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From President Fred

Accepting the Presidential Baton

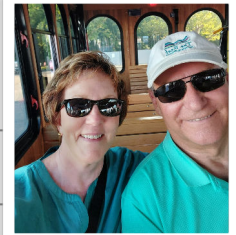
As I begin my two years as President of Michigan Airstream Club, I would like to thank Jackie Klare for her many contributions to make the club what it is today. A vibrant club, moving forward. Thank you, Jackie. And thanks for your continuing support and guidance as I begin this journey as president. I would also like to say thank you to the MAC Executive Board for their patience, understanding, and support as I learn the duties and procedures of heading meetings and managing Zoom meetings.

We are now well into the Holiday season with Thanksgiving behind us. Let us all be aware of how fortunate we are. Not only to be able to travel, but to travel in an Airstream, and meet and socialize with great people wherever you travel to. No matter whether it is the next county, or a state far from home, I have had the great pleasure to have had the experience of meeting great people and have great conversations with other travelers along the route. Even if they are not a camping person, they recognize the iconic Airstream and are curious enough to strike up a conversation about it.

As the 2024 camping season gets closer let us all be aware that an active, participating, club membership is what makes a club fun and vibrant. As we plan our rallies for 2024 and 2025, know that your participation is what keeps the rallies fun and interesting. If you know of a great campground, plan a rally there. Share it with us. Rallies do not need to be elaborate extravaganzas with lots of expensive entertainment or activities. It may be a gathering point to enjoy the view and an evening campfire to share your days adventuring the area, and morning coffee together to plan the day of site seeing. In 2024 or 2025, please consider hosting a rally. As elaborate or as basic as you want. Ask another member to cohost with you. It is a lot of fun.

The MAC membership is growing. If you see a new member, please welcome them. Invite them to a rally. Be their mentor to how the WBAC and MAC are structured and how much fun rallies can be. We all have a responsibility and the knowledge to share to help them grow into our MAC family. Don't hesitate! Be proactive at the first opportunity. Sharon and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year!

Fred Bryant, MAC President



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New Members

The Michigan Airstream Club wishes to welcome:

- ◆ Douglas & Maggie Cervin [Affiliate]
- ◆ Brandon & Tawny Cox
- ◆ Jeff & Jan Harwig [Affiliate]
- ◆ Matt Hohna & Ally Ryder
- ◆ Bryan Hopkins & Kevin Tobin [Affiliate]
- ◆ Mike & Laurie Mihora
- ◆ Mike Pastva & Jill McCauslin [Affiliate]
- ◆ Susan Saravis & Mike Cyr [Affiliate]
- ◆ Rene Smith
- ◆ Kim & Steve Walls [Affiliate]



Check out the NEW Airstream International [Welcome Video!](#)

Message from Lee

Lee Klare, MAC 1st Vice President



Hello MAC members and affiliates 😎

I hope that since our rally in Pentwater, that everyone is enjoying the winter and holiday festivities.

I'd like to plant the seed with all of you to think about being a rally host or co-host in the coming year. Yes, I can hear the groans now 😊.

Rallies aren't any more involved than planning your next weekend at an RV campground, which we all do. It's just more Airstreams join you for the fun and adventure. Jackie and I have done about six rallies over the eight we've been members of MAC. We've found them to be fun and, actually, exciting. We have found ourselves wanting to share the places we know in our area as well as looking for things to do and places to go that would be of interest to everyone. Part of our planning "guideline" has been to create an environment that encourages everyone to gather together and build new and strengthen friendships.

The wonderful thing about rallies is you can do as little or as much as you'd like. There is no "you have to" do this or that. The rally is yours to be as creative as you'd like and enjoy sharing that creation.

Volunteering as a co-host is a great way to learn about how to plan and conduct a rally or if you're an experienced rally host, you can help guide the host to a successful rally. There's a great opportunity in being host and co-host to build a friendship in the shared experience of planning and hosting a rally. I can attest to that, all the rallies Jackie and I have attended, have been fun and worth the effort to attend.

