

# **Under construction and review**

## **A Change is a Comin’**

Fall has many unique features that signal change; physical changes in our surrounds...the air is cooler and smells musty on the leaf strewn hiking trails; leaves are changing color; and even snow has left a blanket on the ground in parts of our region...all of which means we need to make preparations for winter.

2020 has been a year of constant change for folks. All of the “routine” aspects of our lives seems to have been forced into a new kind of “normal,” which at first was manageable and tolerable with new restrictions/procedures for controlling our gatherings and adventures. But this change has heightened our sensitivity toward the importance of finding creative ways to gather, without actually physically meeting...such as using the Zoom platform to see others in real time, even though the technology was tricky for some to “get on.” All of this has brought home the importance of community and the socialization aspects that our gatherings bring.

As our banner says...it is under construction. Pattie Cook [[#22562](#)] and I have talked about the club request expressed at the “business meeting,” to alter the name of our newsletter...better reflecting the inclusion of the Upper Peninsula in our region and club. Since Pattie had some historic club files...she did a quick search in the archives for a reference to the designer of the previous newsletter’s logo; and give them credit for their work. We like to acknowledge Ellen McGaughey for her work in developing the former banner. Thank you Ellen!

So, we have developed 3 banners for you to review on the next page....

Please select one and send your vote to [safari906@gmail.com](mailto:safari906@gmail.com) ...the entry with the most votes will be the shown on the January newsletter.  
A. Riveting Adventures



B.The Northern Flash



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# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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## Consider this...

As you participate in winterizing your Airstream, blow out furnace and vents; clean all window and door seals; tighten hinges; do some flat surface cleaning, check the lug nuts at 110 ft.lb. torque; check tire pressure and check batteries.

Maybe look into a Maintenance Plan through a dealer of your choice.

Airstream recently completed the Astrovan II to transport Boeing astronauts from where they suit up in Cape Canaveral, FL to the launch pad. What is the tagline for the new Astrovan II called? is it "to Infinity and Beyond, is it Your Ride is Here; is it History in the Making; is it Ready to Launch?

# Here's A "Peak" at the 2021 Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<b>2020</b>		
Nov	Zoom Happy Hour	
Dec	Zoom Holiday Party	
<b>2021</b>		
Jan	No Club events	
Feb 14	Luncheon, Grafton, WI	Jim Guthrie & Joanne Peterson
Mar 13	Luncheon, LaCrosse area	Bree Moore-Lawrence & Charlie
Apr 1-4	Easter campout, Peninsula State Park	No Sponsor TBA
Apr 29-May 2	Dells Spring Business Meeting	Bill Scheuerell & Ginny Janssen
Jun 17-20 or 24-27	Chippewa Falls Rally	Rod & Beth Fierek
Jul 17-24	WBCCI International Rally, near Nashville, TN	
Aug 5-8	Kids Rally, Wilton, WI	Bree & Charlie Lawrence
Aug 19-24	Region 7 Rally, Marquette, MI	Jane Carmichael
Sep 7-12	Alumapalooza, Jackson Center, OH	
Sep 21-24	Rally on the River, Stillwater, MN	Rod & Beth Fierek
Sep 24-29?	Brewery Trek toward Decorah, IA	Kurt & Mary Jorgensen
Oct	Wide open - any ideas??	
Nov 4-7	Birthday Bash, Potawatomi SP	No Sponsor TBA
Dec 4	Luncheon, Wausau area	Gina Eggers & Mark Kasten

# And now a word from Rod & Beth...

Greetings fellow **Wisc-UP** members.

I'm Rod Fierek, newly elected as your Club president for the coming year. It is likely that some of you do not know me, so I thought I'd start with some background, or maybe an introduction. I won't bore you with my resume or CV.

My wife, Beth, and I bought our first Airstream nearly eight years ago at the Minneapolis RV show. We had just returned to America after

12 years working abroad, where the whole "RV thing" had piqued our interest. We thought the Minneapolis RV Show would be nice relief from the lousy Winter weather and hoped it would offer a close look at the US-made products. Most of them were junk, ... and then we saw the **Airstreams**.

We signed a sales agreement that same day for a 19-foot Bambi, and haven't looked back since.

Like many, we found ourselves heading out in our Airstream for longer periods and venturing further from home. It only took two seasons with the Bambi to realize that we "needed" a bigger Airstream. We ordered a 25 Flying Cloud rear twin and took possession in December 2015. This rig has been just about everywhere in North America, including Newfoundland and Alaska, and the best part of both of those trips is that we did them with friends we made as a result of owning that giant aluminum can. It's been a blast.



Fast forward to today, I think it is safe to say that we're all getting pretty tired of being part of a major historical event. None of us know where the COVID-19 pandemic will take us, and it is admittedly tiring to have changed entirely our normal ways of both doing business and having fun.

Let's face it, this Club is all about the fun part, and for sure we could all use some fun. Being eternal optimists, we're pressing ahead to develop a 2021 rally schedule.

