

# WISC-UP



What's What In the WISC-UP Airstream Club

## Upcoming Events

2023 WISC-UP Luncheons, Zoom Meetings and Rallies  
(Click above to go to website for more information about our events. Or click the individual links below!)

April 6-9 Easter Campout at Ottawa Lake campground in South Kettle Moraine State Park. (Morten Lindstad and Jan Treolo)

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

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## A Message From President Bree (BRN 2878)

Another snowstorm has left me feeling more than ready for some sun and warmer weather. It was great to visit with so many friends old and new at the February luncheon in the Dells. It ended up being a beautiful, sunny day. I left excited for the upcoming camping season. We have many exciting rallies planned for this spring and summer. Our fabulous members have been busy planning rallies that celebrate all the wonderful things our area has to offer. From the Spring Business Meeting and Rally at Wyalusing State Park where we will learn about boondocking, to picking cherries in Door County, and tasting cheese in Monroe County. We will kick off our camping season at the Easter Rally April 6-9 at Ottawa Lake campground in South Kettle Moraine State Park hosted by Morten and Jan Treolo. As always it is the people that make this club something unique and wonderful. See you all soon!



Bree & Charlie Lawrence (BRN 2878)

## 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 Indian Trails Campground (Meghan Lee and Zach Lee)

August 17-20 Monroe County Cheese Rally, Green County Fairgrounds (Linda and Charlie Meinholz)

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

October 5-8 Fall Business Meeting and Rally The Double K-D Ranch, Baraboo WI (Tim and Patti Valenza)



## Wisc-Up Events

### We Rally Together

## Spring Business Meeting & Rally Wyalusing State Park May 5-7

Our Spring business meeting campout will be held at Wyalusing State Park in Bagley WI, May 5-7 in the Homestead Campground. Loosely described as “Boondocking or Not”, it will give everyone attending a chance to visit one of Wisconsin’s premier parks. It is known for great hiking, wonderful vistas and plenty to do - including a canoe trail on the backwaters of the Mississippi and an observatory. (I am working on organizing a nighttime program.) The park overlooks the confluence of the Wisconsin River and the Mississippi River. It is here that father Jacque Marquette and Louis Jolliet got their first look at the upper Mississippi in 1623.

The park is close to the three river towns of Prairie du Chien ( Wisconsin’s second oldest city), McGregor, Iowa and Marquette, Iowa. History abounds here from the Villa Louis, Ft. Crawford to Effigy Mounds.

The business meeting will be held on Saturday at a time and place to be determined yet. Friday evening we will dine at an iconic Wisconsin supper club - Jone’s Angus. The rest of the time will be free time for exploring the area! There are still sites available at the Homestead Campground. While there is another campground here- the Ridge - some of these sites are difficult to get into, unless you booked early.

When you do book, let me know your site. The rally fee is \$20/unit - mainly to cover firewood and breakfasts.

Registration is open on our [website](#).

Mary and Kurt Jorgensen

BRN 6104



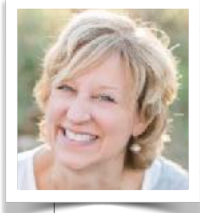
# Membership News

# Wisc-Up Events

We Rally Together

Green County Rally

August 24-27



Pattie Cook  
(BRN 22562)

Welcome to our newest members of the Wisc-UP Airstream Club:

Dean and Jeannie Herold  
(BRN 30615) Dousman, WI

Terri and David Hix  
(BRN 1475) Waunakee, WI

Deb and John Mitchell  
(BRN 4418) Stilwell, KS

Clayton Prouty and Ariel Ochab  
(BRN 1635) Reedsburg, WI

Steve and Julie Prouty  
(BRN 1173) Reedsburg, WI

Rob and Jill Tweed  
(BRN 29184) Fitchburg, WI

Alan Wichman and Rita Wilczek  
(BRN 0390) Plymouth, MN

Eric and Jill Wohlfeil  
BRN 01803 Oconomowoc, WI

Kristi and Christopher Harwell  
BRN (1911) Hudson, WI

Pattie is our Membership Chair.  
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Gruezi! (Greetings)

The first ever Green County Rally will be held August 24-27.

