



RALLY NEWS



Newsletter for WBCCI Rally Workers

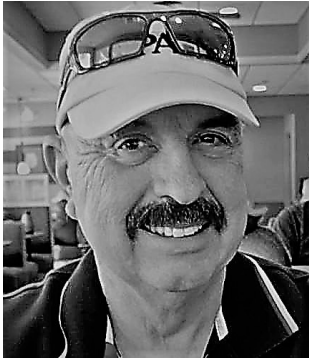
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Welcome to Escanaba and the 60th International Rally



Everyone is here and it is time for the rally to begin. We have fun filled days planned and we hope that everyone has a wonderful time. This year we are providing a couple of meals for everyone and you should have received your meal tickets during registration. Feeding 1200 people is a monumental task, so please bear with us as we try our best to get everyone served in a timely manner. We have closed off the area in front of the buildings to motorized traffic. Our concern is for the safety of our members and we hope you understand. Handicapped parking is located between buildings 3 and 4 and requires a government issued placard.

There is also parking on the other side of building 3 for additional parking. Please be safe traveling around the fairground.

Richard and Jan Girard

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Monday, July 24th 2 pm to 4 pm

REGISTRATION IS LOCATED Under Grandstand #1

Bring your Attendee and Registration forms with the location of your rig written in the upper right corner, on both forms. Your location includes the color and number, i.e. G-73.

WELCOME Airstreamers to the 60th International Rally in Escanaba, my name is Jack Hampel and I will be your Master of Ceremonies for this year's event. President Richard Girard has chosen the Delta County Cancer Alliance for our Annual Charity. This year's fundraiser is scheduled for Wed. July 26th after announcements, But with a twist! STAYED TUNED FOR UPDATES!

SPEED LIMIT ON GROUNDS IN 5 MPH, WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES

WBCCI OFFICE HOURS – MONDAY – FRIDAY 9 am to 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm located in the Fine Arts bldg. (red bldg.)

POST OFFICE HOURS in building #2, . July 24, 25, 26, 27 - 11 am to 3 pm.

Friday, July 28th, last day to pick up mail – hours 10 am to 12 Noon.

DOG PARK—An off leash dog park has been set up inside the track fence office opposite the grandstand, owners are responsible for their pets. The only place a dog may be off lease is in the dog park! Pets are not allowed in any of the buildings.

Please pick up after your pets!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PATRONIZE THE VENDORS IN THE GRANDSTAND BUILDING

Luncheons

Please cover linen tablecloths in Dining Room with plastic for your meals.

Region 3 picnic/Luncheon, Wednesday, July 26 at the Gazebo outside the Ruth Butler Bldg. Bring chairs, table setups, and dish to share (A-L sides, M-Z desserts) in case of rain we will share the Ruth Butler Bldg. with Regions 9 and 11. Alternate plans will be announced at the evening announcements.

Region 4 Luncheon is July 27th at 11:30 am in the Ruth Butler Bldg. Tickets will be available for \$13.00 during registration. Don Hetzler, 23610, P-173.

Region 5 Luncheon on Monday, July 24th at 12:30 pm at Hereford and Hops Restaurant, 624 Ludington St. #501, phone 906-789-1945, purchase your \$20.00 tickets for the Rib Luncheon during registration at the Region 5 table. Remember to bring your door prizes to the luncheon.

Region 7 Luncheon, July 27 at Ruth Butler Bldg. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at sign-up tables during registration.

Region 9 Luncheon, Wed. July 26th, 11:30 in Ruth Butler Bldg. \$15. PP, purchase tickets at Region 9 Table in registration area. Catered by Crispigna Italian Restaurant.

Region 10 Luncheon CHANGE IN LOCATION & TIME WEDNESDAY, JULY 26. A "No Host" lunch at 12:30 pm at Drifters Family Restaurant, 701 North Lincoln, Escanaba, Region 10 general meeting to follow.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIT is hosting the ILLINOIS DINNER for all Illinois Members & Guests. Wednesday July 26th, 5 pm at Stonehouse restaurant. Order from menu, sign up sheet at Region 5 table during registration. Questions call Rick Wendorf 847-980-7033.

