

WISC-UP



What's What In the WISC-UP Airstream Club

Upcoming Events

2023 WISC-UP Luncheons, Zoom Meetings and Rallies

Dec 10, 2022 Luncheon at Highway Harry's- Johnson Creek, WI (Chuck & Janet Zeller-mayer)

February 18, 2023 Valentine's Luncheon at Hillsboro Brewing- Hillsboro, WI (Bree Lawrence)

March 2023 Luncheon Location TBD (Tim and Patti Valenza)

April 15-17 Member Zoom Meeting (Bree Lawrence)

May 5-7 - Spring Business Mtg & Rally at Wyalusing State Park at the Homestead boondocking sites 245-255 (Mary & Kurt Jorgensen)

June 24-30 - International Rally in Rock Springs, WY [Rally Info & Registration](#) (Cont.)



A Message From President Bree (BRN 2878)

Hello fellow Airstreamers!

I am lucky to know many of you but I know there are still many of you to meet. If you don't know me, I am Bree Lawrence and I am excited to work with you as the new President of the WISC-UP Airstream Club. Everyone who knows me knows I love camping and my Airstream. It is my happy place no matter where we are but it is always a little happier when we are with our Airstream friends.

My husband Charlie, and our three kids Pearson, Brennan, and Eme keep me busy with soccer, gymnastics, show choir, and school plays filling our weekends during the winter months. We have lived in the Coulee Region for 11 years now and love all that this area and Wisconsin has to offer.

I grew up camping in Airstreams in the mountains of (cont.)

Upcoming Events (Cont.)

July 20-23 - Cherry Picking Rally in Southern Door County (Kriss and Kathy Williquette; Ed and Sandy Emerick)

August 3-6 Kids, Kids, Kids Rally Place TBD (Megan Lee and Zach Lee)

August 17-20 Monroe County Cheese Rally (Linda and Chuck Meinholz)

Sept 15-21 Region 7 Rally Wisconsin Riverside Resort (Ginger Slattery)

Oct 12-15 Fall Business Meeting and Rally Location TBD (Bree & Charlie Lawrence)

Social Media

Facebook! Our club's Facebook page is found at this link: [WISC-UP Airstream Club](#)

Our page is a private page, only viewable by club members, friends, and past members. This is to provide security while we are away from home. So if you are a member and would like to join, click on the link above, and request to join! Answer the few questions and we will approve your request. Please keep posting! Any questions or concerns, please contact:

Sandy Emerick
semerick4425@gmail.com



A Message From President Bree (Cont.)

West Virginia and we have continued the family tradition. We found our Airstream 12 years ago when we were living in South Carolina and had no idea how our lives would change. After moving to the Coulee Region, we decided to join the Airstream Club to meet new people and explore our new state. What a wonderful decision that turned out to be. In the 6 years since we joined, we are lucky enough to call everyone we met then our friends and love camping with them every summer. We have lovingly repaired and renovated our Airstream along the way. Sometimes quite literally along the way, in parking lots and campgrounds throughout the country. Some of our best memories are of things that did not go exactly as planned. Learning to go with the flow and enjoy every moment is something you quickly learn while camping.

Even though my happy place has been put away for the winter months, I still love this time of year and find myself thinking about gratitude and how I want to be mindful and thankful for all of the wonderful things in our life. At home with our own kids and in my classroom, we end every day sharing a high and or a low from the day. I always tell them no matter what, you can always find something good about every day. When I am in my Airstream finding the good is always easy. It is usually the place we are visiting or the people we are lucky enough to share the journey with.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at one of the luncheons or rallies we are working on for this upcoming year.

Bree Lawrence
BRN 2878



Membership News

Pattie Cook (BRN 22562)

We would like to welcome our
newest Members!

Kathy and Jeff Allbee
BRN 21625
Cedarburg, WI

Colleen Altman
BRN 19065
Neenah, WI

Kirk and Terry Atkinson
BRN 04287
Eau Claire, WI

Marc and Elena Cram
BRN 03373
Fowlerville, MI

Daryl Herrmann
BRN 01868
Elk River, MN

Cynthia and Christopher Jenny
BRN 03206
Prairie Village, KS

Lee and Jackie Klare
BRN 05010
Traverse City, MI

Kathy and Dave Maurer
BRN 11629
Cottage Grove, WI

Richard and Peggy Perry
BRN 20648
Hayward, WI

Jim and Catherine Pippitt
BRN 24634
Madison, WI



A Message from your International President

Eric McHenry (BRN 153)

Wisc-Up Members,

I was reflecting the other day on the goals for WBCCI and what our team has been able to accomplish in the short three months since our officer terms started on August 1st. In a nutshell, it's been an extremely productive few months, focused on the health of our growing Club, continuing to develop external partnerships, rolling out more benefits to our members, and re-focusing our International Board of Trustees (IBT) on matters of relevance and interest to our members. I shared with someone the other day: "...we can walk and chew gum at the same time...", which means that our members expect our Club to evolve with the changing needs and interests of our members while at the same time respecting and promoting our legacy. It's not a choice between one or the other; it's both.

Some highlights: In the last three months, we've launched two new Intra-Clubs (Stella's Sisters and Pride Streamers), created a new, lighter structure called "Interest-Groups," launched a new member-benefit program (Abenity Perks), held our first quarterly "Campfire Chats with the International (Cont.)

Region 7 News This and That! By Ginger Slattery President (BRN 2041)

By now all the new officers have been installed and planning for the next year is underway in earnest! It's going to be a fun year!

Congratulations to all and thank you for stepping up to help your units/clubs!

I am excited to plan a very fun Region 7 Rally in Spring Green, WI. The dates have had to be pushed back one week. So the Rally will be September 15-21, 2023. Reservations can be made now at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. Phone number is 608-588-2826.

Anyone answering can help you. Just let them know you are a part of Region 7 Airstream Group and are "claiming" a site. They will be holding our block until the end of April.

More information will be coming later. I appreciate your patience with this newbie!

The next Zoom IBT meeting is November 17. As this is a transitional year, the Board will continue adopting new bylaws and changing the Constitution to reflect the outcome of the elections. I will update you as soon as possible as some of these changes may impact your club constitution and bylaws.

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International President Eric McHenry (Cont.)

President and Corporate Manager), and are on the cusp of launching a significant new external partnership (details coming in a few months). We've added a new focus to the National Events Rallies (NER) program, intending to add 4-6 new NERs within the next few years - the Potlach NER up in Washington State has just been announced, and we're working with a couple of other groups in the east, hopefully launching NERs in 2024.