We will be staying at the Green County Fairgrounds. The fee is \$25 per night and there is plenty of room.

We will start Thursday at 4:00 with an “everyone is Swiss happy hour”! Friday morning will feature a tour of the National cheese museum. Friday fish fry will be at the historic Turner Hall pictured above. We will check out New Glarus Brewery along with the Minhaus Brewery and Distillery. Rally Fee will be \$10 per person.

Questions please call or text  
[608-332-7114](tel:608-332-7114).

See you there!  
Linda and Charlie Meinholz  
(BRN 19514)



# Event Host Housekeeping Reminders

Bree Lawrence  
WISC-UP President  
(BRN 2878)

Hi friends,  
I am writing to remind you to let John Cooper know about your rallies/luncheons as well as Ed Emerick and Bob Manak. Ed will publish a write up in the newsletter, Bob will post the description on our website, and John will create the registration link so that we can get an accurate count of who is attending the rally and collect the rally fee that you set. I would recommend even if you think you won't have a rally fee that you still have a registration link so you can have an easy way to track your RSVP.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks for all you are doing! 😊

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Editor's Note: When hosting an event, the members want to know! Please pick a "Reporter" to provide your Editor with newsletter content after the event!

# February Luncheon Report

On February 18, 2023, the Valentine's Day Luncheon was held at the Grateful Shed in the Wisconsin Dells. The event was hosted by the Lawrences (BRN 2878). Those interviewed declared it a great success with many meals and drinks consumed!



## For Sale!

### 1966 Overlander International 26'

Chuck Zellermyer (BRN 10230) is selling a 1966 26' Overlander to help pay for their kitchen remodel! Call or text/email Chuck for details.

262-370-7821  
[czellermyer@me.com](mailto:czellermyer@me.com)



## Message From the Editor

### Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)

It looks like winter is going to give up its grip here in the great white north and I am looking forward to the warmer days ahead. I like to use this time of year to put the final touches on my summer travel plans and there are a ton of things going on in the Wisc-Up. Check out the rally information contained in the month's issue and on our website, I'm sure you will find plenty to do. It's nice to see that we are having events from one end of Wisc-Up to the other. Sandy and I like to use the rally locations as sort of a planner, a jumping off point for other adventures. We often will plan a couple of stops before or after the rally to explore the region further. This expands our trips by a week or so before or after a rally. This may be something you might want to consider as well.

We have some great newsletter submissions this issue, travel logs, things for sale and as usual, member updates. Without your help, this newsletter would not be what it is. Keep up the great work. Speaking of help, if you have an idea about something that should be in this newsletter, let us know. If you see something you think the members would like to read about, send it to us. We have a motto; "You send it and we will put it in the newsletter"! We always look forward to your submissions.

Ed

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## For Sale!

### CarGenerator Boost

Scott Butzen (BRN 1217) has for sale this never used 2019 CarGenerator Boost. \$100 plus shipping from GA will get you the very useful tool! Folks can reach out to me via my email. [wsbutzen@gmail.com](mailto:wsbutzen@gmail.com)



## New Member Spotlight

### Cindy and Bob Conlon (BRN 7564)



Bob and Cindy on the beach in Seaside, FL, with their Labradors Clare and Anne.

We are Airstream newbies, having taken only one short trip in our new International. We live in Lake Geneva, WI, but also have a cabin in Eagle River, WI, where we use the Airstream for overflow guests during the summer.

This is our year to move our Airstream out of the driveway! We have registered for Alumapalooza and also look forward to getting tips from your members. We actually have never owned any type of camper before so there is a steep learning curve ahead!

Bob is an oral surgeon and avid college wrestling fan (he was on the wrestling team at Northwestern University...see his hat in photo). Cindy is a lawyer and currently a college professor teaching about the science of well-being (she also teaches yoga and breathwork). We both love to be outdoors, biking, paddling, boating and of course walking the dogs.

