



“The Mich-i-gram”



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From ‘Madame’ President...

Lee and I kicked off our 2023 ‘year of adventure’ attending the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo, MI.

Our trailer, whose name is “Dimples”, got dimpled right before we were prepping to go to Kalamazoo. Needless to say, “Dimples” was headed to Nature & Me in Traverse City and wasn’t going to Kalamazoo. We were disappointed to say the least & cancelled our reservation.

It was going to be our first region 4 rally we were going to be able to attend. At the last minute we said the heck with it, not exactly the words we used, we’re going! We booked a hotel room close to the expo center and stayed there. We made it and are glad we did. What a treat it was meeting fellow travelers from SEMAC, Ohio & West Virginia. The rally was awesome & you’ll be reading all about it in the next region newsletter. Next year, the Region 4 rally will coincide with the ‘eclipse’, you really will not want to miss it.



The third annual “Silver on Silver Lake” rally is a joint rally with SEMAC. This year we were celebrating SEMAC’s 50th anniversary and the rally hosts pulled out all the stops. Games, live music, a bike trip to Suttons Bay, campfire, great food & fellowship. Thank you to our hosts, Linda Smith, Barb Derian & Sharon Bryant. Barb Derian will be writing an article with the details.

When I was a bit younger, just a few years ago, I attended camp & learned a song that was sung in rounds: “Make new Friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other Gold.” Jim and Mary Ann Stimpson joined us for dinner on Saturday evening. They were very active members of MAC for many years & have been married for over 50+ years. They still have their original trailer they purchased in 1974 & it is still under warranty! Their last rally they attended was in 2016 the GT fairgrounds. Mary Ann was the editor of the Michigram before Cindy Conant. They enjoyed seeing many of their old friends & meeting some new ones.

Kirk Waterstripe, director of the Grand Traverse Audubon Society, provided the early risers on Saturday morning with a workshop on birding and birding Optics. A very special shout out to Larry & Dee Henn who took the birders out on their boat so we could bird watch from the comfort of their pontoon boat.

Everyone was eager to share their plans for the summer. Regardless of where you are going this season, Have a wonderful time, meet some new people and be safe out there.

Jackie Klare

‘Madame’ President

There is always an adventure around the corner!

Stay Connected:



[MAC Website](#)

[Region 4 Website](#)

[Airstream Club International](#)

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New Members

The Michigan Airstream Club wishes to welcome:

- ◆ Dan & Maggie Belliel [affiliate]
- ◆ Diane & Eric Bergquist [affiliate]
- ◆ Rocky & Michelle Bond [affiliate]
- ◆ Courtney Bonner & Kathleen Butler
- ◆ Carl & Patti Chase
- ◆ Barbara & Sam Kovalak
- ◆ Candace Lamos & William Lindow
- ◆ Kimberly & Theodore La Flèche
- ◆ Lynn & Jon Lovlien [affiliate]
- ◆ Michael & Kathleen Pogarch
- ◆ Brian and Ramona Reinhardt [affiliate]
- ◆ Amy & Douglas Smendik
- ◆ Susan Gentile & Mike Zellner



Time to Serve

Fred Bryant, MAC 1st Vice President



Hello Fellow Airstream Club Members!

Do you want to be more active in our club but not sure how you can serve? I am Fred Bryant, your 1st Vice President of the Michigan Airstream Club and I am here to tell you how. As the MAC Fall Meeting nears, the Executive Board needs to fill open Executive Board positions. **I would like all members to consider being active in the MAC operation. In order for our club to be fun and vibrant, your input and participation is vital.**

As the 1st Vice President, I may soon be voted to be the President this fall. Therefore, I am initiating the search to fill open board positions [**1st & 2nd Vice President**] which have a **two-year term**. Please consider taking one of these positions including challenging me for the President position if you feel the desire to lead!

The open board positions are described in Article V of the Mac By-Laws. Click on these links if you wish to review the entire [MAC Constitution](#) and [By-Laws](#).

