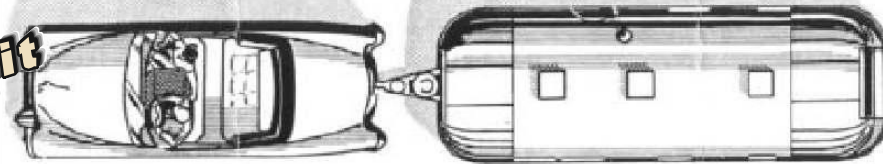


BADGER BULLETIN



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Happy Trails



Hi To All Our Wonderful Members:

There have been a lot of tires rolling since our last newsletter. After the DePere, WI rally, many of your fellow Wisconsin Unit members hit the road and travelled north to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The well-attended gathering at the Straits State Park kicked off with a dinner at the Galley Restaurant. The owner seated us in a private area which was nice. (This possibly protected us from receiving noise violation tickets.) Jim and Pattie Cook and Jason/Kelly/Sam/Emmet Staffin were able to join us and were squeezed in. Whitefish livers were tested. By other folks.

We boarded the ferry to Mackinac Island and cruised under the Mackinac Bridge, while singing the theme song from Gilligan's Island. More noise. Joyful. Our merry band of travelers tested the fudge, had a horse-drawn wagon ride, rode bikes around the island, toured historical sites and somehow found their way back to the park for a campfire.

New members, Chuck and Janet Zellermayer, attended and they sure were fun to meet. Welcome to the Unit!

In the campground were Airstream owners, Ginger and Joe Slattery from Marquette, who aren't members. . . yet. We hope they will be our guests at the Boondock Campout at the Wide Waters Campground August 2-3. Joe celebrated his birthday and, of course, we broke out in song. More noise.

Our caravan then drove 300 miles to boondock in a lower-Michigan pristine setting. We enjoyed a superb dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea, MI. After camping at Lake Loramie State Park, Ohio (where 3 more WBCCI rigs joined us), we headed to Alumapalooza, Jackson Center, Ohio. What a great time! (Except that Mary ate all the hotdogs.) We found Antsy McClain to be the best entertainment. (Rumor has it that he will be part of the 2017 International Rally in Escanaba—one more reason to attend.)

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WBCCI International was held in West Virginia and more details are included in this newsletter by John Sellers. Our Wisconsin *Badger Bulletin* and Directory were entered in the contest and we still have bragging rights. All those who attended managed to survive the floods. Thank goodness.

I hope you are having a fine summer. This is a time for weddings, graduations, family gatherings, and camping with your friends.

Your Smiling President,

Jane janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

News Bits

Upcoming Events

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

August 2–4, 2016: Boondocking Campout, Hiawatha National Forest, Forest Hwy 13, Wetmore, MI Hosted by Jane Carmichael, 906-236-3677, 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

August 4–7, 2016: Marquette Mardi Gras Camp Out, Tourist Park, 2145 Sugar Loaf Avenue, Marquette, MI (mqt.cty.org/parks_tourist) Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com See flyer, page 8

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/> . *Sold Out – Wait List Only*

Sept. 16–18, 2016: Road America Camp Out, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

Sept. 22–25, 2016: Go Wild Camp Out—Business Meeting and Installation of Officers, Evergreen Campground, W5449 Archer Ln, Wild Rose, WI www.evergreencampsites.com Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

International Delegates Meeting

By John Sellers, Unit Delegate

As predicted, this year's Delegates Meeting at the International Rally was uneventful.

Since no International officer slots were contested, all incoming officers were elected by unanimous consent.

Constitutional Amendment 1, which changed the wording of the Delegates Meeting schedule to reflect recent changes in the schedule for the International Rally, passed by unanimous consent.

Constitutional Amendment 2 would have permitted members of the IBT to serve in other Region or Unit offices provided that the other offices did not give them an additional vote on the IBT. An attempt to amend the proposed amendment from the floor failed. A vote was then held on Amendment 2 as proposed. The vote was 64.5% FOR and 35.4% AGAINST. Since a 2/3 majority is required for passage, the proposed amendment failed.

