

# NORVA NEWS



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## Brief Note from the Editor

Has July been hot enough or rainy enough for us? Let's hope August is more gentle. Jeff and Barbara Kohler escaped to Alaska, and Bob, Wendy and Jacob to the north country.. Club events have been quiet and there won't be any to report until the end of August after Galax and the ACI International , so I am taking the liberty of combining these two months. Look forward to a jam- packed edition at the beginning of September.

## From the President

by Bob Nickel

### Escaping the Heat



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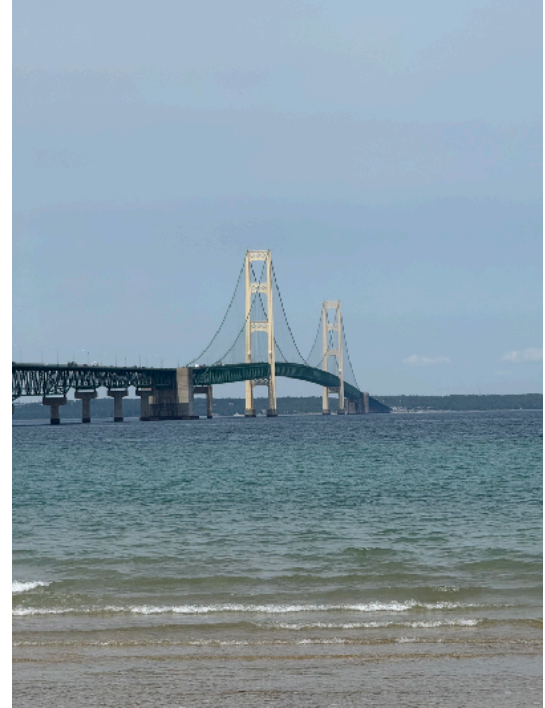
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*"Let's not make changes, let's only make improvements."*

*Wally Bayam*

This July, Wendy, Jacob and I (plus Wendy's mom) took a wonderful trip to the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan that included stops in Mackinaw, Marquette and Sisters Bay Wisconsin. We had never traveled through the UP and we weren't disappointed. The trip started with a three day stay in Mackinaw City, Michigan and of course a mandatory trip out to Mackinac Island. The weather was perfect (mid 70's and no humidity) and we had a great time touring the island. We were also treated to many views of the Mackinac Bridge. By the way, I learned that Mackinac and Mackinaw are both pronounced Mackinaw, it's a French spelling/pronunciation thing....



Crossing the bridge into Michigan's UP we traveled to Marquette, Michigan where we spent three days exploring the area. We took a boat tour of the Picture Rocks National Park and saw the stunning cliffs on Lake Superior (see photo at the beginning of the article).

While in Marquette, we also hiked to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain and were treated to spectacular views of Lake Superior, although there was a bit of haze from the Canadian wildfires.



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We rounded out our short vacation with a three day stop in Sisters Bay, Wisconsin, just north of Green Bay. We had an evening boat tour scheduled, but as you can see from the photo below, it was a bit windy and the tour was canceled. Despite the wind, the weather was great, keeping in line with the mid-70's and no humidity we were getting quite used to.



As I mentioned, this was our first trip to the UP and we can't wait to go back. If you're planning to head out to next year's ACI International Rally in Minot, North Dakota, keep this route in mind as the temperatures were great and the landscape was beautiful!

## **An Ounce of Prevention**

by  
Pete West

Here is a maintenance idea that never crossed my mind. On our way to Michigan fire truck show in July, I looked in my drivers mirror to see something sticking out of one of the rear side windows. We pulled over at a rest stop to investigate only to find the rear bedroom window totally blown out. What to do. We were just south of Toledo OH, so we decided to turn south and head toward Jackson Center and hope they had the window in stock. A quick phone call confirmed they had the window and would fit us in for a replacement.

So what caused the window failure? Our best guess is that the window latches jiggled loose on the bumpy Ohio Turnpike and the wind got a hold of the window ripping it off.

So the lesson is: On older trailers the rubber window gaskets get compressed with time and the latches don't pull the window in tightly enough to keep the latch from turning. The preventative solution is simple: unlatch the window and open it, go outside with a 1/2" open end wrench. On each latch there are two hex nuts holding the latch arm in place, loosen the outer nut a full turn, hand screw the inner nut in toward the screen two full turns, and then tighten the outer nut so neither nut can turn.



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Then, go back inside and latch the window. The latch should now take a little pressure to pull the window in tight against the gasket. If the latch still turns easily without releasing it, go outside and repeat the nut tightening another full turn until the latch requires a little pressure to fold in the handle.

## Upcoming Events

### **Late Summer and Fall NORVA events:**

**August 4-9 Old Fiddler's Convention, Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA**

Host: Christine Baum

Registration: [https://airstreamclub.org/galax-old-fiddlers-rallyAugust 23-28](https://airstreamclub.org/galax-old-fiddlers-rallyAugust%2023-28)

**August 23-28 : Airstream 68th International Rally, York Expo Center, York, PA**

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025>

**September 26-28: Virginia Commonwealth Rally, American Heritage RV Park, Williamsburg, VA**

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/2025-commonwealth-rally>

**November 7-8: Urbanna Oyster Festival**

Registration: Stay tuned. Registration link coming soon! Check our Facebook page and next month's newsletter.



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**To check out other opportunities for fun rallies and events with other Region 3 clubs, click on the link below:**

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=736&state=-I&club=-I&list=I>

