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Scott Bell with Laura Wiseman

Revealing Our First “Love Connections” Contest Winner

Earlier this year, we issued a call for entries to our “Love Connections” essay contest, offering chances to win a \$500 gift card Top Prize, or one of five \$100 gift card runner-up prizes. All that contestants had to do was tell us a short—and true—story about how Michigan Flyer helped connect them with a person, place, or adventure dear to their hearts.

As always, the fine entries we received presented a challenge for our judges (Michigan Flyer staff and creative consultants) to select the winners. But we finally did, based on which essays best fit the contest

theme. (Please note: Each winner is notified in the month their entry is to be published.)

Our first \$100 winner is Lansing, Mich., native **Scott Bell**, who describes his long courtship of Laura Wiseman and the epiphany that finally led to his proposal. (She said Yes.) The couple is due to marry this September in County Cork, Ireland, where Laura is originally from. But first Scott, who’s been with MIEntertainment Group for a decade as a music promoter, expects to attend their client’s grand opening of [Grewal Hall](#), the Lansing area’s newest event venue for concerts, weddings, corporate conferences and more.

Scott was surprised to get our call. “I frankly thought I didn’t win,” he says. “In fact, I didn’t show my fiancé what I wrote until after I was notified.” As part of his music promotion business, he’s been using Michigan Flyer for

years to get to Detroit Metro Airport for flights to Ireland and other parts of Europe. “It’s so affordable and such an important transportation link. This type of service should be available everywhere. I love the Flyer and know its promotional song by heart.” Scott’s also grateful to the Irish border guard who sparked him into finally proposing, that his fiancé said Yes, and that his family will be traveling abroad to witness what he predicts will be a gorgeous wedding. Here’s his story:

Going to the Chapel

By Scott Bell

“My Love Connection starts in 2013 when a new girl I met in Lansing, Mich., went back to college in Lexington, Va. I told her I would write letters to her and that I would visit her often. I don’t think she believed me when I proudly exclaimed this. But I wrote those letters, and I took those trains, buses, and flights to her as often as I could afford. Michigan Flyer was the first and last leg of every journey, which surprised this girl very much. Fast forward to 2015 and I have to meet this lady’s family who just so happens to live in Cork, Ireland. So once again Michigan Flyer was the first and last leg of my journey to County Cork. This surprised her yet again. In 2017 she planned to move in with me. Better queue up a MI Flyer bus to bring her home to snowy Michigan. Now it’s 2019 and a border guard in Ireland cheekily admonishes me for having so many Irish passport stamps but “no ring on her finger yet.”... This sinks in on the bus home, so on a work trip where I took the Flyer Bus, I purchased a ring. It’s now 2023 and we’re due to be married in County Cork, Ireland, in September. I’ve booked our flights, and it’s just now dawned on me that I should probably book our Flyer tickets for the journey. Thank you for being an important piece of the transportation puzzle that helped me to marry Laura, the woman of my dreams. P.S., I would not be able to work in the live music industry and live in Lansing without MI Flyer. You all rock!”



Travel Alerts

A “Must” for Rescheduling a Hytech Ride

As you may know, Hytech is a fleet of branded minivans that connect Michigan Flyer passengers with their bus at the East Lansing Marriott right from—or to—the door of their home, workplace, or another location in the Hytech service area, which includes every address in a roughly four-mile radius from the Marriott.

So what happens if your return flight into Detroit Metro Airport is delayed or canceled, and you have to rebook your Michigan Flyer ride to East Lansing? Just be sure

to reschedule your Flyer ride first, and your related Hytech ride after that. This is because our system will NOT permit you to reserve a Hytech ride separately from a Flyer trip. [Find more details about Hytech at this link.](#)



Even Lower Fares for D2A2 Express Commuters

Prices are already cheap for the D2A2 Express Bus between Ann Arbor and Detroit—generally just \$6 one way if you buy a ticket online, or \$8 if you buy at the bus. But did you know that D2A2 also sells pass books that can lower your transportation cost even more? For example, a book of 10 passes offers 10 one-way trips between D2A2’s stops at Detroit’s Grand Circus Park and Ann Arbor’s Blake Transit Center for \$5 each, or

\$50 total. And if you're a frequent commuter, the \$100 supersaver book of 50 passes can lower your cost to just \$2 each way. More info here: <https://d2a2.com/fares/>.



campus, along with upwards of 15,000 faculty and staff members. All of which helps to explain why the resumption of classes gives the mid-Michigan economy an estimated \$2 billion boost.



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Reserve Seats Early—Here Come the College Students!

If you're planning to ride with us between mid-August and Labor Day, it would be wise to reserve your seat soon. That's because college students will once again flood into East Lansing and Ann Arbor—and many will be using Michigan Flyer-AirRide.

About 50,000 undergraduate and graduate students will be arriving at Michigan State University, where classes begin on Monday, Aug. 28. Classes will also begin that same day at the University of Michigan.

