



The Newstream

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President's Scoop

Do you have an idea for the club? Would you like to get involved in planning future Rallies and Club events? Are you interested in getting to know some of our national leaders? Maybe you're just looking for a way to give back to our community. Please consider volunteering to serve as a board member or committee leader. The commitment is small, but the benefits are great! I got involved because I enjoy planning events, helping others, and seeing Airstream owners connect with each other. For me, it has been a way to develop deeper connections within the Airstream Community and help our club to thrive.

Here are just a few of the openings we'll be looking to fill this year and an idea about what's expected in each roll:

2nd Vice President – Attend board meetings, share your ideas and opinions, vote on club business and decisions. The 2nd VP, is generally expected to become the 1st VP the next year, and President the 3rd year. This gives you 2 years of training and preparation before stepping into the President's roll for a year.

Trustee - Not ready to be a Vice President, but anxious to share your ideas and vote on club business? Trustee could be the right position for you! Trustees may also be called upon to assist the Secretary or Treasurer in their duties.

Newsletter Editor – On a quarterly basis, solicit articles and pictures from our membership and arrange them into a snazzy format, just like you are reading now! Volunteer now, and you can shadow/assist our current editor, Carly Strachan, in the publishing of our 3rd and 4th Quarter Newsletters!

Please reach out to Steve Rowley, current SEMAC President if you have interest in getting involved, or simply want to explore the possibilities.
SEMACPresident@gmail.com

See you down the road . . .

Steve Rowley
 SEMAC President
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Club & Membership News

SEMAC Metamora Mingle Luncheon



Thank you to all who joined us! We had 24 members and friends come out for lunch on a cold winter's day in February at the White Horse Inn, in Metamora. The food was amazing, and the fellowship was even better! It was clear that everyone is looking forward to springtime and getting back on the road for some camping!



Welcome NEW Members!



Jason & Robin Beeman
#27931

Eric Sweterlitsch & Valerie Mutchler
#13113

Jim & Sue Pontzer
#8737

Happy ACI/WBCCI Anniversary!

Sheri Copanic – 1YR
William Biland – 1YR
Leanne Romanowski –1YR
Jim Chellman – 30YRS*** (Pictured below)**



Jim was profiled in a 2020 Newstream article where he shared his advice encouraging members to attend rallies and try caravans! He stated, "You'll meet people who will be life-long friends!" We agree, Jim! Congratulations on 30 years of membership and friendship!

APRIL

- Nicholas Bee
- Cindy Thoman
- Richard Lieblein
- Liz Johnson
- Carol Jane Beard
- Jim Conant
- Jackie Klare
- Margaret Coburn
- Dee Henn
- Mark Stephenson
- Kathleen Taylor
- Gary Miller
- Marc Cram

Happy Birthday!!!

MAY

- Ann Tonkin
- Ralph Steinberger
- Sharon Bryant
- Linda Marquardt
- Amy Leiblein

- Brian Butler
- Ardene Jones
- Lee Klare
- Steven White
- Martina Bode
- Jim Chellman

JUNE

- LaVerne McHenry
- Lorrie Robertson
- Ralph Volk
- Karen Fisher
- Elyse White
- Brian Burke



**If you are not receiving a birthday card from SEMAC, then we may not have your birthday on file! Please send our Membership Chair Linda Smith a text at 248-284-3627 with your name and birthdate!*

SEMAC CLASSIFIEDS – MEMBERS TO MEMBERS

From Mark Stephenson:

Selling 4 Zip Dee chairs, 2 Zip Dee lounge extensions and 2 carry bags that I can't use since I sold our trailer and bought an Atlas. They don't fit in any of the storage areas in the Atlas.

They are in great shape and the fabric is tan several narrow stripes. I believe the Sunbrella fabric is called regimental stripe. Retail price from Zip Dee today is over \$1,000. I would like \$400 Or best offer. If interested, please contact Mark at ms_ps@mac.com.



Additionally, selling a "Car Generator" that was just featured on the Airstream International Web stream. New price is \$899 and I would like \$400. It's in excellent condition and has seen little use. Information is available at <https://www.cargenerator.com/>. If interested, please contact Mark at ms_ps@mac.com.

