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President's Corner

Successful Rally Season

Well, it has been a great Rally season for Sharon and I. We wintered in Tucson so we started our travel season by stopping at the Region 4 Solar Eclipse Rally in Greenville, Ohio.

MAC hosted four rallies this summer, with varied themes, all great gatherings. Many of you will be at the International Rally in Sedalia, MO, while Sharon and I will be attending the fall rally in Pentwater, MI. Thank you to members that hosted rallies in 2024.

I also want to thank the MAC Board Members, Membership Chair, and Newsletter Editor for volunteering to serve in these club roles.

Looking forward to continued fellowship in 2025.

See you down the road!

Have a great fall season and holiday.

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New Members

**The Michigan Airstream Club
wishes to welcome:**

- ◆ Eric Borgeling
- ◆ Mike & Nancy Foster [Affiliate]
- ◆ Deanna Fugate & Will Hostrawser
- ◆ Doug & Jane Hall
- ◆ Bill & Frances Hamblin [Affiliate]
- ◆ Brenda & Jim Hine
- ◆ Doug & Sherry Johnson
- ◆ Steve & Gwyn Leer [Affiliate]
- ◆ John & Shari Thompson
- ◆ Daniel & Laurie Volocyk



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

Message from Lee

Lee Klare, MAC 1st Vice President



“Is it a Rally or Courtesy Parking?”

I think you could say it's a rally AND courtesy parking. If you've ever thought of having courtesy parking at your home for traveling Airstreamers let me encourage you to at least try it. It's a very rewarding experience and it's a very familiar experience. When we're at an official rally of Airstreamers, having courtesy parking at your home is almost the same experience, only on a smaller scale and without much effort. Jackie and I have provided courtesy parking for almost 9 years. We've had people from across the United States, who either needed just an overnight stop over or they've stayed to see and experience the Traverse City, Leelanau area for a few days. One couple drove all the way to Traverse City from Portland, Oregon



to pick up their new Globetrotter from Nature and Me RV. Most are on a loop trip of several weeks and just want to experience the sights of wherever they happen to be. Jackie and I have

enjoyed each and every visit and the time shared with our extended family of Airstreamers. We've sat on our front porch or our boat dock, enjoyed the weather, some drinks and most of all, getting to know our “family” members.

ACI and Harvest Host will soon be managing the ACI “Courtesy Parking” program together. If you'd like more information there's an article in the Summer Blue Beret about the new merger between ACI and Harvest Host. Not everything is completed but the article gives a good overview of how the new system will work as well as why the change to a new system was needed. I hope you will consider providing courtesy parking, it's a truly rewarding experience.

My best to all of you and if you're traveling through, consider our courtesy parking here at our home, your next mini rally stop.

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



Dale Schneider & Kat Hibbard in Quartzite, AZ

Membership & Club News

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

6: Douglas Jozwiak

14: Ellen Jozwiak

Jen & Dave Koomler: October 1, 2016

Jim & Cindy Conant: October 6, 1985

Wally Kimmel & Karen Fisher: October 9, 1982

Randy & KathyAnn Blunck: October 17, 1970

Mike & Char Henry: October 18, 1969

Jim & MaryAnn Stimpson: October 31, 1959

November

3: Laurie McClean

5: Mike Henry

26: Kelli Ray-Fry

27: Char Henry

Sandy & Andy Lovlien: November 26, 1977

December

10: Cynthia Adkison

19: Janet Pinkham

20: John Smith [Affiliate]

