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Happy Trails



Hi to all our fine members!

We have had a delightful summer of camping with our Airstreams. The most recent fun happened at the *Kids, Kids, Kids* Rally, held in Minocqua, WI on Lake Tomahawk at the Indian Shores Campground.

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You may want to attend the *Road America* Rally to be held September 16 - 18. Don and Kay Stenz are hosting this event. Contact them at 920-693-2146 for more details.

The Installation of our Wisconsin Airstream Club officers for 2016 - 2017 will be on Saturday, September 24 during our *Go Wild* Rally. I invite you to attend and to welcome your new officers. Reserve a site by calling 866-450-2267, mention Airstream Rally, and ask for Hannah. And get ready: The theme is *GO WILD!* (That means staying up past 8 PM—hey!! I'm on Eastern Time)!

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Our Region 7 was recently recognized for having the greatest increase in members, nationally. Our region includes Manitoba, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin/UP. From Linda Agre, Membership Chair:

Here's how they figured it—as of 6/2/2016

Unit	2015	New	Renew	Total
Minnesota	56	18	49	67
No Dakota	24	2	21	23
Wisconsin	61	22	51	73
Total	141	42	121	163

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News Bits

Upcoming Events

Sept. 16–18, 2016: Road America Camp Out, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net (See flyer, page 7)

Sept. 22–25, 2016: Go Wild Camp Out—Evergreen Campground, W5449 Archer Ln, Wild Rose, Wisconsin www.evergreencampsites.com Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com (See flyer, page 8)

Sept 24, 2016: Fall Business Meeting and Installation of Officers, 4 PM at Oakwood Resort, N5428 24th Avenue, Wild Rose, WI 54984, 920-622-4361 <http://oakwoodcampsites.com/restaurant> Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

November 11–13, 2016: Birthday Bash Camp Out, Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

November 12, 2016: November Luncheon, 11:30 at Water Street Brewery, 2615 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024 Hosted by Don & Kay Stenz, 920-693-2146, slem@tds.net

Member News

Welcome New Members

Wisconsin Unit welcomes new members,

Virginia & Joseph Slattery, WBCCI #2041 of Marquette, Michigan met the unit at the Mackinac Island rally at Straits State Park in June. Many stories were exchanged at happy hours with the happy result that they joined the unit! The Slatterys have a 2012 30 foot Flying Cloud.

Looking forward to seeing you again at Wisconsin Unit activities!

Fall Business Meeting

The fall executive committee and membership business meetings will be held at the *Go Wild* campout, Sept 22-25 at Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

The executive committee and membership meetings will be at 4 PM on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Oakwood Resort restaurant, followed by installation of officers, happy hour, and dinner from the menu. Region 7 President Pete Yanke will conduct the Installation, which will be informal style.

The 2016-2017 slate of officer candidates to date is:

President:	Kurt Jorgensen
1 st Vice President:	Greg Hyer
2 nd Vice President:	open
Treasurer:	Sandy Emerick
Secretary:	Kelly Staffin
1 st Trustee:	Bill Scheurell
2nd Trustee:	Connie Sheasby
3 rd Trustee	Jason Staffin

Also, Karen Suksi has volunteered to be newsletter editor.

One Liners

The unit seems to be moving toward this unofficial motto:



(Photo from Kurt Jorgensen, via Facebook)

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Minocqua, Wisconsin
July 22 – 24, 2016

Story by Jane Carmichael

Photo by Joanne Peterson

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Jason Staffin shows his Dutch oven prowess with a cherry cobbler.

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Widewaters Campground
Hiawatha National Forest
Wetmore, Michigan
August 2 – 4, 2016

Story and photos by Jane Carmichael

The Boondocking Rally was a success!

For those of you who have not boondocked, it simply means that we camp in the middle of nowhere and leave our electric cords, sewer and water hoses stored in the rig.

Your fellow members spent a couple of nights prior to the Marquette Mardi Gras as boondockers. We had sites in the Wide Waters Campground in the Hiawatha National Forest.



Widewaters camp ground
(Photo courtesy of Reserve America)

Greg and Kathryn Anderson provided our first night campfire at their site. Thank you!

Bill and Carolyn kayaked on Lake Superior the next day.



Bill & Carolyn Holloway kayaking near Munising
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We completed our boondock by having dinner at the Camel Riders Restaurant. (The local folks called the Lebanese owner a “camel jock”, so he decided to go with the flow! But the menu is strictly UP!)



A One-Day Caravan—Really?

Yes, we did it. We traveled at least 55 miles(!) for our caravan. Whew! Along the way, we had lunch at the Brownstone Inn, west of Munising where whitefish continued to be a menu choice.