### **Looking ahead, here's what's percolating right now:**

- Jim Guthrie and Joanne Peterson (#11970) has agreed to host the February luncheon, no doubt with some help from Joanne.
- Bree Moore-Lawrence and Charlie (#2878) will host the March luncheon.
- Early April brings another No Host Easter Campout, hosted by Sandy Emerick (#4425), with the usual entertainment by Ed. The hosting part mostly means that you should let Sandy know that you're attending to ensure not being left behind when the others go to dinner.
- Bill Scheuerell and Ginny Janssen (#3649) are dusting off their Spring Rally plans for an event in the Dells.
- Our June Rally will be in Chippewa Falls, just a short crawl to, or maybe home from, the Leinenkugel's Brewery.
- Bree and Charlie Lawrence (#2878) are doing up a mid-summer kids rally.
- The International Rally will be near Nashville in July.
- Our former President and esteemed Region 7 leader, Jane Carmichael (#3230), is hosting the Region 7 Rally in Marquette, MI, during August.
- Alumapalooza will be held right after Labor Day in Jackson Center, OH. Schedule your service visits well in advance.
- Beth and I will host a rally in late September near Stillwater, MN. Think paddle wheelers and looking eastward at Wisconsin from the St Croix River. We're going to do something a little different with this one and start it on a weekday. There are just too many tourists in town on weekends.
- The Stillwater rally will morph immediately into a trip south to Iowa and then into Wisconsin. We will follow Kurt and Mary Jorgensen (#6104) on something akin to a brewery trek. Think of it as The Driftless Caravan Lite
- October is wide open – speak up if you have an idea.
- November will bring the Birthday Bash, another No Host event.

- We'll wrap up our 2021 events with a December luncheon near Wausau, arranged by Gina Eggers and Mark Kasten (#3732).

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Given the state of the pandemic it is difficult today to predict how all of this is going to work out. Still, we're pressing ahead to do the work necessary for another great year of Airstreaming -- assuming that 2021 brings us to The After Times, when we can actually get together.

For the moment, know that we have an event calendar, and we are ready to roll with it.

That's it for this month. I'll close with a quick reminder that this is also flu season. Make sure you get out to get your flu shot; its particularly important during this pandemic.

We look forward to meeting new friends, and renewing long-standing relationships with fellow Club members.

Finally, please renew your Club membership if you've not already done so.

Stay safe. Be well. We'll see you down the road!

Rod and Beth Fierek (#1924)

## **For Your Information...**

Larry Madden (#3909) a member on the Benefit Team of the Wally Byam Caravan Club shared this information..."Passport American and the Airstream Club International has formulated a partnership which is designed to identify 1800 participating campgrounds in US, Canada and Mexico which offer a 50% discount on regular camping fees. There are other benefits as well...an app for your phone (which can give information on nearby parks, search a park, list park by city/state.), a camping directory and monthly newsletter."

# A Region 7 Report from Jane

## **INTERNATIONAL:**

June 24, 25, 26, 27 business meetings were held for the International Board of Trustees. Beth and Jane attended these mtgs via Zoom, as did Past President Don Thompson, along with many members. The IBT was live-streamed so that all WBCCI members could hear on YouTube.

Elections by the Delegates are posted at [www.Airstreamclub.org](http://www.Airstreamclub.org)

## **REGION OFFICERS AND APPOINTED**

**CHAIRS** Your Region 7 officers as of June 26 are:

President Jane Carmichael

1st Vice President Beth Zelten

2nd: OPEN

Past President: Don Thompson

Treasurer: Chuck Zellermayer

Corresponding Secretary: Ed Klein

Recording Secretary: Ginger Slattery

Parliamentarian: Pearl Kyle-Adams

Membership: Linda Agre **WELCOME & THANKS**

Newsletter Editor: Tim Doherty

Newsletter/Website: Bob Manak

Caravan: Pete & Kathy Yanke

Nominating: Open

## **REGION NEWS**

The July 2020 Region 7 Newsletter was completed by several writers and was published by Bob Manak. Bob distributed the Region 7 Newsletter via email to members listed by the WBCCI Headquarters on June 28.

Beth Zelten was installed as 1st VP on July 3. In attendance was Kenn Zelten, Gina Eggars, Mark Kasten, Ed Klein, each wearing masks made by Gina.

## **REGION 7 RALLY UPDATE**

If you reserved and paid for a site for the 2020 Region 7 Rally, then your



campsite was rolled over to the 2021 dates. Those dates are: **August 19 - 24, 2021** at the **Rippling River Resort**, Marquette, MI.

If you already paid the Rally Fee for the 2020 Region 7 Rally, it was either rolled over to 2021 or your Rally Fee was refunded by Gail Harrower, who was the Region Treasurer in April.

If you think you might want to attend in 2021, please call Rippling River Resort at **906 273-5529** to reserve a site, or to be on the Wait List. Please mention that you are with the **Region 7 Rally** for a discount.

There are 53 sites listed as reserved by WBCCI Airstreamers. After our books are audited and Chuck is set to go, we will re-activate the Region 7 treasury to accept Rally Fees, to process any cancellations, and provide the Region 7 Treasurer's Report.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Please check your Blue Beret each issue for Region 7 articles. The website for Region 7 is: **[region7.airstreamclub.net](http://region7.airstreamclub.net)**

### **NOMINATIONS FOR REGION 2ND VICE PRESIDENT!**

We've been trying to reach you.....please consider asking questions about what is needed to be a Region 7 Vice President nominee.

Call Jane Carmichael at 906-236-3677 or email [janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com](mailto:janecarmichael2000@yahoo.com)

Or Call Beth Zelten at 906 290-4938 or email [kez561224@gmail.com](mailto:kez561224@gmail.com)1221