



Michigan Airstream Club

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“The Mich-i-gram”

September/October 2021

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President's Message



Greetings MAC Members,

Wow that was a FUN, hot summer. Speaking of hot we had a lot of FUN at the WBCCI Rally in Lebanon TN. It was nice to see many from our club there. Next year the WBCCI International Rally will be in Maine, so hopefully not as hot and humid. One of our members mentioned leading a caravan to Maine next year. I said OK sign us up. Hopefully you will hear more about that as plans develop.

Let me report that the delegates meeting at International voted to clean up and streamline some language in our Constitution.

Our annual membership meeting, election of officers, and installation rally is scheduled for October in Coldwater. You will find a reservation form later in this newsletter on page 12.

I will do a follow up mailing regarding the slate of officers and the membership meeting. The nomination committee is almost ready with a slate of candidates.

In a few short weeks we will be at the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugar Creek, Ohio. We expect to see many of you there. If you have not yet made plans to attend, do yourselves a favor and join us.

See you down the road,

President Jim
517-414-9285



Check out the new Michigan Airstream Club Facebook page.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/michiganairstreamclub/?tsid=0.2571856911939929&source=result>

Sharon Bryant, Corresponding Secretary




Celebrate

September - October

Anniversaries

Thomas & Christine Bliss	9/13/1968
Andrew & Sandra Lovlien	9/26/1977
Dave & Jen Koomler	10/1/2017
Jim & Cindy Conant	10/6/1985
Wally Kimmel & Karen Fisher	10/9/1982
Sid & Bev Kelly	10/16/1960
Randy & Kathy Ann Blunck	10/17/1970
Mike & Char Henry	10/18/1969
Scott & Mary Ann Horner	10/18
Don & Linda Coolich	10/19
Jim & Mary Ann Stimpson	10/31/1959

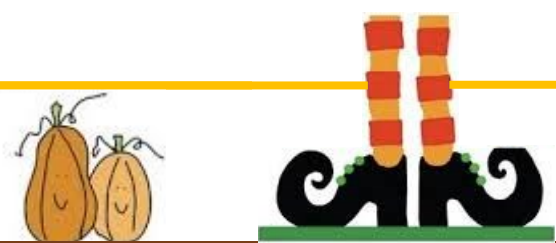


Happy Birthday

September - October

Birthdays

Don Coolich	9/1
Bev Kelly	9/5
Justine Gates	9/8
Mary Ann Horner	9/19
Linda Coolich	10/10




Meeting old friends and making new ones
at an evening campfire

See more about the
WBCCI International Rally
on pages 5 - 9.

2021 Events

Sept 25 - Oct 3 Swiss Festival National Rally
Sugarcreek, OH.
Flyer on page 11

Oct 7 - 10 Autumn in Coldwater
Annual Membership Meeting
Installation & Executive Bd
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Oct 15 - 17 Southeastern Michigan
Airstream Club (SEMAC)
Halloween Rally
Flyer on page 13

Oct 31 

Why Not Affiliate With Other Michigan Airstream Clubs?

Did you know that there are other Airstream Clubs that call Michigan home?

As a member of the Michigan Airstream Club, you are also able to affiliate to other Clubs which gives you a wider fellowship of Airstreamers and their activities. Being an affiliate of another Club allows you to keep in touch with their events and make new friends nearby.

MAC is planning some joint events next year with the Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club. Why not consider becoming an affiliate? WBCCI this summer upgraded our annual renewal process. We can select from many other participating clubs and become affiliates. For example, if you select SEMAC for an affiliate membership during the online renewal process the affiliate dues will be just \$15, the same as MAC's. You can affiliate to as many club's as you wish. Being part of a larger Michigan contingent has many advantages... More friends means more FUN. 😊

President Jim Conant

FYI: Sharon & Fred Bryant and SEMAC's President Linda Smith are planning a joint rally for next year at the Holiday RV Park in Traverse City on June 16-19. Stay tuned for more details.

Two MAC couples attended a SEMAC rally in Durand, MI this year. You can read about it on pg 10.

Freep Film Festival filming of "Alumination"

Hello!

