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President's Scoop

What a beautiful summer we are having this year! Our best news is that Robert has retired!! We set out May 14 to attend the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo. It's always GREAT to get together with friends from Region 4. What a great group of people.

Our next stop was in the Soo at Aune Osburn Campground where we were up close and personal with the freighters coming and going through the Soo Locks. This was our favorite stop and we are making plans to return.

Third stop was Gitche Gumee on US 28 for our grandson's wedding in Marquette. Final stop was Traverse City for Silver on Silver 2023 and SEMAC's 50th Celebration which was co-hosted by MAC. Love getting together with those folks. I have pins and stickers to send to those who were unable to attend. Let me know if you didn't get your stuff!



How is your summer going? I would love to receive emails from you with an article about your travels and pics and permission to publish in SEMAC's *Newstream*.

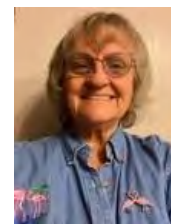
Next big item is getting ready for new leadership. I have loved being your President but it's almost time to step down and let the next generation take the lead. We have 2 opportunities available on the Executive Board. 1st VP and 2nd VP. We need to fill these spots to continue. Who would like the chance to learn how the club works from the inside? Your club needs 2 of you to step up and learn the ropes.

Will it be you?

We have an outing in July and another in August before the Installation of New Leadership in October.

See you down the road,

Linda Smith, SEMAC President
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Club & Membership News



We Need YOU!!

There are two awesome positions open for SEMAC Executive Board. Consequently, we need two people to step up, take your turn and volunteer to serve the club. Serving requires minimal time and with the amazing board we have, it is super simple.

These two positions 1st VP and 2nd VP do lead to being President in a year or two. This is the time for training how to do that job. 1st VP would be President in October 2024 for a year and 2nd VP would be President for a year starting October 2025. I'll be on the board for another year as Past President and then Steve will be past President for a year so you will never be alone. We really need two people to step up to the plate. Is this your term to bat? Please call me soon so I can add you to the roster in October.

Linda Smith

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Don't Miss "SEMAC on Tap"

We don't always have to be camping to meet up and share some laughs. If you are in town, join us on **Sunday, July 23 @ 1pm** at Plymouth's Bearded Lamb Brewing Company. Enjoy good eats from a local food truck, too!



Bring pictures to share of your adventures so far in 2023 and tell us where you still plan to go! What's the best adventure you have had in 2023? Where are you planning to go this year? What modifications have you done or are you planning to do? We want to hear all about it! It's sure to be a hot day, and we know just the beverage to help cool you down!

An old-style pub located in Plymouth's historic Old Village, Bearded Lamb combines a quaint local feel with craft brews that can compete with the big boys. Whether you're a dark beer kinda person or you prefer the haziest of IPAs, you'll find something you LOVE here. Come on by for a pint and spend some time with your SEMAC friends.

**The Bearded Lamb Brewing Company is located at
149 W Liberty St., Plymouth, MI 48170**

*RSVPs are not necessary, but are appreciated to
semacvicepresident@gmail.com*

Welcome NEW Members!

Paul Grady & Kari West
#8032

Eric & Diane Bergquest
#12496

Sheri Copanic & Mark Fox
#2677

Daniel & GERALYN Cogan
#4110



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Happy ACI/WBCCI Anniversary!

Marc & Elena Crams (JUNE) #3373
Mark & Andrea Cooper (JULY) #13302
Ralph Steinberger (JULY) #4201
Bob Anderson & Don Johnson (AUG) #4165
Tom & Chris Bliss (JULY) #6641
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Brian & Carol Burke (AUG) #6689
Rolland & Carol Mambourg (SEPT) #4834
Don Diebel (SEPT) #5259 (25 YEARS) ★★★★★

Thank you to all who responded to our recent survey! We had 30 responses about where you want to go and what you want to do in the next couple of years. Below are the key take-aways from the responses.

