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## Friends on the Trail



Hi, friends!

Your New Year is underway and some of our Unit Members are busy with travel plans for the rest of their winter or their summer. According to the rumor mill, Unit Members are heading to Florida, Hawaii, Texas, Louisiana, the South, or are already there. Nice.

Summer camping is around the corner! Mine is beginning to take shape. I have made reservations at Apple Creek (site 101); Straits State Park

(site 130); Alumapalooza; WBCCI International Rally, the Kids' Rally in Minocqua (site 349); and for the Mardi Gras Campout in Marquette (sites 71 + 73).

While I would love to join the Easter campout that Ed and Sandy Emerick are hosting, I'll still be in Arizona then. I hope that you will be able to join in the fun that weekend. (March 25-27)

I encourage you to select a couple of Unit activities and reserve your sites. You can always cancel if you are unable to attend. Richard Girard will join our Mackinac Island Tour. Richard will be the next International President and he will hold the 2017 WBCCI Rally in Escanaba, MI. Tim Maxwell will join our Marquette Mardi Gras Campout. Tim is an Airstream Regional Sales Rep.

UPDATE: The IBT (International Board) meeting was in Rayne, LA mid-January. Members of your Executive Board were provided the agenda items and their comments were provided to Region President, Gail Harrower. Thank you, Executive Board!

Above is a photo of my current courtesy parking spot in Arizona. Airstream friends will arrive January 14. They have been wandering (but are not lost) and will attend

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the Havasu Balloon Fest where I volunteer. Nearly 100 balloons will fill the air.

Check out the Badger Bulletin for info regarding the Valentine's Luncheon. And if you have internet access, think about joining the Wisconsin Unit Facebook page where you will see updates and fun photos. It is one more way to be part of the Unit to which you pay dues.

Yours truly, from the desert, the Whipple and Chemehuevi Mountains, Lake Havasu, and the Colorado River,

Jane [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

## News Bits Upcoming Events

**February 13, 2016: St Valentine's Luncheon**, 11:30 at Spring Garden Restaurant, 225 South Century Avenue, Waunakee, WI 53597 Hosted by Lilly & Neil King, 262-646-8697, [lking8801@gmail.com](mailto:lking8801@gmail.com)

**March 12, 2016: Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon**, 11:30 at Vagabond, 1122 North Edison St, Milwaukee.  
<http://www.vagabondmke.com/> Hosted by Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad, 608-423-4561, [dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu)  
[vengelstad@yahoo.com](mailto:vengelstad@yahoo.com)

**March 25-27, 2016 - Easter Camp Out**, Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, Wisconsin. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893, [semerick4425@gmail.com](mailto:semerick4425@gmail.com)

**April 22-24, 2016 - Wisconsin Dells Campout**, Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711, [bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)

**April 23, 2016 – April Luncheon & Business Meeting**, Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Company, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711, [bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)

## Member News

### Welcome New Members

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

**Ronald & Roberta Augustyn** of Mosinee, Wisconsin joined as regular members. (See picture, page 4)

**Natalie Ashburn & Daniel Peterson** of Kiel, Wisconsin join our unit's vintage contingent a 1986 Excella 32 footer.

**Aaron & Patricia Chandler** of Manitowoc, Wisconsin are also vintage Airstreamers, with a 1962 24 foot Tradewind.

**Steven and Fayette Wester** of Phoenix, Arizona(!) They have a 2015 Serenity International 25 footer.

Chuck & Janet Zellermyer of Waukesha, Wisconsin, have yet another vintage trailer, a 1966 Overlander 26 footer.

A hearty "welcome aboard" to you all—you've come to the right place! Looking forward to seeing you all at future events!

## One-Liners



At the Houghton rally last October we posed for a group photo at the famous Keweenaw Snow Stick. As of Jan 23 the Keweenaw has had 98 inches of snow this winter, indicated by the yellow arrow. So it's a good thing we took this picture in October, not January!

(Photo by Gary Burnham)

## The Badger Bulletin WBCCI Wisconsin Unit #116

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If you are reading a black and white printed copy of this newsletter, remember that it can be viewed in *color* on the Wisconsin Unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/>



(News bits, continued)

## 2016 Mid-Winter IBT Meeting January 10 – 14, 2016 Rayne, Louisiana

The 2016 Mid-Winter meeting of the International Board of Trustees took place in Rayne, Louisiana. Agendas, committee reports, and streaming audio of the meetings can be obtained at the WBCI.ORG web site,

<http://wbcci.org/ibt-mid-winter-meeting-2016/wbcci-publications/ibt-mid-winter-meeting-2016>

### President Jane Crews Balloon



Lake Havasu City, AZ, January 13, 7:30 AM

Jane relates serving as a balloon crew member:

“The pilot, a nice lady, Pat Newlin from Riverton, Wyoming, asked, ‘Can anyone drive with a trailer?’ Possibly my Airstream baseball cap gave it away?

