



May – June , 2016

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## Happy Trails



Hello to all,  
Our business meeting in April was well-attended. Somewhere around 30 happy folks attended the lunch and joined the meeting. The feedback I received was that everyone had a fine time re-acquainting after the winter break from camping. Our Region's

Vice President and wife attended and encouraged the WI Unit members to volunteer for the Region Nominating Committee. They are also looking for a 2nd VP. Anyone?

Our Unit Past President, George Boehmer and his wife Teri surprised everyone by driving in from the state of Washington. This made it possible to present George the Superior Merit Award earned by the Unit during his reign. Congrats to the Unit and thank you, George & Teri for the very nice surprise appearance!

Minnesota loaned us Rod and Beth Fierek, affiliate members, for the weekend and it was great to see them, too!

One of the highlights was the announcement that the gag order has been lifted. Ed Emerick may now use the word "badger." If you are curious, and if you are extremely brave, ask Ed what that is all about. It stems from the 2013 Rally in Marquette. That's all I'll say. Leave it to Ed to say the rest. . .

Bob and Heidi Manak made all the arrangements for us and I thank them. Yummy Sloppy Joes, guys!

By the time you read this, our *Day Near the Bay* campout (Apple Creek Campground) will be completed. We will have some stories to tell about driving a Segway and having fun in DePere, WI.

Please notice in this newsletter information about cancellations and reminders for upcoming WI Unit events.

From the almost warm Upper Peninsula,

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

## The Wisconsin Unit

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**May 26-29, 2016 Mackinac Island Tour Rally**, Straits State Park, St. Ignace, Michigan. Hosted by Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/> (Sold out – no more spaces available)

**July 21-25, 2016: Monument of Peace Dedication Rally**, International Peace Gardens, Dunseith, ND Hosted by Gail Harrower For more information see the Region 7 website. <http://region7.wbcci.net/> and flyer pages 7-8.

**July 22-24, 2016: Kids, Kids, Kids Rally, Minocqua, WI**, Indian Shores RV, 7880 Indian Shores Road, Woodruff, WI 715 356 5552 Hosted by Jason & Kelly Staffin and Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

**August 2-4, 2016: Boondocking Campout**, Hiawatha National Forest, Forest Hwy 13, Wetmore, MI Hosted by Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

**August 4, 2016: One day Caravan**, Hiawatha National Forest to Marquette, MI (FH 13 to M28 to US 41 North) Led by Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

**August 4-7, 2016: Marquette Mardi Gras Camp Out**, Tourist Park, 2145 Sugar Loaf Avenue, Marquette, MI ([mqt.cty.org/parks\\_tourist](http://mqt.cty.org/parks_tourist)) Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

**August 17-22, 2016: Region 7 Tall Ships Rally**, Duluth, MN Hosted by Linda Agre and Pete & Kathy Yanke. For more information see the Region 7 website <http://region7.wbcci.net/>.

## Member News

### Welcome New Members

Wisconsin Unit welcomes new members

**John & Karen Vanderwall**, WBCCI #2268 of Wrightstown, Wisconsin. They have a brand new 2016 Classic 30 footer. The Vanderwalls attended the De Pere rally and will be at the Mackinac Island Tour rally the weekend of June 28!

### Spring Business Meeting

The spring business meeting April 23 at the Wisconsin Dells luncheon was quite uneventful. All WBCCI officers were elected, and issues passed, by unanimous vote.

## Curt Gunderson

We recently received the very sad news that Curt Gunderson is in hospice care at their home. Although a member of Minnesota Unit, Curt & Julie are well known at Wisconsin Unit rallies and have hosted Region caravans as well.



Curt and Julie at the Prairie Du Chien rally last fall

Curt served as Region 7 Vintage Airstream Club coordinator for years and hosted several VAC rallies. Curt & Julie started many Wisconsin Unit traditions, including the cheese and beer tasting contests at rallies and the traveling cheesehead trophy.

Thoughts and prayers would be appreciated. Cards can be sent to Curt & Julie at their home address (in the directory).

## 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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cando, ND 58324 [jkoester@gondtc.com](mailto:jkoester@gondtc.com)

## The Badger Bulletin

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# Notes from Jane

By Jane Carmichael, Unit President

## Reminder—Mackinac Island Tour

The Mackinac Island Tour details are being finalized. This is a pay-as-you go gathering, held May 26 - 28. If you are interested, please make your campsite reservation at Straits State Park, St. Ignace, MI (right by the Mackinac Bridge) and let me know your Site Number. I am in Site 130.

You may choose to join our group on the Star Line shuttle for the 10 AM departure on May 28. This ferry will take us under the Mackinac Bridge!

