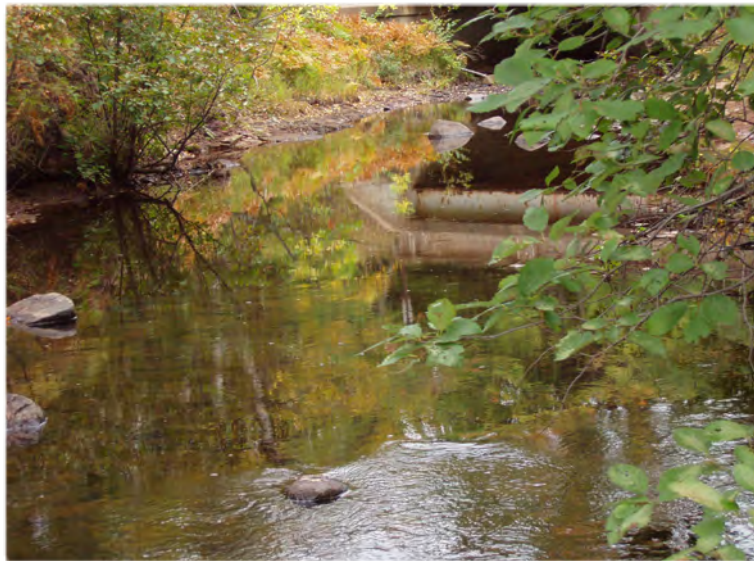


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KAREN SUKSI, EDITOR

Fall Travel Time is here...



This might be your opportunity to get some last minute traveling done before the camping season draws to a close. What is it about this time of the year? Is it the change of colors that can create awesome foliage displays; or is it the musky smell of autumn...with the leaves dropping and the pine trees releasing their needles on the forest floor; or is it the crispness in the morning/evening air that warrants a heavier jacket that gets tossed during mid-day activity. These are the signs that capture the essence of Fall for me. What do you notice

that signifies Fall to you? And how does it change or alter your camping?

We hope you will join one of the gatherings highlighted in this newsletter as we get closer to the closing the season for winter.



Just Because...

by Kurt Jorgensen

Greetings to everyone who makes our club work, and that is all of you!

I sit here on late Sunday morning, TV turned to CNN, hearing about Hurricane Irma and the “eye” passing through the Florida Keys. All of this on the heels of “Harvey” and the devastation in Houston, which is almost now lost in the news. And this brought memories of a few weeks ago, on July 19th, when a tornado went through the town just across the Mississippi River from where I live, and we were hit with the most violent thunderstorm that I remember in our house of 28 years. We escaped significant damage, but our neighborhood had no water for 2-3 days secondary to a power failure. So what did we do? The next day we headed off in our Airstream to Escanaba and the International Rally, but we had water, toilets, electricity, refrigeration, air conditioning, showers — we got a long just fine. I can certainly envision if we were in Florida this past week, we would have hitched up the trailer and headed out 4-6 days ago.

Certainly my thoughts and prayers go out the people of Florida and Houston, and I encourage everyone to help

however they can—contribute as they can, thoughts, prayers, encouragement. They are truly going to be suffering for a while.

But here, in September, we are blessed with incredible weather, albeit a bit dry. Beautiful camping, campfire, and football weather. So my advice is to get your trailers on the road and get out there for the little time before winter hits.

And don't forget our Installation Rally September 22-24 at Lake Farm Campground in Madison, with the Business Meeting, officer election and Installation Saturday evening at Christy's Landing which is nearby.

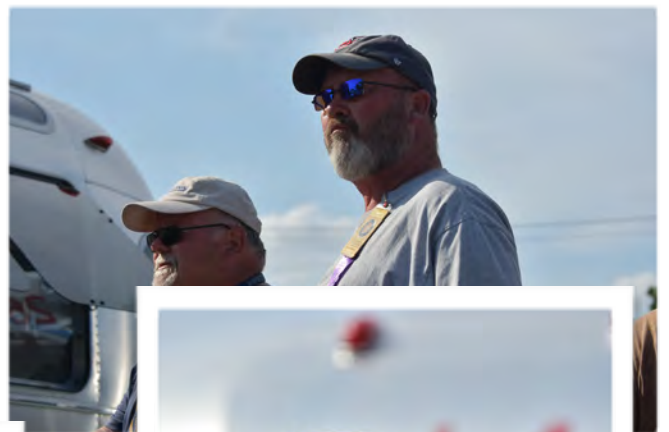
And also if anyone still has interest in our Driftless Caravan, we can probably accommodate you if we can get the campground spots reserved (I think we still can).

And check out the info from Ed and Sandy about the Birthday bash—in a new location!

However you do it, get out there and see our wonderful world and country. And be safe!

Photos from John...

July 2017 International Rally Escanaba, MI



Messages from Sandy...

1. Membership Renewal:



Now is the time we begin our membership renewal process for 2018. I will be emailing your personalized Renewal Form in the next week. There are two ways to renew:

1. Renew online. (My favorite... hint, hint!) You will find a link at the top of our Unit website wisc.wbcci.net that takes you to the main WBCCI website. Or go directly to WBCCI.org and select RENEW from the main screen. Just complete the form, submit payment, and you are done!