It might be considered "insider stuff," but I'm incredibly pleased to have initiated the first-ever multi-year strategy session with the IBT to be held in Jackson Center in May of 2023. Bob Wheeler (Airstream CEO) graciously offered the use of their new corporate board room for our three-day session, during which our IBT will look at membership trends, gaps we have in our membership offerings, prioritization of our upcoming needs, and be able to spend some time with the Airstream senior leadership on how our organizations can develop mutually beneficial partnership offerings and events.

So Yes, it's been a busy three months! I feel we're hitting on all cylinders (finally) and focused on the right things – what our members need and how we can deliver. But we need help! If you're interested in helping out in any way, let me know! Our strength comes from our members.

Regards,

Eric McHenry, BRN #153

emchenry@airstreamclub.org



Region 7 News Ginger Slattery (Cont.)

I hope you all are enjoying some fall camping before winterizing your Silver Twinkies!

Ours is already done! Some of you are lucky enough to head south for the winter! Wish you all safe travels! See you down the road!

Club News

WISC-UP 2023 Officers

The nominating committee (Rod Fierek) brought forth a slate officers for the year 2023. This slate was voted on and approved.

President: Bree Moore-Lawrence (BRN 2878)

1st Vice President: Jim Guthrie (BRN 11979)

2nd Vice President: Morten Lindstad (BRN 1636)

Secretary: Charlie Lawrence (BRN 2878)

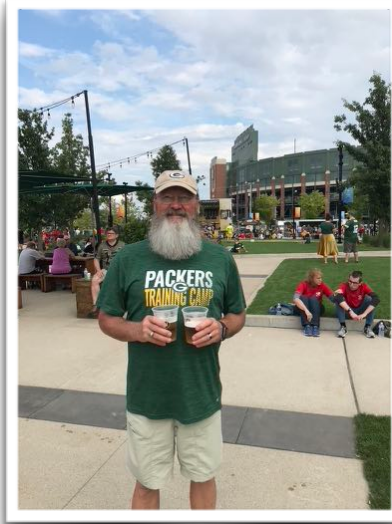
Treasurer: Kurt Jorgensen (BRN 6104)

Trustee #1: Tim Valenza (BRN 9196)

Trustee #2: Linda Meinholz (BRN 19514)

Trustee #3: Jeff Bibler (BRN 8484)

Message From the Editor Ed Emerick, BRN 4425



As you probably know, this Wisc-Up Newsletter is now published every other the month for the winter. Our next issue will be out in January 2023. It's hard to believe 2023 is just around the corner.

As we work our way through the long Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois or any other place you may be wintering, I want you to keep you eyes open for information our members need to know. Scan your emails, Facebook pages, Twitter accounts and your favorite webpages for things that YOU think our members would like to read about. Send it to us, as you know we will publish anything you submit.

We want to thank Eric McHenry, your current International President for his article this month, I hope you enjoy hearing from him. Also, we thank all of you that submitted articles, photos and tidbits for this issue, without your help this newsletter would not be in existence.

With the holidays coming up we know that you are going to be busy but we still need your help filling these pages. To keep track of you we would like you to consider submitting some items for the next newsletter.
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Mishaps While on the Road

Rod Fierek (BRN 1924) is proof that you can make lemonade out of a lemon. Rod lost a tooth while at a rally but used the situation to become the perfect pirate!

Club News

2024 International Rally

The 2024 International Rally is scheduled for October 6-11, 2024 in Sedalia, MO.

Mark your calendars!

Message From the Editor (Cont.)

How about a Thanksgiving Selfie? Take a photo of your Thanksgiving celebration (make sure you are in the photo!) and send it to us for the January newsletter's new column "A WISC-UP Thanksgiving".

Also we would like to see where you are at for holidays this year. Are you on the road? Are you at your home base? At grandpa's, mom's or for some of you, in jail? Take a photo for our holiday column "WISC-UP Holiday Sensations". I bet there are some great holiday sweaters out there just screaming for some press!

Last but not least, as I have mentioned in the last email blast, I would like to start a new column, "Our Members' Vacation". I would like you to provide your favorite place to vacation in Wisconsin or the UP (and if you live in a different state, not a problem send us the place you like to go the most!). No laundry lists, just one submission, your favorite. Please include:

1. The best campground
2. The best place to eat
3. The best place to see
4. Anything else that you think we need to do or see.

As always photos of these would be great, let's start planning our travels for 2023!

Thanks again for all your help! Have a great Holiday season!

Wisc-Up Events

We Rally Together

December Luncheon

The December luncheon will be hosted by Janet & Chuck Zellermyer (BRN 10230).

Location: Hi-Way Harry's
I-94 & Hwy 26
Exit 267, Johnson Creek WI

When: December 10th
Gathering @ 11:30
Lunch @ 12:00

Please let Janet & Chuck know if you can make it so that they can give the restaurant a headcount. Note: Hi-Way Harry's normally opens at 1pm but they are opening at 11:30 for our group. RSVP by December 5th, text, or email.

Chuck & Janet Zellermyer, Text
262 370-7821
Email: czellermyer@me.com

Hi-Way Harry's
710 Glovers Lane
Johnson Creek, WI, 53038 [\(920\) 699-9999](tel:9206999999)

Spring Rally & Business Meeting

To boondock or not to boondock? You get to decide! The Spring Meeting Campout will be held at Wyalusing State Park on May 5, 6, & 7 of 2023. Wyalusing is south of Prairie du Chien, WI. The plan is to all camp in the Homestead Campground and you can decide if you want to boondock or not. If you have never, but would like to practice up, look at sites 245 to 255. Electric sites are 201 to 207 and 214 to 219. Sites here are roomy.

The Spring meeting will probably be in Prairie du Chien at a place to be determined. If you have never been here before, you are in the heart of the Driftless Area. This is the area explored by Marquette and Jolliet in 1673. It is an area rich in natural beauty and things to do. The park itself has many trails to walk, a canoe trail on the backwaters of the Mississippi, an observatory, and stunning vistas.

The town itself is Wisconsin's second oldest city with an interesting past. In the heyday of the fur trade, one man made his fortune - Hercules Dousman - a name familiar in many towns and his son built a stunning house - the Villa Louis. The military had a presence here and 3 forts were built here. As you might already have gathered, there is a lot to do and you may want to come early or stay late! I will have more info later, but please book your sites early. This park is busy!

