

# Getting away from it all on next to nothing

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES

2 percent of what the bank offers.

Two subjects dominated the mail that arrived on this travel writer's desk this month. The first is a long list of summer events planned for tourists all over the country. The second is the fuel crisis and how to overcome it so that you can participate in those events.

The tourist industry is one of the major victims of the fuel crisis. Some tourist facilities in Michigan report up to a 50 percent dropoff in the tourist trade over the July 4 holiday weekend. Most blame the fear of fuel shortages, which kept would-be travelers home, or close to home.

Since tourism is among the top three industries in the United States, tourist bureaus throughout the country are trying to assure travelers there is enough fuel to satisfy their needs.

Here is a potpourri of events from around the country, and nearby sections of Canada, along with any information we've received about the fuel situation and how to deal with it.

**CANADA HAS NO fuel shortage.** That's the word from Canadian tourist officials, who are afraid that you will stay home even if this international neighbor can fill your tank.

The Canadian dollar fluctuates from 15 to 20 percent less than the American dollar, so you can add that much to the value of your money when you cross the border.

Travel experts always advise you to change your money at a bank rather than at commercial establishments, but Ontario has a better idea. Ontario Travel Information Centers at Windsor, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie and Hill Island will offer a currency exchange service guaranteed to be within

IF YOU WOULD go south, both Louisiana and Texas have sent word about the gas situation there. South Central



Backpackers set out from Oiseau Creek along the shore of Lake Superior through Pukaskwa National Park, Ontario.

Louisiana has established a program called "Gas-O-Line," through which travelers can call a special number for immediate gas information. The number is 1-504-343-6739.

Gas-O-Line will tell you what service stations are open in the area where you will travel. It's a seven-day, 24-hour service, fed by a mobile radio system and covers, for example, all the main routes into Baton Rouge.

The Louisiana Association of Tourist Bureaus has a list of phone numbers for up-to-date fuel information around the state: there is 24-hour service for Shreveport (226-9227), Ruston (251-0918), Monroe (383-9533), Lafayette (232-3808) and daytime service at Natchitoches (353-8372) — all at area code 518.

At area code 504, there is daytime weekday service at New Orleans (522-8772) and Houma (876-6500). Alexandria and Lake Charles aren't listed because they say they don't have a fuel problem anyway.

## Sault line on gas info

Following in the Chamber of Commerce footsteps of other areas has set up a toll-free where tourists congregate number from which to get information on the

availability of gas in the area.

The chamber monitors service stations weekly. The number there is 1-800-682-4607.

## Children's farm is close to home

This is the fourth year that Kensington Children's Farm and Village, a 100-acre site bordering the Huron River in Kensington Metropark near New Hudson, is open to the public.

The farm has a barn, chicken coop, corn crib, corral, carriage house, plus farm animals and farm implements. The farmyard has a variety of animals — including cows, chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks, horses and lambs.

The site offers several rides, including ponies, hay rides, swan boats, old-fashion cars and train rides. Costs are 50 cents each; however, the steam driven train runs weekends only from noon to 5 p.m.

The children's farm is open to the general public Tuesday-Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Pioneer Inn restaurant is open Tuesday-Sundays year-round.

Admission fees to the park are: adults, \$1.50, children, \$1 (ages 3-12); rides — 50 cents each. Metropark vehicle entry permits (Annual, regular — \$7, senior citizen — \$2 or Daily — \$2) are required.

For additional information contact Kensington Children's Farm, 2128 W. Buno Road, Milford 48042; or call 313-685-9105.

## Leaks in stoves

The inspection and repair of certain late model PEAK 1 backpack camping stoves is being undertaken by the PEAK 1 Division of the Coleman Co., Inc.

The manufacturer said that a small percentage of the Model 400-499 stoves manufactured by its PEAK 1 Division may leak fuel. The single burner liquid fuel stoves were sold during the first half of 1979.

Only those units stamped with 10-78, 1-79 or 3-79 on the burner bracket are involved. The leak may occur near any one of three legs. Should a leak occur, a fire might result.

The company urges owners of suspect stoves to call or write the Customer Services Manager of the Coleman Co., Inc. Outing Products Division, 445 N. Minnesota, Wichita, Kan. 67214; telephone toll free 1-800-835-3278.



and so this emblem shall forever be a sign of immortality.  
- J. Jefferson

IF YOU ARE going east, we don't hear much good news about fuel, but you should know about the Hill Country Pageant sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Palmyra, N.Y., July 27, 28, 31 and Aug. 1-4. The outdoor pageant is played by 600 volunteer actors on 25 stages.