Board meeting attendance can be by way of Zoom so travel is not a requirement. Board members will be expected to work across job descriptions as needed to spread the tasks and responsibilities to distribute tasks as needed. **My goal is to make involvement in the club a fun experience with duties that are flexible and shared. Always working together, never a burden carried alone.**

I hope you will consider an Executive Board Position. Please contact me or any Executive Board Member for further discussion or for any questions you may have. Please look over the MAC Constitution and By-Laws and participate in our meetings.

I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully working **WITH** you to keep our Michigan Airstream Club going strong into the future! Thank you for your consideration in a MAC Executive Board position.

Fred Bryant
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Letter from Mary Ann Stimpson

Hi Fred and Airstream Members:

Reading your request for members to become more involved brings back memories of our active days in the Michigan Airstream Club.

When we wrote up the newsletter hoping to get more members to write their experiences, send photos and always hoping for more rally helpers, we see things have not changed very much. In days past most groups and clubs did not have problems with having people to be active. These past years has seen a decline of folks taking on roles of officers and committee members. My age has me doing far less but I still try to play some type of active role in the things I still belong to here in Antrim County.

Our memories of the years we spent in the group are great to remember and so glad to have helped out.

So glad the group is still together and hope you can continue to generate helpful people to enjoy Airstreaming and fellowship.

Please remember Jim and I to the group.

Sincerely yours,

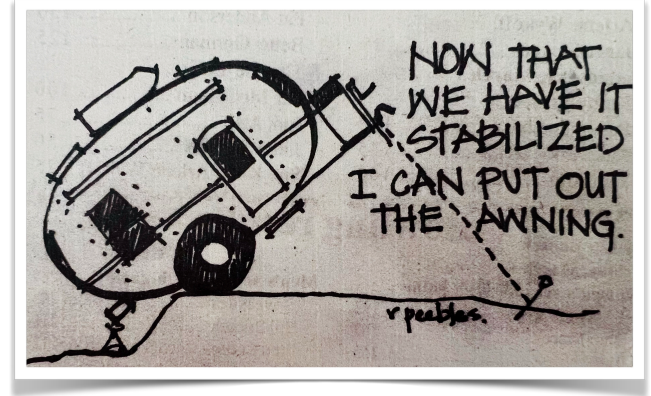
Mary Ann & Jim Stimpson



Membership & Club News

MAC Merchandise by Fred Bryant, MAC 1st Vice President

Did you miss out on the getting your MAC swag in the Spring? The MAC Merch store will be available again in September. But if you can't wait, I have a few hats and some club garden flags available for purchase Contact me [here](#).



Cartoon submitted by Cindy Conant.

Where Have You Been?

Member Adventures: Laurie McLean & Earl Landesman



Upgraded site at the Indianapolis KOA with permanent resident.



Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Missouri.



Historic Route 66

Membership & Club News

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

Sand and Signals Rally

Join us for August 10-14, 2023 for our Sand and Signals Rally at Tawas Point State Park near Tawas City, Michigan on the beautiful shores of Lake Huron. Enjoy sandy beaches, clear blue water, campfires, fellowship, lighthouse tours, shopping and dinner in Tawas City, and a boat tour of Tawas Bay and Charity Island. Make camping reservations directly at the state park campground by calling [1-800-447-2757](tel:1-800-447-2757) or by clicking [here](#). There is also overflow possibility at the Tawas KOA.

The Saturday morning boat tour has room for 30 people. There is a \$20/per person fee in addition to a rally fee of \$60/per person. Boat tickets will be on a first come first serve basis and should be paid with your rally fees. Rally registration deadline is July 27. Please fill out the rally registration form by clicking [here](#). Read more details from the rally hosts on the next [page](#).

Harbor Beach Lighthouse Rally

Join SEMAC on a tour of the Historic Harbor Beach lighthouse. The rally is at North Park campground to be close to Lake Huron! Make your reservations by calling the campground directly at [989-479-9554](tel:989-479-9554) and let them know you are reserving for the Airstream rally under the name Linda Smith. The registration deadline is July 1, 2023.

