

Michigan's must-see landmarks

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From the world's tallest hotel and busiest locks, to colorful downtown murals depicting the nation's past and magical luminescent fountains, unique landmarks have helped make Michigan the Midwest's tourist capital.

Each region of the state offers visitors must-see attractions which evoke curiosity, delight and even awe.

Michigan ranks first in the world with at least five landmarks, says the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Detroit's shimmering waterfront jewel, the Renaissance Center, has as its centerpiece the 73-story Plaza Hotel, the world's tallest.

South Ste. Marie is the state's oldest city and site of the Soo Locks, the world's busiest. Visitors can view lock

operations up close from an observation deck, a tour boat or overhead from a trolley train.

Towering 480 feet above Lake Michigan at Glen Haven, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore features the world's largest shifting sand dune and panoramic views of the lake and the Manitowish Islands.

South of Rogers city in East Michigan, the world's largest limestone quarry is more than three miles long and nearly two miles across. Mining operations can be seen from the rim at Quarry View, and freighter loading can be observed at Harbor View.

While it is no longer the world's longest suspension bridge, the five-mile Mackinac Bridge linking Michigan's

Lower and Upper Peninsulas is dubbed the "world's greatest."

ANOTHER GREAT Lakes landmark, the Blue Water Bridge links Port Huron with its Canadian sister city of Sarnia. The bridge is the 11th-longest cantilever span on the continent.

Jackson's Cascades at Sparks Fountain is the oldest fountain of its type in the Western Hemisphere. It has been home for dazzling multi-colored light shows on summer evenings since 1932. Light, water and music also combine to delight visitors at Grand Haven's Musical Fountain on summer evenings.

Many state landmarks are links to Michigan's past.

A downtown Grand Rapids fixture since 1959, Alexander Calder's modernistic sculpture, La Grande Vitesse, pays homage to the rapids that gave the city its name. It welcomes visitors to the city-county building at Vandenberg Center.

Encircled by the pines and oaks of the Huron National Forest near Oshtemo, Lumberman's Monument is a 20-ton bronze work recalling the era when white pine was king in Michigan. It is located on a bluff overlooking the Au Sable River.

De Zwaan, the 200-year-old, 12-story European windmill in Holland's Windmill Island Park, serves as a reminder of that city's Dutch heritage.

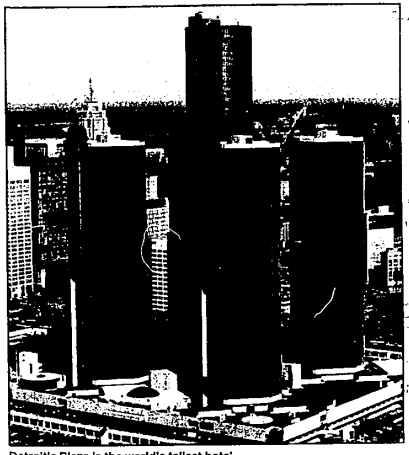
Two towering structures are recognizable from miles away in Ann Arbor and Lansing.

THE UNIVERSITY of Michigan's Burton Memorial Tower houses the Baird Carillon, fourth largest in the nation, featuring 55 bells varying weight from 12 pounds to 12 tons.

Since 1879, Lansing's skyline has been dominated by the impressive State Capitol. The weathered structure is one of the state's top tourist attractions and weekday tours are offered.

Another structure which is the focal point of a city's historical architecture is Marshall's Honolulu House. It was built by a former state Supreme Court chief justice who later became U.S. consul to Hawaii. It is thought to be modeled after his Hawaiian home and now houses the Marshall Historical Society.

Since the 1976 Bicentennial, Bay City has been known as the "Mural City," because of its 28 wall paintings depicting revolutionary and other historical themes.



Detroit's Plaza is the world's tallest hotel.

class reunions

- TROY 1952**
 The class of 1952, the first graduating class at Troy High School, will hold a reunion July 11 in the Northfield Hilton in Troy. It was a consolidated class from two Troy schools, Big Beaver and Log Cabin. The Hilton is at I-75 and the Crooks road exit.
- DEARBORN AND EDSSEL FORD 1956**
 Reservations must be made by July 15 for the 25-year reunion of the classes of June 1956 at Dearborn High School and Henry Ford High School. The event will take place Sept. 5. Those wishing to attend should contact Louise Anderson Scanlon at 261-3855. For more details call Geraldine Wickman Sawa at 261-7103.
- PONTIAC 1941**
 Members of the class of 1941 of Pontiac High School are looking for January, June and summer school graduates who may not have heard of plans for a 40th reunion Aug. 8 in Roma's of Bloomfield. Those not yet contacted may call Walter Schmitz at 334-2858.
- SHRINE 1961**
 The Shrine High School class of 1961 is planning a 20-year reunion Oct. 10. Those interested may call the Shrine Alumni office at 549-2925.
- HIGHLAND PARK 1940, 1941, 1942**
 A Highland Park High School reunion for members of the classes of 1940, 1941 and 1942 who missed their reunion last year will be held Oct. 3. For more information call Jack Forbes at 455-3840, Betty Foster Stephenson at 838-2945 or 273-5026 or Olympia Lee Petrisson at 956-0125.
- HAMTRAMCK 1956, 1957**
 The graduating classes of 1956 and 1957 of Hamtramck High School will celebrate their 25th reunion Oct. 10 at the Polish Century Club, 5181 E. Outer Drive, Detroit. Those needing more information may call Annette Karas Datko at 476-4810.
- HOLY REDEEMER 1971**
 Plans have been made for a 10-year reunion of the class of 1971 to take place Nov. 7. Information is available from Jeanette Dunn Karwan, 261-0996.
- ST. MARY 1942**
 The class of 1942 of St. Mary's of Redford High School will hold its 40th reunion on May 22, 1982. For more information call Rita Kiesgen at 563-4458.

consumer mailbag

Are there fuel additives that will save gas and increase mileage?

W. J., Farmington Hills

As energy costs increase, so does the availability of energy saving devices of all types. While many products do save energy, an alarming number of items of little or no value are flooding the market. This is an area best described by the old adage, " caveat emptor " or "let the buyer beware."

In the world of energy saving devices

probably the best area to find worthless products is in "gas savers." If you're not a garage tinkerer, you'd be wise to stick to tried and true gas economy measures.

The Environmental Protection Agency has tested many devices and additives; and the test results and guidelines are available from the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Education Office, Washington D.C. 20580.

I've accumulated several quarts of used motor oil. Is there anyone to take it for recycling? I don't want to throw it out when I know how valuable it is.

Mike N., Rochester

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