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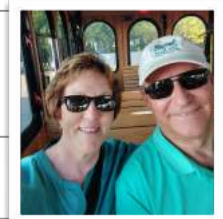
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From the President

Let's Rally Together



Our Rally summer season has begun. The Hartwick State Park Campout was a great beginning to our rally season. This was a great MAC event I hope we will be able to continue with all our Rallies throughout the summer. Your participation is what makes this happen. Thank you, Jackie, and Lee, for your work preparing this camping gathering event. It was so excellent!

The Silver on Silver Lake Rally was fun! The weather was a little unpredictable, but Holiday RV Park provided a pavilion with heaters that allowed us to enjoy seeing everyone. The Wine tour provided by Airstream of Northern Michigan was a lot of fun! Stop in and let them know we appreciate their participation in our rallies. Sharon Bryant and Tom and Donna Cobb were our hosts. Great job. Thank you!

Our next Rally is in Cadillac at Veterans Serving Veterans Park July 18th to the 21st. This rally is honoring our Veterans, and also a WBCCI historical event. The Veterans Serving Veterans Park is located near the 1966 WBCCI International Rally location where over 2800 Members gathered. Join us to support the Veterans Serving Veterans Park and our Veterans that the Park is dedicated to. And learn about the history of the 1966 WBCCI International Rally event. This Rally is being hosted by Pegeen and Tom Smith, and Dale Schneider and Kat Hibbard. Thank you, Rally Hosts!

August 17th thru 21st we have a rally at Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan. A tour of the Ford Rouge Truck plant and the Henry Ford Museum is planned. Camp Dearborn is located on a lake so bring your beach toys and sunscreen. The Ford Rouge Plant and Henry Ford Museum is about an hour from the campground so plan for a full day excursion, and maybe a second day to see everything. I am hosting this rally with Lee Klare and Tom Cobb.

In October we will be at Whispering Surf Campground in Pentwater. Hosts Sarah and John Smith plan a great rally! And we have the whole campground! Consider staying longer to enjoy the Lake Michigan shoreline and Pentwater. Thank you, Sarah and John, for hosting this great rally.

Thank you to all MAC Rally Hosts!

I am thinking about the 2025 Rally season. If you know of a of an interesting area we can come together and celebrate our Airstreams and friendships, please share it with any Executive Board member, and consider Hosting a Rally. Make it as basic or as detailed and full of things to do and see, as you like. It is the members that make the Rally event an event to remember.

Fred Bryant, MAC President

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New Members

The Michigan Airstream Club wishes to welcome:

- ◆ Shawn & Tommy Adams
- ◆ Craig & Kelly Brecken
- ◆ Patricia Cheshire
- ◆ Eric & Tanya Graettinger [Affiliate]
- ◆ Michele & James Gustin
- ◆ Susan Kloot & Don Rogers
- ◆ Harold & Donna Larson
- ◆ Jim & Tay MacMeekin
- ◆ Shawn & Kim Marcom
- ◆ Ken & Cindy O'Neill
- ◆ Michael & Jeanine Ruth
- ◆ William & Barbara Sherman



New Members: Check out the Airstream International [Welcome Video!!](#)

Message from Lee

Lee Klare, MAC 1st Vice President



Our First MAC No Host Camp Out: A Great Success!

How do you define a good camp out? Simple, you find a place that everyone will enjoy, you invite Airstreamers and let it gel. The first MAC No Host Camp Out was a wonderful success for all who attended as well as a surprise success for the MAC executive board. The rally was an idea based on the location of Hartwick Pines since there had never been a rally there, wasn't difficult to get to and it had all the basic gathering needs: hook ups, hiking & biking trails, proximity to Graying restaurants & museums. The board has been listening to MAC members and decided this might be a good attempt to find out if we'd heard correctly from members, we had. Mornings started with coffee and donuts, followed by wonderful conversations about anything and everything. The mornings lasted about 2



1/2 hours with everyone coming and going and sometimes coming back. After that, everyone was on their own until "happy hour" and fireside "chats", which also lasted a long time. It was an event to reestablish

friendships, start new friendships and welcome new members and start the season of rallies. People were hiking, biking, relaxing, going to dinners together or having dinners at their sites together. It was a wonderful time for saying "hello" after 6 months of not camping together. Several MAC members said it was great since there was no formal structure to the gathering, lots of flexibility for each day. I saw a lot of smiles and shared in lots of laughter every day. This camp out really epitomized what Airstreaming and MAC are all about, friendships. We all love traveling and seeing the sites, but sharing it all with friends, truly makes it memorable. I hope to see you all at our future camp outs/rallies so we can make some great memories together.