2. Renew by mail. When you receive your email with your personalized form, please print, complete, and mail to me with your check.

3. Newsletter option. If you would prefer to receive a mailed, black and white copy of our newsletter, the cost is \$13.00/year. Please add to the check if renewing by mail, or just send me a check for \$13.00 if you renewed on the website. Our standard newsletter option consists of an email informing you that our latest newsletter is available on our website for you to read and/or print.

All renewals must be received at the WBCCI Club Headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio by November 30th for your information to be included in the 2018 Annual Directory + our unit Directory. Please don't wait until the last minute!!

This last year has seen incredible growth with many new members. We still have a few more camping events this year, luncheons over the winter for those of us unfortunate enough to remain in the north, please try to join us! Or share your stories and photos on Facebook. If there is anything our club can do to make your Airstream experience better, we want to try! Our group is a fun, adventurous, diverse bunch of people with Airstream linking us all together. The amount of technical knowledge on both old and new equipment, campground and route recommendations, experienced caravaners that will share their experiences and the value of those long and short national caravans that are in the back of the Blue Beret each month is just mind boggling! If you were unable to join us at an event this year, we hope you will rejoin so we can "wow" you down the road!

2. Birthday Bash Weekend: November 3-5; Potawatami State Park, Sturgeon Bay, WI

The details: No reservations needed, no rally fee. You can decide to attend at the last minute! (Or cancel if you must...) This weekend is a relaxing time, usually the last time out for the season. Plan to arrive Friday, in time for a trip to a local restaurant for fish or whatever. Saturday, we will be having our first luncheon of the season at Old Mexico Cantina and Grill in Sturgeon Bay. Saturday night, we will have a pot luck in the shelter with a fire and games. Please bring your favorite games! Sunday, you are on your own! Maybe breakfast on site, in town, shopping, hiking, but enjoy the day! Please remember to bring your favorite beverages and something to share at the potluck.

The campground will have electric, no water and no flush toilets or showers. Only pit potties. Bring a full fresh water tank and empty black/grey tanks. Dump station may or may not be open, but there are other choices. Park in the section near the shelter!

Send me an email or call, just to let me know you might be coming. I don't want to leave anyone behind Friday night when we head to town!

Please call me if you have any questions about what to expect, what to bring, etc.

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3. November Luncheon: November 4, 2017

**Old Mexico Cantina and Grill
901 Egg Harbor Rd.
Sturgeon Bay WI**

We will plan to sit down around noon, but the restaurant opens at 11am. So come early and socialize before lunch, and after! The last time we ate here, we had their new menu item, guacamole prepared fresh at the table. It was amazing!

Please plan to join us for the luncheon, even if you are unable to join us for the camping!!

I will need to let the restaurant know how many will be attending, so please send me an email, or call and let me know you will be joining us!

RSVP by Tuesday, Sept 30th

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4. Facebook information:

If you are a participant on Facebook, and have not yet joined our page, please do!!! It is a great way to stay current on activities, ask questions about events or your equipment, share travel and Airstream photos! The page is "Closed", so you will need to ask to join. By keeping the page closed, we prevent a dastardly villain from an easy spot to locate vacant homes in our area! All members are encouraged to join.

Our page name is WBCCI Wisconsin Unit

Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

Installation Rally Event Schedule:

Lake Farm Campground, Madison, WI

Friday, September 22

Arrive in the afternoon, evening, or whenever you can. 4:00 PM Happy Hour at the Jorgensen Trailer, Site # 28

Happy hour morphs into open grill supper. Bring your entree to grill and a dish to pass—starches (potatoes or rice) or veggies preferred.

Campfire until ??????????

Saturday, September 23

7:30 - 8:30 Coffee at the Jorgensen's—coffee provided, or bring your own

8:30 AM Leave for Madison's Farmers Market on the square Get your breakfast there with the many venders.

Lunch on your own

Explore Madison on your own. Bike ride (many trails near campground!)

Explore microbreweries. Go shopping. Sit around and hassle me.

Bill Holloway has told me a new bike trail has opened, so bring your bikes!

<http://www.wkow.com/story/36227939/2017/08/Sunday/lower-yahara-river-trail-opens-in-mcfarland>

4:30 Happy hour

5:45 Executive Committee Meeting at Christy's Landing

6:00 Dinner at Christy's Landing—Burgers, pizza, sandwiches

2952 Waubesa Avenue, Madison, WI 53711

<http://christyslanding.com/index.php>

Business Meeting, election, and Installation of Officers to follow.

Sunday, September 24

8:00 AM— Coffee and breakfast at the Jorgensen's, site # 28

10:00 AM— Driver's Meeting for Driftless Caravan

People depart at their leisure

P.S. from the Editor:

Looking back at the travel and the friendships made this summer... what joy and special moments were recorded for the scrapbook! I thought I would share a couple with you. (Sorry Mary just couldn't resist posting this one.)

It is great to see that our Unit has had an increase in membership... we are happy that so many are interested in joining this group. By the way, don't forget to pay your dues by November to be listed in the Directory.

Just wanted to remind you to check our web page ...(wisc.wbbci.net) for information and scheduling materials about fall Unit rallies and Caravans.

Speaking of Caravans you may want to consider the list of national caravans scheduled in the WBCCI magazine...sign up and enjoy the planning!

