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2nd Quarter [April, May, June] 2025

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President's Corner

A Note from the President



I open this message with some sad news. Our Past President, Jackie Klare has passed away. Jackie was a great leader for Michigan Airstream Club. She will be missed dearly. Our deepest, heartfelt, condolences to Lee Klare. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The MAC 2025 Rally season is fast approaching. Sharon and I will be saying good bye to our daughter's family here in Tucson, AZ. It has been such fun entertaining our four-year-old granddaughter. We will depart April 1st and take 5 or 6 days to get back to Grand Haven. Spring clean-up will begin soon after arriving home. I like to get this done before the weather really gets nice.

Our first MAC event will be the Snug Harbor luncheon Saturday, April 19th, at 12:30 pm. Snug Harbor is located at 311 S Harbor Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Please call or email me if you plan to attend or have any questions I might help to resolve. Fred Bryant 616-240-3724. It would help to know how many are coming so we have enough seating. I hope to see you there.

Wanted! Good people to help run the club, plan rallies, and events. Member participation is critical to having a fun, vibrant, active club. Many hands make a light load. Please consider an officer position or help plan a rally or gathering.

Fred Bryant, BRN# 30962

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New Members

The Michigan Airstream Club wishes to welcome:

- ◆ Patrick & Patricia Bergin
- ◆ Dodd & Alanda Bulger
- ◆ Cheryl Iverson
- ◆ Liz Johnson & Sidney Beckwith [Affiliate]
- ◆ Monica & Kenny Kubischta [Affiliate]
- ◆ Thomas & Claudia Stieber



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

Tribute to Jackie

By Lee Klare



Twenty-one months ago, my wife, Jackie and I were told that she had 20-21 months to live. Jackie was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and there was no cure. This wasn't her first health threat. She was a cancer survivor but at that moment our lives shifted. We were told she will be made as comfortable as possible with medications and her oxygen tank would soon be her permanent companion. We set out to live the rest of her days the best we could and we did just that. On Sunday, March 9, 2025 in the late afternoon, my wife died peacefully at Munson Hospice House. Some know the Jackie with the scooter, the nasal cannula and oxygen tank by her side. Through no fault of her own, that was terminally-ill Jackie. I want to share with you the Jackie I know and love.

Jackie was born in Cleveland, OH and lived in Lakewood, OH. She started her first year of college in Spain but came back soon after starting because her father died unexpectedly. College postponed, she helped to support her family by working at Ohio Bell. She worked her way through the company and transferred to Nevada working in the billing department, then transferred to Pacific Bell in San Francisco. She became the Senior Project Manager while simultaneously getting her degree [BS] in 3 instead of 4 years at the University of San Francisco. She was amazing at her job and knew how to manage and talk to people. She was so smart. She became a contractor for IBM but then went back to SBC Global doing the same job as Pacific Bell but for 3X the salary. They gave her an offer she couldn't refuse and she was good at it and loved it. She officially retired in 2007.

Jackie was my next door neighbor when I first met her. She was divorced and a career woman, looking so professional in her business suits I recall. Couple of years after my divorce, we reconnected and began dating. After 3 years of dating, on October, 19, 1991, we married and shared our lives together in California for 24 years. We moved to Michigan in December of 2015. As I look back at our lives, what brought us together and kept us together was a love for adventure. It was not unusual for us to spontaneously hop in the car and do something fun. We always had a travel bag in the car ready at a moment's notice.



Tribute to Jackie

By Lee Klare, continued...

Jackie had many gifts outside of her professional career. She became a master gardener which enabled her to do all the gardening around the new home that we built together in California. She was a beautiful painter and an avid bird watcher. A lifelong learner, she taught herself how to cane chairs and had a little side hustle caning chairs because she spoke with "authority" and she could do anything she put her mind to. She was one of the founding members of the "Dominicans" at St. Dominic Catholic Church in the town of Benicia, CA. She loved hiking and hiked the Grand Canyon down and back with a heavy backpack. She was an active, healthy, 4'11" tall dynamo and a force to be reckoned with.



