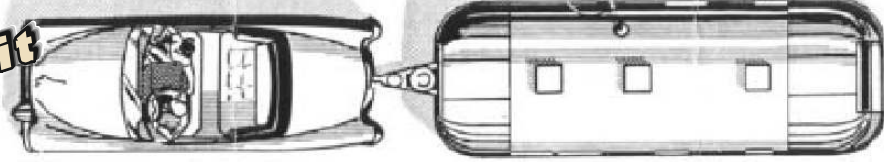


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From the Crows Nest



The Dog Days of Summer. I was surprised to learn they have nothing to do with dogs trying to escape the summer heat. The term originated in antiquity in Mediterranean countries to mean the period from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the Dog Star) and the sun - approximately July 3rd to August 11th. Two thirds of our short northern

summer has passed and I hope you have had a chance to add some great travel memories to your life's experience.

If you follow your Prez in the Badger Bulletin you've noticed I try to include upcoming events as a reminder of the activities your Unit has planned. We plan a variety of events because as we learned in the '60s - "there's different strokes for different folks"; we're not all the same and we have varied interests. Variety is the spice of life and I think that is what makes each of us interesting - we are unique individuals. However another old adage rings true - "Birds of a feather flock together". So even though our membership is diverse we have been brought together by a common thread, Airstreams and the adventures they provide.

If you are reading this because you have found us on the web and have yet to join a unit, consider doing so. If you are interested, non-members are allowed to participate in events to see if they would like to join, but be careful! When Vicki and I stumbled onto an Airstream rally near our home, we visited but kept the people at arm's length because we're not "joiners". And look what's happened! The people we met are now some of our best friends.

If you are a member of the Wisconsin Unit (or any unit) and have not attended one of our Camp Outs/Rallies/Luncheons please do. You may be surprised to find we are not a clique of snobs but a warm, friendly, fun-loving group of people hoping to enhance your Airstream experience. And if you are new to Airstreaming, our members are more than willing to share their knowledge.

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We all know opposites attract and a couple including an introvert and an extrovert or a more social and less social party is common. When attending one of our events you are not required to participate in every activity and personal space is respected. Better yet, suggest an activity you enjoy and you will be surprised in the number of people that join you. If you are single and are afraid of feeling like a fifth wheel, it won't happen. We have many singles in our club, male and female, and they all have a good time—ask them!

And if you have a favorite campground or special area of the state, please share it with us. Your officers are always looking for new places to explore and share with our members so we don't fall into the rut of going back to the same places all the time - we need your help.

That said, it's not too late to join us on Washington Island the 27th to 30th this month. We currently have 14 trailers, including some new members—it's going to be a great time.

September is busy with our Camp Out at Road America and our Rally in Houghton Michigan in the U.P. If you have not joined us at Road America, the Rally is in conjunction with the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) 2015 Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival. The VSCDA is a group of auto racing enthusiasts that collect and race vintage race cars. They rent the Road America track for the Vintage Festival and race their cars as well as sponsor a concours auto show on the grounds of the Osthoff Resort. The event is dry camping but we are right on the track infield at the Carousel. If you are interested in cars you will not be disappointed.

The Rally in Houghton will include our fall business meeting and installation of new officers and is a great jumping off spot to explore the Keweenaw Peninsula.

October brings our Fall Colors on the Mississippi Camp Out in Prairie du Chien.

So make plans to join us, you'll be glad you did.

Dave Sherman, Unit President dwsherman@wisc.edu

News Bits Upcoming Events

August 12 – 16, 2015: *There's Something for Everyone* Region 7 Rally, Country Roads RV Park, Wisconsin Dells, WI. For current information see the Region 7 web site, <http://region7.wbcci.net/2015-theres-something-for-everyone-rally/>

August 27 – 30, 2015: *Ferry Tales – Airstreams to Washington Island Camp Out*, Washington Island Campground, Washington Island, WI. Contact Dave Sherman, 602-423-4561, dwsherman@wisc.edu. See further information on page 5. You can register online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/ferry-theses-rally/>

September 18 – 20, 2015: *Road America Camp Out*, Road America Race Course, Elkhart Lake, WI. Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net. See flyer pages 7 & 7. You can register online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/road-america-rally-registration-2015/>

September 25 – 27, 2015: *Cheeseheads to the UP Rally* & Business Meeting with Installation of Officers, Houghton RV Park, 1100 W Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931. Hosted by Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad, 608-423-4561, dwsherman@wisc.edu engelstad@yahoo.com. See flyer page 6. You can register online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/cheeseheads-to-the-up-rally/>

October 9 – 11, 2015: *Driftless Rally*, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Sports Unlimited Campground 608-326-2141. Hosted by Kurt & Mary Jorgenson, 608-326-4293, kurtandmary@centurylink.net

Member News

Welcome New Members

The Wisconsin Unit welcomes two new members this month: Both have already joined our Facebook group!

