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## *Kay's Kommunique*

Greetings Friends!

Summer is in full swing now, isn't it. International is coming fast. We are excited to experience our first one. My lists are made out, and I'm crossing things off as I pack. (Yes, I'm a list maker. It isn't a perfect system, but it helps.)

Pipestone Rally was great fun. The weather wasn't the most cooperative, but at least it didn't rain. There were 45 people there, including Region 7 pres, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, MN Unit pres, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. I think we'll have to go back there sometime. There's still SO much to see and do. Note to self: don't leave the camp chairs sitting in front of the furnace exhaust. Creates holes... New chairs on order.

Tech Rally is fast approaching also July 19 - 22. We're planning many short fun tech "infomercials". Some of the topics will be: flushing water heaters, solving water pump issues, sealing water leaks, window maintenance, tank maintenance, toilet paper, Apps you need for the road, and many others.

A flier went out for the work rally at International Peace Gardens July 8 - 10. If you haven't been there, it's a beautiful place, and worth the trip.

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Gotta get packing. See you on the road!

Safe travels!

Kay

Pfleghaar's lap dog 😊



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## 2017 - 2018 MN Unit Schedule

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Host/Leader</b>
Tag-along Caravan To International	St. Cloud Area	6/9/18 <a href="#">See page 4</a>	Kathy & Pete Yanke
International Peace Garden Work Rally	International Peace Garden, ND	7/8 - 7/11/18 <a href="#">See page 5</a>	Lillian Thomson Region 7
Tech Rally with Shorewood RV	MN Airstream Park	07/19/18- 07/22/18 <a href="#">See page 4</a>	Linda Agre
Casino Caravan (Wisconsin Unit)	Copper Harbor, MI to West Fargo, ND	8/26/18 - 8/28/18 <a href="#">See page 6</a>	Jane Carmichael Region 7
Region 7 Rally	West Fargo, ND	8/28/18 - 9/2/18	Don Thomson Region 7
<a href="#">You should have received a Rally Registration email from Don already. If you did not, and want one, let me know and I can forward it to you.</a>			
Installation Rally	Autumn Woods RV Park Rochester, MN	9/20/18 - 9/23/18 <a href="#">See page 7</a>	Kay & Chris Olsson

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## *Tag-Along Caravan*

For those of you that are interested, I will be planning a pay as you go caravan to the International rally in Salem. It will be a 10 day trip with 2 day stops in Medora, ND, West Yellowstone, MT and Boardman. OR. An afternoon will be spent at Craters of the Moon National Monument. We will be leaving the St Cloud area on or about June 9 or 10. If you would like more information, send me an email at [pyanke@aol.com](mailto:pyanke@aol.com) or give me a call at 320-260-7803.

Pete Yanke, Region 7 President.

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## *Tech Rally in July*

Want to be rich and famous? Well, maybe just famous...

Linda Agre is looking for people to do sessions at the Tech Rally in July. If you are interested, or even just thinking about it, please contact Linda.

Linda Agre

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Ok, so this would be limited fame, but still, fame is fame. 😊

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## 2018 International Peace garden Work Rally

July 9-10-11

Arrival: July 8

Departure: July 11 Afternoon

Work hours: 7/9/18 & 7/10/18 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 unless too warm  
7/11/18 9:00 – 12:00 departure after lunch

Peace Garden Campground Facilities – phone # 1-888-432-6733

Information/Registration: Lillian Thomson 701-520-8547

[Lillianthomson77@gmail.com](mailto:Lillianthomson77@gmail.com)

Rally Fee: \$10.00



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## *Wisconsin Unit Announces Casino Caravan to the West Fargo Rally*

Any WBCCI member from Region 7 (Manitoba, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) or a nearby area, is invited to join this 2018 Caravan. Please read for details to decide if this Casino Caravan is for you!

The Casino Caravan starts on Sunday, August 26, 2018 in Copper Harbor, Michigan. This is a short and sweet 3 day 2 night Caravan that will culminate with your arrival at the Region 7 Rally held in West Fargo, ND August 28 - September 2, 2018.

You may join us along the route at any point. This route will be US 41/26/45 via Bruce Crossing, MI to US 2 with an overnight in Odanah, Wisconsin. (Bad River Casino). We then proceed along US 2, I 35, MN 210 (Black Bear Casino for lunch) to overnight in Brainerd, Minnesota at Crow Wing Campground.

