

WISC-UP



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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!)

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)

A Message from President Bree!

After years of anticipation we made it to the 66th Annual Airstream International Rally and It did not disappoint. We were so impressed with the level of organization and planning. On arrival day parking was made easy by the outstanding parking crew. We were lucky to be escorted by our own Chuck Z. This year we joined and parked with the Future Streamers Intra Club, which focuses on Airstreamers with kids. So in addition to all of the rally events, Future Streamers planned kid friendly



meals, video gaming, and water balloon fights. The kids quickly joined up with friends, hopped the golf cart shuttles and headed for pickle ball. For our kids the pickle ball courts were the place to be. For the biggest kids a popular event was the Mega Tasting put on by the Grapes and Grains Intra Club. Charlie was very much looking forward to this event and luckily we were able to sign up because it sold out very quickly. We loved spending time with WiscUp friends and tasting all the goodies other Airstreamers brought to share. Intra clubs are an excellent way to find people with similar interests in a sea of silver. Attending the rally was worth the wait and I was very excited to carry the flag for WISC-UP at opening ceremonies and honor my grandfather by wearing his Blue Beret. We met new Airstreamers and caught up with old friends. We love our adventures, the people we meet, and the places we get to visit along the way.

Bree & Charlie



Upcoming Events (Cont.)

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, Skillet Creek Campground. Baraboo WI (Tim and Patti Valenza)

Membership News



Pattie Cook
(BRN 22562)

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

Catherine and Eric Linsmeier
BRN 3527
Larsen WI

Robert Munger
BRN 3550.

Whitefish Bay WI

Pattie is our Membership Chair. Her email is:
pattiecook@new.rr.com

Message From the Editor

Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)

There is a ton of things going on in this issue of the What's What in the WISC-UP! I had to throw it back to July of 2000 and share with you some "Old School". It is interesting to see how things have changed!

The 66th International looks like it was a great success and as Sandy and I were watching from afar (me in my new boat!) we were impressed with the changes that are happening. We have been to 12

International Rallies with the last being in Escanaba, MI. After that rally, we made the decision to take an

"International" break for a while. To us, it was the same

old thing. But the reports and photos from Wyoming have peaked our interest in attending the International again.

There has been some great reports and photos, we are sharing some of them with you in this issue.

As usual, we are very grateful for your participation. I didn't have to threaten anyone, or bribe you or even pay anyone off, the news just flows in! Try to send us a favorite photo from your recent travels, along with just a few words of description. And if you are in the photo, even better! We do look out in social media to fill in our pages, but we might not choose your favorite photos.



Remember: OUR MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW!

President's Message Throwback

July 2000

Editor's Note: I thought it would be interesting to see what then Unit President Vern Shultz had to say 23 years ago about the International Rally and the Wisconsin Unit's activities. Vern and Leola were long time members and very active in the club. Vern went on to become a Region President. I have to find my vest!

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From

President Vern

July 13 2000

Dear Wisconsin Unit Members;

Our Badger State and International Rallies are history. I am hoping those who could make them enjoyed themselves. It seemed that rain hampered the beginning of both but ended up with very nice weather. I am happy to report that we had 36 of our unit members at Bismarck. And what I have heard is that they all had a good time. The people of Bismarck were most hospitable and President Ed Elmer did a wonderful job running the rally. I am sure he didn't plan the rain that prevented us from parking right away but we all came out OK. Our vests were worn with pride and they looked very nice.

Fred and Pearl Adams were recognized for their job as Region caravan Leaders. Ed and Sandy Emerick have been appointed Region 7 Vintage trailer coordinator by the Vintage Club. Cathy Nelson won a first prize in the daily bridge competition. Leola won a second place ribbon in the Quilt competition. The Emericks took second place for their trailer in the vintage contest. **Congratulations to all of them.**

I am pleased to announce that the nominating committee under the direction of Fred Adams has completed their task, his report is enclosed.

I encourage all of you who have not registered for the Region 7 Rally to be held on Aug. 16 - 20 at Janesville, please do it now. The program and registration form are enclosed. The Wisconsin Unit will present 2 **WORKER OF THE YEAR** awards. Rosemary Bergmann will need help for our evening skit, remember, we won a prize last year.

Our unit will assist the Indian Head Unit serving Thursdays breakfast of pancakes and sausages. We will also serve the catered meal on Saturday night.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for our September installation Rally at the Rustic Barn Campground at Kieler, Wis. the dates are Sept. 7 - 10. We will have 4 new people taking office so this is something really special.

The quote of the day: **I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.** (Bill Cosby)

The May worship collection was sent to the Crane Foundation. The Unit received a nice thank you letter from the Foundation.

