



## It's A New YEAR and ...

New Adventures in travel await....

A Happy and creative New Year to all!!!



January can be your opportunity to continue developing tasks that can build character or muscles...such as snow shoveling; snow removal or bringing in wood for heat. But it can also be a great time to sketch out adventures for a new camping season.

In this newsletter we have provided a snap shot (see page 8) of what the Jorgensen year will offer. Our unit's Web-master has placed a PDF file of the schedule on our webpage to download.

So while the snow & cold capture our nation...take some time to develop "An Adventure Plan" using the following suggestions:

- Look at some books or materials that describe various traveling experiences; these could be local, regional or national places you've wanted to see.
- Check out the various caravans scheduled for 2017/2018 in the latest edition of the Blue Beret. Contact the caravan leaders to explore space availability. Then sign-up.

- Read on-line information from sites like... Airstream forum; this may be your opportunity to ask questions or network with others interested in the same travel areas as you.
- Find a calendar and plan a route... maybe even booking some stops;
- These are just a few of the ideas that might stimulate the process of planning your 2017 camping season.

## **In next months newsletter: APS that are Useful in Planning a Adventure**

### **News: Region 7 membership update...**

Linda Agre (Membership chair) reported in a December email that a collective effort of the 3 region sections (MN, ND & WI) have resulted in a membership increase. Agre noted, that the efforts of the unit's membership chairs have contributed to the increase and are to be commended for their efforts.

A BIG thank you to Heidi Manak and Sandy Emerick for their work in the Units membership growth.  
According to the WBCCI our unit lists 59 members for 2017 (so far).

# Unit Gathering Update:

## December Luncheon in Sun Prairie as reported by Dave Sherman...

On December 10th, 15 unit members and some “guests” gathered at Buck & Honey’s restaurant for our December luncheon. They were very helpful in giving our group a separate room; the food was good and we could stay as long as we wished.

One guest was Rona Dolgner [she and husband were members from 1995-2000’s; they were also “full-timers.”] Rona told about the folks met while traveling...which she is still doing; she arrived with her camper—a silver Road-trek B-Van. I’m sure Rona would love to hear from of “her old friends.”



Another special visitor was Santa. 1 VP Greg Hyer arrived in a full Santa suit after participating in an all Santa bicycle ride—with 50 other Santa's—from Middleton, WI to Madison, WI. [In the picture that follows...“Santa” is flanked by Vickie Englestad and Lynne Piotrowski ]



It was good to see Past President Steven Piotrowski... Steve is still in “recovery” after some challenging medical issues this past year. He looked great and is looking forward to “getting out on the road again.”



Bill Scheuerell and Ginny Janssen, Richard Thompson, Bob and Heidi Manak shared stories of their caravan travels—Ginny and Bill will visit the Antarctic this winter.

Chuck and Janet Zellermayer plan on taking their Airstream to Florida this winter.

[more pictures to follow of the group]



This sure is an active group!  
 Dave concluded that he and Vicki would like to wish the membership safe and exciting travels during 2017..."Please join in the Unit activities and share the fun."

## P.S. from the Editor...



Planning my adventures takes many forms:

- I cut out articles from the newspapers travel section that describe interesting places to visit.
- Sometimes for inspiration...I take some fast food to my storage space and have lunch in the rig...for some reason it stimulates my thinking.
- going through my pictures and placing them in computer albums or just sorting events of a season can trigger an interest in travel.

So use this time of confinement [it used to mean something else] and dream/plan an adventure for 2017

Just remember what Roy and Dale used to say... Happy Trails!

## A Call for your input:

Send your 2 favorite APS used for traveling to the editor ([safari906@gmail.com](mailto:safari906@gmail.com)) before February 5, 2017.

Next month we will post the results of the Unit's use of APS in planning their camping adventures.



# Just Because...

## by Kurt Jorgensen

Happy New Year! The winter is cold. It rained ( a lot) on Christmas day. Temperatures -9 degrees and -14 degrees—probably worse further north. The winterized trailer sits adjacent to our house, and dreams of travels once again come to the forefront. The Jimmy Buffet song “Changes in Latitude” seems to be ringing a bell. I know many of you are sitting in lower latitude places as I write, and more are going be heading south. Such is the freedom we have with our Airstreams. As for me, some significant extended family health issues may prevent long seasonal migration. But a one or two week excursion to warm place beckons me, perhaps this year without our trailer.