We stopped for a photo op at Lakenenland Sculpture Park.



Marquette Mardi Gras Rally

**Marquette Tourist Park
Marquette, Michigan
August 4 – 7, 2016**

Story by Jane Carmichael

Photos by Matilda Rose Jorgensen & Jane Carmichael

Fun at the Marquette Mardi Gras!

There are photos galore depicting the 4 day/3 night *Marquette Mardi Gras* Rally posted on our Facebook page, taken by Mary Jorgensen.

First, we need to send a great big thank you to Stephen and Lyn Piotrowski for all the Mardi Gras beads. Wow! They even marked special ones for the Unit President to wear. (hmmm. . . wonder why they picked the DIVA one for me?)



Guests were Valencia and Rick Banwell from Traverse City, who are “threatening” to join our Unit. They were a nice addition to the group and he makes fine gumbo!

The activities were varied and kept one as busy as they chose to be. Friday started with an educational presentation from the Chocoy Raptor Center.



One of the residents of the Chocolay Raptor Center.

The Fish Hatchery tour, History Museum tour, lunch truck and potluck were all well-attended.



That's a lotta fish!

Kara served our Friday Food Truck lunch. Because she lived in Louisiana for 14 years, the menu titles were "Cajun," plus she handed out beads to each diner!



If anyone showed up without beads, they were provided with several strands. We were quite a hit in public. . .

Larry Kelsey, Airstream dealer in Traverse City, Michigan provided lots of information and gave away some Airstream goodies. We really appreciate that he made the effort to join the Marquette Mardi Gras, along with his wife, Gail.

Larry will be your Airstream dealer at the Escanaba International in 2017 (July 22- 29, 2017). He will bring 10-12 trailers and a team of service techs to Escanaba.



Queen Jane on her throne

A “Dethroning” of Jane’s presidency was tastefully provided by several of her so-called friends. They arrived in the bed of a pick-up truck, in costumes, with their own bodyguard, who was dressed in camo, looking like he was a Secret Service agent. Really.

Jane’s “Ladies in Waiting” proceeded with a series of *double entendre* presentations. For example, Jane was told she could dispense with the Queen-like behavior, was given a kite, and granted permission to tell any complainers that they could “go fly a kite.”



Faithful (?) ladies-in-waiting perform abdication ceremony.



A little creative costuming. . .

Gator Bait Cajun band played for us and a couple of dancers took to the blacktop! Two-Step never looked so good. Chuck and Janet Zellermyer lived in New Orleans and they danced beautifully!

The rally was concluded with Sunday brunch at my house.



Jane’s neighbors probably wondered what was going on!

The brunch included the traditional Mardi Gras *King Cake*. For anyone not familiar with this custom, embedded somewhere in the King Cake is a small ceramic figurine of the baby Jesus. Whoever receives the piece of cake containing the figurine is supposed to have good luck, but each mouthful must be chewed carefully until it is positively determined *not* to be the lucky one!



Carolyn Holloway found the baby Jesus. That means she has to host next year’s Mardi Gras rally!

I could go on and on, but you get the gist. You may have missed the best Marquette Mardi Gras in 2016!

Well, OK, it was the *only* Marquette Mardi Gras in 2016.

The Wisconsin Unit is hosting the 6th Annual WBCCI Rally at Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin September 16–18, 2016



BY POPULAR DEMAND...BACK FOR THE 6TH YEAR!!!!

Come and see first hand the 4 mile race track that has become world renown. The 640 acre site was formed by the glaciers and sets the scene for a very interesting track through its hills and valleys. The grandeur of the area is experienced by about 700,000 visitors here each year.

There are events going on at RA throughout the season, but this weekend is the “VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association) Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival”. Come see some of the world’s most beautiful sports cars out on the track. Plus see the Historic Reenactment of the actual street races that took place in the early 1950’s right through the Elkhart Lake. Enjoy the village festivities along with its shops throughout the day, or a round of golf at the neighboring golf courses. And don’t forget the “Gathering on the Green” and Concourse de Provenance with cocktails and live music Saturday afternoon.

There is so much to see and do for the family this weekend; it’s going to be tough to decide. You can find more information about the weekend and the area on the web at:

www.elkhartlake.com and Road America race schedule information at:

<http://www.roadamerica.com/buy-tickets/vscda-elkhart-lake-vintage-festival.html>

Online registration is available at <http://wisc.wbcci.net> The online price includes a \$2.00/person and \$1.00/rig online convenience fee to cover our cost of using PayPal.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WBCCI# _____

Per person(13 and older) # _____ x \$70.00 \$ _____
 (12 and under are free) (after deadline \$110.00)

Site fee per rig _____ 1 x \$20.00 \$ _____ 20.00
 (after deadline \$35.00)

Total \$ _____

Deadline for Tickets is Tuesday, September 10, 2016!!