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 2nd Tuesday of every month from January - October @ 7 p.m. EST via Zoom. To join, click [here](#) unless otherwise noted.

Beginning with the month of April, Board meetings will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month. NOTE: NEW zoom link

2024 Meeting Dates:

January 16	May 14	September 10
February 20	June 11	October 8
March 19	July 9	
April 9 (cancelled)	August 13	

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.

Airstreams in the Wild

MAC Members



Owner/MAC Members. Steve & Jennifer Lee 🥰

Membership & Club News

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

Winter Lunch Rallies - That's a Wrap!!

We had a very successful winter season of lunch rallies this year. We met in Cadillac, Traverse City, Grand Rapids, & Lansing and ate Mexican food and local Michigan fare. The best part was meeting friends, old and new and sharing our love for Airstreaming and camping. I don't know about you, but it sure helped me get through the winter. Below are the folks who came out to the Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club.



Left to Right: Donna Cobb [Tom Cobb, photographer], Fred Bryant, Karen Fisher, Dan & Jeri Cogan, Jim Conant



Left to Right: Karen Fisher, Wally Kimmel, Bill & Beth Breckenridge, Christine Cherry & Bernie Gundlach, Jeff & Karen Routson



Kelli Ray-Fry, Dave & Jen Koomler, Cindy Conant, Angus Stinson

We Rally Together

“The Dark Side of the Moon Rally” - An Experience of a Lifetime by Paula Rosenbusch



Paula & Otto Rosenbusch

Otto and I were in Kentucky traveling through the “Kentucky Bourbon Trail” in our 25’ 2013 Airstream Flying Cloud when on Sunday, April 7, our plans to continue on to spend a week in the Smoky Mountains suddenly changed. We needed to start heading to our home in Michigan.

We knew we needed to stop somewhere halfway and remembered that the “The Darke Side Of The Moon Airstream National Rally” was going on at the Darke County Fairground in Greenville, Ohio. The forecast for the upcoming eclipse was projected to have complete visibility as well as to be in the 100% totality zone in that area. In that moment, we knew we needed to see if we could make this happen.

I reached out to Fred Bryant, President of the Michigan Airstream Club [MAC], to inquire as to if it was even a possibility to join him and the other Airstreamers at the “Darkside Of The Moon Airstream National Rally” event in Greenville, Ohio. Since we had just recently joined the Airstream International Club and the Michigan Airstream Club [MAC], we had not yet met Fred and this would be our very first rally.

Fred responded almost immediately and was overjoyed at the opportunity to include us with the other members of the Michigan Airstream Club [MAC]. We were thrilled! We set out on our five hour journey north to join Fred and the other Airstreamer’s for the total eclipse of the sun that was happening the very next day on Monday, April 8, 2024.

When Otto and I lived in Stuttgart, Germany in 1999, I had the opportunity to partake in this communal experience with hundreds of other people for the total eclipse of the sun. I happened upon the hillside behind our home where hundreds of people had gathered to witness this event together. There was joyous conversation and frivolity, as we all sat together in anticipation of this upcoming phenomena.

As I sat on the hillside, the long shadow was cast by the moon as it was covering the sun and darkness began to descend upon the land. As the darkness approached us, the hillside went completely silent as we all sat in utter amazement. I felt completely connected to those around me, to the land, to the sky and to Mother Nature as we shared this communal experience together. It touched my heart deeply and I knew I had just experienced something deeply mystical and magical. It completely changed my life.



Photo Courtesy of Fred Bryant

We Rally Together

“The Dark Side of the Moon Rally” - An Experience of a Lifetime cont.

Unfortunately, Otto was not able to partake with me that day in Germany and as he was at work and as he said, “That work thing got in the way.” I knew in my heart that I needed to share this amazing experience with him sometime in the future.

When we arrived that evening at the “The Darke Side Of The Moon Airstream National Rally” in Greenville, Ohio, we were immediately greeted by Dale Schneider and Kat Hibbard, New Membership Chair of the the Michigan Airstream Club [MAC]. They welcomed us warmly with open arms and helped us get situated. They then filled us in on the festivities to come.