24: Thomas Smith

30: Mary Ann Borton

Stephen & Janet Pinkham: December 29



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

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

Call for Articles

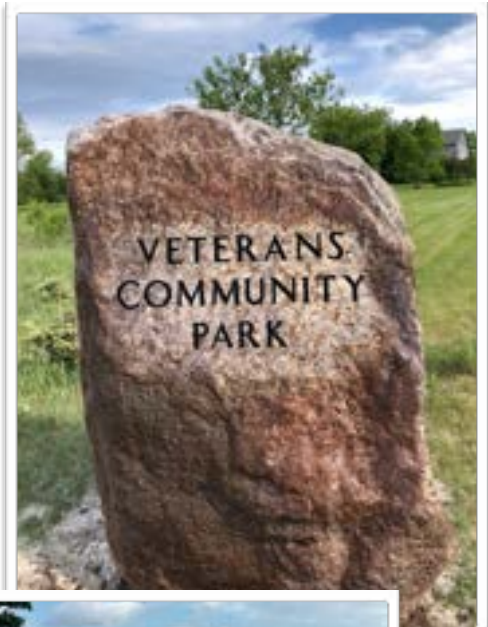
You will notice that this quarter’s edition is a little smaller than usual. That is why we asking that you consider sharing your knowledge, your adventures, your recipes, your tips & tricks, opinions, passions, etc. etc. Just type something and send it to the MAC Newsletter Editor @ macnewsletter052@gmail.com. It doesn’t have to be perfect prose, grammatically correct or laid out. We will take care of all of that.

MAC Share

New Harvest Host Available in Cadillac, MI by Pegeen Smith, BRN 8039

The Veterans Serving Veterans Park became the backdrop for our July rally. After boondocking in this incredible space, I suggested that the park become a Harvest Host. In short order, I became the administrator for this host and was impressed with support I received from Harvest Host to get the park set up.

So, if you are traveling through Northern Lower Michigan and need a place to stay up to 3 nights, check this out. Veterans Serving Veterans is a 501c3 so your donations in exchange for the stay are welcome and tax-deductible. The park is not far from M-115 and US 131 and would be a nice stop over on your way through Michigan. The state-renowned 5K cross-country path is lovely to walk and access to their beautiful pavilion is a bonus.



Shingles stained by rally members are installed at the end of the pavilion



Symbolic Red, White & Blue Field hosts poppies, bachelor buttons, & chamomile flowers

We Rally Together

Airstreams Return to Cadillac by Tanya Graettinger, BRN 8563

In June 1966, 2,828 Airstream trailers invaded the small town of Cadillac, MI. This June, my husband Eric and I were lucky enough to be a part of the much smaller but dedicated group of the Michigan Airstream Club to "return to Cadillac."



project in the next article!]

After learning about the history of the organization from Roger Bandeen and the park's mission, Eric and I hitched up our trailer to drive to the opposite side of the park. While Eric made pizza for the volunteers' lunch, I had the privilege of watching my fellow

campers build a split rail fence to protect a portion of the park from snowmobilers who would injure young saplings.



Assisting Eric with pizzas. 🍕



After lunch, it was then my turn to help in a work shed staining long planks of cedar for the pavilion's ceiling. Conversation centered around a variety of topics but notably to me, was the story of a widowed volunteer who found camaraderie and acceptance within the organization after the death of his wife. I loved that this man, who was not a veteran, was accepted by the veterans in the organization at a time in his life when he needed them most.

While at the rally, Eric and I had a chance to explore the town of Cadillac. While we were there, the town had a Model T car show and an art fair. We enjoyed seeing all the Model T's as we drove

around the town. I also loved walking through the art fair's many booths and admiring the talent the artists displayed. As always, the Cadillac's waterfront presented a stunning view.

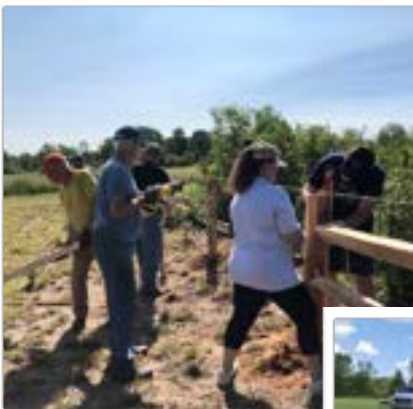
Hitching up and leaving after these perfect weekends is always hard! We do not want to leave our new friends behind or the simplicity of life in our trailer. For Eric and I, it is back to the routine of our everyday life and counting the days until our next long weekend when we can escape on a camping trip [or better yet, attend another Airstream Rally].