Cost: Pay as You Go & Your Camping Fees

Reserve Your Campsite: Bad River 715 682-7121 (Smoke Shop)

Reserve Your Campsite: Crow Wing 218 829-6468 (August 27)

August 26: Bad River Casino \$20 W/E dump station

August 27: Crow Wing Camp \$54 W/E/S

1. Reserve by calling each campground and showing up somewhere along the way!
2. Please register for the Region 7 Rally ([www.region7.wbcci.net](http://www.region7.wbcci.net)) once registration opens.
3. Please let Jane Carmichael know if you are joining this Casino Caravan! (Contact info next page)

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## *Installation Rally*

The Installation Rally has a confirmed campground. It's Autumn Woods RV Park in Rochester, MN. Dates are September 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Campground information:

Autumn Woods RV Park  
1067 Autumn Woods Circle SW  
Rochester, MN 55902  
Ph: 507-990-2983 / 1-866-397-8489  
[www.autumnwoodsrvpark.com](http://www.autumnwoodsrvpark.com)

You can call anytime to make a reservation. Kay and I have one already. ☺ Let them know you are part of the MN Airstream Group. They will not assign specific camping spots until just a few days before the Rally. This is because they have a lot of campers that go to Mayo, and the campers do not always know how long they will be staying. They will clump us as close together as possible.

We will be sending more information and rally registration shortly. But, do not wait for the Rally Registration to make a camping reservation.

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## *A note from the Region 7 President*

WBCCI...the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. The operative word in that title is caravan. Yes we are an Airstream exclusive organization. The early caravans were not so exclusive. When you tell people that you belong to the WBCCI you can get some funny looks. Then you tell them it's the Airstream club and they understand. With that in mind we have adopted the name of the Wally Byam Airstream Club or WBAC.

Even though caravan is not part of our identifier it is still a big part of our identity. You get to travel the country with old friends and make new ones. It does not matter if it is a two day caravan or a three month caravan. The same thoughts apply. It is the adventure of the unknown. It is as close to being a pioneer as most of us will get. You get to explore new places and experiences. Try new foods. Hear new music and stories.

I am writing this as we are parked in a campground in Abbeville, LA. We are on the Cajun Country Caravan. Again, we are with some old friends and a bunch of new friends. It seems like we have known these people for a lifetime. This is our first national caravan. We have done a number of unit and regional caravans. The outcome is exactly the same. You have a good time.

The purpose of all this is to get you to try a caravan. Any caravan. We found out early on that we really enjoyed the caravan part of the WBCCI. We enjoy rallies, don't get me wrong. It is impressive to see a group of Airstream units parked together. It is just as impressive to see a string of them going down the highway.

As we move to the summer months go try a caravan. There are a number of them headed to the International rally in Salem OR. Look for a local caravan. Find one headed to a region rally. Let them wheels roll.

As the Cajuns say..."Laissez le bon temps roulet" or "Let the good times roll".



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As always.....Travel safe

Pete Yanke, Region 7 President



Harry & Sharon Ramler and Kathy & Pete Yanke would like to thank all of you who comforted us after the death of Harry & Kathy's mother, Evelyn Ramler, on April 6th. We appreciated your hugs, your cards, any words of condolence, or anything you did to comfort us.

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## *Spring Rally at Pipestone, MN*

We gathered at the Pipestone RV Park in Pipestone, MN on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.



Thursday evening was Happy Hour, followed by dinner on your own and a campfire.

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Friday, we went to the *Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers* for our pipestone carving class. We could choose to carve any one of several shapes, including a turtle, bear, feather, butterfly, cross, or owl. The blanks, tools, and



instructions were all provided, as well as a history lesson in pipe carving. Each carver could add a leather strip to make their carving into a necklace. Beads were also available to embellish your necklace if you wanted. Overall, we had a wonderful time, and each of us brought home a carved item and a better understanding of the pipemaking carving process.



There was this really cool donkey sculpture at the carving class building. The owner said it was made from Coffin Lids welded together.

On the next page are pictures from the carving class. Thanks to Gary Burnham for taking the pictures.

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Friday afternoon, we visited the Pipestone National Monument, where we learned more about the history of pipestone, the monument, and the Tribal People that still quarry there. We met two carvers that were working inside the Monument building. Many of us talked with them both for quite a while, learning more about them and what they were making. I think most, if not all of us, enjoyed the visit, including walking the trail.

Below is one of the two carvers that were there, and a sample of what he makes.



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This waterfall is about halfway along the trail.



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Friday evening we ended with Happy Hour, a potluck, and another campfire. Sitting around visiting with each other is a highlight of the evening I think.



Caroline and Paul Munro decorated their trailer for the Royal Wedding Saturday morning.