We have three adult children and five grandchildren, all living near or in the Lake Geneva area. We are so excited to connect with the Airstream community.

## New Member Spotlight

Carol and Steve Davis (BRN 12112)

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We are the Davises. Carol and Steve Davis from the beautiful Door County Wisconsin Peninsula. We are new to Airstream but not rank beginners when it comes to camping. We have owned travel trailers and have rented motorhomes in the past but never have tried motorhome van camping. We recently purchased a used 2020 Interstate 19 and have taken it down South one time but are waiting for the real season to start so we can be turned loose on some of the state parks to begin with.



This is our 19<sup>th</sup> year living in Sturgeon Bay. Both of us grew up in North New Jersey before the Army took us all over the map for 22 years. We lived in Pennsylvania for 7 years after the military and then came here for work. We have four kids who are now 40 down to 32 who were forced to march around through different posts along with us until we plunked down here. They are all pretty dug-in like us in Wisconsin. Two are up here in Sturgeon Bay and two in Green Bay. We consider them some of our best friends.

Carol and I volunteer for Meals-On-Wheels and are active in the Sturgeon Bay Community Church for our faith community. Carol enjoys cooking, crafts, and sewing, while we both enjoy reading and traveling. A family project is to do maple syruping each year and we sell some to friends and on commission. We are also putting in a tree farm with walnut, oak, maple, and some conifers on about 10 acres in Egg Harbor. Steve has wanted to do some farming but in a way that would allow us time to travel.

We have visited all 50 of the United States and about 2/3rds of the National Parks. We have also seen a majority of the state parks here in Wisconsin. Our goal is to now go and camp in a few more, bring bikes, hike, and enjoy some time together in retirement. This is such a beautiful Country and State and we are looking forward to taking some time to see and appreciate more of God's Creation.

## Our Members' Travel Adventures

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Dick Dittmer (BRN 8479) writes: This is my 3rd year here at warm and sunny Rockport, Tx on the Gulf which is about 200 miles from the "Valley". There are 50 or so campgrounds here, all the Big Box stores plus shrimp and oyster fleets. Some campgrounds are tight, but others have space between sites. The town of Rockport has parties coming and going for us Winter Texans! There are a lot of personal fishing boats as water is shallow in bays. There are many good seafood restaurants and some great Mexican food to choose from. I am at Bay View Resort and would recommend it but I always like to stop at the Airstream Park on Lake Sam Rayburn on the way north. The park has big sites and REAL friendly folks! I LOVE my log home in Door County on the Green Bay but I prefer winter down here!



Richard Goldberg (BRN 11018) writes: Ken (Kayser) and I have decided to spend some time living in and traveling through Israel this year. We've rented a small apartment to use as a home base, and we're enjoying getting to visit all the different towns and historic cultural places here. I've decided to stay here as much as possible through the summer, and Ken will be here as often as his work schedule allows. It will limit our time traveling in the Airstream this year, but we couldn't pass up an opportunity to spend so much time here. If you don't see us this year at a rally, just know that we're doing well across the globe right now. After all, travel is travel. Now if only I could find a way to get our Airstream and Suburban here...

Long time Wisc-Up member Pearl Adams-Kyle (BRN 232) enjoying the winter at the Sand Dollar Resort in Rockport, Texas.





# Our Members' Travel Adventures

## Mike & Mary's (BRN 21412) Winter 2022-2023 Adventures

Mike Cooney (BRN 21412) writes: Mary (Geyer) and I are on a trip that started in early October and will end in late March 2023. Today we are in Roswell NM experiencing the mostly similar weather we were trying to escape by leaving WI. (Days of sub freezing temperatures and dismal gray skies.) Coming up - Roswell NM, Las Cruces, Sedona, then on to Utah and Colorado before tripping back to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Stay tuned!



Kentucky's Mammoth Caves; Bowling Green Corvette museum and assembly plant.



Seven Arches State Park and an Airstream only campground near Crossville, TN in the Fall.



Buffalo Trace Distillery, Frankfort, KY.



