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President's Scoop

Greetings - as I write this from Sedalia, Missouri - where we are camped with 1300 other Airstreams! What a fun week it has been, making new friends and reuniting with other that we haven't seen in more than a year.

The International Rally is a truly unique event to come together and socialize and learn from each other. The week was packed with opportunities to attend



seminars on topics such as Working from the Road; Travel Logs from Caravans to Exciting Places; Presentations from Ford Motor Co. on Tow Vehicle Capabilities; Towing with Electric Vehicles; Dent Repairs; etc. etc., etc.

There is a vendor area with representatives from many of the after-market and OEM suppliers that offer upgrades and accessories for your Airstream. Of course, there are many different social gatherings throughout the week. If you haven't been to an international rally yet, I encourage you to make it a priority and get it on your schedule!

As the 2024 camping season starts to wind down, I reflect on my first year as your SEMAC president with a great feeling of accomplishment. We had four rallies this year that were very well attended and received positive feedback about them all. Notably, we had our first boondocking rally, hosted by our friends at Woodland Clarkston, and we held our first local caravan (read more later in this issue).

Our board has a strong commitment to serving our members and putting our resources into identifying fun and unique opportunities for Airstreamers to come together. I believe we achieved that in 2024, and when you see what we have planned for 2025, I think you will be inspired as well!

See you down the road . . .



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Summer & Fall Rally Roundup



Between the Lakes Caravan and Rally was a big success!

SEMAC hosted our first ever (or at least in recent memory) local caravan this past Aug 2-11. We called it the Between the Lakes caravan. We started at Starlight Campground in Mancelona, then moved on to Cellar 1914, where we boondocked for a night and got into a Wagon Wheel formation (see picture), then we glamped it up at Sun Outdoors Resort in Petoskey, before landing at Robert's landing between Cheboygan and Mackinaw City. Eight intrepid Airstreams joined us on the Caravan, including Region 4 President, Fred Kieh! Another seven Airstreams joined us at Robert's Landing for a weekend of fun in Cheboygan, Mackinaw City and of course Mackinac Island.



We received some very positive feedback regarding the Caravan and Rally and the good balance of free time and planned activities we provided. It was great to hear that everyone enjoyed the pace we set, and overall we were blessed with great weather. Some of the great memories I have are of playing trivia @ Starlight campground, parking in the Wagon Wheel formation at Cellar 1914, Card-O with Tom Cobb at Petoskey, enjoying a glorious day on Mackinac Island, Axe throwing in Mackinaw City, Saturday morning at the Cheboygan Farmers' market, and who could forget our final raffle and fish fry at Robert's Landing?!



Our board has expressed interest in doing some "around the lake" caravans (Superior, Michigan, Erie, or Huron), and this local caravan served as a test case for doing so. We'll see what the future brings! - **Steve Rowley**

Mason County Rally Roundup

Thank you to all who made it out to our "Fall into Mason County" Rally last month. We had 13 Airstreams and 25 Airstreamers! We love this Ludington campground and were so happy to introduce it to our friends! Most everyone arrived on Thursday, September 19th and left on Sunday, September 22nd. We started out with Happy Hour (of course!) on Thursday once Steve and I FINALLY arrived (2 hours late). What would an Airstream-based trip be without Airstream issues, right? Late afternoon on Friday we visited the Starving Artist Brewery in Ludington where we partook in a few beers or "something light & refreshing", as some requested. Andy always delivers there at Starving Artist. Pizza was enjoyed by all while there, too.



On Saturday morning, a charter fishing excursion was enjoyed by 8 of our group. One boat did exceptionally well catching 15 fish, while the other caught a whole 2 fish. Luckily for all, the haul was combined and divided between all the intrepid anglers. You go, Elizabeth Miller (being the only female participating and first to catch a fish on her boat)! We had a "bring your own meat/fish to grill" dinner event that evening along with the always wonderful sides and desserts everyone contributed. So much yummy food!

The weather was great all weekend except for departure day: so much nasty rain that morning. Thanks to all who joined us! We'll see you in the spring for the next rally! Hope to see you all down the road! - **Cheree Rowley**



****Between the Lakes Carvan Highlights****



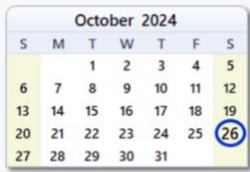
****International Rally Highlights****



Club & Membership News

SEMAC Annual Meeting

This year's meeting is on **Saturday, Oct 26th at 12pm** at the **Moose Preserve** located at **43034 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302**. SEMAC will provide some appetizers during the short meeting. Lunch cost is on your own.



Saturday, October 26, 2024

RSVP to Steve at SEMACPresident@gmail.com

Gather with us for a brief membership meeting and then share your summer travel stories. This is also the opportunity to vote for the upcoming slate of officers in person if you are not voting electronically.