Once we bought our first Airstream [which is another good story I won't go into], she was a die-hard Airstreamer. She was all in with both feet! She was the President of NorCal Airstream in Region 12 and served the club in various ways. She didn't miss a beat when we moved to Michigan and we became members of the Michigan Airstream Club. At the time of her death, she was the Past-President and had worked her way up the Executive Board volunteering her time and talent. Her favorite part of the club was keeping the club focused and heading in a positive direction. She loved to talk to members and sincerely ask questions and listen. She loved her MAC family and that family loved her too. People have told me that meeting Jackie was the reason they joined MAC. That means so much to me and I get it.



Jackie is survived by me and while she never had children herself, she was the loving mother of my four children and our 13 grandchildren. She was their "Nana Jackie". She made an positive impact on them and she will be dearly missed. I can honestly say that Jackie made me a better person too. She taught me so much and I would not have gotten this far in life without her support. All of it, I owe to Jackie. Yes, Jackie is survived by her family but she is survived by all the friends she knew, including all of you. You are her family too and I am grateful to have you. I am officially stepping down from my position on the MAC executive board but not stepping out. I just need a bit of time to settle into life without Jackie and determine my next steps. Thank you for all the support.



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 2025 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.

2025 Meeting Dates

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

Mark Your
Calendar & Listen In!



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.

MAC Spotlight

MAC Member Supporting Airstream of Northern Michigan Sales Event

The Michigan Airstream Club Membership Chair, Kat Hibbard along with her husband Dale Schneider spent Super Bowl weekend meeting new and potential Airstream owners at Airstream of Northern Michigan's new showroom in Traverse City. Way to represent MAC!



Membership & Club News

ACI Executive Board Needs You by Fred Bryant

Share your talents with an ACI Executive Board Position

I received an email from the Airstream Club International Leadership Recruitment Committee today. We have an ACI Executive Board election nearing. We are seeking persons interested in being directly involved in determining the direction of Airstream Club International's future. The ACI Executive Board determines policies and initiatives to keep ACI thriving into the future.

The diverse talents and experiences of our members can greatly contribute to our club's success. Please consider bringing your talents to the Executive Board level to accelerate ACI into the future. Be part of the Leadership of fresh ideas and direct ACI to be a successful organization.

If you need more information check the [FAQs](#) page by clicking here. Click the link below to apply to be considered for the Executive Board elections. This link will start the process: <https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate>.

Deadline for submissions: April 1st, 11:59 PM ET

Fred Bryant
BRN 30962
MAC President



The poster is divided into three main sections. The top left section has a black background with white text and a line drawing of wine bottles and glasses. The top right section shows a close-up of an Airstream exterior with a red marker light and a circular vent featuring a flamingo logo. The bottom left section shows the interior of an Airstream with a kitchen and seating area. The bottom right section has a dark grey background with white text listing event activities.

Enjoy an evening at
Woodland Airstream

May 15, 7PM
Woodland Airstream, Grand Rapids

- Explore the new Classic 28RB & Midnight Flamingo
- Meet other Airstream enthusiasts
- Relish in our favorite selection of wine

Membership & Club News

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

- 10: Carol Jean Beard
- 11: Jackie Klare [rest in peace]
- 14: Kathy Ann Blunck
- 17: Dave Koomler
- 23: Kathy Berish
 - Michael & Bernadette Frost: April 26, 1980
 - Jeriel & Carol Jean Beard: April 28, 2001

May

- 17: Lee Klare
- 24: Jim Berish
- 28: Beth Brackenridge
- 31: James Chellman

June

- 6: Jeffrey Routson
- 10: Karen Fisher
 - Fred & Sharon Bryant: June 12, 1971
 - Jeffrey & Karen Routson: June 13, 1969
 - Bill & Beth Brackenridge: June 16, 1973
 - David & Mary Ann Borton: June 26, 1971
 - Tom & Peg Smith: June 26, 1981
 - Jim & Kathy Berish: June 28, 1992
 - Angus Stinson & Kelli Ray-Fry: June 30



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

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

So Long Bitter Creek Brewing By Jeff Routsen

Those of us who attended the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming may have visited Bitter Creek Brewing for dinner and a brew. I will always remember the Coal Porter. It was great. Unfortunately, they have closed their doors after 27 years of business. The owners decided to retire. Downtown Rock Springs won't be the same without them. Click [HERE](#) to read more..



