



The Newstream

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club
Region 4 Club 137

Having Fun in Our Airstreams Since 1973



Oct-Dec 2022

Volume 47 Issue 5

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club Website

2021-22 Officers

President

Linda Smith

SEMACpresident@gmail.com

248-284-3627

First Vice President

Cindy Thoman

cindythoman@icloud.com

440-289-0011

Second Vice President

Open

Treasurer

Marc Cram

Secretary

Barbara Derian

SEMACsecretary@gmail.com

Immediate Past President

Barbara Derian

Trustees

Joe Peplinski

Kodiakjoe@wowway.com

Mark Stephenson

ms_ps@hotmail.com

2022 Committee Chairs

Membership

Linda Smith

SEMACmembership@gmail.com

Webmaster & Newsletter

Barbara Derian

SEMACNewsletter@gmail.com

Historian

Robert Smith

Airstream Links:

Region 4 Website

Airstream Club International

WBAC Caravans

Airforums



President's Scoop

October?!!! Already?!!! Fall is a time of change. A change in seasons. A change in colors. And a change in SEMAC Leadership. How I have loved being your President. SEMAC will always be a home for me! I want to say "THANK YOU" to Cindy Thoman who stepped up as 1st VP last year. Even though she will not be putting her name forward for President, we are very appreciative for her support and insight.

Next year is a really big year for SEMAC – It's our 50th anniversary. We already have sites reserved at Holiday Park in Traverse City for June – so watch for information on making your reservations because they will go FAST.

There also is another Lighthouse Rally in the works for August 2023 – this time at Harbor Beach on Lake Huron! This year we visited the oldest working lighthouse, Fort Gratiot and next year we will visit the largest! More details will be in 2023.

There are two remaining opportunities to gather together in 2022 – First is our October 15 for our Luncheon, Membership Meeting and Officer Installation. The second is our year-end Holiday lunch on December 3, at the home of Mark & Peggy Stephenson – more information will be sent in November – but mark your calendars now.

SEMAC has had a great year! We've grown and new friends abound. Our members who have passed this year will also be in our hearts.

Be sure to let Barb Derian know if you are attending the October 15 lunch now at the Moose Preserve in Bloomfield Townships. (RSVP to SEMACSecretary@gmail.com). We will have our annual meeting and Officer Installation on that day!

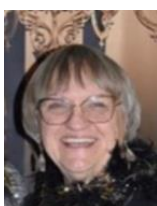
Again, it's been great being your President this year and I look forward to another year. I would recommend each and every one consider involvement in this amazing Club!

As always – See you down the road,

Linda Smith

President

248-284-3627



Club & Membership News

Welcome Club Members!

Brian & Carol Burke #6689
Eric & Tanya Graettinger #8563



Notice Of Election & Annual Membership Meeting



It is time to elect the Club's new Officers. You should have received an email from Barb Derian, SEMAC Secretary with the links to the REVISED online ballot. If you would like to vote by email, please contact Barb at SEMACSecretary@gmail.com. All ballots must be returned by noon on October 12. You may also cast your vote at the membership meeting.

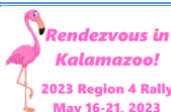
In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on October 15, 2022. We will have a luncheon at Moose Preserve Restaurant in Bloomfield Township (Sq Lake and Woodward). Please RSVP to SEMACSecretary if you plan on attending the meeting/luncheon. We have had so many of our members traveling across the US this summer, it will be fun to hear all about their trips!

A Fond Thank You – From the Olingers

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers and message. It is going to be hard moving forward without Gary. There is just a big hole in my life. I am thankful that we were able to move into assisted living as it made Gary's last few months so much easier on him. I will be moving into a Villa in this same complex which is great. Thank all of our SEMAC friends for the flowers and sympathy from me. Shyrl Olinger

Region 4 Rally - 2023

The 2023 Region 4 Rendezvous In Kalamazoo Rally will be held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center from May 18-21, 2023. Registration will open later this year. Be sure to mark your calendars, as the Region 4 Rally returns to Michigan and we want to make sure we have the most attendees of any State!



Newsletter Changes Coming

Your Executive Board has changed the distribution timing for the *Newstream* to quarterly: January, April, July & October. Other communications may occur in between via email. Be sure to bookmark the SEMAC website for event updates as well! <https://airstreamclub.org/southeastern-michigan>

Renewal Process For January Has Started

Many of our members renew their membership in the Airstream Club International and SEMAC on January 1. The renewal process for January has started and you should have received an email regarding renewal instructions. Renewal is easy – The primary member on the account will log into the members only section at www.airstreamclub.org/renew. From there the process is simple. Make sure you continue your membership in Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club! If you have any questions about the process or how to logon, please feel free to contact Club headquarters at 937-596-5211. As we approach January, you will receive an individual contact from Linda Smith, SEMAC Membership Chair to help you with your renewal. We look forward to seeing your renewal come through and seeing you at a future event.



