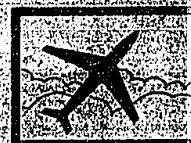


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Ypsi Heritage Festival is one of the best

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival will be held in Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, this weekend, August 24 through 26. I attended it last year and can recommend it as one of the better festivals in the state.

As you drive into town you will see a sign telling you that the town was founded in 1823 and named after a Greek city called Ypsilanti. I had always wondered about this. The telephone poles all over town are covered with yard-sale signs, but the balloons are what you see when you approach Depot Town.

When the festival is on, balloons, umbrellas and craft stalls make a busy moving pattern against the street, with the old restored buildings as backdrop. On a hot August day it is a sunny walk through the gleaming shelves of pottery on the street, past the Civil War encampment downhill in Riverside Park and to the circus site where the elephants are always popular guests.

You'll find entertainers on the stage beside the river, the smells of barbecued chicken waiting past your nose and all the fun and games of any summer festival going on around you.

During the festival you don't really see the caboose and museum that are usually the main attractions in Depot Town, but you will find them there just behind the street activities that attract your attention now.

The Ypsilanti Black Arts Festival is also on the weekend calendar Aug. 24-26, in Partridge Park.

SEVERAL OTHER FESTIVALS are also going on this weekend, including, of course, the biggest bash of them all, the Michigan State Fair. The State Fair opens at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit today, Thursday, Aug. 23, and continues through Sept. 3.

The African World Festival will be in full swing at Hart Plaza Aug. 24 through 26. Michigan Renaissance Festival will be held in the Colombari Center, Clarkston, Aug. 25 and 26. You will also find an Outdoor Dance Party at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights Aug. 25; Lion's Chicken Bar-B-



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Q At Lion's Clubhouse in Marine City Aug. 24; a Country-Western Jambooree at Freedom Hall, Sterling Heights, Aug. 25; and an Auto News World Expo at Cobo Hall in Detroit Aug. 25 to 30.

For further information on any of these events, contact the Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Association (SMTTA) at 553-5230 or call for a recorded message at 565-7133.

SMTTA is a non-profit organization that promotes travel in an 11-county area of southeast Michigan. It has started sending me a regular weekly list of events, which should make it much easier to keep you up to date on local travel opportunities.

WEST MICHIGAN also has a lot of festivity in the Auto World Expo, especially at the Hastings Summer Festival Aug. 24-25. The kids will love Fiberfest, which features goats, rabbits, sheep and all the arts they provoke: shearing, spinning, weaving, knitting, hooking and fiber art.

RAIL TRAVEL IS BACK in western Michigan, in case you haven't heard. The Amtrak train Pere Marquette resumed service between Grand Rapids and Chicago this month. It leaves Grand Rapids daily at 7:30 a.m., arrives in Chicago at 10:30 a.m. The train leaves Chicago at 5:40 p.m. daily and arrives in Grand Rapids at 10:40 p.m.

One way fares from various stops, including Holland, Bangor, St. Joseph and New Buffalo, range from \$14 to \$31. Snacks and cocktails are available. Call toll-free 1-800-USA-RAIL for this and other Amtrak information.

ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE



Craft stands are one of the many attractions to be enjoyed this weekend in Ypsilanti as the community celebrates its annual Heritage Festival. Resident Scott Glenn (above) knows a good town when he sees one.

state you will find: Old Timers Days in Beaverton, the 19th Annual Historical Steam and Gas Show at Historical Village in Ithaca, the Milwaukee Summer Festival at the Community Building in Milwaukee, Pioneer Days Festival in Clare, all running from Aug. 24 through 26.

Aug. 25 and 26 are the dates of the sixth annual Art at the Center in Ferndale, St. John's Parish Festival in Ferndale, Banjo Days at Crossroads Village near Flint.

Aug. 25: Mexican Fiesta at Wenonah Park, Bay City; the Bobby Crim Race for the Special Olympics at Most Community College in Flint; Summerfest downtown in Okemos; a corn roast in Briley Township Park in Atlanta.