(Full text of the proposed amendments can be viewed in the May-June *Badger Bulletin*.)

Member News

Welcome New Members

Wisconsin Unit welcomes **four** new members,

Robert & Lynn Doneff, #9612 of Egg Harbor, Wisconsin have a 2016 Flying Cloud 25 footer.

Tim & Patti Valenza, #9196 of Stoughton, Wisconsin have a 2005 Safari 25 footer.

Bree & R. Charles Lawrence, #2878 of Holman, Wisconsin join our vintage contingent with a 1984 Sovereign 29 foot.

Paul & Marcia Hahn, #14753 of Denver, Iowa have a 2008 23 foot CCD. Paul & Marcia really aren't *new* members, having been Wisconsin Unit members and regulars at rallies for years.

Looking forward to seeing you all at some Wisconsin Unit activities!

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Reminders from Jane

By Jane Carmichael, Unit President

Signup for Kids, Kids, Kids Rally

JULY 22 - 24 will be our Kids' Rally held at the Indian Shores campground near Minocqua. Please reserve a site (www.indian-shores.com) by calling 715 356-5552.

Activities include a fish fry, logging camp breakfast, wildlife zoo, square dance, distillery tour, kids games, and a lumberjack show. Rally Fee: \$10 for Adult; under 14 Free

There are cabins available, in case your name is Dave.

Signup for boondock rally, Wetmore, Michigan

August 2 - 3 we have a boondock rally at the Wide Waters Campground.

Please reserve at www.recreation.gov or call 877 444-6777

There is NO Rally Fee. Please call me to let me know you will attend. Call me at 906 236-3677 or email at janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com.

Dinner will be at the Camel Riders on 8/3 (I will make our reservations.)

Choose your activity to enjoy on 8/3 by calling and reserving a spot:

- Glass Bottom Shipwreck Tour (906 387-4477)
- Pictured Rocks Boat Cruise (906 387-2379)
- Paddling Kayaks to Pictured Rocks (906 228-5447)

We will caravan to Marquette on 8/4 with a possible lunch and free tour along the way. We then join the Marquette Mardi Gras!!

White Fawn/Forest Glen has cabin or motel rooms available at (906 573-2999), in case your name is Dave.

Sign Up for Marquette Mardi Gras Rally

The ever-popular Marquette Mardi Gras will be held August 4 - 7. Please call for reservations at the Marquette Tourist Park (906 228-0490). Your Rally Fee will be \$20, children under 14 years \$8, and will include a couple meals, live band, and an extremely interesting live demonstration from our Raptor Rescue Center.

The agenda includes Men Grilling Hot Dogs/Women Making Sides, hotdogs/buns provided; Airstream Presentations; Potluck; Campfires; State Fish Hatchery Tour; Tour of Marquette History Museum; Tour of Wooden Dome; Farmer's Market; Food Trucks at your doorstep; Cajun Music; Ladies in Waiting Return for Premature Abdication; Cajun Dinner; and ---here is the clincher---Your Farewell Brunch at Jane's House.

If Tourist Park is full, consider nearby camping at Gitchee Gume RV Park, <http://www.gitcheegumepark.com> (906 249-9102). See flyer, page 8.

Still 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. If you are interested in taking the job please let me know at sellersj@erinet.com.

Airstreamers Helped With Flood Relief Effort at Lewisburg

Photos by John Sellers

When the floods hit West Virginia some thought WBCCI should cancel the rally. But it was already underway, and fairgrounds and chamber of commerce argued against it.

Among other things WBCCI members provided hundreds of hours of labor to flood relief efforts. Some, who were members of Habitat for Humanity and Samaritan's Purse went into the flooded areas and helped directly. The fairgrounds served as a depot for flood relief supplies and many helped unload incoming semis and load up pickups and SUVs taking supplies to the flooded areas.



