



The Mich-i-gram



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Madame President's Message

Happy New Year! Can it really be 2023 already? I don't know about you but the year flew by. I'm not certain that Lee & I could have fit anything else in.

Here's to a Happy, Healthy & Adventuresome 2023!

In some parts of the country, spring is still around the corner. In Michigan we have a long wait ahead of us. While we're waiting, I hope you have your maps spread out and you are planning a summer of fun in your Airstream. In addition to the rallies listed below, Lee & I are planning to head further West after the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming to California, to snuggle a new grand baby. After that, we will go wherever the road takes us.

Remember this is 'everybody's' club & your board of directors would love to hear from you. If we don't know what's broke, we can't fix it. What should we do? Where shall we go? What can we do better? I am certain we have not reached perfection so do let anyone of us know.

'There is always an adventure just around the corner!'

Jackie Klare

'Madame' President



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Membership & Club News

Message from the 1st Vice President

We need your help!

If you have a favorite campground, we would love to hear about it. We are always looking for good places to camp or hold a "rally." Please share your favorite campground experiences so we can check them out. Add some pictures with a description and a short paragraph or two describing your experience and send it in for the newsletter. We like those personal recommendations when we are heading to a campground we have never been to. Also, if you have any ideas for a rally, please share them too!

Are you traveling to the Rock Springs International Rally, June 24th through 30th, 2023? I have a route that I planned with the RV Trip Wizard travel app. I would be glad to share and invite you to travel along with us. [Email](#) or [call](#) if this is something you would be interested in doing or if you have any questions.

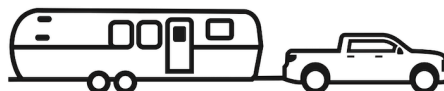
This is your club. Be involved to make it as fun as possible.

I hope to see you at a MAC Rally in 2023.



Fred Bryant
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MAC 1st Vice President



Newsletter Purpose

One of the first questions I asked when taking on this new position is "What purpose does this newsletter serve?" The Mich-i-gram newsletter can serve many purposes including but not limited to:

- keeping the membership informed of club, regional, & international activities
- keeping our membership connected as a community
- promoting friendship and fellowship
- helping us plan our next camping adventure!

My Call to Action

The newsletter is nothing without the contributions of our members.

We want to hear from you!

- What does the newsletter mean to you?
- What would you like to see highlighted in the newsletter?
- Do you have anything to share?
A recent trip? A great Airstream-friendly recipe? A trick, hack or tip?

Please share with me!

Pegeen Smith
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Member Spotlight

Pegeen Smith, Newsletter Editor



Hello Fellow Airstream Club Member!

My name is Pegeen [Peg-EEN, sounds like Colleen!]. You can also call me Peg. I am stepping into the role of Michigan Airstream Club newsletter editor beginning with this newsletter. I want to thank those that have helped me with this transition and a special thanks to Cindy Conant for her dedication as the Mich-i-gram editor the last six years.

A little bit about myself...

I am married to Tom Smith for over 41 years. We have 3 adult & married, children, 2 grand girls, and a 13 year old golden retriever named Cody. Tom is a semi-retired Family Physician doing contract work for the Veteran's Administration and I am retired occupational health & safety nurse from 3M Company. Although we camped when our kids were young, we bought our first Airstream in 2020. We have a 25 ft. FBT Globetrotter. We love our tiny home and can't wait for our next adventure and to meet our fellow Airstreamers!



Membership & Club News

From Airstream Club International



Just in case you missed the news!

Airstream Club International Rally 2023 in Rock Springs, WY

Don't forget to register to attend the 66th Annual International Rally! Check to see if campsites remain at the Sweetwater Events Complex.

- To register: click [here](#).
- To apply to speak at rally: click [here](#). Note: Applications are due by February 3rd, 2023
- Interested exhibitors: please [email](#) Rich and Cindy Collins, Exhibitor Co-Chairs
- For answers to our most frequently asked questions, click [here](#).

Airstream Intra-Clubs

Did you know that there are now have NINE intra-clubs available for any club member to join? "Grapes & Grains" intra-club??? Sign me up! For more information, click [here](#).