TEXAS COASTAL PLAINS UNIT #155, luncheon, Monday July 24 at Stonehouse Restaurant , 11 am to 1 pm. Order from menu.

VAC invites you to a Wine & Cheese pairing at the VAC tent Monday, 3 to 5 pm. Tickets \$10, includes souvenir wine glass. Tickets at information booth at the grandstand.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Would you like to be involved behind the scenes? The Rally Volunteer Desk has jobs that need workers. Stop by under the Grandstand to see what is available .

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN—Do you need help? The volunteer Committee will try to find volunteers to help you. Stop by our desk under the Grandstand and let us know what kind of help you need.

ATTENTION: THE SANITATION COMMITTEE WILL PUMP YOUR AIRSTREAM AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, JULY 25, we will pump Green, Orange & Blue Sections

WEDNESDDAY, JULY 26, we will pump Yellow, Red & Purple Sections

We would like to ask you to park 15 ft. away from your unit where possible, this makes it easier for the pumping crew. Thank You. Ronnie Erb, Sanitation Chairman

HAM RADIO EXAMS will be administered on **Tuesday, July 25th at 1 pm at the Community Building** in Antique Village, across from the large Tug Boat Engine. Please see ARRL-VEC Website. WWW.AARL.ORG/ What-to-bring-to-an-exam-session-for-required-documentation. Cost is \$15. Please call/text Jim Johnson, WWTN, @615-300-3002 or email: Escanaba Ham Exam @ gmail.com to let us know you are testing.

WBCCI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB has a morning net each day @ 8:00 am on 146.43 MHE Simplex. Join us when you can!!

There are 549 Airstreams on site, 3 offsite

MORNING DEVOTIONS

Morning Devotions begin Monday, July 24th, Conference room (door on the right by Stadium entrance. 7:00 am “Sing along” 7:15 to 7:45 Devotional Service. A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN YOUR DAY!

Sunday, July 30th, a brief devotional given by John Frerking

CATHOLIC MASS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, 1820 9th Avenue, N , Escanaba, is **Saturday Vigil at 4 pm**, **Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am**. Just a half mile from the Fair Grounds.

A reminder for units planning to participate in the “**BIG PARADE**” n July 29th at 4 pm. Units please return your “**sign up intent**” forms to George McNinch (228-818-9784) at site B-43. Please remember to attend the Parade Planning Session scheduled for July 27th from 8 am to 9 am in the DNR building.

TOURS—SIGN UP NOW—ALL TOURS HAVE LIMITED SPACE—9 am to 4 pm daily in the Ruth Butler Building.

Tours: Leigh’s Garden Winery Cellars and Tasting
Sand Point Lighthouse & Delta County Museum
Hoegh Industries, Ristonic Mattress Manufacturing
Flower Garden Tour and Agricultural Museum. **Ed Knernschild, Chairman**

All chairmen, check with the SIGN SHOP to pick up your signs. If anyone needs signs come see us in the Swine Building.

ESCANABA FARMERS’ MARKET is open Wednesday from 3 to 6 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12 noon. Located at corner of Ludington and 15th Avenue.

People who are OFF SITE, in RV Parks or Motels, please leave a message at the Message Center for Jill Shuck with your Name, WBCCI # and your location.

Wi-Fi is available near or under the Grandstand. Connection name is GrandStand. Password is 906Fair17

The Carpenter shop is open from 9 am to 4 pm (closed from 12-1 for lunch) Monday through Friday. If you need help with minor projects or repairs. The Carpenter shop is located in the Swine Building.

LUCI LIGHTS

The wonderful, inflatable, solar-charged lights a “**MUST-HAVE**” for all campers. MPOWERED.com is partnering with Region 3 of the WBCCI to offer a 20% discount to all of our members and friends. In order to take advantage of this offer, go to the website above and choose the LUCI LIGHT(S) of your choice. When you check out, put the word “**Airstream**” (not quotation marks) in the promo code area and you will receive the 20% discount. There are many styles of lights from which to choose. Please visit the Region 3 table to see some samples.