MAC Gives

Veterans Serving Veterans Service Project by Pegeen Smith, BRN 8039

As Tanya wrote in the previous article, the Airstreams Return to Cadillac Rally was a unique opportunity for rally attendees to have fun camping and give back to the Veterans Serving Veterans Park. The park never allowed campers on their property before but Dr. Roger Bandeen, the Director and an Air Force Veteran found a mutually beneficial means to give the Michigan Airstream Club access to the park along with a way for all the campsite proceeds to be donated to the Veterans Serving Veterans [VSV] organization. Rally attendees made a tax-deductible donation of at least \$25.00/night made payable through the VSV website. All in all, the club raised \$2250.00 which paid for 340' of split-rail fence supplies with money left over to fund other projects at the park. Additionally, the Michigan Airstream Club executive board approved the

donation of a large engraved brick and a group of rally attendees also pitched in for a second brick to be eventually laid around the flags at the front of the park.



On Friday, July 19 the Director gave a presentation to all of us into 2 crews to work

park. The new fence is an extension of an existing fence that helps deter snow-mobiles from accessing the property and damaging saplings and native plants. 2 members worked in the maintenance building staining wood to be used later as shingles. And of course, Eric Graettinger donated his time and supplies to feed everyone delicious pizza for lunch. The crews worked along side veterans and had the split-rail fence completed in less than 6 hours! A heart-felt thank you for all you volunteered that day.

and a group of 18 rally attendees were split up on the split-rail fence at the west end of the

Roger Bandeen was so impressed with the Airstreamers that he has asked us back next year and we are planning on it so mark your calendars!

MAC Gives

Celebrating a Special Veteran by Pegeen Smith, BRN 8039

After our Cadillac Rally, two of our rally attendees, Jamie & Katherine Kingseed, joined the Veterans Serving Veterans Facebook page. They told me that a local veteran was going to celebrate his 99th birthday. Bob served in World War II in two separate theaters, European & the Philippines. Bob's veteran friend asked that people send birthday cards and wishes to Bob, so I notified the Cadillac rally attendees and some of us sent cards. Evidently, the response was overwhelming! Here is the update from their Facebook page:



I just wanted to let everyone know that Bob had a Great 99th Birthday party today! I grilled him a 1 lb ribeye, sweet peppers and Asparagus, his other Great friends brought a cake and a big "personal" piece for Him, his son and daughter in law and I took turns reading the MANY cards and letters he received! It was Awesome!

(74 cards and 59 letters SO FAR!)

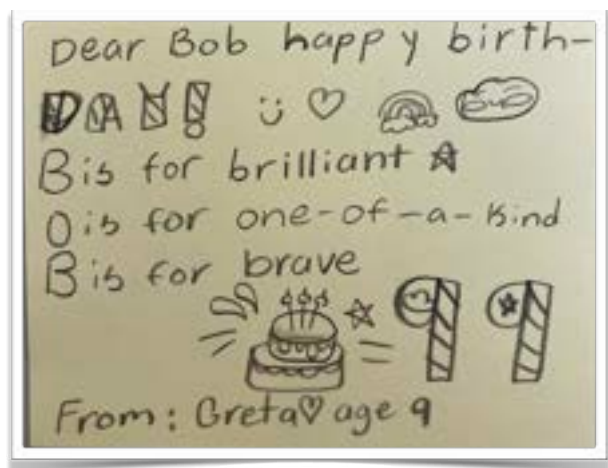
Bob would PERSONALLY like to thank EVERYONE for their kind and sincere words and Birthday wishes!! He was QUITE overwhelmed!!

He is already looking forward to his 100th next year!!

**I will give a final count when they stop coming **

On September 3, 2025 Bob celebrates his 100th birthday. Mark your calendar and if you wish to send him a birthday card, here is his address:

Bob 100th Birthday
241 Moss Road
Wellston, MI 49689



Our granddaughters loved making cards for Bob. Here is Greta's creation.

We Rally Together

Camp Dearborn Rally: Recap

MAC hosted the 1st rally at Camp Dearborn. We couldn't have asked for better weather to explore the 620 acre recreational retreat. The 8 MAC/SEMAC members enjoyed exploring the area, campfires and a group bike ride to Kensington Recreational Area. We ended the weekend with a dinner at a local restaurant.