Your President and First Lady

Vernon and Leola Schultz



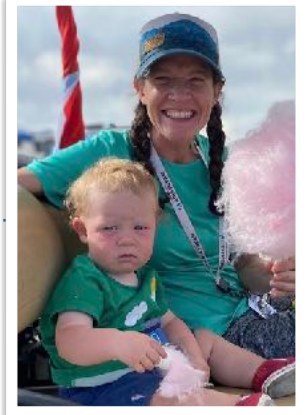
Future Streamers Update From The International Rally

By Kate Robinson (BRN3642)

The Robertson Family (BRN 3642), associate members of the WISC-UP Club attended their first Airstream International Rally this year. Kate is on the board of Future Streamers and we had a lot of positive feedback from the rally activities!

Upon arrival, we received our "First Timer" ribbons and were shuttled to a great site area that flanked a grassy area near the playground and pavilion. Future Streamers organized a pizza party that night - it was nice to not have to worry about a dinner plan. The kids received some fun swag - Future Streamers lanyards, glow in the dark bracelets, and carabiners. Sunday morning started early for us. Stuart and Jude cooked hundreds of pancakes for the "pancake bar" breakfast. The rest of the week was chock full of activities: a STEM kids camp, seminars, entertainment, food trucks, campfires, and more. We didn't end up making it to all of the possible activities - but there were stargazing opportunities, chances to explore downtown Rock Springs, play music with the band and more. One of the most memorable experiences was riding through the "Airstreams Aglow". The lower campsite was showcased one evening - with a large bonfire and live music. The upper campground was scheduled for another night. Unfortunately we missed that event because Charlie (our one year old) was teething and we had an early night that evening.

The entire week was a grand success and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Kate entered a photography contest sponsored by Airstream Hunter and ended up winning first prize for a submission about Big Red Number displays. That was a fun surprise. We hope to attend again next year in Sedalia, MO and hope to see many of our members there!



Charlie



Jude



Wally and Stella Byam



Winning photo of Stuart and Kate with their BRN, just like Wally and Stella!

Item For Sale!



1965 Lone Star Boat!

They say the happiest day of your life is when you buy a boat and when you sell a boat. Make both of us happy!

This is a 1965 Lone Star Salem 14' boat with a 1985 Mercury 35 horse engine. Fresh tune up.

RUNS GREAT!

Contact Ed Emerick (BRN 4425)
edward.emerick@gmail.com
or [920-475-7891](tel:920-475-7891)

Asking \$3,850 OBO



Subliminal Message:

Send us your action shots!

New Member Spotlight

Joan Foster & Kate Stoll (BRN 13650)

Hi! We would like to introduce ourselves to the group. We have owned our 1965 Globetrotter, Yahtzee, for 4 years but in many ways we are still newbies. Our most recent trip was to Perrot State Park and last winter we went on a 6 month adventure from Pardeeville to Joshua Tree, CA. We were fortunate to visit a number of parks both State and National. We look forward to our first camping trip with the group and hearing about all of your adventures!



Palo Duro, Canyon, TX



Joshua Tree, CA

Member Spotlight

Linda and Charles Meinholz (BRN 19514)

Hi Everyone!

We are Charlie and Linda Meinholz of Madison, Wisconsin. We have not been very active the last couple of years due to ongoing projects with our adult children. We are excited to be hosting our first ever Rally and I thought now would be a good time to introduce ourselves.

Charlie and I were married in 1970 and shortly after that I was informed that we were going to become "Boomers". As a young 19 year old female of this era, I said, "Sure, Honey what is a Boomer? I soon learned that a Boomer is a person in the trades, that travels in an RV from job to job through out the United States. Sounded fun to me. I figured we do would this a couple of months, have some fun and then get back to a grown-ups life. Little did I know!



First step to this new life was a travel trailer. We fell instantly in love with Airstream, and soon were the proud owners of a 1971 Airstream. We had a full dress Harley Davidson that we loaded into the back of our F250, we hitched up the Airstream and hit the road. This lifestyle seems to be a trend lately. However, if you remember back that far, you remember there were no GPSes, World Wide Web, cell phones and few interstates! Somehow we managed! I will be first to admit I was homesick and called home collect frequently.

Charlie, an Ironworker-Welder, has worked on nuclear power houses, missile sites, hospitals, condos, etc. As Boomers, we lived on the Navajo Reservation, witnessed Apollo launches and were stranded by Mt St Helens' eruption. We have seen and done some incredible things.