We have some forthcoming rallies for 2024 that do not have a host or co-host. They will be in this newsletter for your review and consideration. Remember, you attend rallies for the fun, socializing and outings, maybe you've some ideas for a rally that you'd like to share.

Lee Klare

Michigan Airstream Club 1st Vice President

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Membership & Club News

MAC Executive Board Mtgs

Did you know that the Executive Board meets every month on behalf of the club? And did you know that members are welcome to attend the meeting as a non-voting observer? In accordance with the Michigan Airstream Club ByLaws, the Executive Board must give the membership at least 10 days notice prior to a business meeting. So we are sharing the meeting dates for 2024 so you can mark your calendar and join us. The Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from January - October @ 7 p.m. EST via Zoom. To join, click [here](#).

2024 Meeting Dates:

January 16	May 21	September 17
February 20	June 18	October 15
March 19	July 16	
April 16	August 20	

If a meeting date changes for any reason, the board will send out a change notice to the membership via email with at least a 10 days notice.



Membership & Club News

Honoring Ken Briggs by Carol Jean Beard, BRN #8150



Having been a member of WBCCI and the Michigan Airstream Club since 2006, I have so many wonderful memories of Unit members who are now deceased. Everyone is so unique. There are, and have been, so many gifted and talented people who are willing to give of their time and energies to keep this amazing Club viable.

This column is being written in honor of Ken Briggs. Ken died in September. He was a very capable and loving man. Jeriel and I met Ken and Anita the very first rally we attended...a buddy rally in Mason, Michigan. As a side comment, Anita and I are both second generation Airstreamers. Our parents were friends as members of the Michigan Unit the generation before us.

Ken had a big smile. He was busy. When Jeriel and I finally arrived at a rally, all tired out from driving, setting up, etc., we would generally go to the meeting building, sit down and kick-back. At the same time, when we were relaxing, we would typically see Ken either bringing in flags from Michelle [the shell] or the popcorn machine, or coffee pots, or toasters, etc. He was always moving; busy as a bee but always had time to give us a big smile and greeting. He had an infectious laugh. He was there for the Club anytime they needed him, and they needed him all the time.

Ken and Lloyd Pixley, another amazing deceased member of the Unit, were both take charge men. They were so good at caring for Michelle. They would keep track of her inventory, maintenance, storage, etc. The shell was their baby! As another side comment, the shell isn't used at rallies much anymore, but for years and years it was used a lot...lugging huge griddles, water lines, electrical cords, beverage containers. Michelle was stored under cover at the Briggs' home in Charlotte for several years.

Ken was President of the Unit in 2015. He was Unit Treasurer before that for, I believe, 10 years. During those years there were lots of member families in the Unit and financial bookkeeping was far more involved. Records were kept in large ledgers rather than on computers. Being involved and holding officer positions means giving of time and energy. Ken willingly gave of himself to help this Club survive.

Jeriel and I have courtesy parked at Ken and Anita's several times. There, too, Ken was always out helping us park and get set-up, always with a smile and a hug. We knew he was happy to see us and vice versa. It won't seem the same going there without him. We will always miss him.



Membership & Club News

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

Winter Lunch Rallies

Back by popular demand are the MAC winter lunch rallies. For those of us who are wintering in Michigan, we have arranged restaurant meet-ups in various parts of the state. Mark your calendar and contact the organizing host at least a week prior so they can notify the restaurant. Here are the dates and locations.

2024 Dates	Where	Host	RSVP #
January 20, @11:30 am	Herradura’s Cadillac	Tom & Peg Smith	231-884-8107
February 17, @11:30 am	Harrington’s Traverse City	Lee & Jackie Klare	707-373-5562
March 16, @11:30 am	Blue Water Grand Rapids	John & Sarah Smith	616-308-7005
April 20, @11:30 am	Lansing	Lee & Jackie Klare	707-373-5562



Membership & Club News

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

- 6: Harold Larson
- 14: Sandra Lovlien
- 15: Barb Angles
- 15: Jane Carmichael
- 19: Angus Stinson
- 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



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.