The Star Line shuttle will pick us up at the campground. They will have room for bikes and you will pay \$10 for a bike pass for the ferry.

For \$58 (Adult) you will have round trip ferry, 1½ hour carriage tour, admission to the fort. Pre-purchase price online through Star Line. <http://www.mackinacferry.com/>

Other things to see/do in St. Ignace include the Kewadin Shores Casino; Castle Rock; Cut River Bridge; Museum of Ojibwa Culture; Mystery Spot; and the always popular and tasty Smoked Fish. Don't pass up a Whitefish sandwich. I suppose you could also succumb to fudge and pasties. . .

Questions? call me 906-236-3677  
email [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

## Reminder – Alumapalooza Caravan

The Caravan for Alumapalooza departs from St. Ignace, MI on Sunday, May 29. The Driver's Manual is pretty much completed. So, if you would like to join this "drive" to Alumapalooza 7, please let me know right away. (906-236-3677) Jane [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

You may purchase your ticket for this Jackson Center, Ohio event being held May 31 - June 5 by R&B events at <http://alumapalooza.com/> or call (813) 200-8877. The email address is: [info@randbevents.com](mailto:info@randbevents.com)

Our May 29 camping is free near Ann Arbor. You will need to reserve a site to camp one night on May 30 at the Lake Loramie State Park, Ohio via Reserve America <http://www.reserveamerica.com/lake-loramie-state-park/r/facilityDetails.do?contractCode=OH&parkId=960030>

I am in Site 100.

## Camping Late September/Early October

Your 1st Vice President, Kurt Jorgensen, may be offering a campout in late September/early October. He is on a National Caravan wait-list for that time period, so we will have to wait to see if this campout materializes or not. (I'm hoping he and Mary will be able to join the caravan)

So, if you have an idea for a campout for this wonderful group of merry folks, please let Kurt or me know.

## To-Do List

Reserve Site for the July 22 -24 *Kids Kids Kids!* Campout (Indian Shores Campground; Minocqua, WI 715 356-5552)

Reserve Site for August 2 - 4 *Boondocking in the UP* Campout (Wide Waters Campground, Munising, Michigan <http://www.recreation.gov/camping/widewaters-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=93468> or phone 877 444-6777 (Cabins are also available at White Fawn Resort <http://www.whitefawn.com/> 906-573-2999 )

Reserve Site for August 4 - 7 *Marquette Mardi Gras* Rally (Tourist Park, Marquette, Michigan <http://mqctcy.org/parks-tourist.php> ) 906 228-0490

## Cancellations

Our 2016 camping schedule included a couple of events that have now been cancelled.

The caravan from Marquette, MI on August 7 is not going to happen. Our Caravan Leader has a conflict and we did not find a sub. (How could there possibly be any substitute for Ed?) Rumor has it though, that he is busy planning a 2018 Caravan to the State of Washington.

The next item to mark off your 2016 calendar is Urban Air, previously held in Eaton Rapids, Michigan around the first of October. The organizers announced that they would not hold this event in 2016.

## Wanted – Newsletter Editor

By John Sellers, Unit Newsletter Editor

As I explained at the spring business meeting, I have decided that the September, 2016 issue will be my last *Badger Bulletin*. My first was October, 2009. When I took the job I told myself that I would do it for five years, and—brief pause for mental calculation—the September, 2016 issue will make a full seven years.

I took over the job from Ellen McGaughey, who had produced newsletters and flyers professionally when she was working and did a great job on the newsletter. I took her front page artwork and format and ran with it, and it has worked out OK.

If you are interested in taking the job please let me know at [sellersj@erinet.com](mailto:sellersj@erinet.com). I am working on a writeup which will explain how I publish the newsletter, covering both nuts-and-bolts details and things I have learned (sometimes the hard way) in publishing it for the last 6 ½ years. Whoever takes over the job will want to do it their way—which is as it should be—but perhaps my experience will be of assistance.



# **April Rally** **Wisconsin Dells KOA** **Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin** **April 22-24, 2016**

Photos by Vicki Engelstad, Bob Manak, and Dells KOA

The Wisconsin Unit rally season got off to a great start with the traditional Wisconsin Dells rally hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak. Weather was good and we had a great turnout.



Airstreams seen from the upper campground

The very first surprise at the rally was to find past president George and Teri Boehmer there. Even though they moved to Washington state, they just couldn't stay away!



George & Teri Boehmer, all the way from Sequim, WA



One of the usual lighthearted presentations at happy hour



Saturday it was warm enough for an outdoor happy hour.