Aug. 26: Fourth Annual Duck Hunters Clinic at Pottery Lake, Davison; Starreforming Days at Gladwin Airport, Gladwin.

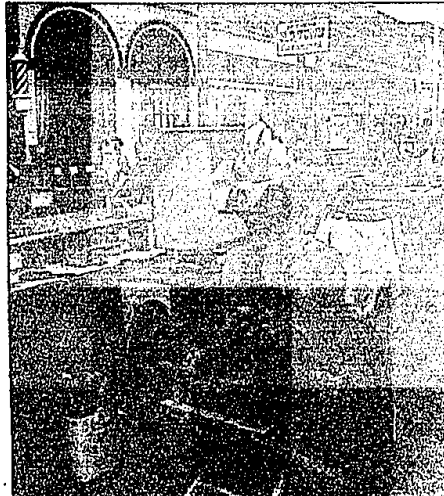
NEXT WEEKEND IS LABOR DAY

so summer events will all come to a grand finale. Eastern Michigan State Fair is on Aug. 27 through Sept. 3 in Lansing City.

Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 is the ninth annual West Michigan Arab Association Horse Show at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason; it is also time for Riverfest 84 in Lansing and the Michigan Bean Festival in Fairgrove. Mackinac Island will be all dressed up for Labor Day weekend activities Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. And don't forget the farmers market every weekend in many Michigan cities, including Bay City and Saginaw.

For East Michigan information, call toll-free 1-800-292-6154. For West Michigan information, call (616) 456-8557.

DID I FORGET THE UPPER PENINSULA? Never. My friends Bob Helwig and Chris Dancsak of the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation



Association (UPTRA) would have my list.

They are holding the Luce/West Mackinac County Fair at the Luce County Airport in Newberry Aug. 23-26 and the second annual Woodcrafters Fair and Festival in Newberry, Aug. 25-26.

The Chippewa County Fair is on in Kinross Aug. 29-Sept. 3, the Black County Tree Pageant in St. Ignace Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 and the Black River Fishing Derby in Ironwood Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

As for next weekend, five events begin Sept. 1: Arts Dockside '84 goes

through Sept. 2 in St. Ignace, and the other four run through Sept. 3: the U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Show at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba; the Labor Day Festival in Ontonagon; the Fishing Derby in Black River Harbor, Ironwood, and the Felch Invitational Handball Tournaments in Range Field, Felch.

That will take you to the Mackinac Bridge Walk Sept. 2 and get you ready for the Possible Regatta in Montmorency Sept. 2 and 9. I'm not sure I'm ready for that. Contact UPTRA at Box 400, Iron Mountain, 49801 or telephone (906) 774-5480.

travel notes

Mackinac Island fort boasts host of new artificats

Visitors to reconstructed Fort Michilimackinac have the opportunity to view a collection of Native American artifacts collected over a period of 30 years, beginning in the 1930's, by Loren Herrington of Pontiac, Michigan. Only one of the 68 items have ever been exhibited to the public.

The display contains many artifacts reflecting the most sacred religious beliefs of the Woodland Indians. The Mackinac Island State Park Commission displays these artifacts to encourage appreciation of Indian culture and with a deep respect for Indian traditions.

Designed by Christopher Hogg, the exhibit will continue throughout the summers of 1984 and 1985. It is located in the special exhibits area of the Fort Michilimackinac Visitor Center, at the southern end of the Mackinac Bridge.

THE MAJORITY of the artifacts date from the 18th Century, the period when Ft. Michilimackinac was the most active. They record Great Lakes Indian culture as it existed at the time of the first European contact, in the late 17th Century.

Herrington's collection is unique in that the items were given to him by Indian friends, who also gave him the oral history and religious meaning of them, along with the histories of the persons who made and used them. Few collections are so well documented.