The Freep Film Festival, a documentary film festival presented by the Detroit Free Press, is hosting a screening of "Alumination," about the history of the Airstream and how it continues to captivate travelers today.

We'd like to invite four or five Airstream owners to display their trailers during that film screening.

When: Friday, September 24 in the evening, tentative time frame 6 pm to 10 pm

Where: Outside of the Chroma Building 2937 E Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202

This building has a large outdoor space where we can park the Airstreams and screen the film.

What: Show your airstream to film goers; Participating will include free admission to the film.

How to sign up: Please call Jewel Gopwani at the Freep Film Festival at 248-739-6883 or email her at jgopwani@freepress.com.

We also hope people who aren't interested in displaying their vehicle will be interested in attending the film screening. Here is a trailer: <https://www.aluminationmovie.com/trailer>



Executive Board and Annual Membership Meeting

Coldwater Fairgrounds
Saturday, October 9, 2021



Executive Board Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Annual Membership Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Installation of Officers	3:00 p.m.



A Word from the MAC Membership Chair

Membership:

In a recent Membership Audit, I have member's 2021 dues not showing paid. I have sent an email informing those members. The dues can be paid by going to airstreamclub.org and clicking on 'Join'.

Those dues paid will be for one year from the date of payment received by WBCCI Headquarters. This will be your anniversary date for dues payments.

Please email or call me if you have any questions or concerns I may help to resolve.

Thank you,

Fred Bryant
616 240 3724



Fraud Alert!



For a few years now some scam artists have gotten email lists from WBCCI web sites. Then unsuspecting members receive an email from what appears to be from a unit president or other officer. A close look reveals the address is incorrect.

The scam artist asks if you're available, then says they are unable to be reached by phone but needs money (in one form or another) sent somewhere.

As I said this scam has been around for a while. It continues because it works. Some Airstreamers have fallen victim to this scam.

Don't send solicited money without verbal authorization from someone whose voice you know.

2021 WBCCI International Rally - Lebanon, TN



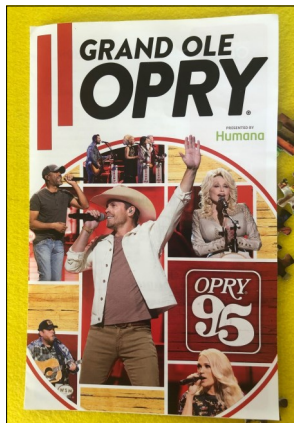
What a sight to see 784 Airstreams parked at the 260-acre Wilson County Fairgrounds for this 64th International Rally in Lebanon, TN.



For the opening ceremony Jim Conant carried the MAC flag and Fred Bryant presented the flag for Mohican Valley AC.



Entertainment and Service



The Gatlin Brothers

Several busloads of Airstreamers attended the Grand Ole Opry concert, which included Riders in The Sky, Lauren Alaina, along with The Gatlin Brothers.



Region 4 Luncheon where President Karen Fisher tearfully expressed what a pleasure the past 2 years had been as Region 4 president.



Sharon Bryant volunteered her time as a golf cart driver, offering rides to weary walkers who were worn down by the high temperatures & humidity.



Happy Hour on a deck built around a lovely shade tree, with Michigan Airstream Club (MAC) and South East Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC)

There were many informative and fun presentations from Boondocking secrets, Instapot Cooking, tips on metal detecting, Caravan Leader insights, to this pictured Ice Cream making demo, put on by the very popular ice cream vendor. With the high heat and humidity people were always in line for this delicious treat.

Random Shots from Facebook



A beautiful quilt entered in the hobby show.



Enhanced photo by Jennifer Evans Olsem



Sharon Bryant and her niece Maya enjoyed their bike rides together.



The band was excellent
Loved the marches



On the last day,
A dip in the pool,
On another
Hot and **Humid** day.

Vintage Trailer Parade and Tour



Enhanced Photos to the left and upper right by Jennifer Evans Olsem



Beautifully shined

Everything in this unit matches perfectly, even their clothing.



Special care in the details



Kitchen in the front of the trailer



Rally Flea Market



A true artist, Claudia Stieber displayed her glass windchimes, glass jewelry and clay tiles for sale.