Your hosts
Kurt and Mary Jorgensen (BRN 6104)

Southern Door County Cherry Picking Rally, July 20 - 23 2023

Come see the sights in Southern Door, pick a few cherries, and enjoy an area many just drive by! More info to follow, but reservations can be made directly with the campground after January 2nd. Sites are \$50/night and will have water/electric, and dump is available nearby at Potawatomi State Park. There are lovely small orchards in the area, historical sites, fishing, and the booming metropolis of Sturgeon Bay. Contact Countryside Motel and Campground to reserve your site: [920-824-5309](tel:9208245309). See you there! Your hosts: Ed and Sandy Emerick semerick4425@gmail.com and Kriss and Kathy Williquette

Member Spotlight Streamin' with Crazy Daisy

John and Barb Sellers (BRN1587)



Wisconsin Unit rally goers will recognize us as the couple who travel with three dogs in a 16foot Airstream Pacer. Actually, we were down to two dogs for a while last year, as our 16 year old Schnauzer, Micki, went to the happy hunting ground in June of 2006. Our younger Schnauzer, Barkley, acceded to the role of Alpha Schnauzer upon Micki's passing. Our elderly Bichon mix (?), Tassel, has health issues and is our "assisted living" patient. (We don't know for sure how old any of our dogs are, as they were all strays.) Late last year one of our dog-loving friends discovered that there was an opening in our canine Table of Organization, and asked if we could take a two year old rescued Cocker Spaniel. Naturally we said "yes", so the week after Thanksgiving, Daisy (named by her previous people) came to live with us.

Daisy had a hard life before she joined our family—neglected and abused—so she was an emotional basket case. The first time I reached out to pat her she cowered on the floor and peed. A couple of weeks of copious snacks from the dinner table convinced her I wasn't such a bad guy after all. Not long after that, she discovered she didn't need my help—she could help herself to stuff on the dinner table. . . as long as it was close enough to the edge. But hey, ya gotta make allowances—she had a tough childhood.

Daisy's antics quickly earned her the nickname "Crazy Daisy, the Spastic Spaniel". We discovered that her two chief talents were chewing things up and digging holes. In her first few months she accounted for several hats, a pair of slippers, two pairs of sandals, and numerous stuffed animals. She can dig so fast we have contemplated starting an excavating company to capitalize on her talents. The people that rescued her said she and her puppies had been living in a hole underneath a wood shed. They may have forgotten to mention that the hole had five bedrooms, four baths, a great room, and an attached three car garage. . . But when she's not laying waste to everything in the general vicinity, Daisy is a very lovable dog. The good Lord gave Cocker Spaniels eyes that would melt a heart of stone. Probably figured they would need them.

At first, Daisy would cower and shake when put in the car, so we were naturally concerned about how she would take to Airstreaming. Fortunately our first trip of the year was to the Miami Valley Unit spring rally in nearby Georgetown, Ohio, a good trip for a first-timer.

Daisy necessitated some changes in our modus operandi even before her first trip. Previously we had used a dinette seatback bin for essentials like bread, potato chips, and cookies. Did I mention that Daisy is very fond of potato chips and cookies? When Barb was provisioning the trailer for our first trip of the season she turned just in time to see Daisy stick her nose into the seatback bin and come up with a loaf of bread. This

Member Spotlight Steamin with Crazy Daisy

John and Barb Sellers (BRN1587) (cont.)

precipitated an immediate rethinking of our storage scheme. Now chewy things in bags go in the overhead compartment and dog-resistant things like canned goods go in the seatback bin. That'll work until Daisy figures out how to open cans. . .

Barkley and Tassel are experienced Airstreamers who go on a high state of alert when we start loading the trailer. When I announce that the first class passengers may board at their convenience, Barkley and Tassel race for the truck. On her first trip Daisy had to be carried aboard, and, as usual, huddled down on the seat and began to quiver. The quivering continued until we stopped for lunch at McDonalds, where we split a double cheeseburger among the three dogs. The in-flight food service went a long way toward convincing Daisy this wasn't such a bad thing after all, and she stopped quivering. In fact, she slept the rest of the way to Georgetown.

Trailer living was the next hurdle. Daisy was initially uneasy and hid on the floor of the closet. Ever see the closet floor in a Pacer? It isn't very big, and the wheel well takes up about half of it, leaving a narrow "L" shaped space. But that's where she wanted to be, so we stowed our shoes elsewhere and padded the floor with rugs. Since then Daisy has gotten more accustomed to the trailer, but we still leave the bottom of the closet clear so she can retreat to it when she feels threatened.

Daisy is the only one of our dogs who can jump up on the bed, which is fairly high, without assistance. She soon discovered that gave her nose access to the two square feet of kitchen counter next to the stove. One day Barb laid some sandwich makin's, including a package of sliced ham and a package of sliced turkey, on the counter. When she moved everything to the dinette table she noticed the turkey was missing. Investigation found Daisy in the closet with the empty turkey package. (Fortunately we had plenty of ham.) Now we're careful to lay things on the one square foot of kitchen counter next to the sink, which Daisy hasn't figured out how to reach—yet.

One evening at Georgetown someone handed out Tootsie Pops. Barb stuck hers in a side pocket of her purse and sort of forgot about it. She left the purse on the bed and we went off to the evening's activities. When we returned the stick and wrapper of the Tootsie Pop were lying on the bed. Daisy had obviously been there. Which wouldn't have been so bad if she hadn't found it necessary to rip the side pocket off the purse to get to it. Barb liked that purse, too.

Having survived the Georgetown rally with flying colors (ripped from purses), Daisy was ready for her first real cross-country, to the Wisconsin spring rally at Horicon. Horicon was a fun rally, where some of you had the pleasure (?) of meeting Daisy. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. Sorry about the snarling and growling. We're working on that. Socialization is not Daisy's strong suit.

Our next rally was the Region 5-7 Vintage Airstream Club Rally at Poplar Grove, Illinois. The weather was hot and Daisy, who by that time was getting to be an experienced Airstreamer, found something new to be afraid of —fans! Our other two dogs will plunk themselves right down in front of a fan. But Daisy beat a retreat to her trusty closet. She even slept in the closet until the wee hours of the morning when it cooled off enough to turn the fans off.

But, like our other dogs, Daisy has taken to Airstreaming. She's ready to jump in the truck and go at every opportunity. In three thousand miles of Airstreaming and three rallies she's earned her blue beret. Size two, with ear holes. On second thought, forget the ear holes. It'll have plenty of them not long after she gets hold of it.