After being on the road for 14 years, a wise kind lady said to us "A rolling stone gathers no moss". In 1984, we sold our Airstream, bought house, and had a family. The Kids grew up—Charlie and I retired. We were suddenly empty nesters-- now what? Maybe another Airstream? In 2015 we bought a 1982 International Airstream, 28 foot. We did a complete shell off restoration (that's another story!) and here we are---BRN 19514.

Member Spotlight (Cont.)

Linda and Charles Meinholz (BRN 19514)

We can't wait to see you in Monroe (August 24-27, 2023) and hear how you became addicted to Airstreams! Linda and Charlie Meinholz

Linda Writes: This is a picture of a Polaroid picture from 3pm on May 18, 1980. This is me pointing to the ash collecting on our Airstream windows Also notice how dark it is at 3pm!



Scan the code for information or to make rental reservations at the **Minnesota Airstream Park** www.airstreampark.com



[Click here for more information about the Minnesota Airstream Park](#)

Subliminal Message: Visit an Airstream Park and send us a photo.

We Rally Together!

2023 International Rally Report

By Gina Kasten (BRN 3732)

The 66th Airstream Club International Rally

June 24-30th 2023

Rock Springs, WY

This was one of the largest international rallies we've attended, with 1100+ trailers. Most sites had full hook-ups. The location was the Sweetwater event complex, which hosts horse racing, car racing and other large events. The parking was on gravel, and the sites were tight and close together. The multiple campground sections were far apart, and the pavilion area was a mile from our campground. There were shuttles, but we mostly took our bikes back and forth. This year had 700 first timers of the 1100, and many new folks were from California and the west coast.



The vendors and presentations were held under large white tents. The weather was mostly cool enough to not need air conditioning. The presentations were extensive, with every time slot having 6 or more options. There were the usual technical support topics, as well as topics on travel apps, national forests and grasslands, volunteering your way across the US, and cooking classes. The vendors were mostly tech and parts this year. There were no T-shirts or hats available. As one of our members said, there was no "fun stuff" to buy. T-shirts were available ahead of the rally on Lands End, but they were difficult to find on their website. I never did find them and heard the same from others. Lands End is a reputable company, but having shirts available at the rally to purchase is more convenient.

Justin Humphries, CEO and VP of Sales from Airstream gave his usual state of the RV industry talk. A few key highlights:

A WBCCI one year membership will be given to new purchasers of an Airstream RV. This cost will be covered by Airstream, not WBCCI.

There are several new Airstream exclusive dealerships. Of note is one coming to Detroit (no date given). Shorewood RV bought out Lazy Days in Minnesota and is building a 15,000 sq ft Airstream exclusive dealership north of Minneapolis.

He discussed pre and post Covid sales. Sales are down from Covid year levels (2020 - 2022), but still up from pre Covid years. Towable sales are down 23% for 2022 and 24% through April of 2023. B-Vans were up 15% in 2022 and down 12.5% through April of 2023.

We Rally Together! 2023 International Rally Report (Cont.)

By Gina Kasten (BRN 3732)

If you didn't already know, our Region 7 was the only region to vote against the executive council amendment. It was a topic of much discussion amongst the attendees here from our region. Another topic of much concern was the purchase of land and a building by our International Club in Jackson Center. This is to be used for additional office space for a cost of \$595,000 at a 7% interest rate. Since the club ended last year in significant debt, the money to make such a large purchase is not available. We've heard that the purchase is a done deal, and the membership was not consulted. The purchase includes a bank building that needs renovation and some land that could eventually be used as a campground. The bank is leasing part of the building and has another year left on their lease. The club needs to cut costs and services to pay this mortgage loan. Ginger Slattery says that options being discussed as near certain are the elimination of the membership directory (would be digital only), and the Blue Beret moving to quarterly publication. Obviously more cuts will have to be made. If you are unhappy with this, Ginger asks that you write to the new council members and Lori Plummer ASAP. Lori is the real estate manager for this purchase.

Wyoming is a beautiful state. We had a chance to explore the Flaming Gorge, which is a 90-mile-long canyon with steep red rock walls and the Green River flowing through. It is a haven for kayakers, boaters, and fishermen.

Another fun adventure was the Wild Horse loop drive. We saw wild horses, of course, and a couple of antelope on the road that were fighting (mostly playfully).

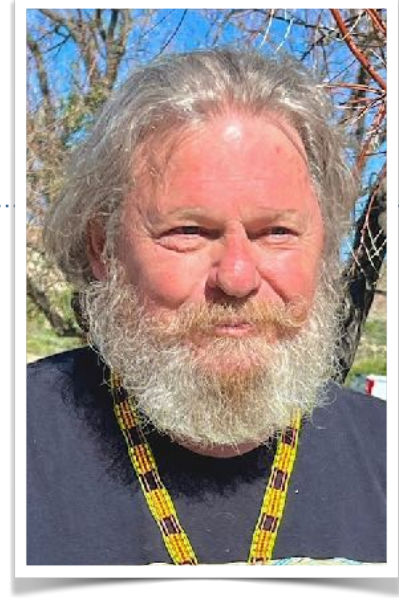
Rock Springs itself is a small town, but had a laundromat, a couple of nice Mexican restaurants and Sapporo, a Japanese Hibachi restaurant that was excellent.