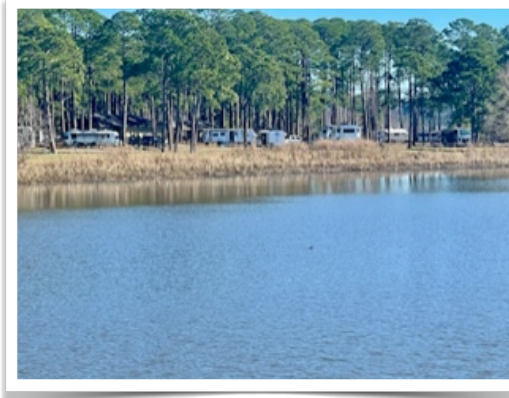
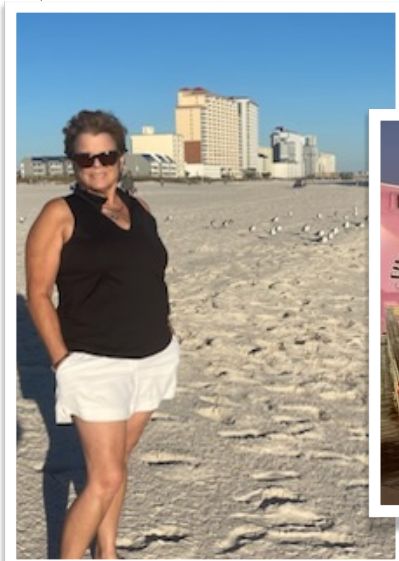
Near or at the Mothership

# Our Members' Travel Adventures

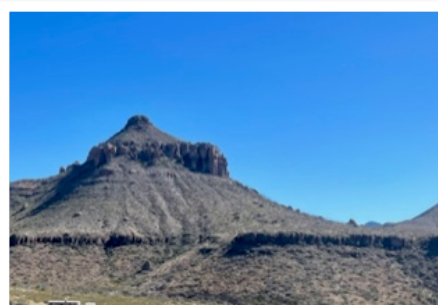
## Mike & Mary's (BRN 21412) Winter 2022-2023 Adventures (Cont.)



Destruction of the Banyan trees; devastation from Pine Island to Fort Myers Beach, FL



A lot colder than it looks in Gulf Shores AL and camping near Spanish Fort, AL.



A worthwhile trip to Big Bend NP on the Rio Grande at the Mexico border.

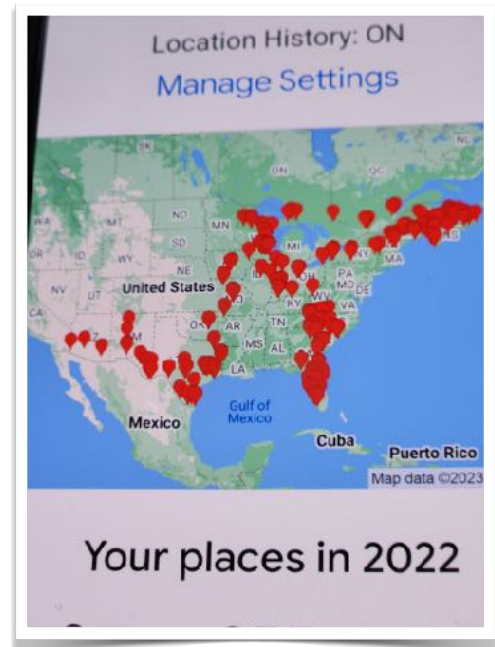
# Our Members' Travel Adventures

## An "Awning Opening" Adventure

### Sandy and Dale Houge (BRN 6188)

Dale and Sandy Houge here. We sold our house Nov 1, 2021 and are traveling in our 2018 28' International Serenity. We have seen many wonderful things and have met up with great family and lots of new friends. Being new to the road, we thought we would pass on some info.

