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President's Scoop

Happy 2025 fellow Airstreamers!

As I look back at 2024, my number one impression is how many of you I met and camped with for the first time and how much fun everyone had at our Rallies. It was my first year as club president, and it sure was a fun one!



I'm excited about the SEMAC Rally plans for 2025 and hope that you will resolve to join us at one or more of the fun rallies and meet-ups we have planned (see article later in this issue). Please get your registrations in ASAP as we expect these to fill up quickly now that the new year is upon us. Our board has one priority: creating fun and memorable opportunities for you to camp and meet other Airstreamers! Befriending other Airstreamers can truly enrich your camping experience. We find that other Airstreamers often have a similar outlook on life - the desire to get away and enjoy new experiences in the outdoors, while still maintaining a sense of style and comfort. And of course, only another Airstreamer can fully sympathize with you when something breaks or needs repair in your rig! It is great to see many of our members linking up to camp together in addition to our rallies!

If you are wintering in Michigan, I hope you will join us for one of our winter meet-ups (Airstreams optional ;-)) On January 25, you can join us from Noon to 3pm at the Bearded Lamb in Plymouth's Old Village, hosted by 2nd Vice President, Anna Richardson. On March 29, join us at Freighters Eatery & Taproom in Port Huron for lunch (12:30), hosted by 1st Vice President Bill Biland, and Immediate Past President, Linda Smith.

If you aren't already a member of our SEMAC Facebook group, please look us up and join! We'd love to see and read about your winter modification plans or any new gadgets that you received over the holidays! If your Airstream is winterized and stored for the season, how are you scratching that Airstream "itch"? Are you catching up on YouTube videos from Luv Subbin or others? When and where is your first trip of 2025? Cheree and I are going to the Florida Keys in April, and are looking forward to the warmer temperatures and ocean breezes.

Club & Membership News

We've Automated our Membership file



In the past, we've manually entered our membership information into our communications software, MailChimp. This was a tedious process not only to track new members, but keeping up to date with those who left our club (transfers or terminations) as well as updates to data - like names & email addresses. The Airstream Club tech team worked throughout last year creating an automated interface between the primary club database and the local clubs that use MailChimp. This saves your membership team a lot of time and effort. As with any automation, there will be a few bumps in the road. We've worked hard to make sure we carried over those emails that were unsubscribed previously, as well as to tag members who transferred to another home club. But if we missed you, and you are receiving our emails in error, please accept our apologies and send a note to Barb Derian at SEMACSecretary@gmail.com and she will make sure your email is unsubscribed.

Happy ACI/WCBCCI Anniversary!

Dale & Hazel Wagner #29229
Jim & Susan Pontzer #8737
Eric Sweterlitsch & Valerie Mutchler #13113
Jason & Robin Beeman #27931
Mazel Heermann #2473
Laura Morrow #1765
Larry & Dee Henn #1073
Mark & Peggy Stephenson #2150
David & Cheryn Tuck #1731
John & Dawn Farmer #24469
Terry & Lois Swartzell #1248
Michael & Emily Andrews #3483 ★ 5 Year Milestone
Richard & Marie Steel #12700
Rick & Amy Lieblein #8815
Victoria Walls & Wiliam Copenhaver # 1799
Jason & Carly Strachan #9298
Doug & Maggie Cervin #11023
Doug & Margaret Coburn #1404
Liz johnson #9080

Welcome New Members!

Rocky & Lynn Adornato

#4123

Craig & Mary Goff #6893

Tom & Sue Boucher #7776

Ka & Dale Hubbard #6664

Valerie & Christopher Davey #6108

Steven & Linda Blackmer #1095

Welcome back Dave & Linda Salmi #11025



Please Note:

Spammers may contact you by email or text pretending to be a club officer asking for help/money/gift cards.

No officer will contact a member asking for money and if you get an email or text to call the officer directly using the information you find in this newsletter to verify.

