
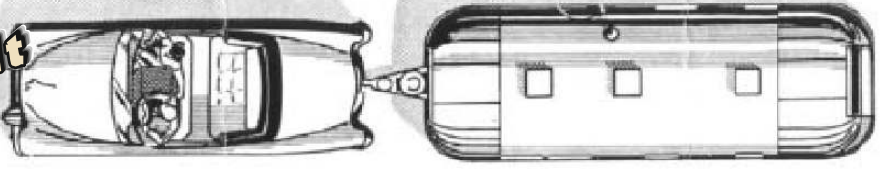


BADGER BULLETIN

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From the Crows Nest



I awoke this morning to an outside air temperature of 12° below zero here in southern Wisconsin. Because I live in southern Wisconsin I can only assume our members throughout the rest of the state and the UP (especially the UP!) were even colder. What's wrong with this picture?

I retired last summer and here I am, an Airstream owner, in Wisconsin, in February. The words of Pearl Adams-Kyle keep ringing in my ears - "They put wheels on those things for a reason!" Unfortunately my "Vintage" Airstream trailer is completely dismantled at this time as I am in the process of rebuilding it for future travels and caravans - maybe next year. At least those are the pictures in my mind as I work.

Thanks to Lilly and Neal King for hosting the February Valentines luncheon in Waunakee. Due to travel commitments Vicki and I were unable to attend. But Bob Manak tells me a mix of old, new, and former members made for a nice gathering of seventeen people conversing of old times and future travels. Our luncheons are a good reason to get out of the house for a meal out and some good Airstream conversation during the "off" season.

Speaking of luncheons, our next scheduled activity is the St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Revere's Wells Street Tavern in Delafield on Saturday March 14th. We have met at Revere's for a number of years to enjoy a St. Patty's day celebration in an Irish Pub. If you like corned beef and cabbage, bangers and mash, and scotch eggs, or their regular menu, this is the place to be on the 14th. Revere's is located at 505 Wells St in downtown Delafield. Check out their website at www.reverestavern.com. We will gather around 11:30 AM for a noon lunch. Hopefully by mid-March the weather will be turning our thoughts to spring and another camping season. Please come and join us for the fun. Contact Vicki at vengelstad@yahoo.com or me at dwsheerman@wisc.edu, or call at 608-423-4561 by March 10 to let us know. so I can give the restaurant a final count.

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From the Crows Nest

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It is not too soon to start thinking about our April activities. There is a lot planned for that month starting with the Easter Camp Out at Peninsula State Park in Door County from the 3rd to the 5th. As the first scheduled Unit camping activity of the season this is a good opportunity to get your trailer out of storage and make sure all systems are ready for the upcoming camping season. If not Door County, the Camp Out at the Wisconsin Dells KOA, South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells on the 24th to the 26th is a second opportunity in April to go camping. That weekend includes our April Luncheon and Business Meeting at Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co., 110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells on the 25th. If you can't join us at the campground please join us for the luncheon on Saturday. The food is great and this is another promise to keep the business meeting short!

A number of members have made reservations for the Madison Camp Out May 15th - 17th at the Lake Farm Park Campground, 3113 Lake Farm Rd, Madison 53711. If you are thinking of attending I suggest you make your reservations soon before the campground fills. This is not a large campground and I am sure all sites will be occupied that weekend. If you are interested in exploring our capital city come and join us. We have resident members who can provide local knowledge of things for you to do and see.

While those of us who didn't head for warmer climates are still hibernating there are warmer days ahead (it can't get much colder) and new Airstream adventures to enjoy. Until I see you again – keep warm.

Dave Sherman, Unit President dwsherman@wisc.edu

News Bits

Upcoming Events

March 14, 2015: St Patrick's Day Luncheon, 11:30 AM
Revere's Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells Street, Delafield.
Hosted by Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad, 608-423-4561,
dwsherman@wisc.edu vengelstad@yahoo.com See flyer,
page 5.