Photo courtesy of SweetwaterNOW, [Olivia Kennah](#)
[September 9, 2024](#)

MAC Gather Together

Winter/Spring Luncheons

Luncheons bridge the gap between the rally seasons and brightens our lives.



Mi Mezcal, Cadillac, MI



Iron Horse Pub, Durand, MI

We Rally Together

Airstreamers Serving Veterans: "Airstreams Return to Cadillac II" Rally by Pegeen Smith

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 rallies of that era.

Last summer, we celebrated that rich history with a fun-filled rally which centered around giving back to Veterans Serving Veterans, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to supporting local veterans and bringing the community together. All of the campground fees collected provided the materials to construct a split-rail fence and Airstream volunteers provided the man/woman power. Michigan Airstream Club donated a brick and several attendees donated towards a second brick. This service project was highlighted in the 2024 Fall Edition of the Blue Beret! The good news is that we are planning another rally in the same location and we welcome more to come join us.

When: Thursday, July 17- Sunday, July 20, 2025

Where: Veterans Serving Veterans Park, 3740 S 41 Road, Cadillac, MI 49601. **This is a boondocking rally.**

Campsite Fee: \$25.00/night minimum but extra donations are welcome. Camp fees are collected by Veterans Serving Veterans and is tax-deductible. Click [HERE](#) to do this first.

Rally Fee: \$20.00 per person. Once you pay for your campsite, click [HERE](#) to register for the rally.

Hosts: Dale Schneider & Kat Hibbard, Karen Fisher & Wally Kimmel, and Tom & Peg Smith



This year, besides adding more split-rail fence, the director, Dr. Roger Bandeen asked if we would like to help them landscape their new entrance boulevard islands called the Freedom Parkway. The islands will be wired for new lamp posts and a sprinkler system and be ready for volunteers to begin planting.

There will be lots to do in Cadillac that weekend. If you like art and music, the Cadillac Arts Festival has art, food booths, and free concerts. There are plenty of places to bike, hike and golf and lots of opportunity for water sports in Lake Cadillac & Lake Mitchell. Mark your calendar and come join us. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

We Rally Together

Shipwrecks of Lake Huron Rally - August 7 - 10, 2025

Where:

Long Lake Park

<https://www.alpenacounty.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Long-Lake-Park-1>

Just off U.S.-23 north of Alpena and on County Park Road, this modern campsite park is located on the shores of Long Lake approximately 10 miles north of Alpena. We have arrangements to **hold 15 sites** that are close together. Sites are \$36.67 for back-in, to \$41.67 for a lake front site across the road. Register early to assure a site.

Long Lake Park

10002 Hinks Park Road

Alpena, MI 49707

Contact:

Patrick Martin & Marissa Matuzak

Phone: [989-590-8109](tel:989-590-8109) or [989-595-2401](tel:989-595-2401)

Rally Fee: \$15 per rig. **Register NOW** by clicking **[HERE!](#)**

What's planned:

Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

<https://www.michigan.org/property/great-lakes-maritime-heritage-center>

Experience the rich history of the Great Lakes by exploring the exhibits at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. Feel the power of a Lake Huron storm while you walk the deck of a life-size schooner. Admission is free of charge.

Alpena Shipwreck Tours

<https://www.visitalpena.com/places/alpena-shipwreck-tours/>

Explore the shipwrecks of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary on the 65-foot glass-bottomed Lady Michigan! Two large viewing wells on the main deck give passengers a front row view of historical shipwrecks on the bottom of Lake Huron. Or paddle your own kayak, or snorkel from shore, a calm day on Lake Huron can provide amazing views from above. This is a two-hour tour of shipwrecks on the bottom Lake Huron. This has been reserved for Saturday, 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Tickets are \$34.00 per person. Dinner following the boat tour afterwards.

Visit the Alpena Wildlife Preserve on the Thunder Basin River [open to canoes & kayaks].

