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Presidents Scoop

Bill Biland

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable camping season so far, we still have a couple months this fall to get some last-minute trips in. Fall is my favorite time to do some camping.

This past July your two VPs, Anna Richardson and Brian Butler, hosted “DeTour to Paradise, a Rally Under the Stars”, actually it was a rally under Canadian Wildfire smoke, but it was still a great rally and the smoke did end up clearing, and we all enjoyed the beautiful area and views. Paradise Pointe RV Park is an intimate and beautiful park if you are ever up in DeTour Village.

In August, Gracie and Rafel Guillen hosted the “Mitten Burger Round Up” at Northpark Campground in Harbor Beach. It was a great turn out and we all had some time to catch up with one another as well as meet new friends. Rafel did a coffee presentation with different brew methods and bean roasts, where else can you find this but at an Airstream Rally!

SEMAC is always welcoming and encouraging member involvement, if you have ideas for rallies or campouts, or you would like to host or cohost one, please let myself or one of your board officers know. The more active we all are, the more we all get out of our experiences of being part of this awesome club.

This is my last newsletter as your Club President, as my term will come to an end on October 10. It is hard to believe how quickly this past year has gone by.

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your encouragement, support, and kind words throughout my term. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president. One of the best parts of this experience has been meeting so many new members, getting to know more of you, and sharing the fun and fellowship that make SEMAC so special.

I am grateful for all of the great memories we have made together- from our rallies and gatherings to the conversations around the campfire and the friendships that have grown along the way. A club is only as strong as the members who participate, and I truly appreciate everyone who has volunteered their time, shared their ideas, and helped make our year a great success.

As I pass the president's position onto Anna, I look forward to continuing to be an active member and enjoying many more adventures with all of you. I wish our incoming officers a successful and enjoyable year, and I hope everyone will continue to give them the same support and encouragement you have me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a wonderful experience, and I will always be grateful for the memories, friendships, and adventures we have shared.

See you down the road!

Membership News



Shannah Behling and Scott Robbins **6239**

Greg and Tena Neislar **5155**

Joerg and Mary (Liz) Potthoff **3969**

Robert Schroeder and Laura Perkins **5206**

Christie and Einor Jacobsen **11011**

Don and Drea Potts **25722**

Matt and Kim Skeels **4964**

Jamie Diamond and Judy Radin **3681**

Kaiti and Scott Vasbinder **30889**

Karen and Matt Cook **8987**



OCTOBER

Anna Richardson

John Farmer

Megan Butler

Jason Nardoni

Michael Ignatoski

Dawn Farmer

Tom Cobb

Gwyn Leer

NOVEMBER

Stacy Bee

Donna Cobb

Andrew Wolfe

Don Diebel

Matt Richardson

Mark Cooper

Carly Strachan

Jackie Beutler

Joe Peplinski

Kelli Ray-Fry

William Copenhaver

Craig Goff

Sheri Copanic

DECEMBER

Linda Smith

Valerie Mutchler

Lois Swartzell

Janet Pinkham

Marie Steele

Rafael Guillen

Cindy Schwabel

Mike Kalota

Sidney Beckwith

Happy ACI/WCBCCI Anniversary!

OCTOBER

Steve & Cheree Rowley **1991** ★
Kevin Tobin & Bryan Hopkins **5634**
Richard Martin **6550**
Kathleen Hibbard & Dale Schneider **6664**
Barb Derian & Ralph Volk **10826** ★★
Michael Cyr & Susan Saravis **11022**
Drea & Don Potts **25722**
Scott & Kati Vasbinder **30889**
Sheri Trout & Robert Fraser **31397**



NOVEMBER

Robert & Cynthia Schwabel **4985** ★★
Holly Steinberger **9826**
Kristine & Domenic Milicia **6187**
Paul & Kari Grady **8032**
Yvonne & Terry Applegate **9502**
Gail & Michael Lutton **12976**
Karen & Kevin Behrle **18201**

DECEMBER

Joe Peplinski & Lorrie Robertson **6768**
Dave & Sharlene Kracht **6781**
Aileen & Robert Franchi **9017**
Jeanne & Michael Antulis **13659**

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 SEMASEcretary@gmail.com!

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 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.

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Welcome to SEMAC'S New Board Members



Rebecca Steketee, 2nd Vice President

Rebecca Steketee is a 16-year resident of Oxford, Michigan having chosen to raise her family there along with her husband, Aaron. They have been Airstream owners since 2022 when they purchased their Basecamp 20X to continue their camping and traveling adventures. Growing up in Missouri, Rebecca's family vacations were spent tent camping and visiting state and national parks. After college, she became a park ranger, moved to Virginia and met her husband who introduced her to backpacking and camping in a pop-up trailer. Nothing beats an Airstream though and like many in this group, she has big plans to travel and see the country with Dutchie the Airstream.

Rebecca spent 12 years working as a park ranger for the National Park Service and then focused on raising her kids while holding part-time jobs which helped to feed her Type-A, planner personality. Now she works full-time as an executive assistant at Oakland University. In her spare time, she volunteers as a Trail Ambassador at Independence Oaks County Park and also continues to volunteer at her church helping in the chapel. Rebecca is detail-oriented, a clear communicator, and has been coordinating events and managing schedules for years. Serving on the SEMAC board feels like a natural extension of who she is and will allow her to become more deeply involved with her Airstream family.

