



# Michigan Airstream Club

WBCCI Region 4, Unit 52  
www.michigan.airstreamclub.net

“The Mich-i-gram”

November/December 2020

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### President

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## President's Message



Greetings Airstreamers,

First of all, I want to thank Dave and Jen Koomler for serving as President and Recording Secretary of the Michigan Airstream Club in a very difficult year. Dave had to make some difficult decisions regarding canceling our rallies. However, they planned the installation rally in October on what turned out to be a beautiful and relaxing weekend. Thank you, Dave and Jen, for fulfilling your duties so well.

Now, let's have some Fun.

My Cindy and I are well aware of the long and storied history of this club. I have humbly accepted the position as your President and will do my best to have some fun. Our club is in very good financial condition, but our biggest asset is our membership, and our rich history.

The Michigan Airstream Club exists for the comradery of a group of people with shared and varied interests. That being said, I think it is our duty to have Fun. We do not participate in the club activities to just keep things going, we do it to have fun. If we are not having fun, we shouldn't be doing it.

Well, the Michigan Airstream Club IS having fun. We have learned we can have rallies and other activities while being safe. We can socially distance, wash hands frequently, and wear masks when necessary while still having a good time.

Please join us when your schedule permits, you will be glad you did. You will find a schedule of our activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, we have several opportunities for YOU to have additional fun. We are looking for hosts for a summer and a fall rally. We also have two vacancies on our executive board, Recording Secretary, and 2nd Vice President. If you would like one of these fun positions or would like to suggest/nominate someone, please contact me.

Stay healthy and safe during the upcoming holidays.

Jim Conant  
President

conantfarm@gmail.com  
517-414-9285



## November/December Birthdays

Mike Henry	11/5
Dorothy Hoekwater	11/26
Char Henry	11/27
Phillip Adkison	12/10
John Smith	12/20
Scott Horner	12/27
Mary Beth Borton	12/30
Ken Briggs	12/31

## Anniversary

Chip and Lori DeLeeuw 12/21

## 2021 Dates to Remember

### Airstream Related Events

- \*Jan. 18 - 22 Mid-Winter IBT, Sarasota, FL  
(International Board of Trustees)
- Apr. 29 - May 2 Urban Air - Logan, OH
- \*Late April - Early May Tentative time frame for  
Santa's Secret Hollow work rally
- \*May 19 - 23 Region 4 Rally - Glen Jean, WV
- \*July 17 - 24 International Rally - Lebanon, TN
- Sept 7 - 12 Alumapalooza 11 - Jackson Center, OH
- \*Sept 25 - Oct 3 Swiss Festival National Rally  
Sugar creek, OH.  
Sept 18 - 24 Early Setup at Sugar creek
- Sept. 12 - 15 Eaton Rapids Air (dates from 2019)  
(2021 dates published later)
- \*WBCCI events



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## Interested in Hosting a Rally?

If you have hosted a rally in the past and are interested in hosting again please notify President Jim.

For anyone who has never hosted a rally before, there are folders with complete instructions on the how's and why's of rally hosting. President Jim has those folders and will be happy to supply one to you. Plenty of help with details and ideas is available as well or you can request a co-host.

There are two time slots on the schedule that are open for rallies. One is in summer and the other opening is in the fall.

## Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the work Karen Routson has done to help make updating our Member Directory easier and more accurate. She has created a program that merges information from our 'Membership List' into a Word document that can be made into a directory. This will make updating the directory easier and less error prone.

I look forward to creating future Member Directories with this program.

Thank you, Karen.

Thank you,

Fred Bryant  
Membership Treasurer

## Note to Treasurer Tom Cobb

Hello Tom,

I have notified the North Pole of your incoming donation.

Thank you and MAC for electing to participate in this project. In the next Region 4 newsletter you will find an article on our progress. The exterior is nearing completion. The ramp has been installed. The interior is well underway.

Work will continue throughout the winter to make Wally's Christmas Tree Farm ready for next Spring when the kids arrive.

Please pass on our sincere gratitude from Dawn and myself to your fellow members.

-Dan B



## For Sale

### 2 Interstate Batteries

Group size - 24DC

Installed by Jackson Center in May 2019

Used in 2019 then pulled and have been on maintenance charger.

Switched to AGM's so no longer needed.

Asking \$50 each.

Call Tom at 616-295-4742 or email to [tjcobb1950@gmail.com](mailto:tjcobb1950@gmail.com)

## Wanted

MAC member looking for recommendations on nice RV parks in Arizona.

