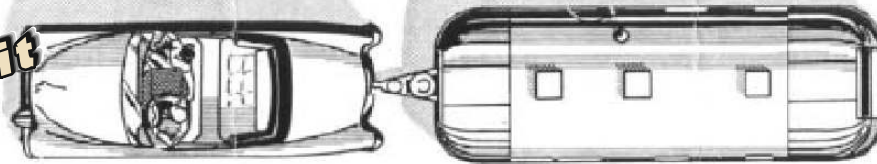


BADGER BULLETIN



September, 2015

John Sellers, Editor sellersj@erinet.com

From the Crows Nest



Labor Day Weekend. This three day holiday has come to mark the end of summer, back to school, and thoughts of autumn. The bulk of our "camping" season is behind us for another year and some of you are already thinking about putting away your Airstream - unless you are lucky enough to be planning a trip to a warmer climate this winter.

But don't be too hasty! Your Unit has some great camping opportunities in store right up to early November. We have two gatherings the end of this month with the Camp Out at Road America the weekend of the 18th - 20th, and the *Cheeseheads to the UP Rally* the following weekend, the 25th - 27th in Houghton, MI.

Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, we have had a popular camp out at Road America for several years - with this year being a joint camp out with the Northern Illinois Unit. If you have never been to Road America before it is a four mile long, fourteen turn road course located on 640 acres of beautiful rolling kettle moraine in Elkhart Lake. The camp out is dry camping - no water or electric - because we camp right on the infield of the race track inside the 180° corner known as the Carousel. But you are not completely roughing it. There is a bathroom building nearby with indoor plumbing and showers, many food venues if you don't care to cook, and a dump station in our camping area. Friday evening will feature the obligatory Fish Fry at a local establishment for a chance to dine with friends. Races in different classes all day Saturday, with the paddock/pit area open to all - a chance to get close up to the race cars and drivers. Saturday afternoon there is a re-enactment of the running of the original road races that were held on local streets and county roads before the Wisconsin legislature banned road racing in 1955, and a *concours d'elegance* car show on the grounds of the Osthoff Resort on the shores of Elkhart Lake. Saturday evening will be a cook out at our campsite. If you are an auto enthusiast or interested in seeing one of the premier race courses in the US, plan to join us!

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After watching their President's attempts to organize a Rally, the Emericks have stepped forward to host the *Cheeseheads to the UP Rally* in Houghton and Sandy & Ed have put together a great weekend. Friday starts off with a private bus tour highlighting the history of the Calumet area, happy hour includes a pizza, and Friday evening is a chance to explore downtown Houghton, within walking distance. Saturday morning is a pasty breakfast and our semi-annual business meeting and then Sandy & Ed will lead us on a guided tour of the highlights of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Saturday night we have reservations at the Library Restaurant and Brew Pub for dinner followed by the installation of officers. See signup sheet page 6 for additional information. A weekend really is not enough time to see all the Keweenaw has to offer. This Rally would be a good jumping off spot to do some exploring on your own.

The weekend of October 9 – 11 is our *Fall Colors on the Mississippi Camp Out* hosted by Kurt & Mary Jorgensen. This weekend will feature the fall colors of the beautiful Driftless Area of Wisconsin. (Not to be confused with "Shiftless"! The Driftless area is the hilly southwest corner of the state that was not covered by the last glaciers.) Kurt & Mary have organized a terrific weekend starting with dinner Thursday night for early arrivals, a Friday night Fish Fry, a tour of Villa Louis Saturday morning, a River Boat cruise on the Mississippi River Saturday afternoon, a driving tour of local state parks, and hiking opportunities. See Kurt's flyer and signup sheet, page 7.

Our last camping event for 2015 will be the annual Birthday Bash Nov. 13 - 15 at Kohler-Andre State Park on the Lake Michigan shore. This late season event can be a little chilly if the weather doesn't cooperate but the sites have electric hook ups so keeping warm is not a problem. This weekend is also our first "off season" luncheon at the Water Street Brewery in Grafton on Saturday the 14th. If you are not able to camp that weekend, please join us for lunch.

So don't put that silver beauty in mothballs yet, come and join us for some great fall camping!

Dave Sherman, Unit President dwsherman@wisc.edu

News Bits Upcoming Events

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 in August *Badger Bulletin* or 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 vengelstad@yahoo.com See flyer page 6. You can also register online at <http://wisc.wbcci.net/cheeseheads-to-the-up-rally/>

October 9 – 11, 2015: Fall Colors on the Mississippi Camp Out, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Sports Unlimited Campground 608-326-2141. Hosted by Kurt & Mary Jorgensen, 608-326-4293, kurtandmary@centurylink.net See flyer page 7.

November 13 – 15, 2015: Birthday Bash Camp Out, Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

November 14, 2015: November Luncheon, 11:30 at Water Street Brewery 2615 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024 Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

Member News

Welcome New Members

Wisconsin Unit welcomes **four** new members this month!

David & Teresa Greene, WBCCI # 31347 of Madison, Wisconsin have a 2016 Classic trailer. We met them at the Region 7 rally at the Dells.

