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Happy Trails



HI to All Members!

What a great St. Patrick's Day Luncheon! Thanks go to Dave Sherman and Vicki Engelstad for the careful planning and site selection. Photos are in this issue and on our Facebook page. It certainly is one of the most unique luncheons Unit 116 has held. Thank you!

Despite the weather, Ed & Sandy Emerick were *sorta* able to

uphold their tradition of an Easter Campout—well, minus the camping, anyway! If you missed it this year, hopefully it will be held again next year for you to attend. What a wonderful event, hosted by wonderful folks. Thank you, Ed and Sandy.

April 22 - 24 is the Wisconsin Dells Campout. Call the KOA campground at 608 254-4177 to reserve a site (special rate for Wisconsin Airstreamers) or you may reserve a cabin. By accessing our Unit website at www.wisc.wbcc.net, you may pay the rally fee via PayPal, or you can mail in the registration form on page 6.

A short business meeting will be held at/during lunch on April 23. Please join your unit members to be heard. Your input is what makes this unit a great unit.

One of your Wisconsin Unit Caravans is around the corner—beginning in St. Ignace, MI on May 29 after the Mackinac Island Tour and ending May 30 at Alumapalooza in Jackson Center, Ohio. Behold the Mighty Mackinac Bridge (\$2 per axle) and all of I-75's glory.

We have been offered a free place to stay on May 29 at Bob and Lisa Martel's place near Ann Arbor. Yes, FREE!

And to all our new members: WELCOME Come out and have some fun with your wonderful, weird, Wisconsin Unit!

From the waning weeks in warm and lovely Arizona. . .

Jane janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

The Wisconsin Unit

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April 23, 2016 – April Luncheon & Business Meeting, 11:30 AM, Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Company, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak, 262-524-8711, bob.manak@wbcci.net (See flyer, page 6)

May 12-16, 2016 - A Day Near the Bay Rally, Apple Creek Campground, DePere, WI. www.applecreekcamping.com Hosted by Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com (see flyer, page 7)

May 26-29, 2016 Mackinac Island Tour Straits State Park. St. Ignace, Michigan. Hosted by Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

Member News

Welcome New Members

Richard, Jean, & Seth Thompson of Elroy, Wisconsin. They have an Excella 31 footer.

Welcome aboard! Looking forward to seeing you at future events!

Passports needed for *Monument of Peace* Rally July 21 – 25, 2016

A timely reminder from North Dakota Peace Garden Unit newsletter editor Cathy Reubel: If you are planning to attend the Monument of Peace rally at the International Peace Garden, you will need a current passport. Apparently entering and leaving the International Peace Garden are legally considered border crossings.

For more information on the *Monument of Peace* Rally, see the Region 7 web site, <http://region7.wbcci.net/monument-of-peace-rally/>

For Sale

Airstreams for Sale: I have two beautiful Airstream trailers for sale. One is a 1999 wide bodied 28'. The interior is beautiful with all systems working. Have pictures of both interior and exterior pictures to email to you, just call me 702-351-0518 or 701-968-3568, leave a message if I don't pick up. The other is a 1981 Excella 31' with all systems working. This unit trailers beautifully and can get by with a lighter unit to pull with. Have interior and exterior pictures of it, too. Judy Koester, 1114 4th Ave., Cando, ND 58324 jkoester@gondtc.com

One Liners

Guess what prospective new members just bought a brand new Airstream?!



No, that's not the WBCCI number!

Hint:

They will be at the *Day Near the Bay* Rally May 12-16.



You can practically smell that *new trailer* smell.

(courtesy of Unit President Jane Carmichael)

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Reflections in Aluminum

By Steve Piotrowski



We joined WBCCI, shortly after we bought our Airstream, mostly because when we met the Wisconsin group at the Madison International, they were a fun group. They also seemed like they had a lot of information to pass on to newcomers to Airstreams. I grew to appreciate the group the longer we

belonged to the club, and soon learned the International had lots to offer, as did the regional levels of our club.

