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# The Newstream

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## President's Scoop



As I write this letter, I have my Christmas lights on, my clock plays Christmas music on the hour, my cupboards and the freezers are full, last summer's garden is waiting in jars in the pantry. Watching the weather for that snowstorm that is supposed to be coming. But that's okay, we're prepared and, hey we're Airstreamers and can handle anything! (LOL)

2023 promises to be one of our most memorable years yet as our membership continues to grow with some amazing people. I'm looking forward to more interaction with you all. This is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the committee has been planning for lots of fun activities.

This May's Region 4 Rally from May 18-21 is in Kalamazoo, MI and we would really love a great turnout from SEMAC. We're planning a celebration and asking all rally attendees to join us as we celebrate. The Annual Silver on Silver 2023 Rally is also great rally to look forward to in Traverse City from June 8-12. It's become so well received that we requested additional sites for reservations at Holiday Park. If you haven't made your reservations, I would suggest you get on it. They are going fast!

This year's International Rally in Rock Spring, Wyoming is taking place June 24-30 and we are also looking forward to another SEMAC Lighthouse Rally in Northpark, MI (near Harbor Beach) from August 18-20. We're planning to take the boat to the lighthouse. More details to come. If you would like to host or co-host an event, please let me know and we can work out the details!

**\*\*Exciting News\*\*** SEMAC is working on a new private Facebook group page – all this information will then be available on social media. Please watch for your invitation coming soon.

Unfortunately, as great as technology is, there are those that abuse it, so if you get a questionable email / text / phone call, please let someone on your Executive Board know. As President of the Club, I've received them, as well as our Treasurer, so please be cautious!

And, if you have any ideas or suggestions that you think would be good for the Club, please let me know at [SEMACPresident@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACPresident@gmail.com)

As always – See you down the road,

**Linda Smith**  
**SEMAC President**  
**248-284-3627**



## Club & Membership News

### Remembering Rachel Bates

It is with heavy heart that I write to inform you that our beloved Rachel Bates has passed away December 27 at 11:30am. Rachel was a very active member of WBCCI, Metro Detroit and SEMAC. She was secretary and *Newstream* Editor for many years. Even after her husband Donald passed away, she served the Club however she could.

Robert and I met her at our first Airstream Rally 10 plus years ago. I was honored to serve on the Executive Board with her. She was actively interested in all her Airstream family. Even after she retired from WBCCI she remained a valuable source of information and was always interested in the club. She will be greatly missed. There will not be a viewing per Rachel's request, but the club is sending flowers to the family in care of her daughter. A memorial will be held at a later date. Cards can be sent to the family at the following address:

***Rachel Bates family in care of Dawn Bates  
5508 Woodruff Shore  
Brighton, MI 48116***

*With sadness,  
Linda Smith*

### Welcome Club Members!

Jackie & Lee Klare  
# 5010

Ed & Debbie Duprey  
# 7053



### From the SEMAC Secretary...

Your SEMAC Executive Board works hard to make sure your Club has activities and adventures that are meaningful and fun! All minutes from the Board meetings and the Membership meetings, along with any financial information, are available upon request to any member of the SEMAC Executive Board. If you wish for a topic to be discussed by the Board or wish to present a topic to the Board, please give me call or send me an email at [SEMACSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACSecretary@gmail.com).



*-Barb Derian*



### Birthday Celebrants

#### ***January***

Bob Schwabel  
Peggy Stephenson  
Stewen Rowley  
Richard Sands  
Larry Henn  
Daniel Marquardt  
Myron Sherer  
Richard Steele  
Ethel Polsdofer

#### ***February***

Al Miller  
Ulrike Sherer  
Tom Thoman  
Cheree Rowley  
John Adams  
Victoria Walls  
Bob Anderson  
Mike Bradley  
Nick Tonkin  
Michael Andrews  
Kevin Rowe  
Shirley Brendel

#### ***March***

Arianna Morales  
Dave Salmi  
Grace Guillen  
Elena Cram  
Jeriel Beard  
Fred Bryant



### Happy ACI/WBCCI Anniversary



Al Miller  
Al & Dee Henn  
John & Dawn Farmer  
Victoria Walls (1YR)  
William Copenhaver (1YR)  
Laura Morrow (15YRS)  
Mark & Peggy Stephenson  
Carly Strachan & Jason Nardoni (1YR)  
Ed & Ethel Polsofer  
Mazel Heermann (35 YRS)  
Michael & Emily Andrews  
David & Cherylin Tuck (5 YRS)  
Richard & Marie Steele  
Amv & Richard Liehlein

At the October Annual Business Meeting, the 2022 financials were audited by a member not elected to SEMAC Office. Everything was in order. This audit is performed annually at the end of the President's term. If anyone wishes information about the SEMAC financials, please contact your treasurer at [SEMACTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACTreasurer@gmail.com). If you wish to receive a copy of the meeting minutes or board actions, please reach out to your secretary at [SEMACSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACSecretary@gmail.com).