Looking at 2-3 month stay.

Call Tom at 617-295-4742 or email to [tjcobb1950@gmail.com](mailto:tjcobb1950@gmail.com)

## Michigan Airstream Club is Seeking ...

MAC Member who would like to participate in club meetings as Recording Secretary. Taking minutes at meetings would be the only required duties.

If interested please call President Jim at 517-414-9285 or email to [conantfarm@gmail.com](mailto:conantfarm@gmail.com)

MAC Member who would like to be involved in the club as 2nd Vice President. This would give you an opportunity to learn more about the club and it's members.

If interested please call President Jim at 517-414-9285 or email to [conantfarm@gmail.com](mailto:conantfarm@gmail.com)

## Wanted

The editor is seeking submissions for the newsletter. If you have had an adventure that you think members would be interested in, please send photos with explanations. Recipes, poems, or individual photos all would be welcome. Please send items of interest to Cindy Conant at [cindyconant37@gmail.com](mailto:cindyconant37@gmail.com)

## Thanking a Veteran ...

By Carole Adama



Richard, (my husband), never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam, other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8 x 10 black and white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann Margret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing. When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, cir-

clcd the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted. Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home. Ann Margret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as second in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it."

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for 'my gentlemen.'" With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he were the only one there.

That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet. I will never forget Ann Margret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he would like to talk about it, my big, strong husband broke down in tears... "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said. I now make it a point to say 'Thank you' to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

If you would like to pass on this story, feel free to do so.

Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make.

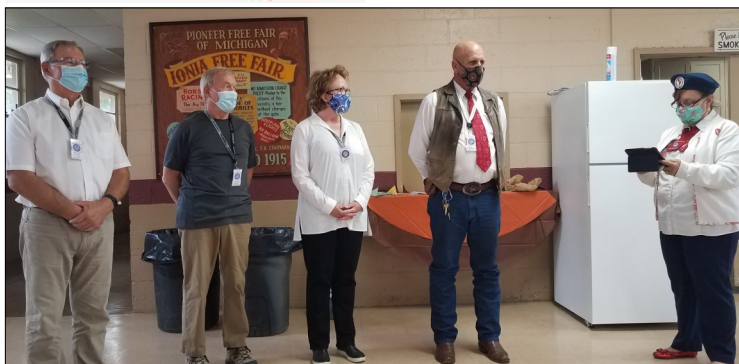


The Marine Corps birthday is Tuesday, November 10 and Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11.

Remember this story and take a moment to thank the veterans who cross your path.



## October Installation Rally Ionia Free Fair Fairgrounds Ionia, Michigan



Karen Fisher, Region 4 President, officiated at the installation. Those present to be installed in their offices from left to right were: Fred Bryant, membership treasurer, Tom Cobb, treasurer, Sharon Bryant, corresponding secretary, and Jim Conant, president.

Sharon Bryant, always a willing volunteer, served food and helped with decorating tables. Thank you, Sharon, for all your help.



Our wonderful rally hosts were Jen and Dave Koomler.



Dave and Jen planned, prepared and served several delicious meals. (Mac 'n Cheese was a favorite.) Social distancing was always in the forefront as everyone gathered inside and out.



The setting at the campsites was amongst beautiful fall colored trees and next to the Grand River. Couldn't ask for a more perfect weekend for fall colors.



Incoming President, Jim Conant, presented Dave and Jen the gift of a homemade quilt as a thank you for Dave's year as President.

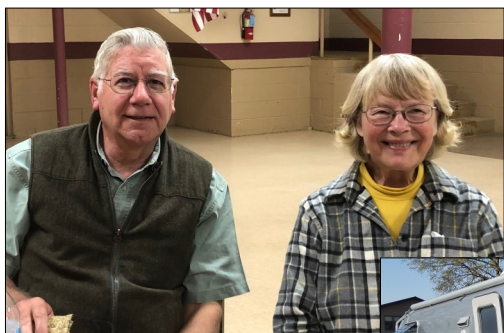
The quilt was made by Cindy Conant.



Installation Rally continued



Andrew McKeown entertained the group with his very energetic, and nostalgic show. He included several Beatles songs, which were very appropriate for the rally participant age group. Andrew and Julie McKeown pictured below.



Jeffrey and Karen Routson, pictured with their trailer and Molly, as well as inside the dining hall. Masks were mandatory inside but when pictures were taken people agreed to take off their masks so they could be identified in photos.