Crew members do whatever the pilot asks. (Kind of like being a unit president and doing whatever the members ask.)

So I was the chase vehicle driver, meaning that I drove her Chevy Silverado with a trailer attached, trying to find her balloon, *Cloud Kisser*, somewhere in the sky.

I found the *Cloud Kisser* south of town and gave the Chevy and trailer back to her, all in one piece.”

## For Sale

### 2013 Ford F150 3.5 Ecoboost Lariat 4x4



18,200 miles. Ford Bumper to Bumper warranty coverage until May 31, 2016 or 36,000 miles. Like new condition.

Oxford White, 3.5 Ecoboost, and nearly every option: Max Payload, Max Tow, Towing Package with power folding and extending mirrors, Electronic Locker 3.73 Rear Axle, Heated & Cooled Leather, Nav, Sirius, Power Adjusting Pedals, etc.

Also Unicover Pro Series aluminum topper, Slide Master aluminum 1000# full extension bed slide, Weather Tech front and rear “laser-fitted” floor mats, Weather Tech front and rear mud flaps, rear wheel well liners, and Sound Shield spray-on underbody protection.



I have replaced the illustrated bed slide deck with new ½” Baltic Birch.

For more pictures see the Craig’s List posting at <http://madison.craigslist.org/cto/5389868254.html> until February 24, 2016.

Asking \$34,000.

Bill Scheuerell #3649, Fitchburg, WI (608) 271-0627  
[bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bill.scheuerell@sbcglobal.net)

I will be unavailable from January 30 through March 5, 2016

# Holiday Luncheon Buck & Honey's Restaurant Sun Prairie, Wisconsin December 12, 2015

By Steve Piotrowski  
Photos by Bob Manak and Vicki Engelstad

The Wisconsin Unit gathered at Buck and Honey's Restaurant in Sun Prairie for our December Holiday lunch to celebrate Christmas, Solstice, Bodhi Day, Hanukkah, Id al-Adha, Day of the Return of the Wandering Goddess, Saturnalia, Yule, Zartusht-no-diso, Shabe-Yalda, Festivus, Kwanza, and Omisoka. (If we missed your favorite holiday celebration, talk to the editor, he limited my report to less than ten thousand words.) We had eighteen members show up for the festivities, including the magical bakers who provided everyone with their own sweet and tasty Airstream to either eat or take home.



Our illustrious bunch

There was absolutely no business conducted at this luncheon, in spite of our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's attendance and constant shouts begging us to please bring this meeting to order.



1<sup>st</sup> VP Kurt Jorgensen refuses to take the bait.

The serving crew was well suited to our group, giving as good as they got when it came to smart remarks.



Our much-abused servers. (Hope they got a generous tip!)

We (those of us who have been around for a little while) were pleased by the number of new or recently joined members who came to share the day with us. We hope you enjoyed yourself, and will join us again soon! Our unit prides itself on keeping the **FUN** as the most important part of the club motto, Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.



New members Ronald & Roberta Augustyn  
(Nice antlers, Roberta!)



Bakery elf Steve Piotrowski serving this year's creation.





Past President Dave Sherman waxes eloquent.



Those look interesting—wish we had a close-up picture.

We look forward to seeing some if not most of you at our next Luncheon, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Spring Garden Restaurant in Waunakee. The winter luncheons are a great time to make new friends, catch up with old friends, and associate with those unique people that are part of the Wisconsin Airstream family. We also hope you will mark your calendars to attend the Easter Campout Opener at Peninsula State Park in Door County.

(Editor note: While new members are cordially *invited* to attend the Easter campout, you will not be looked down upon if you *don't*. Because of unpredictable weather that time of year, this event is only for the hardest (or craziest, take your pick) Airstreamers! Picture below from 2013.)



## A Device Filling Station for Your Airstream

By John Sellers

Those of you familiar with our 22 foot Caravelle know that the 20 x 30 inch countertop opposite the door is the most valuable real estate in the whole trailer. It serves variously as a coffee table, TV stand, computer table, and at night, nightstand and dresser for both of us.