When:

Check-in at Long Lake will begin Thursday 8/7/2025 after making reservations with the Long Lake Park personnel listed above. Check out Sunday 8/10/2025.

Questions:

Contact John Williams [\[970\] 260-3450](tel:970-260-3450) or email: j_williams_pc@yahoo.com.

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We Rally Together

Pentwater Rally - Thursday, October 2 - Sunday, October 5th



The 60+ degree day has me thinking of Airstream season! Our first trip in Michigan is less than a month away and I hope you've also got spring plans in place. Past Pentwater rally goers were recently notified that the campground block is nearly half full already. Wow! Thanks to those who've already booked. Lisa at Whispering Surf is excited



to have so many familiar names coming this October.

For 2025, I'm working with a new caterer for Friday night - and of course Airstream tours. The full agenda and rally registration

form isn't ready quite yet, but for now please consider booking your campsite if you'd like to join us again. As the whole campground is blocked to the public online, you'll simply need to email or call Whispering Surf to secure your site, if you haven't already. Check out all their info here: [Home - Whispering Surf Campground](#) There is also a Grapes and Grains rally in Grand Rapids shortly after this event, so we may have some folks from other regions join us! If you want a site before we announce it to the Grapes & Grains, Sip of the Mitt Rally attendees, **DON'T delay** and book your campsite. As always, consider coming a couple days earlier or sticking around until Monday to maximize your time on Michigan's west coast. Click [here](#) for more information about the rally.



Your Host: Sarah Smith (mac2ndvpresident052@gmail.com)

We Rally Together

MAC Caravans to Region 4 & International Rallies by Fred Bryant

Would you be interested in traveling together to the Region 4 Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia, May 14-18? Let's talk! Give me a call and let me know if you are interested, have a route planned, departure date. I have one, but I am flexible. We organized a caravan to the Rock Springs International Rally in 2023 and communicated using 'What's App'. We departed on your own time schedule, stopped where we liked, and would share interesting things we would see on 'WhatsApp'. We would try to stay at the same campground when possible and share our day of adventure traveling. It was such fun, I hope we can do it again. Email or call, Let's see if we can get this launched in time to have some travel fun.



If this works, I would like to do it for the International Rally in York PA as well.

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MAC Shares

Product Review by Sharon Bryant

Last winter while in Tucson my Black and Decker Dustbuster stopped working. Wasn't that great anyway. Went to Costco and purchased another compact vacuum cleaner to carry in the Airstream. Seemed to work fairly well until it stopped working. So, back on the internet to look for top rated, small, lightweight vacuum.

After reading reviews for several vacuum cleaners, I decided on Fanttik V8. I have found this vacuum cleaner to be much better than the last two. The Fanttik has superior suction power and weighing only 1.1 pounds. Diameter is small enough to get into tight spots and most of the attachments are useful. Holds a charge exceptionally well.

<https://fanttik.com/products/fanttik-slim-v8-apex-car-vacuum-gray>





MAC Shares

Forever Trailer By Dale Schneider, BRN 6664

Right from the beginning we liked our trailer enough to say that it was a keeper. Based on that, our approach has been Wally Byam's philosophy to not make changes, only improvements. We asked ourselves "is it a want, or a need, or both?" Sometimes it was a necessary repair, sometime an update to tired furnishings or outdated or missing electronics. Sometimes things get just get old. Sometimes it was a "nice to have." We also consider if we had to sell our trailer, could we put that item or feature back to original for the new owner?

In 2013 when our trailer was built, Airstream USB charging ports were not factory-installed equipment. Tired of charging in the truck or only when plugged in, we had 3 installed. A want and a need.

So here we go. Our glass shower door failed 3 times and finally was not repairable and had to be replaced. Research led us to the Nautilus retractable cassette door OEM equipment used by Airstream in certain models with all-in-one [non-split bath] bathrooms like the Flying Cloud 26U. High function and quality.

We did a preemptive install of the new Maxim 3-layer, hurricane-rated skylight. Ours was 12 years old, brittle and yellowed. A new skylight shade has been purchased to replace the worn one, will be installed this spring.