On the morning of the eclipse, we all gathered around Fred Bryant’s Airstream. Many people that we had just met from all across the country came to join us, including our new friends Jeanne and Mark from Oregon, as we prepared to experience this celestial event together. Again, there was the atmosphere of joyous conversation and frivolity as we waited to experience this phenomena together.



Otto enjoying the “view”



The moment the sun began to come through after totality

Just as before, the moon slowly began to cover the sun and the crowd went silent. At the moment of the total eclipse, we all sat in awe at the monumental phenomena that we were experiencing together. Otto could feel it in his heart just how incredible and remarkable this experience was, and he was in complete awe. And, I was ever so grateful to finally share this amazing and life altering experience with him.

Our fellow Michigan Airstream Club [MAC] members who were there to experience this with us were amazing in every way! There was a common bond that we all formed in that moment and on that day. It was profoundly life-changing to share this celestial experience together.

We are forever grateful to Fred Bryant, Dale Schneider and Kat Hibbard for opening up their arms to us and extending this gracious invitation to join them and the other 142 Airstreams and 290 fellow Airstreamers for this

experience of a lifetime! Although this was our first rally, it will certainly

not be our last. We had an amazing time meeting and getting to know our fellow Airstreamer’s. Everyone was so welcoming! On that day, the total eclipse began to shift out of totality and the sunlight began to return. The fairgrounds erupted in applause for this spectacular show put on by Mother Nature that we had all had just communally experienced together!

Bravo Mother Nature, bravo!!!
Paula (and Otto) Rosenbusch
WBCCI # 14440

We Rally Together

Silver on Silver MAC Rally Highlights - June 2024

Traverse City Holiday RV Park was a great venue for the MAC June Rally. Although, the temperatures were cool, well maybe unseasonably cold is more accurate, our members and affiliates that attended came with such high energy and warm spirits it made for a great rally.

We started the rally on Thursday with Jackie Klare's secret recipe, Tortilla Soup, for the Welcome dinner, great start to the rally on a chilly evening. With a casual itinerary of morning coffee and afternoon Happy Hour which made it possible to get out and sightsee. Friday was an open day for sightseeing after morning coffee. Saturday potluck brought everyone together for great food and conversation. Tom Cobb organized the 50/50 drawing and kept everyone laughing and engaged. Netting \$649.75, presented to Cherryland Humane Society. Thank you for your generosity rally participants!

The group activity "Tip Line" was an opportunity to get ideas for upgrades, things that made traveling or camping/living in your Airstream better.

Sunday: Nature and Me of Northern Michigan provide a Trolley that took 28 members on a tour to 3 wineries on Mission Peninsula with a stop at Mission Point Lighthouse. This was so much fun that we remarked how 4 hours went by so quickly.



The MAC Facebook site has many wonderful photos thanks to members and a special thanks to Bill and Frances Hamblin, full time Airstreamers, that took amazing photos.

Check out Hamblin's blog <https://ramblinhamblins.com/>



We Rally Together

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION

The Cadillac of Travel Trailers Return to Cadillac, Michigan

On June 29, 1966, the 9th International Rally was held in the small town of Cadillac, Michigan. A whopping 2828 Airstreams gathered for a week just south of the Wexford County Airport and was said to be one of the largest rally. According to WBCCI/WBAC Historian, Joe Peplinski in an article written for the Blue Beret in February 2018:

“The nearly 10,000 attendees doubled Cadillac’s population for the duration of the rally! The rally theme was ‘Funderland’ to highlight the promise of fun in all of Michigan’s wonderlands, including lakes Cadillac & Mitchell, just a short distance from the rally site.”

Join us in celebrating our rich history for a summer rally in Cadillac, MI

WHEN: Thursday, July 18 - Sunday, July 21, 2024 [Early arrival beginning Tuesday available]

WHERE: Veterans Serving Veterans Park, 3740 41 Rd, Cadillac, MI 49601

SITE COST: \$25 per night. ALL proceeds go to Veterans Serving Veterans. Contribute [here](#).

RALLY COST: \$20 per person

REGISTRATION: Click [here](#) to register. **Deadline July 3, 2024**

Veterans Serving Veterans is a nonprofit that honors and serves those who have served and protected at home and abroad. 33 acres were donated by Dr. Roger Bandeen and is developed into a park with a 7000 foot pavilion and buildings but this is the first time a group has ever camped on property so it will be a bit of an experiment. There is room for lots of Airstreams but be prepared to boondock. Generators welcome.