Whispering Surf Rally

Join us on Friday, October 6th, through Monday, October 9th, for our 2nd annual fall rally in the quaint little town of Pentwater, Michigan. Make your own camping reservations by contacting Whispering Surf Campground by clicking [here](#). A tentative schedule and the rally registration can be found at: [Pentwater - MAC Fall Rally! \[jotform.com\]](#) There is a rally fee of \$20/person and registration deadline is September 30, 2023.

Like last year, we'll also have a fun chili cook-off and group potluck in the campground's lodge. Contact your Rally Host Sarah Smith at sarahsmith1835@gmail.com for more information!



We Rally Together

Welcome to Sand and Signals Rally at Tawas Point State Park

August 10-14, 2023

Hosted by Michigan Airstream Club

Hello Friends!

We're looking forward to a very special rendezvous at the August MAC Sand and Signals Rally at Tawas Point State Park!

Often called the "Cape Cod of the Midwest," Tawas Point State Park provides sandy beaches, warm water, beautiful views, and walking and biking trails. The historic Tawas Point Light monument is on the grounds, representing the only Victorian-era style station on the Great Lakes.

Being located on the Lake Huron Flyway, the park provides wonderful birding opportunities, especially during the spring and fall migrations.

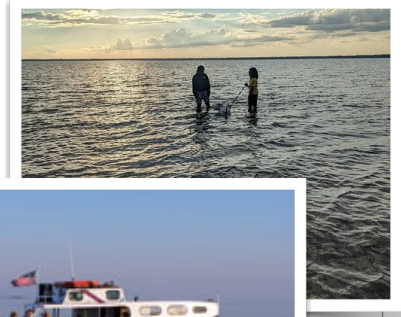
Tawas City and East Tawas offer specialty shopping and dining. There are many local parks to enjoy, featuring views of the Tawas Bay shoreline and Au Sable River, and a bike path arboretum. The Tawas Blueberry Farm should be open for fresh blueberry picking.

Don't miss our chartered private Charity Island Boat tour of Tawas Bay and Charity Island on Saturday morning!

Check into the rally and pay your rally fee [\$60 per rig] and cruise reservation [\$20 per person] at the park shelter on Thursday, August 10th. You may also stop by Site 41 anytime. The shelter will be our home base on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.

If you have not sent a Rally Reservation form, please click this link and fill it out. <https://form.jotform.com/230315177448153>

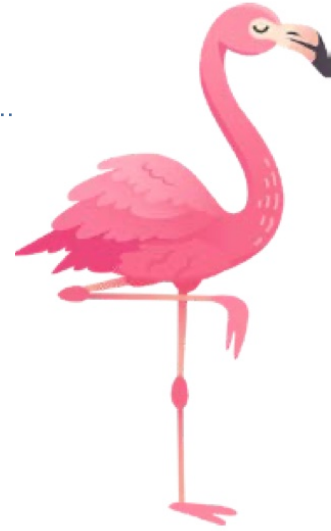
Some people attending the rally are staying at alternative campgrounds. There may be sites available at the [Oscoda/Tawas KOA Holiday](#), [Northern Bear Paw RV Park](#), or Tawas RV Park [989] 362-0005. Everyone is welcome!



Your Hosts:
Laurie McLean & Earl Landesman

Membership & Club News

Birthdays & Anniversaries



July

- 01: Richard Hodgson
- 09: Andrew Lovlien
- 15: Michael Frost
- 16: Nancy Voyt
- 17: Cindy Conant
- 24: Thomas Bliss
- 24: Bonnie Weinrick
- 30: Jim Stimpson
- 31: Karen Routson

Laurie McLean & Earl Landesman: July 2, 1975

August

- 8: Ron Anderson
- 23: Mary Ann Stimpson

Linda & John Smith: August 17, 1968

Marjorie & Paul Inman: August 20, 1949

Denise & Frederick Schubert: August 17, 1968

September

- 10: Pegeen Smith
- 15: Donna Larson
- 19: Mary Ann Horner

Thomas & Christine Bliss: September 13, 1968

Please Note: 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.