We Rally Together!

2023 International Rally Report

By Steve Piotrowski (BRN 2900)



Airstream Club 66th International Rally

I dare not speak for anyone else, so my report on the 2023 Rally is influenced by my personal bias. Having put out the disclaimer, what follows is my impressions of the 66th International Rally.

Let me start by saying this is the fifth International we have attended. It was certainly different from our traditional program, but still had a familiar feel and pace to many parts. The good included very nice weather except for one storm, that while strong, was not severe (always put your awning in when you leave). The days were mostly in the seventies and low eighties, nights in the sixties with nice breezes. Very comfortable weather for the 1,190 plus Airstreams that were registered. It was the biggest attendance in years, and shows the continued growth of our club. The opening ceremonies followed much of the traditional script, but with a speedily paced recognition of the various Officers, Regions and Clubs. It was finished in less that two hours, and the crowd dispersed feeling pleased and wanted. It did feel strange to not go through the formality of voting for officers, but I think the new system will serve us well in the long run.

The daily programs varied across the interest spectrum of our members. If you didn't find anything that interested you, you either know everything (like me and the editor), or have no interest in anything. From quilts, to solar installation, to black and grey tank cleaning, it was there. The site of the Rally had full hook-ups, individual sites marked by wood fences, and easy access to and from the surrounding areas. You were able to rent your own golf cart for the duration, or you could just start walking and one of the volunteer shuttle drivers would offer you a ride. Those parked furthest away from the main venue were as much as three quarters of a mile away, so the carts were in regular use.

During the first days there was confusion over what was meant by "Finding a Campsite seminar is in building xyz". The staff quickly got improved maps and locator information out on "Grupio". In fact there were daily email updates sent to all attendees, and immediate updates on "Grupio". The "Grupio" app is easy to use and great for any size of an event and I would recommend adopting it for Wisc-UP club outings. At any time, I could pull up the program and get details of every class/info session/program during the Rally. I won't list them all, since you can't attend them now anyway. One of the great additions to this rally was the food truck area in the middle of the program buildings. It was nice to be able to get food and or beer and wine between sessions.

We Rally Together!

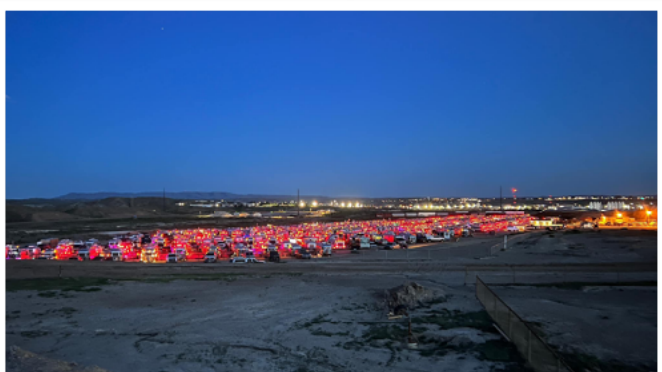
2023 International Rally Report (Cont.)

By Steve Piotrowski (BRN 2900)

On the way to the Rally we spent a couple of nights in Laramie, where we stopped at a wonderful Cup Cake shop. The woman working behind the counter asked where we were headed, and when we said "Rock Springs", she looked shocked and said, "Why go there, it is the armpit of Wyoming". While I would not say it is the best place I have ever been, it seems she was a bit harsh. The old downtown had two Brew Pubs, a number of shops, and a sense of its history as a Railroad town and a coal mining area. The sprawl contained all the usual big boxes and a wonderful "Cowboy Crepes" restaurant (and it was great). The area is near the famous "Flaming Gorge", which we saw during a most of the day bus trip that was well worth it. It also has huge areas of BLM land with dispersed camping, wild horses, antelope, elk, mule deer and lots of littler critters. If you want, they have wild horses available for adoption.

If I was to rate the rally, I would give it high marks for organization and content. The site, while great in terms of hookups, was not particularly conducive to happy hours and the usual gatherings of our tribe, mostly because of individual lot size. As usual, we met tons of people we knew from before and made new friends.

If you get a chance, try to make your way to one of the next Internationals. The time changes for the next two should make them even more interesting.