*(Photo-Installation of new SEMAC officers at the October Meeting)*

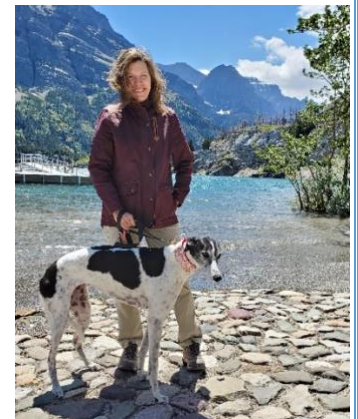
**From the VEEP****Submitted by Steve Rowley**

Hello fellow Southeast Michigan Airstreamers!

I'd like to introduce myself (and my better half). My name is Steve Rowley and I'm the First Vice President of our club this year. It is generally expected that I'm in training to become the President next year (subject to your vote of approval, of course!). My wife, Cheree, and I purchased our 2020 23' Globetrotter in July of 2020 and have been enjoying the Airstream lifestyle ever since.

I grew up trailer camping with my family. By the time I was 13, we had been to all 48 connected states! Then during my teens, we were regular visitors to Timber Shores resort in Northport, Michigan (any other Timber Shores veterans out there?!). Cheree grew up tent camping with her family and during our early years together she taught me a lot about tent camping, and we had some great trips together. We have been married for almost 32 years and travel has always been a priority for us.

We have a son who is 25 and is a Civil Engineer, living and working in Ann Arbor. He is a graduate of Michigan Tech, so we got a lot of exposure to the UP during his college years. We also have a 7-year-old retired Greyhound named Gretchen. She loves camping with us because it means lots of time together and lots of walks! She also enjoys the travel and putting her nose out the window. I can't wait for you to meet her.



I'm a Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Planner® and Cheree is my assistant, so spending lots of time together is common for us and we are learning to work from the road while we travel. Our home and offices are in Plymouth.



In just 2.5 years of Airstream travel, we have been to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, traveled to Glacier National Park and back, boondocked at "the wall" outside of Badlands National Park, been to the Florida Keys, and of course, many great places around Michigan. In 2022, we attended the Region 4 rally in Wooster, Ohio. It was so much fun to meet so many other Airstreamers and see all the different Airstreams together in one place.

In 2023, we will be at the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo, and the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. It would be great to meet up with any other SEMAC members who are going to the International Rally and possibly coordinate parking together. Drop me a line at [SEMACVP@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACVP@gmail.com) if you are going to the International Rally too.

*-Steve*





A huge thank you to Mark and Peggy Stephenson who opened their home and created a masterful dining experience for SEMAC on December 3. Attending were Linda and Daniel Marquardt, Keri West and Paul Grady, Linda and Robert Smith. We were missing Richard and Cheryl Sands who had a change of plans and were unable to attend as planned. We dined on amazing pork loin, sumptuous salad, and a delicious spicy spinach casserole along with fresh bread. Dessert was then served with options of Key Lime Pie and Red Velvet Cake. We then moved to the couch for pictures and chatted until 5:00 pm.



## Are You a Rally Newbie?

Submitted by Barb Derian

I remember when we first joined the Airstream Club, we were still working and busy on weekends with family and friends and, frankly, just life. We read about the Club rallies, but we didn't feel that they were something that would interest us – in retrospect, I don't know why we thought this. But, on our way south to Florida for our first winter, we found the Canopener Rally near Destin Florida. At that time, the Canopener was a local rally sponsored by a few southern clubs. Boy did we have fun – so much so that we reserved a spot the following year. And this one happenstance experience on the road moved us to decide to try some of our own local and regional rallies.