From Angus Stinson:

2003 Classic 30' Limited with Slide Out
Electric Stabilizers
16' Michelin tires Aluminum wheels
New fridge
New furnace
Fantastic fans
Self seeking satellite
Solar Panel
Marmoleum flooring
New micro wave/ convection oven
Rear Queen/ foam mattress
New skylights
Pro Pride anti sway hitch
Recently waxed and sealed
Asking: \$57,500

For more information contact Angus Stinson at:
detroit2pm2000@gmail.com

From Steve Rowley:

Zamp Solar Legacy Series 180-Watt Portable Solar Panel Kit with Integrated Charge Controller and Carrying Case.

- Includes: 180-watt foldable panel, 15-amp charge controller, nylon carrying case, 15 ft cable and 30 ft extension!
- Asking \$500 Only used 2 or 3 times. When new, these run between \$800 to \$1,000.
- Made in the USA; 25-year output warranty; Best-in-class solar cells; Easiest start to solar
- No installation required - set up in less than 5 min.; Includes everything you need; Charges most 12-volt batteries, including lithium
- Compatible with Zamp Solar Ready RV ports; Comes with both SAE plug and alligator clips to connect
- Integrated 15-amp digital charge controller protects your battery and lets you monitor your power
- Includes: 180-watt foldable panel, 15-amp charge controller, nylon carrying case, 15-foot cable and 30ft extension!
- Camp in the shade and set your panel in the sun.

Please call or email Steve Rowley for more information: 734-968-1069; steve.rowley@live.com

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 NEWSTREAM SPONSOR – WOODLAND AIRSTREAM

Our 2024 *Newstream* sponsor Woodland Airstream has opened its 3rd dealership this year! Located at 9331 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, Michigan, **Airstream of Clarkston** is now open. Check out their newest Airstream travel trailers and touring coaches and experience Airstream's incredible sales, service, and ownership experience.

<https://www.woodlandairstream.com/>



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Grand Rapids, Michigan
www.woodlandairstream.com
616-363-9038
Service and Sales, used and new



Last Call for SEMAC Rallies in 2024

By Steve Rowley

April 26-28 - Spring Fit-out and Maintenance Rally @ Woodland Clarkston. **Only a couple of spots remain open** for this boondocking experience at the Dealer. Demonstrations on how to change a tire on your Airstream, how to replace a rivet, how to fix common issues on the road (e.g., sail switch cleaning), etc. Swap meet and visit from Airstream food truck. Outdoor movie night (weather permitting).

June 20-23 – South of the Border! (Ohio) *Full/At Capacity**
*** Joint Rally with NOVA @ Maumee Bay State Park, along the shore of Lake Erie. They have a large nature preserve with lots to see. Optional activities include a trip to Put In Bay and a Toledo area distillery. (pictured above)



Aug 2 - 11 - Local Caravan in Northern MI Limited to 13 campers – 3 spots remaining Stops on the Caravan include Mancelona, Central Lake, Petoskey, and Cheboygan. Activities include wine tasting, a visit to Gypsy Distillery, bike rides, visit to Petoskey Brewery, visit to Kilwin's Kitchen, visit to Mackinac Island and Axe throwing at "Mackinaxe", and of course lots of fellowship around campfires. (Pictured below)

Aug 8-11 – End of Caravan Rally @ Robert's Landing in Cheboygan. If you can't get away for a week+ to caravan with us, then join us for the end of the Caravan Rally! Activities include a visit to Mackinac Island and Axe throwing at "Mackinaxe", and a fish dinner.

Sept 19 -22- Fall into Northern Michigan @ Mason County Campgrounds (between Pentwater and Ludington). Activities will include a brewery visit, optional charter fishing, disc golf, and an RC Plane demonstration from a local club.

For additional information and to Register for our rallies, please visit
<https://airstreamclub.org/southeastern-michigan/semac-rallies-and-events>

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan – Flint, Michigan
Wed., May 29th – Sun., June 2nd

We have completed the planning work for this year's **Region 4 Community Service Rally**. This year we will be moving our efforts to Michigan. Research was done and a visit was taken to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, located in Flint. This is a very impressive facility with the capacity to have up to 100 volunteers working at a time! There are many tasks that we can work on, so there is sure to be something for everyone.