April 3 – 5, 2015: Easter Campout, Peninsula State Park,
Fish Creek, WI. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick,
920-475-7893, SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

April 24—26, 2015: April Campout, Wisconsin Dells
KOA, South 235A Stand Rock Road, Wisconsin Dells,
WI 53965 608-254-4177. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak,
262-524-8711, bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer, page 6.

April 25, 2015: April Luncheon & Business Meeting,
11:30 AM, Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S, Wisconsin Dells, WI
608-254-1122 Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak,
262-524-8711, bob.manak@wbcci.net See flyer, page 6.

Member News

Welcome New Members

Wisconsin Unit welcomes John & Linda Mintier of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The Mintiers joined using the WBCCI national website. Welcome aboard, John & Linda, and hope to see you soon at a unit event!

One-Liners



Jane, Lynn, and Steve at secret undisclosed location where it's warm.

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2015 Valentine Luncheon Spring Garden Restaurant Waunakee, Wisconsin, February 7, 2015

Photos by Bob Manak

Wisconsin Unit members showed their hardiness by turning out in good numbers on a cold and snowy winter day for the 2015 Valentine's luncheon hosted by Neil & Lily King.



The luncheon drew an unusually large number of long-time and past members so it was a great opportunity to meet old friends and swap stories.



How many past unit presidents do you count in these pictures: (I count 4, but I could be wrong—editor.)



The Spring Garden Restaurant was doing a booming business that day, but unfortunately Spring did not seem to be in attendance. In fact, the Hyers were going snowshoeing after the luncheon!



But, hope springs eternal (there's that elusive word again). Winter can't last forever, so the Airstreaming season can't be far off. Easter is early in April this year, so the Easter Campout may be "iffy", but *surely* we will be sitting in the sun for the April campout at Wisconsin Dells!

Thanks, Neil & Lily, for once again hosting the Valentine's luncheon, and congratulations to all on the great turnout!

Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski

What an amazing thing the Airstream trailer is. This week it acted as our hotel room in a small city right next door to Jane Carmichael, the 1st VP of our unit. We enjoyed meeting several of her good friends. We then took Fred, (our Airstream) four miles down a dirt road to spend a few days communing with Nature in the Sonoran Desert. We had a great time doing both. Speaking of a great time, the Madison Rally is coming to you on May 15-17.

We are planning a special dinner Saturday evening and hope you all will attend. I know that we have quite a few registered at the campsite, Lake Farm Park. We need to have the \$25.00 Rally fee sometime before the start of the rally. (Single, \$12.50)

Last year we were honored by the surprise visits of several long term members, and we hope you attend again. A heads up when you know your plans will help us with our plans. We would like to see you all again.



Long-time members at the 2014 Madison rally.

We would like to offer tours of the Capitol Building (a most amazing building and a tribute to the people of Wisconsin). The Veterans Museum and the State Historical Museum are also nearby, and tours can be arranged if we have enough interest. Last year we had several people interested in the Fabric museum at the University, and found that it was only open by appointment. We will be happy to provide more detailed information regarding any particular place you might be interested in seeing. (The Madison Convention and Visitors site has lots of information on local events and activities.) We are looking forward to seeing you all in Madtown, it is a fun and interesting town.



Last year's May rally—look at that nice weather!

A Guide for our Guests

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

This is my fourth 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 three installments are located in previous *Badger Bulletins* - please check the archives.

I really think the old Airstreams are cool. What about the vintage trailers?" Everyone who likes Airstreams envies the amenities and comforts of the newest models. However there is a large and growing group of people interested in the older "vintage" models.



Happy Hour at the Region 7 VAC rally, Appleton, WI 2005

Because of their durable construction, somewhere between 60% to 70% of all Airstreams ever built are still on the road today. Due to the interest in and availability of old Airstreams, a niche developed that needed to be filled. As a result in 1993 the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) was formed as an Intra-Club within the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). As an "Intra-Club" - a club within a club - you must first be a member of the WBCCI to join the VAC. The VAC provides resources for members of the oldest Airstream trailers. Check out their website at vintageairstreamclub.com.