Jim & Pattie Cook, WBCCI #22562, of Green Bay, Wisconsin. They have a 25 foot Safari.

Robert & Julie Maxon, WBCCI #2643 of Au Train, Michigan join our growing Yooper contingent. They have a 2015 25 foot International.

One-Liners



Jane Carmichael prepares to become Unit President.

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EAA Airventure Oshkosh 101 Camp Out

By Dave Sherman, Unit President
Photos by Vicki Engelstad

A small contingent of the Wisconsin Unit attended the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-in, dubbed Airventure, which is held every year at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh Wisconsin. Everyone in the world that is involved in aviation knows about "Oshkosh", as the fly-in is known, and it's on their bucket list to attend at least once in their lifetime.



Our gang in front of a WW II P-38.

Though started in 1953 by a small group of people who came together with a common interest in constructing their own airplanes, the EAA has evolved into a large organization covering all aspects of aviation. Like the WBCCI's "Vintage" or "Classic" intra clubs, the EAA has divisions for Ultra Lights, Antique, Vintage, Warbirds, Aerobatics, etc. There are many local Chapters, technical advisors to assist homebuilders, flight advisors, as well as a Washington D.C. staff for Advocacy and Government Relations just to name a few of the organizations activities.



Some very rare (war) birds at Oshkosh. Here, one of the last Japanese Zeros of World War II still flying.

Airventure is EAA's annual convention - like WBCCI's International Rally. Some of the numbers for this years convention include: attendance of approximately 550,000 people, 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman field and nearby airports, there were 16,200 aircraft landings at Oshkosh, on Thursday alone there were 3,100 aircraft movements (takeoffs and landings) in 14 hours, 2,668 show planes attended including - 1,031 homebuilt aircraft, 976 vintage airplanes, 350 warbirds, 130 ultralights and light-sport aircraft, 101 seaplanes, 30 rotorcraft, and 50 aerobatic aircraft, there were more than 800 exhibitors including more than 140 new exhibitors this year



B-52, F-22, and F-35 all in one picture. Only at Oshkosh!

Informational forums and hands on workshops had a total of 1,048 sessions attended by 75,000 people. The International Visitors Tent had 2,299 visitors registered from 80 nations, there were 970 media representatives on site from five continents, and EAA's 1,000 photo uploads were viewed nearly 8,000,000 times.



This Cessna 140 came all the way from Argentina—at a cruise speed of about 100 miles per hour.

I arrived late Tuesday night and after registering at Camp Scholler parked in the southwest area of the campground where it was less crowded. There are no assigned campsites in Camp Scholler, just find a spot where there is room and set up camp. I was joined on Wednesday by Vicki, Don Pokorski, and Kim and Jet Goluska with their friend Richard Reynolds.



Airstreams way out in left field.

There is so much going at all times it is impossible to see everything - pick your poison and enjoy. We all attended the daily afternoon airshow on Wednesday. Then while Vicki and I took time to find something to eat before the night time lighted airshow, Kim, Jet, and Richard attended the presentation by the Apollo 13 Astronauts at the Theater in the Woods



Apollo 13 astronauts tell their stories.

The night time airshow with the aircraft displaying special lighting and pyrotechnics was followed by a terrific fireworks display choreographed to music. Thursday, Vicki, Richard, the Goluskas, and I spent time at the seaplane base before enjoying lunch at a waterfront restaurant where ICON Aircraft was demonstrating their new seaplane.



Lunch at the waterfront restaurant.

We finished the day at the north end of the airfield among the Warbirds.



One of two B-29 bombers still flying.



WW II British de Havilland Mosquito bombers.
One of two still flying.



The old and the new. Latest generation F-22 fighter.

Because of other commitments the Goluskas and Vicki departed Friday while I spent time with the Antique, Vintage, and Ultra Light aircraft at the south end of the airfield and in the four large exhibitors buildings.



All the comforts of home—Goluska's Classic motor home, complete with a gazebo.

Don and I spent Friday evening visiting with our neighbors who drove here from California and Saturday morning were back on the airfield before agreeing to leave mid-day because of the predicted heat. With an agreement to meet again next year, Don and I said farewell to another "Oshkosh".

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 fourteen 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 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.

Cheeseheads to the UP Rally
Business Meeting with Installation of Officers
Houghton City RV Park, Houghton, Michigan September 25 – 27, 2015

This is going to be FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!