For those of you that were not able to participate last year, I invite you to join in this year. Hard work, it can be. However, the aches that you may have for a few days after is no comparison to the pride and happiness that you feel for the rest of the year knowing you helped out so many and the comradery that was built with your fellow Region members.

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan - FBEM.org

1939 Howard Ave., Flint, MI 48503

There will be volunteer opportunities on Thursday May 29th and Friday May 30th from 9:00am-Noon and 1:00-4:00pm (You are free to work as many or few shifts as you like. And you can take a break during a shift as you may need. This is volunteer work, not a sweat shop!) This work is addicting. Many in the past have signed up for only working the morning, but then have showed back up in the afternoon. Rewarding-Fun-Relationship Building.

Groveland Oaks County Park Campground

14555Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442

This campground is about 20 minutes from the Food Bank. Somewhat unique in that it has several group sites, for 15-20 rigs (each), available. Last year's campground had a similar situation and I feel that all enjoyed that we were all located around each other. A covered pavilion and a couple firepits are at each group site. Fill up with water when you get to the campground and empty your tanks. 30 Amp power, only, provided for each rig. These group sites rent from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. The "Official" Rally will be for arriving Wednesday and departing on Sunday. However, you can stay longer and depart on Tuesday, if you like.

Woodland Airstream of Clarkston

9331 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI 48348

Woodland Airstream of Clarkston reached out to get involved in this event. This is a newly constructed Airstream dealership, located less than 10 miles from the campground. They will be having an "Open House", highlighting our stay in the area, on Saturday from 9-3! They will have light snacks, a give-a-way and Airstream Trivia. We can mingle in their new showroom, see what inventory they have, ask any questions, and talk up Airstream to any prospective buyers that are at their facilities that day.

So, the front-end work has been completed. Now we just need those interested to sign up!
The Region has decided to cover the cost of the Campground for those Region members who choose to volunteer for this event.

*****Therefore, there is no Rally fee and no need to contact the campground for reservations*****

To sign up or if you have questions please contact Jamie Kingseed, Region 4 Community Service Chair,
at jkingseed@gmail.com or aciregion4communityservice@gmail.com or

(937) 539-3139

The tires and wheels on your Airstream are key elements of a safe journey. Proper tire care is critical to ensure your adventures go off without a hitch!



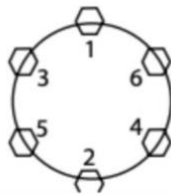
Regular inspection of your wheels and tires should be an essential part of your safety review routine. One of the most important habits is to tighten your lug nuts. By design your Airstream trailer wheels carry higher loads than a typical passenger vehicle or truck. Checking your owner's manual for the maximum pounds for each is helpful to understanding load and weight. Trailer wheels can be subject to high stress as you navigate the curves and turns of the road and backing into those angular sights!

Lug nuts are designed to clamp the wheel, brake rotor and wheel hub together, which transmits braking torque to the wheel on deceleration and drives torque from the engine and transmission. Engineers design lug nuts to achieve a specific clamping force – or bolt tension.

Use a torque wrench set to the proper pound/weight. Do not try to tighten by hand or with an impact wrench. Torque wrenches are set to click or beep at a specific torque value, so the same torque can be applied to all the lug nuts and ensuring an even clamping force.

Tightening lug nuts the wrong way can cause problems, some of which may not be immediately noticeable.

- Under torque could result in losing a wheel
- Over torque can stretch the wheel stud, possibly breaking it or causing vibration.
- Uneven torque (each lug nut torqued differently) can cause vibration.



Torquing should be done in a star pattern.

There are two schools of thought on the procedure for torquing. The first has you “loosening” the bolt before applying the torque pressure. The second group does not believe it is necessary to loosen. You decide based on your own research.

For Airstream trailers with aluminum wheels, the recommended setting for your torque wrench is 110 pound-feet. Older steel wheeled trailers are typically set at 100 pound-feet.

Tightening lug nuts is essential every time you replace a wheel or put new tires on your Airstream. Airstream recommends torquing at 10, 25 & 50 miles after replacement. It is also recommended to check your lugs before each trip.

Safe travels!

(This story was sourced from online resources and real world travel experiences!)