Where Have You Been?

Member Adventures: Christine Cherry & Bernie Gundlach, BRN #2957

Our adventure was 59 days long, starting near Joliet, IL, and ending in the Los Angeles, CA area. We were on the WBCCI-sponsored caravan led by Tom and Vicki Ketchum, co leaders were Rick and Tracey Elkins. We were the maiden voyage for "The Mother Lode of the Mother Road", which is currently scheduled for 2 more years.

Maps, directions, and a daily itinerary were shared. The total trip was reviewed ahead of time and shared with all of us. A binder was given to us with everything we needed to know ahead of the trip. 39 meals were shared as a group either by scheduled tours, catering, or pitch ins. Plenty of opportunities for exploring as a group were scheduled as well as free time to explore on our own. We took over 450 photos. A caravan is a wonderful experience to see the country and meet new friends!



<< Group photo, taken in downtown Chicago at the start point. We went to the Willis Tower, Millennium Park, went on an architectural boat tour, and had lunch at Berghoff's in the same day.



^^Remembrance plate of states we traveled in and through, listing the minimum miles we traveled.



End of the caravan on the Santa Monica Pier



^^Group lunch at the famous Oatman Hotel, Oatman CA. We saw burros and walked through this historic town. Another fun day trip from our campground in Needles, CA.



^^Town of Adrian TX, the midpoint of Route 66. We left Amarillo, TX on our way to Tucumcar, NM. Traveling through TX we stopped in Vega, TX for murals and the Melbourne Price Museum. We visited Russell's Travel Center on the TX/NM line. Then we met at the campground and in the afternoon did a neon light tour in Tucumcari.

We Rally Together Fall Rally

Pentwater, MI October 2024

Last fall, the Michigan Airstream Club held our second rally at Whispering Surf Campground in Pentwater, Michigan. While most campers in Pentwater are familiar with the very popular Mears State Park or the large RV park down the road, Whispering Surf offers our club a cozy, quiet and private setting for our rally. Campground owners Jeff and Lisa now know many members of our club by name, and it's become a repeat campground for those of us who enjoy camping on the "west coast" of the mitten.

While it may have been too cold to swim in October, Whispering Surf has private frontage on Bass Lake and is walkable to a small, public Lake Michigan beach, as well. Club members enjoyed views of both, though no one was brave enough for a dip! The campground also allows our members to use their historic lodge throughout the weekend for club business meetings, board games, camaraderie... and even football watching.

What's most exciting is after our first successful gathering in the fall of 2022, our most recent rally doubled in size! We welcomed five first-time MAC rally units and had a larger range of activities. From a burger dinner, chili cook-off and brunch, to a group campfire, Airstream tours, and visits to the nearby village for some shopping, our club members had a busy few days.

The campground is welcoming us back in 2024 to do it again, too! In fact, all campsites [besides their seasonals] at Whispering Surf are currently in a group block for our club. Full-hook up sites and a limited number of pull-through sites assigned to larger rigs are first come, first served. To make your 2024 reservation, simply email or call Whispering Surf. You can not book through their online system, due to the specialty block.

We hope to see you in Pentwater in 2024!



We Rally Together

Pentwater Fall Rally



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Chili Cook-off Winners

Pentwater, MI October 2024

There was some tough competition at the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Fall Rally in Pentwater. There were 15 chilis to taste and every one of them were delicious. But we did have some winners. Amy Haskins received the first place prize, Yeti Cooler, donated by Woodland Airstream and Beth Brackenridge was the runner-up. Amy has graciously donated her winning chili recipe for us to enjoy and here is her story!

“Our family has enjoyed the same chili recipe for over 20 years. I thought it was the best chili ever.... until last year.



Extended family had decided to have a chili cook-off for our annual Christmas gathering. Happily, I took our chili. Not so happily, I realized that the chili made by our new family member Tabor was better than my own!

Tabor’s chili is the new favorite at our house, and won us a great Yeti cooler!

A Yeti coffee mug will be our way of sharing the prize, and should be a happy surprise for Tabor at the next family gathering.