IN ADDITION FOR EVERY LUCI LIGHT PURCHASED, MPOWERED WILL DONATE A LUCI LIGHT TO THE WORLD MEDICAL CORPS. A website for this group is available. They are currently working in Syria and other war-torn areas to help the injured.

All Singles or people traveling alone are invited to a Happy Hour every day from 3 to 5 at Freewheelers President Monte Barksdale’s rig in Purple 82, WBCCI# 225. you are also invited to join us for lunch at Drifters, July 25th at noon, order off the menu.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER, LOCATED IN BUILDING #2, FOR GAMES AND CARDS. THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM!!

**VA Facility is located in Iron Mountain, Highway 2/ 41 West, approximately 40 miles from Escanaba .
906-774-3300.**

SPLITTERS – over 100 trailers are using electrical splitters for power. When you leave Escanaba, deposit the splitter in the marked Barrel in front of the Grandstand. Thank You!

EMERGENCY WEATHER ALERTS— In the event of emergency weather, please go immediately to the Ruth Butler Building #3. Escanaba is in Delta County. Use your NOAA weather alert radio to monitor for hazardous weather. Some Airstreamers use cell phone apps, such as Storm Shield, Accuweather, Wx Alert USA, The Weather Channel or My Radar. For Emergency weather alerts through Nixle Public Safety, text 49829 to 888777. You will receive weather alerts on your phone. To turn off, text STOP to 888777. Text messaging rates from your provider may apply.

Use your best judgment about leaving the awning on your Airstream out while away from your rig

KEEPING INFORMED AT THE RALLY

TEXT—messages on your phone from July 15 to 29th. Only members attending the rally should sign up to keep cost down. Text the word CLASSIC to phone number 25827 . Cellular rates may apply. Please text the reply word STOP to any message when you leave the rally.

WEB PAGE—you can find it by Googling “Escanaba.wbcci.net” or type <http://escanaba.wbcci.net> in your browser.

FACEBOOK—Search for Escanaba 2017 Airstream WBCCI International Rally. Please add your own photos so your family & friends back home can share the excitement.

TWITTER: our twitter feed is “WBCCI Airstream Club @Wally_Byam . Please add your own pictures during the rally.

TABS ARE BEING COLLECTED IN THE VENDOR AREA IN THE GRANDSTAND BUILDING

THE QUILTING ROOM is open!! Join us 9 am to 4 pm in the Miracle of Life Bldg. Bring your sewing supplies and projects and join in the fun. Material for baby quilts (to be given to Community Service) are available. The room will be closed on Sunday.

ATTENTION: Please do not move tables or chairs for your event until you have contacted the “Table and Chairs Committee. Bruce Harrower – 956-376-0633.

CHAIRPERSONS: Please stop by the reception desk in the office as soon as possible to verify your contact information.

ARTICLES FOR THE “RALLY NEWS” MUST BE IN WRITING AND CAN BE LEFT AT THE RECEPTION DESK AT WBCCI OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL THEM TO ME AT: frandaveperr@gmail.com. ALL INFORMATION FOR THE “RALLY NEWS” MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 3 PM.

Bike Excursions – meet 7:30 am at 12th street, log hut

NEW SEMINARS AND CLASSES @ INTERNATIONAL RALLY in Escanaba

If you enjoy exercising your creative side, learning new skills, do not miss these brand new rally opportunities. (Class size is limited, please sign up)

Glass Blowing & Craft

Silk Scarf Painting

Birch Bark and Quill Scissor Holder

Hand Forged Copper Bracelet

Native Pendant or Pin

Creative Writing

Wood Carved Hummingbird

Painted Mini Barn Quilts

Drop Spindle Spinning/Spinning in the Old Way

Table Massage

Knife Sharpening

Description and times can be found on the website at: wbcci.net/escanaba/new-seminar

A copy of the schedules can be picked up at the receptionist office in the red Fine Arts Building.

The Amvets Hall on Lincoln between 14th Ave. N and 13 Ave. N is open to all Airstream Veterans, be they VFW, Amvet, American Legion, DAV. All vets may drop in, enjoy their hospitality, meals and Entertainment.

