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President's Scoop

We've had an incredibly busy start to the warm-weather camping season at SEMAC this year! From the historic Solar Eclipse Rally and first-ever Spring Maintenance Rally this April to our annual Silver on Silver Rally with MAC and first South of the Border Rally with NOVA in June, we have been busy connecting our members to new places, new people, and new experiences.

SEMAC Secretary Barb Derian and I represented SEMAC at the opening house event of the new Woodland Airstream in Clarkson, Michigan in April to meet with prospective Airstreamers and introduce them to our club.



Cheree and I are beyond excited to host the upcoming Between the Lakes Local Caravan this August 2-11 and we hope to see many of you this September for our Fall Into Mason County Rally. Look for an update on this rally in the newsletter below.

To bring fresh ideas and new opportunities to members, the SEMAC Nominating Committee is always looking for members who are interested in volunteering to help lead the club. We have many open positions, and I would love to exchange emails or have a phone call to speak with anyone who might be interested in taking on an officer position or to edit the newsletter or website. Please reach out to me by email or call/text 734-968-1069.

*Please **"Save the Date"** for our **Annual Club Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26** at the Moose Preserve in Bloomfield Hills where the election and installation of officers will take place.*

And be sure to check out our new SEMAC online merchandise story highlighted below in this issue!

See you down the road . . .

Steve Rowley

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For starters, how was that heat!?! For those that attended our recent South of the Border Rally (June 20-23) at Maumee Bay State Park in Ohio, which included our friends from the NOVA club, I think the heat made a more authentic South of the Border rally experience. It was hot!!

This was the first rally I had ever hosted, and I had a lot of fun - although, many in the club members supported me with all of their help, so it really was a group effort! Thank you to everyone for their help, I appreciate it all.



I keep thinking how fortunate we are. We had two clubs come together for friendship and camaraderie, many of us met as strangers and parted as friends! While we did not have campfires each night like I was hoping, we were thankfully graced with a breeze on the last night of our rally, so that we could spend time outside visiting with each other and enjoy some of the abundant desserts.



The Taco Bar was a success! Firstly, it was moved to the Shelter house at the last minute, thanks to Gracie's connections! We had shade and some air movement there. Secondly, there was not a scratch of food left, we all enjoyed it, as well as the great assortment of desserts. The raffle was fun. We had some kitschy prizes for our free raffle, and we raised \$190 (not bad for a lastminute announcement) in our 50/50 raffle. Anna won the 50/50 raffle and SEMAC is donating the other 50% to The Wally Byam Foundation.

The Foundation was established after Wally Byam passed away in 1962. The Foundation serves several purposes, one of which is "to help achieve a greater knowledge of the daily life and cultures, and of the history and the aspirations of peoples in our own country, in all the Americas, and around the world- and thus to enhance international understanding and Goodwill." I feel that statement is pinnacle in today's world. Our common interest are Airstreams and camping, all of us unique with different thoughts, experiences, and lives, yet we come together at the rallies to share our common interest, social time, and friendships, how lucky we are!



I look forward to seeing you at our future rallies.



If you have not looked into our "Fall into Mason County" rally in September, it is going to be an awesome early fall rally in the west part of Michigan.

I will see you down the road! Be well.

Bill Biland
SEMAC First VP

The SEMAC Online Apparel is Ready for Your Business!

The SEMAC Executive team is pleased to introduce the new SEMAC Apparel online ordering store. You can now purchase SEMAC-branded t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts. The apparel is available in men, women, and youth sizes and in multiple colors. The store also features a hat and garden flag that can be personalized with your BRN. You can also personalize the flag and any of the garments with your last name.

Check out the store today! Visit: <https://semacapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



Welcome NEW Members!

Michelle & Mark Kaloustian

#19269

Robert & Sandy Platt

#13113



Happy ACI/WBCCI Anniversary Milestones!

Stacy & Nicolas Bee – 1YR

Brian & Megan Butler – 1YR

Dean & Eve Caldwell - 5YRS*

Milland & Carol Mambourg – 10YRS**

JULY

- Gary Flint
- Elizabeth Martin
- Carol Mambourg
- Bill Biland
- Terry Swartzell
- Barb Derian
- Cindy Conant
- Ray Mann
- Eric Sweterlitsch
- Holly Steinberger

AUGUST

- Eric Bergquist
- Mazel Heerman
- Richard Martin

Happy Birthday!!!

SEPTEMBER

- Rolland Mambourg
- Andrea Cooper
- Gregg Jones
- Leslie Miller
- Pageen Smith

SEPTEMBER

- Robert Smith
- Emily Andrews
- Douglas Coburn
- Michelle Kaloustian
- Mark Kaloustian
- Richard Taylor
- Cherylin Tuck
- Eric McHenry
- Joe Bode
- Don Johnson
- Mark Fox

Beware of Scammers

The SEMAC executive team would like to warn all club members about potential scammers that may contact you by email or text pretending to be a club officer asking for help, money, or gift cards.

PLEASE BE AWARE – NO OFFICER/EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBER will contact a member asking for money! If you get a suspicious email or text with this request, please call the officer directly using the information you find in this newsletter to verify.



Spring Maintenance Rally a Success!