THINGS TO DO IN CADILLAC

- There are a ton of summer activities awaiting you in the Cadillac Area. Historic tours, biking, hiking, shopping and dining. All the details are on the [Cadillac Visitors Bureau website](#).
- Jazz in the Park, July 18, Rotary Pavilion
- Farmer’s Markets: Friday at the Marketplace [Cadillac Commons] & Saturday at the Veterans Park Pavilion
- 56th Annual Cadillac Festival of the Arts July 19 & 20th: Juried Art Fair, Music & Entertainment, Food Booths Downtown Cadillac Commons
- Model T International Rally in Cadillac

RALLY FUN

Group breakfasts, catered dinner, campfire gatherings & Veterans Serving Veterans Service Project. More to come!!

Rally Hosts: Kat Hibbard & Dale Schneider
Pegeen Smith & Tom Smith



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Participating Rig
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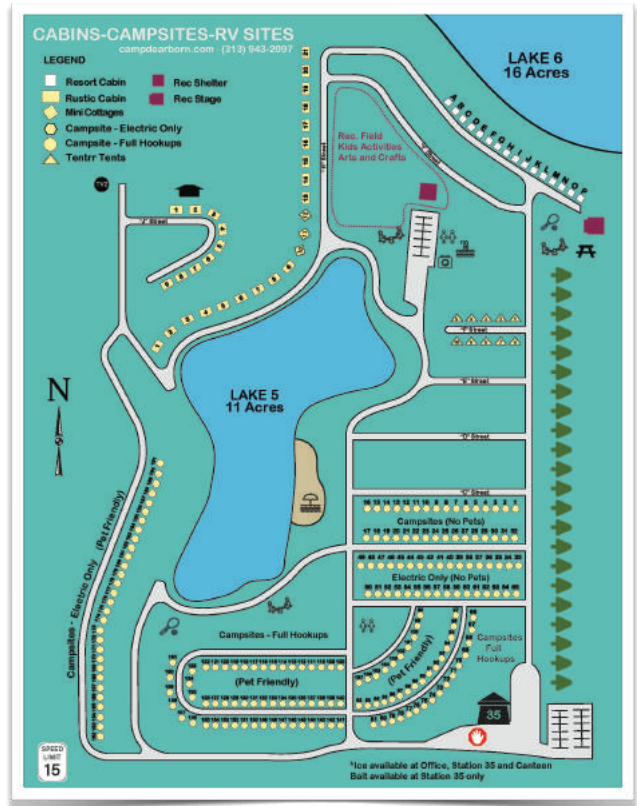
LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION

Camp Dearborn Rally, August 22-25, 2024

Plans are beginning to solidify for our Camp Dearborn Rally in Milford, MI. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 22 - Sunday, August 25, 2024**. Early arrival reservations and extending your stay may be available. 29 back-in only sites are currently available. Sites #126-#155. Sites #141-#155 are 50 ft sites reserved for larger rigs. Cost for 3 nights \$166.00.

Important Note: Initial site assignment must be made directly with Fred Bryant via [JotForm](#) **ASAP but no later than July 15, 2024**. Once Fred assigns each rig to a camping spot, he will notify Camp Dearborn. At that point but not before, you will be directed to contact Camp Dearborn to pay for your reservation and sign a terms & conditions agreement.

Rally agenda will follow but there will be lots to see in the Detroit area including but not limited to: The Henry Ford Museum of America which can also include: Greenfield Village, Ford Rogue Factory Tour and/or Giant Screen Experience.



Membership & Club News

Birthdays & Anniversaries



July

- 01: Richard Hodgson
- 09: Andrew Lovlien
- 14: Daylon Robbins
- 15: Michael Frost
- 17: Cindy Conant
- 24: Bonnie Weinrick
- 30: Jim Stimpson
- 31: Karen Routson
- Laurie McLean & Earl Landesman: July 2, 1975

August

- 10: Shannah Behling
- 23: Mary Ann Stimpson
- Denise & Frederick Schubert: August 17, 1968

September

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

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 Memory of Dorothy Hoekwater (November 26, 1927- February 1, 2024)



Ken & Dorothy Hoekwater

For the last several Michigrams, I have eulogized former Michigan Unit members of WBCCI. All those I have written about more recently: Ken Briggs, Barb Carlson, Dave Carlson, Evelyn Guth and Dale Webster were all devoted Airstreamers who enjoyed camping. We say, "roughing it smoothly."