The first local rally coming in 2023 is the Region 4 rally. Region 4 consists of Michigan Lower Peninsula, Ohio and West Virginia. The Region rally is typically in mid-May and rotated between the three Region 4 states. It's a great way to begin the summer camping season! Last year, the Region 4 Rally was held on the streets of Wooster Ohio. This year, the Rally comes to Michigan – Kalamazoo! Aside from spending a long weekend with fellow Streamers, there are lots of fun things to do in and near Kalamazoo! Science & Art museums, the famous Air Zoo, Gilmore Car Museum, hiking, biking, wineries, symphony, theatre and don't forget that the dunes of South Haven on Lake Michigan are only 45 minutes west. The Region 4 Rally is a place where we can gather to just have fun in our own State.

*We are encouraging all new members or anyone who has not attended a Region 4 Rally to register – SEMAC has some special activities being planned that you won't want to miss!*

Registration can be found at: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-4-rally-2>

We want to show off our State and your attendance will help us make sure that Michigan is “The Place Where New Best Friends Meet!”

-Barb Derian

## Capturing the Season

Submitted by Mark Cooper

*Thank you to Mark Cooper for spreading some Christmas cheer with this great picture of his Airstream during the holiday season!*



Happy New Year, SEMAC members!

It's a new year and I'm excited to be playing a new role in the Club this year as your *Newstream* editor. I'm also still *fairly* new to Airstreaming as well, having taken my maiden voyage with my partner Jason and our dog Henry in the summer of 2021. We officially joined SEMAC one year ago and have since enjoyed attending several rallies across the state of Michigan, including the Annual Silver on Silver Rally in Traverse City, where we had the opportunity to meet many of you for the first time!



Since I spent every summer of my childhood at a shared family cottage on a lake in mid-Michigan, I love outdoor adventures, but have not yet had the chance to see as much as this beautiful state and surrounding region has to offer. Thanks to our Airstream, I've finally visited Marquette in the UP and got to take in incredible sunsets over Lake Michigan in Manistee. Jason and I are going to spend this winter "hibernation" time to begin planning our 2023 adventures and look forward to hitting the road again this spring!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any stories, Airstream tips or topics you would like to see included in this quarterly newsletter at [SEMACNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACNewsletter@gmail.com). Cheers!

-Carly Strachan

### Upcoming Days to Remember

#### January is *National Blood Donor Month*

1/1 - New Year's Day  
1/5 - National Bird Day  
1/10 - National Houseplant Appreciation Day  
1/16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
1/20 - Take a Walk Outdoors Day  
1/22 - Lunar New Year

#### February is *Black History Month*

2/1 - Groundhog Day  
2/11 - Make a Friend Day  
2/12 - Super Bowl LVII  
2/14 - Valentine's Day  
2/17 - National Caregivers Day  
2/20 - President's Day

#### March is *Women's History Month*

3/3 - World Wildlife Day  
3/12 - Plant a Flower Day  
3/17 - St. Patrick's Day  
3/20 - First Day of Spring



### Thank you to our 2023 *Newstream* Sponsor

Our 2023 *Newstream* sponsor Woodland Airstream recently broke ground on its 3<sup>rd</sup> dealership. Located in along Dixie Highway in Clarkston, MI and slated to open at the end of 2023, this location will house sales and service departments and Woodland's Airstream Parts Store. Read more about it on their blog, by [clicking here](#).

Woodland will also be participating in the upcoming **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit RV & Camping Show** at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, MI from February 1-5.



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### 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)

<b>May 4-7, 2023</b>	<b>Urban Air's "Wake Up Downtown®"</b> Logan, Ohio	<b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://wakeupdowntown.com/urbanair/wake-up-registration/">https://wakeupdowntown.com/urbanair/wake-up-registration/</a>
<b>May 16-21, 2023</b>	<b>Rendezvous in Kalamazoo</b> Region 4 Rally Kalamazoo, Michigan 	<b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region4/region-4-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/region4/region-4-rally</a>
<b>June 8-12, 2023</b>	<b>Silver on Silver Lake Rally</b> Holiday Park, Traverse City Mi 	<b>Hosts:</b> Linda Smith, Barbara Derian, Sharon Bryant  <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/silver-silver-lake-2023">https://airstreamclub.org/silver-silver-lake-2023</a>
<b>June 23-30, 2023</b>	<b>Rolling to Rock Springs 66<sup>th</sup> International Rally</b> Rock Springs, Wyoming 	<b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023">https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023</a>
<b>Aug. 18-20, 2023</b>	<b>Harbor Beach Lighthouse Rally</b> Northpark, MI	<i>Mark your calendars!!! More details to come.</i>
<b>Sept. 5-10, 2023</b>	<b>Alumapalooza</b> Jackson Center, Ohio	<b>Register here:</b> <a href="http://alumapalooza.com">http://alumapalooza.com</a>
<b>Oct. 5-10, 2024</b>	<b>67<sup>th</sup> Annual International Rally</b> Sedalia, Missouri Missouri State Fairgrounds	<i>Mark your calendars!!! This is the first time an International Rally will be held in the fall.</i>





