

July/August 2019

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Update from our President John Cooper...

The Easter Campout, Wisconsin Dells Campout and Spring Business Meeting, and Alumapalooza have all taken place, and without exception our members have enjoyed getting together to enjoy the camaraderie and activities that we share at each event. I missed Alumapalooza this year, but thought I heard the organizers replaced the annual “pull the empty trailer around the parking lot” competition with a “pull the fully loaded trailer out of the bog” event instead. Maybe not, but kudos to all who braved the weather and attended!



We just concluded the Pictured Rocks Campout, hosted by Gina Eggers and Mark Kasten. Attendance at each of our events this year has been amazing, and we had 45 people at the Pictured Rocks Campout! Gina and Mark did a great job of setting this up, with a bunch of activities geared to help us get to know the Pictured Rocks area. Gina also made some wonderful bagels for us to enjoy, amply demonstrating her qualifications for those Art of Airstream Cooking articles in the Blue Beret. We had three days of beautiful blue skies, beautiful sunsets, and good times with a great group of people.



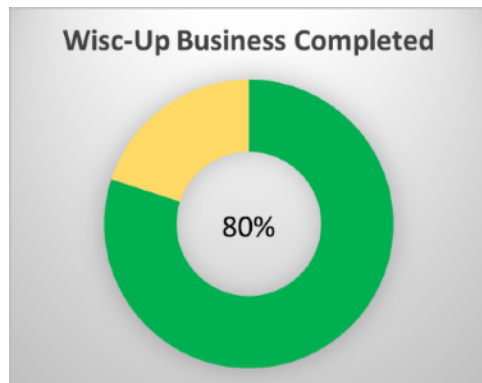
Next up is the [Region 7 Rally](#) August 7-14 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, CA. The cultural cornerstone of the rally is the 50th Anniversary Folklorama Festival. Terri and I will be there to represent Wisconsin and UP ‘streamers during the Region 7 business meetings, and to enjoy as many of the Folklorama

festivities as we possibly can. This looks like a thoroughly amazing event, and you still have time to sign up!



Our parent organization has slowly been changing its name from WBCCI (Wally Byam Caravan Club International) to WBAC (Wally Byam Airstream Club). One of the downstream effects is that our web site, which was at <https://wisc.wbcci.net>, has changed to a new web address which also happily reflects our new unit name (<https://wisc-up.airstreamclub.net>).

Later this year we expect the underlying technology for our website to change (from WordPress to Drupal), and all the website content will either be migrated or redeveloped as necessary. Our webmaster, Bob Manak, and I will have more to share on this later this year.



The Wisconsin Unit has selected a delegate (thank you Bob Manak!) and alternate (thank you Chuck Zellermayer!) to represent us at the 62nd WBCCI/WBAC International Rally to be held July 20-27 at Doswell Virginia. We voted on a new unit name (Wisc-UP

Airstream Club) to include the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and completed the required five-year review and update of our Constitution and Bylaws. For me as President, much of the annual business of the club has been completed and it is time to kick back just a bit, enjoy camping with you at our remaining rallies, and to make some new friends during the rest of the year.

In Memorium...

Two of our former unit members have passed...

Mary Schwenke (#9112), of Sheboygen, WI. and Texas; wife of Stan for nearly 40 years; a memorial service is scheduled for July 13, 2019 in Howards Grove, WI.

Peter Breu (#10082) of Marshfield, WI; Peter was President of the Indianhead WBCCI Unit (1994; 1996). His daughter (Cathy Ruebel) is an active member of the North Dakota unit.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families during this difficult time.

Computer sites that maybe helpful in planning your next trip...



- **Road Trip America:** [<https://www.roadtripamerica.com>]

One of the great things about this site is that it can provide trip advice, maps, and/or stimulate traveling to a specific location.

- **RV Camping:** [<https://www.rv-camping.org>]

This can give you public and private camping information sources, RV parks, free camping locations, maps and a research room to help find the best RV campsites (there is even a boon docking section!)

- **Campground Reviews:** [<https://www.campgroundreviews.com>]

This site advertises that it is a trusted source of 19,000+ campgrounds in 3 countries. It is now also available through the RV LIFE App which can be obtained on iPhones, iPads and Android devices..

- **Campendium:** RV Parks, Caravan Parks and Unique RV Camping: [<https://www.campendium.com>]

The site reviews parks, identifies free camping, dump stations locations (a must if your on the road), actual photos and travel blogs.



Unit Rally and Campout Schedule

July 20 through 27: WBCCI International Rally

Doswell, VA

Just a NOTE: on July 25: Open reservations begin for
2020 Loveland, CO WBCCI International Rally
see rally@wbcci.org for more information

August 7 through 14: Region 7 WBCCI National Event Rally

Around the World with Folklorama

Town & Country Campground, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Contact person: Don Thompson (dont4304@wbcci.net)

September 27-29: Campout, Business meeting and new officer installation

High Cliff State Park, Sherwood, WI

Contact People: John and Terri Cooper