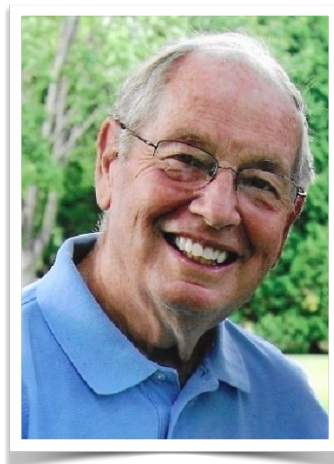


Membership & Club News

In Memoriam Submitted by Carol Jean Beard, Past Membership Chair of the Michigan Airstream Club

DAVID CARLSON

Today, I am writing about two wonderful people who were members of the Michigan Unit, now Michigan Airstream Club.



I am going to start with Dave Carlson. He died on February 25, 2023 at the age of 84. His wife, Barbara, died in 2021. They joined the Unit in 1981. He and Barbara opened Woodland Travel, a Grand Rapids Airstream trailer dealership, in 1966. They owned the business for over 50 years. It was one of the top Airstream dealerships in the country for decades.

You can imagine all the trailers that were sold from that dealership. Years ago the Michigan Unit was huge and probably most of those trailers passed through Woodland.

Dave knew the history of so many trailers. He knew who bought them, who traded them in for a different rig [probably bigger], who bought the trade-in. He knew how it had been cared for. He knew the mishaps the trailer endured. He was Mr. Michigan Airstream...no doubt about it.

He was definitely a family man. He and Barbara had five children. As my husband, Jeriel, would say,

"Their children were their pride and joy. 😊"

Being a second-generation Airstream owner myself, Dave knew my folks and would tell me about their shenanigans while they were at the dealership.

My folks had two different Airstreams through the years...a used 32-footer and a used 34-footer. Mom wanted the built in dinette.

When we were at the dealership, we would walk into the owner's office and hug the man behind the desk. Dave was so approachable; always had time. When we would leave, he normally would walk us out to our truck, and we would talk another ½ hour. He had a great personality, a wonderful smile.

He and Barbara held rallies at the dealership. They would move the trailers parked in their back lot and make room for us rally attendees. We would have meetings, meals, guest speakers, games in the main showroom. They provided lots of gifts through the years as rallies prizes. They also hosted rallies at different locations including Holiday Park in Traverse City, where they camped in the summer in their Airstream.

At least two of Dave's children worked at the dealership through the years, so we became friends with that Carlson generation as well.

What more can I say. If you didn't know Dave, you missed out on an amazing man. He was a Spartan. He was from Rockford and lived there his entire life. He graduated from Rockford High School and from Michigan State University.

We saw Dave not long before he passed. He was at Story Point Assisted Living in Rockford. We never know when it's the last time to be with a person we love and care for. When we pass Rockford on the expressway, we will think of Dave and Barbara. What special memories!

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EVELYN GUTH

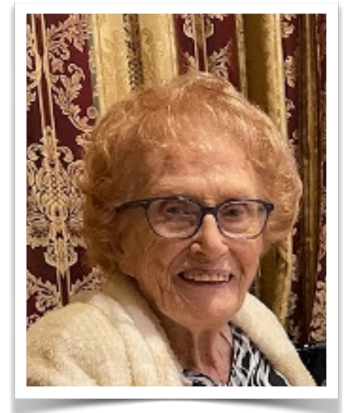
Talk about memorable people..Evelyn Guth is unforgettable. She died May 1, 2023. She was 101 years old. We attended her 100th birthday in Florida. There were lots of people there.

She and her husband, Howard [deceased], joined the Unit in 1967. Evelyn and Howard were friends of my folks. In fact, Evelyn and my mom were born the same year. Jeriel and I visited Evelyn and her daughter, Cheryl, before we left Florida this year. At that time, we thought she was doing quite well. She had a great mind, moved a little slow but at 101 that's to be expected.

She was unique, still out and about, used computers, an iPhone..was into technology more than most people, especially at her age. She was warm and caring. We received a handwritten addressed Christmas card and note from her this past Christmas.

I have a picture of Evelyn and Howard, Tom and Margaret Simpson, and my folks, Ralph and Velma Clark, at the Statue of Liberty Rally. Tom also lived to be 100. For years, all three families had residences at Travelers Rest Resort when the park was 100% Airstreams. They were together summer and winter.