Until recently it also accumulated tablets and cell phones being charged, but we realized that at least this one purpose could be offloaded. The result was the wall-mounted device charging basket shown below.



I bought a five-outlet USB charger and a package of 6-inch USB cables from Amazon, and the Airstreamy-looking metal mesh basket from Staples. They sold it as an organizer, with magnets to stick it to the side of a filing cabinet. (The magnets obviously serve no purpose in the aluminum Airstream; it's held in place with a couple of stainless steel #8 sheet metal screws) It's big enough to take Barb's Kindle, my tablet, and my Motorola smartphone. The charger is held to one end of the basket by nylon cable ties. In addition to the devices in the basket, the charger also powers my Verizon MiFi 4G LTE wireless modem. A 3-foot cable is long enough to reach the front road side window, where the modem can get good reception.

## Late Breaking News

This year we have two candidates for International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, Region 10 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mona Heath and Region 2 Past President Patrick McFadden. McFadden has sent along his resume and further biographical information. His resume is included as page 8 of this newsletter.

## WHERE THE TRAILS MAY TAKE YOU

By Jane Carmichael, Unit President

This issue is packed full of information regarding your Unit Activities—past, present and future! You have lots of options to join luncheons, campouts, caravans and gatherings. Now you may want to plan “where the trails may take you” in 2016.

Thank you to each member who volunteered to arrange the Holiday, Valentine’s and St Patrick Day luncheons. Please join in the fun and please thank our hosts who have graciously agreed to help the Unit. I really appreciate their help.

Here are some of the activities coming up—more details will be included in the newsletter and in your Unit Directory.

**February 13, 2016: Valentine’s Luncheon**, Spring Garden Restaurant, Waunakee, Wisconsin

**March 12, 2016 - St.Patricks Day Luncheon**, Vagabond Milwaukee 1122 N Edison St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

**March 25-27, 2016 - Easter Camp Out**, Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, Wisconsin

**April 22-24, 2016 - Wisconsin Dells Campout**, Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**April 23, 2016 – April Luncheon & Business Meeting**, Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Company, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

**May 12-16, 2016 - A Day on the Bay**, Apple Creek Campground, DePere, Wisconsin

**May 26-29, 2016 Mackinac Island Tour** Straits State Park. St Ignace, Michigan

Make reservations SIX months in advance (i.e .180 days) to stay at the Straits State Park for the Mackinac Island Tour. This means that you will want to reserve your site on or after Nov 26, 2015. (See below for how to reserve your site.)

**May 29-30, 2016 - Caravan #1**, from St.Ignace, Michigan to Jackson Center, Ohio

**May 31 - June 5, 2016 Alumapalooza**  
(<http://alumapalooza.com/> to register)

**June 28- July 5,2016 -WBCCI International Rally**, Lewisburg, West Virginia

**July 22-26, 2016 - Kids’ Rally**, Indian Shores Campground, Minocqua, Wisconsin

**August 2-3, 2016 - Boondock Campout**, Hiawatha National Forest, Wetmore, Michigan

**August 4, 2016 - Caravan #2**, from Wetmore, Michigan to Marquette, Michigan

**August 4-7, 2016 Mardi Gras in August**, Tourist Park , Marquette, Michigan

On January 1, 2016 Tourist Park begins to take reservations; call (906) 228-0460 or go online to: <http://mqctcty.org/>

**August 7, 2016 - Caravan #3** (by Ed), from Marquette, Michigan to Wisconsin

**August 17-21, 2016 - Region 7 Tall Ships Rally**, Buffalo Valley Campground, Duluth, Minnesota

**September 16-18, 2016 – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Road America Campout**, Road America race track, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

**September 22-26, 2016 - Wild Time for All Rally, Business Meeting, and Installation**, Evergreen Campsites, Wild Rose, Wisconsin

**September 29 -October 2, 2016 - Wake Up Downtown Urban Air Rally**, Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Online Reservations for Urban Air usually start in May.

There will be several things to do in conjunction with these events. You may want to create some side trips on your own and share them with the group. In any case, as always, you are welcome to join or to avoid any and all activities!! More details to follow in subsequent newsletters and all questions are welcomed.

You may want to reserve your campsite at Straits State Park—for the Mackinac Island Tour. You may cancel or change for \$5, but campsites may go quickly for this special weekend. To reserve go to: [www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com) .

If you have problems with the website, call 800 447-2757. I have reserved Site 130.

I wish the very best for our group of Airstreamers and their extended families this holiday season.

Jane Carmichael, Unit President

(Editor note: As of January 20, campsites near Jane’s were still available at Straits State Park.)