FLAMINGO FISTICUFFS

It has come to my attention that there is a divide in our club. You may like them and you may not but they is something that needs to be discussed in detail: The Flamingo. When and where did these pink monstrosities become an Airstream icon? (Can you tell what side of this battle your Editor is on?) Why are they carried for miles and miles only to show up in a habitat so unnatural such as Billings MT or Burlington VT? Why do some of you carry so many that you stress the payload limits of your tow vehicle and Airstream? These questions and many more are hopefully answered in this column over the next couple of months. Send your arguments for or against to emerick4425@gmail.com and we will let the membership decide the pros or cons of these odd birds.

Con: I'm Anti - Flamingo (Ed Emerick BRN 4425)

I will start the discussion. I'm not all in on Flamingos, however I am told they taste like chicken. For that reason I share with you the following taste sensation.

Flamingo Flambé with Brandied Cherry Sauce Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 (8-ounce) flamingo breasts with bone and skin (reserve feathers for masquerade entry or festive garnish)
- 1 ounce melted butter (margarine is for wimps who can't handle butterfat)
- 1 teaspoon paprika (red stuff...adds a bit of zip...good for Hungarian flamingos)
- 1 ounce brandy (or 4 ounces, 3 of which should be applied to the cook internally)
- 1 pinch salt and white pepper to taste

Bing Cherry Sauce

- 1 (8-ounce) can black bing cherries (or, alternatively, one can black bob cherries...but bing had a better singing voice)
- 2 tablespoons Burgundy wine (so the recipe claims; me, however, I grab whatever decent, zippy red wine we happened to have saved the last glass or so of for cooking...since we drink mostly Cabs, Merlots and Zinfandels, it's usually not a Burgundy)
- 2 tablespoon sugar (don't even try to use the pink stuff...live a little)
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 pinch salt

Flamingo Fisticuffs (cont.)

Instructions

Preparing Bing or Bob Cherry Sauce:

Drain juice from cherries (into a pan would be good...if you've just poured it down the sink, you are so screwed). Combine juice with wine, sugar, cornstarch, and salt; mix thoroughly. Do not drink this mixture. The cornstarch will seal your colon shut. (Okay, that's a lie, probably.) Bring mixture to a boil until sauce thickens. Have you ever noticed that recipes don't tell you how long that's going to be? And when they do, it's a rank canard? (Nevermind...different fowl recipe.) Add the drained cherries. To the sauce. Stir 'em up a little. Set the sauce aside.

Turn off that burner.

Cooking the Flamingo:

Season flamingo breast with salt, white pepper, paprika, and brush with butter. You've done this correctly if your fingers are pink and the flamingo breast looks a bit like it originally did with the feathers on. Bake for 30 minutes at 325 degrees F. or until cooked and tender. Remove from oven (remember the first rule of chemistry and baking: hot glass looks just the same as cold glass). Place flamingo in a medium-size ovenproof serving dish and cover with sauce. Have table set (with dishes), candles (or guest) lit, all accompaniments on table, and turn off lights when ready to flambé. Make sure you can still see what you're doing, however.

How to flambé:

Pour 1/4 ounce of brandy over dish (well, over flamingo and into dish, actually) and place in middle of table. Using long wooden matches, ignite flamingo breast. When flame goes out and liquor has burned off, you are ready to serve. It is generally not advisable to do the flaming-lighting thing within 15 minutes of having applied the spare 3 ounces to the inside of the cook.

Yield: 2 servings.



I'm Pro Flamingo: Vicki Engelstad (BRN2412) and Janet Zellermayer (BRN 10230) both would like to share with you Airstream's Flamingo story.

The Iconic Pink Flamingo

Love 'em or loathe 'em, the pink flamingo is retro kitsch exemplified. Learn more about the timeless history of this travel trailer accessory.

One of the most recognizable symbols of American kitsch and retro design, plastic pink flamingos are a favorite way to add a little color to the campsite. First manufactured in 1957, today plastic flamingos are available in a variety of colors, designs, and sizes. They've been adopted by RV enthusiasts – especially those who travel in vintage units – and are often found lounging under Airstream awnings and flocking to vintage travel trailer rallies across the country.

Why have these kitschy pieces of yard art generated so much love in the Airstream community? Possibly because they harken back to the retro style of the 50s when they were invented. It could have something to do with the fact that – like the timeless design of the classic Airstream travel trailer – the plastic flamingo design hasn't changed in over half a century. Or maybe it's simply because they remind us of warmth, sunshine, and vacations in tropical locations. For more go to <https://airstreamsupplycompany.com/story/the-iconic-pink-flam>

Flamingo Fisticuffs (cont.)

I'm Pro Flamingo: Vicki Engelstad (BRN2412)

It seems Vicki's Flamingo views were formed very early, she provided the following link for an even that took place while she was at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. (<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS2780>). Pink flamingos from the flock that graced Bascom Hill on on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, 1979.



I'm Pro Flamingo: Vicki Engelstad (BRN2412)

Vicki is very passionate about her love of Flamingos as she writes: This is why I like flamingos! Besides the history, the funkiness, and the tropical vibe, this is AMERICA where we have FREEDOM!!! Freedom to love flamingos, freedom to love gnomes, freedom to love dogs! DON'T TREAD ON ME!!!

I'm Pro Flamingo (I think): Chuck Zellermyer (BRN 10230)

Chuck provided the following: I love flamingos. Janet loves flamingos. So I love flamingos.

As you can see this is a very hot topic within the club and need to be addressed in further issues of this newsletter. Send you thoughts and comments to the Editor at emerick4425@gmail.com.

Our Member's Vacation!

(Editor's Note: This is a new column highlighting the places in our area where our members like to vacation.

Thanks goes out to [Craig Walker, BRN 3848](#), for kicking this column off!

1. The best campground - Lost Lake near Florence, WI
2. The best place to eat - Johnny Manhattan's, Hubertus
3. The best place to see - Rock Island State park - It's also about the journey
4. Anything else that you think we need to do or see? -Don't just drive by Amherst, WI. Stop at Central Waters Brewery.