As most of you know, I recently had some serious health problems, starting with a small bleed on my brain. The surgery for that went well, but soon I'd developed an infection that caused another surgery and two weeks' hospitalization. I'm still on antibiotics, and still missing a 2 by 4 piece of my skull, exposing my brain to easy injury. As my cousin said, "we can pick your brain with ease now". Anyway, the illness will limit my ability to attend many unit events until I get my plastic skull plate inserted sometime in May (I hope) or later.

I write all that to get to a point. Thank you for all the good wishes and concern shown by the members during this time. It is only when something like this falls on your head (pun intended), that you realize the other benefits of club membership. The friends you make and their caring for one and another. Some people I haven't had much contact with reached out to wish me well, others that I've developed a close connection with helped support me. I thank you all.

The Wisconsin Unit certainly knows how to have FUN. The FELLOWHIP shown by the outpouring of concern was and is overwhelming. And the ADVENTURE we have had with the group at rallies and on Caravans have made our membership well worth it. Again, thank you all for your concern, and while slow, I am getting better. The WBCCI is a great club, and the Wisconsin Unit is a tremendous part of the whole.



Steve bearing the flag, 2013 International Rally

Reminder Mackinac Island Tour Rally MAY 26 – 28, 2016

By Jane Carmichael, Unit President

Mackinac Island—Memorial Day Weekend May 26-28

We will tour Mackinac Island on May 28

To reserve a campsite at Straits State Park go to:

www.midnrreservations.com

If you have problems with the website, call 800 447-2757

I have reserved Site 130.

Jane janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

Teaser for the Mardi Gras in Marquette Campout, August 4 - 7, 2016

By Jane Carmichael, Unit President

Like food trucks? There now are four food trucks in Marquette! These include: *Dia de Los Tacos*, *Señor's Food Truck*, *Wild Blue BBQ*, and *Copper Crust*.



Any day is *Dia de los Tacos*—even in the winter!?
(Extra hot sauce, please!)



Vicki & Dave at the *Floridays* food truck, Seaside, FL

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Vagabond Restaurant Milwaukee, Wisconsin March 19, 2016

Photos by Bob Manak

Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman had to think fast when they discovered their chosen Vagabond restaurant was going to be surrounded by Milwaukee's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12, the day the luncheon was originally scheduled. Fortunately they were able to reschedule for March 19—closer to actual St. Pat's day, anyway—and the event was a rousing success. A more Airstream-themed restaurant could scarcely be found—and right here in Wisconsin!



Great turnout!



The Pac Man art must be part of an overall "vintage" motif.

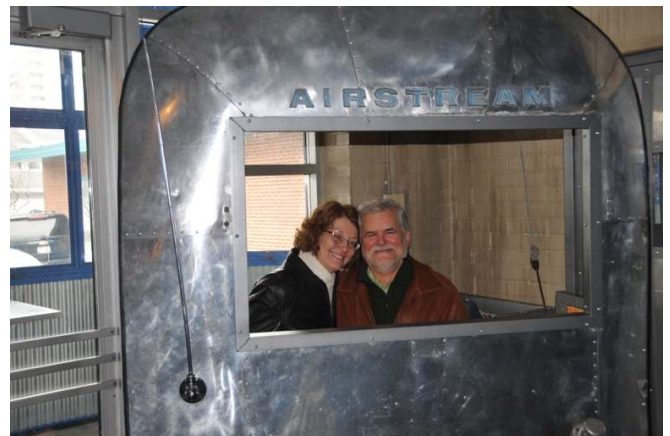


Dave Sherman demonstrating fiber optic light monitoring.



Sold! (Not sure what Dave is auctioning, here.)

The "Vintage Airstream" photo booth was enormously popular. Probably not many of the Vagabond's customers have their own Airstream! Speaking of which—Ed Emerick needs to show the Vagabond the finer points of polishing!



Bill & Ginny take their turn. . .