Dave Carlson and Evelyn Guth were both very special to us, truly extended family. To know them was to love them.



We Rally Together Region 4 Rally

Rendezvous in Kalamazoo, May 2024

Many of us joined our fellow Region 4 clubs in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 16-21 at the Kalamazoo Expo. Michigan Airstream club was well represented with 25 trailers plus a couple of trailers offsite. From trips to museums, birding expedition, music, food, crafts and bike riding, there was something for everyone. The weather cooperated most of the time and good fun was had by all. We appreciate and thank everyone who worked hard on this event. Here are just a few of the highlights captured by members.



Drone view of the Expo Campground with new Woodland Airstream trailers to tour in the foreground.



Karen Fisher & Wally Kimmel



Eric McHenry, International President & wife Laverne joined us



Good Friends Came to Visit

Rendezvous in Kalamazoo, May 2024 cont.



MAC Team Globetrotter won 1st prize for the Scavenger Hunt by just 10 points!

Great selfie on the hunt by Tony & Sally Lobaza.



Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Experience was a hit



Cindy Conant cuddling with an adoptable puppy. Proceeds from our fundraising efforts at the rally went to the Animal Rescue Project



Fred Bryant organized a chilly but beautiful bike trip on the Kalamazoo River Trail.



Tom & Peg Smith take part in the guided tour provided by the Kalamazoo Bird Sanctuary



We Rally Together

Silver on Silver Rally, June 2024

On June 8-12, Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC) and the Michigan Airstream Club had their joint rally at Holiday Park in Traverse City, Michigan. Not only did this kick off our summer but we had the pleasure to celebrate SEMAC's 50th anniversary! We thank all involved in this fun sold out event. Next year, get your reservations in EARLY!! Games, bike riding, wine tasting, food and camaraderie between the clubs made for a wonderful time. Here are just a few of the highlights captured by our members.



Chris Chigas wins one of the raffle baskets



Beautiful day for a bike ride to Sutton's Bay



Early morning birding on Silver Lake



Musical talent entertained our campfire

We Rally Together

Silver on Silver Rally, June 2024 cont..



Look at this crowd!! Drone shot by Steve Rowley



Relaxing at the campfire



There was never a lack of delicious food!



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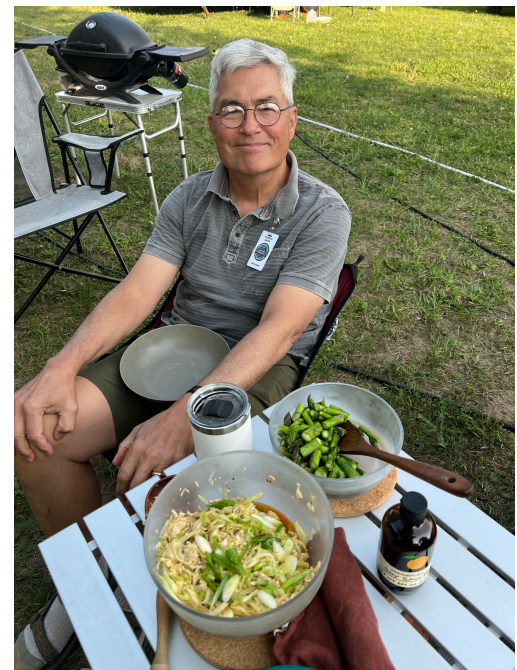
Michelin Star Microwave Cooking by Pegeen Smith, BRN #8039

Raise your hand if your microwave use is relegated to coffee and leftover warm ups. This was me until I was forced to get serious with microwave cooking during a recent home kitchen remodel. We set up a makeshift kitchen with a coffee maker, toaster and our microwave in our basement. For nearly two months I made fresh, delicious meals using our microwave which sat precariously on top of plastic utility table. I accomplished these scrumptious meals because I followed recipes and used some cool new microwave dishes called "Anyday". [Note: this is not a paid endorsement. I am just excited to share!]. The dishes are made out of a uniquely angled shaped frosted borosilicate glass which is durable and thermal-shock resistant. Beautiful enough to go from the microwave to the table and can be used to store leftovers in the refrigerator or freeze. This versatility means less dishes for prepping, cooking and serving which is important when camping. The lids have a silicone gasket and silicone knob which prevents splatter and steams food perfectly.