For the first time in several decades, I took a driving trip long distance without a trailer, a trip to my nephew’s wedding in southern Kansas on the Oklahoma border. I learned several things. I miss OUR bed, OUR kitchen and those consistencies we have pulling our rigs. Sleeping in different beds every few nights gets old quickly. On the other hand, it is a lot easier to cover a lot of miles in one day when you don’t have to hitch up, dump, set up, and maneuver large rigs through gas stations and near restaurants. But I prefer taking a few days and taking the silver house in tow.

Back to Wisconsin, we need to think about next Spring. Good weather, friends, campfires, and good food. We have a lot of things planned. And before Spring, don’t forget the St. Patrick’s day luncheon. It is time to look over our schedule and plan for a great camping year. Stay warm, folks, however you can.

## **March**      **March 18, 2017**

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
Revere's Wells Street  
Tavern, 505 Wells Street,  
Delafield, Wisconsin  
David Sherman & Vickie  
Engelstadt,  
([dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu)),  
608-235-3221

## **April**

### **April 14-16, 2017**

Easter Campout  
Peninsula State Park,  
Fish Creek, Wisconsin  
Ed & Sandy Emerick;  
([semerick4425@gmail.com](mailto:semerick4425@gmail.com)),  
920-475-7893

### **April 28-30, 2017**

Spring Campout,  
Luncheon & Unit #116 Business  
Meeting  
110 Wisconsin Dells  
Parkway South,  
Wisconsin Dells KOA  
Bob & Heidi Manak,  
([bob.manak@wbcci.net](mailto:bob.manak@wbcci.net)),  
262-524-8711

## **May**      **May 28-31, 2017**

May Campout/Rally  
Governor Dodge State  
Park,  
Dodgeville, Wisconsin,  
Kurt & Mary Jorgensen,  
([kurt-mary@centruylink.net](mailto:kurt-mary@centruylink.net)),  
608-306-0330

## **May 28-30, 2017**

Unit #116 Caravan to  
Alumapalooza  
TBD  
Jane Carmichael,  
([janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com))  
906-236-3677

### **May 30-June 4, 2017**

Alumapalooza 8  
419 West Pike Street,  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
Jane Carmichael,  
(<http://alumapalooza.com>),  
906-236-3677

## **June**      **June 5-11, 2017**

Region 7 Rally, (TBA Flyer)  
Fairgrounds, St. Paul, Minnesota  
TBA

### **June 4-11, 2017**

Spirit of Cleveland Rally &  
Caravan  
Caravan from Brussels, WI to  
Burke Lakefront Airport,  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Ed & Sandy Emerick;  
([semerick4425@gmail.com](mailto:semerick4425@gmail.com)),  
920-4757891 or 920-475-7893

## **July**      **July 21-22, 2017**

Caravan to Escanaba  
TBA (Looking for Host)

### **July 22-29, 2017**

WBCCI International  
Rally Fairgrounds, Escanaba, MI  
WBCCI website

## **August**

### **August 11-13, 2017**

Kids, Kids, Kids Rally  
Wisconsin Riverside Resort,  
S13220 Shifflet Rd,  
Spring Green, Wisconsin 53588  
Jason & Kelly Staffin,  
([jason@staffin.org](mailto:jason@staffin.org) or  
[kelly@staffin.org](mailto:kelly@staffin.org)), 414-243-4757  
or 261-617-794

## **September**

### **September 22-24, 2017**

Unit #116  
Installation Rally  
Lake Farm County Park, 3113  
Lake Farm Road,  
Madison, Wisconsin, 53711  
Kurt & Mary Jorgensen, ([kurt-mary@centruylink.net](mailto:kurt-mary@centruylink.net)),  
608-306-0330

### **September 24-October 1, 2017**

Unit #116 Drift-less Area  
Caravan;  
Some planned locations include:  
Dubuque, IA; Decorah, Iowa;  
Prairie du Chien; Lanesboro,  
Minnesota Kurt & Mary  
Jorgensen, ([kurt-mary@centruylink.net](mailto:kurt-mary@centruylink.net)),  
608-306-0330

## **November**

### **Nov. 3-5, 2017N**

Birthday Bash Campout & Unit  
Luncheon  
TBA  
Ed & Sandy Emerick;  
([semerick4425@gmail.com](mailto:semerick4425@gmail.com))

## **December**

Christmas Luncheon TBD  
David Sherman & Vickie  
Engelstadt,  
([dwsherman@wisc.edu](mailto:dwsherman@wisc.edu))