Welcome New SEMAC Members!

Steve & Gwyn Leer **30006**
 Gregory & Christine Teff **06916**
 Cindy & Mike Kalota **15786**
 Todd & Kelly Kunze **20822**
 Gary & Jennifer Gatesy **20822**
 Steve Saravis & Michael Cyr **11022**
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 Richard & Elizabeth Martin **6550** October
 Steve & Cheree Rowley **5342** October
 Bob & Cindy Schwabel **4985** November
 Holly Steinberger **5449** November
 Joe Peplinski & Lorrie Robertson **6768** December
 Erick & Jennifer Phillips **1096** December
 Thomas & Cindy Thomas **9727** December
 Diane & Ray Mann **1070** December
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OCTOBER

John Farmer
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 Rafeal Guillen
 Gregory Hampton
 Cindy Schwabel
 Sindy Beckwith



Is it time to renew your SEMAC Membership?

The renewal process for January 2025 has started. Many of our members renew their membership in the Airstream Club International and SEMAC on January 1st! If you haven't already, you should have received an email this fall regarding renewal instructions. Renewal is easy – The primary member on the account will log into the members only section at www.airstreamclub.org/renew. From there the process is simple. Make sure you continue your membership in ***Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club!***



If you have any questions about the process or how to log on, please feel free to contact Club headquarters at 937-596-5211. As we approach January, you will receive an individual contact from the SEMAC Membership Chair to help you with your renewal. We look forward to seeing your renewal come through and seeing you at a future event.

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1979 31-Foot Vintage Airstream - Land Yacht Sovereign travel trailer

A solid frame (no rust or soft spots), this is a gem of a find! This trailer has only had two owners and has been in Michigan its whole life where it has traveled only in the summers and less than 5000 miles!



Recent Updates:

- 🔍 ****Restored freshly polished exterior**** The exterior was recently restored and polished, so it is especially shiny!
- 🔍 **New tires** (less than 200 miles)
- 🔍 **New Steel Wheels** with new bearing buddies and new hubcaps!
- 🔍 Complete lube and rebuild of wheel bearings.
- 🔍 Working Electric Drum Brakes with torsion axles.
- 🔍 **2 new 12 Volt batteries**
- 🔍 **New electric hitch lift**
- 🔍 Gravel Guard: Lower 6 inches of trailer painted with white Gravel Guard to protect bottom of trailer and enhance visibility.



\$45,000 or best offer

Call Richard at 517-749-5864 (9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Monday through Saturday).

Possible towing available if you are near Howell, MI. More details & pictures available at Airstream Marketplace <https://www.airstreammarketplace.com/airstream-trailers-for-sale/1979-31-sovereign-for-sale-in-howell-michigan/>



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Rally
Together**



Upcoming SEMAC, WBAC/ACI and other Airstream Events At-a-Glance

(SEMAC events/rallies highlighted in yellow)

Oct. 26, 2024 @ NOON	2024 Annual SEMAC Club Meeting Moose Preserve in Bloomfield Hills	Annual meeting for election and installation of 2025 officers
May 17-18, 2025	Region 4 Rally in West Virginia	Meet up with other Airstreamers from Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. This rally rotates around our region and this year takes place in West Virginia.
June 6-8, 2025	Silver on Silver Holiday RV Park & Campground Traverse City, Michigan	This is our annual joint rally with our sister club, MAC. Come enjoy wine tasting, and bike ride with us!
June 21-22, 2025	Thunder over SEMAC Ypsilanti KOA Michigan Airshow at Willow Run Airport	Join us to see the Blue Angels perform and many other aircraft demonstrations! Rally fee will include Airshow tickets to the "Bomber Club" at the Thunder over Michigan Airshow. Optional activities include touring the Michigan Flight Museum and Willow Run Bomber Plant, as well as regional museums.
July 31 – Aug 4, 2025	Cowboy Up with SEMAC! Double JJ Resort Rotherbury, MI	Join us for a weekend of camping at Double JJ's "Back Forty"! Opportunities abound for horseback riding, golf, waterparks, and much more. You might even try your hand riding a mechanical bull!
Aug 23 – 28, 2025	68th International Rally 2025 York Expo Center York, PA	Just you and a 1,000 other Airstreams coming together for a week of camping, fun, and education. If you haven't been to an international rally, what are you waiting for?!
Oct 2-5, 2025	Urban Air #10, Eaton Rapids, MI	<u>Registration begins 1/1/25</u> Not an ACI or SEMAC event, but it is an Airstream exclusive and a fun chance to camp on city streets.
Oct. 20-22, 2025	Fall Winterization & Boondocking Rally Woodland Airstream Clarkston, MI	Join us for a weekend of boondocking, fellowship, educational demonstrations, and a chili cook-off!