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Turkish Airlines to Begin Flights from DTW this Fall

Turkish Airlines will begin serving passengers at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) on Nov. 15, connecting Midwest travelers to Turkey's tourism hub, Istanbul, and the airline's more than 340 destinations worldwide. At first, the airline will operate three flights per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between DTW and Istanbul Airport (IST). As for pricing, a non-stop, economy-class, roundtrip leaving DTW on Friday, Dec. 8, and returning one week later would cost \$1,220.

Note that on Dec. 25, Turkish Airlines will add Saturday to its DTW schedule. See flight schedules at

Top Coming Events—We Can Get You There!

East Lansing

[Car Capital Auto Show](#). This 30th annual FREE celebration of Lansing's automotive history features 225 classic cars competing in 45 categories, plus food vendors, exhibitors, and DJ on site. Check out the [event flyer here](#). The State Capitol serves as a backdrop for the event. It takes place at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Dr., in downtown Lansing, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. (Awards presentation is at 2 p.m.) In addition, attendees can tour the museum for half off the [regular admission fee](#).

A Capital Area Transportation Authority bus can get you from our location at the East Lansing Marriott to the Auto Show in about 30 minutes for \$1.25. Find [CATA's Trip Planner here](#). Folks from the Brighton and Ann Arbor areas who are going to the Auto Show should know that our last eastbound run of the day leaves East Lansing at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.



RE Olds Transportation Museum

Check out more local coming events with the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar: <http://www.lansing.org/events>.



Ann Arbor

[!\[\]\(23d9fc146e83b5c3013cfa32c784f8d5_img.jpg\) **Ann Arbor Art Fair 2023**](#). Drawing nearly half a million attendees over three days, it's the largest juried art fair in the nation, with works by about 1,000 artists displayed (and for sale) over 30 city blocks downtown. You'll find art in virtually every medium—handcrafted ceramics, jewelry, leather and metalworks, painting, photography, sculpture, wood, and more. In addition, there will be dining and sidewalk sales, [plus live music and art activities](#).

Now in its 63rd year, the fair is actually three independently juried, nonprofit art fairs in one (Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, The Original; Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair; and Ann Arbor State Street Art Fair.) They all take place concurrently today, July 20, 10 a.m.– 9 p.m.; on Friday, July 21, 10 a.m.– 9 p.m.; and Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.– 8 p.m. [Click here to download a map of the event](#). FREE and fun for all ages.

For more entertainment in and around A2, see the Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar of coming events: <https://www.annarbor.org/events/>



Brighton

[!\[\]\(dd161862f9164df98f62b726e9846241_img.jpg\) **Downtown Brighton Restaurant Week**](#). Here's an opportunity to try new restaurants and delicious food at discount prices. Downtown Brighton's Restaurant Week takes place each day between Sunday, July 23, and Thursday, July 27. Participating restaurants include [Bourbons](#), [Brighton Bar and Grill](#), [Champ's Pub](#), [Ciao Amici's](#), [El Arbol](#), [Jameson's Irish Pub & Grill](#), [Lu and Carl's](#), [Lynn's on First](#), [Sidecar Slider Bar](#), [Stillwater Grill](#), [Canopy Lounge](#), and [Sushizen](#). Check out their offerings and start planning a week of good eats.

Brighton, like other communities in Livingston County, offers a multitude of events to delight visitors of all

ages. Explore them with the Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau events calendar: <https://visitolivingstoncounty.com/events/>.

Detroit

[**Concert of Colors**](#). Now through July 23, inside and outside of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, plus other nearby cultural venues in Midtown. Launched in 1992, the Concert of Colors is Detroit's largest and oldest FREE, family-friendly live music festival, also featuring art, food, forums,



<https://visitdetroit.com/events/>.

documentaries and more. It proudly serves as Metro Detroit's annual diversity festival. See the full [schedule here](#). Check out its [Facebook page](#) for more info on the lineup of performers.

To learn more about what's happening in Detroit, check out the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar of coming events:



Customer Comment

"I travel from west Lansing near the airport to get the Michigan Flyer in East Lansing traveling to Detroit Metro Airport. In the past I have relied on Lyft, Uber or friends to get me to the Michigan Flyer. Several times my rides proved unreliable. I was ecstatic that you now offer the Hytch service. My pickup and ride to the bus was great. The driver was courteous and made us feel appreciated. Thanks for offering this service."

—Donald S., Lansing, Mich.



Shown here is one continuous waiting line, folded back on itself 7x, headed for the security checkpoint at Seattle's airport this month. The yellow post in the middle is where TSA is screening passengers. The line actually starts well before this, folding back on itself at least 4x more.

How to Speed Through Airport Security

So you're going to fly back to Detroit Metro Airport after a vacation near one America's most popular cities, such as Chicago, Honolulu, Miami, New York, Orlando, Palm Beach, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, etc. Do you really need to get to the local airport two hours before your flight? It depends.