My wife hated that she could not see who was at the door if someone knocked, a safety issue for her. Last year we had that frosted window in the door replaced with a tinted, clear glass window. A want and an improvement [Note: there are only a couple of shops that do this and it is not the factory service center.]

Some smaller things were a door handle reinforcement hack along with the lock out prevention device and better stainless steel striker bolt both from NoLox Solutions. We added a pull handle above the stock door handle on the inside for easier closing. LED strip lights were added to the outdoor storage compartments for ease in finding stuff that stuff that is way back there.

Upgraded propane tank lines to braided stainless steel lines [rubber propane tank lines do get bulges and fail] and a Gas-Stop device which shuts off propane flow if a sudden, high flow is detected. Will install two tether cables this spring [reduces possibility of damage to the propane tank cover in high winds.]

In 2013, the OEM batteries were flooded-cell lead acid. Those were upgraded when they were aged out at 5 years old to 2 AGM batteries and we added 400w of solar to the roof along with the associated necessary electronics for solar. Two years ago, when those aged out, we upgraded to 3 Battleborn lithium batteries. We now have 4x the battery capacity we started with. Our original 4 solar panels aged out and in 2024, those were replaced with more efficient panels.

Our dinette cushions had gotten soft so the foam in the seats was replaced with firmer foam. The vulnerable plastic fresh tank drain was preemptively replaced with a brass drain that drains much faster and is easier to use. [Our drain is behind a tire and hard to reach.]

Much like our home, to keep up the condition, every year there are regular annual maintenance items like check the brake and bearings and tires. Additionally, we target projects that either need attention or upgrades we want to do.

This approach has served us well coming up on 9 years of Airstreaming with a now 12-year-old trailer. Only 13 more years to go till she's vintage.

MAC Shares

Favorite Bicycle-Friendly Campsites By Sarah Smith, BRN 26310

When people learn my husband John and I are avid camping weekend-warriors, it's almost guaranteed the next question I get is "where do you like to camp?" For me, that's a hard question to answer because it depends what's on the agenda for the trip. And the season or weather forecast. And how much time we have to get to our destination and back!

However, one thing I'm guaranteed to always seek out in a campground is that it's located directly on or nearby a bike trail. Bonus points if you can depart right from the campground on your bike, double-bonus points if it's a scenic ride, and triple-bonus points if the trail somewhere intersects a cute café or local watering hole.

In my opinion, the quintessential campground for these adventures is Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park, and I'm fortunate to have one trip planned in early summer before it closes down for updates through the 2026 camping season. From the Traverse City State Parks TART Trail, you can go as far out as Suttons Bay, but also connect and loop around beautiful Boardman Lake, get safely downtown, and enjoy all that TC has to offer on two-wheels. My dream weekend!

But where else do we like to camp that scores all of the points? How will I make it through next year without visiting my beloved campsite 56 in Traverse? Let me share you a few places that may not be on your radar that hit the marks of great, bikeable parks, that you may not have [yet!] visited:

1. [John Gurney Park and Campground](#), Hart, Michigan. This is a small, city-owned park with a handful of sites for transient campers and mostly seasonal sites. It's a perfect place to make a home base for trips to Ludington, Silver Lake, and Pentwater, and you can take your bike from the park easily to the 22-mile paved Hart-Montague Trail. I'd recommend taking the bike trail to the local's favorite Brown Bear restaurant's Shelby location for some refreshment

along the bike route, or stopping at the ice cream shop in Hart on your way back to John Gurney. Hart Brewing is also bikeable, or you can walk to the bakery or a small handful of other places in Hart right from the campground. Bring your kayaks, too, as there is a launch and small beach at the campground to Hart Lake, that also accesses the Pentwater River. Aim for pie-shaped campsites in the 50-section for nice view of the lake but bring your extension cords. It's a little tight in this campground, but a nice spot for a long weekend of exploring the area. Other amenities include a pickleball court and short wooded walking trail. There are also lots of Jeep-enthusiasts, who make for quiet neighbors if you find yourself at the park during the prime dune-riding hours.