The number one reason members didn't come to the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo or the Silver on Silver Rally in Traverse City is that the dates didn't work for them.



The preferred time of year for members to rally in and/around Michigan are Spring and Fall (though all seasons received votes).

Interest different types of rallies is strong! All options presented received 16 votes or more. Here is how they finished in order:

1. A Spring Maintenance Rally
2. A Caravan Around Lake Michigan
3. A SE Michigan Rally
4. An International Rally to Ontario
5. A Boondocking Rally

(Other suggestions included a 2-3 stop multi-day caravan)

Members had the most interest in the following Rally Activities:

1. Nature Programs
2. Biking & Brewery/Winery/Distillery (TIE)
3. Museums
4. Kayaking/Canoeing & Camping only (TIE)



Members are most interested in Rallying in:

1. Ludington/Pentwater
2. Petoskey
3. The UP
4. Grand Haven
5. Traverse City
6. Mackinaw City

(Pictured left: SS Badger passing Ludington North Breakwater Light. Photo credit: ToddandBradReed.com)

Other suggestion about how the club can serve membership included:

1. Social Gatherings all year (and monthly)
2. Mini-Caravans
3. Offer pay-as-you-go activities and meals
4. Card and Board Games
5. Shared Rally with Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Club (NOVA)



Your club board of directors will be using this input to formulate our plans for 2024 and 2025. We are also in close contact with MAC leadership and plan to coordinate our rallies and activities with them (many members belong to both clubs). It is our desire to identify our Rally Plans as early as possible so that you can get them on your calendars for planning purposes.

Steve Rowley
First Vice President, SEMAC



Airstreams from across Region 4 gathered at the Kalamazoo Expo Center for 4 days of friendship.

Region 4 President, Bad Briggs and his wife, Jane, spent months planning events and activities to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to have some fun. We were surprised with a visit from Eric and LaVerne McHenry who were traveling in the area and decided to swing up to attend. Our own SEMAC club member, Barb Derian, designed a scavenger hunt that had participants exploring downtown and learning about Kalamazoo history. A bike ride, a birding walk, tour of the famous Air Zoo, painting glassware, twisted trivia and a craft show/flea market were highlights of the Rally. We raised money for the Animal Rescue Project and they brought a litter of adorable puppies for us to play with. Barb Derian and Ralph Volk gave a seminar on their trip to Alaska that was well attended. SEMAC sponsored a social hour on registration day. The main evenings were highlighted with a barbershop group and a local band playing classic rock tunes! And Woodland Airstream brought a few new Airstreams for us to tour.



The highlight of the event was SEMAC winning the basket raffle – our club basket raised the most money for the charity. Yeah!!

We installed our new Region 4 leadership at Saturday's dinner – be sure to support Fred Kiehl, R4 President and Mike Pastva, R4 1st VP as they take the Region reins on August 1.

We learned that our Region Rally will be moving to every other year. But next year, 2025, Region 4 is focusing on a national eclipse rally in early April in Ohio – right on the path of the eclipse. Be sure to watch for news of this rare event!

Region 4 Rallies are always fun and memorable.



With 2023 being our 50th anniversary, the rally hosts, Linda Smith, Barb Derian and Sharon Bryant, planned for a fun-filled weekend at Holiday Park Campground in Traverse City.

We had 36 airstreams from Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club and Michigan Airstream Club along with visitors from Indiana and New York gather for a weekend celebration – and boy was it a fun weekend. Each registrant was given a commemorative 50th anniversary pin and sticker.

Friday, a few brave souls ventured on a 30-mile bike ride to Suttons Bay – we guarantee there were some sore tushies on Saturday. Each morning we gathered for coffee and breakfast. Each night, we came together for social hour and appetizers before dinner. There was no lack of food all weekend! Thanks to Airstream of Northern Michigan, we grilled homemade brats on Friday. During the Friday Social hour some participants played Minute to Win It games just for fun. We raffled off a Michigan themed beach bag full of Michigan wines, beer and other fun stuff. Early risers were treated on Saturday morning with a talk by a local Audubon birding expert and SEMAC members, Larry and Dee Henn, took us out for a boat ride to see what avian friends we could find – a Loon family was a highlight!