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Sheri Trout, Trustee

I've lived in Oakland County my entire life. Last year, I started looking at trailers online and quickly fell in love with everything vintage, especially Airstreams. In the fall of 2025, we bought a '63 Globetrotter, 19', that needs to be renovated. After making plans and a budget, we realized it would be quite a while before we could actually go camping. So, in the spring of 2026, we bought a '65 Safari, 22' FTB, that was ready to roll. We LOVE it!

I joined ACI, VAC, and SEMAC in the fall of 2025—before there was a usable trailer! My husband and I attended three rallies this summer, with two more scheduled. One of my favorite things has been simply sitting around in the morning, having coffee with the group. I'm discovering that the people are every bit as enjoyable as the camping.

I've worked in finance and accounting for 25 years, including with several Oakland County nonprofits. I've attended and presented at monthly nonprofit board meetings, so I understand the inner workings of a board and the importance of good financial stewardship.

When I'm not working on a vintage trailer, I'm gardening, drawing, cooking, knitting, crocheting—and now sewing again to make curtains and window awning covers for my trailers. I'm a wife, mother of two, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of one, with another great-grandbaby on the way.

I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as a trustee and give back to a club that I've already come to enjoy so much. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of our members, contributing where I can, and continuing to discover all the fun that comes with the Airstream life.

We Rally Together! Summer Rallies!



Paradise Rally – Detour, MI



A donation from this rally went to
Backpack Buddies at the
International Rally in Minot, ND.

We Rally Together! Summer Rallies! Cont.



Mitten Burger –
Harbor Beach, MI



Grand SEMAC –
Grand Rapids, MI



\$100 donated to the Leukemia Research Foundation in honor of two of our members. We used the funds we did not spend on breakfast at the Grand Rally (rainy day).

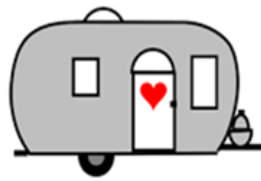
Blown Away with SEMAC



Although the camping season may be coming to a close, we want our members to stay connected during the chilly winter months! Please join us on Sunday, January 10, 2027, from 2 - 5pm @ The Glass Blowing Academy in Dearborn for a glass blowing demonstration and fellowship. The day will feature 3 hours of educational and interactive demonstrations. The on-site Michigan Room Bar will be open with coffee, cocktails, and non-alcohol options available. This is a semiprivate space with tables & additional seating. We will have some light appetizers on hand.

The final cost will depend on the number of participants, but we estimate it will be between \$35 to \$55 per person. If we don't reach 30 participants, we may cancel. No payment is due with registration, but you will be billed on Dec 10. No refunds after Dec 10.

After the Glass Blowing demonstration, you are invited to join us for burgers at Miller's Bar in Dearborn (optional and not included in the registration fee). It all should add up to a fun day, and it will be a perfect opportunity to talk about your 2028 camping plans!



**Let's Rally
Together
2027!**



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

(SEMAC events/rallies highlighted in yellow)

Jan 10	"Blown away with SEMAC"	2 p.m to 5 p.m. at the Glass Blowing Academy in Dearborn, MI, followed by an optional dinner at Miller's Bar in Dearborn
April 30- May 2	Maintenance Rally	Woodland Airstream, Clarkston, MI Start the camping season with fun and informative sessions, catching up with old friends, and making new ones.
May 12-16	Region 4 Rally	Seneca County Fairgrounds, Tiffin, OH
June 3-7	Silver on Silver https://www.holidayparktc.com/	Holiday RV Park, 4860 US-31, Traverse City, MI Joint event with MAC. This our year to host!
June 19-25	Caravan to International in Rock Springs, WY	Great rivers, mountains, Buffalo Bill, and more! Journey to the International Rally with other SEMAC members. 12 trailer limit.
June 25- July 1	Airstream International Rally	Rock Springs, WY
July 15-18	"Detour to Paradise" https://www.paradisepointrvpark.com/	Paradise Point RV Park, 20085 E Paradise Point, De Tour Village, MI Try going the "other direction" across the bridge. 10 trailer limit.
Oct. 1-3	"Silver in the Sleeping Bear" https://www.indigobluffs.com/	Indigo Bluffs Campground, 6760 W. Empire Hwy (M-72) Empire, MI Explore the dunes! 15 trailer limit.
Sept 11-26, 2027	Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights Caravan https://airstreamclub.org/2027-ores-shores-waters-and-lights-caravan	See the absolute best of the eastern half of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in just 15 days and 5 stops.
Sept 17- Oct 23, 2027	Fall in Love with Michigan R4 Caravan https://airstreamclub.org/2027-r4-fall-love-michigan-caravan	Explore the lower peninsula of Michigan while enjoying the fall colors. From Detroit to western Michigan, up to Mackinaw and back down, you'll experience all that Fall in Michigan has to offer.

More events to come!

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