So if a new Airstream is not in your budget or you just like to do things "Old School", there are plenty of our Silver Beauties out there looking for a new home. And whether you prefer an authentic restoration or consider the aluminum shell as a blank canvas for a one of a kind custom - jump in, there's lots of help out there. Dave.



Dave's current restoration project in progress.

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Saturday, March 15, 2015 11:30 AM

Hosted by Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad



**Revere's Wells Street Tavern
505 Wells Street
Delafield, WI 53018
(262) 646-4070**



**RSVP to Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad, 608-423-4561,
dwsherman@wisc.edu vengelstad@yahoo.com**

Directions

From Interstate 94:

Interstate 94 exit Hwy C Delafield
Take Hwy C north to Wells Street
Turn left onto Wells Street
(approximately 1 block on the north
side of the street)
505 Wells Street

From Hwy 16:

Hwy 16 to Hwy C
Head south on Hwy C
Take Hwy C to Wells Street
Turn right on to Wells Street
505 Wells Street



WBCCI Wisconsin Unit
April Campout and Luncheon
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 24 – 26, 2015

Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

Campout



KOA-Wisconsin Dells
S235A Stand Rock Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Information: (608) 254-4177
Reservations: (800) 562-4178
Email: wd.koa@frontier.com

Please make camping reservation directly with the KOA between March 15 and April 1st. Tell them you are with the Airstream/ WBCCI group to get the \$25 a night group rate.



Directions

2 mi off I-90/94

From east take Exit 87 Hwy 13 N, left at 3rd stoplight on Stand Rock Rd.

From west take Exit 85, left on Hwy 12, left on City A, right on Stand Rock Rd (before bridge).

Luncheon

April 25, 2015, 11:30 AM

Location:

Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.
110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South,
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

RSVP by April 18th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.



Region 7 - There's Something for Everyone

2015 Rally Reservation

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State/Prov: _____
 Zip/Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 WBCCI #: _____ Handicap Parking: _____
 Arrive: _____ Leave: _____

RALLY FEE:	#	Rate	Total
Adults - each	_____	\$140.00	_____
Children - each	_____	\$70.00	_____
TOTAL FEE PAYABLE In US Funds			

Friday, August 14th Tour Selection (Check One)

Adults & Child ☐ Circus World Museum
☐ House on the Rock

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Region 7

Mail Payment to:
 WBCCI - Region 7
 c/o 23 Village Drive
 Ste. Anne, MB, Canada R5H 1H4

Register On-Line
region7.wbcci.net

Send your check to the address above!

Questions - E-mail: Gail Harrower
airstream4478@gmail.com

Minimum - 20 Units Maximum - 50 Units

Schedule Subject to Change



Parking is at Country Roads RV Park, conveniently located in Lake Delton. It is truly one of the finest RV parks and campgrounds in Wisconsin. Their

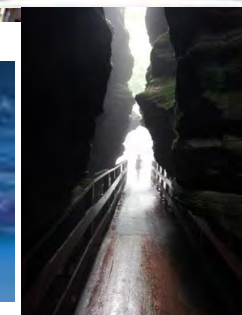
grassy pull-thru campsites are located on a beautiful setting, clean and quiet, and you will enjoy a relaxing getaway. Located at S1633 State Hwy.23, Wisconsin Dells, it is 2 miles from WI Dells Strip (I-90/94 at Exit 89) and across from the Super Wal-Mart, close to casinos, shopping and attractions. **Children under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult 100% of the time.** Camping is **NOT INCLUDED** in the rally fee, and you must make your own reservations by April 15th, 2015 - call 1-608-253-2132. Rate is \$36.63 per night for your RV with two people. Don't wait to make your reservation!