New Member Spotlight

Kriss & Kathy Williquette (BRN 14148)

Hello I'm Kriss Williquette (Willie) and my wife Kathy (Koupon) and we have lived in Green Bay, Wisconsin our whole life. I'm a retired electrician and

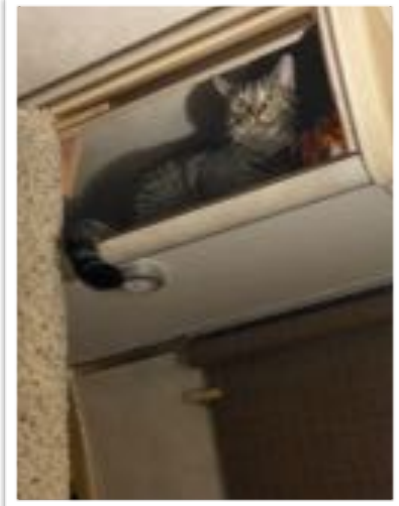


Kathy is a retired paper mill worker. We have two daughters and 7 grandchildren, 6 boys and one girl. We have had a cabin in Mountain, Wisconsin since the early 80's and have always loved the north woods . I grew up camping and living in the woods behind our house. Kathy never camped but enjoyed our rustic cabin which has no water or electricity but does have solar power and a generator so getting a camper was not a problem.

We often talked about getting a camper since we both love traveling around the country. This winter our daughter who lives in Colorado with her husband and two year old son asked for some help. Her husband had to go on a work trip out of the country for a week and she would be 7 months pregnant.

This seemed like a perfect time to get a camper. Our neighbors had a Basecamp 16 that they were selling so we offered to buy it when they took it out of winter storage. In March they told us their plans changed and they weren't selling it, so that day we drove down to Milwaukee to the closest Airstream dealership. Luckily for us, a Basecamp20X had arrived that day and the person that ordered it had backed out of the deal. Needless to say we bought it since it would be up to an eight month wait if we ordered one. Our future grandson was waiting to be
(Cont.)

Member News



Joanne Peterson and Jim Guthrie (BRN 11970) sends us this photo of Squeak's home away from home.



Kriss or Kathy Williquette enjoying the campfire at the Jack Pine Lodge Region Rally. (This editor is unable to distinguish which one is in the photo by the knees...)

New Member Spotlight

Kriss & Kathy Williquette (Cont.)

born so we needed a camper now! We came home and the next week joined the Airstream group and started research on our new camper.

The second week in April, our Basecamp Arrived at our house. We named her "Dauntless " BRN14148 after a WWII bomber. Dauntless is also the name of a maple syrup evaporator made by Smokey Lakes that we own and use at our cabin every spring since we retired. So the name fit for us perfectly. No time for a practice run to test everything out. Five days after she arrived at our house we left on our maiden voyage, a 10 week trip to Colorado and a tour of the Rocky Mountains. We stayed with our daughter for a week while her husband was out of the country, then toured around Colorado for 3 weeks. We had just stopped at Colorado National Monument for the night and I received a call our new grandson was arriving soon, 3 weeks early. We left right then for another 6 hour drive through the mountains but the baby arrived before we got there. It was so nice being able to stay in our new camper when visiting our newest member of the family. We stayed a week and spent 3 weeks driving home in June.

We camped a few more times in the summer and went to our first Wisc-Up rally at Jack Pine Lodge in the upper Peninsula. We met a bunch of wonderful people and made new friends. We had Pinky our baby flamingo kidnapped by the editor and held hostage until we promised to write this article and another one on why we like Flamingos. Hopefully this will keep Pinky safe from future abductions at Airstream Rallies.



Sewer Hose Cap Removal Solution

**Mike Cooney
(BRN21412)**

Some of us have sewer hose storage under the coach in a 5" diameter PVC pipe. The cap on that pipe is very difficult to remove by hand. It has been no easier removing it with the orange wrenches specifically made for that purpose. I've found that a cheap tool I bought at Harbor Freight for around \$6 works perfectly. I bought it to remove oil filters on my bikes or any other large round contraption. I can shoot a pic and send it but there is nothing special about the Harbor Freight tool except that it was cheap in both price and quality. Any oil filter wrench will do.

Also worth mentioning might be that it is easy to lose that cap and difficult to replace. The 5" OD isn't carried by anyone we've checked with so far, and it isn't really 5" because it has lug nut sockets around the outside perimeter so a round cap won't work. I don't know if we lost it or someone took it but I suspect the latter since Mary is pretty careful and not too likely to leave it somewhere but it is gone and it is hard to find a good replacement.

Our Members' Travel Adventures

Elizabeth Rich (BRN 2828)



Elizabeth writes; I just returned from a short trip to Savannah, GA. I was there to attend a legal conference. My sister was also in town on business, so we worked during the day and had some fun at night. The River Walk is a hoppin' place all day, but even more so in the evening. It's fun to stop in several places along the way, having a drink

and appetizer at each. We especially enjoyed the Greek place, the Olympia Café. We also had a very nice dinner at Cha Bella. Usually when in Savannah, I take my Basecamp and stay at the campground on Skidaway Island, one of my favorite campgrounds in the country. That didn't work out this time, but I'm attaching photos from previous visits there.



Our Members' Travel Adventures

Craig and Kathy Walker (BRN 3848) – Autumn in New England 2022

Greetings from Germantown, Wisconsin. We are the Walkers, Kathy and Craig, and relatively new members of the club. In June we took delivery of our 2022 Flying Cloud 25 Front-bed Twin, now named Winnie. We look forward to meeting you at local events to come.

Following two in-state shakedown trips, we headed east in late August to experience autumn in New England. Although we have traveled so much of the US in the past, we started with a blank map, adding states only if we spend the night. During this trip, we added Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Take that, Illinois!



Pausing at Rock Island during our shakedown trip

Watkins Glen State Park was our first stop. The campground is lovely, although a bit tight to maneuver, and the gorge hike is stunning. In addition to hiking and kayaking, we also visited the Corning Glass Museum. We also found a winery/brewery, which is not a challenge really, with views of the lake.



Water falls under a bridge along the Watkins Glen Trail



Pools form at the base of myriad waterfalls in Watkins Glen

Our Members' Travel Adventures

Craig and Kathy Walker (BRN 3848) – Autumn in New England 2022 (Cont.)

Maine is a larger state than many realize, way more than the drive along the coast capped by a visit to Acadia National Park. We camped for a week near Baxter State Park, a sizable wilderness with brilliant hiking and kayaking, where we opened Winnie's back hatch to capture the beauty of the Penobscot river bubbling past. Camden State Park also provided a bucolic camping experience and a chance to visit unique shops on a few rainy days.



Looking out the back hatch at the Penobscot River, Maine



Autumn colors accentuate the country of Vermont

In Crawford Notch State Park, we were treated to a night of 100 MPH winds whipping through the trees and dropping pine cones on Winnie's head. We survived fine with an added bonus of plentiful kindling for the fire the next night.

