


BADGER BULLETIN



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This is the Silver Grouse... my AS, my cabin on wheels. I attended one of the first spring rallies of our unit. I was excited to be camping... the sun was shining bright and felt warmer than the temperature gauge would show. The roadways into the park were dry and unencumbered with snow; which had fallen the previous week-end. But the individual reservable sites were another matter...they were leveled with snow.

As I assessed the reserved lot, I was worried that I could get stuck... I had not handled this situation before. Just then the park ranger [a Paul Bunyan type guy] ...said not to worry, no problem "you can get in there." So he helped guide me into this spot (it had 6" of snow on it and dropped off into a cedar-lined bog!)... however, no issues happened, went in "just like budder" as a friend would say. Whew!

Only stayed in the spot for a night... wanted to be nearer the other unit members that came to the rally.

Picture was taken by KSuksi in Kettle-Moraine State Park, Wisconsin 4/2018



Thoughts from Greg and Jane Hyer...

We had a great turnout for our Spring Meeting/Dinner at the Woodland Creek Supper Club in Campbellsport, WI in April. A few of us even camping on the lake at Kettle Moraine North State Park with a good view of Loons and Eagles and learned about Eskers, Kanes and Moraines at the Ice Age Trail Interpretive Center.

Next up, Cherry Picking, Door County from Baily's Grove in Baily's Harbor from July 26-29. Check with Baily's to reserve a site. We'll trade cheery recipes and if you have a Dutch Oven we'll try some Dutch Oven cherry pies. Jane Hyer is organizing a Swap, Trade or Dump and Run event as well for your oversupply of Airstream items. We hope to see you there.

Don't forget about our other upcoming events: Kids & Grandkids Rally, 8/9-12; Lake Superior Frontier History, 8/23-27; Region 7 Rally, 8/28 – 9/2 and Cranberry Festival and Marsh Tours, 9/27-30.

I hope all is well and you can enjoy another year of adventures.

A Message from the Unit President...Pete Yanke

The Region 7 rally season for our region is in full swing.

The North Dakota Peace Garden unit has a rally scheduled for June, July and August.

The Wisconsin unit has the Cherry Picking Rally in July; and the 1800s Lake Superior Frontier History Rally in August.

There also have a scheduled caravan in June to the Salem International Rally.

I will be leading a tag-along caravan to Salem. The Minnesota unit has a Tech Rally, at the Airstream Park in Clear Lake MN, scheduled for July.

The plans for the International Rally are really shaping up. The musical acts are diverse and will be very entertaining. Don Thomson has the Region 7 rally ready to go.

You can get more info on all of these events, and others, by going to the WBCCI calendar.

This will be the last of these articles for me to write. I have to thank a number of people. The first is my wife Kathy. She has kept me to task for the last couple of years. Dick Hedquist who handled the check book for me and Bob Manak for all the web work as well as the other committee folks. The Region VPs, Don Thomson and Jane Carmichael, have been up to any task I have asked them to take on. The Region will be in good leadership hands. (We will have an open position starting July.) The last people to thank are all the Region 7 presidents that preceded me. I owe them for blazing a trail and giving guidance.

Accepting the Region 7 position has given us the opportunity to meet and become friends with many, many folks from around the USA and Canada. It was also gratifying to work with these folks to help craft the future direction of the WBCCI. It was a great experience that I will always remember.

Which brings me to the famous line...parting is such sweet sorrow..

As Always, Travel Safe.....and thanks

Is your Airstream ready for summer?

Use this checklist:

Displace antifreeze:

meaning to flush out the antifreeze from your system.

(there has been some discussion on the forums about long lines at dumping stations in state parks of owners doing this process.)

Sanitize the water system

Check the air pressure on all the tires (including the spare)

Tires should have the appropriate pressure according to the manufactures requirements; under inflating can impact the performance of the tires.

Check the age of the tire... the date is on the tire; recommended interval for changing the tires is 5 years from the date of manufacturer.

Fill up the propane tanks

Check for gas smell; tighten with gas tape to ensure seal.

Test all major systems (furnace, refrigerator, water heater, stove, oven lights, water pump, air conditioner, heat pump, and fans)

This maybe the time to wipe the fan blades or rinse the screens

Replace detector(s) batteries (9volt)

It is important that these work... so check and replace

Replace the water filter cartridge if your Airstream has a built-in water filter

Look for damage on the receiver

Hitch up and go for a short tow.

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Unit Events to consider

Secure your reservations for the following:

Cherry Picking (Baileys Grove);

Kids & GrandKids Rally (wildernesscampground.com);

The 1800's Lake Superior Frontier History Rally (midnreservations.com)

For specific information about these rally's see the Unit's Event schedule for host listing details.

Attending the **2018 International Rally in Salem, OR**

Date: June 23-30, 2018

There are several caravan groups going if you don't want to travel alone:

1. Hosts & contact source: Will and Pat Franger
(williamfranger@aol.com)

Dates: June 1-23, 2018

Leaving from Escanaba, MI

2. Hosts & contact person: Pete Yanke (pyanke@aol.com)

Dates: June 9/10 -23

Leaving from St. Cloud, MN

Plan on Attending the **2018 Region 7 Rally in West Fargo, MN**

Caravan to the Rally in MN with Jane (specific caravan itinerary is available on unit web site)

Dates: August 28- September 2, 2018

Hosts: Jane Carmichael (janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

Leaving from Copper Harbor, MI after 1800's Lake Superior Frontier History Rally