Jerry & Joann Kruger, WBCCI # 12500 of Hudson, Wisconsin have a 2014 25 foot Flying Cloud.

Kristian & Mary Sahr, WBCCI # 3779 of Neenah, Wisconsin have a 1999 27 foot Safari.

Jim & Joanne Guthrie, WBCCI # 11970 of Mequon, Wisconsin join our large Vintage group with a 1970 Safari.

Viking Caravan



Bob & Heidi Manak and Steve & Lynne Piotrowski, just completed the Viking Caravan to Newfoundland.

2016 Dues are Payable

It's that time of the year again. . . The treasurer will be mailing out individual pre-filled-out renewal forms this year, but a blank renewal form is also included on page 8. Members can also renew on the unit and WBCCI web sites.

The Badger Bulletin

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116

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Region 7 *Something for Everyone* Rally Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin August 12 - 16, 2015

Story & photos by John Sellers

Region President Gail Harrower got a good turnout for this year's Region 7 rally, 29 trailers as I recall. We filled the inner circle of the Country Roads RV Park, although there was space available in the outer rows.



A gaggle of Airstreams at the Country Roads RV Park

As the rally theme implied, the organizers scheduled a wide variety of activities, starting with a guided tour of the unique International Crane Foundation.



Visiting the cranes at the International Crane Foundation.

Thursday evening we navigated through a bewildering series of traffic circles to the Wisconsin Opry for dinner, show, and hay ride, hosted by *one* very versatile and talented family!



Pete Yanke on the washboard at the Wisconsin Opry

Friday morning we had the choice of visiting the Circus Museum in Baraboo or The House on the Rock in Spring Green. Having been to the Circus Museum, Barb and I opted for The House on the Rock. Every Wisconsin resident

really ought to see this place. Once is enough. I had always thought that the attraction was the unique architecture of the bizarre house built by the eccentric Alex Jordan, but old Alex didn't know when to quit. The self-guiding tour only *begins* with the house, continuing with two more sections in a multi-media assault on the senses, wandering through a dimly-lit nightmare landscape. By the third section, we mainly wanted *out*! Fortunately, there were no afternoon activities planned, so we had some time to recover.



Wandering through The House on the Rock

Saturday morning was the Upper Dells boat tour with a walk up Witches' Gulch and Saturday evening was the trip to the Dells Raceway.



Boarding the boat after touring Witches' Gulch

This was a full-service rally from the standpoint of food—dinner was provided every night at the campground, the Wisconsin Opry, and the race track.



Region 7 officers serve breakfast in the pavilion.

Thanks to the Region 7 officers for putting on an enjoyable rally, with "something for everyone"!

Ferry Tales Rally Washington Island, Wisconsin August 27 – 30, 2015

Story by John Sellers Photos by Vicki Engelstad,
Ed & Sandy Emerick, Audrey Sinner, & John Sellers

When Dave Sherman conceived of the idea of a Washington Island rally he commented that the turnout might not be too large on account of the cost of ferrying trailers to the island. A Wisconsin Unit record-setting 17 trailers showed up!



The first wave of trailers hits the ferry Thursday morning.

The *Ferry Tales* rally theme was prophetic. We all ended up with tales to tell of our adventures with the ferry.



Are you *sure* this is going to fit?
(It did, but they had to leave the gate down for the crossing!)



Ed's trailer "between the devil and the deep blue sea".



Whew! We all made it! Happy hour the first day.

Being old Washington Island hands, Dave & Vicki planned a schedule of activities to "hit the high spots" of the island.



Boarding the Cherry Train tour tram Friday morning



Schoolhouse beach is a rare dolomite stone beach. Having been smoothed by the glaciers, the rocks are irreplaceable—\$250 per rock fine for taking them.



Our gang at the *Stavkirke*, a $\frac{3}{4}$ scale replica of a Norwegian *stavkirke* built around 1100 AD, and still in existence.



Restaurant advertising "Fresh Lawyers". Lawyer being the local name for a fish, a.k.a. *burbot* or *eelpout*.

Friday afternoon we took the little *Karfi* passenger ferry over to Rock Island, once the private island of transformer magnate Chester Thordarson. The distinctive stone boat house and Viking Hall above it remain from the estate.



Viking Hall from the inside.

Saturday's main activity was the 4th Annual Death's Door Barbecue competition, which brought dozens of professional barbecuers (is that a word?) to the island—along with their semi-sized barbecue trucks—more business for the ferry! Lots of good food and drink, and games for the kids.



Airstreamers compare notes on what to eat and drink.



Getting ready to start the sack race!

Dave & Vicki, this rally will be talked about at happy hours for years to come, a fitting capstone to your outstanding term as unit president! And, we and our Airstreams all survived the perilous passage of Death's Door!

Outgoing President's Farewell

By Dave Sherman, Unit President

All of you know that as you get older time seems to go by faster - admit it. With that thought in mind you can believe me when I say this past year as President has flown by. I have had a lot of fun, met new friends, and enjoyed some great rallies.

