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Happy Trails



Hello!

There are so many options that you have for your summer fun, with the Wisconsin Unit, it just might be a challenge for you to choose! What a dilemma you face. Feel free to give me a call and we can talk about which campouts could be on your list. My short answer is: Go for it!

Paying dues means that you have access to a variety of events.

Unit, Regional, and International activities are all open to you. Caravans are set up for you and your Airstream. I encourage you to take advantage of the events that have been planned for you.

Sign up, make a campsite reservation, and join the fun. Go to www.wisc.wbcc.net for more info.

The biggest challenge I have faced as President of your unit is in setting a rally fee. So, I compromised. We have "no-cost" and we have "low-cost" rally fees. For example, the rally fee for the "Day Near the Bay" campout is \$12. When asked if that would be the cost for children, I lowered the fee for children (under the age of 12) to \$3. If you choose to go on the Segway Tour, the cost is \$59 + tax. And if you go on the tour of the Dutch Windmill, it is \$6.

The rally fee for the Mackinac Island Tour is \$0. You will pay as you go for the tourist attractions you select, the ferry boat fee, your meals, etc.

Rally fees are interesting. The goal is for your Wisconsin Unit to set a rally fee and to "break even." Your campout organizer will estimate costs for firewood, coffee, a meal, or rental of a pavilion—depending on what is included.

Now, we are not a wealthy unit, but we don't need to be. We simply need to break even with rally fees and your \$10 unit membership dues. Our costs, however, especially for

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printing, are not going down. It may be time to think about increased revenue for the Unit Directory costs. But that's a topic for another time.

At which campout will I meet you? Just wondering. . .

From the last rays of the Arizona sun,

Only 2115 miles from home,

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

Jane janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

News Bits

Upcoming Events

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 (See flyer, page 4)

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 4)

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 5)

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

May 29–30, 2016: Caravan from St. Ignace, Michigan to Jackson Center, Ohio for Alumapalooza Hosted by Jane Carmichael, , 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

May 31–June 4, 2016: Alumapalooza 7, Jackson Center, Ohio <http://alumapalooza.com/>

June 28–July 5, 2016: WBCCI 59th Annual International Convention Rally, Lewisburg, West Virginia <http://wbcci.org/>

Member News

Welcome New Members

William & Katherine Stewart of Spooner, Wisconsin. The Stewarts have a brand new 2016 27 footer!

Hope to see you at a Wisconsin Unit event soon!

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 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.

(For Sale, continued)

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

Spring officially began with the vernal equinox March 20.

Ohh. . . Kay. . .



Marquette, Michigan, last Christmas.



Same place, April 9.

(Photos from Jane Carmichael, via Facebook)

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April Business Meeting

At the April business meeting the Unit will vote on the 2016-17 International officer candidates and two proposed amendments to the International Constitution. Our Delegate will vote accordingly at the Delegate's Meeting at the International Rally.

As in most years, there is only one candidate nominated for each office. Candidate profiles are published in the April issue of the *Blue Beret*.

The International officer nominees are:

International President – Richard Girard

International 1st Vice President – Jim Cocke

International 2nd Vice President – Barry Bell

International 3rd Vice President – Mona Heath

International Recording Secretary – Gayle Ketchum

International Treasurer – Gail Harrower

International Nominating Committee – Darrel Waters

International Nominating Committee – Doug Wylie

This year there are two amendments to the WBCCI International Constitution proposed by the International Board of Trustees (IBT):

Amendment No. 1 would change the wording of Article XVI, Section 2, *Amendments*,

From: “Headquarters shall distribute copies [of proposed amendments] to the Presidents of all chartered Units by April 1, (90 days prior to the Delegates Meeting). . . “

To: “Headquarters shall distribute copies to the Presidents of all chartered Units by April 1, (a minimum of 80 days prior to the Delegates Meeting). . . “

This change would make Article XVI, Section 2 consistent with earlier amendments which allowed the International Rally to be scheduled between June 20 and July 30, rather than the traditional week before July 4.

Amendment No. 2 would allow members of the IBT to simultaneously hold other Region or Unit offices provided only one of the offices placed them on the IBT. (The IBT consists of the International officers plus all Region Presidents.)