Right when I think I am through writing eulogies, someone dies that I feel must be honored. I am sitting in front of our computer thinking about a classy lassie, forever young at heart...Dorothy Irene Hoekwater.

Ken and Dorothy Hoekwater joined the Michigan Unit of WBCCI in 1985, the same year my dad and mom joined. The first President of the Michigan Unit was elected in 1957. Thirty-six years later, in 1993, Dorothy was elected President of the Unit. She was the first woman to be elected to that prestigious position. My mom wrote a poem about Dorothy being the rose between two buds, Bud Patenge and Bud Quick, who served as presidents in 1992 and 1994, respectively.

At rallies and/or caravans I often wear the same jeans for the whole event, wear shoes that are super comfortable but ugly and tie my hair back in a ponytail with little concern about my appearance. I do wear sunscreen. At night I like brushing my teeth at the campground latrine; a routine I shared for years with my close Airstream friend, Alice Taylor.

Dorothy was just the opposite. Not only was she kind, soft-spoken and humorous, but she was fashionable, always dressed to the nines. Her hair always looked perfect. She just had it all together. For me, she was to be emulated.

Membership & Club News

In Memory of Dorothy Hoekwater [November 26, 1927- February 1, 2024].

Hoekwaters were members of WBCCI for twenty-five years or more. Still active members in 2007, Dorothy and Ken were the caravan leaders for the 50th International Airstream Rally in Perry, Georgia. Jeriel and I joined the Unit in 2006. We were blessed to be on that caravan. Hoekwaters were from Traverse City. They named the caravan, "Cherry Land to Peach Land."

First impressions are always so pivotal and influential in forming one's opinion. We were so positively influenced. We loved it.

From that point on, we were all in; completely enthralled with the Michigan Unit Airstream family. Hoekwaters were born leaders; involved with rallies, etc. They led several caravans, three overseas.

Ken lives at Shell Point in Ft. Myers, Florida where they moved in 2011.

Dorothy was 96 when she passed.

Ken is a couple years older than

Dorothy was. "They" say being physically active and staying socially involved helps one live longer. They prove that theory to be true.



Ken & Dorothy Hoekwater were the caravan leaders to Perry, Georgia

There is so much more I could write. I haven't mentioned their personal life or family. They lived on a sailboat for two years and sailed on the Great Lakes. They cruised the Mississippi River, to Florida, up the coast to Maine and then to the Bahamas. After their extended sailing days were over, they bought their land yacht, an Airstream, and joined WBCCI. Dorothy wrote a book about their life on the water titled, My Home Afloat.

Dorothy was an amazing lady. She was special inside and out. Jeriel and I sincerely value being included in their circle of Airstream friends. They will never be forgotten.

Submitted by Carol Jean Beard
BRN 8150

MAC Share

There is Music in the Air(stream) by Jeriel Beard

One of the highlights of the WBCCI International Rallies is the Band. The conductors and the members are all volunteers. The current historian of our WBAC, Joe Peplinski told me the Archives do not have much history about the Band. He sent me some of the reports from the early years of the Rallies. Below is what I gleaned from the reports to give you a flavor of how the Band developed over time and share my experiences as a band member.

RALLY # 5, 1962. Auburn, WA—The Auburn High School Band played for the Opening Ceremonies as the Boy Scout Troop raised the U.S. Flag.

RALLY #6, 1963. Bemidji, MN—Music was provided by the local high school band.

RALLY #8, 1965. Princeton, NJ—The WBCCI “teens” formed a dance band which played every night in the “Teen Tent.”

RALLY #9, 1966—Cadillac, MI—The Don Gillman Trio played for all the Ballroom Dancing.

RALLY #10, 1967—Santa Rosa, CA—No band was mentioned. However, in a tent having an area of 40,000 square feet, there was a church choir with 5,000 Airstreamers attending the service.

RALLY #11, 1968—Hastings, NE—A Czech Boys Polka Dance Band and a 90 voice public school boys chorus performed.

RALLY #12, 1969—Laramie, WY—Laramie High School Plainsman Marching Band played for the Opening Ceremony.

RALLY #13, 1970—Hershey, PA—Featured a Talent Program with the Carlisle High School Marching Band.

RALLY #18, 1975—Brandon, Manitoba, Canada—The World Famous Manitoba Pipes and Drums Band and the Canadian Forces Training Command Band performed.