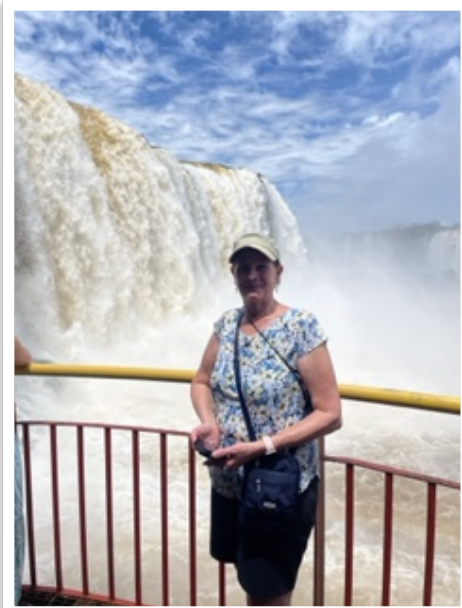
Last year we lost our automatic awning in a freak wind in Georgia. Luckily, we found someone to remove it that day so we could continue traveling. Ordering a new awning is a nightmare because service calls are 6 months out and ordering a new awning takes 4 to 6 weeks to have them custom make one. You cannot talk to ZipDee directly. Finally had Jackson Center order us one and had them install it about 6 months later. All was good for awhile. We discovered that when you close the awning, it would stop about a foot away from closing. You'd have to reopen it a foot and then close it all the way. 2 weeks after installing we went to International Rally in Maine and talked to the ZipDee rep. He didn't have an answer but he put us on the list to have them look at it. They never showed up and the 3rd day they were gone. I called Jackson Center and all they offered was we could make an appointment. I called ZipDee and spoke to a very unhelpful women in service and she said she would talk to the rep that had been at the Rally and I never heard from them again. Later, while at the Airstream park in Zavalla, TX the awning closed to about half way and refused to open or close. The nice Airstreamers in Zavalla set us up with an on site service guy who could not diagnose the problem but he got it closed and we could travel. On to Houston Airstream dealer--took 2 trips taking it to them and they replaced the box behind the control panel that had failed. Someone in Zavalla had said they thought the awning switch should always be left on. I asked the Houston service guy who said Absolutely Not. It could open when you are traveling. Got back to our RV spot and it stopped closing a foot away. Took it back the 3rd time. They talked to Jackson Center and were finally told that the awning has a memory. When open, you must leave the On switch On, otherwise it loses the memory. When closed, turn the switch off. Works perfect. Just wanted to share this simple procedure so no one else has to go through the drama. \$7,100 and about 8 months and many many phone calls and discussions with service reps, Airstream did stand behind us and we paid nothing out of pocket. The awning was faulty immediately after the new installation but for the other problem that had always been an issue, you would think the Professionals could tell you to simply leave the On switch on. Hope this helps somebody else out there. LOVE AIRSTREAMS AND LOVE OUR LIFE!. See you in Wyoming!



# Our Members' Travel Adventures

Rod and Beth Fierek (BRN 1924) visit Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay

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Beth Fierek at Iguazu Falls  
Foz do Iguacu, Brasil



Iguazu Falls (some of the many falls there). Absolutely majestic. Words fail. Puerto Iguazú, Argentina

Coollest city bus ever - note the whitewalls!

Buenos Aires, Argentina



# Photos from the Mothership

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Many of us have now had the chance to see the new Heritage Center at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio. If you have not yet made the trip, you should soon as the factory tour and center are great events to take in. Below are some photos taken by our members.



Jim Guthrie (BRN 11970) showing us how easy it is to pull an Airstream!



But is Ed Emerick (BRN 4425 ) faster?



Joanne Peterson (BRN 11970) is framed beautifully!



Inside the Heritage Center

A view of the manufacturing area



# Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

By Jeff McCaffrey (BRN 10258)

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I saw the teak shower mats on the Airstream Supply site and thought "I could make one of those" after seeing the price.

I then did some "reverse-engineering" after reviewing the photo and figured out the slats and cleats. We're lucky to have a hardwood store nearby with any species you can imagine. The board I selected was 4.7 board ft. of African Teak and cost \$64. I ended up with a third of the board left over. Airstream Supply sells the mat for a 27FB for \$269. I cut the pieces yesterday and assembled it today. Put two coats of Teak Oil on it and some 3M rubberized non-slip strips on the bottom. Fun project!