When I first bought these dishes, there were a handful of recipes to follow on their website. The recipes adjust in real-time depending on how many servings you chose and the wattage of your microwave. Once you have entered the servings and wattage, the recipes displays what size bowl to use and adjusts the timing and power settings. You can check your Airstream microwave wattage by looking at the sticker inside your microwave and I believe most of the newer microwaves allow you to adjust the power setting. 100% power is usually the default but some recipes ask you to change it to 30% power or 40% power. No more guessing. The recipes are very easy to follow and tell you exactly what to do.

I am so confident about this type of cooking and the reliability and deliciousness of recipes on their website, that I have made entire microwave meals for company. There are so many great dishes but there are some that I have made frequently. The Stuffed Spaghetti Squash, Egg Roll in a Bowl, and David Chang's Steamed Ginger Scallion Fish are just a few of our favorites.

Needless to say, I have my Anyday dishes packed in our Airstream for this year's adventures. I have an extra set just for the Airstream. But because they are glass, I wrap them carefully in bubble wrap and pack them in carefully. Being somewhat fragile is the ONLY disadvantage to using them in the Airstream. While I learned my lesson the hard way, I won't travel without them and plan on experimenting with delicious meals while traveling in our Airstream. These dishes save me time, provide healthy and delicious meals with fewer dishes to clean. Game-changer for a gal who loves to cook.



Enjoying "Egg Roll in a Bowl" and steamed Michigan asparagus using the Anyday dishes at the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo.



Click [here](#) to visit the Anyday website. Do you want to see how fast and easy it is to make Egg Roll in a Bowl? Click on the photo to the right <<<

Prep Time	Cook Time
5 mins	4 mins
Free Time	
to take a meditation break	

MAC Share

Group Holds at Michigan State Parks by Kat Hibbard/Dale Schneider BRN 6664

A group hold means that the park will hold a number of sites in a block or row for a rally for a few days for club members to reserve. The person requesting the hold can suggest the "code." Example: for the 2021 Tin Can Tourist Lumberjack rally at Cadillac state park the code might be Lumberjack21.

To get a group hold, call the park superintendent. In smaller parks the super takes care of group holds, and in larger parks they may delegate to an employee. **Use the term "group hold code"** NOT "reserve a number of sites or reserve a block of sites."

When you talk with the super, be prepared with the # of sites you want, the duration of time of the hold, and the [site] numbers. Name drop Tin Can Tourists. The Tin Can Tourists club has a good working relationship with the State Park system and frequently make group holds. After your phone call, they will more than likely ask you to follow up with an e-mail. The super or their employee will contact the person in Lansing who does the computer work for the group hold putting it in the reservation system. When they are done, the super will let you know. The person in Lansing generally takes care of group holds fairly quickly.

My TCT source for this information said the super at Port Crescent is the only super who is averse to group holds but there may be others.

Regarding the timing of the group hold request, what is the optimum time to make the request? Are the rules and timing for group holds different than the rules for reservations? The rules are the same, 6 months out from the first day of the stay. Make the group hold request of the park at least 7 months out. That way the park has time to complete the mechanics of the request and rally goers have time to reserve. In terms of the length of the hold, each park is different, depending upon the reservation rate of the park. The parks will often allow 2 to 4 weeks overlap.

After the park confirms the group hold is completed, post your rally or notify club members which sites are being held and the dates of the hold [especially the expiration date of the hold.] Urge members to take prompt action on their site reservation. After the hold expires, the sites are released from the hold and become available to the general public. See sample Tin Can Tourists rally post from their website below.

Reservations:

Many newbies may have to be walked through the online reservation process. If you do not use the system correctly, you will be frustrated, thinking all the sites are gone.

<https://midnrreservations.com/>

This is the link to the main reservation page. Set up an account with a log in and password if you don't have one already, then Log In FIRST.