On April 26, we met at the new Clarkston Woodland Airstream location for a Spring Boondocking Rally. Woodland opened their back lot for us to camp. On Saturday, we were joined by other noncamping members, to tour the new facility and see their inventory of new airstreams.

We had Aron and Ian, two of their service techs, demonstrate the basics of riveting and changing a tire. SEMAC Secretary Barb Derian shared a presentation from the Boondockers IntraClub on power and water management when off grid and SEMAC President Steve Rowley showed us how to clean a sail switch. We enjoyed food and campfires and getting to know fellow members. Woodland team members were gracious and welcoming - we may have to repeat this event in future years!



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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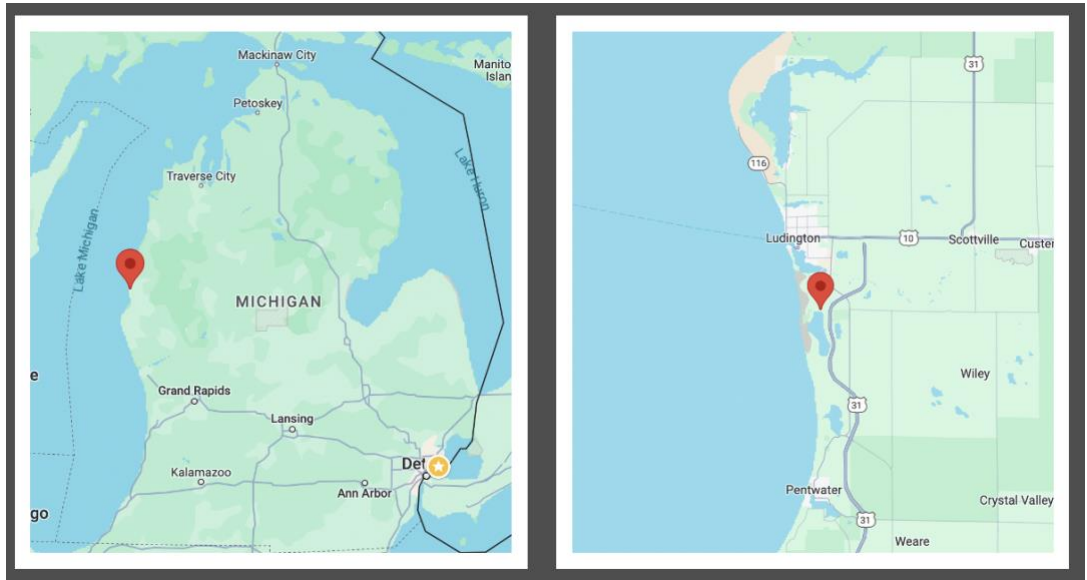
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Service and Sales, used and new



Your SEMAC board is excited to announce that we are cutting the Rally fee for our September rally in Mason County to \$25/Airstream! In addition, if you became a new SEMAC regular member since January 1, 2024, we are waiving your Rally fee - what better way to get acquainted with your new Airstream club!

**SEMAC Fall into
Mason County
Rally
– September 19-
22, 2024 –
Mason County
Campground,
Ludington MI**



Fall is a beautiful time for visiting western Michigan! And Mason County has a lot to offer! We'll spend a weekend around the campfires at Mason County Campground in Ludington starting September 19. We'll visit a local brewery and attend a demonstration of RC aircraft by a local club. You can try your hand at disk golf or maybe go salmon fishing!

If you have not already registered, use the link below and we will assign you a site. Following your site confirmation, you will contact the campground to make payment arrangements for your site. Your camping cost is \$22 per night plus a \$5 one-time nonrefundable reservation fee. We have 15 sites on hold so don't delay in signing up!

Sign Up Here: [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

See you down the road . . .



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Silver on Silver Lake – Traverse City Rally Recap

Many of our SEMAC members joined our sister club, Michigan Airstream Club (MAC) in June at Holiday Park in Traverse City for the annual Silver on Silver Lake Rally.

We've made this rally an annual event since 2020 and it is always a great time. It was a chilly weekend and the bike ride and hiking plans had to be cancelled to due rain, but we made do by walking/biking the park instead. Here are some photos from the rally.





**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>Aug. 2-11, 2024</p>	<p>Between the Lakes Local Caravan Mancelona-to-Petoskey-to-Mackinaw City, MI</p>	<p>Registration & Details: (FULL) 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!</p>
<p>Aug. 15-18, 2024</p>	<p>Sauder Village Campground Rally (NOVA) Archibald, OH</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sept. 3-8, 2024</p>	<p>2024 Alumapalooza® Rally at the Factory Jackson Center, OH</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sept. 5-9, 2024</p>	<p>Rally in the Valley II (NOVA Rally) Richfield, OH</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sept. 19-22, 2024</p>	<p>SEMAC Fall Into Mason County Rally Mason County Campground 5906 W. Chauvez Ludington, MI 49431</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sept. 21-29, 2024</p>	<p>61st Annual Swiss Festival National Rally National ACI Rally Winklepleck Grove (near Sugarcreek, OH)</p>	<p>Registration & Details: https://airstreamclub.org/61st-annual-swiss-festival-national-rally</p>

		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
Oct. 26, 2024	2024 Annual SEMAC Club Meeting Moose Preserve in Bloomfield Hills	Annual meeting for election and installation of 2025 officers