# From Newsletters Past

Editor's Note: I was sent this from Bob Manak (BRN 6151) and it got me thinking "I wonder if our members go out to the website and look at the old newsletters?" I know that I don't do that a lot but this got me to go look. From time to time I will share with you what I found interesting from our club's past.

From a 2002 issue:



# Our Members Adventures and Activities

## Zellermayer's (BRN 10230) have an eventful Wisconsin Winter

Chuck and Janet start the winter off with a kitchen remodel (see the For Sale ad in this newsletter on how he plans to pay for it). Chuck writes: "Yes the kitchen remodel is going into its 3rd month. And now we know why we'll never build a house."



Mardi Gras with our son Rob & grandson Jackson. Laissez les bon temps rouler! (let the good times roll) And it did.



And when you don't get to go to Florida for the winter what do you do? Drop the HO train table down from the rafters and model something.



# Member Spotlight

John and Barb Sellers (BRN 1587)

## *The Saga Continues: The Bubble Years (Part One)*



We became Airstreamers by purest chance. Either that or an act of God. I'll tell the story and you can decide.

Barb and I both have extensive Christmas card lists—mine has about 60 addresses—and we both write detailed Christmas letters to go in them so that the people on our lists, who we mostly don't see from one year to the next, will know what is going on in our lives—or at least that we are still alive and kicking, which is not a foregone conclusion at our age!

In any case, Barb's Christmas letter for 2002 mentioned that we would like to buy a small RV and go touring around the country. One of the recipients was her older cousin, a devoutly religious retired physician, who promptly phoned. "I have been praying what to do with Little Bubble, and you have answered my prayer."

So we went over to look at Little Bubble, Bob's 1960 Airstream Pacer 16 footer, which had been sitting out behind his barn for quite some years. (Bob's parents had also been Airstreamers. In the 50s the 16 foot Airstream was called a "Bubble" so when Bob bought the Pacer they named it Little Bubble, even though it was a Pacer, not a Bubble.) Little Bubble did not present an especially impressive sight. It had developed that green algae that grows on the skin of old Airstreams, and brown tears from the rusting clearance light shells ran down the sides of the trailer. The interior view wasn't very promising, either. At some point he had loaned it to some friends to use as a shelter on a Christmas tree sales lot, and they had pretty well trashed the inside. Someone had sprayed red paint on some of the upholstery.

And yet. . . and yet. . . there was something irresistible about this old Airstream. Part of it was a desire to restore it to its former glory, and partly I think it was even a wish to rescue this faithful trailer from its sadly fallen estate and take it back on the road where it longed to be. This was not the first time that I exhibited my vision deficiency where I looked at a decrepit object, saw what it was *going to be* in all its glory, without somehow seeing all the *work* it was going to take to get from the present to the future!

Long story short, we bought it and timorously towed it home—by the back roads, as I didn't trust the rotten old tires on the Interstate.

Once we had it home the first order of business was a thorough cleaning inside and out. It would be good to have lights in the trailer, so I took out the shore power cord, which in those days attached to the trailer with a variety of twist lock connector. The back shell of the old twist lock had essentially



disintegrated and it was held together with bailing wire and electrical tape. I carefully plugged it in and then plugged the cord into an outlet. Fire and smoke shot out of the twist lock connector, so making that serviceable was the first task. (It was an unusual twist lock that you couldn't run down to Lowes and buy.) I rummaged around the junk boxes in my machine shop and came up with the perfect starting point, a cast aluminum back shell for an industrial connector which could be turned down and bored out to fit the Airstream twist lock. As I was chucking up the cast aluminum connector in the lathe the thought drifted through my mind. . . "God knew what he was doing."