An example of one such object and its accompanying oral tradition is a

small carved message board given to Herrington by a Winnebago Indian. It once belonged to Tecumseh, the noted Shawnee war chief.

Starting in about 1804, Tecumseh traveled with Tenskwawey (The Prophet) among the tribes of the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes in an attempt to unify the tribes and to drive out the Americans.

They distributed these message boards and bundles of sticks. One stick was to be burned each month and when all the sticks were burnt, it was time for the attack. Over the years, the bundles distributed became smaller, to make sure that each tribe would burn the last stick at the same time.

THIS IS the board's message: "All tribes on both sides of the Mississippi think in only one way. Come swift as lightning with all weapons, from the four corners. Plant no corn, hunt no animals, store no grain. Take the various trails to the main trail to the same side of the Mississippi, at the time of the Great Sign (Tecumseh's death). Go to the home of the White Man and drive him out."

It may be only coincidence that the first terrible quake of the New Madrid earthquake which covered Tennessee and surrounding states for three months happened on Dec. 18, 1811.

Tecumseh's plan was thwarted when The Prophet prematurely attacked the American forces under William Henry

Harrison at Tippecanoe on Nov. 7, 1811.

Tecumseh was killed at the Battle of the Thames, in 1813.

THE THIRD annual Northport Wine Festival will be held from noon 'til 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at the waterfront park of Northport, Michigan. Featuring locally-produced wine, food and song, the Northport Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the festival each year as an end-of-summer celebration in this quiet, visitor and agriculturally-oriented Leelanau County town.

Participating wineries and restaurants offer their wares from individual booths located under a large, open-sided tent. A second tent shades the musicians, local groups playing light jazz and traditional folk. Picnic tables and chairs are scattered about the area. The weather at the first two festivals was pleasant, 80 degrees and lots of sunshine.

Two dollars gain one entrance to the festival area and a pair of wine-

sampling tickets. Children under 12 are free. Additional tasting-tickets may be purchased for 50 cents apiece.

PARTICIPATING each year have been three Leelanau County wineries: Good Harbor Vineyards of Lake Leelanau, L. Mawby Vineyards of Suttons Bay, and Leelanau Wine Cellars, Ltd., Omena. The chance to talk with the three winemakers and to sample the products of these three similar but distinctive wineries all "under one roof" is unusual.

Attending restaurants are The Beech Tree and The Harbor Shop of Northport; Traverse City's Park Place Hotel; the Leland Lodge; the Epicure of Suttons Bay; and the Leelanau Country Inn, Maple City.

Additional information is available

from the Northport Area Chamber of Commerce.

A PAIR OF former inter-urban (1924 vintage) electric rail cars that once carried passengers from the elevated tracks of Chicago to Milwaukee is now offering rides for families each weekend through Sept. 30. The renovated and modernized trolley-train is operated by the Michigan Transit Museum, a non-profit corporation which collects, preserves and displays historical mass transportation systems.

The train runs from the Caboose Depot on N. Gratiot Avenue 1 mile north of downtown Mt. Clemens for a 45-minute ride over a route laid around the turn of the century to serve the sugar beet mill of the Mt. Clemens Sugar Company, on the north bank of the Clinton River.

The train route includes small industrial developments, farm lands and

suburban areas. Also located along the route is the Selfridge Military Air Museum and National Guard base.

TRAINS run Sunday at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Adults are \$2.75; children \$1.50. The trolley-train stops at the Air Museum on Aug. 25 and Sept. 2 and 16. On these dates, the adult fee is \$3.25, including a donation to the air museum.

Charity trips are available on Saturdays and Sundays at a cost of \$100 for 100 people for the full-hour trip. Additional people pay \$1 each. Additional hours cost \$25 each.

The Michigan Transit Museum, founded in 1972, has also recently restored the 1920 Depot located 1/2 mile west of downtown Mt. Clemens on Cass Ave. at the Grand Trunk crossing.

For additional information write the museum at P.O. Box 12, Fraser, Mich. 48034; or telephone 468-3033.

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