Fred & Sharon Bryant
Rally Hosts



MAC Share

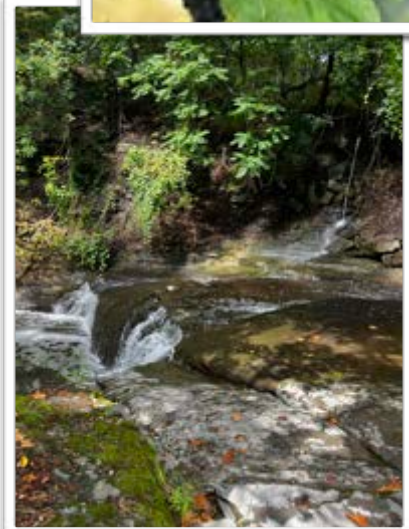
Grapes & Grains Intra-Club: Sip of the Finger Lakes by Pegeen Smith, BRN 8309

The Airstream International Club offers members to join various Intra-Clubs. Tom & I joined Grapes & Grains a year ago but attended our 1st Grapes & Grains rally in September in the Finger Lakes of New York. Grapes & Grains is the largest intra-club with almost 1000 BRNs joined. The first year, they had 5 rallies focused on the local wine/beer/distillery offerings of various areas around the United States. This year, they doubled the number of rallies but because they usually can only accommodate around 20-25 rigs, the rallies sell out fast and there is usually a 20 rig waiting list. Tom & I as well as fellow MAC members Sally & Tony Lobaza were lucky enough to get spots at this rally.



The first evening began with Happy Hour and a catered get-acquainted dinner. The second day, two buses transported us to 3 different wineries along with a delicious lunch. The following days were full of opportunities to explore the area full of wineries, breweries and cider houses. The Village of Watkins Glen, NY hosted the MG Grand Prix Festival while we were there and the area hosts a plethora of hiking, biking and waterfalls. Tom & I visited Ithaca, NY and went to the Johnson Museum of Art on the Cornell University campus. Whether you are a part of a rally or not, this area is a great destination spot. After the rally, on the recommendation of Kat & Dale, we camped at Sampson State Park on Seneca Lake. Gorgeous.

But I digress. The Grapes & Grains rally instilled an enthusiasm for sharing all the things our Great Lakes State has to offer. So, there is interest in hosting 2 Grapes & Grains rallies entitled "Sip of the Mitt" to highlight our craft beer in the Grand Rapids area & wine in the Traverse City/Leelanau area. What is cool about these rallies is that it draws people all over the U.S. & Canada and we can proudly show off our great state. If you are interested in helping to plan such an event, reach out to Sally Lobaza or myself.



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

Dates	Event - Location	Host/Organizer	Links/Contact
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
<u>2025</u>			
January 25 @11:30a	Winter Luncheon: Mi Mescal, Cadillac	MAC Host: Tom & Peg Smith	Mi Mezcal RSVP: Peg Smith 231-884-8107
February TBA	Winter Luncheon - NEED LOCATION	Host: NEED HOST	
March TBA	Winter Luncheon - GR/Northern MI	Host: Lee & Jackie Klare	RSVP: Lee Klare 707-373-5562
April TBA	Winter Luncheon - Southern MI	Host: Jeff & Karen Routson	RSVP: Karen Routson
May 14-18	Region 4 Rally Lewisburg, West Virginia	Host: Region 4	2025 Region 4 Rally
June 6-9	Silver on Silver Holiday Park, Traverse City	Host: SEMAC	
July 17-20	Airstreams Return to Cadillac Boondocking/ Service Project Rally Veterans Serving Veterans Park	MAC Host: Dale & Kat, Karen Fischer, Wally Kimmel, Tom & Peg	Veterans Serving Veterans
August TBA	MAC Rally	NEED HOST	
August 23-28	WBCCI International Rally, 2025 York Expo Center, York, Pennsylvania	WBCCI	2025 Rally
September TBA	Fall Rally Orchard, Beach, Manistee	Host: Fred & Sharon Bryant	
September 20-28	62nd Annual Swiss Festival Sugar Creek, OH	Host: Region 4	Swiss Festival
October TBA	MAC Rally	NEED HOST	
<u>2026</u>			
August 22-27 SAVE THE DATE	WBCCI International Rally, 2026 Minot, ND	WBCCI	2026 Rally