Barb went at the cleanup process with a will, and we emptied out assorted foodstuffs, including an ominously bulging tuna fish can, appliances like a pre-pop up toaster from the 50s, and several long expired prescription drug samples. (Bob was a doctor, remember.) She scrubbed the dingy interior with scouring powder and it came up looking like new. (In those days Airstream interiors were painted with Zolatone speckle paint, which is still used for the floors of aluminum boats, among other things. It is indestructible.) She found someone to make new cushions using the old ones as patterns. We took the mattress down to a nearby mattress maker. He took a look at it and said, "This is a really good mattress. What's it out of? We told him "an Airstream" and he said, "That explains it." He said he could duplicate it using a queen size blank and we gave him the go-ahead. In the due course of business they delivered our new mattress, complete with the one corner rounded off to fit the curvature of the shell.

Bob had extensively modified the interior to suit their requirements. The original Pacer interior had a couch across the front and a folding table to eat on. (Somebody had described it as a "one person trailer.") Bob and his dad had put a dinette berth across the front of the trailer, wide enough to seat 4 people and sleep two and on top of that added a top bunk made out of a surplus Army stretcher! (I should mention that Barb's dad owned a surplus store after WW II.) One minor little problem was that the resulting dinette berth intruded into the doorway by more than six inches! So cutting that down to a single-wide dinette berth was a high priority. Bob and his dad had done a nice job of it so that project turned out well.

In those days--before the World Wide Web caught on--there was an email list called the Vintage Airstream List which I signed onto and got much good advice. Through the VA List, as it was called, I found out there was going to be a Region 4 Vintage rally quite close to us at the Greene County Fairground so we went over for a look-see. It was inspiring to see all the vintage Airstreams. Among other people we met Scott Scheuermann, who was at the time, as I recall, Region 7 VAC representative. He gave us a good piece of advice: "Don't try to restore your trailer all the way--as soon as it's roadworthy and habitable, get it on the road and learn what you're going to want." That proved to be great advice.

I should mention that at that point we had joined WBCCI, although as members at large. The browser I was using wasn't compatible with WBCCI's web site so I couldn't see what the units were.

We were starting to get the Pacer to the point of “roadworthiness and habitability” when a Region 7 VAC rally was scheduled for Waldo, Wisconsin. Two VAC members on the VA List personally invited us to attend, Ed Emerick and Kevin Allen (both still Wisconsin members, by the way) so naturally we had to come.

Now. . . as far as “roadworthy and habitable”. . . that depends. We had three new tires (and I had bought a spare wheel) and I had reworked the brakes and wheel bearings, so it was roadworthy. As far as “habitable”. . . we had all new upholstery and mattress so we could sleep comfortably in it. I hadn’t gotten around to the plumbing and when I connected it up to water pressure, water cascaded out the bottom of the trailer from numerous leaks. The dump valve was stuck halfway open so we couldn’t very well use the toilet. The gas stove worked fine, and for that matter, the gas refrigerator. But at that point Airstream hadn’t figured out to vent the gas refrigerator outside the shell so it made an excellent trailer heater, not desirable in summer. Bottom line it made a pretty good “tin tent” on wheels, and being used to tent camping, we were good to go. We kept fresh water in a Walmart water container with a plastic faucet and used an ice chest for cold storage.

So we took Little Bubble on the road for the first time. I had never towed any kind of trailer except for a very small boat trailer. Now, everyone knows that an Airstream is in an inanimate object that just goes where it’s towed. But everyone who has sailed a boat or flown an airplane knows that those “inanimate objects” have their own personalities. Thus do Airstreams! And Little Bubble was happy to get back on the road! It was practically skipping down the highway behind us! (Actually, a 1700 pound gross weight trailer with a single axle does do a little of that. But I say it was happy!)

Being total newbies we took off without any planning or campground reservations. As it was getting on toward dusk we figured we had better find a campground. A look at the Road Atlas showed Shabonna Lake State Park in Illinois so we headed for it. (This was before GPS receivers and smartphones.) We arrived at the campground around dark and the office was closed, but the neighbors pointed out an open site (a pull-through, even) so we pulled in, plugged in our electric cord, and we were camped. Short walking distance to the restrooms, too.

About that time it started to rain and we enjoyed the pitter patter of rain on our Airstream. Barb fixed dinner and commented, “I’m a happy camper! It’s raining, I’m warm and dry, plenty of light, and fixing dinner just like at home. Not trying to cook on a camp stove with one hand holding an umbrella and the other a flashlight!”