Membership Benefit Partners

Don't forget to make use of the [many fantastic discounts](#) available as a member of the Airstream Club by logging in to the Members-Only section of our website! We've most recently added [Abenity](#) as a Member Benefit Partner. The Abenity Perks Program offers discounts to products and places available based upon the zip code you live in or are traveling through. If the link we sent you on November 1 did not work for you, try this [link](#) instead. and enter "ACIMEMBER" as your registration code.



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Mark your calendars with these local upcoming events. Click [here](#) for the “at-a-glance” calendar.

Region 4 Rally Registration: The Region 4 rally is May 16-21 in beautiful Kalamazoo Michigan. We want our Club to have a good attendance and to represent our great State to other members of the Region. Here is the [link](#) to register.

Silver on Silver Lake Rally: We are excited to announce that the Silver on Silver Lake Rally will be held June 8-12, 2023 at Holiday Park Campground in Traverse City. This will be a joint rally with the Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club [SEMAC] and is their kick-off rally for SEMAC's 50th anniversary celebrations. The Rally fee is \$15 per rig to help defray the cost of the dinner meals. You can submit your registration request online when you click [here](#). RSVPs are coming in now and it promises to be a full Rally. Be sure to register so you have a spot! You also will need to contact Holiday Park directly to reserve your campsite and can do so at the link above [you will need to scroll down on the webpage to find the campground link].

Help Wanted

If you have hosted a rally in the past or are interested in hosting a rally, we are looking for you! We need a host for the August rally – please don't be shy! If you are interested, please contact any one of the officers listed in the [Mich-i-gram here](#). You don't have to do it all on your own, there are plenty of hands to help you.



Membership & Club News

MAC Database & Beyond.

We have had a team that has been working on cleaning up our database. Trust me when I tell you that this has been a labor-intensive activity. There are many emails that have bounced back and are not in the ACI database. Therefore, if you have not completed your profile in ACI this will be your **last** issue. Go to the [Airstream website](#) & do so now.

There is also a small list of MAC members that no longer have an Airstream; therefore, they would not receive a copy of the newsletter. If you still wish to receive a copy of the Mich-i-gram, **please let Jackie know**. You can [email](#) or text her at [707-337-4404](tel:707-337-4404).

Birthdays & Anniversaries? If you haven't seen your birthday or anniversary listed in the newsletter, it's because we don't know it! In the old days that information was collected each year on your renewal slip. The ACI database doesn't collect that information, but we'd still like to include these celebrations in the newsletter. Please e-mail [Pegeen Smith, Newsletter Editor](#) and she will make certain to include your information in the upcoming issues.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

January

6: Harold Larson
14: Sandra Lovlien
15: Barb Angles
15: Jane Carmichael
22: Lori DeLeeuw
22: Wally Kimmel

February

7: Ron Angles
9: Paul Inman
11: Eddy Klein
15: Linda Smith
22: Norm Kiel
27: Bernadette Frost
27: Ken Hoekwater

March

5: Earl Landesman
18: Jeriel Beard
19: Fred Bryant
26: Stephen Pinkman
27: Bob Voyt

Phillip & Cynthia Atkinson: 2/14/69
Ronald & Diana Anderson: 2/14/95
Richard & Laurie Hodgson: 2/14/94
Ken & Dorothy Hoekwater: 2/20/71
Jane Carmichael & Eddy Klein: 3/17



In Memoriam

Bob Connors passed away Dec 3, 2022. Bob was a past president of the Michigan Airstream Club serving in 2002. The Connors are life members. Please keep his wife Mary in your thoughts and prayers.



We Rally

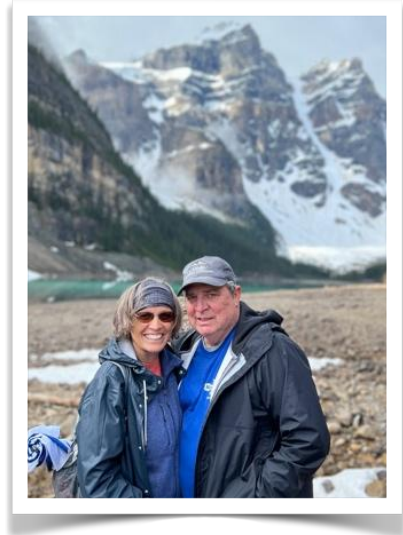
The Journey of 17,000 miles...