One of the few good outcomes of the Covid stay-at-home mandates, was that Cheree and I discovered the joy of binge-watching RV related videos on YouTube! It really helped us get through those long boring days, and it resulted in us “subscribing” to several YouTube channels, where we look forward to new content that’s generally released once or twice a week. With a smart TV or device like a Fire Stick or ROKU, you can enjoy hours of RV and camping related videos from the comfort of your couch. Here are some of our favorites:

Keep Your Daydream <http://www.youtube.com/@KeepYourDaydream> – Follow the Leach family as they embark on a lifestyle of fulltime RV living, with their 3 school-age children (now all over 18). Their message of “start small, start now,” motivated Cheree and I to purchase our 23’ Airstream! Some describe this channel as the “1,000 lb Gorilla” of the genre, because of their huge following. Marc and Trish went through several types and sizes of RV’s before settling into Airstream life. Their videos offer a good combination of how-to topics, travel journals, and tips and tricks for RV’ing. They publish new videos on Sunday evenings.

Luv Subbin <http://www.youtube.com/@LuvSubbin> – Follow along with Rich and Cindy Collins, as they travel around the country and share their unique brand of Americana. They include lots of Airstream specific how-to’s and tips, occasional cooking demonstrations, and their famous checklists! Rich and Cindy are very active within the Airstream Club and are frequent contributors to Airstream related social media. They publish new videos (almost) every Tuesday.

Cody and Kellie (formerly Dome Life) <http://www.youtube.com/@CodyandKellie> – Codie and Kellie started off tent camping full time! They mostly boondock on BLM land and share the challenges and blessings that come with this “off grid” lifestyle. Kellie is an avid cook, and published her own cookbook a year ago, with lots of great recipes that are easy and delicious to make in camp. After several years living full time in a tent, they recently upgraded to a truck camper. We love to see the areas they camp and explore and are inspired to do more boondocking and off grid camping because of them.

Long Long Honeymoon <http://www.youtube.com/@LongLongHoneymoon> – Sean and Christy Michaels bill themselves as “the longest running RV and travel related video channel on the interwebs”. Their channel’s video topics range from subjects like how to get along in an RV, to grill and gadget comparisons to traveling with your pets in confined quarters. Be sure to look for their videos on backing up if that’s an area you need help in!

All About RV’s <http://www.youtube.com/@AllAboutRVs> – While not Airstream specific, Jared produces some of the best how-to videos for those looking to upgrade or modify your RV. His channel also features RV maintenance tips, tours, new products, and general topics surrounding RVing.

Others that deserve an honorable mention that you might want to check out include:

- **Wanderlocal** <http://www.youtube.com/@Wanderlocal>
- **East Coast Streamers** <http://www.youtube.com/@EastCoastStreamers>
- **Happily Ever Hanks** <http://www.youtube.com/@HappilyEverHanks>
- **Finding Our Someday** <http://www.youtube.com/@FindingOurSomeday>
- **A Little Bit Unhitched** <http://www.youtube.com/@ALittleBitUnhitched>

**How about you? What RV and camping related YouTube channels have become must see TV for you?
Send me an email and let me know what else I should check out! SEMACPresident@gmail.com**



**Let's
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)

<p>April 7-11, 2024</p>	<p>Experience the “Darke Side of the Moon” – Solar Eclipse Rally (National ACI Rally) Darke County Fairgrounds Greenville, Ohio</p>	<p>Registration & Details: (Deadline March 15) https://airstreamclub.org/great-solar-eclipse-2024 Come and be part of a community of over 300 Airstream enthusiasts who will witness the Great Solar Eclipse of 2024. The Path of Totality will traverse Greenville, Ohio. Full hookups offered, along with opportunities to visit “The Mothership,” Armstrong Air & Space Museum, and more!</p>
<p>April 26-28, 2024</p>	<p>SEMAC Spring Fit Out & Maintenance Rally Woodland Airstream 9331 Dixie Highway, Clarkston MI</p>	<p>Register soon (only a few spots remain): https://form.jotform.com/232913530549154 This a boondocking rally at the new Woodland Airstream facility in Clarkston. Explore the new facility, learn more about Airstream ownership with maintenance/safety demos and enjoy an Airstream food truck and outdoor movies!</p>
<p>April 26-28, 2024</p>	<p>2024 NOVA Spring Can Opener Rally Indian Lake State Park Campground Lakeview, OH 43331</p>	<p>Registration & Details: (Deadline April 12) https://airstreamclub.org/2024-nova-spring-can-opener-rally Get ready for the 2024 camping season at this rally.</p>
<p>May 2-4, 2024</p>	<p>Wake Up Downtown© (Urban Air ©) Logan, OH Rally</p>	<p>Registration & Details: https://wakeupdowntown.com/ The City of Logan will close the streets to all motorized traffic. Airstreams will line the historic downtown, forming a quiet and safe pedestrian mall.</p>
<p>May 29- June 2, 2024</p>	<p>Region 4 Community Service Rally Groveland Oaks County Park Campground 14555Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442</p>	<p>Registration & Details: To sign up please contact Jamie Kingseed, Region 4 Community Service Chair, at jkingseed@gmail.com or aciregion4communityservice@gmail.com Or (937) 539-3139</p>
<p>June 6-9, 2024</p>	<p>Silver on Silver Lake 2024 (MAC Rally) Holiday Park RV Campground Traverse City, MI</p>	<p>Registration & Details (Deadline May 3) https://airstreamclub.org/silver-silver-lake-2024 This is a casual rally that allows time for bike riding, kayaking, exploring the area and catching up with friends.</p>