Airstreams lit at night

We Rally Together! 2023 International Rally Report

By Stephen (with a ph) Butler (BRN 9239)

Hi Guys ..

Had a very nice time at the International Rally ...

Left there with 3 other Airstreamers, on a journey never to be forgotten in our lives .. Traveling south to my good friend's ranch in Colorado. Private property with a 6 mile trout stream, we set our camp upon a bluff overlooking a spectacular view of the valley and stream .. The 4 th of July was spent on another ranch down the road a piece. Wonderful BBQ and visit with old friends and new ... Saw vistas that were second to none ..!

Blessed to have a great friend to share this with .. However, the joy I had showing my Airstream friends a life they never knew I had at one time, brought tears and memories only one could imagine ..

Introducing them to a lifestyle of ranchers, and their way of life was eye opening and inspiring ... The love of the simple life came true for them for a time, and I believe will be remembered for the rest of their lives..

God has gifted me with a life not many can imagine, my heart and soul keeps me going, to forever make people laugh, smile a while, and illustrate the happiness that can be found by being me ..

Stephen (with a ph) Butler, BRN 9239

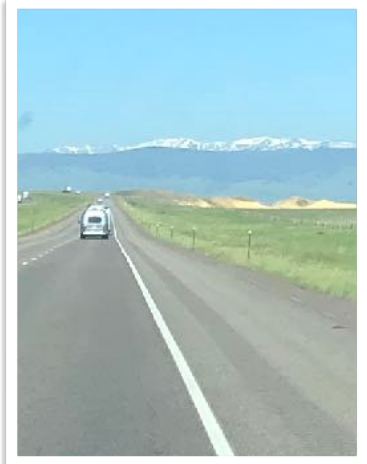
Members' Photos from the International Rally!



Rolling to Rock Springs, International Rally

Members' Contributions

3 Charlies!



We Rally Together

Perspectives from the 2023 International Rally

By Stephen J. Piotrowski (BRN 2900)

Heard at the International Rally:

Our Regional President addressed the gathering of people from the Region (7). It seems as if she is requesting that every member of the Region make an effort to contact the Board members to request that they continue to spend \$50,000.00 per year to provide every member with a printed copy of the directory.

While I understand that traditionally we have gotten the printed copy, in recent years we have also been able to get a computer friendly copy. Even I, a person who has difficulty making my phone do what I want it to, have found the phone copy usable and easy. I seldom see, even among us troglodytes, anyone who doesn't have and use a cell phone with all sorts of features we don't even know are there. The proposal to the Board was that if someone wanted a printed copy, they would be charged a reasonable fee for the cost of printing and mailing the directory. I find that I am in opposition to our Regional President's position, and I would encourage everyone to call the Board members (including our Regional President), asking that they use the \$50,000.00 in savings for improving the club.

Our Regional President also objected to the club buying the building next door to the office because current interest rates were too high. I have, and I am sure that many other member have, refinanced their home loans when interest rates dropped. The building is available now, and the savings on the mailing of the directory could be used to pay a large portion of the loan costs.

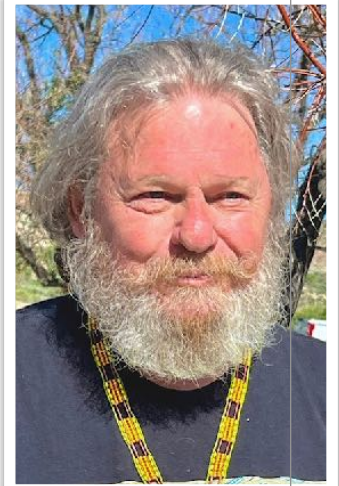
It seems that our Regional President is one of two members of the Board to oppose these actions. I hope the members of Wisc-UP will take the time to write to any and all members of the board expressing their wish to continue to move the club forward and improve the office and home of our great club.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Piotrowski

BRN 2900 (look it up on your phone)



Our Members' Travel & Adventures

Rod Fierek (BRN 1924) writes: We've been out and about between house guests and house work, most recently to Houghton, MI, which is always a great place to visit. Jane and Eddy (BRN 219) drove over to say hello and we grabbed the requisite selfie at the Snow Stick. Of note: Anyone wanting to eat at Fitzgerald's in Eagle River should consider making a reservation... online only, of course.



Jim Guthrie (BRN 11970) riding his Big Wheel bike in Baraboo WI Circus Parade.



Subliminal Message:

So much talent, share yours next month!

Our Members' Travel Adventures

Ed & Sandy Emerick (BRN 4425) Travel to the UP

Sandy and I have always liked our trips into the UP and often end up in Houghton, MI. Our youngest daughter went to college at Michigan Tech and that is when we discovered what a wonderful area this is to explore. The Houghton City RV Park is right on the portage and walking distance to down town, this is where we set up for our UP adventures. If you have never been it is a place to put on your bucket list.