Vermont was a delight. On our way east we visited Brattleboro, situated on a bluff over the Connecticut River. We fully immersed ourselves in the art culture, enjoying the monthly arts fest with guided tours, live music, and tasty food. To experience the changing colors, we returned to Vermont, staying on a retired dairy farm in Newport, Vt, a site booked through Boondockers Welcome. We eventually traveled the entire length of Vermont to an Airstream rally of the New England chapter run by YouTubers Rich and Cindy Collins. The people were great, and we won a prize for traveling the longest distance!

On our travels home, we diverted a bit south to Jackson Center to see the museum and tour the factory. The entire day was engaging, giving us a greater appreciation of the Airstream community.

So that's it. Our next adventure is to Key West in February, followed by . . . Well, we'll see.



Manchester, Vermont shines in the fall sunshine

Joanne and Jim Travel to the Story Telling Festival

By Joanne Peterson (BRN 11970)

“East Tennessee Airstream Club proudly hosts the 2022 International Storytelling Festival in Tennessee's oldest town - Jonesboro TN. Event Contact Harry Hermann, Rally Host Harry22222@gmail.com 865-966-2222”

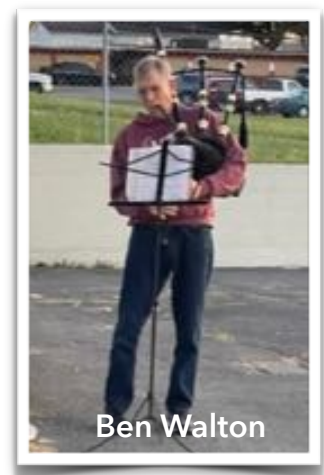
This notice in the Blue Beret magazine caught our eye. We thought it would be a great place for Jim to hone his story telling skills, and I love to hear good stories and thought what better place than a storytelling festival. I hoped there would be some hill people telling family stories, and maybe some big time whopper lies. We signed up for 2021, but it was Covid canceled, so we rescheduled in 2022. This was the 50th Anniversary and it was extra special.

The festival was going to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so we left Tuesday, planning on finding interesting spots on the way. We camped our first night at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, in Auburn Indiana. The Museum has an amazing collection of 120 historic cars and, as a Harvest Host site, you can camp free with electric in their parking lot.

Heading further south we stopped at Jackson Center. Those of you that have taken the new factory tour know what a huge efficient plant it is. Our tour guide gave us radios and we could clearly hear in spite of the ambient factory noise. There are some computerized stations but most of the assembly is done by hand. We also visited their museum, showcasing exhibits of Wally's ideas, and early Airstreams.

We had our cat, Squeak with us, and for the most part she is a good traveler. She sits on a throne between us, on a leash that gives her limited movement. She does not like bumpy or twisty roads, and meows incessantly when in those circumstances. We also found out she prefers classical music to 60s Gold. She's become part of our family.

We camped our second night in Ohio, at A W Marion State Park, a nice wooded campground. Squeak likes this kind of campground, she can chase anything that moves, including the leaves. The perfect fall weather made driving thru the rolling hills of Kentucky and Tennessee very pleasant. The East Tennessee Club reserved spaces at the Appalachian Fairgrounds in Gray Tennessee for us. The first night, Thursday Oct 6, we were welcomed with a huge buffet dinner. We sat in a circle and introduced ourselves, and some of the folks gave tips of where to park and suggested some of the more popular story tellers. One of the attendees, Ben Walton played the bagpipes every night at dusk. His wife, Diana, said he needed to play every day, and so we had Scottish music at days ending.



One suggestion was to go early, so we were up and out at 9 for the half hour drive to Jonesboro. Even at the early hour it was crowded so we decided to park at the middle

Our Members' Travel Adventures

Joanne and Jim Travel to the Story Telling Festival (Cont.)

school and take one of the busses downtown. We registered and walked around looking at the town and shops in Jonesboro, the oldest city in Tennessee. There is a log cabin on Main Street, built in 1777, where Andrew Jackson once lived.



There were 5 big white tents set up around the town, The largest held over 1000 people, but the other 4 were considerably smaller. The story tellers moved from tent to tent through the day, so we had a chance to hear just about everyone we wanted to. Because we were unfamiliar with these tellers, we followed the advice of veterans and picked out 3 or 4 we wanted to see.

The first one we heard was Donald Davis. Davis was born in the Southern Appalachians and as a child heard stories from his family and neighbors. He is very well known among story tellers, and he was fabulous. Jim and I laughed till we had tears in our eyes. We also heard Dolores Hydock tell about taking a ride on the Reading Railroad to go Christmas shopping as a child. A Japanese storyteller, Motoko, told folk stories from Japan, so it was a real mix. These professional story tellers have the amazing ability to take you with them on their journey, making you feel like you were there and part of the story.



A lot of local Tennessee people come in for Saturday, and it was very crowded. Our favorites were Bill Harley, Josh Goforth, and again Donald Davis. Josh Goforth is a talented musician, and his story telling was interlaced with the guitar, banjo, autoharp, and mandolin. That evening we heard John McCutcheon, a wonderful songwriter and musician.



The festival ended Sunday at 2, so it was a quiet day. We took the opportunity to watch a film about Ray and Rosa Hicks, an old mountain couple from North Carolina. Storytelling and music were a big part of Ray's life, and his appearance at the first festival was

instrumental in drawing people to the festivals.

There were seminars to learn the craft of storytelling, but we had not pre-registered and they were full. Jim did have an opportunity to step up and tell a story though. We bought a DVD by Donald Davis "So You Want to Tell a Story", so you can expect his stories to be more entertaining and engaging from here on. And probably longer.

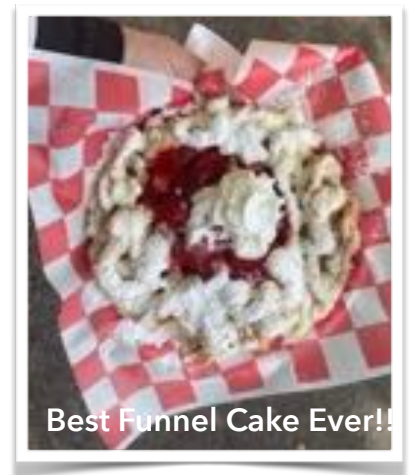


Our Members' Travel Adventures

Joanne and Jim Travel to the Story Telling Festival

The whole attitude in and around the festival was of having fun. All the stories were entertaining, most were hilarious, and all worthwhile and interesting. The festival is held every year, and I highly suggest you consider it.

You can look up any of these folks I mentioned, and hear their stories on line. But I have to tell you, it's better under the big white tent, with hundreds of other people laughing alongside you. It is a refreshingly happy place to go, during this crazy time.