Country Roads RV Park
 1-608-253-2132

Sites Reserved: #7 to #16 (Need WIFI, book these!)
 : #34 to #43

There's Something for Everyone



August 12 - 16, 2015
 Country Roads RV Park
 Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin



"There's Something for Everyone"

A fun-filled rally is planned for you at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Parking is at Country Roads RV Park, conveniently located in Lake Delton.

You will tour the International Crane Foundation on Thursday morning. You will have an opportunity to observe the 15 crane species; learn about crane biology; investigate the current threats to crane survival; discover methods used to conserve endangered species; and learn about ICF's international work and initiatives. Tours will occur rain or shine!



You will have a fun-filled night starting with a home-cooked meal, sing-a-longs, and delicious home-made strawberry shortcake. Then enjoy the Wisconsin Opry show with toe-tappin' songs you'll know and love. The shows offer a variety of classic and modern country music, bluegrass, gospel, rock & roll, red hot fiddlin', banjo pickin', and you don't want to miss Stephy slappin' the upright bass! We'll go on a hayride out to enjoy the sights and sounds of the back 40!

See acrobats, circus animals and clowns as they bring the circus to life. Watch the new Illusion show, guided tours of the world's largest circus wagon collection, plus a carousel and animal rides, the original Ringling Bros.



Circus buildings, demonstrations and fascinating new exhibits. All shows are included. **OR**

When you visit **The House on the Rock**, you'll see Alex Jordan's fantastic dreams unfold as you stroll from wonder to wonder. The House itself is an engineering and artistic marvel – each room is integrated into and around the chimney of rock.

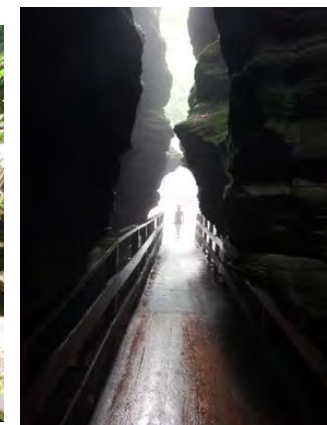
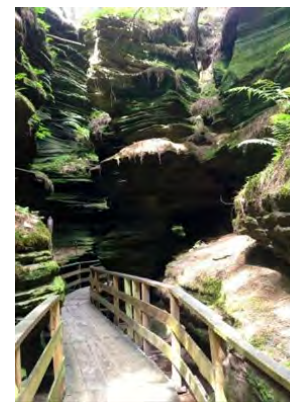
A must see is The Infinity Room extending an unsupported length of 218 feet and soaring 156 feet above the valley floor.



Inside is the World's Largest Carousel featuring 269 handcrafted animals, 20,000 lights and 182 chandeliers. The House contains some of the world's most eclectic, exotic and whimsical collections and displays.



Stand Rock shore landing, the photo that made the Dells famous - of photographer H.H. Bennett's son caught mid-air leaping from one rock bluff to another - is now recreated with a trusty dog. There is a second shore landing at Witches Gulch. Here there is a glen with mysterious passageways that also provides a natural cool-down from your perch atop the double-decker boat.



You will be at the 3rd Annual Habelman Cranberry 100 Super Late Model Race also featuring the

Sportsmans, Outlaw Bandits, and Bandit Classes. This Super Late Model Race has attracted some of the best Super Late Model drivers in the Midwest the past 2 years at the Dells Raceway Park. What a great evening to end the rally!

Rally Fee Includes:

- * Welcome Dinner *
 - * International Crane Foundation Tour *
 - * Dinner & Show at Wisconsin Opry *
 - * Hayride *
 - * Circus World Museum *
 - OR** * House on the Rock Tour *
 - * Dells Boat Tour to Witches Gulch *
 - * Dells Raceway Park Raceway *
 - Two Dinners at Rally Site *
- Schedule Subject to Change