One of they first stops is the Ambassador for pizza and a fish bowl (or two, you can always walk back!) The Ambassador has a great bar with murals all around that you have to see. Go in, order the Taco Pizza or the BLT Pizza and enjoy the view.



Another Taste Treat from the UP, a Pasty. I'm a gravy guy and Sandy is a ketchup girl. Either way, they are great and there are many different providers. Who is the best is a debate for another newsletter.



A Tourist Trap but a good one is the obligatory photo at the Snow Stick. In my photo archives I must have 20 of these!



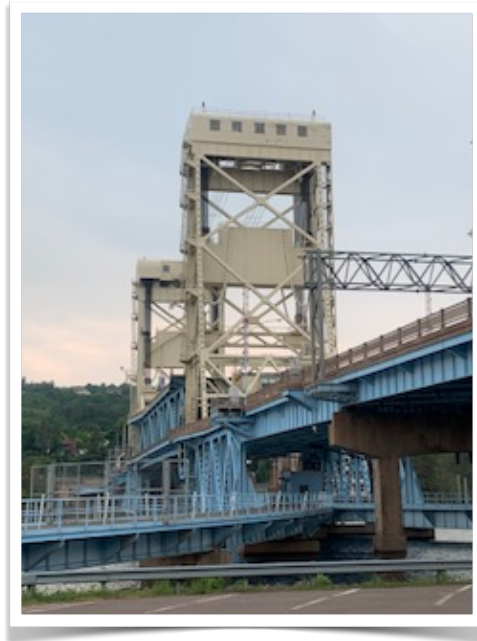
The Jampot is staffed with Monks who make great jams, jellies and baked goods. Me and the Monk helping me compared beard lengths!

Our Members' Travel Adventures

Ed & Sandy Emerick (BRN 4425) Travel to the UP (Cont.)



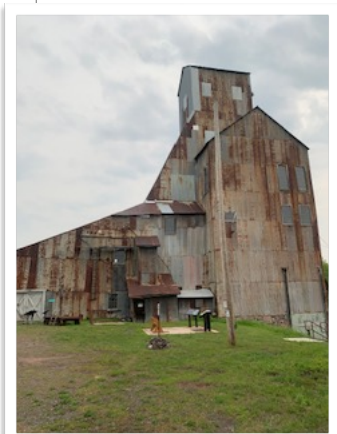
A beer.. or threeis a must at the Keweenaw Brewing Company that is also right downtown Houghton. Try the Pick Axe Blonde Ale or Sandy's favorite, Widow Maker Black Ale!



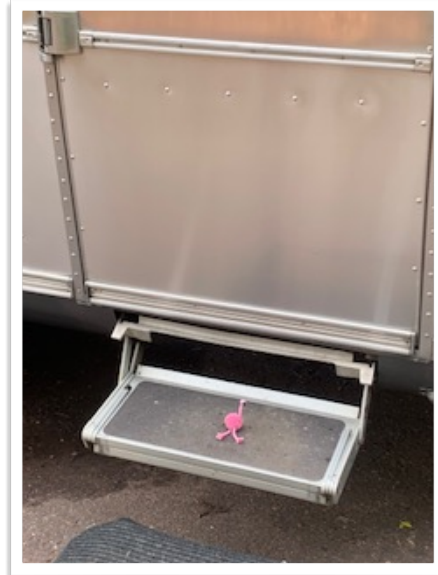
The Lift Bridge connecting Houghton and Hancock



All of the sites have a water view!



The area has a number of old and abandoned mine sites to visit.



We were "Flocked"??? "Flamingoed"???

WISC-UP Events

We Rally Together

Eat, Drink and Yodel Rally, August 24-27, 2023. Green County Fairgrounds

Come and explore Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin Cheese headquarters. Our Schedule is filling up fast there is so much to do in Monroe!

The rally begins Thursday at 4 pm with happy hour and a welcome from the Mayor of Monroe. We will have cheese trays from the Decatur Dairy, makers of world class cheese— We will roll this into a potluck dinner.

Friday Morning we will tour the cheese museum and then on to a cheese dairy store. Might want to save fridge room for cheese. The afternoon you are on your own until 5.

Friday night we will dine at Turners. They are on the National Historic Register and have a complete Swiss Menu. Afterwards we will Sing-a-long with “The Sound of Music”.

Saturday you are on your own to enjoy biking, Shopping (Ladies, a Perfume shop where they will create a fragrance just for you), a Barn Quilt tour, a trip to New Glarus Brewery, and more. Dinner will be at the Minhaus Brewery and Distillery.