If you plan to go through the usual TSA security screening with the herd of most other passengers, the answer is Yes. Otherwise, you might miss your flight. That's because—after navigating through the airport, using a kiosk to pay for a checked bag and print your boarding pass, and then enduring a wait to show your ID and hand over the bag at check-in—you finally get to join the line for security screening, which could itself be an hour long. You can get some idea of what you'll be up against at [TSA Wait Times](#).

Or, you could save a LOT of time and stress by simply enrolling in TSA PreCheck® and/or Clear®+.

TSA PreCheck®

With this program, you'll likely get through screening by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in less than five minutes, as well as avoid having to remove your shoes, belt, jacket, watch, and laptop for inspection.



For a \$78 nonrefundable application fee, you can enroll for five years. The process is simple:

[Apply online](#). Schedule a 10-15 minute background check at the [nearest enrollment center](#). Then start using your nine-digit Known Traveler Number (KTN) when making flight reservations.

The KTN (which you receive shortly after the background check) will be printed on your boarding pass and embedded in its barcode. When TSA scans it at the security checkpoint—voila!—you'll be directed to the speedy PreCheck lane. Even better, the fee may be covered as a [benefit of a credit card](#) you already carry.

CLEAR®

A private service that lets you skip having to present ID documents (a driver's license, passport, etc.), CLEAR® confirms your identity with a scan of your eyes and fingerprints. It can be used with or without TSA PreCheck® to zoom through security at most major airports. Together, the two provide the quickest path to your airplane.

Basically, CLEAR® turns your biometrics into an encrypted code, i.e., a unique pattern of ones and zeros. Then, every time you check in at an airport, it matches your fingerprints and eyes to the code. So, you can just proceed to the physical security screening, where—if you have PreCheck, too—you can keep all your clothes on and leave your laptop or tablet in its case.

It costs \$189 to enroll for 12 months, and the fee may be at least partly covered by a credit card you already carry. For example, the basic American Express Green Card will pay up to \$189 a year in statement credits toward a CLEAR® membership if you pay for it with the card. Enrolling takes only a few minutes. Get started online here: <https://www.clearme.com/enroll>.

Alternatively, you can also [reserve a spot online for free](#), without enrolling in CLEAR®. Also, be aware that TSA PreCheck® and CLEAR® are geared toward travelers at domestic U.S. airports. For international travel, you'd be wise to sign up for a program like [Global Entry](#).

Please, Help Others by Reviewing Us Online

Kindly take a moment to help others understand how our service might improve their travels. Simply visit one of the websites below to write a brief review about your experience with Michigan Flyer. Thank you!





Professional Drivers Wanted

Indian Trails, Inc.—which staffs Michigan Flyer with professional drivers—is accepting applications for full-time motorcoach drivers. These positions pay a **starting** hourly rate of \$21.42, provide a 6-week PAID training program leading to a Commercial Driver's License, and operate Michigan's newest and largest fleet of motorcoaches. Full-time drivers also receive:

- ✍ Two weeks of paid time off in the first year
- ✍ Medical, dental, vision and life insurance
- ✍ 401(k) retirement program with employer match
- ✍ Annual safety bonus

Also important, Indian Trails truly appreciates the hard work of its staff members—it's a 113-year-old, family-run company with old-fashioned values like fairness, honesty, teamwork, and service excellence.

We encourage anyone, including those with no commercial driving experience, to apply. It takes a special person to be a professional bus driver. To us and to our passengers, they're truly heroes of the road. [Learn more and apply here](#).



A Salute to East Lansing for Its Stand Against Hate

In case you missed it, a 19-year-old neo-Nazi who allegedly planned to massacre members of a Jewish synagogue in East Lansing was thwarted on June 16 by the FBI and other law enforcement personnel. The threatened attack was featured prominently in [local](#), [national](#), and [international news](#).

“This shook our Jewish community to the core,” says Michigan Flyer VP Ody Norkin, especially since the possibility of bloodshed is all too real after a gunman killed three Michigan State University students and critically wounded five others just last February.

Shaarey Zedek, the Jewish congregation apparently targeted in the latest instance, is one of two major Jewish synagogues in the Greater Lansing Jewish Federation (the other being Kehillat Israel). Both have contributed mightily to Ody's humanitarian mission to deliver ambulances and transit vehicles, as well as shipping containers full of medical supplies, to ease suffering among the people of war-torn Ukraine, regardless of religion.

The City of East Lansing responded to the latest threat by adopting a [resounding resolution of support](#) for the Jewish community that says in part, “the Mayor and City Council state unequivocally that there is no home here for the politics of hate, for white supremacy or neo-Nazism ... East Lansing stands together as a community that embraces the interconnection of diversity in all its forms ... and we call on this community to embrace the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who wrote in part, “Love is the greatest force in the universe.”

All of us at Michigan Flyer applaud the City of East Lansing for its strong resolution of solidarity with the Jewish community.

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