



Invitation to the

2024 SACA Annual Meet

September 13, 14, 15, 2024

Dear SACA Members, Invitees, and other generally interested in steam people:

This is an invitation to the Nineteenth Annual Steam Club meet here in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Before that we had meets in Danville, Illinois for many years hosted by Al Reynolds and before that in Greensboro, North Carolina hosted by R. A. Gibbs.

These annual meets have been hosted by current and former club presidents or other officers and they are the *de facto* annual membership and business meetings, mostly because there is no other organization or entity in the club to do the hosting. The major prerequisite to hosting one of these meetings is to have an area—parking lot, farm roads, fairgrounds driveways, whatever—to park real or homemade steam things and then from time to time fire them up, blow steam all over, and sometimes get them to move under their own power. The minor prerequisite is to figure out how to get the doors unlocked for some indoor space that comes complete with indoor plumbing and then to have a table with coffee and donuts available.

I will describe what usually happens at these things, but first of all explain what these meets are not. Most of those who show up do not own a real steam automobile, in spite of the name of this organization, but most of them are knowledgeable about steam power and are interested in it and have worked with it at one level or the other. Therefore, this is not a steam automobile show where someone can arrive, stay a few hours and see everything there is to see. What we all want to see are several \$150,000 coffin nose Stanleys, all restored, shined up, and running perfectly giving out rides. These would have to come in an expensive double axle trailer pulled by an \$85,000 dually diesel rig, and few people with those assets have the time and energy to show up here for our entertainment. And so what we have is an on-going series of talks, presentations, introductions, and explanations. It is a lot of table displays of literature and pieces of small steam things that people have been working on. It is visiting during the coffee breaks. In fact, I often announce that the main purpose of the formal talks is to give us all a chance to rest our feet between coffee breaks. We attempt to reserve several miles of nice roads at the fairgrounds for driving around with our parking lot steam vehicles.

Please come prepared to tell us about yourself, history of interest in steam, projects worked on, and all. Bring things to drive, fire up, make move, and generally that will provide entertainment for the rest of us. Most find it an enjoyable useful experience.

Call for papers: Let us know about your **planned and prepared** presentations. We will have a digital projector available.

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We look forward to seeing you.
Twentieth Annual Meeting at Berrien Springs, Michigan of
the Steam Automobile Club of America, Inc., Chicagoland Chapter
Friday, Saturday, Sunday— September 13, 14, 15, 2024

Schedule of Events

Events are at different places Talks and Registration will be at the Fairgrounds this year. Addresses and places listed below. Please pay special attention to places where events take place.

Thursday September 12	5:30—9:00	Shop Open all day for early arrivals-3867 E. Snow Rd. Reception, Tom's house 4671 E. Hillcrest Dr., Berrien Springs
Friday September 13	7:30—9:00 9:00—1:00 1:00—2:30 2:30—5:00 5:00—9:00	Registration and coffee, Fairgrounds Talks and presentations Lunch on your own Outdoor Demonstrations Evening at Steam Shop , Snow Road, light dinner, furnished. Tours of Library and Collection
Saturday September 14	7:30—9:00 9:00—1:00 1:00—2:30 2:30—4:00 4:00—5:00 5:00—9:00	Registration and coffee, Fairgrounds Talks and presentations Annual open board meeting, lunch on own Outdoor demonstrations Membership Meeting Evening at Steam Shop , Steam Shop at Snow Road, light dinner, furnished.
Sunday September 15	7:30—9:00 9:00—10:30 11:00—1:30 1:30—2:30 2:30—9:00	Registration and coffee, Fairgrounds Talks and presentations Talks and presentations Lunch on own Tours at Steam Shop , boiler demonstrations