The Dells rally followed the usual schedule, happy hours, Friday night dinner at the Trappers Turn golf club (best fish fry in town), Saturday luncheon, and hanging out together in the nice spring weather. We had the traditional visit from the Bumper Sticker Bandito, who decorated all our tow vehicles with appropriate (?) magnetic (removable and replaceable) bumper stickers. This mystery person has become a Wisconsin Unit tradition, and we thank them for both their considerable expenditure on the bumper stickers and their effort in placing them on a dark, rainy night. (This apparition is widely believed to be Ed Emerick, but he roundly denies it.)



Airstreams all in a row

Sunday morning was the traditional McDonald's breakfast buffet, with conversations and farewells, after which the rally goes hitched up and departed. Except for the Sellers, who, looking at the forecast of freezing rain at their next planned stop, decided to stay another night at the warm and cozy Dells KOA. (They made it OK the next day.)

Thanks so much, Bob & Heidi, for hosting this rally, an invaluable Wisconsin Unit tradition!



# **April Luncheon & Business Meeting** **Moosejaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co.** **Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin** **April 23, 2016**

Photos by Bob Manak and Vicki Engelstad

The Dells rally also included the spring luncheon and business meeting at Moosejaw, also hosted by Bob & Heidi Manak.

The luncheon and meeting was exceptionally well attended, not only by Airstreamers at the rally but many others who just came for the luncheon. (The Moosejaw's Bloody Marys and craft beer samplers are very popular, as well as their extensive menu!)



Great turnout!

A hint for future attendees: The best bargain on the lunch menu is the nachos appetizer platter—costs about the same as the sandwiches, and is enough for 2 or 3 people!



Gonna need a take-away box. . .

After lunch, Unit President Jane Carmichael (a.k.a Queen Jane) expertly conducted the Executive Committee and Membership Business meetings. The Executive Committee meeting was very brief, with no outstanding issues. A small dues increase had previously been considered to cover the cost of directory printing and mailing. But it was decided not to do so at the present time.



The crowd pays rapt attention to the business meeting

The membership Business Meeting was also uneventful. All nominated International candidates and proposed constitutional amendments passed by unanimous voice vote. (Two email ballots had been received, which were also in favor of all candidates and issues.)

Region 7 Second Vice President Don Thomson asked for a vote on Region officer candidates, who were also approved by unanimous voice vote. He also invited everyone to the Monument of Peace Rededication rally July 21 at the International Peace Garden (See flyer pages 7-8). Don will become Region 7 First Vice President at this year's International, leaving the Second Vice President slot empty. He earnestly beseeched Wisconsin Unit members to consider volunteering for this office. Anybody?



Region 7 Second VP Don Thomson addresses the meeting.



Jane presents George Boehmer the Unit Superior Merit Award earned during his term as president.

Thanks again, Bob & Heidi, for hosting this ever-popular spring luncheon and business meeting!



# **A Day Near the Bay Rally Apple Creek Campground De Pere, Wisconsin May 12 – 16, 2016**

Photos by Vicki Engelstad

The *Day Near the Bay Rally*, hosted by Unit President Jane Carmichael, was a rousing success! True, according to one weather report, it was the coldest mid-May weekend in 25 years, but the hardy Wisconsin Airstreamers didn't let that stop them! Two new member couples attended, John & Karen Vanderwall, who camped at the rally, and Jim & Pattie Cook who stopped by for the Saturday night dinner.

Stan Schwenke presented a rare bit of history, a video tape of his family performing on the Ed Sullivan show, back when they traveled with their circus act. (A *long* time ago!)



Stan Schwenke narrates his historic video.

The highlight of the rally was the Segway tour of historic DePere. Snow tires weren't needed for the Segways, but everyone had to bundle up pretty well!



Our intrepid adventurers—ready to roll!



Off they go! (Keeping proper caravan separation!)



Since their Airstream isn't quite done yet, Dave Sherman & Vicki Engelstad rented this cozy yurt!



Touring an authentic Dutch windmill at Little Chute, WI, originally populated by Dutch immigrants



Not surprisingly, it's windy up here!

Thanks for a great rally, Jane! We'll see you next week at the Mackinac Island rally!

## Region 7 - Monument of Peace 2016 Rally Reservation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ Leave: \_\_\_\_\_

RALLY FEE:	#	Rate	Total
RV - On Site ----->		\$40.00	_____
Adults - each	_____	\$130.00	_____
Children - 5-8 each	_____	\$50.00	_____
Medical Requirement for Electric (Specify):			
_____			
Electrical Charge --->		\$40.00	_____
TOTAL FEE PAYABLE			_____
In US Funds			_____

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Region 7

### Mail Payment to:

WBCCI - Region 7  
 c/o 23 Village Drive  
 Ste. Anne, MB, Canada R5H 1H4



Register On-Line  
[region7.wbcci.net](http://region7.wbcci.net)  
 Send your check to the  
 address above!