Article IX, Section 7, *Board of Trustees*, **currently** says, “A member of the Board of Trustees shall hold no International, Region, or Unit office or position other than that office or position which places him on said Board.”

The **proposed** wording of Article IX, Section 7 would say, “A member of the Board of Trustees shall hold only one Board of Trustee position at a time, but may hold other Region or Unit positions.”

The proposed constitutional amendments are presented on page 6 and 7. The ballot is page 8. Unit members may vote in person at the meeting, by mail, or by email.

Change of Plans for Jane Carmichael

By Jane Carmichael, Unit President

In 1978, I moved from Panama City, Florida to Marquette, Michigan. The first friend I made was Diane O'Boyle and we have been friends through thick and thin since then.

Diane and Patrick's older son will be married on June 25, 2016 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. I wouldn't miss this wedding for the world, and felt that I could have to scurry from Wisconsin Dells to Lewisburg, West Virginia (800 miles or so) in 1½ days.

Today, we drove 645 miles in a Jeep—and all Interstate miles. It occurred to me that it would be darn near impossible to cover 800 miles with an Airstream attached.

So, during today's travel, I made a decision. I will not cut short the visit with my family of friends during a joyous wedding event. I will instead skip going to Lewisburg.

Although it is a difficult choice, it is the right choice for me. And, it just kind of fits the past two years for the Wisconsin Unit, doesn't it? In the tradition of our unit, neither George Boehmer nor David Sherman were able to attend the International. I am just following in their footsteps!

I will bring the flag to our April 22 Rally in Wisconsin Dells to hand over to my volunteer replacement. Please call/write/email/text if you are interested in representing our unit at the International.

And thank you for understanding.

Jane janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

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

Reminder – Alumapalooza Caravan

One of your Wisconsin Unit Caravans is around the corner—beginning May 29 in St. Ignace, Michigan after the *Mackinac Island Tour Rally* and ending May 30 at *Alumapalooza* in Jackson Center, Ohio. Behold the Mighty Mackinac Bridge (\$4 per axle) and all of I-75's glory!

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

Jane janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

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

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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

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

Rally fee covers firewood, coffee, sandwiches, etc.

Amendment No. 1

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Title: Amendments, Section 2 (page 8), by deleting the number "90", and inserting "**a minimum of 80**". Section 2 would then read as follows:

"Amendments to this Constitution may also be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members represented by the Delegates present and voting at the annual Delegates Meeting voting in accordance with Article XII of the Constitution. Such proposed amendments may be submitted in writing by any chartered unit, by the Board of Trustees and by the International President. Any such amendment(s) submitted by a Unit shall bear a certification by the Unit President that it has been approved by a majority vote conducted in accordance with the Unit's Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendment(s) shall also bear a certification by the President of the Region of which the originating unit is a part, that the amendment has also been approved by a majority of the members of the Region Board of such region. Such proposed amendment(s) shall arrive at Headquarters by March 1. Headquarters shall distribute copies to the Presidents of all chartered Units by April 1 (**a minimum of 80** days prior to the Delegates Meeting to which such proposed amendment(s) are to be presented, in order to give the units ample time to vote and instruct their Delegates).

Report of the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

As directed by the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, this report is submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

The Delegates reaffirmed at their June 30, 2014 Meeting that the period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting shall be between June 20 and July 30 (Article XII, Section 2 (page 6)). Presently, the wording in Article XVI, Section 2, basically specifies the date of June 30 for the Delegates Meeting which has been the traditional date for many years. The intent of the amendment is to allow the Delegates Meeting any time within the June 20 to July 30 time period, thus making the provisions of Articles XII and XVI to be compatible and consistent, certainly not in conflict. The Committee reviewed other procedural possibilities, but in order to retain the 90 day period, each year the specified dates of Article XVI, Sections 2 and 3, would have to be pre-stated, resulting in confusion, inconsistency and unnecessary publication. Passage of this motion would preclude this and allow a period of between 80 and 120 days for units to review, vote and instruct their Delegates.