Some years later, the WBCCI developed its own Band. One of the early conductors was Bob Griswold who had directed the U.S. Marine Band in Washington, D.C. for 18 years.

RALLY #50, 2007—Perry, GA—Our first experience with the International Band. We had received a welcome letter from our “sponsors” who played in the Band.

Monday, 25 June—A friend from Travelers Rest Resort, Dick Bartram took me to the location where the Dance Band was rehearsing. I met Gloria Cooksey, the librarian, who gave me a folder containing my concert band music. I was welcomed warmly by the conductor, John Landry. I practiced all the music that evening.



Concert Programs

MAC Share

There is Music in the Air(stream) by Jeriel Beard cont.

Tuesday, 26 June—I rehearsed with the Band. One of the baritone players in my section was a 10 year old, 7th grade girl, Alyson who was the daughter of a clarinetist.

Wednesday, 27 June—The Band rehearsed for “flag practice” and played that evening for the Opening Ceremony.

Thursday, 27 June—Some of us rode through the large campground on a tram while playing 2 Sousa marches, “Liberty Bell” and “El Capitan.” We received enthusiastic applause when we passed the MI Unit during Happy Hour.

Friday, 28 June—The Band rehearsed most of the afternoon and played a concert that evening.

Tuesday, 3 July—The Band played Elgar’s “Pomp and Circumstance” processional and a march for the Installation of Officers.

Wednesday, 4 July—The Band played marches during the Independence Day Parade and performed that evening for the Closing Ceremony.

RALLY #51, 2008—Bozeman, Montana State University

Sunday, 15 June—There was a Band orientation at the site of John Landry’s Airstream. At Perry I had not played in the Dance Band, but I did at Bozeman. I played the baritone in the Concert Band which rehearsed in the mornings and trombone in the Dance Band rehearsals in the afternoons.

Saturday, 28 June—The Band played for flag practice and the evening Opening Ceremony followed by the first Dance.

Monday, 30 June—The annual concert was performed.

Friday, 4 July—The Band played at 4:00 p.m. at the Parade and the Closing Ceremony following the evening entertainment.

For several summers, the Concert Band was directed by Mrs. Barbara Lambrecht.

RALLY #59, 2016—Lewisburg, W. VA

Tuesday, 14 June—Band orientation

Wednesday, 15 June—The 3-hour rehearsal was initiated with “warm-up” breathing and musical exercises. In spite of disastrous floods, drownings and power failures, the rehearsals continued.

Tuesday, 28 June—The Band played for the Opening Exercises.

Wednesday, 29 June—Dress rehearsal for the Concert

Thursday, 30 June—The annual Concert was performed.

Sunday, 3 July—The Band played a Benefit Concert on the lawn downtown. The proceeds were donated for families suffering from the flood.

The Installation Ceremony for the new officers was that evening.

Friday, 4 July—The Band played for the Parade.

RALLY #62, 2019—Doswell, VA—Home of famous race horse, Secretariat. The Rally was much different for the Band. Instead of going directly to Doswell, the Band members paid to stay 4 nights to attend “Pre-Camp” rehearsals.

Wednesday, 10 July—Arrival at Small Country Campground.

Saturday, 13 July—First rehearsal early Saturday a.m. Our conductor was energetic Greg Heuer [HOY-er] who is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music.

MAC Share

There is Music in the Air(stream) by Jeriel Beard cont.

Sunday, 14 July—Using CB radios the Band caravanned several miles to Doswell Campground. Parking was close to the small, but air conditioned rehearsal building.

Monday, 15 July—The Band often rehearsed twice daily

Saturday, 20 July—Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, 24 July—The Concert was performed well.

Friday, 26 July--Closing Ceremony

RALLY #65, 2022—Fryeburg, Maine

My most recent Rally was at a large Fairground. Band members were able to download, print and practice music weeks before the Rally.

Monday, 18 July—Greg Heuer enthusiastically directed the rehearsals, often twice a day.

Saturday, 23 July—The Band played the "Maple Leaf Forever" many times for the Opening Ceremony processional.

Wednesday, 27 July-The Band played the Concert after which the Heuers treated members with ice cream from a special catering van.

Friday, 29 July—Closing Ceremony.