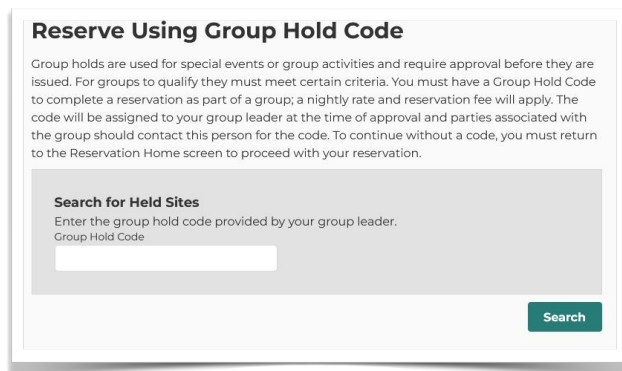
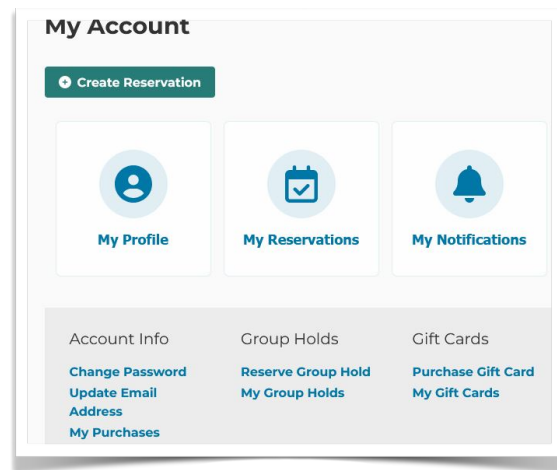
You cannot find sites on hold for your rally by clicking "Make Reservation" at the top of the page.

From the reservation system main page, scroll down to the bottom and choose "Reserve Group Hold" On the next page enter the rally code and choose "search". That should take you to the list sites that are still available for the rally. Choose one and finish your reservation the usual way. See screen shots >>>>>

See the next page for a sample of a rally invitation which has worked well for rally hosts

Many thanks to Rebecca Shrode, fellow member of Tin Can Tourists, a rally host and detail person extraordinaire for helping me compile this information. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Kat Hibbard/Dale Schneider BRN 6664



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SAMPLE TCT Rally Reservation Notice

West Michigan Vintage Gathering 2023!!

June 8 @ 8:00 AM – June 11 @ 5:00 PM EDT

Make plans now to join us again at Hoffmaster State Park for our annual West Michigan Vintage Gathering! See the post below for instructions on how to register and be a part of the fun!

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

This year's event will be June 8th to the 11th, as we have done the past few years there will be no rally fee, basically just a weekend to enjoy each other and the beautiful park, the only planned events will be coffee and donuts in the mornings, and a casual open house on Saturday afternoon [final details to come on that]. We have reserved sites 1-131 and they will be held until March 13th and then whatever is left will be open to the public. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 13TH TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT!**

Reservations can start being made 6 months to the day in advance so starting on December 8th you can log onto your Michigan State Parks account and enter the group hold code

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and it will take you to the list of available sites, book your reservation and let us all know you are coming!

If you have further questions there is a chat option on this page or feel free to contact me privately, looking forward to seeing you all in June!

See you soon, [Rally Host] etc. etc.



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

Dates	Event - Location	Host/Organizer	Links/Contact
August 10-14	Sand & Signals Rally Tawas Point State Park EastTawas, Michigan	MAC Laurie McLean & Fred Bryant	Sand and Signals Rally
August 18-20	Harbor Beach Lighthouse Rally Harbor Beach, MI	SEMAC	Harbor Beach Lighthouse Rally
September 24-30	60th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally Sugar creek, Ohio	ACI National Rally	Swiss Festival Website
October 6-9	Whispering Surf Fall Rally Whispering Surf Campground Pentwater, MI	MAC Sarah & John Smith	Whispering Surf Rally Website
<u>2024</u>			
October 5-10	WBCCI International Rally 2024 Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO	WBCCI	WBCCI International Rally 2024 Website
<u>2025</u>			
August 23-28	WBCCI International Rally, 2025 York Expo Center, York, Pennsylvania	WBCCI	Press Release