JANUARY

Bob Schwabel
Peggy Stephenson
Steve Rowley
Tanya Graettinger
Douglas Cervin
Larry Henn
Wally Kimmel
Richard Steele
Cindy Kalota
Eric Graettinger



FEBRUARY

Scott Beutler
Tom Thoman
Ed Duprey
Cheree Rowley
Victoria Walls
Nick Tonkin
Christine Teff
Michael Andrews
Maggie Cervin
Mark Romanowski

MARCH

Debbie Duprey
Grace Guillen
Elena Cram
Diane Bergquist
Jeriel Beard
Fred Bryant
Leanne Romanowski
Stephen Pinkham
Jason Beeman
Dave Smith

Club & Membership News Cont.

HEAD WEST

SEMAC Winter Meet & Greet!
*Head West to 149 West
Liberty St.
Join us at The Bearded Lamb
for Silver & Suds!!
January 25th
12-3pm
Contact **Anna Richardson**
SEMACVP2@gmail.com
Or TEXT. (734)536-8742
Bearded Lamb
149 W. Liberty st
Plymouth, MI 48170



March 29, 2025 @ 12:30 SEMAC is hosting an Airstream luncheon at Freighters in Port Huron.



<https://freightersph.com/>

Please join us as we gather together for lunch and an opportunity to Watch for freighters at Freighters. Michigan's weather will determine the date that the channel opens but historically it's mid-March so hopefully there will be a lot of freighter traffic on March 29.

Please RSVP with the number in your party to Linda Smith via text or leave a message at 248-284-3627.

SEMAC Board Updates & Financials

Annual Financial Notification: The club's financials are audited each year by a volunteer Club member. This year the audit was performed at the annual meeting in October and all was found in good order. Any regular club member can obtain financial information by making a request to the SEMAC Treasurer at SEMACTreasurer@gmail.com.

FROM THE SEMAC SECRETARY

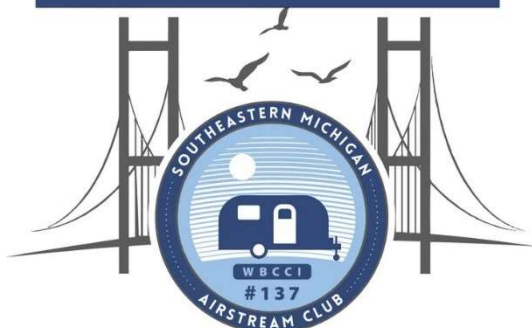
Your SEMAC Executive Board works hard to make sure your Club has activities and adventures that are meaningful and fun! All minutes from the Board meetings and the Membership meetings, along with any financial information, are available upon request to any member of the SEMAC Executive Board. If you wish for a topic to be discussed by the Board or wish to present a topic to the Board, please give me call or send me an email at SEMACSecretary@gmail.com!

Annual board meetings

We have set the board meeting schedule for 2025. The dates are Wed, Mar 5, May 2/3 - (campground TBD at the Board Rally), Wed, July 9, Wed, Sept 10, and Oct 17-19 (at Woodland Airstream - Fall rally). Unless indicated otherwise, the meetings are held virtually at 6 p.m. All members are welcome to join. If you have a topic for the agenda please email the SEMAC Secretary at SEMACsecretary@gmail.com at least 10 days prior to the meeting. At times we must change the dates or start times, so if you want to attend, please email Steve Rowley at SEMACpresident@gmail.com around the time of the scheduled meeting for current meeting information.



SEMAC APPAREL



Get Your Swag On....

Are you aware of the SEMAC swag offerings? Check it out at www.seriousgraphicsandsigns.com there is a "Online Stores" tab, click on it, then click the SMEAC store. The quality is really good, the pricing is very fair. The offerings are t-shirts, sweaters, hoodies (youth and adult sizing), hats, and flags. Turn around time is about three weeks. There is no profit for SEMAC, and Serious Graphics is a local business, so it is great to support them.



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We're Setting Goals

By Barb Derian



It's that time of the year when we think about what lies ahead in 2025 and even farther into the future.

Ralph and I plan many of our trips years ahead of time – sometimes around Regional and International Rallies. This past year, we faced unforeseen medical events, friends who had to quit traveling due to medical challenges, and even the unexpected passing of friends.