We re glad to share this recipe with you, and hope it becomes your family favorite, too.”

Amy Haskins



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Chili Cook-off Winners

Pentwater, MI October 2024

Tabor's Best Chili

Ingredients

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 1 can kidney beans, drained
- 1 can pinto beans, drained
- 1 can Bush's Chili beans, undrained
- 1 small can green chilies, undrained
- 1 jalapeño, without seeds
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1/2-1 green bell pepper
- 1 sweet onion
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1T chili powder
- 1T cumin
- 1/2-1 tsp cayenne
- 2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 c brown sugar
- 28 oz tomato sauce or diced tomato [I used 14 oz of each]
- 1 14 oz can fire-roasted tomato
- Drizzle of honey

Directions

1. Mix spices and salt
2. Chop peppers & onion
3. Crush garlic
4. Brown ground beef with onion. Drain liquid
5. Add garlic, cook 1 minute
6. Add bell pepper & jalapeños, cook 5-10 minutes
7. Add spices, cook 2 minutes
8. Add brown sugar, honey, tomato, green chilies, and beans
9. Simmer 1-2 hours



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Chili Cook-off Winners

Pentwater, MI October 2024

Runner Up: Beth Brackenridge's Creamy Crockpot White Chicken Chili

Ingredients

1 lb. chicken breasts
 1 yellow onion, diced
 2 cloves garlic
 24 oz. Chicken broth
 2- 15 oz. Can Great Northern beans (drained and rinsed)
 2- 4 oz can diced green chilies
 1- 15 oz. Can corn, drained
 1 tsp. Salt
 1/2 tsp. Pepper
 1 tsp. cumin
 3/4 tsp. Oregano
 1/2 tsp. Chili powder
 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
 Small handful chopped cilantro
 4 oz. Cream cheese softened
 1/4 c. Half and half

Toppings: Sour cream, fresh cilantro, tortilla strips, shredded cheese.

Directions

Add chicken into crock pot and top with spices. Top with onion garlic, beans, green chiles, corn, chicken broth & cilantro. Stir. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours. Remove chicken, shred & return to crockpot. Add cream cheese and half & half. Stir, cover and cook on high for 15 minutes. Serve with toppings.



MAC Share

Flower Power Betty: A little nostalgia added to her door by Bernadette Frost, BRN #24869



After a seven year search and a 40 year dream of owning an Airstream, my dream finally came true on July 1, 2021. I searched on Facebook, Airstream Hunter and found the perfect one and it was also in my home state. I called my husband at work excited to tell him all about it. It was a 1977 Tradewind. I loved the rounded curved windows, it was all original and wasn't gutted. It was just what I was looking for and we didn't have to travel across the country to get it. My husband Mike asked where it was and I told him it was in a town in Michigan, that I'd had never heard of Ishpeming. Then my husband exclaimed, "That's all the way in the UP!" I then looked it up in the GPS and told him it was only 7 hours away! My sweet husband then says, "Ask then if it's available". Within 5 minutes I got the response that I was hoping for, "Yes, it's available."

So we then arranged how we could purchase it, sight unseen. The owner said he had just cleaned it and he also arranged to have new tires put on it so we could safely take her home over the Mackinaw bridge. Finally, we see her, and my first impression was, "Oh my, this is clean?" I took a few breaths and looked past the 45 year old carpet and the black on the walls and told myself soap and bleach work wonders. So we hooked her up and brought her home.

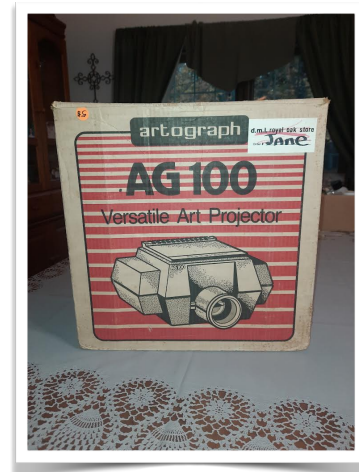
We get home and the first thing I do is tear up the carpet along with the beautiful but soggy, dry rotted couch cushions. So after a major clean and many improvements to make her camper ready, I decided two years later that I wanted to paint the door.