More social distancing



Gary and Cathey Roeper, who are new MAC members this year, were delightful to get to know.



Karen Fisher and Wally Kimmel had home (trailer) schooling duties with two of their grandchildren along on the trip.



Dale Schneider and Cat Hibbard are brand new members from Benzonia, Michigan.



Installation Rally continued



Tom, club treasurer, and Donna Cobb. You can find Tom at a rally as he is busy taking care of details.



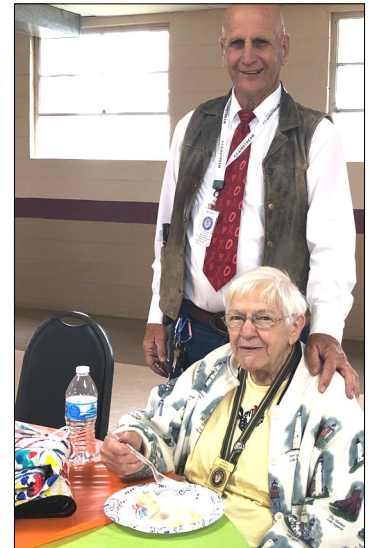
Pat and Will Franger, to the left, the club's caravan planners. Their caravan to Loveland, CO, and the WBCCI International Convention, last year was cancelled because of the pandemic. They hope to plan another caravan in the near future.

Dave and Jen Koomler pictured below with their cozy Airstream B van.



Jim Conant is pictured to the right with Nancy Russell, who has just sold her trailer. Nancy comes to rallies for a day, whenever she can.

FYI: her truck is still for sale, a Chevrolet Duramax.



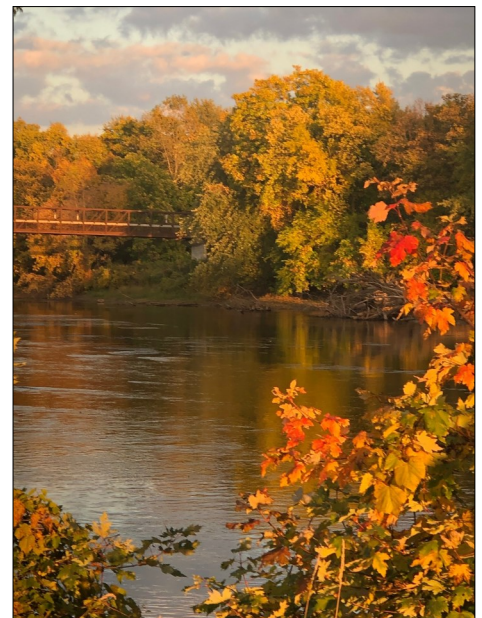
Cindy and Jim Conant. Jim is the current president and Cindy is the newsletter editor.



Pictured above is the club's supply trailer, Michelle II. Anyone who might be missing something for their trailer can find hoses, electric cords, cooking utensils, grills, a popcorn popper, etc. Usually stored at the Brigg's farm, it was hauled up to Ionia by Cindy Conant.



Fred and Sharon Bryant always have big smiles for everyone and are always thinking of ways they can help.



Michigan Airstream Club  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes  
October 10, 2020  
Ionia Free Fair  
Ionia, Michigan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President David Koomler.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: David Koomler, President; Jim Conant, 1st Vice President; Jackie Klare, 2nd Vice President (via phone); Tom Cobb, Treasurer; Fred Bryant, Membership Treasurer; Sharon Bryant, Corresponding Secretary; Jenny Koomler, Recording Secretary; Karen Fisher, Region 4 President

Absent: Anita Briggs, Executive Director; Leslie Martin, 2nd Year Trustee; Karin Kurkowski, 1st Year Trustee

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors to recognize.

Determination of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Minutes

The Executive Board Minutes of October 19, 2019, were read. Jim Conant made a motion that the Minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Fred Bryant. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Tom Cobb provided copies of the Treasurer Report for review. As of September 30, 2020, MAC assets total \$19,397.70. The Treasurer Report was received and accepted as presented.

The Club will be making a donation to Wally's Christmas Tree Farm for Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow, Region 4's Community Service Project. Jackie Klare made a motion that MAC donate \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Fred Bryant. Motion carried.

Jim Conant reported an audit of MAC's financial records was performed by Karen Fisher and Gary Roeper with no issues identified.