By Barb Derian & Ralph Volk - MAC Affiliate Members

When we planned our trip to Alaska, the longest trip we had taken was just over 6,000 miles to the Maritimes. We live in our Airstream in winter in Florida so we weren't concerned over spending 5 months on the road. We normally travel alone, so we weren't too concerned and had already decided not to do the WBCCI caravan so we would have flexibility in our route. We knew we would see sites that would amaze us and cause our jaws to drop in awe as we headed to the west and headed north to our dream destination – **Alaska.**

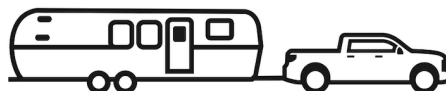
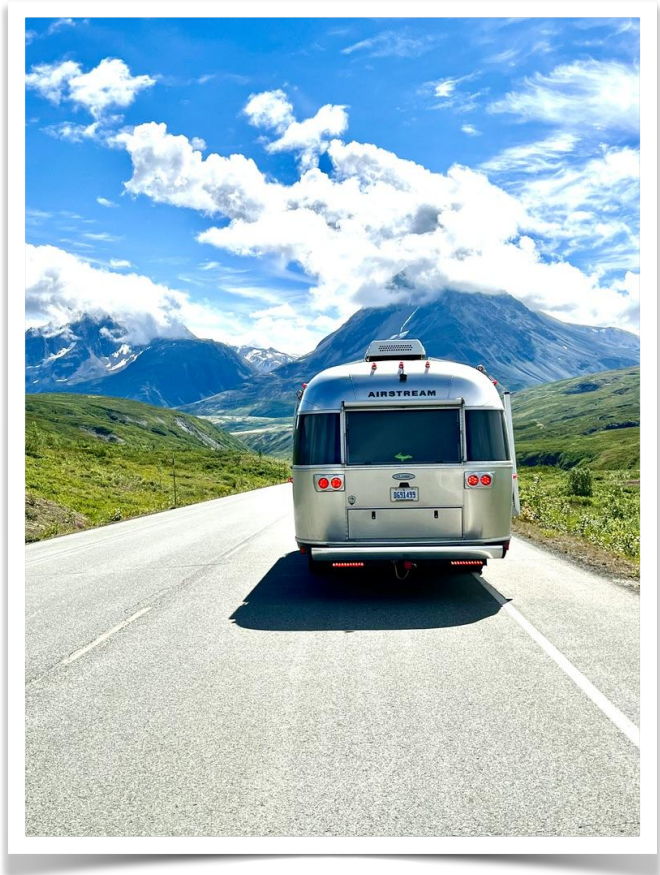
N/S Dakota/Wyoming/Montana/Idaho: We found beauty in the hills of the Teddy Roosevelt National Park, Custer State Park and the Badlands. The intensity of the landscaping changes along with the greening of the prairies made for a wonderful 10 Springtime days. Yellowstone and the Tetons took our breath away. The forested mountains near Coeur D'Alene Idaho gave a sense of peace and relaxation. And then there was Glacier National Park – despite road closures due to flooding and unexpected spring snow storms, the mountain grandeur gave us a hint of what we could expect as we headed into the Canadian Rockies.

Alberta/British Columbia/Yukon: Neither of us had any idea how amazing and awe-inspiring the Icefield Parkway between Banff and Jasper area would be. In some ways, it was as if we had driven into a different world. The object beauty of the mountains and valleys and the wildlife at every turn put this area on our top 5 places we've visited. You can't drive to Alaska without heading through British Columbia and Yukon. Despite the road conditions and flooding there was beauty and wildlife all around.



[The Journey of 17,000 Mile...Cont.]