These things got me thinking about how we can try to set a good health foundation to be able to travel in 2025, 2026 and beyond.

Over the past eight years of our Airstreaming journey, we've counted every day a gift and tried to maximum our travel experiences, knowing that someday we may face the decision to stop our travels.

Setting achievable wellness goals is the foundation to our plan.

Achievable is the key word. Achieving or maintaining wellness involves more than vague aspirations to "get healthier" or "eat better."

So, we'll try to set clear, achievable wellness goals. These goals will provide direction, motivation and a sense of accomplishment when reached. Here's how we plan to establish realistic wellness objectives that set us up for success and future Airstreaming journeys:

Starting Small

When we started traveling, we took small steps we knew we could achieve; small trips locally to get to know Stella and her capabilities. So, I think we can commit to not aiming too high, too quickly for wellness goals.

Sure, ambitious goals are commendable, like our 17,000-mile trip to Alaska in 2022, but they can lead to frustration and burnout. Instead, we're focusing on small, specific wellness actions.

Instead of resolving to "exercise more," we're committing to walking for 20 minutes three times a week. And for some, this effort seems too easy but for us, they are a manageable challenge. Manageable steps are easier to incorporate into our travel routines and can become the building blocks for larger achievements.



Being SMART

During my corporate life, we trained leaders on using the SMART system to craft goals for our teams and individuals. Using the SMART system, here is our commitment for starting 2025:

- Specific: Define exactly what you want to achieve. Walk 6,000 steps three times a week.
- Measurable: Include a way to track your progress. Use our smart watches to track events.

- **Achievable:** Ensure the goal is realistic given your current circumstances. Step goals are achievable at home and on the road because we've done it before.
- **Relevant:** Align the goal with your overall wellness vision. Our walking goal is the foundation for health and wellness. And it fits with our travel goals of exploring.
- **Time-bound:** Set a deadline to keep yourself accountable. Start walking on Jan. 6 and keep up for three months before re-assessing.

Not Overloading

It is tempting to get excited about making goals in a new year, most of which relate to travel.

But making too many goals saps our energy. And it sets us up for disappointment when one goal is not achieved, impacting all the others. We'll concentrate on one goal at a time to build momentum just like our travel plans – we create a vision – but we focus on one trip at a time. We can always move on to the next goal once our walking goal becomes routine.

Celebrating Progress, Not Perfection



Life is a journey, not a destination – same with wellness. Celebrate incremental progress and small victories, even if you don't achieve your goal perfectly.

We've done this on our Airstream journey – we've made a few key mistakes, but we've learned and adjusted. For our wellness goal, if I aimed to walk 6,000 steps three days a week and only manage two, that's OK.

Imagine if I never wanted to hitch up again after almost breaking an arm the first time, or giving up on water management after making a key mistake when backflushing the black tank.

I can acknowledge the effort rather than focusing on the shortfall. Positive reinforcement fosters motivation and helps us stay on track.

Re-evaluating

Life circumstances change, as we learned this past year, and so should our goals. If a goal feels unattainable, tweak it to better suit the current situation.

We've done this many times over our eight years of travel – changing our plans has always worked out for the better despite the disappointment at the time.

I recall in 2020, when we had to cancel participation on the Alaskan caravan due to COVID. It was such a disappointment after a year of researching, planning, making reservations and the anticipation.

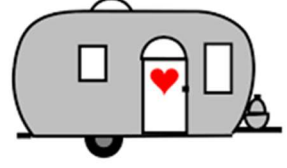
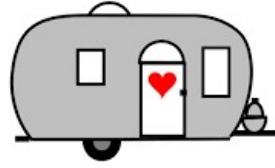
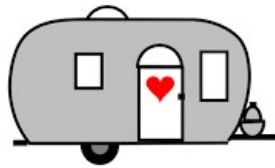
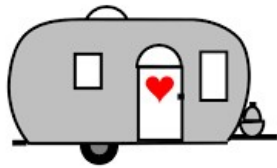
But that decision turned into an amazing solo Alaskan adventure in 2022.

Another disappointment came in 2019 on our first long trip to the Maritimes when Hurricane Dorian caused us to evacuate from Nova Scotia before our planned four days in Cape Breton.