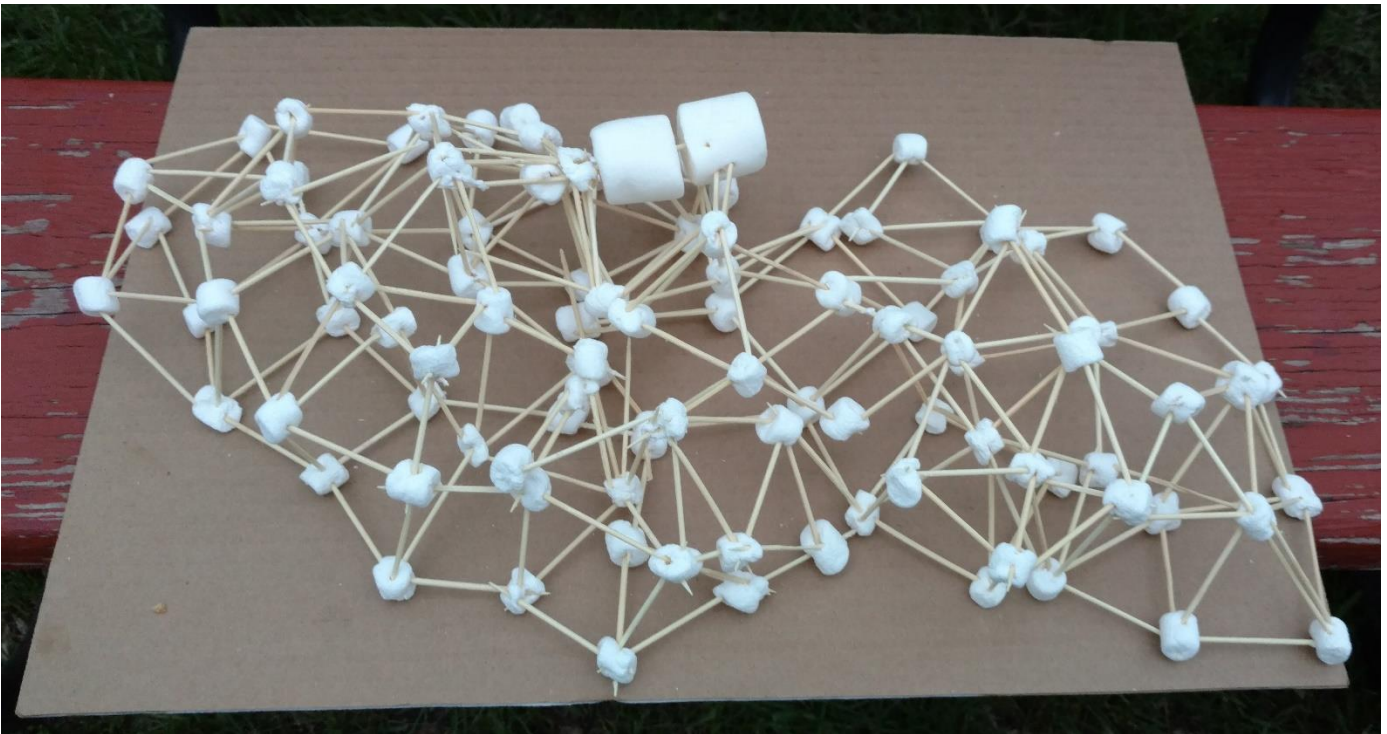


Saturday, it was a Cold and Blustery Day, so we had our oatmeal and ice cream breakfast at the Pavilion. Being inside was a really good choice.

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Saturday was a free day for everyone to go explore Pipestone. The Chamber of Commerce had brought out 25 packets of information for us, and it included several places to go visit and explore.

Saturday evening we had our catered dinner in the Pavilion (still kinda cold and blustery), followed by our last campfire at our campsite.



Lori and Jim Costello's granddaughter made a sculpture out of marshmallows and toothpicks. 😊

Sunday morning was coffee and goodbyes until next time.



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## *The Recipe Corner (from the Spring Rally)*

### **Sweet Sour Dill Chunks (submitted by Kathy Yanke)**

Med size or dill size cukes

Onion slices

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup salt

2 cups water

8 dill heads

2 celery stalks

4 cups sugar

1 quart vinegar

Wash and cut cukes in 1 inch chunks.

To each jar, add 3-4 slices onion, 2 pieces of celery, and 2 dill heads.

Dissolve sugar and salt in vinegar and water. Bring to a boil.

Pour on while hot.

Seal at once.

Ready in 30 days.

Boil the lids.

Makes 4 quarts.

### **Frito Corn Salad (submitted by Caroline & Paul Munro)**

2 cans corn, drained

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped celery

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped onion

$\frac{1}{2}$  chopped bell pepper

1 cup mayo

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups shredded cheese

10 oz bag Chili Cheese Fritos

Mix together all ingredients except the Fritos. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Stir in Fritos until well blended when serving.