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Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman. (BRN 2412) Pictured Rocks

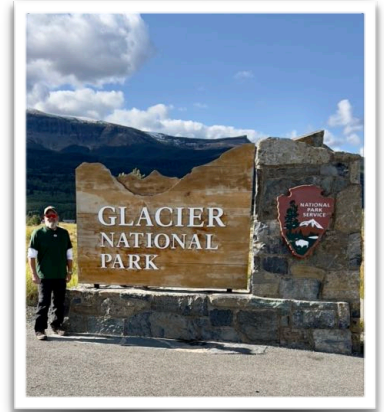
Vicki and Dave shared photos from their trip to Pictured Rocks in the Upper Peninsula. The thing(?) with the big wheels was used back in the old logging days!



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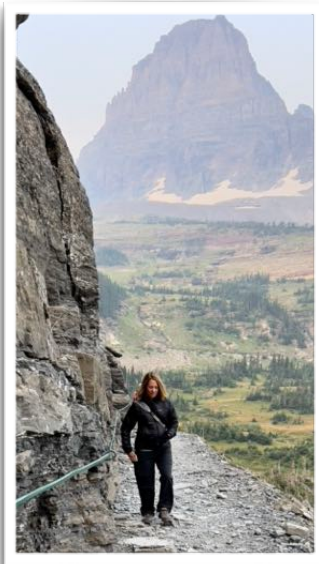
The Baverys (BRN 7880) Travel 70 Nights in 2022

Todd and Kelly Bravery send us a recap and photos from their recent big adventure. Deadwood, Cody WY - Beartooth Highway! We did it all! Seventy miles of hiking! This trip capped off a year that we had seventy nights in the Airstream. Ended our year with a trip to Door County (Bay Shore) and finally Wyalusing State Park!



August/September - 23 nights, 5015 Miles, 7 National Parks - Memories for a lifetime. Wisconsin - Minnesota - North Dakota - Canada - Montana - Wyoming - South Dakota - Iowa - Wisconsin.

The Parks: Theodore Roosevelt NP, Grasslands, Banff, Waterton Lakes, East Glacier KOA, Big Creek Campground (West Glacier), Lewis & Clark State Park, Buffalo Bill State Park, Devils Tower KOA, Badlands dispersed camping, Marble Beach Recreation area. With a couple of Harvest Hosts thrown in.



Rally Report - Fun in the Upper Peninsula

Jack Pine Lodge, Manistique, MI

By Jane Carmichael (BRN 219)



There was a lot of laughter, cheering, food, competition, and fun during the September 22 - 25, 2022 rally at the Jack Pine Lodge, near Manistique, MI. In the heart of the Hiawatha forest, 25 miles from anywhere, how could there be any fun?

Fun? Well, never fear. A week ahead of the rally, Eddy and I met with campground host and hostess, Fred & Nancy Selin. They have hosted the past seven (7) summers at Jack Pine Lodge. Their friendly welcome and suggestions for activities created even more fun! Their ideas were added to the agenda! (thanks, Bob Manak)

Fred & Nancy provided a gourmet donut bar, a Margarita Happy Hour (with lots of appetizers), and a breakfast to include your choice of waffle/pancake/biscuits & gravy with bacon or sausage, coffee, juice. The rally fee of \$16 per person covered it all. Bargain! Everyone contributed to the Taco Bar night while a wood fire was going in the pavilion. Would you have wanted to cut up 3# of onions? (Neither did Jane.) Sandy E made a salsa to die for — very fresh from homegrown veggies. Gina made no-meat taco meat. Tortilla chips magically appeared....my apologies....I lost track of who provided chips.

So, here is how it went:

We started out with a Thursday get-together in the bar area. We missed the Airstreamers who were not able to join this rally, but we valiantly proceeded. Speaking of missing...after missing 1 turn, (Jane) the whole gang reached the Kitch iti Kipi hand-drawn raft on Friday. After missing another turn (Jane) we toured & lunched at the Bishop Baraga Shrine. (No one followed me after that.....)

The Region 7 Auction on Saturday was a big hit. Wow! We had an outstanding auctioneer, “volunteer” Ed Emerick and lots of donations. A full-sized, Airstream logo’d, Corn Hole game was donated by Airstream of Northern Michigan, Traverse City. It was a very generous donation. Thank you, Nature & Me, RV. Our WBCCI corporate office donated a variety of Airstream stuff. I believe we had 60 door prizes to give away. Auction items were donated by Bob Martel & Lisa Sessa. We met Bob & Lisa during the 2013 Alumapalooza. You may remember that Lisa was a fierce competitor in the Gong Show. Anyhow, Bob and Lisa sold their Airstream and asked that their donated items benefit Airstreamers. Eddy and I picked up all the “stuff” at Bob & Lisa’s home in Chelsea, MI and stored them in our garage in Marquette. We then hauled and set them up for the auction. The Region 7 Auction included a generator (Rick McMahon is smiling) and a highly coveted Airstream Parking sign. (Cont.)

Rally Report - Fun in the Upper Peninsula

Jane Carmichael (Cont.)

It was a busy rally. Goody bags? Door prizes? Check. Free time? Team Trivia and Treasure Hunt? Check. Open Grill/ Potluck? Coffee each morning? Check. Business Meeting? Check. Installation of officers by R7 President, Ginger Slattery (with Bree on the phone) ? Check. Campfires? Check. Shopping in Manistique during the Flannel Fest? Check. Group photo with Paul Bunyan? Check. Flamingo wear? Check.

New members Kriss/Kathy Williquette brought everything for S'mores and their homemade maple syrup. Very cute Airstream cookies were made by Carol McMahon. Yum. It took a lot of effort to organize this rally and it was great for me to watch everyone having a fine time.

Last I heard, everyone made it back home.....of course, they weren't following me....



For Sale

1996 Airstream Limited Rear Twin 30'. The trailer is located in Elgin IL, Needs some work and TLC. This unit has not been used in about 4 years. He also has a truck for sale if needed.

**Contact Dave Underwood
847-917-2030
Tell him Ed sent you!**

1976 Airstream International 31' Rear bath, center gaucho Needs work, located in Brussels WI.

**Contact Lynn by call or text
920-559-1758**



More Fun in the UP Photos!



Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

Rotating Parts: A Cautionary Tale

Jim Guthrie (BRN 11970)

So, you've put your trust in the folks that assembled and/or maintain your travel equipment; the tow vehicle (TV) and trailer (RV). It should be of no surprise to most of us, that stuff doesn't always work the way we expect it to. I'm thinking the condition of the rotating and associated parts on the RV, specifically the wheels, brake drums, wheel bearings, brake shoes etc. and because we don't (can't) spend time in the trailer while it is in motion we are not able to detect issues like we can when something goes wrong with the TV. It's critical that wheel bearing inspections and repacking should be done annually per most RV information sights. Depending on the use, i.e. miles pulled, I believe that time line could be extended to a least a couple years. Most info sites recommend 10-12 k mile intervals which is fairly conservative but, reasonable.

The next consideration, now that you probably feel the need to have the wheels serviced, is to find someone that is competent and capable of performing that service. As the auto industry has moved to using sealed wheel bearing systems over the last 40+ years, repacking wheels bearings at auto facilities might be considered almost a lost art. That said almost any RV service center, regardless of brand, should be able to perform this service on any rig; one might also be able to find an auto mechanic (probably an older individual) who could also get the job done.

A problem was found on our own trailer. I had replaced the 35-year-old sagging axles a year earlier and after a moderate amount for travel, I thought I should check and possibly repack the wheel bearings. Upon pulling one of the brake drums I discovered a huge greasy mess (see pic) the result of an improperly installed and thus damaged grease seal and probably accentuated by the use of the "E-Z lube" system. After a thorough cleaning of the brake shoes and the rest of the brake area, I repacked the bearings on all four wheels and replaced the seal and headed confidently down the road. (Cont.)



Inner Seal



Damaged Drum

Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

Rotating Parts: A Cautionary Tale (Cont.)

In reference to the “E-Z lube” system; I’m not a fan. While it appears on its face, to simplify the wheel bearing re-greasing issue as there is no need to remove the wheels, brake drums and hubs, I believe this system creates several unwanted issues. The first issue I believe, is that one doesn’t actually get to visually inspect the true condition of the bearings or their associated parts. The next issue was described to me by an individual at a bearing wholesaler, they pointed out that if you pack the hub full of grease, and don’t leave an air space between the inner and outer bearing, the heated grease from rotation will force some of that grease out through the seals and probably contaminate the brake mechanism area. Another consideration is the amount of grease one needs to insert to replace all the grease in the hub, would be about a “tub” or 1lb. of a compatible grease, per wheel, evacuating and wasting a good 7/8 lb. of perfectly good grease. Now if you have a boat trailer where the hubs will often be submerged in water you might want the hubs filled in order to avoid contamination. Not sure any of us intend to back our rigs into a lake.

Yet one more argument for pulling the brake drums in order to repack wheel bearings is a bit extreme but it happened. While standing in the driveway as the rig was being moved, we heard a strange scrapping noise related to the rotation of one of the wheels on a friend’s unit. After pulling the brake drum it was discovered that the braking mechanism for that wheel was totally non-functional. (see pic) A condition that very likely had existed for around four years, and possibly since the date of manufacture. So, you’re wondering how could that be if the bearings were being repacked every year or two. The owner of the rig noted that she had taken it to a service center and asked that them to “check the wheel bearings”. I’m guessing that the check was simply to remove the dust cap and conclude, “yup there’s grease and it’s not nasty” but never took the drum off to actually repack the bearings. Oh well, the trailer is small, the other brake was working and the brakes on the TV are large enough so, no problem.

So, in conclusion; what to do what to do. One of my long-held beliefs is, if you want it done right, do it yourself, (maybe with the help of Utube) and baring that, you may want to ask the tech if you can watch over their shoulder. Oh ya, shop non-employee liability, don’t get me started.

Safe travels

Jim

Damaged Brakes



2022 WISC-UP Fall Business Meeting Notes

Fall Business Meeting

September 24, 2022

Jack Pine Lodge, Manistique, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Zellermayer at 4:27. There were 18 members in attendance with 3 coming in late. The roll call of officers: President Chuck Zellermayer, Past president Rod Fierek, First Vice President Bree Moore Lawrence and Secretary Charlie Lawrence - both by phone, and trustee Mary Jorgensen.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Spring meeting by 1) Dave Sherman with a second by 2) Jane Carmichael. The vote was unanimous.

Reports:

Budget: the treasurer reported that we don't have a yearly budget, but that it is created by the rally organizer.

Caravan: no report

Constitution and Bylaws: no report

Membership/Public relations: no report

Publicity: the newsletter will be known as the WISC-UP Newsletter and the editor is Ed Emerick.

Bob Manak will still be in charge of the directory and the website

The nominating committee (Rod Fierek) brought forth a slate officers for the year 2023:

President: Bree Moore-Lawrence

1st Vice President: Jim Guthrie

2nd Vice President : Morten Lindstad

Secretary: Charlie Lawrence

Treasurer Kurt Jorgensen

Trustee #1: Tim Valenza

Trustee #2: Linda Meinholz

Trustee #3: Jeff Bibler

A motion was made by 1) Dave Sherman and 2) by Jane Carmichael to approve the slate of officers as presented. The vote passed with all in favor.

In unfinished business: Two amendments to the Int. Constitution were passed at International.

The main object was talk to changing the time of the International outside of Wally's birthday.

New Business: The name of the news letter is officially WISC-UP Newsletter with Ed Emerick as editor. It will come out at least 6 times per year.

The installation of the new officers was accomplished by Ginger Slattery with the Lawences happening over the phone. Ginger also talked about the Region 7 rally next year which will be Sept. 8-14 in Spring Green. Please reply to the campground by the end of April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Sherman and seconded by Ginger Slattery with all in favor.

Submitted by Mary Hosford Jorgensen

Tire Pressure

A hot topic around the campfire and one of the most misunderstood maintenance practice there is..... tire pressure. How much is too much? How much is too little? There is a max pressure of 80 pounds stamped on the tire, do I fill them to that or to something else?

If you have tire pressure questions, dig out your November copy of the Blue Beret and turn to page 35. The Airstream Tech Help Group (techhelp@wbcci.org) wrote a great article on tire pressure. This has the answers to a lot of questions regarding tire pressure!

Click [here](#) to go to the online November Blue Beret magazine.



Interesting road signs on a recent trip to Toronto.

An Editor's Note

As usual, we had a great turnout for news and photos this month. Sandy and I would like to thank all of you that have submitted articles, notes, photos and provided support. If we didn't respond to you for some reason, we apologize! If you sent something but it's not here, send us an email and we will get it in.

The next newsletter will be out in January. The cutoff for the December - January issue will be January 10, 2023. So, as always go out there and have adventures but make sure you tell us about them. Our members want to know!