in the newsletter. Of specific note are events planned at state campgrounds. Reservations will need to be made far in advance to guarantee a campsite - specifically the Madison, Houghton, and Wyalusing Camp Outs. I will be reminding/prompting/cajoling you in future newsletters to secure your reservations.

With the number of activities planned I hope we have offered something for everyone. If you have a favorite camping area you are willing to share with the rest of us, the officers for next year are always looking for new areas to explore.

Thanks, Dave.

## Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski, Unit Past President

Winter has hit us early this year. We usually try to get out of the area for at least part of the winter months by taking our silver home on wheels down to warmer areas. A couple years ago, it was just about the same temperatures in Mississippi and northern Florida as it was in Wisconsin while we were there looking for sunshine. Our beautiful state had a warm winter, and the south had a cold one. I am betting that this year will continue on a different path.



Igloo at the 2012 Easter Campout. (photo – Sandy Emerick)

One of our members asked what we do to prepare our Airstream for the trip south. We don't do a lot different from normal winterization. We make sure that the systems are free of water and have antifreeze in place to prevent frozen and broken pipes. We leave everything winterized until we get to above freezing temperatures. Some years that is in Missouri, and some years it is not until the Gulf Coast that you find above freezing temps.

We often spend our only night of the year in a motel while on our way south. I've gotten to the age where driving twenty hours straight might still be possible, but would likely put our little silver beauty and us in the ditch. Three hundred miles is near our max distance most days.

Getting out of the cold is a good thing. Just ask our Canadian friends heading to warm places how nice it is to escape and join other snow birds and stop shivering.



February 2012, Florida State Rally – Sarasota, Florida

While we are down south, we will be attending the Mid-winter IBT Rally. It will be a new experience for us and I will report later. Changes are happening and the club is moving in new and exciting directions.

We have a new International Office manager, Lori Plummer. She is the linchpin around which club information revolves and is dedicated to helping us grow and prosper. Welcome aboard, Lori.

## A Guide for our Guests

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

Welcome to my second installment of information aimed at non-members (at least not yet) who have found us on the web and are curious about who we are. My first installment "What is the WBCCI" is in the October, 2014 *Badger Bulletin*—check the archives.

This month let's check out the Wisconsin Unit.

The WBCCI has divided the United States, Canada, and Mexico (remember the "I" in WBCCI stands for *International*) into 12 geographical Regions. The state of Wisconsin is part of Region 7 consisting of Manitoba, Canada, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan—which we were lucky enough to have join us in 2014.



The Wisconsin Unit currently has 62 members from eight different states. We strive to have monthly activities for our members to participate in from luncheons during the winter months to Camp Outs, Rallies, and Caravans during camping season. Information on these activities is located in the monthly *Badger Bulletin* (after all, we *are* the Badger State), which you are currently reading.



Capital Campout, Madison, Wisconsin, May, 2014

We are a diverse, free spirited, independent, adventurous, fun loving group of individuals with a common interest in camping and travel in general and Airstreams in particular. If you're an Airstream owner and would like meet others that share your interests please join the fun! - Dave



## **Birthday Bash Camp Out Kohler-Andrae State Park Sheboygan, Wisconsin September 18 - 21, 2014**

As Dave Sherman noted earlier in his presidents column, this year's Birthday Bash camp out, hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, was severely impacted by the weather and illness. Captain Dave and First Mate Vicki Engelstad were sidelined by a virus and some planned attendees cancelled out when they saw the weather forecast. Three hardy couples made it, the Emericks, the Stenzes, and the Hyers, and one of our Yoopers, Karen Suksi (on her way to Jackson Center).



With the cold weather, we hope they had access to the lodge's cheery fireplace! (2012 photo by Vicki Engelstad)

Below, Ed Emerick and Don Stenz model their Carhartt 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stormy Kromer Hats.



Don's expression defies any possible caption. . .  
(photo by Sandy Emerick)

Thanks to Don & Kay for upholding a fine Wisconsin Unit tradition with the Birthday Bash. Better luck with the weather next year!

## **Where Did You Get That?**

By Steve Piotrowski, Past President

A while back I told you I would provide information on products that work in your Airstream when I found them. This is to inform you about a couple of products we have found, useful, well made and appropriate to the limited space in the Airstream. First is the Progressive line of kitchen accessories, especially the collapsible storage containers. They have a wide assortment of other collapsible bowls, measuring cups, measuring spoons and more.