Breakfast will be served all three days. We will be staying at the Green County Fairgrounds, no reservation needed. Camping Fee is \$25 a night and can be paid with cash or a check to the campground. Rally fees are \$10 per person, and may be paid anytime at our website, [click here for the link](#).

See you down the road,

Linda and Charlie Meinholz

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Subliminal Message:

Send us your favorite rally photo!

Repairs, Restorations & Cool Airstream Things

Seat Cushion Foam Replacement

By Jeff McCaffrey (BRN 10258)

We saw a video by Keep Your Daydream on YouTube where they showed how to replace the seat cushion foam in their Airstream. The factory foam is on the soft side. We noticed this and decided to try the firmer foam they recommended.

First we measured the cushions length and width to calculate how much foam we'd need for our 2019 27' Globetrotter. In our case it was two 1/3 sheets (24" x 82") and one 1/2 sheet (36" x 82"). The foam is called Lux High Quality open cell from Foam Factory in Macomb, MI. We also ordered 17 feet of their 1" medium loft x 30" wide Polyester Fiberfill batting to go on top of the foam.

The process is pretty simple: Unzip the covers and remove the cushions. Ours were also wrapped with a thin plastic sheet which helps when slipping it back into the cover.

Lay the original cushion on top of the new foam and trace around the outside with a Sharpie marker. I used a large serrated bread knife to cut on the line. We used 3M "77" spray adhesive to hold the batting to the top of the cushion. It helps to have another set of hands to insert the foam back into the cushion cover. One tip we saw online is to turn the cover inside-out to start it over the foam.

We're very happy with the results - no more sinking down to the plywood under the cushions!

One tip: All the cushion's foam was 4" thick except for the two that are used for the pull-out lounge bed. Those are 5" thick to make up the difference in the slide. We chose not to replace the foam in those cushions and could have bought a little less foam.

If you're interested, here's the website where we ordered the materials: <https://www.foambymail.com/product/lux-high-quality-foam.html>

Editor's Note: Thank you Jeff for all your great contributions!



Items for Sale!

Our Members Want to Know... What Do you Have For Sale?



Chuck Zellermyer (BRN 10230) has a weBoost Destination RV cell phone booster for stationary use. This item will boost 5G and 4G LTE signals for all US and Canadian Carriers. Includes 20' antenna pole. This was purchased in 2021 for \$650 and is now for sale at the low low cost of \$400.

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



Greg Hyer (BRN 4297) has two Ameresco Solar Panels (50J) — 50W each — factory originals with brackets from 2016 Airstream. Added more panels in late 2021 and had to replace these for compatibility. Sold together for Best Offer.

He also is selling a Custom Cherry & Wormy Maple Dining Table (41"x35") fits 2016 Flying Cloud 27'. Table was damaged in delivery and is in two pieces. Clean crack can be glued together (with narrow 2" filler) or wood salvaged for another project. Hole for flush power/usb plug extension cord. I received a new complete table (see installed photo). Best Offer.



Lastly, he has 11 leveling blocks for Best Offer.

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Items for Sale!

Our Members Want to Know... What Do you Have For Sale?

FOR SALE: Progressive Industries EMS-PT50X

Portable 50A electrical management system protects your Airstream from a wide range of electrical events including incorrectly wired shore power, under/over voltage and surges. The PT-50X has a digital display that shows voltage, current and error codes if they occur.

Bought new from e-Trailer, used 3 seasons. Selling because I installed a new Victron system with an internal EMS. Unit is in excellent condition and fully functional. Has lifetime warranty.

New: \$325. Sell: \$140

Contact Jeff McCaffrey,

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THIS AND THAT

GINGER SLATTERY, R7 PRESIDENT (BRN 2041)

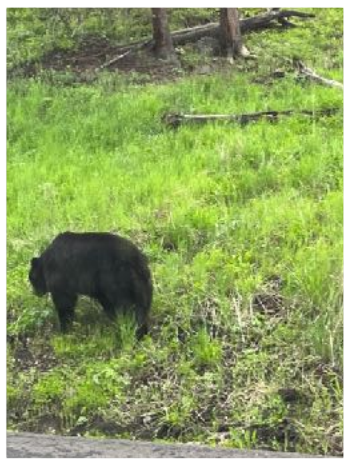
Wow! We had an awesome trip out west with our granddaughters. We left June 12 and visited House on the Rock in Spring Green, WI. Then we went to Mitchell, SD to see the Corn Palace and the excavation site of a prehistoric Native American village! Next we traveled to Rapid City, SD. There we did a bus tour of 2 scenic highways, saw buffalo in Custer State Park, went to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument. The girls



wanted to return to Crazy Horse the next day, so we did! Spent at least half the day there. They were very taken with the Native American dancers. Off next to Cody, WY and Yellowstone! Finally parked at the International Rally on Wednesday the 21st. We were parked with The Future Streamers and took part in many of their activities. I have to admit that as an officer, it was really nice not having to attend so many meetings this year!