A few campsites are still available at the Houghton RV Park in Houghton MI. Call ASAP if you are planning to attend and make your reservation! The telephone number is 906-482-8745. They will charge you a non-refundable deposit of \$35 at the time you make your reservation. Please note that this campground has full hook-ups, but no public restrooms or showers. If all sites are full, additional camping is available across the bridge in Hancock MI at the Hancock Recreation Area, which has restrooms and showers, only a few miles from Houghton.

(You may want to plan to arrive earlier in the week! So much to see and do! Ed and I are arriving on Monday. . .)

Also, 1st VP Jane Carmichael advises that she has plenty of courtesy parking available in Marquette. She has room for 3 trailers and can provide water and electric (bring a long cord). Please call ahead to let her know you are coming, 906 236-3677 (cell) or 906 225-0406.

For the early arrivals, we have an optional tour on the Red Jacket Tour Bus. This tour will concentrate on the Calumet area. It is filled with interesting history on the mining, churches, and lifestyles of the population during the heyday. It really is fascinating! The tour will take place Friday morning, lasts about 2 hours. We will need a minimum of 10, maximum of 25. The tour will cost \$25.00 per person.

Friday we will have our happy hour, and your rally fee will include sandwiches/main course to supplement your happy hour snack offerings. Bring a beverage of your choice and something to share. After dinner, a walk downtown to check out shops, the KBC Brewery, or stay and enjoy the view of the Portage Lake!

Saturday morning, a breakfast pasty awaits you! Then we shall head out for the Keweenaw Peninsula loop! Stops include the Snowstick (group photo mandatory!), the Jam Pot (Monks' bakery and jams), waterfalls, Fitzgerald's beach visit, Copper Harbor, Brockway Mountain, little old mining towns, and (fingers crossed), Mt. Bohemia with a ride up the chair lift to view the colors, Lac Labelle, and Calumet.

Saturday night, we have reservations at the Library Restaurant and Brew Pub, in downtown Houghton. We will walk to the restaurant, have dinner (the Library will provide us with separate checks), and have the installation of our new officers.

Sunday morning, a continental breakfast will be provided! Stay and enjoy more sightseeing, or head out to your next adventure!

Rally fee: \$15.00 per adult \$ _____

Optional Tour: \$25.00 per adult _____

TOTAL RALLY FEES: \$ _____

NAMES(S) _____ WBCCI NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

Mail to Sandy Emerick, 9186 County Rd K, Brussels, WI 54204
or register online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/cheeseheads-to-the-up-rally/>

Questions? Contact Sandy Emerick, semerick4425@gmail.com 920-475-7893

Hope to see you there!

The Wisconsin Unit is hosting the 5th Annual WBCCI Rally at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin September 18–20, 2015



BY POPULAR DEMAND...BACK FOR THE 6TH YEAR!!!!

Come and see first hand the 4 mile race track that has become world renown. The 640 acre site was formed by the glaciers and sets the scene for a very interesting track through its hills and valleys. The grandeur of the area is experienced by about 700,000 visitors here each year.

There are events going on at RA throughout the season, but this weekend is the “VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association) Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival”. Come see some of the world’s most beautiful sports cars out on the track. Plus see the Historic Reenactment of the actual street races that took place in the early 1950’s right through the Elkhart Lake. Enjoy the village festivities along with its shops throughout the day, or a round of golf at the neighboring golf courses. And don’t forget the “Gathering on the Green” and Concourse de Provenance with cocktails and live music Saturday afternoon.

There is so much to see and do for the family this weekend; it’s going to be tough to decide. You can find more information about the weekend and the area on the web at:

www.elkhartlake.com and Road America race schedule information at:

<http://www.roadamerica.com/buy-tickets/vscda-elkhart-lake-vintage-festival.html>

Online registration is available at <http://wisc.wbcci.net> The online price includes a \$2.00/person and \$1.00/rig online convenience fee to cover our cost of using PayPal.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WBCCI# _____

Per person(13 and older) # _____ x \$70.00 \$ _____
 (12 and under are free) (after deadline \$110.00)

Site fee per rig _____ 1 x \$20.00 \$ _____ 20.00
 (after deadline \$35.00)

Total \$ _____

Deadline for Tickets is Tuesday, September 8, 2015!!

Remember this rally is **DRY CAMPING**; (Generators allowed until 10:00pm. For special needs call Don Stenz)

Rally fee includes: 3 days track pass, Camping in the “Carousel Area” on the grass, Rest rooms and Showers, Dump station, Fresh water filling station. Concession Stands are available on the grounds.

Due to all the events going on throughout the weekend, meals will be on your own. We will have Happy Hour for those who are around.

