

Just because.....

My greetings to you all. This will be my first letter to you all since becoming president. Usually, this letter will be part of our newsletter, but this time, it will go out in an email blast. One word about the title- some where a logo seemed to circulate in our group that went something like this, "Just because it might be a bad idea doesn't mean it won't be fun!" That might be a bit like I feel being your president for the next year. Electing me might really have been a dumb idea, but since you are stuck with me, we might as well have fun. So, I just, this afternoon, I chose "Just because....." to be the title of my column.

As I write this, I am sitting in the Delaware State Fair Campground, on the Southeast Coast Spectacular Caravan. We had a bit of a hiccup thanks to Hurricane Mathew, and we went inland for a few days and stayed north of where we are schedule to be—probably a GOOD IDEA (as compared to a bad idea-see the slogan mentioned above. But it is a rainy day with nothing scheduled, so here I am writing. We are still seeming to have fun. And that is going to be my goal for the next year—just keep having fun—through good and bad ideas.

I want to thank Jane Carmichael for her great service the past year with a lot of new ideas and plans. And wish her the best in her new role as Region 7 second VP.

So, for our schedule in 2017. It will start as per our tradition as the Easter campout at Peninsula State Park on April 14-15-16. This is a hardy event again hosted by Ed and Sandy Emerick. Weather at that time can be fickle. Last year they had a foot of snow, but then Easter this year is a few weeks later. More information as time gets closer.

The Spring rally, business meeting, and luncheon, always a popular event, will be on April 28-29-30, again at the Wisconsin Dells KOA. Bob Manak will be hosting, unless he is gone on caravan. If that happens, Mary and I will host, but Bob has the arrangements pretty much all made. Again, more information as time gets closer.

On May 18-21 we will have a campout/rally at Governor Dodge State Park. This will be something new for us—having a campout at a very popular state park on a weekend where peak camping season will be starting. It is a beautiful park, one of our favorites. There is great hiking, two lakes (electric trolling motors only), proximity to the popular tourist attraction "The House on the Rock", and proximity to Taliesin—a school/studio of architecture started by and used by Frank Lloyd Wright. BUT, one of the problems with using state parks for a camp out is that we are not permitted to reserve a block of sites. And if people who want to attend wait to the last minute, there may be no sites. It will be important for those who wish to attend to make campground reservations EARLY. And early might mean now. There probably will be boondocking sites available, but if you want electrical sites, early reservations will be important. I suggest you do it soon! I made my reservation in the Twin Valley Campground at Governor Dodge, site # 307. Reservations can be made on line at <http://wisconsinstateparks.reserveamerica.com> There is a chance that this might be a bad idea if we find that people will not plan ahead. Oh well, I guess the means those that come will just have to have fun. Cancellation fees for cancelling reservations are quite cheap.

For the rest of the year, the schedule is still a bit in flux, and we hope to have that detailed a bit better by the time of the next newsletter.

I wish you all safe travels and a great autumn.

Kurt Jorgensen

Hello Airstreamers!

### **November Birthday Bash!**

We have our final camping event of the year coming up the weekend of November 11-13th. The annual Birthday Bash is the last time we will gather as a group before some Airstreams wander south, some Airstreams go to storage, and some Airstreams just taunt us from our yards and driveways. The snow is getting ready to fly, so bundle up, hook up, and head to Kohler-Andrae State Park in Sheboygan for a weekend of fun! This weekend started out as an informal camping weekend because so many people had November birthdays! So plan on cake!

We keep a loose itinerary, no reservations are required at the park. Friday night we will go to a local restaurant for dinner/fish fry. Saturday, you can go into Sheboygan and visit the Kohler Art Museum, hike the trails, walk on the beach.... Then the first luncheon of the winter season is scheduled in Grafton at the Water Street Brewery. We have reserved the park shelter for Saturday night potluck, games, and sitting by the fire.

We ask for \$5 per adult contribution towards the shelter cost. You can decide to attend at the last minute, just come to the park! We park on the first loop by the shelter, but you can park wherever you like. Come join us for a great weekend of camping! (The park is usually not very crowded....!!)

### **November Luncheon**

Our first luncheon of the season will be at the Water Street Brewery in Grafton on November 12th. Here is a link to their website, with a map and directions: [Water Street Brewery](https://www.waterstreetbrewery.com/index.php/locations/grafton)  
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Plan to arrive between 11-11:30. For some of our newer members, our winter luncheons are just a time to socialize, share travel experiences, and enjoy a nice meal together. We had a new member last year skip the luncheon because he thought there was a business meeting! So no excuses! It is a nice time to visit and tell tall tales. I hope we see lots of Airstreamers!

Please RSVP so we can let the restaurant know how many seats. RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 8th.

RSVP on our unit's Facebook Page

By email: [semerick4425@gmail.com](mailto:semerick4425@gmail.com)

By phone: 920-475-7893 (Sandy Emerick!)

### **The Badger Bulletin will return in November**

The Badger Bulletin is currently between editors. John Sellers retired after completing 70 issues (September 2016), and Karen Suksi will start with the November issue.

# WBCCI - Wisconsin Unit (0116) Application



## New Member Dues Structure

Join Month	International Dues	Wisc Dues	For	Total
Jan-Feb-March	\$65	\$10	Current Year	\$75.00
April-May-June	\$48	\$10	Current Year	\$58.00
July-Aug-Sept	32+65=\$97	\$10	Curr+Next Yr	\$107.00
Oct-Nov-Dec	16+65=\$81	\$10	Curr+Next Yr	\$91.00

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Renew Month	International Dues	Wisc Dues	For	Total
Current Members	\$65	\$10	Next Year	\$75.00
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Jan to June	\$65	\$10	Current Year	\$75.00
July to Dec	65+65=\$130	10+10=\$20	Curr+Next Yr	\$150.00

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Brussels, WI 54204

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