The Wisconsin Unit is a club of like-minded people scattered across a large geographical area. It is difficult to organize events that are "close by" for everyone. As a result there are many of you I have yet to meet. Due to busy schedules, long distances, or poor timing, many of our members are unable to participate in our Rallies, Camp Outs, and luncheons. I ask that you make an effort to do so. By participating in club events you expand your group of friends, your network of "Airstreamers", your resources for travel information - locally, nationally, and internationally, as well as other benefits.

The presidency was not something I sought, but when asked I felt obligated to do my part. We have a small number of active members and we must all share in the responsibility of keeping our club alive and meaningful to our membership. Please consider serving as an officer if asked. It is not difficult, you have a lot of support, your term will be over before you know it, and you will have the satisfaction you get from volunteering for a good cause.



Dave volunteering to be a unit officer in 2012.

I am hesitant to thank those who have helped me over the last year because of the risk of offending someone I don't mention. But I am grateful to John and Barb Sellers, Bob and Heidi Manak, and Ed and Sandy Emerick for their support, guidance, and sage advice regarding all things WBCCI and the Wisconsin Unit. And I am especially grateful to Ed and Sandy Emerick for the use of one of their beloved Airstreams so I could attend our events while my Airstream is undergoing major surgery. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the rest of you that have helped me this past year and I look forward to seeing all of you "down the road". Dave.

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!

Fall Colors on the Mississippi Driftless Area Campout

**Sports Unlimited Campground, 32750 County Road K,
Prairie du Chien, WI <http://pdcsportsunlimited.com/>**

Hosted by Kurt & Mary Jorgenson, 608-326-4293,
kurtandmary@centurylink.net



Here's the latest information for the Driftless Area Campout scheduled for October 9 – 11. We currently have 8 units signed up. We just checked with Sports Unlimited Campground (608-326-2141) and they still have a number of sites available, so if you wish to come, please make your own reservations at the above number. If anyone is coming early, on Thursday, let me know and we can have a supper at a great small tavern/restaurant a few miles north of town.

The modest rally fee of \$10 covers the costs of breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning. Other fees for tours etc. will be a la carte.

Fish fry on Saturday night locally. We probably will be able to walk from our campground.

On Saturday morning we are planning a tour of the Villa Louis, a Victorian Mansion built from the wealth of the fur trade that is a state historical site. It is highly recommended, and the docent, or guide, may look familiar! The cost is \$8.50/ person, payable at the time of the tour. I will take a count from the applications; if we are more than 18-20, we will need to split into 2 groups.

Saturday afternoon, there will be a 2 hour wildlife cruise on the Mississippi River on the *Mississippi Explorer* for those that are interested. Beverages and foods may be brought on board. Cost is \$25 at the door, but \$21 if ordered on line at www.MississippiExplorer.com. We are shooting for the 2:00 PM tour.

If a boat tour is not your thing, there are many other options. These include exploring McGregor, Iowa, just across the river, a quaint old river town with old buildings and many shops. An art show is going on in McGregor that weekend. There is Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa with a wonderful visitor center and hikes that show many old Indian burial mounds. We can recommend many places to hike including Wyalusing State Park in Wisconsin, Pike's Peak State Park in Iowa (one of our favorites). There are apple orchards, Cabela's store, shopping at The Cannery, drive tours of state parks, and just meandering up the River on the Great River Road and sighting Eagles and the fall colors. We will have a list for you.

Saturday evening we will either do a grill pot luck, or visit a local restaurant. This may depend a bit on the unpredictable October weather during this time of shorter days.

We look forward to seeing you later this fall! Kurt

Signup Sheet

Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Number of people _____

Activities (check ✓ if planning to do, ? if maybe)

_____ Villa Louis tour Saturday morning 10:30
\$8.50 per person. Meet at Visitor Center 10:00 AM

_____ River Boat Cruise on *Mississippi Explorer*
\$25 per person or \$21 if purchased online
www.MississippiExplorer.com

_____ Thursday night dinner for early arrivals

_____ Friday fish fry

_____ Driving tour of local state parks—either
Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning

_____ Hiking—either Saturday afternoon or
Sunday morning

Send signup sheet with rally fee of \$10 per
person to

Sandy Emerick
Wisconsin Unit Treasurer
9186 County Rd K,
Brussels, WI 54204

semerick4425@gmail.com 920-475-7893



Wally Byam Caravan Club International

Renewal Dues Request

2016 Membership

Unit
Name: _____

Unit Number: _____

Member #: _____

Member Type: ☐ Renewal

☐ Transfer

☐ Life Membership

Currently On File

Corrections / Changes

Member(s): _____

Address: _____

City, _____
State/Province, Zip: _____

Country: _____

Correct contact information if needed:

Member:		Member:	
Phone 1:		Phone 1:	
Phone 2:		Phone 2:	
E-mail:		Email:	

Vehicle Information

Type: ☐ Trailer ☐ Class A ☐ Class B Year: _____

Model: _____ Size: _____

Dues Received

International Dues: _____

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