I wanted to embrace the 70's vibe as much as I could. The original bathroom shade was my inspiration. Even though the shade had faded over the years, I looked past it and noticed a beautiful pattern. My first thought was that I could take a picture and have contact paper made to match but that was quite pricy. I was also afraid I would make a mistake when I cut it, so I decided against that.

So my head went into a different direction. I started searching marketplace for an old school art projector. I hadn't found one yet, but I

went to a friend's garage sale. She decided the sale was too slow to stay open and was closing up early. Then to my wondrous eyes, I saw it. An art projector sitting by itself, just waiting for me to buy it, and it was only \$5.00. I was so happy to find my treasure.



MAC Share

Flower Power Betty: A little nostalgia added to her door, cont.

I went home and got straight to work on my new vision. I made a photo print of the shade and took it to Menards to find matching paint from the print. I bought four different paint samples along with a can of white for the base color. I couldn't wait to get started. I had to wait for the sun to set so I could project the image on my newly painted white door. After trial and error, I found that a #2 pencil was perfect for transferring the image to the door. I couldn't wait till morning to start painting.

I told myself that if I can color in a coloring book, I can do this. So I took the paint to the brush. It immediately looked so good. The only thing I was worried about was a steady hand for outlining it when I finished. Luckily, Menards also sold paint pens and they had them in the color I needed. So after a day of letting it dry I outlined the image. Boy, did it then pop! I have to say this has been the most fulfilling and fun moment of decorating Betty. I am so happy how it turned out and I love showing her off.



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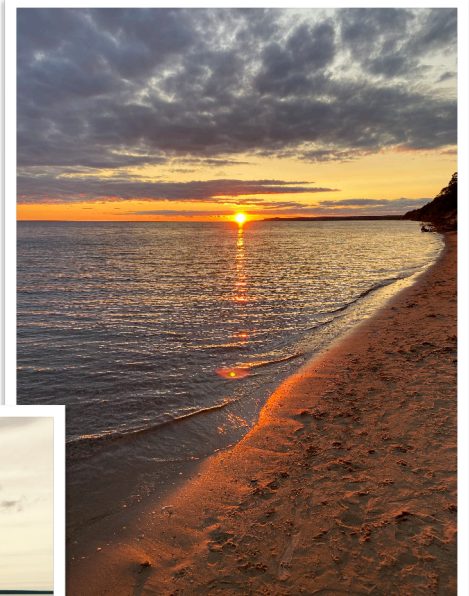
Upper Peninsula (UP) Travels by Kat Hibbard & Dale Schneider BRN #6664

Now is the time to begin planning your Airstream Spring/Summer adventures. And there is so much to see in the Upper Peninsula [UP]. The UP is rich in logging, mining, fishing, and maritime history. The forests of Wisconsin and Michigan built Chicago [twice] and Detroit. The coastline was settled first. People traveled by boat since there were few roads. Copper and iron ore were mined. Lumber, copper, iron ore and farm goods were shipped to the big cities on Great Lakes ships. Powered first by sail, then steam, then diesel. Rail lines, roads and trucking came later and ferry system was developed to transport rail cars, passengers, and vehicles across Lake Michigan to ports in Wisconsin. As a teenager I rode the ferry with my sister from Ludington and Frankfort across to Milwaukee to visit cousins. There is still one historic ferry, the Badger, in service, as well as a faster modern ferry.



The southern route across from west to east is basically following US2 and is the most direct. This road is mostly two-lane highway until it intersects with I75 near the Mackinaw Bridge. In many places in the UP there are vendors [café, food truck, roadside stand etc.] that sell pasties – the traditional food that Cornish miners ate. Seek local knowledge for which vendor is best. We've heard some of them are terrible. There is a great one in downtown Traverse City owned by friends of ours but we wouldn't try to park in TC with our trailer in tow.