Remember this rally is **DRY CAMPING**; (Generators allowed until 10:00pm. For special needs call Don Stenz)

Rally fee includes: 3 days track pass, Camping in the “Carousel Area” on the grass, Rest rooms and Showers, Dump station, Fresh water filling station. Concession Stands are available on the grounds.

Due to all the events going on throughout the weekend, meals will be on your own. We will have Happy Hour for those who are around.

Make checks payable to:

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI
 Reservation forms due Tuesday, September 10th
 Tickets will be picked up at the track

Mail to:

Wisconsin Unit, WBCCI
 Sandy Emerick
 9186 County Road K
 Brussels, WI 54204

Questions to:

Don Stenz • 920 698-2305 • slem@tds.net



Go Wild! Rally

September 22 – 25, 2016

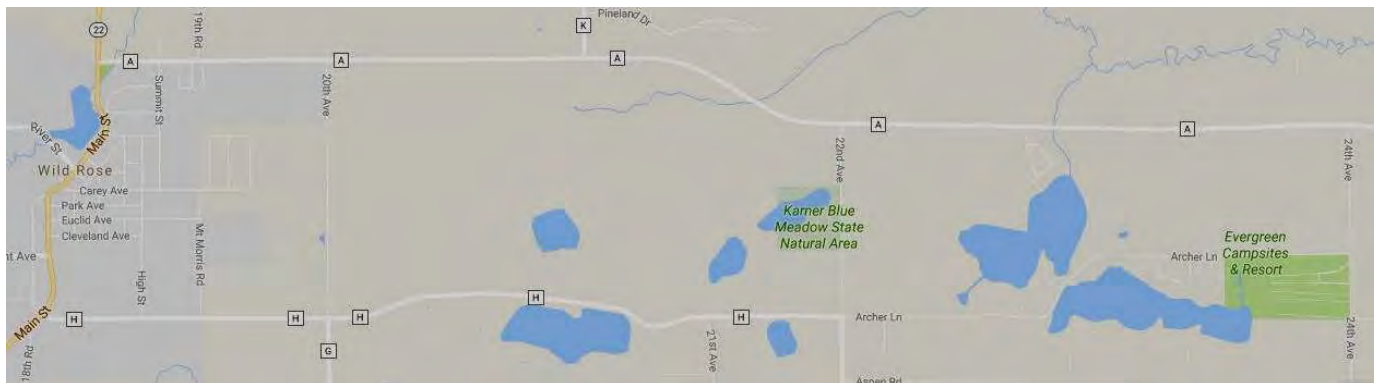
Hosted by Jane Carmichael 906-236-3677, janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com

Evergreen Campsites & Resort

W5449 Archer Lane,
Wild Rose, Wisconsin
920 622-3498

<http://evergreencampsites.com/>

Reserve your site by calling: 920 622-3498 or 866 450-2267.
Ask for Hannah and mention you are with the Airstream group.
We have a block of sites reserved.



Thursday, 9/22 – Arrival. Happy Hour. Dinner on your own

Friday, 9/23

Options:

Fish Hatchery tour (920-622-3527) <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/hatcheries/wildrose.html>

Gaslight Square Water sports rental (Evergreen Campground is on Kusel Lake) Campfire

4 PM – Photo at Springwater Covered Bridge (From campground go RIGHT on Archer Lane to the T intersection at 24th Ave, turn LEFT (north) to County Rd A. RIGHT on County Rd A past Portage Rd, turn RIGHT on Covered Bridge Rd)

5:30 PM – Fish Fry at Evergreen Restaurant

6:30 PM – Water Ski Show in King, Wisconsin (715-256-9377)

Saturday, 9/24

Options:

Wild Rose Pioneer Museum <http://www.villageofwildrose.com/history/>

Water sports rental

Lunch at Mill Pond Roberts Park Picnic at Pavillion

4 PM – Fall Business Meeting and Installation of Officers, Happy Hour and Dinner, Oakwood Resort (920-622-4361)
(From campground, turn RIGHT on Archer Ln to the T intersection at 24th Ave, turn LEFT (north) to sign)

Sunday, 9/25 – Departure. Travel home safely

Go Wild Rally

Rally fees cover rental of meeting room at Oakwood Resort

Sign up online at <http://wisc.wbccci.net> or mail in coupon below

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WBCCI # _____

No. of adults _____ x \$5 = _____

(Kids are free) TOTAL \$ _____

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