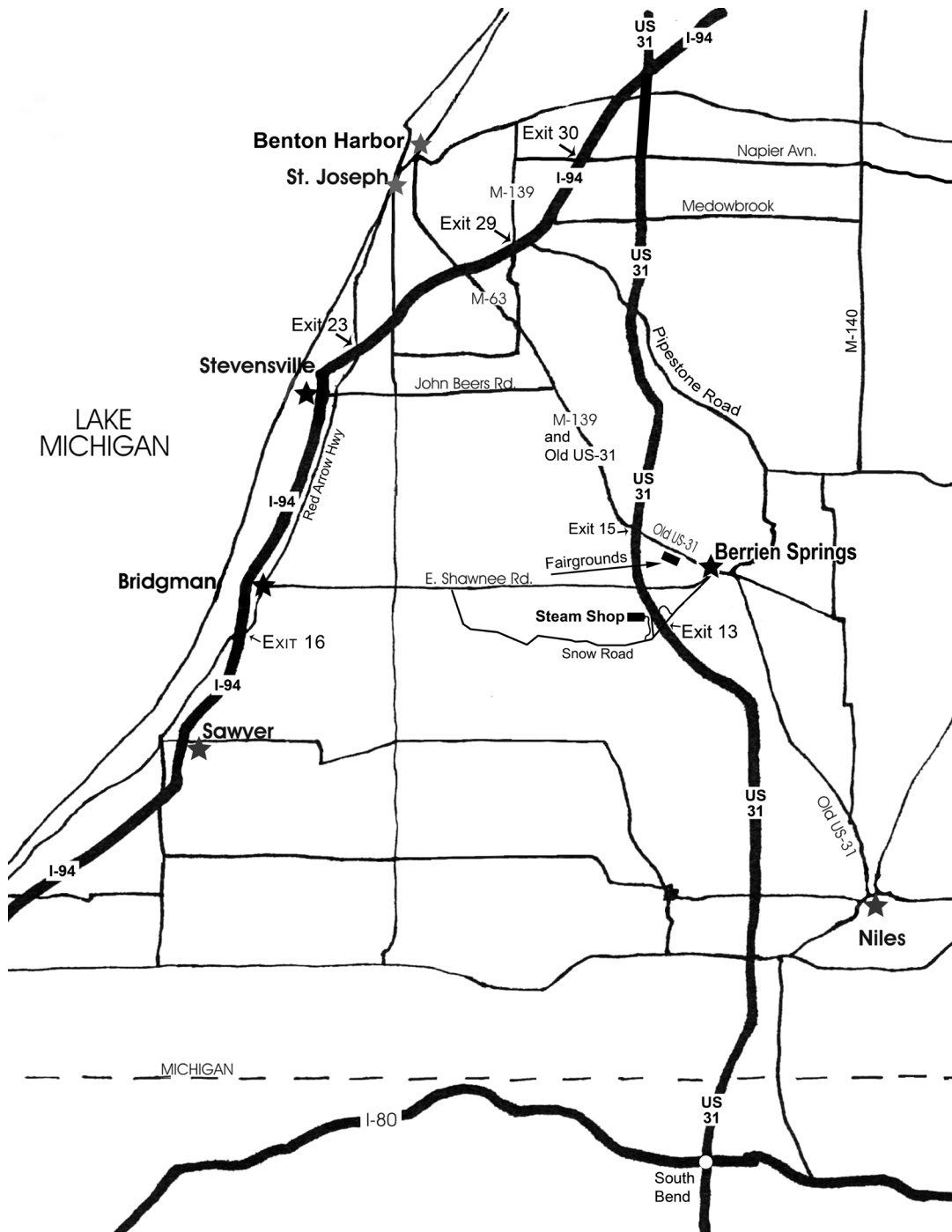
Registration Fee

\$65 For three days coffee and donuts and light meals
\$25 For one day

Presentations, Talks, and/or show a component: Ken Helmick, 586-214-4795,
steamautomobile@aol.com.

Camping available on the grounds of the steam shop. There is plenty of room for campers and tents, but no hook ups. Shop has two bathrooms, one shower and will be open at all times.

MapQuest Location of: <http://www.mapquest.com/us/mi/berrien-springs>
Tom Kimmel (cell) 269-208-3931
Home: 4671 E. Hillcrest Dr., Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Fairgrounds: 9122 M-139 (Old 31) Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Steam Shop: 3867 East Snow Road, Berrien Springs, MI 49103