Check them out at: <http://progressiveintl.com/products>

Second is the Lynx Hooks bungee cord system. They looked interesting when I saw them advertised on the Grommet web catalog. I bought a set, and I was duly impressed with how well they looked. In the simplest terms, they are bungee cords with adjustable lengths, strong centralized connections and a wide variety of uses. If you have not seen the Grommet site, it is full of interesting individually designed and produced products to do those things you always said, "Somebody ought to make something like that!" These are the products made by somebody to answer that wish.



<https://www.thegrommet.com/lynxhooks-gift-set>



## November Luncheon Water Street Brewery Grafton, Wisconsin November 8, 2014

Photos by Bob Manak

Don & Kay Stenz had a good turnout for the November luncheon despite unfriendly weather. The Water Street Brewery has proven to be a popular place for this event.



A good turnout, considering the weather!



The well-travelled Uptons! Wonder if they made it back to the U P before the snow hit!



Mike Lahr & Greg Hyer. We had a good cross section of members from around the state (as well as the U P.)



The hardy Hyers were here for both the campout and the luncheon. Greg has his unofficial Wisconsin Unit trademark (since the UP caravan, anyway), the Stormy Kromer hat!



We never run out of things to talk about.

Thanks again, Don & Kay, for hosting both the Birthday Bash and the November luncheon. You done good!

## Happy Holidays!

There's no Badger Bulletin in December, so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Keep warm!



# WBCCI Wisconsin Unit December Holiday Luncheon



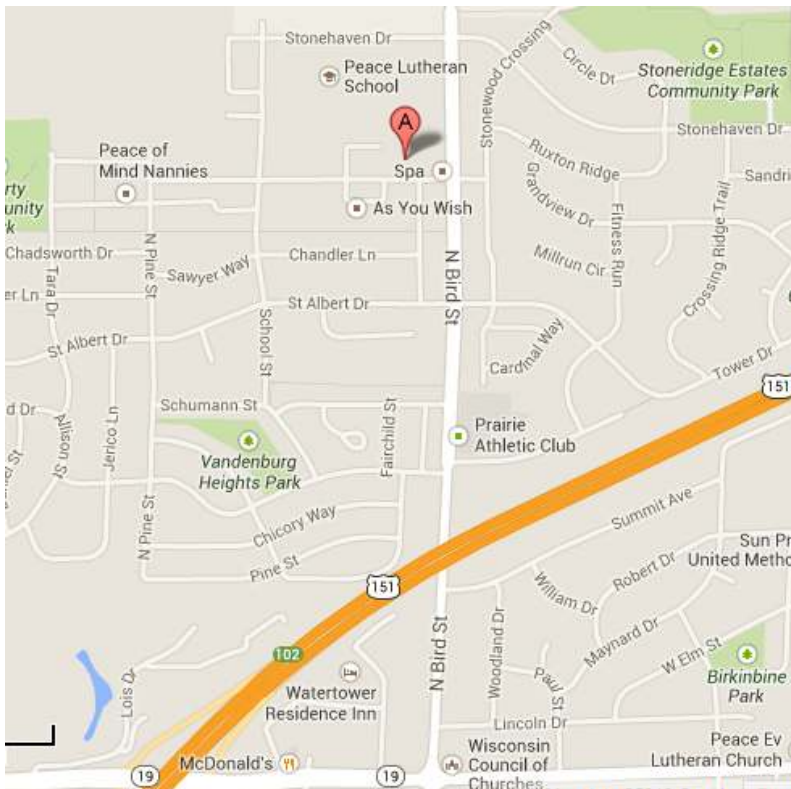
**Buck & Honey's Restaurant**  
**804 Liberty Boulevard**  
**Sun Prairie, WI 53590**  
**Phone: (608) 837-3131**

**December 13, 2014 at 11:30 AM**



**Hosted by Dave Sherman, [dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu)**  
**and Vicki Engelstad, [vengelstad@yahoo.com](mailto:vengelstad@yahoo.com)**  
**Phone: 608-423-4561**

**RSVP by December 6**



Please join us for the annual Holiday Luncheon at Buck & Honey's Restaurant in Sun Prairie. Check out the restaurant's web site at [www.buckandhoneys.com/](http://www.buckandhoneys.com/).

Sun Prairie (home of "Jimmy the Groundhog") is just a few miles north of Madison. If you haven't been there in a while, you're in for a surprise. Sun Prairie is really reinventing itself. Check out their web site at [www.visitsunprairie.com](http://www.visitsunprairie.com) for a list of shops—everything from yarn and beads to guns and ammo!

The restaurant is only a few miles from the new Cosco, Super Target and Woodmans, if anyone needs to do any Christmas shopping.

Please let us know you are coming by December 6 so we can give the restaurant a head count.

Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad



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