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Introducing..... the Wisc UP Officers for 2020



**L TO R: PRESIDENT: BILL SCHEUERELL; 1ST V.P.: ROD FIEREK; 2ND V.P.: CHUCK ZELLMAYER; 1ST. TRUSTEE: TIM VALENZA; 3RD TRUSTEE: GINA EGGERS; INSTALLED BY REGION 7 PRESIDENT: DON THOMPSON (FAR RIGHT SLIVER OF PICTURE)
(NOT PICTURED: 2ND TRUSTEE: BREE MOORE-LAWRENCE; SECRETARY: CHARLIE LAWRENCE; TREASURER: JOHN COOPER)**



Keeping in Touch... with Ginny and Bill

As I write this the Famous Birthday Bash Weekend, the final event of the season, is nearly here and we are moving into luncheon season. Dave and Vicki will host the December luncheon on Saturday, December 14 at the 1855 Saloon and Grill, 218 S Main Street, Cottage Grove. I'm seeking others to host luncheons next year.

Thanks to John and Terry Cooper for hosting the High Cliff Rally and Business Meeting, and Region 7 President Don Thompson conducted the induction. Ginny and I were traveling in Newfoundland in 2017 and Italy in 2018 during the previous fall business meetings, so this was a new experience for me. With a hearty "I do and Yah, you betcha!" the Officers swore to do our best for the club. Our thanks to John and Terri for all they did for us this past year and as well as the officers and members who contribute their time and expertise as hosts of rallies, campouts, caravans, luncheons, Web site maintenance, newsletter production, new member communications, officer recruitment, and all the other details we may sometimes take for granted. By the way...In addition to the normal duties of unit President, John managed the required unit review of our Constitution, as well as our name change to **Wisc-UP Airstream Club**. Thank you all!

A list of the events I have planned or recruited other members to host next year is published at the top of the Web site front page. I have more work to do on the details and will include them in the next newsletter.

Ginny and I left the High Cliff Rally early on Sunday on our way to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally. Everyone we have spoken with who had attended the Fiesta told us words and pictures do not do justice to the experience of being there and they were right. It was an amazing experience. We had very good luck with the weather. On Saturday, the first day of the Fiesta, the Dawn Patrol went up on schedule at 6:00 AM but the Mass Ascension that was scheduled for 7:00 was postponed and eventually canceled due to fog! This was the only fog cancelation in the 48-year history of the Fiesta. Regardless, walking through about 400 balloons inflated and ready to fly was amazing. The weather cooperated for the rest of our time there but there was a wind cancelation later in the week. The Rally ends on Tuesday and we went on to Santa Fe and Taos for hiking and sightseeing.

Something to think about...



Using BLM lands when traveling....[recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) reports “although it may not be in first agency that comes to mind when you think “Public Lands,” the Bureau of Land Management is one of the largest BLM manages 1 in 10 acres in the US or about 12 percent of the landmass in the country...roughly the size of Texas. BLM lands are primarily located in western states, and many places

Many State parks through their respective department of Natural resources, are offering events to support costs within their park systems. For example: Michigan DNR is promoting a first-ever Happy Little 5K/Run for the Trees. This is a visual race set for spring...Registration opens January 1. This race has a 10-day window, which encompasses 2 full weekends plus Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 24). Each participant will receive a Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number and a finisher's medal. The best part...your visual race will make a real difference, all proceeds support tree-planting efforts at state parks throughout Michigan.

Find out what your state's DNR is doing to support it's park system!

For Dog owners...[ReserveAmerica](https://www.reserveamerica.com) is highlighting Trail Obedience Skills to Teach your Dog...on their web page. You might find some information useful when taking your dog on trails in state and national parks.

Last of the Unit Events....

November 1-3 Birthday Bash at Potawatomi State Park
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Hosts: Sandy and Ed Emerick

Sandy reports "This is our last 'official' camping weekend of the season. We camp in the south loop of the Daisy Field Campground, near the shelter. Select an electric site and come with you water tank filled and black/grey tanks emptied. No reservations are necessary. Plan for a pot-luck on Saturday night; there is power in the shelter for crock pots and the like."

December 14, 2019 Holiday Luncheon 11:30 am
1855 Saloon and Grill
218 S. Main St.
Cottage Grove, WI

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