This Committee strongly recommends that this motion be approved. The IBT passed this unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Shafer, Chairman, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Amendment No. 2

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

Amend the WBCCI Constitution, Article IX, Title: Board of Trustees, Section 7 (page 4), by deleting the entire Section and insert a new Section 7 as follows:

“A member of the Board of Trustees shall hold only one Board of Trustee position at a time, but may hold other Region or Unit positions. Nothing herein contained shall disqualify an International Officer or Region Officer from service on Standing or Special Committees”.

Report of the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

As directed by the WBCCI Constitution, Article XVI, Section 3, this report is submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Facts: The composition of the Board of Trustees is stated in the WBCCI Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, which includes the elected International Officers (including the Immediate Past International President) and all of the Region Presidents as voting members except the President which is limited by Roberts Rules of Order. This body is also the “directors” of the Corporation as defined by the Code of Ohio through which our organization, the WBCCI, is incorporated. Although Region Vice-Presidents are not members of the IBT, but receive certain region privileges, they are presently eligible for other duties as the proposed motion would also allow. Also for consideration is that a Unit President elected to Region Office may complete his/her term as Unit President (WBCCI Bylaws, Article IX, Title: Regions, Section 2.C, page 22).

The present Section 7 reads that “A member of the Board of Trustees shall hold no International, Region or Unit office or position other than that office or position which places him on said Board”. Therefore, this amendment, if passed, would allow an International Officer and a Region President (already on the IBT) to serve in Unit office and positions.

Because the motion as written states **“A member of the Board of Trustees.....”** which includes the International Officers, the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee does not recommend that this amendment be passed as written. If it had been written as Region Officers only, then it would have best be determined by the Delegates of the Units. It is noted that the IBT voted to refer this amendment to the Delegates, but by a split vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Shafer, Chairman, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Wisconsin Unit Ballot for 2016 International Election

The Wisconsin Unit spring unit business meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, April 23, 2016 at the Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Company restaurant, 110 Wisconsin Dells Parkway South, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. The business meeting will take place immediately following the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 AM.

This ballot can be cast at the meeting, returned by mail, or emailed. (Blank ballots will also be available at the meeting.)

To vote by mail, mark your ballot and enclose in an envelope addressed to Barbara Sellers, Wisconsin Unit Secretary, 3820 Centerville Road, Spring Valley, OH 45370. Include your name and WBCCI number in the return address. Ballots cast by email should be emailed to sellersj@erinet.com. You can attach a scan of the completed paper ballot to the email or simply indicate your choices in the body of the email. **Mailed ballots must be received by April 20 to be counted.**

International Officers

International President:	Richard Girard	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l 1st Vice-President:	Jim Cocke	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l 2nd Vice-President	Barry Bell	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l 3rd Vice-President	Mona Heath	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Int'l Recording Secretary:	Gayle Ketchum	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
International Treasurer:	Gale Harrower	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]
Nominating Committee:	Darrell Waters	[]
Nominating Committee:	Doug Wylie	[]
(write in candidate)	_____	[]

(Vote for no more than 2 nominating committee candidates.)

Delegate Authorization

The Delegates Meeting is defined as a “deliberative assembly”, meaning that Delegates have the power to discuss and amend matters before them, including matters which have not been voted on by their Units.

Traditionally, Units may allow, or not allow, their Delegate to “vote their conscience”, meaning to cast the Unit’s vote at the Delegates Meeting in accordance with their understanding of the Unit’s wishes.

Should the Wisconsin Unit Delegate and/or Associate Delegate be allowed to cast the Unit’s vote on matters not voted upon by the unit in accordance with their understanding of the Unit’s wishes?

YES []

NO []

Amendments to International Constitution

Amendment 1. Proposed by the International Board of Trustees at the 2016 Midwinter IBT. Amendment 1 would change the unit notification period stated in Article XVI Section 2 from “90 days” to “a minimum of 80 days” to make it consistent with the new range of dates of the International Rally adopted previously

Should the proposed Amendment 1 be adopted?

YES []

NO []

Amendment 2. Proposed by the International Board of Trustees at the 2016 Midwinter IBT. Amendment 2 would replace the present restriction that IBT members cannot serve in any other office with the qualification that they can serve in other Region or Unit offices as long as they only hold one position on the IBT.

Should the proposed Amendment 1 be adopted?

YES []

NO []