The Results of The Big Vote

Below are the results from the Delegates' Meeting on the International Constitutional Amendments:

Amendment #1: Passed with 77% Yes.

Amendment #2: Passed with 71% Yes

More information will be coming soon from Headquarters – the 2023 International election process will be very different from past elections. And a Special Committee has been formed to look at the Executive Council nominations process. Watch for more details about the application process if you are interested in applying for a seat on the Executive Council.



Birthday Celebrants

John Farmer	Sally DeVol	Wendy Lokken
Jason Nardoni	April Ellsey	Greg Hampton
Jeanette Cornelison	Dawn Farmer	Cindy Schwabel
Tom Cobb	Andrew Wolfe	Tom Smith
Mark Cooper	Carly Strachan	Rafeal Guillen
Joe Peplinski	Karen Beardsley	Marie Steele
William Copenhagen	David Hancock	Lois Swartzell
Linda Smith	Cheryl Sands	Rick Beardsley
Denise Hampton		

Happy ACI/WBCCI Anniversary



Don Diebel
 Rolland & Carol Mambourg
 Robert & Linda Smith (10 Years)
 Barb Derian & Ralph Volk
 David Hancock (5 Years)
 Richard & Cheryl Sands (5 Years)
 Daniel & Linda Marquardt (1 year)
 Steve & Cheree Rowley (1 year)
 Dave & Linda Salmi
 Joe Peplinski
 Tom & Cindy Thoman
 Holly Steinberger
 Bob & Cindy Schwabel
 Wendy Lokken (1 Year)

Upcoming Days to Remember

October – National Pizza Month

November – Native American Heritage Mo.

December – Write a Friend Month

10/1 International Coffee Day
 10/7 World Smile Day
 10/10 Indigenous Peoples Day
 10/15 Sweetest Day
 10/22 Make a Different Day
 10/25 Howl At the Moon Night

11/3 Men Make Dinner Day
 11/5 Book Lovers Day
 11/6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 11/11 Veteran's Day
 11/22 Go For a Ride Day
 11/24 Thanksgiving Day



12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
 12/11 International Children's Day
 12/18 Chanukah Begins
 12/21 Crossword Puzzle Day
 12/21 Winter Solstice
 12/25 Christmas Day

The WBCCI Foundation Does Good Work

Submitted by Steve Rowley

In July of 2020, we purchased our Airstream: a 2020 23' Globetrotter. We had great expectations of the adventures it would take us on and the new people we would meet! In just 2 years, we've boondocked outside Badlands National Park, rode e-bikes to Logan's pass in Glacier National Park, relaxed in the Florida Keys, and rallied in the streets of Wooster, Ohio! One adventure I didn't expect is serving on the WBCCI Foundation board, but here I am, doing just that! Just like so many of the Airstreamers I have met, I can report that the foundation board members are all talented individuals, with a drive to succeed and accomplish goals! Indeed, compared to other foundations I serve on, the WBCCI foundation moves at a brisk pace! It's been a fun ride, and I've only been on board for about 5 months.



The WBCCI Foundation is all about Airstream owners giving back. The Foundation seeks to preserve and promote an outdoors-oriented lifestyle. Our Vision is to support and protect the natural environment enjoyed by Airstream owners through partnership with other non-profit organizations that educate on best practices for individuals who enjoy outdoor activities. We want the world to know that Airstreamers are a giving group with a fantastic philanthropic spirit. In the April Blue Beret, we rolled out our fundraising program: "22N22". We're proud to announce that it's one of our most successful fundraising efforts to date and we're just getting started. The \$22 in '22 is a simple approach asking Airstream Owners to make a tax-deductible donation of \$22 in 2022 to the WBCCI Foundation. Together, we can accomplish so much more as there is so much power in numbers. Please consider giving as 100% of your donation will be used to give back! Check out the website, www.wbccifoundation.org for ways to contribute.

Our hope is that you'll embrace the Foundation's Mission and Vision knowing that the monies raises will protect the places you want to explore, to leave the places we go better than we found them, and to leave a great reputation in the places where we have our International, Region, and local club Rallies and Caravans.

It's Been a Great Rally Season

We've had two fun Rallies this summer. We love when new members and Airstreamers from around the State come share friendship! We had a fun day at Fort Gratiot climbing the lighthouse and at Harbor Beach where we learned how to make pizza in the Graetinger's pizza oven! Coffee & Donuts, Hot Dogs and S'Mores, Campfire talks and campground walks always make for a wonderful weekend!



We unfortunately missed this year's "Silver on Silver Lake Rally" – but for a good reason! Our daughter moved from Chicago to Denver last fall – a perfect reason for us to head out West, visit with her and at the same time explore a state we have not had a chance to spend a lot of time in the past. With a travel distance target of up to 450 daily miles, we had planned stops on our way to Denver: Davenport IA, Grand Island, NE and then straight into Golden CO (a suburb of Denver and also home to the COORS Brewery). It would be our base camp for trips to Breckenridge, Estes Park and, of course, Rocky Mountain National Park – simply FANTASTIC.



