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State offers festivals, fairs for every taste this summer

SUMMER IS a festive time of the year in Michigan, and this week we'd like to update you on some of the many festivals occurring statewide this month.

DEARBORN'S THREE-DAY FESTIVAL, called Dearborn Homecoming is Friday through Sunday at Ford Field, a huge green spread given to the city long ago by Clara Bryant Ford, wife of the first Henry. There will be carnival rides, a juried art fair, a Polish festival tent, an Italian Bocce festival and lots of other goodies.

Friday includes an equestrian, battle of the bands; Saturday, reunion picnics for graduates of all Dearborn high schools, whatever the year, dance competition, highland games, Scottish festival-heritage; Sunday, picnics, picnic tent, life and drum corps, summer jazz, festival of games, historical pageant etc.

It's quite a splash. Call 943-2320 for homecoming information. Ford Field is in West Dearborn. It borders Cherry Hill to the north or can be reached by walking two blocks north of Michigan Avenue.

THIS WEEKEND ALSO you'll find lots of events in southeast Michigan: the Monroe County Fair ends Saturday; it's Scandinavian Festival and Festival of India at Hart Plaza, German Day at Macomb County Park. Sunday is an old-fashioned ice cream festival at Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society in Pontiac.

Saturday is the final day of the county fairs in Caro, Lincoln, Bay City, Monroe, Harrison, Alma, Mason and Lowell, as well as of the Milltown Festival in Grayling. The Ionia Free Fair and the U.S. Coast Guard Festival (Grand Haven) end Sunday.

And: Nautical City Festival, Rogers City; Heritage Festival, Vassar; Polish Festival, Boyne Falls; Country in the City Celebration, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor; Cooching Summer Festival Marquette; Lake Gogebic Summerfest, Bergland; Baraga County Fair, Petkie. All this weekend, Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday only, all of the above or an Indian Pow-Wow, at Cross Village, a classic car show at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester or an old-time threshing bee at the nature center of the Delano Homestead in Kalamazoo.

TAKING NEXT WEEK OFF? There are county fairs all week in Jackson, Mt. Pleasant, Coldwater, Bad Axe Cornua and starting Monday in Belleville, Goodells, Cassopolis, Gaylord. Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 13, in Manchester; Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 10-13, in Atlanta and Milo.

Abbott's Magic Get-Together is on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 10-13, in the high school gym in Colon. That is a famous, fun event. If you or your kids like magic, don't miss it.

Well, we got through one week. Too bad there's nothing much to do on a summer's



1-of-a-kind traveler
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From a magic fair in Colon to a kite festival in Saugatuck, Michigan offers a wide variety of summer events this month.

day in Michigan.

The Summer Polka-Fest, Frankenmuth, Aug. 12-21, the Aug. 12-14 weekend you'll also find the Polish Ethnic Festival at Hart Plaza in Detroit, the Gogebic County Fair in Ironwood, the Berrien County Youth Fair and Open Horse Show in Berrien Springs, and the Irish Festival at Yack Arena in Wyandotte.

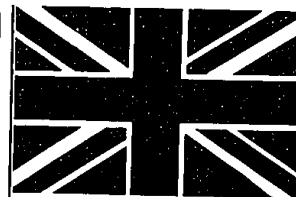
Railfan Days, Crossroads Village near Flint, is Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14, and then you can go on the Pioneer Days festival Friday through Sunday, Aug. 13-15, in Clare. Try the buffet at Doherty's Hotel while you're there. Saturday through Sunday, Aug. 13-20, is the Northern Michigan Fair in Cheboygan.

COUNTY FAIRS, COUNTRY FAIRS, COUNTY FAIRS. At Midland and Marshall Sunday through Saturday, Aug. 14-20; St. Johns, Monday through Thursday, Aug. 15-18; in Cadillac, Monday through Saturday, Aug. 15-21; in Genesee Township, Monday through Sunday, Aug. 15-21; at Berrien Springs, Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 16-20. The Upper Peninsula State Fair is on in Escanaba Tuesday through Sunday, Aug. 16-21. So is the Armada Fair in Armada.

FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS. Keep reading. The Ogemaw County Fair in West Branch Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 17-20; Maritime Festival in Whitehall Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18-19; Iron County Fair in Iron River Aug. Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 18-20.

That's just a warmup for the Mexican Ethnic Festival at Hart Plaza Friday through Sunday, Aug. 19-21, as well as the Russian Festival, Yack Arena, Wyandotte; Melon Festival, Howell, and Danish Festival Greenville. Saturday, Aug. 20, is the Venetian Night Parade in Grand Haven and the Michigan Kite Festival in Saugatuck.

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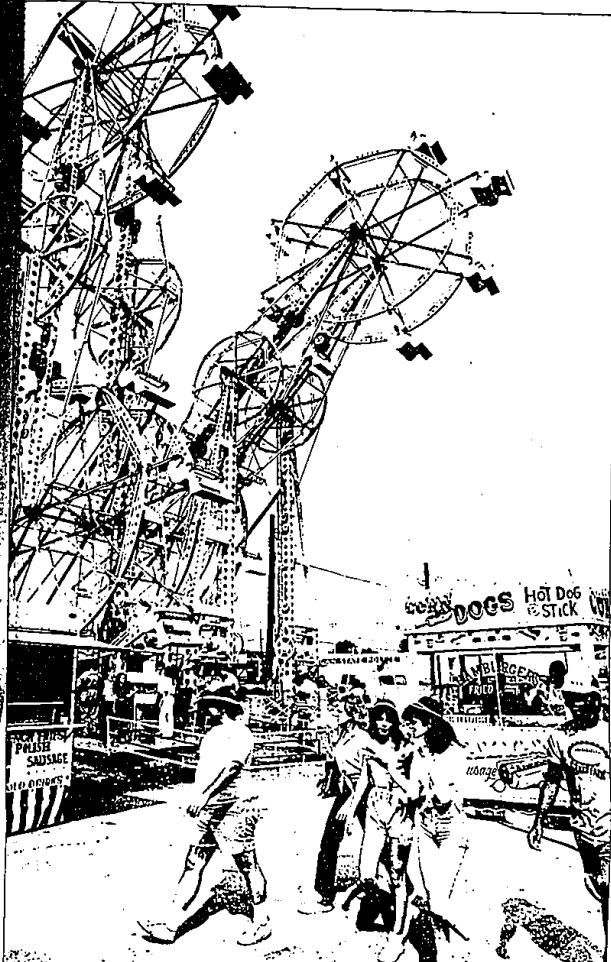
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Wherever you vacation in Michigan this August, chances are there will be a county fair or festival nearby. Some of the festivals run for a week, some just for a

weekend, and some run midweek, so you can pick and choose to accommodate your vacation schedule.

Tiger trip is planned

Can-Am Travel has a large block of tickets to the Detroit Tigers-Toronto Blue Jays series in Toronto Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 2-4. All tickets are field

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Travel photos workshop's focus

Lal Dennis, considered by many to be the country's top travel photographer, will lead a series of one-week Travel Photography Workshops during August and September in New Mexico. The workshops will be held in Santa Fe starting Saturdays, Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 17 and 24. The fee of \$785 covers accommodations at La Posada, a southwestern-style inn; an opening reception; Sunday brunch; and a final dinner. Air and most meal costs are on your own.

Dennis is the author of "How to Take Better Travel Photos" and "Travel Photography: Developing a Personal Style." She is a photography columnist at Lens Magazine and a regular contributor of photographs to Town and Country, Ultra, Modern Photography, and Travel/Holiday. She was named Travel Photographer of the Year by the Society of American Travel Writers in 1981 and is a member of the American Society of Magazine Photographers.

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