Michigan State Parks are hard to get in to now unless you reserve 6 months in advance when reservations open up, though you may get a lucky cancelation. The non-resident vehicle entrance pass is \$11. Daily, \$39 annual. Most of the parks recommended here are county or city where you may have better luck. Hopefully you are Harvest Host and BoonDocker's Welcome members [we are a host.] Another source if you are Escapees members is their Day's End Directory.



MAC Share

Upper Peninsula (UP) Travels cont...

Here are some highlights and tips to consider for your next UP adventure!

IRONWOOD: There is a giant Stormy Kromer hat there honoring the famous hat made there. Factory tours are available [reservation needed.] <https://www.stormykromer.com/factory-tour/>
For camping try: <https://ironwoodmi.gov/curry-park-campground/> city park, stayed here with my son in a tent in the 1990's

BESSEMER: Alpine Campground in Bessemer [\[906\] 667-0737](tel:9066670737)

WAKEFIELD: Eddy Park [city park] <https://reserve.campgroundbooking.com/eddy-park>

MARENISCO: Lake Gogebic County Park off M-64 NE of town <https://www.campspot.com/book/gogebicforestryandparks-lakegogebic>

IRON RIVER: Iron County Historical Museum [Harvest Host] <https://ironcountymuseum.org/> ; Klint Safford park in the city
<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/klint-safford-memorial-rv-park/PRCG/1065400/overview> ;
Between Iron River and Crystal Falls try Bewabic State Park: <http://travelthemitten.com/waterfalls/chicagon-falls-a-scenic-waterfall-by-bewabic-state-park/>

CRYSTAL FALLS: county park <https://ironmi.com/pentoga-park> ; In April 1992, Crystal Falls received international attention due to the discovery of a giant fungus, *Armillaria bulbosa*, in the nearby forest
Between Crystal falls and Iron Mountain US2 goes through a short portion of Wisconsin.

IRON MOUNTAIN: In town are paved bike and walking trails; Lake Antoine [county] Park-<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/dickinsoncountymi/items/?flow=686345&full-items=yes> ; also found <https://www.riversbendrvresort.com/>

VULCAN: This tour will give you an understanding of the life of a miner, not expensive, 35-45minutes, dress warm! <https://ironmountainironmine.wixsite.com/ironmine>

ESCANABA: the 2017 International rally was held here at the fairgrounds, you can camp there if no events 906-786-4011; in town is Sand Point Lighthouse [tours], Ludington park has one mile of lake front; 5 miles of hike/bike trails; visit Noc Bay Trading Co. supplier for Native American crafts and dance clothing <https://www.nocbay.com/>

GLADSTONE: Try Pioneer Trail Park <http://www.deltacountyparks.com/pioneer-trail-park.html> or <http://www.deltacountyparks.com/fuller-campground.html> both are county parks. Also you might find interesting <https://www.hoeghcaskets.com/> the largest full service pet casket company in the US. Tours [906] 428-2151.

RAPID RIVER: two Boondocker's Welcome hosts in this area.



MAC Share

Upper Peninsula (UP) Travels cont...

GARDEN PENINSULA: take a jaunt south to Fayette Historic State Park <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ParksandTrails/Details.aspx?id=417&type=SPRK#overview>; hike around a partly restored townsite where iron ore was processed in to pig iron; do it as a day trip or try to get in to the campground there. Bay Ridge RV park is on the way in the village of Garden: <https://www.bayridgervpark.com/> two night minimum.

MANISTIQUE AREA: 11 miles north visit Palms Book State Park [day use] hiking trail and ride on a human powered raft across historic spring "Kitch-iti-Kipi". Dogs are ok here. For camping try <https://manistiqueakeshorecampground.org/> on Lake Michigan. there is a great shoreline walking trail across the river going east; we stayed at Indian Lake State Park once. it is a big state park with two separate units on the lake. There are some private parks near town also. East of town try <https://www.kewadin.com/accommodations/rv-parks/> first-come-first-served at this location, this tribe has 5 casino locations in the UP. We stayed at their Sault Ste. Marie casino location [we don't gamble-it was on our way to Canada.]