Questions - E-mail: Gail Harrower  
[airstream4478@gmail.com](mailto:airstream4478@gmail.com)

Schedule Subject to Change

### Rally Fee Includes:

- \* Season Pass for Entrance to the International Peace Garden \*
- \* Four (4) nights parking \*
- \* Daisy-chain water \*
- \* Four Days of Performances by International Music Camp \*
- \* Welcome Dinner \*
- \* Lunch at the Sky Dancer Casino in Belcourt, ND \*
- \* Ceremony of Presentation to the International Peace Garden \*
- \* Reception following Ceremony \*
- \* Catered Dinner Sunday Night \*
- \* Safe Travels Breakfast \*

### Tours of:

- \* International Peace Garden \*
- \* Game Warden Museum \*
- \* Irvin Goodon International Wildlife Museum \*
- \* Chokecherry Junction Model Railway \*

More tours are being planned !

### Distance to the International Peace Garden

Bismarck, ND.....	197 miles
Belcourt, ND .....	28 miles
Boissevain, MB .....	27 km
Lewisburg, WV .....	1511 miles
Hillsboro, TX .....	1392 miles
Airstream Park, Minnesota .....	453 miles
Winnipeg, MB .....	291 km
Brandon, MB .....	100 km

There's even an Airport at the IPG !!  
<http://www.airnav.com/airport/S28>

And remember -- those wheels on your  
 Airstream are meant to turn !!



## Region 7 Special Event Rally July 21-25, 2016



### Rededication Rally Presentation & Celebration

### Monument of Peace International Peace Garden





## Rededication Rally Presentation & Celebration

You are all invited to come and join us in the celebration of 200 years of Peace between two great countries, Canada and the United States of America at the Special Event Rally hosted by Region 7 and the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit from July 21 to 25, 2016 with the presentation of the Monument of Peace to the International Peace Garden on Sunday, July 24, 2016. This event is a "must" on every WBCCI Member's Bucket List.



Since 1932, nestled on the United States and Canadian borders of North Dakota and Manitoba in a symbol of friendship, lies a "One of a Kind" International Peace Garden. Reflecting pools and dazzling colourful floral displays of over 150,000 flowers splash across the grounds of the Formal Garden's terraced walkways. The park is located 15 miles (24 km) north of Dunseith, North Dakota and 19 miles (31 km) south of Boissevain, Manitoba on the international border between Canada and the United States.

The Floral Clock, 18 feet in diameter, displays a unique floral design each year. The number of plants on the clock can range from 2,000 to 5,000. The large clock was received from the Bulova Watch Company in 1966 and was replaced in the summer of 2005 with a new clock from St. Louis, Missouri.



Another floral design which remains the same each year is the stars and stripes of the US Flag and the majestic Canadian Maple Leaf which can be seen in the floral flag plots.



Every 15 minutes, during the warmer months you may hear the mellifluous chimes of the Carillon Bell Tower. They were donated to the Peace Garden in the mid 1970's by the Brandon Central United Church. The Tower is dedicated to war veterans.

The Interpretive Center was opened in September 2010 and has a restaurant, retail store and moderate horticulture library. It also is the home to the 3,000 sq. foot conservatory that reveals 40 years of a 6,000 specimen collection of succulents and cacti. The collection was donated by Don Vitko of Minot, ND and is the first of its kind in North Dakota and only second in Manitoba.



Anchoring the far end of the Peace Gardens is the Peace Tower that symbolizes the soaring ambitions of the early immigrants arriving from the four corners of the world to Canada and the United States in the 1800's and 1900's. Four identical 120-feet (37m) high, two on each side of the border. They can be seen from most places in the park. These towers have been declared unsafe due to irreparable weather-related erosion and are scheduled for demolition in the winter of 2016-2017. Near the base is the Peace Chapel whose walls are inscribed with notable quotes about peace.



In May of 2002, the Province of Manitoba conceived an idea of constructing a memorial at the International Peace Garden to those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001. Soon after, the Peace Garden learned that they would receive ten pieces of steel from the wreckage of the World Trade Center. Manitoba Premier Gary Doer announced a memorial was to be built at the International Peace Garden as it is a magnificent and unique site and there is no place more fitting for a memorial of this kind. The design, by Derrick Wolbaum and Marcus Lund, students at North Dakota State University, Fargo, is composed of three separate yet interdependent chambers titled "Recall, Reflect, and Remember," each a separate emotion that promote self-reflection, understanding and forgiveness.