Attendees explored the local area and some went to Mission Peninsula for wine tasting! The main Rally event was our anniversary dinner on Saturday, sponsored by Woodland Airstream, and catered by Dickies BBQ. And there is a funny story about our “Airstream-themed” cake (see *Linda’s story below!*). While we are still pulling all the financials together, we believe we will be able to donate \$80 to the WBCCI Foundation – thanks to the generosity of all our attendees. This special rally was full of fun and camaraderie with new friends loaded into our contact lists!



We were so happy to see so many “first timers” come and experience an Airstream rally. It isn’t easy to capture the event in words – but here are a few comments received following the rally:

“What a great rally with the best people ever!”

*“Wonderful hosts
– Barb, Linda,
Sharon – great*

job. And thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to help. Fabulous appetizers each night and great fellowship with friends old and new.”

“Thank you for all the hard work in pulling the rally together. Our first one. We met so many wonderful people and learned some really helpful tips.”



I have decided that I am not the person that should be ordering cakes for any event. I told this story at our Silver on Silver 2023 50th Celebration in Traverse City.

I ordered a cake for my daughter's bridal shower. It was to be decorated with white frosting and burgundy and pink roses. I picked up a beautiful cake, but by the time we served the cake, the coloring had all faded and we served a white-on-white cake! How does that happen? My next daughter's bridal cake was to be carrot cake with white frosting, burgundy flowers and the words written in burgundy. What was delivered was a carrot cake with the off-white nut frosting, the words written in green, and the burgundy flowers were replaced by frosting carrots! Who does that???



Round three was supposed to be a silver cupcakes and a silver cake with the words Happy 50th SEMAC in gold. See the pictures for what we actually received!!!!

I guess if I had the choice of a perfect cake or a good story, I'd take the good story. ENJOY!



COMING SOON!

We are working with Serious Graphics to make available items with the SEMAC logo. Examples are below. You will soon be able to go to our store to make your purchase. Shirts shown have the logo on the chest but a smaller logo on the top left is also available. You may add your BRN or name if desired. Some colors completely loose the bridge so we will be suggesting the colors that look the best. Once the website is complete you will be sent the link to order, or you may call to order after July 15th. Postage will be figured after an order is placed.

SEMAC Apparel



Item	Size	Color	SEMAC Logo: Left Chest or Full Front	Add BRN and/or Name to Flag Add \$5.00	Total \$
(ex.)A				4552 SMITH	\$15.00

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Total:\$

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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)

July 23 at 1pm	SEMAC on Tap Bearded Lamb Brewing Co. 149 West Liberty Street Plymouth, MI 48170	More details: https://airstreamclub.org/semac-tap RSVP to Steve Rowley at: SEMACvicepresident@gmail.com
Aug. 18-20, 2023	Harbor Beach Lighthouse Rally Northpark, MI	Join us on a tour of the Historic Harbor Beach lighthouse, while staying at North Park campground near Lake Huron. Register here: https://airstreamclub.org/harbor-beach-rally
Sept. 5-10, 2023	Alumapalooza Jackson Center, Ohio	Register here: http://alumapalooza.com
April 7-11, 2024	The Great Solar Eclipse of 2024 National Event Rally Darke County Fairgrounds Greenville, Ohio	Registration begins July 10, 2023 Details are coming together and will include a tour of the Mothership in Jackson Center. If you have any questions, please email Fred Kiehl at fred@klehlbullding.com
Oct. 5-10, 2024	67th Annual International Rally Sedalia, Missouri Missouri State Fairgrounds	Mark your calendars!!! This is the first time an International Rally will be held in the fall.