This trailer had a load of loose brooms on top of the pallets.



With 30 or 40 people we could break down a pallet and carry the contents to their respective piles as quickly as the fork lift could unload them.

Mackinac Island Rally Straits State Park Saint Ignace, Michigan May 26 - 29, 2016

Photos by Bill Scheuerell, John Sellers,
& Matilda Rose Jorgenson (via Facebook)

Jane Carmichael's Mackinac Island rally at Straits State Park, St. Ignace, Michigan, was a rousing success! There were a bunch of trailers—a little hard to count because some came and went at fairly random times—but a record number for Wisconsin Unit rallies in recent years!



Airstreams all over at Straits State Park!

The first organized activity (as if anything is “organized” at a Wisconsin Unit rally!) was a group dinner at The Galley seafood restaurant. Jane wisely reserved a private room so we could make as much noise as we wanted. The wait staff recommended either the whitefish or lake trout—straight from the lake—and both were indeed excellent. The Galley offers a delicacy (?) which is now fairly uncommon—whitefish livers—and one adventurous soul bought an appetizer platter of them to share with anyone interested. (They taste about like chicken livers but a little milder.)



Partying at The Galley

Saturday's activity was taking the ferry to Mackinac Island and touring the island. Jane selected a ferry trip which took a detour under the Mackinac Bridge so we could see that impressive structure up close.



A few of our merry band on the boat



Approaching Da Bridge from the water side.



For engineers—the lattice box structure and open center lanes provide torsional rigidity with low wind resistance and lift to prevent Tacoma Narrows type embarrassments. (Non-engineers can Google “Tacoma Narrows Bridge”.)

Upon arrival on the island we were greeted with the unique characteristic smell of the town, a combination of fudge and horse manure.



Lined up for the carriage on the island

The carriage ride provides an extensive tour of the island, stopping at numerous historical and natural landmarks.



Fort Mackinac



Arch Rock



Back at the campground—happy hour!

Thanks, Jane, for a great—and well attended!—rally!



Carriage load of happy campers!

Alumapalooza Caravan & Rally

Jackson Center, Ohio

Caravan – May 29 – 30, 2016

Rally – May 31 – June 16, 2016

Photos by Jane Carmichael, Matilda Rose Jorgenson
(via Facebook) and Karen Vanderwalls

At the conclusion of the Mackinac Island Rally, Jane Carmichael led a two day caravan to Jackson Center, Ohio for the Alumapalooza rally at the Airstream factory.

The first night's stop was courtesy parking at Bob & Lisa Martel's place in the country near Ann Arbor. Everyone agreed this was a great place to camp, complete with a pond and acres for the dogs to explore.



Intrepid caravanners boondocking at the Martels'.

The next night the caravan joined several other Airstreams at Fort Loramie State Park, Ohio.



Lined up to get into Alumapalooza



Alumapalooza has to have Antsy McLain!



Chillin' with Antsy



Happy hour in the Airstream

WBCCI 59th International Rally Lewisburg, West Virginia June 28 – July 5, 2016

Photos by Bob Manak, John Sellers, and the
Lewisburg Facebook page

This year's International at Lewisburg was one for the record books, in more ways in one. Attendance, at 660 trailers, was more than twice the previous year's International—and would have been more, except that it was also the first International in an official disaster area!



Aerial photo of the fairgrounds and a few of the trailers
(Most of the trailers were on the other side of the road.)



Wisconsin Unit was represented in the opening ceremony.



In the vintage area, the flamingoes were hatching!

The fairground has a huge field on the west side of the highway, with a bunch of new full-hookup campsites. We were in the “west” campground. When Mike Rice told

Registration he was parked in the “field” they thought he was kidding. Later the sign shop made an appropriate sign.



The Chandlers joined the Wisconsin Unit this year, and the International was their first rally!

The Wisconsin Unit directory won second place in this year's publications contest. Congratulations, Bob Manak! Region 7 did very well in this category—the North Dakota Unit won best in show!