. . . followed by your hosts, Vicki & Dave

Hey, Dave & Vicki, thanks for doing the legwork to find this uniquely Airstream-themed place, and negotiating the pitfalls of Milwaukee's St. Paddy's Day festivities, to host this most memorable St. Patricks Day luncheon!

Easter Campout Peninsula State Park March 25 – 27, 2016

Photos by Vicki Engelstad and Ed & Sandy Emerick

An Easter campout has been an Emerick family tradition for many years, long before they started hosting it as a Wisconsin Unit tradition. They've had it in good weather and bad—up to now. But this year the weather was just too bad, so the tradition had to be amended. . . slightly!



Don't think we want to go camping in this. . .



Glad we're not towing the Airstream this time!

The roads were passable, but the campground at Peninsula State Park hadn't been plowed. Dave Sherman and Vicki Engelstad rented lodging in Fish Creek.



Dave & Vicki's Door County "campsite"
(Probably even has a hot tub—unlike their Airstream!)



Ed and his beach babes. (Sunny—but note the gloves!)



Dave & Vicki are such an affectionate couple. . .
. . . either that, or huddled together to keep warm!



No problem with crowds this time of year!

Looks like the 2016 Easter Camp In was pretty successful!
Thanks, Ed & Sandy (and Dave & Vicki) for upholding this Wisconsin Unit tradition!

WBCCI Wisconsin Unit
April Campout and Luncheon
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, April 22 – 24, 2016

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 miles 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 23, 2016 11:30 AM

Location:

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

RSVP by April 16th to Heidi or Bob Manak
at 262 544-6151 or bob.manak@wbcci.net

The spring business meeting will take place immediately following lunch.

Mail-in Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Rally fee:- \$6 per adult, \$3 per child

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



Mail to: Sandy Emerick, Wisconsin Unit Treasurer
9186 County Road K
Brussels, WI 54204

Please remit by April 14, 2016

OR, you can register and pay rally fee on the Wisconsin Unit web site, <http://wisc.wbcci.net/>

Note: No rally fee needed to attend luncheon.

A Day Near the Bay Rally

DePere, Wisconsin

May 12 - 15, 2016

Hosted by Jane Carmichael

906-236-367

janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

Apple Creek Campground

3831 County Road U

De Pere, WI 54115-8820

<http://www.applecreekcamping.com/>

(920) 532-4386

mail@applecreekcamping.com

Lat – Long N44.35 W88.21 If entering destination into GPS, coordinates are suggested rather than address.

Take US 41 to County Road U north – campground is a few hundred yards off US 41 on right.



First – Make campground reservations. Sites are being held until April 30--reserve now!

Second – Make Segway Tour Reservation for 10AM Saturday May 14 – *Historic DePere Tour* by going to www.glidenew.com Select *Green Bay Area Tours* → *Book online* → Advance to May 14 at 10AM → Select *Historic DePere* ticket; enter info. Or call 920 376-0256 and leave a message for Nick. (He always calls back.) If enough sign up, we will receive a discount.

Third – Register and pay rally fee (\$12 per person) using coupon below or online at www.wisc.wbcci.net

Fourth – Hook up, drive on down the road, arrive!

Tentative Schedule of Events for A Day Near the Bay

Thursday, May 12 – Check in; Greet and Meet; 4 PM Happy Hour; Dinner at Out of Town Club (\$)

Friday, May 13 – Check in; Simon Cheese Factory tour; 4 PM Happy Hour; Fish Fry at Fox Valley Country Club (2 seatings: 6:30 & 6:45) (\$)

Saturday, May 14 – Check in; 10 AM Segway Tour; 1:30 PM Dutch Mill Tour; 4 PM Happy Hour; BBQ Sandwich Supper

Sunday, May 15 – Coffee, Departure at your Leisure

Mail-in Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Rally fee:- \$12 per adult, \$3 per child

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Rally fee covers firewood, coffee, sandwiches, etc.