But that has led us to attend the 2025 Region 1 70th anniversary rally in Nova Scotia where we will spend a full two weeks on Cape Breton following the rally. Flexibility ensures that you stay committed to the journey without becoming overwhelmed.

Setting achievable wellness goals has a parallel to traveling. We'll hopefully create a sustainable path to better health and well-being.

Remember, every small step forward is a victory worth celebrating. And we pray it keeps us traveling in our Airstream, meeting up with old friends and making new ones.



Let's Rally Together



Upcoming SEMAC, WBAC/ACI and other Airstream Events At-a-Glance
(SEMAC events/rallies highlighted in yellow)

<p>January 25 @ noon-3 p.m.</p>	<p>SEMAC Winter Meet & Greet @ Bearded Lamb 149 West Liberty, Plymouth , MI, 48170 https://airstreamclub.org/semac-winter-meet-greet</p>	<p>Join us from 12-3 at the Bearded Lamb Brewing Company in Plymouth for Suds and Silver! Let's chat about our 2024 travels and share our plans for 2025!</p>
<p>March 29 @ 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>SEMAC Watching For Freighters At Freighters Freighters Eatery & Taproom 800 Harker St, Port Huron, MI, 480560 https://airstreamclub.org/semac-watching-freighters-freighters</p>	<p>As the ice breaks along Lake Huron, join us at 12:30 pm for lunch while watching the freighters begin their shipping season.</p>
<p>May 14-18</p>	<p>Region 4 Rally @ State Fair of West Virginia, Lewisburg, WV https://airstreamclub.org/region4/r-egion-4-rally-2025</p>	<p>Lewisburg was featured in Fodor's Travel as one of "America's 25 Cutest Main Streets in Small(er) Towns" and was also listed in Southern Living's "Best Small Towns to Retire." Visit The Greenbrier resort and the "Bunker," a concrete-encased fallout shelter buried 720 feet underground. It was intended to withstand an indirect nuclear attack and house all the members of Congress as well as a support staff of hundreds.</p>
<p>June 6-8</p>	<p>Silver on Silver @ Holiday RV Park & Campground, Traverse City, Michigan https://airstreamclub.org/silver-silver-lake-rally</p>	<p>This is our annual joint Rally with our sister club, MAC. Come enjoy camping, wine tasting, and bike rides, and fellowship with us and MAC!</p>

June 21-22	Thunder Over SEMAC @ Ypsilanti KOA https://airstreamclub.org/thunder-over-semac	Join us to see the Blue Angels perform and many other aircraft demonstrations @ Willow Run Airport. Rally fee will include Airshow tickets to the "Bomber Club" at the Thunder over Michigan Airshow. Optional activities available include touring the Michigan Flight Museum and Willow Run Bomber Plant, as well as other regional museums
Jul 31-Aug 4	Cowboy Up with SEMAC @ Double JJ resort in Rothbury, MI https://airstreamclub.org/cowboy-semac	Join us for a weekend of camping at Double JJ's "Back Forty"! Opportunities abound for horseback riding, golf, waterparks, and much more. The Future Streamers intra club will also be promoting this!
Aug 23-28	International Rally, York, PA https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025	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?!
Sept 18-21	Head For the Hills Campout with SEMAC https://airstreamclub.org/head-hills-campout	Campbell Cove Campground, 30712 Lake Hogan Rd, Logan, OH, 43138 Head for the Hocking Hills and enjoy a casual camp out during the early Fall.
Oct 2-5	Urban Air® #10, Eaton Rapids, MI https://wakeupdowntown.com/	Not an ACI or SEMAC event, but it is Airstream exclusive and a fun chance to camp on city streets
Oct 17-19	SEMAC Fall Winterization and Boondocking Rally @ Woodland Clarkston https://airstreamclub.org/semac-fall-maintenance-rally	Join us for a weekend of boondocking, fellowship, educational demonstrations, and a chili cook-off! This will also include our annual meeting and officer installation.

Registration is open for all SEMAC events at <https://airstreamclub.org/southeastern-michigan/semac-rallies-and-events>