Traverse City



John Gurney Park

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Favorite Bicycle-Friendly Campsites Sarah Smith, BRN 26310

2. [Betsie River Campsite](#), Frankfort, Michigan. This unique, privately-owned campground has been an annual Memorial Day weekend trip for us for many years. The eclectic owners also operate a cozy café on site, and their camp store is among the best I've over-spent at! The park is directly on the Betsie Valley Trail and "turning left" out of the



Betsie River Campsite

campground will get you to downtown Frankfort - on Lake Michigan - in 3 gorgeous miles, and "turning right" out of the campground on the trail will take you on the most glorious bike trail trip to Crystal Lake and Beulah you'll find in Michigan. Part of the trail is packed gravel, but it's worth the slightly bumpy adventure for the scenery. The grassy sites at the campground are 30-amp tops, and we always reserve the pull-throughs for extra space. Stormcloud Brewing in Frankfort is on the bike-route itinerary when visiting Bestie River Campsite. The city of Beulah also recently opened their city-owned park to recreational (and not just seasonal-site) campers, and that is on our bucket list for this summer because we love that small town.

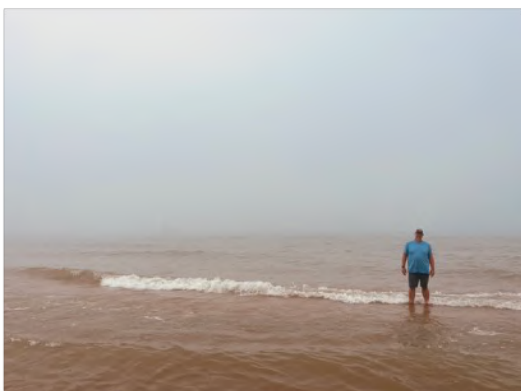


Crystal Lake Bike Path



Frankfort

3. [VanBuren State Park](#), South Haven, Michigan. We ended up at VanBuren State Park for the July 4th holiday last year by a stroke of luck. I've had great success with the DNR/Michigan state park's campground system "Notify Me" feature and snagged what must have been a cancellation. My advice: don't be afraid to get yourself on multiple park cancellation lists, be flexible, and just take whatever site you can get. It's part of the adventure, right? VanBuren State Park is right on Lake Michigan with a lovely sandy swimming beach, but most importantly also on the VanBuren Trail State Park. The 4-ish mile trail will take you directly into "downtown" South Haven, which is a lively little town for dining, shopping, and people watching.



South Haven Beach

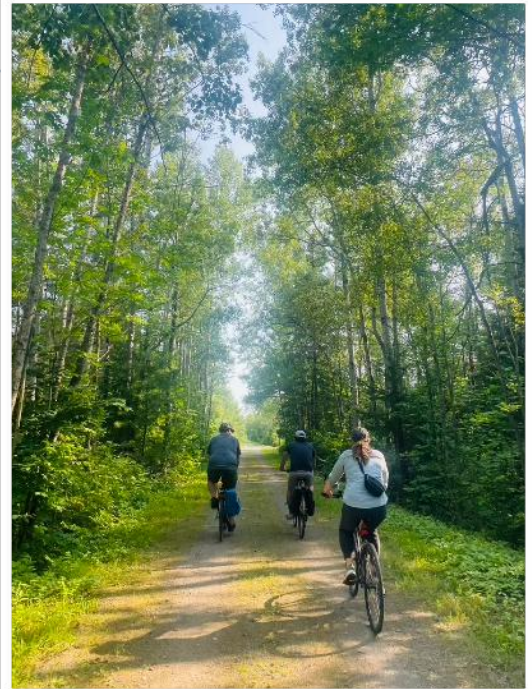
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Favorite Bicycle-Friendly Campsites By Sarah Smith, BRN 26310

4. [Indian River RV Resort](#), Indian River, Michigan. If you're feeling fancy, consider a trip to the campground that was voted the 2023 Campspot award for Best Campground in America. There are no bad sites, but the really pricy ones are truly glorious. The dog park, pool, walking trail and stores are all worth the [steep] price of admission, but my favorite part was the bike trailhead, just outside the campground. We powered our way on bike the beautiful 20+ miles to Cheboygan with our SEMAC friends Jason and Carly. Nearby, you can also have find more fun by renting a pontoon on Burt Lake or the nearby chains of lakes. This notable park is worth a week's vacation time and could be the highlight of your summer travels.



