

Ferry Tales Rally Update

Washington Island, Wisconsin

August 27 – 30, 2015

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

The Wisconsin Unit will be holding a rally on Washington Island, off the end of Door County, in conjunction with the Death's Door BBQ (deathsdoorbbq.com).

We will be arriving on the island via the Washington Island Ferry across Death's Door from Northport at the tip of the Door County peninsula. I met with Hoyt Purinton, whose family owns the ferry line, over the Fourth of July weekend to firm up plans. Hoyt told me that depending on the size of the trailers he can fit 4 -6 units on a ferry with additional autos filling in the gaps. Because at this time we have twelve units planning to attend, we agreed to have us travel to the island in three groups. I will coordinate the departures with the first group boarding the 11:15 ferry, the second group will board the 12:15 ferry, and the final group will board the 1:15 ferry. This allows us flexibility to accommodate people who may be arriving later or take a little longer to finish their coffee in the morning. And, if you are not able to make those departure times, that is not a problem. The ferries run continuously and you can come across on any one of them on your own.

The fees for the ferry crossing are \$13.50 per person round trip, your tow vehicle will be \$26.00 round trip, and your trailer will be assessed the Oversize Vehicle Fee of \$28.00 EACH WAY for trailers 20' -25' (hitch to bumper), \$34.00 EACH WAY for trailers 25' to 30', and \$42.00 EACH WAY for trailers 30' to 35'.

You need to make your own reservation at the Washington Island Campground, owned by Mike & Jenny Stults. You can reserve through their web site www.washingtonislandcampground.com , or phone 920-847-2622. Their email address is info@washingtonislandcampground.com . Camping fee for a site with water and electricity is \$35.00 per night.

Jenny said you will need to send one a night camping fee, \$35.00 with no taxes, to reserve your site. You can either give them a credit card over the phone or mail a check. (If you use the reservation form on their web site it will ask you which you are doing.) I asked Jenny to help you choose a site based on your trailer length as some sites are smaller than others. Tell her you are with Dave and the Airstream group. Also, if you see another site you like better once you arrive there will be no problem changing sites.

Once everyone is set up and Happy Hour is underway Thursday, we will provide Sloppy Joes for the evening meal. Please plan on providing a dish to pass or dessert to go along with the provided Sloppy Joes.

The Cherry Train Tour will provide an overview of the island including history and points of interest. The Cherry Train has agreed to pick us up at the campground at 9:00 a.m. Friday for an approximately 2 hour tour.

Upon return to the campground after the tour a light lunch of sandwiches and chips will be provided where I will hand out tickets to everyone for the Karfi ferry that will take you to Rock Island. The trip to Rock Island will be on your own as people have different interests and time spent on the island will vary accordingly. You will want to tour the Boathouse and Viking Hall above it, there is a nice beach that is a short walk away, you can hike to the restored lighthouse on the north side of the island and take a guided tour (you can make future arrangements to stay in the lighthouse if you agree to give the tours), and for the ambitious there is a hiking trail around the island.

Friday night all are invited to join us for a Friday night Fish Fry at a local establishment, cost on your own, and perhaps a visit to Nelson's Hall to join the Bitters Club.

Saturday you are on your own to attend the Death's Door BBQ located at the airport and visit some of the sights pointed out on the Cherry Train Tour.

Sunday will be departure on your own.

There will be a \$30.00 per person Rally Fee for this event. The Rally fee will include Sloppy Joes for a Thursday night meet and greet, a private Cherry Train Tour, lunch Friday, and Rock Island Ferry tickets. There are three payment options:

1. You can pay by PayPal on the Wisconsin Unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/ferry-ales-rally/> ,
2. You can mail a check in advance to Sandy Emerick, Wisconsin Unit Treasurer, 9186 County Road K, Brussels, WI 54204 ,
3. You can pay Sandy in person if you are staying at their place in Door County the night before the rally. (Sandy would prefer that you *not* pay at the rally.)

Come and join us to see an interesting and seldom visited part of Wisconsin. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions. Dave dws Sherman@wisc.edu 602-423-4561

Door County Courtesy Parking Available

By Sandy Emerick, via Facebook

Attention all *Ferry Tales* travelers!!!

We have courtesy parking space at our home on Wednesday night for anyone traveling to Washington Island. We are located in Brussels, just south of Sturgeon Bay. I have a few people who have already let me know they would like to stay. To better plan my parking layout, please reply if you would like to have a space!! Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893, SandyEmerick@yahoo.com

If you need electricity, let me know. We can provide. Otherwise, come with a full water tank! *Water* I do *not* have! Puny well. . .

We will leave here Thursday for the drive to the ferry. About 2 hours north.