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# The Newstream

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club

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## Presidents Scoop

Steve Rowley

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you enjoying your summer and your Airstream! The summer isn't even half over, yet Cheree and I have already been out with ours six times, and half of those were for Rallies! At the Silver on Silver Rally, I was sitting next to "Stewbie", a member from California, who commented that the Airstream Club is secretly the best part about owning an Airstream, and I couldn't agree more!

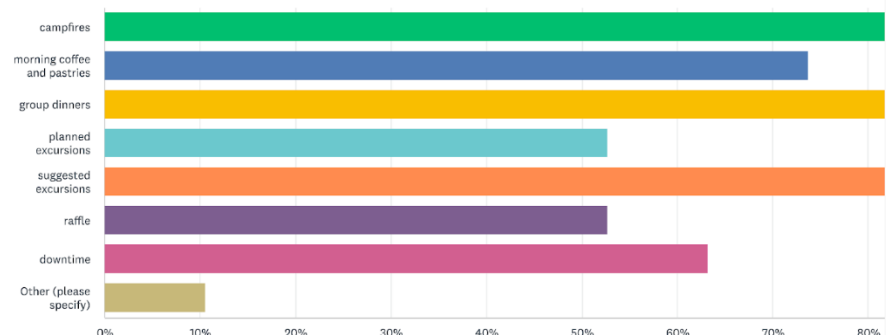
If you haven't been to a Rally yet this season, I encourage you to make it a priority to join one! If you can't make it to a SEMAC rally, there are lots of other opportunities out there. Just look for the searchable map at the ACI website, and see what you can discover. <https://airstreamclub.org/events>

Earlier this year we conducted a survey for our SEMAC members to make sure we are delivering the experiences our members are looking for. Nineteen members responded, and here are the results:

- 83% follow SEMAC on Facebook, while 17% follow us on Instagram
- 90% say that SEMAC Rallies have the right level of activities and that SEMAC is offering the right amount of rallies and meet-up opportunities.
- 68% think that three nights is the right length for a rally, with Four nights getting the second most votes at 26%.
- Here are the activities that members like to see at our Rallies:

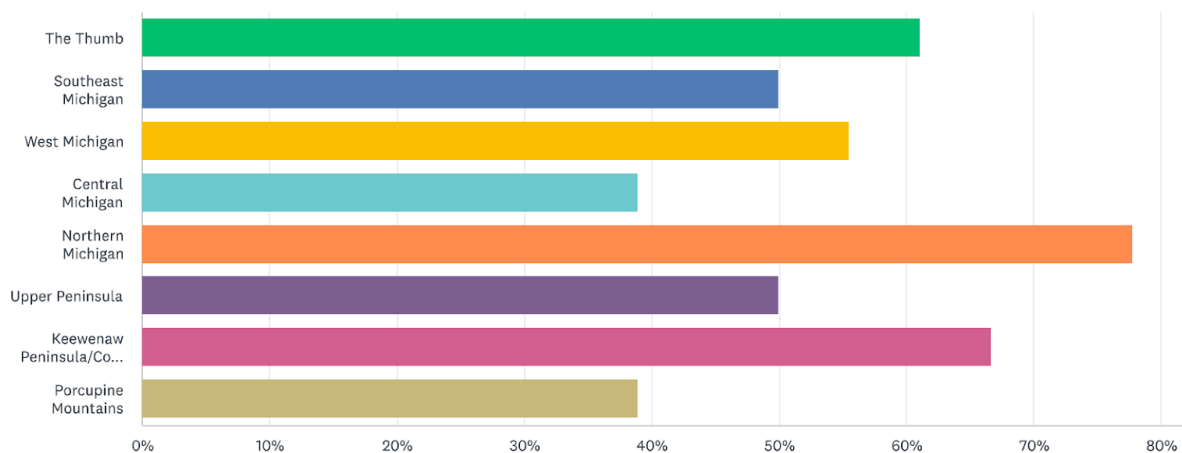
What type of events do you like to see at rallies? \*\*\*

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



## President's Scoop cont.

- Here are the areas of Michigan that members are most interested in rallying at:
- 80% of respondents are interested in a local caravan, similar to what was offered in 2024. (we have something cooking for 2026 - stay tuned!)