Alaska: We crossed the border to Alaska on July 9 after taking the Alaskan Highway instead of the northerly Dawson City route which was closed due to fire – Flexibility is what Alaska travel is about. We have been on wildlife tours, halibut and salmon fishing, bush plane ride to Arctic circle, walked the meadows with bears, took countless glacier hikes & sea cruises and enjoyed the small towns with their historic past. For a brief moment, we saw the grandeur that is Denali mountain. We've done things and seen sights we never thought we'd do or see in our lifetime! Our trip was the ultimate journey and one we will never forget through British Columbia and Yukon. Despite the road conditions and flooding there was still beauty and wildlife all around. In the end we traveled just over 17,000 miles, visited 18 states and 3 provinces. We crossed the borders 9 times, seeing 11 US National Parks and 3 Canadian national parks! Follow us on Instagram at @airstream_journey!



MAC Share

We Can Live Our Mantra by Pegeen Smith

Airstream Owners Giving Back



The Airstream Club has a long legacy of advocating for the protection our natural resources. In fact, the WBCCI Foundation's Mission states that it "seeks to preserve and promote an outdoor-oriented lifestyle" and the #2 Vision of the foundation is "Protecting the places airstream owners love to visit for future generations."

That is why when I heard about the Michigan Department of Natural Resources [DNR] tree planting program, I needed to share. The DNR has partnered with Bob Ross Inc. and is having an event from April 22 [Earth Day] through April 28, [Arbor Day] 2023 called the **Happy Little Trees 5K**. The best part is that you can choose whether to walk, run, crawl or roll as long as it is anywhere outdoors!

"Proceeds support tree planting and forest protection efforts – such as invasive plant and forest pest management and early detection surveys – in Michigan state parks and recreation areas." There isn't a better way to live the WBCCI Foundation Mantra AND be physically active at the same time!

For more information about the DNR program and a link to register, click [here](#). Read about all the exciting things the WBCCI Foundation is doing by clicking [here](#).

Great News from the State of Michigan

The state received a \$7.4 million dollar grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to give the state parks in 11 counties a facelift. Michigan already has some of the finest camping locations and facilities. We'll all be looking forward to seeing the exciting changes to her parks but special attention is being given to making facilities ADA compliant.



We Gather Together in 2023

Lunch Anyone? By Jackie Klare

As you know, the MAC club is pretty spread out over the state. Some of our members have ditched Michigan seeking the warmer climates, but some of us are still here and would like to continue the spirit of fellowship. We are adopting the model from other clubs to hold a MAC lunch! Lunches will be held on a Saturday and will be between the hours of 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. A variety of restaurants & locations have been chosen to accommodate our sprawl around the state. Lee & I hope to see you at a location closest to you.

As you know restaurants have had staffing issues so IF you plan to attend you must let me know [R.S.V.P.] if you are going to attend so they can staff appropriately. Text or call me @ 707-337-4404 Mark your calendars and join us in the fun!

January 14	<u>Herraduras Mexican Bar & Grill</u> 1700 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, MI. 49601
February 4	<u>Harringtons By the Bay</u> 13890 S West Bayshore Dr. Traverse City, MI 49684
March 4	<u>Noco Provisions</u> 4609 Cascade Rd. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546
April 22	<u>Charlotte Brewing Co.</u> 214 Cochran Ave Charlotte, MI 48813



We Rally Together in 2023 (at-a-glance)

Dates	Event - Location	Host/Organizer	Links/Contact
May 16-21	47th Region 4 Rally: - Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan	ACI Region 4	Region 4 Rally Website
May 21-June 7	Informal Tour Between Rallies May 21-25: Maumee Bay State Park, OH May 25-28: Lighthouse County Park, MI	Tom Cobb	Contact Tom tjcobb1950@gmail.com or text/call 616-295-4742 if you would like to join in on all or part of this short tour of Michigan.
June 8-11	Silver on Silver Lake Rally - Holiday Park Campground, Traverse City, MI	SEMAC & MAC	Silver on Silver Lake Rally Website
June 24-30	WBCCI International Rally Rock Springs, WY	WBCCI	International Rally Website
September 24-30	60th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally Sugarcreek, Ohio	ACI National Rally	Swiss Festival Website
October	Whispering Surf Campground Pentwater, MI	MAC - TBD	TBD
October 2024	WBCCI International Rally 2024 Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO	WBCCI	Rally 2024 Announcement