Indian River Campsite



Bike Path to Cheboygan from Indian River

Other more popular bikeable-adventure right-from-the-campground parks we love include Magnus Park [city-owned] or the State Park in Petoskey, D.H. Day in Glen Arbor [rustic, national-park maintained], Young State Park [Boyne City] or Holland State Park. All of the parks offer a reprieve from having to drive your oversized tow-vehicle into town for a meal or beer, plus a little fresh air along the bike route.

What are your favorite bikeable campsites? Email me at mac2ndvpresident052@gmail.com to share your insider-tips and have your campground featured in a future newsletter!

MAC Shares

Healthy Airstream Eats Recipe by Sharon Bryant

Fred and I spend our winters in Tucson, Az, which has wonderful restaurants from Mexican, Indian to Brazilian. Two top female chefs have restaurants less than 2 miles from us with very good food. But sometimes we just want to eat in and I enjoy cooking. When looking for something to make I go to the [Airstream Eats Facebook](#) page. Some of the best recipes that are simple to make with staples that I usually have in the Airstream can be found posted there. I have made this recipe several times.

Ingredients

Sweet potatoes [I purchase organic sweet potatoes, 5 per bag, they are usually smaller.]

Seeds of Change Quinoa or grain of choice. Microwavable pouch

Chickpeas - Microwaveable pouch

Chopped Kale

Avocado

Hardboiled egg

Directions

Oven roast or microwave potatoes. Cut in half, store in refrigerator until ready to use.

Drain chickpeas, toss in frypan with 1 Tbsp olive oil to toast. Add kale and sweet potato, cut side down, until warm/light brown.

Microwave quinoa according to package direction.

Assemble as photo. Enjoy!



Membership & Club News

Airstream Shell For Sale

The Michigan Airstream Club owns an Airstream shell which functioned at rallies for the storage of rally supplies. The shell has not been used for several years now and the MAC executive board voted to sell it. The MAC membership was notified via email but we are extending the offer up to the wider community.

Trailer information: 1968 Land Yacht, 28' shell. Battery and tires less than 5 years old. In towable condition. The estimated value is \$5000 - \$6000. See pictures below.

If interested please contact Tom at mactreasurer052@gmail.com



Membership News

For Sale

Proven Industries Hitch Lock Model 2516-AS (for 2 5/16' Airstream Trailer 2020 or newer - bought 4/23).

Two keys. Worked fabulously but we no longer have a trailer. Spent \$310.00. Asking \$150.00 Contact Peg Smith @ pegeens@mac.com.



Airstreams in the Wild



We Rally Together in 2025 & Beyond (at-a-glance)

Dates	Event - Location	Host/Organizer	Links/Contact
April 19 @12:30 pm	Winter Luncheon - Snug Harbor, Grand Haven, MI	Host: Fred & Sharon Bryant	RSVP: Fred 616-240-3724
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	Silver on Silver
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 7 - 10	Shipwrecks of Lake Huron Long Lake Park, Alpena	MAC Host: Fred Bryant/ John Williams	Shipwrecks of Lake Huron
August 23-28	WBCCI International Rally, 2025 York Expo Center, York, Pennsylvania	WBCCI	2025 Rally
September 20-28	62nd Annual Swiss Festival Sugar Creek, OH	Host: Region 4	Swiss Festival
October 3-5	MAC Fall Pentwater Rally & Business Meeting, Pentwater, MI	MAC Host: Sarah & John Smith	Pentwater Fall Rally
<u>2026</u>			
August 22-27 SAVE THE DATE	WBCCI International Rally, 2026 Minot, ND	WBCCI	2026 Rally
July 16 - 19 SAVE THE DATE	Airstreams Return to Cadillac III - 50th Anniversary Celebration, VSV Park, Cadillac	MAC Host: Dale & Kat, Karen Fischer, Wally Kimmel, Tom & Peg	