- Over 50% of respondents are interested in helping to plan a rally in the future!
- Other feedback we received included:
  - "I think SEMAC does a wonderful job! You were successful in getting us involved!"
  - "We are pretty new... Very happy with SEMAC"
  - "We enjoy SEMAC a great deal already and hope to participate more after we retire early next year"
  - "I appreciate the welcome as an affiliate"
  - "The demos at Woodland really were great"

It is rewarding to get this positive feedback from our membership, and it lets us know that we are on the right track.

**We need your help to approve an update to our constitution. Every 5 years ACI provides some pro-forma changes to be implemented, and this is the year. The board has reviewed the changes and they are non-substantive and mostly improved language for clarity. We need 60% of members to vote affirmatively to pass this. Please check your email (and spam/junk folders) from July 8, and look for an email from SEMAC Secretary, It contains links for you to review the proposed constitution and a link to vote. We need all votes in by July 22, please!**

A Special Business meeting has been scheduled for August 5 at 7:00 pm for purposes of voting for the constitution amendments. If you vote electronically you do not need to attend the meeting. Details of the meeting dial in will be sent closer to the meeting date.

## Airstream Club International

### Member Club House & Historical Center Fundraising Campaign

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
ORDER YOUR ENGRAVED BRICK TODAY!

As Airstream Club International have finished Phase I of their capital improvements with their new Club Headquarters building, they are excited to launch Phase II with the Brick Fundraising Campaign. Dollars raised will go toward the renovation of the old Club building, developing our wonderful Member Clubhouse, Historical Library, Pavilion, Dog Park, and expanded camping. For more information on ordering a brick, to

<https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/aci/>

**Engraved Brick Order Deadline: Sept 30, 2025**





Leo and Sherri Reap **31822**  
Matthew Ball and Cheri Toth **4155**  
Robert and Heidi Devroy **11278**  
Mark and Julie Campbell **1826**  
Robert Zeuner and Sheri Amici **31569**



**August**

Eric Bergquist  
Richard Martin

**July**

Gary Flint  
Elizabeth Martin  
Bill Biland  
Terry Swartzell  
Barbara Derian  
Greg Teff

**September**

Andrea Cooper  
Leslie Miller  
Pegeen Smith  
Robert Smith  
Emily Andrews  
Douglas Coburn  
Michelle Kaloustian  
Mark Kaloustian  
Richard Taylor  
Cherylin Tuck  
Eric McHenry  
Jo Bode  
Don Johnson  
Mark Fox

**Happy ACI/WCBCCI Anniversary!**

**July**

Mark & Andrea Cooper **13302** ★  
Andrew Wolfe **12766**  
Gary & Jennifer Gatesy **20822**

**August**

Red & Joy Berenson **14365** ★★ ★  
Carol & Brian Burke **25519**  
Stacy & Nicholas Steketee **5200**

**September**

Donald Diebel **5259**  
Robert & Linda Smith **4552**  
Brian & Megan Butler **26659**  
Gregory & Christine Teff **6916**



### Annual board meetings

We have set the board meeting schedule for 2025. The dates are Mon., Sept 15, and Oct 17-19 (at Woodland Airstream - Fall rally). Unless indicated otherwise, the meetings are held virtually at 6:30 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](mailto: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](mailto:SEMACpresident@gmail.com) around the time of the scheduled meeting for current meeting information.



### Lead the Way!

Steve Rowley



Do you love Airstreaming? Do you have an opinion? If so, serving on the SEMAC board may be right for you! Ask any of us who have served or are serving on the board, and they will tell you it has been a fun and rewarding experience, and not much work at all! We meet approximately 5 times a year, mostly via Zoom or at a rally. The primary topics of discussion are this year's rallies - how is the planning going, how is registration going, what can we do to engage new members, how can we give back to our members, and what will next year's rallies be? Most meetings run about 90 minutes.

Our board consists of a President, First VP, Second VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Trustees. All officers except the trustees serve one year terms. Typically, the Second VP, advances to First VP, then to President over the course of 3 years. Trustees serve two year terms, and can serve no more than two consecutive terms as Trustee. There are also non-voting committee chairperson roles, including Membership, and Newsletter. Our board meetings are open to all members, in case you are curious.

Your SEMAC board has a policy of trying to spend all the money we take in during the year, by planning fun events and rallies for our membership. Board service is a great way to deepen your relationships with other Airstreamers and dive deeper into the Airstream way of life. Do you think you have what it takes to join our team? Even if it isn't this year, maybe you can serve in a future year. Please reach out to Anna Richardson, Bill Biland, or Steve Rowley and ask for more information.