The fairgrounds are on high ground so we were spared actual flooding except during the torrential rain (10 inches in one day). Like all of Greenbrier County, Airstreamers shrugged off power outages, a water outage (mercifully brief) and a boil advisory, and carried on. The disaster was never far from our minds, and we contributed labor (article, page 3) and money to the community. Officially, Airstreamers contributed about \$35,000 to United Way and Salvation Army, plus several “unofficial” causes like the Humane Society (led by Linda Agre), which was taking care of temporarily homeless dogs and cats. Unofficially, contributions totaled close to \$50,000.

It was a great International! Onward to Escanaba!



Marquette Mardi Gras Rally

August 4 – 7, 2016

Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

Marquette Tourist Park Campground
2145 Sugarloaf Ave
Marquette, MI 49855

906-228-0465

http://www.mqtcty.org/parks_tourist.html

Directions from US41/M28:

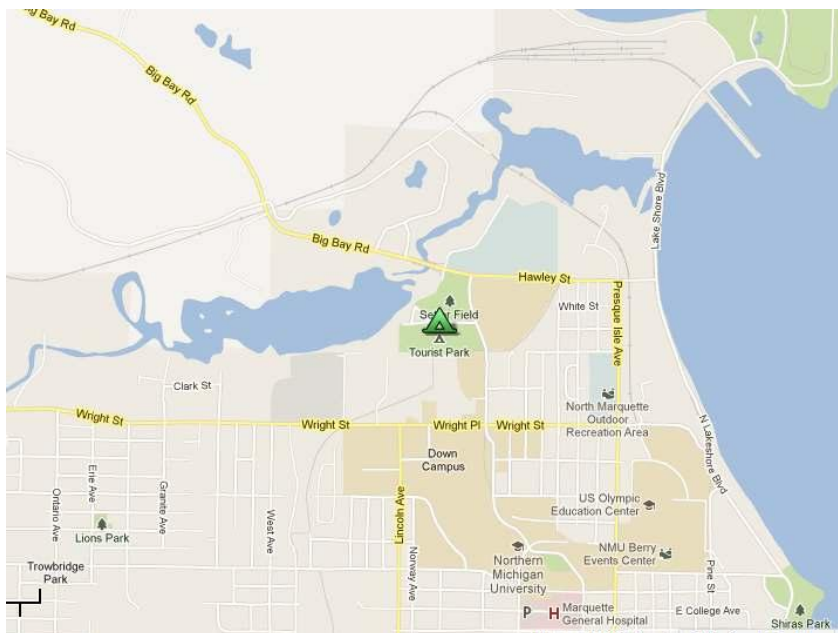
From US 41 turn North on County Road HQ on west side of Marquette. (Wal Mart Supercenter at intersection).

Continue North on County Road HQ, which becomes Wright Street.

Drive about 3 miles then turn Left on Sugar Loaf Avenue.

The campground is at 2145 Sugar Loaf Avenue

(If Tourist Park is full, consider nearby camping at Gitchee Gumee RV Park, <http://www.gitchegumeePark.com> (906-249-9102).)



Agenda includes,

Men Grilling Hot Dogs/Women Making Sides, (hotdogs/buns provided) Airstream Presentations

Potluck

State Fish Hatchery Tour

Tour of Wooden Dome

Food Trucks at your doorstep

Ladies in Waiting Return for Premature Abdication(???)

And—here is the clincher—Farewell Brunch at Jane’s House!

Campfires

Tour of Marquette History Museum

Farmer’s Market

Cajun Music

Cajun Dinner

Rally fees include a couple of meals, live band, and an interesting demonstration from our Raptor Rescue Center.

Sign up online at <http://wisc.wbcc.net/marquette-mardi-gras-rally-registration/> or mail in coupon below

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WBCCI # _____

No. of adults _____ x \$20 = _____

No of children under 14 _____ x \$8 = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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