## A Little Philosophy. . .

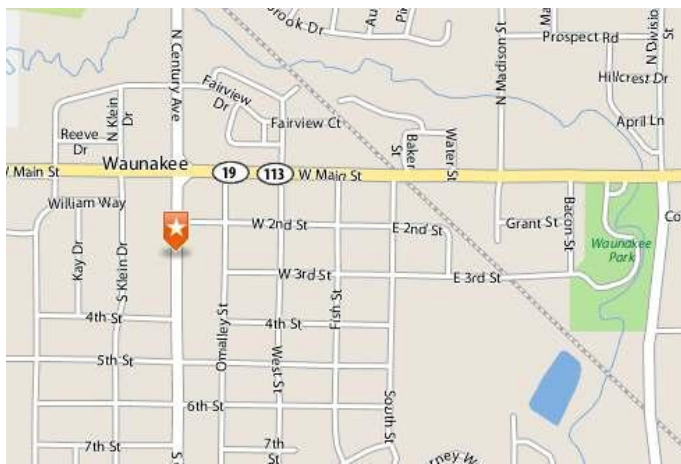


Former unit member Dave Stowell at Camp Airstream 2009. (The Stowells moved to Idaho several years ago.)

# Valentine Luncheon



**RSVP to Lilly & Neil King, 608-849-8093 [lking8801@gmail.com](mailto:lking8801@gmail.com)**



There is plenty of parking in the shopping center.





## **PATRICK J. MCFADDEN, AIA**

### **CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**

**OBJECTIVE:** It is my belief that we, as an organization of Airstream owners, need to continue taking a new and refreshing look at our future and to seek candidates at all Club levels of the same mind-set.

Our membership in WBCCI must be cognizant of the fact that we are an “Airstream Only” club, uniquely formed because of our love for the unique recreational vehicles and the Life Style it lead us to, we sought and desired to own.

My hope for the Club is to see that it continues well into this 21<sup>st</sup> Century and becomes stronger with more members than ever.

My 30+ years in this Club will enable me to work with all members to help grow the individual units which will in turn make the International family stronger and to develop more and exciting new programs and then continue to foster a renewed Airstream “way-of-life”.

The future of WBCCI has become clearer over the last few years, and I believe that I can continue to contribute my time and skills, as I was able to do as Region 2 President and a member of the IBT, to focus on the great future before us. Much good was accomplished over those six years, and that must continue. It would be an honor and privilege to serve at the International level, and I ask for your support.

**WBCCI:** Joined The New Jersey Unit on November 20, 1982 after Purchasing 1964 Airstream:

2013 - 2015	<b>Region 2 President</b> , Member of the IBT
2009 - 2013	Region 2 First & Second Vice President
2007 - 2009	<b>President</b> The New Jersey Unit
1999 - 2002	Newsletter Editor The New Jersey Unit (and 1991-1996)
1999 - 2000	First Mate The New Jersey Unit serving along side my now late wife Cheryl
1997 - 1998	<b>President</b> The New Jersey Unit
1988 - Present	Attended our first of many International Rallies.
1987 - 1988	<b>President</b> The New Jersey Unit
1984 - Present	Attended first of many Region Rallies

**JERSEY SHORE HAVEN, THE AIRSTREAM-ONLY CAMPGROUND, SOUTH SEAVILLE, CAPE MAY COUNTY, NJ**

2001 - 2007	President, Board of Directors
1994 - 1999	President, Board of Directors

**NON-WBCCI ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER WORK:** Since 1978, have served on many community organizations:

1978 - 2014	Building Code Official - Borough of Chester Heights, PA
1994 - Present	Eucharistic Minister at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
1994 - 1999	Member, Rachel Kohl Library Board of Trustees, Concord, PA
1997	Member of the Inaugural Class, AIA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
1995 - 2014	Zoning Officer - Borough of Chester Heights, PA
1993 - Present	Knights of Columbus: Charter Member of Olde Saint Thomas Council serving in many leadership positions including: Delegate to the Supreme Convention, Boston, MA in 2000;

**EDUCATION:** 1979 BS in Architecture, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

**EMPLOYMENT:** McFadden Architects, President/Owner: 1987 - Present  
FLUOR: FEMA Public Assistance Disaster Recovery Program: 2005 - 2016;

**FAMILY:** Four Daughters and Twelve Grandchildren; Four generations WBCCI members  
My First Lady Judy Coupe, UPP and Region 2 Past First Lady has been a great support for me, the Unit, the Region and the International Membership