We are planning to participate in the 67th International Rally with the Band at Sedalia, MO. After having no Tuba player for several years, we are excited and grateful to have Tom Smith, M.D. join the Band from Cadillac, MI. If you play an instrument and wish to be a part of Airstream's history, contact conductor, Greg Heuer,

gheuer@umich.edu or conductor, Melinda Downie, meowsik@msn.com



2016 WBCCI Concert Band



Airstream Concert Band courtesy of Greg Heuer

MAC Share

Black Water Flush Woes by Pegeen Smith, BRN #8039

Halfway into our summer long trip to Alaska, we encountered a mini crisis. Our black water tank flush stopped working! OH NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!! [Along with a few superlatives] was my response. We went into full troubleshooting mode. Is the sprayer arm clogged? Do we have the dreaded poop pyramid? We have always been pretty fastidious about flushing at each dump but were we not letting the tank get full enough before flushing? What was confusing is that the problem was intermittent. Sometimes, the sprayer WOULD work fine. Other times, we turned on the black water flush and we heard a thump and then nothing. We consulted google and while on the road, tried the ice cube solution, the dawn dish soap solution and when it didn't work, we filled the black tank through the toilet to do the flushing. What a pain! I consulted Airstream Forum and all the Airstream groups on Facebook for solutions and began wondering if our check valve was broken.



\$13.00 Check Valve

We were on an official tour of Alaska and moving from town to town frequently, so I ordered a couple of check valves parts to be shipped to a post office in Haines, Alaska several weeks prior to our arrival. We arrived in Haines, picked up the check valve and I got to work. The black flush apparatus is in a narrow closet, under a removable panel. Good thing I am small human because the space was tight to work with tools and also to ensure there were no leaks. Fortunately, the replacement part put us back in the black water flush business.



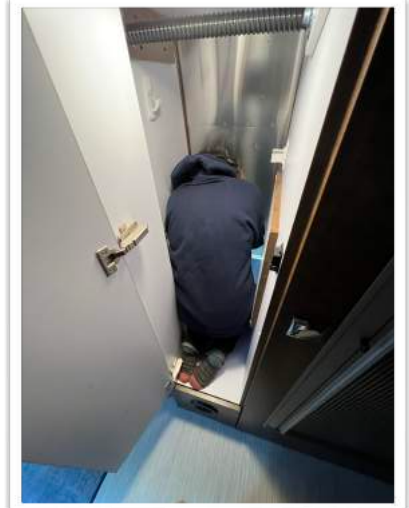
2020 25 ft. Globetrotter Closet



Check valve attached at both ends viewed from above



Inside the back of the closet, I removed the top panel but getting tools in there to replace the part was a challenge.



I barely fit in this space with a headlamp and my tools.

Dealership Spotlight

Airstream of Northern Michigan by Dale Schneider



Airstream of Northern Michigan [Parent Company: Nature & Me RV] located at 3938 Rennie School Road, Traverse City, has recently opened a new location in Marquette, MI at 1015 West Baraga Avenue along US-41 near the Salvation Army. The doors opened June 3rd, followed by a Grand Opening June 14th and 15th.

The Traverse City location will be moving soon to a NEW

facility on US-31, north of the current Nature & Me RV location. The steel is up on the new building and the siding is being attached. Updates and pics coming soon.

Kat and I spent Saturday May 4th at the dealership's Cinco De Mayo sales event meeting and greeted Airstreamers, pitching MAC, and the Airstream lifestyle. The staff welcomed us and had questions about the club as well.

Airstream of Northern Michigan has been a multi-year supporter of Michigan Airstream Club rallies and Region 4 rallies and we are very grateful of their support..

Marquette: 906-273-0116, Traverse City: 231-498-3019, General Manager: Andy Kreager.



MAC Classifieds

Recumbent Bikes for Sale

RANS STRATUS LE Recumbent [2 bikes]
Ride a lawn chair!

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

Dates	Event - Location	Host/Organizer	Links/Contact
July 18 - 21	Airstreams Return to Cadillac Rally Veterans Serving Veterans Park, Cadillac	MAC Hosts: Dale & Kat. Tom/Peg Smith	Airstreams Return Registration Airstreams Return Website
August 22 - 25	Camp Dearborn Rally Camp Dearborn, Milford	MAC Hosts: Bryant's & Klare's	Camp Dearborn Registration Camp Dearborn Rally Website
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
2025			
August 23-28	WBCCI International Rally, 2025 York Expo Center, York, Pennsylvania	WBCCI	Press Release