Niles, Michigan

Holiday Inn Express
1000 Moore Drive
Niles, MI 49120
(269) 684-0300

Quality Inn & Suites
1265 S 11th Street
Niles, MI 49120
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Hampton Inn
1446 S 11th St,
Niles, MI 49120
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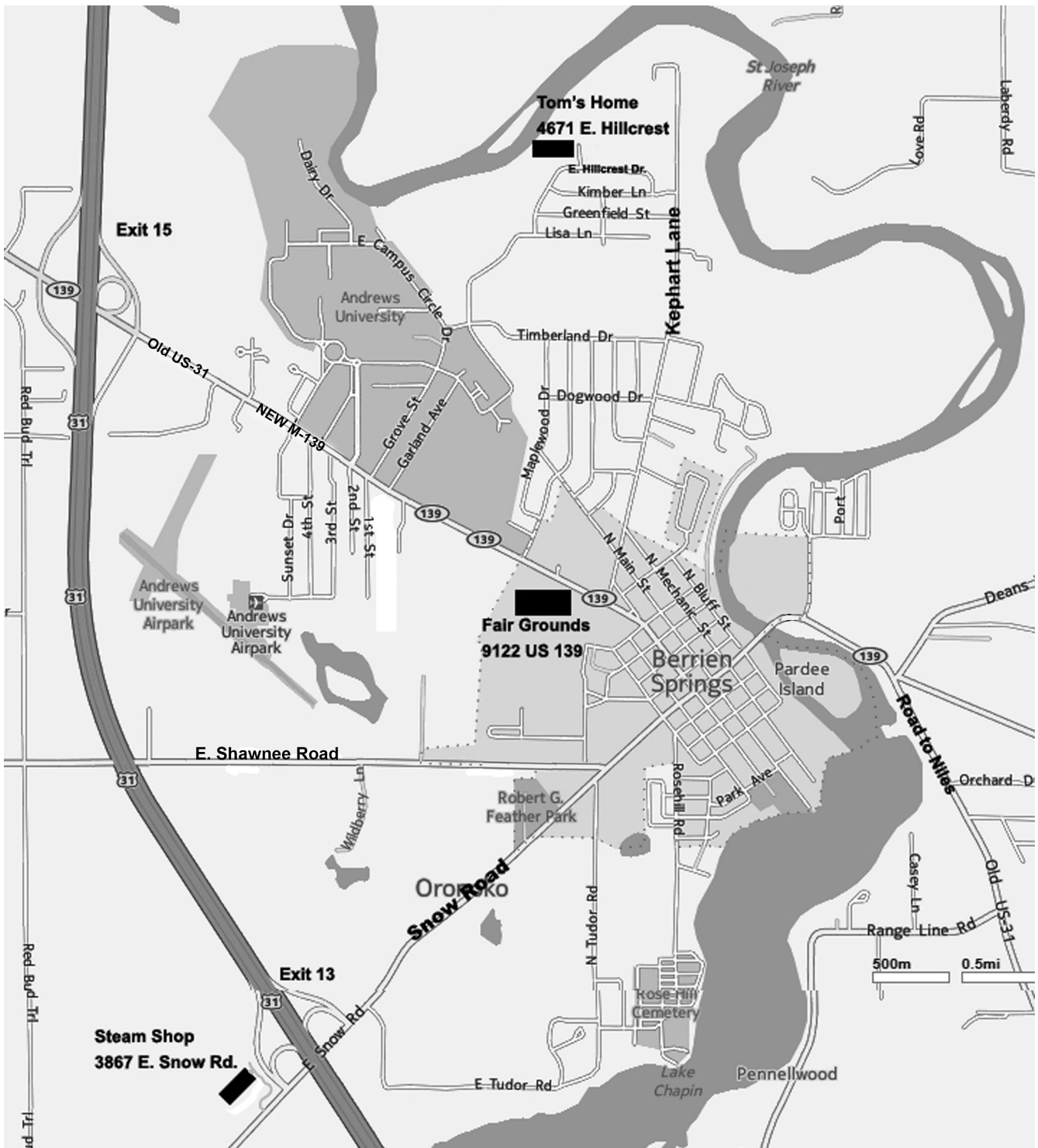
Staybridge Suites
1275 Cinema Way
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Stevensville, Michigan, Exit 23

Baymont Inn & Suites
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Stevensville, MI 49127
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Directions:

From Detroit, Michigan take I-94 West to Napier Exit 30. Turn left onto Napier to 31 South, turn right and go to Exit 13, turn right (West) to 3867 E. Snow Road.

From Chicago, Illinois take I-94 East to Exit 16 Bridgeman, north on Red Arrow to the stop light at Lake St. turn right—Lake St. turns into Shawnee Rd, east 10 miles to Ferry Street. Take right to 3867 E. Snow Rd. (Note Ferry St. in Berrien Springs turns into Snow Rd.)

From South Bend, Indiana take U. S. 31 to Exit 13, right (West) to 3867 E. Snow Road.