## SE Michigan Airstream Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally

Silver on Silver Lake



Reservation Window: December 1, 2022- March 31, 2023

Event: Silver On Silver Lake Rally with SEMAC & Michigan Airstream Club

Date: June 8-12, 2023 (Thursday – Monday)

Hosts: Linda Smith, [SEMACPresident@gmail.com](mailto:SEMACPresident@gmail.com), 248-284-3627  
Barbara Derian, [stella10826@gmail.com](mailto:stella10826@gmail.com), 248-425-2417  
Sharon Bryant, [sbryantcrv@gmail.com](mailto:sbryantcrv@gmail.com), 616-250-5060

Theme: SE Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC) and Michigan Airstream Club (MAC) are planning a joint camping rally in Traverse City MI at Holiday Park Campground to celebrate SEMAC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Holiday Park was at one time an Airstream Park. Come visit old and make new friends while exploring beautiful NW Michigan. While it is a somewhat "structured" rally given the anniversary activities, there will be multiple options for daily activities to enjoy. The rally cost is \$15 per Airstream. SEMAC members who have never attended a rally before will have the \$15 paid by SEMAC. Additional costs are camping (paid directly by each attendee to Holiday Park), as well as the cost of any personal food and activities (eg. national park pass, kayak rentals, wine tasting, etc). If you cannot attend the full 5 days, you may contact Holiday Park with the specifics of your arrival or early departure.

RV Park: Holiday Park Campground  
4860 US-31  
Traverse City, MI 49685  
231-943-4410  
<http://www.holidayparktc.com>  
Every site offers 30/50 amp, full hookups, cable, fire rings and picnic table. Propane, firewood and a small camping supply store is available onsite. There is an onsite free dumping station. There is a small sandy beach and kayak rentals onsite. There is also a boat launch by the beach.

Reservations: You must submit your registration to SEMAC by using the registration link on our website: <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-silver-lake-2023>. Once we receive your registration information, you will be contacted to direct payment for the rally. We have reserved 30 sites for the rally and can accommodate more attendees if the campground has availability.

Each rig will make their camping reservation by using this link: [2023 Silver on Silver Rally](#)  
The campground will call you in early 2023 for payment details. You can reserve dates before and after the rally to continue your regional fun directly with the campground! We will be putting together a "things to see and do" bulletin for you to plan your non-rally activities.

## —RENDEZVOUS IN KALAMAZOO—

### 47th Annual Airstream Club International Region 4 Rally

**RENDEZVOUS IN KALAMAZOO**, Michigan, with Region 4 members, May 16-21, 2023, for our annual region rally! We are adding a day to the rally this year, driving in on Tuesday at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center.



Wednesday, we are very excited to kick off our rally with performances by the Mall City Harmonizers, along with a catered meal. As always, we are supporting a local charity. This year, we are pleased to announce that proceeds from our local club basket raffle will support the Animal Rescue Project. This organization is a rescue shelter that is open to the public for dog and cat adoptions. Throughout the rally, there will be opportunities for tours to area businesses and museums such as the AirZoo.

The location of Kalamazoo is perfect as a base for exploring the Southwestern Michigan area, including the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Breweries and wineries are available for tastings. The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail is just minutes from the Expo Center, so we encourage all to bring their bikes. Other outdoor activities include hiking, canoeing, and kayaking—all in the local area. The Expo Center will serve as our location for several seminars and craft sessions throughout our time at the rally. We will have our annual Flea Market on Saturday morning, so please bring the items you wish to sell or trade.

Saturday night is the highlight of the week and starts with hors d'oeuvres and a catered meal. Because of the changes made at the international level, we are installing our Region 4 officers this evening.

Please attend and help make this a memorable evening for those taking on Region 4 leadership roles. Following the meal and activities, we have booked a local band that performs the 60s through 80s hits for your listening and dancing pleasure! The 2023 Region 4 Rally Registration includes 6 days/5 nights with electric, water, and one pump-out, two catered meals, two nights of entertainment, and fun for all! We look forward to “Rendezvousing in Kalamazoo with YOU!”