Sharon Bryant sold her beautiful handmade sterling silver & copper jewelry.



Karin & Larry Kurkowski manned the booth filled with Larry's beautifully crafted wood vases, acorns & stool samples.

Talented MAC members took the opportunity to sell their beautifully crafted products at the rally's "Flea Market."



Cindy Conant offered her homemade purses for sale.



Chris (from MN), who with her husband Ron hosted rallies at the Gilmore Car Museum in Battle Creek, took the opportunity to sell items made by women in Haiti. Normally the women would have sold their goods to tourists, but Covid badly impacted the tourist trade & now hurricane damage has been even more devastating. Chris & Ron formed a non-profit to help Haitian women learn a trade and to teach them how to make a living and better their lives.



South East Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC) Rally in Durand, MI

Tom & Donna Cobb and Jim & Cindy Conant joined SEMAC for their rally at the Walnut Hills Family Campground in Durand, MI. The campsites were together in a tree lined part of the spacious grounds.



Jim Conant & Eric McHenry in relax mode.



It was fun to play croquet and relax around the fire.



International First Vice President, Eric McHenry and his wife, LaVerne, joined the rally on their travels.



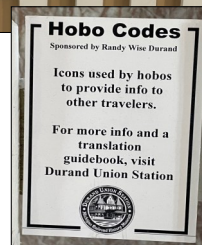
Attendees were asked to have a clue for the others to name a Summer Song you have in mind. Can you guess the song?

It was an interesting tour of the Michigan Railroad Museum, the history of building & rebuilding the depot and learning about Hobo Codes.

After the tour a delicious meal was enjoyed at Union Station Smokehouse, a local BBQ.



Relaxing around a campfire



Becoming an affiliate of another club is a chance to interact with another fun club like SEMAC.

59th Annual SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY

"In the Heart of Amish Country"

September 25 – October 2, 2021 Sugarcreek, OH

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED RALLY! Park at Winklepleck Grove for nine days of fun, fellowship, excitement, and new things to see and experience. We provide water, 7-amp electric, 1 black water dump, a wide variety of tour choices, nightly entertainment, hospitality, and door prizes. Pets are welcome! Play a game of golf at the golf course adjacent to our rally site. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner in an Amish home or nearby restaurant. Shop in the many furniture, gift, antique, and craft shops in the area. Buy world-renowned Swiss cheese to take home and share with friends and family. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the 68th annual Swiss Festival October 1 & 2 when we shuttle you downtown for the festivities and parades. Bring your motorcycle and enjoy the back-roads tour planned for you.

Our **"DAY IN THE PARK"** on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen, and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream, fresh popcorn, and a ham and bean dinner cooked in huge kettles over open fires. We'll put you in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

SUGARCREEK, OHIO is located in the rolling hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover (I-77) and 18 miles east of Millersburg (Holmes County) on scenic Route 39. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community and populated largely by the Amish. With eight Swiss cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized worldwide as the center of some of the finest made Swiss cheese produced in the USA.

NAME _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ WBCCI # _____

E-MAIL _____ REGION & UNIT # _____ - # _____

HANDICAPPED _____ 1ST-TIMER _____ CARAVAN LEADER _____ CARAVAN _____

MOTORHOME / LENGTH _____ TRAILER / LENGTH _____ MOTORCYCLE / SIZE _____

Region or International Officer? (specify title): _____

NUMBER OF: ADULTS _____ GUESTS OVER 18 YRS _____ CHILDREN UNDER 18 YRS _____

Interest to Participate: HOBBY SHOW _____ FLEA MARKET _____ GOLF _____ MUSICAL (*Bring your instruments*) _____

Airstream, 2 Adults \$275

Airstream, 1 Adult \$200

Each add'l >18 yrs \$125 x _____

Each child <17 yrs \$100 x _____

Early Parking (Indiv.) \$25 (Sept 25)

Make checks payable to: **SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY**

PLEASE, enclose a self-addressed, *stamped, business envelope*

to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card** & other rally information

Mail check, reservation form, & stamped business envelope to:

Karin Kurkowski

3665 Crooks Rd.

Troy, MI 48084

Cell Phone: 1-586-214-1777

Home Phone: 1-248-649-5355 (May-Sept)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHECK NUMBER: # _____

Rally Parking is Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. from the **Rally Bullpen**; early **individual** rally parking Friday 1-5 p.m. for a **\$25 fee**.