June 20-23, 2024	SEMAC South of the Border Rally (SEMAC & NOVA Joint Rally) Maumee Bay State Park (on Lake Erie) Oregon, OH	Registration & Deadlines (At Capacity) https://airstreamclub.org/semac-south-border-rally Activities include a bike ride, a day in Put in Bay, winery tour and birding. And of course, a Mexican-themed dinner and social hours.
Aug. 2-11, 2024	Between the Lakes Local Caravan Mancelona-to-Petoskey-to-Mackinaw City, MI	Registration & Details: (Only 3 spots remain) https://airstreamclub.org/between-lakes-semac-caravan Camp at 4 different spots, including a winery, brewery, a distillery, and Mackinac Island. And give axe throwing a try!
Aug. 15-18, 2024	Sauder Village Campground Rally (NOVA) Archibald, OH	Registration & Details: (Deadline July 15) https://airstreamclub.org/nova-explore-ohio-rally-10-sauder-village Take a trip back in time in historic Sauder Village.
Sept. 3-8, 2024	2024 Alumapalooza® Rally at the Factory Jackson Center, OH	Registration & Details: https://alumaevents.com/about/ Five days of Airstream fun including camping, seminars, entertainment, door prizes, gifts, factory tours, a group meal or two and unlimited socializing.
Sept. 5-9, 2024	Rally in the Valley II (NOVA Rally) Richfield, OH	Registration & Details: (Deadline Aug. 5) https://airstreamclub.org/rally-valley-ii This boondocking rally is on private property in the heart of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, which offers 125 miles of trails for hiking and biking.
Sept. 19-22, 2024	SEMAC Fall Into Mason County Rally Mason County Campground 5906 W. Chauvez Ludington, MI 49431	Registration & Details (Deadline Aug. 1) https://airstreamclub.org/semac-fall-mason-rally In addition to campfires and social gatherings, the rally will include 2 group meals, a brewery visit, an RC Plane demonstration from a local club, optional charter fishing, and optional disc golf.
Sept. 21-29, 2024	61st Annual Swiss Festival National Rally National ACI Rally Winklepleck Grove (near Sugarcreek, OH)	Registration & Details: https://airstreamclub.org/61st-annual-swiss-festival-national-rally Located in the rolling green hills of eastern Ohio, deep in the heart of Amish country, this rally offers fun for everyone.
Sept. 25-29, 2024	2024 Anniversary/Chili Cook-off NOVA Campout (location TBD)	More details to come!
Oct. 3-6, 2024	October MAC Rally Whispering Surf Campground Pentwater, MI	Registration & Details: (Deadline Sept. 20) https://airstreamclub.org/october-rally-pentwaterwhispering-surf-campground Stay at Michigan's oldest privately-owned campground!
Oct. 5-10, 2024	67th Annual International Rally Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia, Missouri	Registration & Details: https://airstreamclub.org/2024-international-rally-0 Get ready for all the treasured traditions of adventure and friendship at ACI Rally 2024, coupled with the fantastic tastes, sights, smells, and temperatures of fall in the Midwest