Membership Treasurer Report

Fred Bryant reported there are 21 new members. Current MAC membership is 92 regular members, 6 affiliates, and 2 newsletter-only members. A decline in membership has been seen in the last several years. There were 125 members in 2016, 117 members in 2017, 108 members in 2018, and 85 members in 2019. The Membership Treasurer report was received and accepted as presented.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sharon Bryant reported she is looking at ways to expand the Corresponding Secretary position, such as sending out more correspondence to members, including those who have not been attending rallies. The Corresponding Secretary Report was received and accepted as presented.

MAC Web Report

Sharon Bryant reported the MAC website will be transitioning to International's platform. Once the transition is complete, the current website will go away. The MAC Web Report was received and accepted as presented.



## Old Business

- Club Flags - There is one more Past President flag in inventory, which will be given out after today's installation of officers. Jim Conant made a motion that three more Past President flags be purchased. The motion was seconded by Fred Bryant. Motion carried.

## New Business

- Bylaw Amendment  
An amendment has been made to Section 8 of Article III, Membership Qualifications, of the MAC Constitution as instructed by International. Jim Conan made a motion that the amendment be adopted. The motion was seconded by Fred Bryant. Motion carried.
- Executive Board 2020-2021  
The Board currently has two openings for 2020-2021--2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary. If no one is nominated for these positions and they go vacant, attempts to fill them will continue throughout the year.

## Announcements of Future Rallies

There are no future rallies scheduled at this time. Jim Conant suggested next year's Installation Rally be held in September vs. October. The Club is looking for people who would be interested in hosting a rally. Jim has booklets on how to plan/set up rallies for those interested.

Tom Cobb asked about the possibility of using the Club's Email list to promote non-rally gatherings. Karen Fisher suggested sending the notice to the Executive Committee first, so they can approve it as an official notice.

Jackie Klare suggested those planning on attending the International Rally meet up and travel to the rally as a group so they can park together. Karen Fisher explained if there are five or more trailers, it can be registered as a caravan. Jim Conant made a motion that caravanning to International be supported. The motion was seconded by Sharon Bryant. Motion carried.

## Motion to Close Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Jenny L. Koomler  
Recording Secretary  
Michigan Airstream Club

Michigan Airstream Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
October 10, 2020  
Ionia Free Fair  
Ionia, Michigan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by President David Koomler.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: David Koomler, President; Jim Conant, 1st Vice President; Jackie Klare, 2nd Vice President (via phone); Tom Cobb, Treasurer; Fred Bryant, Membership Treasurer; Sharon Bryant, Corresponding Secretary; Jenny Koomler, Recording Secretary; Karen Fisher, Region 4 President

Absent: Anita Briggs, Executive Director; Leslie Martin, 2nd Year Trustee; Karin Kurkowski, 1st Year Trustee

Members present: Fred and Sharon Bryant, Tom and Donna Cobb, Jim and Cindy Conant, Karen Fisher and Wally Kimmel, Will and Pat Franger, Jackie Klare (via phone), Dave and Jen Koomler, Karen and Jeff Routson, Nancy Russell, Dale Schneider and Kat Hibbard

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors to recognize.

Determination of Quorum

Ten member units were represented. A quorum was established.

Minutes

The General Membership Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2019, were read. Fred Bryant made a motion that the Minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Sharon Bryant. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Tom Cobb reported assets total \$19,397, which includes \$6,400 in checking and two CDs totalling \$10,500.

During the Executive meeting, it was voted on and approved that the Club donate \$1,000 to Wally's Christmas Tree Farm for Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow, Region 4's Community Service Project. Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow is a non-profit organization that caters to seriously and terminally ill children. Karen Fisher shared another volunteer workshop has been tentatively scheduled for April 2021.

Audit Report

Jim Conant reported an audit of MAC's financial records was performed by Karen Fisher and Gary Roeper with no issues identified.

Membership Treasurer Report

Fred Bryant reported MAC currently has 92 regular members, 6 affiliates, and 2 newsletter-only members. Seven (7) of the 92 members are lifetime members. There are 21 new members.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Sharon Bryant reported she is looking at ways to expand the Corresponding Secretary position. Members are asked to let her know when they feel a fellow member needs some encouragement.

### MAC Web Report

Sharon Bryant reported the MAC website will be transitioning to International's platform. The transition is expected to be complete by next summer.