Caravans arriving with 5 or more **pre-registered** RVs may park at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 24, from 1-5 p.m.

Cancellations: Refunds will not be distributed without the Rally Chair first receiving your mailed **written request** stating your reason for cancellation, along with your **Acknowledgement Postcard** and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail should arrive no later than Saturday, September 25, 2021. **Refunds** will be dispersed after the rally; the amount returned will be at the discretion of the Rally Chair.

KARIN & LARRY KURKOWSKI, 2021 RALLY CHAIRMEN

Rally e-mail: SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

~~~~~ FOR RALLY REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY ~~~~~

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Card Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Refund Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Check Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_ Early Worker? \_\_\_\_\_ RALLY ID # \_\_\_\_\_

A Michigan Airstream Club Rally

# Autumn in Coldwater

Annual Membership Meeting, Executive Board Meeting  
and Installation of Officers

October 7-10, 2021

Coldwater Fairgrounds  
262 S Sprague St  
Coldwater, MI 49036



Knowing the best things in life are not things but people and experiences, please plan to attend **AUTUMN IN COLDWATER**. There's nothing more pleasant than relaxing in our Airstreams and visiting with dear friends. We are counting on warm sunny days with little or no rain. Time will tell in that regard but in any event, we are going to have a good time! We have rented a building in the event of inclement weather for meals, meetings and informal gathering.

We are planning morning hospitality, our usual breakfast offerings, one provided meal and an installation celebration. It will also be time for our executive board meeting and annual membership meetings. Plus, there will be ample relaxation time and in the evenings we can compare notes from our daytime activities, which may include a tour or two. More information to follow.



## Registration Coupon

Please make your check payable to Jim Conant.

Mail this form and check to Jim at: 1200 W. Fitchburg Rd, Leslie, MI 49251

If you have any questions, please call Jim Conant at 517-414-9285.

Pre-registration is appreciated. All sites have water and electricity and there is a dump station.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee includes camping \$ 250.00 for two people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 200.00 for one person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Children under 10 free)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club Family Rally



### “HALLOWEEN HULLABALLO RALLY”

October 15-17, 2021

Indian Creek Campground  
9415 Tangent Rd  
Tecumseh, Michigan



We'll be getting our costumes dusted off and our Airstreams decorated for the campground's **Graveyard Gala!!** That means there are a lot of activities already planned for us to enjoy: Site decorating contest, pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, crafts and games, outdoor movie on Friday night, Haunted House on Saturday night. So much fun for the entire family!!!!!!

We will have potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday night. With Saturday night dinner, we will have a themed “**Scarylicious**” meal with foods in a Halloween theme. In addition to the campground's contests, we will have our own “best decorations” and “best costume” awards!

**RSVP:** Barbara Derian, [SEMACPresident@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACPresident@gmail.com) or 248-425-2417

**Park Website:** <https://www.indiancreekcampingmichigan.com>

**Park Phone:** 517-423-5659

**Reservations:** Each rig will make their reservation by calling the campground. Mention that you are with the SEMAC Airstream Group.

**Payment:** Payment for your site fee will be made directly to the campground. Sites are full hook up pull-through and a mix of amps. The nightly rate is \$70 for 50 amp and \$58 for 30 amp. The campground offers discounts for Good Sam Camp Club, Veterans, Military and First Responders (fire, police, EMT). Due to the popularity of this weekend, full payment is required when you register.

**Rally and Fees:** No rally fee. The Haunted House has a small entry fee with a food drive at a discounted price. The campground's zipline is extra and requires reservations.

**Deadlines:** It is a busy weekend at the campground, so if you would like to go to the rally, call them ASAP for a reservation.

Join us at Indian Creek and  
let's have a **Scarylicious** time together.