During the rally, there were 65 members who attended our lunch buffet at the Santa Fe Southwest Grille! The food was great and the drawing for door prizes was quite entertaining with our granddaughters doing the drawings and deliveries! I also had an opportunity to share with attendees some of what is going on with the IBT.

The R7 Meet and Greet hosted by Anita Olson and Lizann Skelton was well attended and a lot of fun! We were introduced to a Camper Scavenger Hunt that we completed the next evening. Was a lot of fun! A great big thank you to our hostesses! They are already making plans for next year!



At the beginning of the Meet and Greet, International President Eric McHenry installed Chuck Zellermayer as our 2nd VP! Thank you, Chuck! I feel much better knowing someone else is on the team and Chuck and Chris will work together really well!

Overall, we enjoyed the rally very much! Then came the 3-day trek to get home by July 3! We did it! Came to a home bursting at the seams with family! It was awesome! I hope everyone who went to the International Rally enjoyed it as much as we did! (Continued next page)



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There has been a lot going on with the IBT. In May, at the Strategic Planning meeting at Jackson Center, there were some big proposals. One was to purchase an adjacent building and property that had recently come on the market. The current headquarters building is in dire need of several thousand dollars of repairs. The new facility is turn key ready with minimal renovations needed. This purchase was approved at a special meeting in June.

The second proposal concerns the Blue Beret and the printed membership directory. These will affect you, the members. It is a fact that printing costs have sky rocketed from \$12-\$14,000/year just a couple of years ago to \$25,000 now. Advertisers are also not wanting to invest in print media. They are moving their advertising dollars to the online markets. So, the proposal is to reduce printing the Blue Beret to 4 times a year and eliminate the printed membership directory. I have been advocating since May to prevent the elimination of the printed directory. #1 Not everyone is online yet. Some because they did not grow up with computers, some because they are in remote or rural areas that don't have service. There has been talk of members who request a printed directory would be charged \$15 + S&H! This would be for a much reduced directory that includes only names, BRNs and emails. Isn't that helpful for those not online??? No courtesy parking. No historical data. No caravans. I know every aspect of our lives is moving online but not everyone is there yet. So, if keeping the printed directory is important, it is your collective voices that will be heard not just mine. Call, email, write to the Executive Council members, Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager, Amanda Hughes, Member Services. (Click on the email addresses below to open an email.)

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Finally, I would like to do a little survey. You can mail, email me, call or text me your responses.

#1 Are you on line? Yes or no

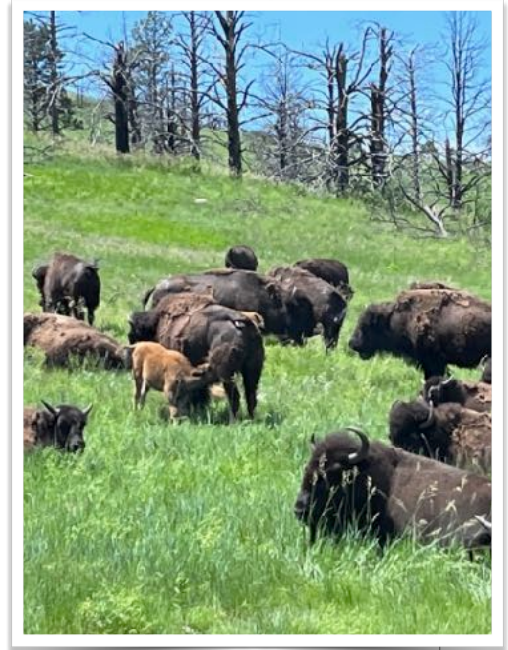
#2 Do you receive a printed copy of the Membership Directory?
Yes or no

#3 What do you use the most from the Directory?

#4 Knowing cuts have to be made, what is essential to be in the Directory?

#5 What is a fair price to pay for the directory?

I really need your help on this everyone! Help me to help you!



PS!

The IBT just voted for the 4 International Officers for the next 2 years!

Your 2023-2025 International Officers are:

President Eric McHenry

Vice President Millie O'Donnell

Recording Secretary Terri Warren

Treasurer Per Hamnqvist

Congratulations to all!



Region 7 Unit Presidents with Ginger

Subliminal Message:

Our members need to know!