In an effort to create a pedestrian friendly zone as well as create space for the Airstream trailer display and food vendors, the blacktop area between the grandstand and the Ruth Butler building is now a **No Parking Zone** and is blocked off to all vehicle traffic. In addition, the main gate into this area will be closed. The side entrance to campground parking will be open.

Personal vehicle event parking will be located behind the Friendship Center #2 (in the field outside the fence). Use the pedestrian gate to enter the fairgrounds for access to all activities. Handicap parking will be between the Ruth Butler Building #3 and the Youth Building #4. Handicap placard must be displayed. Enter this area from 14th Ave N behind the Ruth Butler Building.

Come and join the CANADIAN AIRSTREAMERS, Thursday, July 27 at the Ruth Butler Bldg., Main Dining room, from 4 to 6 pm . Tickets \$5.00 each available at registration from Regions 1, 3, 7 and 10.

Please have your WBCCI Membership number displayed on both the front and rear of your Airstream Trailer, Motorhome or B-Van. This helps our messengers find you, also helps in case of an emergency for the 911 people. Also have a clothes pin attached with a string to the door handle for message delivery.

Any committee wishing to make PURCHASES from the purchasing crew MUST get the order in by noon

EMS—EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE—CALL 911

Paramedics will enter at 14th Street Gate, anyone at the emergency site can drive to the bull pen to escort the paramedics to the emergency.

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator is located at Orange 209. For those who are knowledgeable about using this lifesaving device, Call 610-823-1215. The AED will be available at most major events.

Please notify the receptionist if you are a 1st responder and willing to volunteer. Thanks!

REUNIONS

Florida Fantasy Caravan Reunion, Tuesday, July 25th at 4:00 pm in the DNR Building. Please join us if you have been on the Florida Fantasy Caravan. Bring a friend who might be interested in traveling Florida. Bring your drink and snack to share. We look forward to sharing memories.

Springtime in Kentucky Caravan Reunion, Wednesday, July 26th at 4:30 pm in the DNR building. Please join if you have been on Springtime in Kentucky or are considering going on this caravan. Bring your drink and snack to share.

Program Additions/Updates/Corrections

Monday, July 24

- Pancake Breakfast Cancelled Today, rescheduled to Wednesday, July 26
- Line Dancing Cancelled Today
- Introduction to Amateur Radio from 8:30-10 am in Community Building in Antique Village

Tuesday, July 25

- Region Officers Workshop Starts at 8:00 am (not 8:30 am as shown in program) in DNR Building #6
- Ham Radio Study Session 8:30 am – 12 noon in Community Building in Antique Village
- FCC Exam from 1-4 pm in Community Building in Antique Village

Wednesday, July 26

- Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 – 8:30 am in Ruth Butler Building. Bring your own cups, plates, and silverware.
- Region 10 Luncheon is at 12:30 pm at Drifters Family Restaurant, 701 N. Lincoln. Region 10 General Meeting to follow.
- Illinois Lincolnland Unit Dinner at 5:00 pm at Stonehouse Restaurant, 2223 Ludington St. Order from menu, sign-up sheet at Region 5 table during Registration. Questions call Rick Wendorf at [847\) 980-7033](tel:8479807033).

Thursday, July 27

- Amateur Radio Club Luncheon and Business Meeting from 12:00-2:00 pm at Hereford & Hops Restaurant, 624 Ludington St. #501.
- Registration for the 2018 Rally is from 2-4 p.m.
- FCC Exam is rescheduled to Tuesday, July 25.

Friday, July 28

- How to Get Started Transmitting – sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Radio Station/UP Telegraph Building in Antique Village.

The location of the REGION PARTNER WORKSHOP on Tuesday, July 25th, at 8:30 am is going to be held in the back right side of the Ruth Butler Building.

We hope to see all Region Officers' partners in attendance at this information and training workshop. **This includes 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3 VP in addition to all incoming REGION OFFICERS' PARTNERS. "Veteran" (existing Region Officers partners) should attend in order to help and give advice to the "newcomers"!**