NAUBINWAY: Harvest Host location here downtown - Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum. electric available <https://www.snowmobilemuseum.com/> There is a fresh fish market here if you are interested-frequently caught by Native American fisherman.

East of Naubinway US2 follows the shoreline closely with beautiful views. About 7.5 miles east is Hog Island Point State Forrest Campground. 46 first-come-first-served rustic sites on the south side of the highway right on the lake. Pit toilets and hand pump well water. \$20 but beautiful park if there is an open spot. about 40 miles from there to the Mackinaw Bridge <https://thedyrt.com/camping/michigan/michigan-lake-superior-sf-hog-island/reviews>

Also on US2 before the Mackinac Bridge. before Epoufette watch for a scenic overlook. room for RV parking. Just after the Cut River Bridge there is a pull off to park and walk back to the bridge for good views of the gorge. In Brevort watch for Gustafson's gas/convenience store where they sell fish.

ST. IGNACE AREA: The St. Ignace KOA [not actually in the city] is on US2 on the left close to the US2/I75 intersection. another option to stay overnight before crossing the bridge <https://koa.com/campgrounds/st-ignace/> In St. Ignace there is a great Native American museum we have been to <https://museumofjibwaculture.net/>

Crossing the bridge: The toll booths are on the north side so you will pay before you cross to the lower peninsula <https://www.mackinacbridge.org/fares-traffic/fare-schedule/>

In Mackinaw City there is a restored historic fort worth visiting <https://www.mackinacparks.com/parks-and-attractions/colonial-michilimackinac/>

The address given on the website is confusing. To get to the fort take the first exit off I75 in Mackinaw City on to W Jamet St., turn Rt on Louvigny St., follow that north to the end which curves around and becomes W Straits Ave., go east under the I-75 bridge then immediately turn left to the large parking lot. RV parking is there and the park is dog friendly. See website above for entrance fee. Three flags flew here: French, British, then U.S. There are several RV parks in Mackinaw City though we have not stayed there overnight.

The most scenic route to get to us from Mackinaw City is taking US31 through Petoskey, Charlevoix, Traverse City, etc. There are many RV parks and several Harvest Host locations along this route. It is about 4 hours driving plus time for stops after leaving Mackinaw City. We are one block east of US31 in the village of Benzonia. 1165 Bailey Street.



We Rally Together in 2024 (at-a-glance)

Dates	Event - Location	Host/Organizer	Links/Contact
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March 16 11:30 am	Rally Luncheon: Blue Water Grand Rapids	MAC Host: John & Sarah Smith	Blue Water Website RSVP Sarah 616-308-7005
April 7-11	2024 National Eclipse Rally Great Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH	Sponsored by Region 4	Darke Side of the Moon Rally Website
April 20 11:30 am	The Soup Spoon Cafe Lansing	MAC Host: Lee & Jackie Klare	The Soup Spoon Cafe Call or Text to Lee to RSVP 707-373-5562
May 17-19	Hartwick Pines State Park Grayling	MAC No Host Gathering Camp Out	Lee Klare, group hold organizer 707-373-5562
June 6 - 9	Silver on Silver Holiday RV Park Campground, Traverse City	MAC Hosts: Bryant's & Klare's	Silver on Silver Registration Silver on Silver Website
July (Tentative 18-21)	Mitchell State Park Cadillac	MAC Host: Dale & Kat, Tom/Peg Smith	
August (TBD)	Camp Dearborn Milford	MAC Host: Bryant's & Klare's	
September (TBD)	Ludington Fairgrounds Ludington	MAC Winterization Rally Host: Need Volunteers	
September 23 - October 1	60th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally Sugarcreek, OH	WBCCI	Swiss Festival Website
October 4 - 7	3rd Annual Pentwater Rally Whispering Sands, Pentwater	MAC Host Sarah & John Smith	Pentwater Rally Website
October 5-10	67th Annual Airstream International Rally Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO	WBCCI	WBCCI International Rally 2024 Website

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