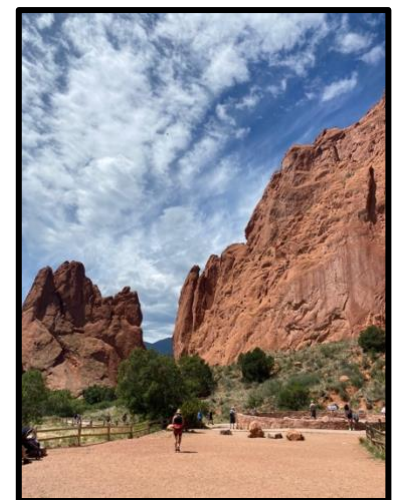
Our next stop was Glenwood Springs, Colorado. A beautiful trip going west on I70 taking us through Glenwood Canyon (fantastic views) straight into our next campground, Glenwood Canyon Resort. We had a beautiful spot right next to the river. When you visit, be sure to try the Hot Springs – pure relaxation from the long drives.



From there – via a 12,000 ft mountain pass – we went to Salda/Buena Vista and finally some time fly fishing the Arkansa River. Pretty successful day of fishing! On our way to our last stop, Colorado Springs, we checked out the Royal George Bridge near Canyon City, CO. Our last basecamp was Mountaintale RV Resort, another fantastic campground. Plenty to be explored from here: Pikes Peak, Garden of the Good, Red Rock Canyon, Old Colorado Springs to name a few. We drove 4,000 miles in 22 days, had perfect weather and the most amazing scenery.



Plenty more to explore in Colorado and we'll be back for sure!



In the last *Newstream*, we shared parts of our EPIC trip to the great State of Alaska. We're almost home now as I write this article, making our way across Nebraska and Iowa. I can't even begin to share all that this trip has meant to us. What I want to share here is more of a retrospective. Making the decision to drive almost 15,000 miles and spend 5 months on the road so far from home on our own seemed simple when we were sitting at our dining room table. And as we made our way west, despite some challenges with power, repairs and a deer strike in Alberta in our first month, we continued to be in awe of this great nation as well as Canada. There is no more beautiful place on earth to explore in our Airstream. Am I road weary? Yes. Did we go over budget? Yes. Did we have some equipment challenges to overcome? Yes. Did we change our planned schedule a few times? Yes. Did we have some days where we wanted to be home? Yes. But, will we ever forget this journey? No. Because that is what this was – an epic journey etched in our hearts and minds for as long as we take breath. I'll just leave you with these pictures and this



last thought in a quote from Wally Byam. *"Don't Stop. Keep right on going. Hitch up your trailer and go....Go someplace you've heard about, where you can fish or hunt or collect rocks or just look up at the sky. Find out what's at the end of some country road. Go see what's over the next hill, and the one after that, and the one after that."*



Airstream Cooking – Apple & Pumpkin Crumble

Submitted by Barb Derian

It's Fall – and that means Apples & Pumpkins galore! This sweet treat combines both into a delicious dessert – and easy to make while on the road! Just imagine the aromas wafting through the Airstream!

Filling Ingredients:

6 apples, peeled, cored and roughly chopped
 1/3 c + 1 Tbls pumpkin puree (not pie filling)
 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1/2 tsp ground ginger

Topping:

3/4 c all purpose flour
 1/4 c butter, cold & cubed
 1/4 c oats
 1/4 c granulated sugar
 1 tsp apple or pumpkin pie spice
 1/2 tsp ground ginger



Spray a foil or casserole pan (8x8) with oil spray. Preheat oven to 400. Mix filling ingredient together and place in the pan. Combine topping flour & spices in separate bowl. With fingers, rub the butter in until it resembles bread crumb texture. Add oats and sugar. Sprinkle over top of filling and back 25 minutes or until bubbly and golden.




**Let's
Rally
Together**



Upcoming SEMAC, WBAC/ACI and other Airstream Events At-a-Glance

(We continue to monitor COVID guidance for gatherings. Adjustments to the calendar may be made)

October 15, 2022	Lunch & Annual Membership Meeting Moose Preserve, Bloomfield Twp	RSVP to SEMACSecretary@gmail.com by Oct 13.
December 3, 2022	Celebrate the Holidays Gathering Luncheon Grosse Point, MI	Hosted by Mark & Peggy Stephenson RSVP to SEMACMembership@gmail.com by November 30
May 16-21, 2023	Rendezvous in Kalamazoo Region 4 Rally Kalamazoo, Michigan 	https://airstreamclub.org/region4/region-4-rally
June 8-12, 2023	Silver on Silver Lake Rally Holiday Park, Traverse City Mi	Stay Tuned for more details
June 23-30, 2023	Rolling to Rock Springs International Rally Rock Springs, Wyoming	https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023