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## Scotch-A-Roo Bars AKA Special k bars (submitted by Kirk Stevenson)

6 cups rice crispys  
1 cup sugar

1 cup Karo syrup  
1 cup peanut butter

Bring sugar and Karo syrup slowly to a very soft boil or bubble

Take off burner and add peanut butter and stir together

In a large mixing bowl pour together and mix

Use a pan to pack everything together

Put in refrigerator for 1 hour

Melt 3/4 package of butterscotch chips and 3/4 package of milk chocolate chips together on a low hear stirring frequently. Pour over bars and put back into the refrigerator for 1 hour to cool.

Enjoy!

## Bowtie Cucumber Salad (submitted by Judy Parizek)

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Miracle Whip  
3 T. Vinegar  
1 pound bow tie pasta (cooked, rinsed  
& drained)

3/4 cup sugar  
1 T. Schilling Salad Supreme  
4 cucumbers, peeled and sliced thin

Mix well & refrig 2-3 hours. Overnight is good too.

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## Broccoli Grape Salad (submitted by Terry Pflgebraar)

1 pound bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces	1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing	1/4 cup sugar
1 cup red and/or green seedless grapes, halved	7 cups fresh broccoli florets (1 large head)

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Drain bacon on paper towels and set aside.

In a large bowl, stir together mayonnaise, grapes, red onion and sugar. Add broccoli and two-thirds of the bacon; stir to coat. (Reserve remaining bacon in the refrigerator.) Chill the salad, covered, for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.

Sprinkle reserved bacon over salad just before serving.

## Peanut Butter Cookies (submitted by Kay Olsson) makes 3 doz (if you can keep Chris out of the dough...)

1/4 cup shortening	3/4 t baking soda
1/4 cup Oleo	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter	1/2 t baking powder
1 egg	1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1 1/4 cup flour	1/4 t salt

Mix shortening, oleo, peanut butter, sugars and egg together. Blend in remaining ingredients and chill.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls and place on lightly greased baking sheet. Flatten in criss cross pattern with a fork dipped in flour.

Bake 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

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## Italian Pasta Salad (submitted by Diana McHenry)

5 cups rice noodles	2 cups black olives, <i>sliced in half</i>
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups cherry tomatoes, <i>sliced in half</i>	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh basil, <i>chopped</i>
2 cups Mozzarella Cheese, <i>small bits sliced in half</i>	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup flat leaf parsley, <i>chopped</i>
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup red onion, <i>diced</i>	3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 cups artichoke hearts	1 lemon, juice only
3 cups salami, <i>chopped</i>	1 tsp red pepper flakes
	1 tsp sea salt
	1 tsp black pepper

Bring a pot of water to boil, and boil the rice pasta according to the package instructions. Typically between 10-14 minutes.

While the pasta is cooking, prepare the rest of the ingredients.

Once the pasta has cooked, drain from the water and allow to cool to room temperature.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the rice pasta with the cherry tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, red onion, artichoke hearts, olives and salami. Gently fold to combine.

Add the fresh basil, parsley, olive oil, lemon juice, red pepper flakes, salt, and black pepper. Stir to combine.

Serve immediately.

Note: If you are making this a day in advance, prepare everything but leave the noodles and dressing for just prior to serving.

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## Welcome New MN Unit Members

Kevin Garrett & Cheryl McChesney #04109 - Hugo, MN

William & Julia Anderson #05147 - Forest Lake, MN

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members when you see them!

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### *If you were wondering...*

Got a question about the WBCCI or the MN Unit? Wondering who you can talk to? These wonderful people are more than happy to hear from you and help answer your questions. Please feel free to call or email them.

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I am always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Any topic is welcome! And pictures are always great. Please email me any articles or ideas you have.

If you have recipes to share, please email to me and I will include in upcoming newsletters. It does not need to be a food recipe.

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## *Newsletter Editor Ramblings*

Memorial Day. Thank-you to all that paid the ultimate price.

For those of you at the Spring Rally, I mentioned that I was flying to England Sunday night after the rally. Good trip overall. I went with a co-worker to upgrade equipment at a customer's site in Bradford. We ended up with a free day, so on Friday we hopped a train up to York and did some sightseeing. If you have never been to England, and you like really cool old architecture, you should make the trip sometime and do some sightseeing. I certainly can't do it justice, but here are few pictures from York.



This building on the left caught my eye because of the old timber frame construction.

Hard to tell in the pic on the right, but the buildings are close enough to touch both with your hands at the same time.



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The two pictures above are from the York Minster, also known as St. Peter's Cathedral. This is just one of the many, many stained glass windows in the Minster. The picture on the right is the ceiling in the Chapter House, an octagonal room where the governing body of the cathedral meet. The roofs are all wood, sitting on top of the stone pillars that support the entire building. Maybe one of these years I can build something that intricate.

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These two pictures are in the York Sheffield area. No cars allowed, just peds. I like how the second and third floors are cantilevered out over the street.

One end of the street was the inspiration for scenes in the Harry Potter movies.

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