On a personal note, I must tell you that I have a warm spot in my heart for all of our board members and I smile anytime I think of them. They are all special people who bring their own set of talents to our club, and give freely of their time. I am personally richer for knowing them. If any of this sounds at all appealing to you, I encourage you to reach out to one of us and start a conversation.

### Thank you to our 2025 Newstream Sponsor



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## SEMAC APPAREL



### Get Your Swag On....

Are you aware of the SEMAC swag offerings? Check it out at [www.seriousgraphicsandsigns.com](http://www.seriousgraphicsandsigns.com) there is a "Online Stores" tab, click on it, then click the SEMAC 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.

### SEMAC's 1<sup>st</sup> VP Talks Rallies on The Riveted...



Listen to SEMAC's very own 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bill Biland, as he talks to Chris and Gina from The Riveted podcast. Bill will describe hosting the Silver on the Silver Rally and the advantages of owning an Airstream with twin beds even when you're a single traveler. The podcast can be found at <https://Therivetedpodcast.com>.



### Thunder Over SEMAC was a Blast!

Steve Rowley

We welcomed 17 rigs and just over 40 Airstreamers to our first ever Thunder over SEMAC rally in Ypsilanti, Michigan! As campers arrived and got set up on Saturday we were treated to multiple fly-overs from the Blue Angels, which served as a great teaser for the weekend. Everyone got a pair of Aviator sunglasses in their rally packers as well as a cooperative board game called Sky Team!

We kicked off the rally with a social hour and music evening, featuring Ralph Volk and friends! It was a fun evening for all with some of us jumping in on vocals, percussion, and the "Egg Shaker".



The focus of the rally was attending the Thunder over Michigan Airshow at Willow Run Airport. It was a hot day, but we were lucky to have tickets to the Bomber club, which gave us access to a tented area with tables and chairs and put us front and center to all the action! Everyone was blown away by the impressive display of air power and skill that this show brought! The F-22 Raptor opened the show with probably the most impressive display of aircraft capability that any civilian has ever witnessed. For many of us, it was right out of a Sci-Fi movie! We had several other exciting demonstrations of aerobatics from planes large and small before the Blue Angels took to the skies for the grand finale, and what a show it was! They delivered all the excitement that you could ask for in an awesome display of speed, power, and precision that a team of US Navy pilots can possibly achieve.

## Thunder Over SEMAC was a Blast! cont.



Following the show, we enjoyed a Detroit style meal for all, featuring Coney Island Hot Dogs, Better Made Potato Chips, Greek Salad, and Michigan Salad. For dessert, we had Boston Coolers (Vernors Floats)! After a long hot day, that meal really hit the spot, and the Boston Cooler was ultra refreshing!

On Sunday everyone had time to explore the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas, with some visiting a local dairy, others visiting local restaurants, and

still others chilling in the lake at the KOA and enjoying a free encore of the airshow from the cool lake water.

A special treat at this rally was to have Rich and Cindy Collins (From the YouTube Channel Luv Subbin) join us. They fit right in and featured our rally on a recent episode

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr03XP44srg&ab\\_channel=LuvSubbin](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr03XP44srg&ab_channel=LuvSubbin)).

Please click to watch this episode and show them some “luv” in return.

Everyone pulled out Monday morning in the sweltering heat, wishing fond goodbyes to all and wondering when the next Airshow rally will be!







Bill Biland and I hosted Silver on Silver this year! We had a great turnout....27 registered trailers plus one unregistered for a total of 57 members? Wow! What a great turnout for my first time hosting!

We had such a great response to our designated service program 1Cat, which provides valuable resources for the large feral cat community in the Traverse City area, we gathered over 30

bags of cat food and raised \$550! Susan Boyd the founder was thrilled to be the beneficiary of our club's generosity.



We had a great response to our very first Flamingo! Everybody really embraced the spirit of the evening! The winners of the best flamingo attire were Mark and Leanne Romanowski! Honorable mention goes to Cheree and Steve for their flamingo underwear.....and yes, I saw it! There were plenty of fun raffle prizes and enough sloppy Joes to feed an army!

Airstream of Northern Michigan hosted us for a showroom and service tour and provided a super yummy gourmet pizza luncheon....complete with wine, and you got to keep the Airstream glass! We were also graced by a corporate employee of Airstream, Tim Maxwell, to give us a little inside to the behind the scenes and reasons Airstreams are so coveted for their quality and longevity. Airstream of Northern Michigan also donated generously to our raffle items.