### Old Business

The caravan from Coldwater, Michigan, to Loveland, Colorado, in June did not take place due to the International Rally being cancelled. Will Francher stated they will try to set up a another caravan for next year's International Rally.

### New Business

#### - Bylaw Amendment

An amendment has been made to Section 8 of Article III, Membership Qualifications, of the MAC Constitution as instructed by International. Fred Bryant made a motion that the amendment be adopted. The motion was seconded by Pat Franger. Motion carried.

#### - Nominating Committee Report

The Board currently has two openings for 2020-2021--2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary. If no one is nominated for these positions and they go vacant, attempts to fill them will continue throughout the year. The slate of officers for 2020-2021 is as follows:

President – Jim Conant  
 1st Vice President – Jackie Klare  
 2nd Vice President – Vacant  
 Treasurer – Tom Cobb  
 Membership Treasurer – Fred Bryant  
 Corresponding Secretary – Sharon Bryant  
 Recording Secretary - Vacant  
 Executive Director – Dave Koomler  
 2nd Year Trustee – Karin Kurkowski  
 1st Year Trustee – Larry Kurkowski

#### - Nominations from the Floor

There were no nominations from the floor

#### - Election of Officers

A motion was made by Jim Conant to accept the slate of officers as presented and to cast a unanimous ballot for same. Motion carried.

### Announcements of Future Rallies

The Club is looking for people who would be interested in sponsoring future rallies. At least two rallies need to be held each year. Jim suggested next year's Installation Rally be held in September vs. October—possibly the week-end after Labor Day. Jim has handbooks outlining how to plan/set up rallies for those interested.

Karen Fisher announced next year's Region 4 Rally will be held May 19-23, 2021, at Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve in Bechtel, West Virginia. International's Rally is scheduled for July 16-24, 2021, in Lebanon, Tennessee. The idea of a tag-along to Lebanon has been approved. Details are forthcoming.

### Badges

Karen Fisher advised three new badge layouts have been approved. Badges can be ordered from Headquarters at a cost of \$3 each with choice of emblem—historical, Wally Byam Airstream Club, or Airstream International (a new logo recently adopted). Magnets are available for purchase at \$2.75 each.

### Region 4 President

Karen Fisher shared her term as Region 4 President will end in July 2021 and that she has submitted her name for International 3rd Vice President. Current Region 4 Vice Presidents Brad Briggs and Fred Kiehl, are up for President and 1st Vice President, respectively. Mike Pastva is a candidate for 2nd Vice President. The election process will begin in January.

### Use of MAC's Email List and Newsletter

Tom Cobb reported permission was received at the Executive meeting to use the Club's Email list to announce non-rally gatherings.

Nancy Russell shared after 41 years of membership, she decided to sell her Airstream and become a lifetime member. As a result, she has a Chevrolet Duramax for sale. Tom Cobb mentioned he has two Interstate batteries available for \$50 apiece. Permission was then requested to use MAC's website and newsletter to advertise Airstream-related items. Permission granted.

### Meeting Recess

The meeting was recessed until 1:30 p.m.

### Installation of MAC Officers for 2020-2021

Karen Fisher installed Jim Conant as President, Sharon Bryant as Corresponding Secretary, Tom Cobb as Treasurer, and Fred Byant as Membership Treasurer. Jackie Klare, 1st Vice President, Karin Kurkowski, 2nd Year Trustee, and Larry Kurkowski, 1st Year Trustee, were not present for the Installation ceremony. Cake was served in celebration of the new Officers.

### Recognition

Jim Conant presented Dave Koomler a gift from MAC for serving as President for 2019-2020.

### Motion to Close Meeting

Newly elected President, Jim Conant, adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Jenny L. Koomler  
Recording Secretary  
Michigan Airstream Club

Michigan Airstream Club  
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For Period September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Checking Account Balance 9/30/19	\$3664,76
Cash Receipts	
Membership Dues	1570.00
Other Receipts	<u>2715.65</u>
Total Cash Received	<u>\$4285.65</u>
Cash Disbursements	
Membership Dues to International	195.00
Other Cash Disbursements	<u>1304.89</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$1499.89</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	<u>\$6450.5</u>

Michigan Airstream Club  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As of September 30, 2020

Assets	
Checking Account	\$6450.52
Savings Account	2395.30
Certificates of Deposit	
Due 4-20-21	291.97
Due 6-17-21	5341.91
Total Assets	\$19397.70
Liabilities	
Due To International	0
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Asset Balance	\$19397.70