The next day we arrived at the Waldo rally and had a blast! We were hooked.

It’s funny how you remember little vignettes after all these years. Waldo was at some kind of church camp with a main building with a full commercial kitchen and cafeteria. We were going through the breakfast line when Ed Emerick came out of the kitchen with a big tray of sausages and found a the tray on the serving line nearly full already. Dumping his sausages on top of the

existing pile, he announced, "Have a couple of sausages. Better yet, have a dozen! (We did, too. We took back a handful for our dogs!)"

(Years later Ed ran for some office—I think maybe Region—and that was our campaign slogan: "This ain't no two-sausage region!")

**(To Be Continued!)**

## Photos from Social Media!



Dave Sherman and Vicki Engelstad



Kurt Jorgensen and Sadie



Elizabeth Rich and Jim Cook



Beth and Rod Fierek and  
Bob and Heidi Manak



Richard Goldberg, Elizabeth Rich, Jenny and Jeff  
Bibler, Jan Treolo, Jim Guthrie

*More Valentine's  
Day Luncheon  
photos!*

# This and That (Region News)

## Ginger Slattery Region 7 President (BRN 2041)



It's March! Is everyone getting a little spring fever yet? I sure am! Can't wait until it's warm enough to get the Silver Twinkie ready for camping! I'm ready for rallies and seeing everyone again! Winter can be so isolating.

I am including a list I compiled of all the club rallies in our region in case anyone wants to explore another club! All 3 of our clubs have such unique and fun personalities! I've enjoyed getting to know you all!

Speaking of rallies, for International in June, I have included the information for the Region 7 Lunch! Most attendees last year in Maine said breakfast was too early! I listened! A few have already inquired about it so if you have any questions at all, let me know!

Also, please mark your rally calendars that the Region Meet and Greet will be Tuesday, June 27 from 4-6 pm. Once again, Lizann Skelton and Anita Olson are graciously co-hosting! Thank you, Ladies! This year, I was able to reserve a pavilion with bathrooms, near a playground and lots of parking so if we are blessed with liquid sunshine again this year, we will not have to curtail our fun!

The "Spring into Fall" Region Rally is September 15-21 in Spring Green, WI. Planning is still under way but sites have to be reserved early by April 30, so please contact the Wisconsin Riverside Resort at (608)588-2826 to make your reservation. Let them know you are with the Airstream group!

Kay Olsson is organizing the Silent Auction to benefit 2 local charities. I know we have many talented members! Please contact her if you have any questions or to let her know what you will be donating. She can be reached at (612)751-9778 or at [cwolsson@comcast.net](mailto:cwolsson@comcast.net).

The quarterly IBT was held via Zoom on February 23. Much of our time is taken up with all the reorganization the membership voted on last year. I will go into more detail in the Region newsletter I hope to get out in the next couple of weeks also!



# This and That (Region News)

## Ginger Slattery Region 7 President (BRN 2041)

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One item was postponed to the May IBT so we could get membership feedback. It pertains to the BRNs (Big Red Numbers for our newbies!) The current policy as written states:

### 16.6.10 Airstream Numbers (7/19/21)

16.6.10, D, 2. 4, a. The display of Airstream Numbers is required during club activities to assist with the identification and location of club members for logistics and safety (e.g., first responder) considerations.

Many people now do not like putting the BRNs on their camper for a variety of reasons. I have seen clever ways of displaying those numbers without attaching them to the rig. Think of the upcoming sold out rally in Wyoming. 1284 rigs so far will be attending. Can you imagine trying to find somebody without the BRNs showing in some fashion?

What say you? Should the policy stand as written or should there be wording to allow alternative ways to display those all important numbers? Please let me know your thoughts by April 15. Thanks!

Email is [virginiabslattery@gmail.com](mailto:virginiabslattery@gmail.com) or text me at 906-250-6931. Please tell me who you are, club, BRN!

In the meantime, keep smiling and looking forward to camping!