Woodland Airstream also sponsored our last night HotDog and Brats evening. As well as, the many generous donations to our raffle as well!

There were plenty of local activities available for your own fun....Wheels on rails owned by Macie Keffer, who just so happens to live in a 22FB Caravel for the summer, and was kind enough to join us for some of our activities. An awesome wine tasting lead by our fearless

leader Steve Rowley and his beautiful wife, Cheree. And a self-led bike ride down the TART trail! There was plenty of fun for all ages and abilities!

So, in conclusion, if you attended SOS and left without laughing, smiling or hungry....you were at the wrong rally! Feathers were flying and pink was the color of the weekend! Bill Biland and I with the help, of my bestie Maria Kollias had the best time making memories all around.





Setting out on an anticipated trip with the Airstream, all packed up and eager to arrive to my destination. But always in the back of my mind, and I am sure, all of our minds, is "What if". What if the tires on the rig blow, what would I do.

Traveling up to Wilderness State Park in Carp Lake, Michigan, I was enjoying an early Friday drive straight up I75N. Two hours away from the park, my truck's tire pressure monitoring system started to alert me. My mouth went dry, my stomach flipped, and I froze mentally for about 20 seconds. My truck rear passenger tire was losing air.

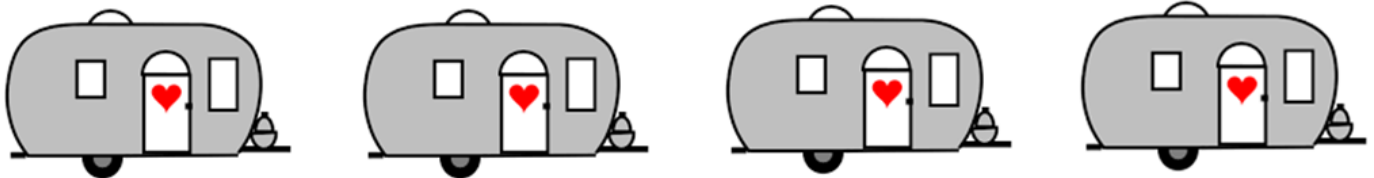
I pulled onto the right-hand shoulder, well into the grass, luckily there was field I could pull onto and be out of the way of traffic. I put my hazards on and sat and collected my thoughts. I put in a call to Ford roadside assistance. But with a two hour wait, I decided to google the nearest tow company to me. I called Sunrise Side Towing, in Sterling.

The man on the phone was calming and reassuring. With in 10 minutes they had a tow truck there. I had driven through glass of all things, and that started the air leaking out of my tire. The driver told me that the prior evening, a rv rolled over and apparently the road crew did a poor job of

cleaning up the debris. I was a very minor casualty of the poor clean up.

I always tell myself, it could always be worse. The driver put air in my tire and I followed him to their business just two miles away, with my heart thumping, as I was watching my TPMS to make sure I would make it. Sunrise Side Towing put on a new tire and had me on the road within 20 minutes. All of the staff were friendly and calming. It helped me relax and realize all is well.

It wasn't a blow out, my rig tires were fine, and it made me have gratitude for the lesson that day, that it was a minor situation and I, my pets, truck, and Airstream were all okay. Be safe in your travels!





# Let's Rally Together



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

(SEMAC events/rallies highlighted in yellow)

Jul 31-Aug 4	<b>Cowboy Up with SEMAC @ Double JJ resort in Rothbury, MI</b>  <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/cowboy-semac">https://airstreamclub.org/cowboy-semac</a>	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	<b>International Rally, York, PA</b>  <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025">https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025</a>	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	<b>Head For the Hills Campout with SEMAC</b>  <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/head-hills-campout">https://airstreamclub.org/head-hills-campout</a>	Campbell Cove Campground, 30712 Lake Hogan Rd, Logan, OH, 43138 Head for the Hocking Hills and enjoy a casual campout during the early Fall.
Oct 2-5	<b>Urban Air® #10, Eaton Rapids, MI</b>  <a href="https://wakeupdowntown.com/">https://wakeupdowntown.com/</a>	Not an ACI or SEMAC event, but it is Airstream exclusive and a fun chance to camp on city streets
Oct 17-19	<b>SEMAC Fall Winterization and Boondocking Rally @ Woodland Clarkston</b>  <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/semac-fall-maintenance-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/semac-fall-maintenance-rally</a>	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>