Maryland has a new directory of accommodations. Write: Tourism, c/o Mianna Jopp, Annapolis, Md. 21401. Baltimore, celebrating its 250th birthday this summer, has its own weekend-long cruise, the Western Union, that leaves Mondays at 10 a.m. for a six-day schooner sail around Chesapeake Bay.

**WEST:** Wisconsin has some interesting ideas, like renting a burro at Blackhawk Ridge, 25 miles northwest of Madison, for a trip around the 600-acre recreation region.

If you are going to the Upper Peninsula, adjoining areas of Wisconsin host a variety of events. Write: Wisconsin Northwoods Regions, Box 639, Department C, Rhinelander, Wis. 54501.

The Wisconsin Northwoods Council will give you the updated gasoline picture if you call 1-715-359-2330.

They are celebrating the Will Rogers Centennial all year in Oklahoma. A new outdoor drama called "The Life and Times of Mark Twain" is showing in Hannibal, Mo., and the \$5 million Mid-America Center Museum has just opened in Hot Springs, Ark.

IF YOU RATHER stay in Michigan, here are some things to write for. Michigan Council for the Arts has a list of arts and crafts fairs and festivals, available at 2200 Third Avenue, Detroit 48226.

The Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Association has "Summer Fest '79," an April-September calendar of events, and "Accommodations and Attractions in Southeast Michigan." Both from 350 American Center, 2777 Franklin Road, Southfield 48034.

## TRAVEL LOG of Iris Jones



## A tin foil folly?

**CHARLES de GAULLE AIRPORT, Paris** — This is one of the airports where photographers and X-ray machines have warred, and the X-rays have won.

You have read the small signs in airports that say X-ray equipment probably will not damage film. You have probably also read articles exploring the truth of this statement.

I travel regularly with professional travel photographers and I have never met one who would willingly allow film to go through one of these X-ray machines.

The consensus is that one exposure may or may not damage film but that several exposures will fog it. It is easy to go through four or five such security inspections in a single trip.

**IN THE UNITED STATES**, the Civil Aeronautics Board requires that security personnel hand-check luggage if requested. I personally carry my film inside a plastic bag, which I place inside my camera bag. When I approach security I lift out the clear bag of film and let the rest go through.

Security guards in Paris and Rome will not hand-check luggage, nor have I met anyone who has been able to circumvent their rule. The security guards will not even discuss the matter.

Insult to injury, the dose of X-rays given by their machines is unmonitored and often very strong, so there is no way to tell how much damage is being done.

People who travel for a living are as interested as anyone else in avoiding trouble on a plane, but this rule makes professional travel photographers livid.

What happened here this morning doubles the anger: This is an airport that makes you think you are playing a bit part in "Star Wars." Long-angled escalators go through sideli tunnels to a sign that reads "Satellites 1, 2, 3, 4;" they point to other escalators moving off in every direction.

We were changing planes and had no need to leave the immediate area, but we had an hour to kill so we naively stepped on an escalator to look around. There was no question of leaving the international area; the escalator led to the duty-free store.

Once we set foot on the moving platform, however, our fate was sealed. The only way back was through a security check. They refused to hand check photographic equipment. A professional refused to put his film through.

They took him to the chief of airport police who told him that he had no choice. So he watched helplessly while 100 rolls of film rolled through an X-ray machine because security personnel wouldn't check it by hand.

Solution? One proposal was to carry film in a lead foil bag in your camera bag to cut down the exposure. It would set off the machine and then they might hand check it.

If you have any other solutions, I'd like to hear them.

## Soviet-style law

## From tsar to equanimity

The struggle for law in the Soviet Union has not yet been finally won, but at least Soviet lawyers have achieved a basic recognition of their legitimate social function and an area within which to operate as professionals, reports George Dana Cameron III, professor of business law at The University of Michigan.

In his new book, "The Soviet Lawyer and His System" (210 pages, \$9), Cameron notes that "it has only been recently that Soviet lawyers have been regarded as anything more than a necessary evil, to be tolerated until the eventual achievement of the Commu-

nist millennium." The study of the Soviet legal system is published by the Division of Research, U-M Graduate School of Business Administration, as part of its Michigan International Business Studies.

Cameron provides historical context for his evaluation with a survey of pre-revolutionary law and the tsarist legal institutions, the degradation of the law under Marxist-Leninist influence, the final effects of the Bolshevik Revolution, and the significant changes in Soviet legal institutions accomplished since 1917.

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