Make checks payable to:

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI
 Reservation forms due Tuesday, September 8th
 Tickets will be picked up at the track

Mail to:

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI
 Sandy Emerick
 9186 County Road K
 Brussels, WI 54204

Questions to:

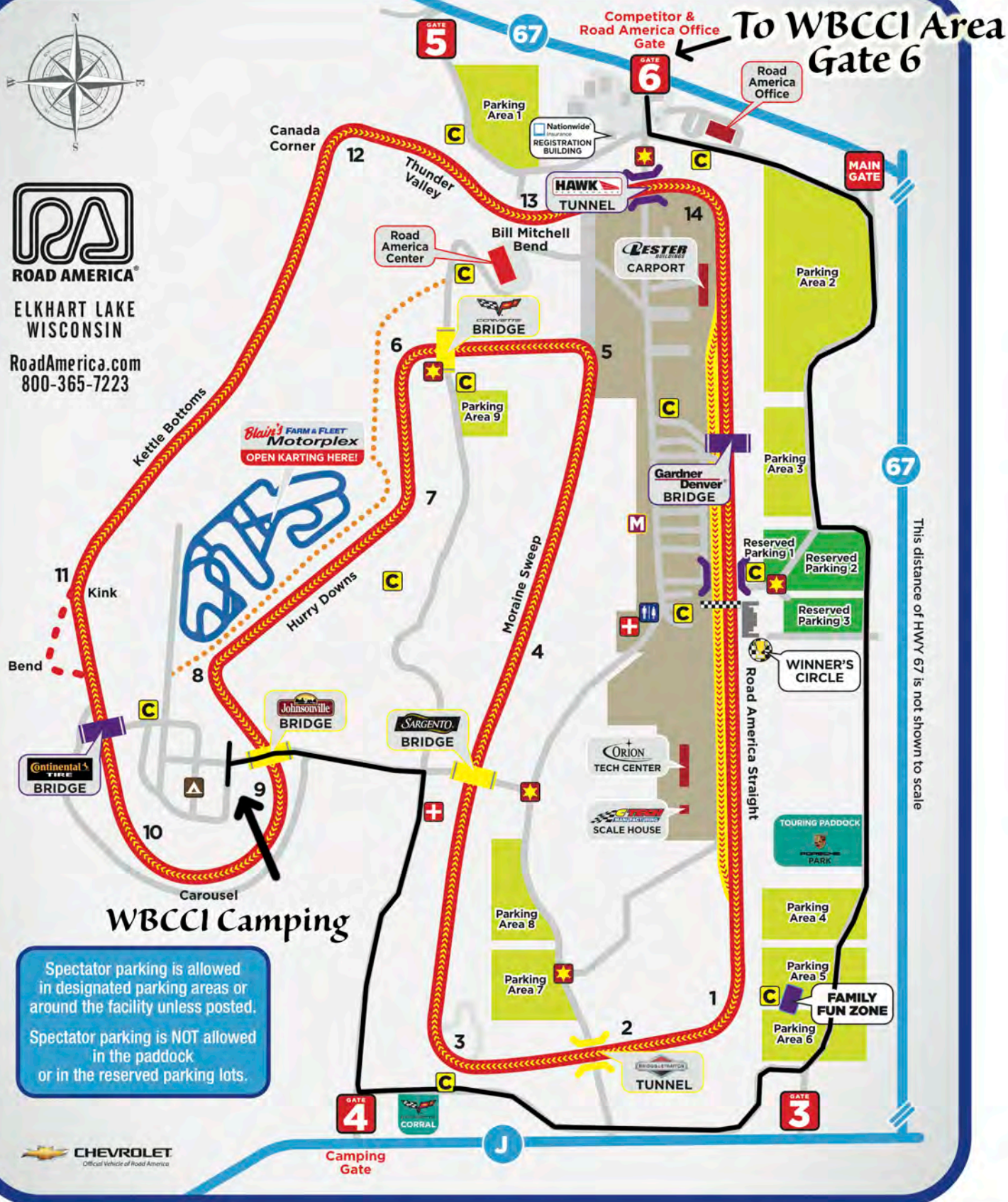
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Spectator parking is allowed in designated parking areas or around the facility unless posted. Spectator parking is NOT allowed in the paddock or in the reserved parking lots.

WBCCI Camping

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Track	Car Corral	Pedestrian Bridge	Security Point	Medical	Pedestrian Trail
Pit Lane	Reserved Parking	Pedestrian Tunnel	Concessions	Campground	
Parking	Spectator Gates	Traffic Bridge	Paddock Shop	VIP / Media Tower	
Paddock	Winner's Circle	Traffic Tunnel	Restrooms		