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Susan Bibula

And Now, Our Third Contest Winner ...

We love our “Great Connections” essay contest. The wonderful entries we receive contain some of the most heart-warming experiences that passengers can recall happening after riding with us.

For our latest contest, nearly 175 passengers submitted short stories about how Michigan Flyer connected them with a special person, place, or adventure. Five lucky entrants will receive a \$100 gift card runner-up prize. The top prize winner will be awarded a \$500 gift card. (Please note: Each winner is notified in the month their entry is to be published.) We'll continue sharing their entries, saving the top award for last.

This month, Susan Bibula of Lansing, Mich., got the call that she was a \$100 gift card winner. Her entry describes how she felt upon hearing that Michigan Flyer was running again after temporarily suspending service due to the COVID pandemic. Immuno-compromised and with a host of complex medical needs, Susan needed to get to and from medical appointments at the University of Michigan health system.

A native of Queens, N.Y., Susan had moved to Michigan in 2020. Before coming here, she'd served as a substitute teacher for all grade levels at schools in the New York City area. She's a graduate of the State

University of New York at New Paltz with majors in psychology and Asian studies.

An adventurous traveler, Susan has visited numerous European and Asian countries. She also speaks Mandarin and has lived in China, teaching English to students there.

When she learned that the Flyer had resumed operations, she says, “To me, it meant the freedom to obtain the medical care that I think is best for me.” She also recalls that “my first time on the Flyer was so wonderful. It made a huge impression on me. All the drivers are so attentive and caring.”

Planning to relocate back east soon, Susan says she’ll use her \$100 Amazon gift card for moving blankets. Here’s her winning entry:

Finding Freedom

By Susan Bibula

“I’m a New York City native trying to navigate healthcare in Michigan. For a while [in 2020], the Flyer wasn’t open/running. Suddenly, after telling everyone that ‘Yes, I’d heard of it but No, it’s not running,’ there was a rumor that it would be opening again! This gave me hope I cannot even describe.

Until then, I could not get the care I needed at U of M. I don’t drive. I am disabled, don’t have a car, nor can I afford one. This was, and still is, my only means of getting the best medical care in the state. I’ve been profoundly impressed by the courtesy of everyone at the Flyer.

Most of my early trips were difficult because I was recovering from surgery, wearing a long leg brace. Every time I boarded, I received extra help, was met with compassion and concern, and one driver—after asking me what I’d done to be in such a position—offered me a hug! I’ll never forget that.

Several times I was stressed at having to call up and move my ticket due to not being seen at the hospital on time, etc. To Rachel [in the Flyer office], it was no big deal at all. Everyone there is so kind and friendly. And it’s lovely to see each driver’s sense of humor come out during a trip. The entire trip from my building to the hospital is long, but it’s EASY. The bus is very comfortable, and impressively clean. This service has saved my sanity!”



Travel Alerts

Are You Ready for the Holidays?

Sure, it’s not even Halloween yet, but watch out! The holidays are coming at us like herds of wild turkeys and reindeer. So, if you’re planning a trip during this time of year, bear in mind that it’s a peak travel period, what with college students migrating and folks visiting family and friends. To guarantee that we have a seat for you, make your Michigan Flyer reservations without delay.

Ann Arbor’s Blake Transit Center Bypassed on U-M Football Saturdays

If you are planning a Saturday trip with Michigan Flyer-AirRide between Ann Arbor and East Lansing or Detroit Metro Airport this fall, please know that on U-M home football game Saturdays some of our runs will bypass the BTC on the way to and from the airport. This will affect some of our runs before, during, and after the following home games:

Oct. 29: U-M vs. Michigan State, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 12: U-M vs. Nebraska, TBA

Nov. 19: U-M vs. Illinois, TBA

However, please note that some Michigan Flyer-AirRide runs will continue to stop at the BTC on this day. It's easy to find out which ones: Just check the **"Book a Trip"** feature on our website.

Turkey Day Schedule Changes

Due in part to the [Ann Arbor Turkey Trot](#) on Thursday, Nov. 24, Michigan Flyer-AirRide will be running a partial schedule at all locations (Ann Arbor, Brighton, East Lansing, and Detroit Metro Airport). To see which stops we will be making that day, just use the "Book a Trip" feature at www.MichiganFlyer.com.

SkyWest/Delta Restores Flights to Northern Michigan Airports

Due to public demand in affected communities, SkyWest and Delta Airlines have resumed nonstop flights between Detroit Metro Airport and Alpena, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Pellston, and Sault Ste. Marie. Two months ago, the airlines had announced reduced flights to those towns due to a pilot shortage.



Customer Comment

"The bus is almost always on time ... The drivers are courteous, professional and safe. And best of all the company is very accommodating. ... I use this service quite often and highly recommend it if you're traveling to and from DTW Metro."

—Mark D., San Francisco, Calif.



Airfares for a Thanksgiving Getaway

Every day, we help passengers connect with hundreds of nonstop flights between Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) and top domestic and international destinations.

Michigan Flyer-AirRide's schedule of nine roundtrips seven days a week gives you many opportunities to take advantage of the best airfares available.

This time around, we used SkyScanner.com to search for the least expensive domestic economy-class fares (which include taxes but not necessarily baggage or other "extras"). Having chosen a sample trip originating

at DTW on Monday, Nov. 21, and returning on Monday, Nov. 28—and focusing only on nonstop flights—we found these and many other domestic roundtrips that depart from DTW:

Myrtle Beach (MYR)—\$99, Spirit
Atlanta (ATL)—\$143, Frontier
Escanaba (ESC)—\$195, SkyWest/Delta
Denver (DEN)—\$206, Spirit
Alpena (APN)—\$208, SkyWest/Delta
New York (LGA)—\$213, Spirit
New Orleans (MSY)—\$214, Spirit
Iron Mountain, MI (IMT)—\$221, SkyWest/Delta
Orlando (MCO)—\$252, Spirit
Phoenix (PHX)—\$253, Frontier
Las Vegas (LAS)—\$257, Spirit
Lansing, MI (LAN)—\$258, Endeavor/Delta
Boston (BOS)—\$263, JetBlue
Philadelphia (PHL)—\$280, Spirit
Chicago (MDW)—\$289, SkyWest/Delta
Lexington (LEX)—\$298, Republic/Delta
Portland, ME (PWM)—\$298, Delta

Indianapolis (IND)—\$308, Endeavor/Delta
Nashville, TN (BNA)—\$318, Delta
Washington, DC (BWI)—\$318, Delta
Louisville (SDF)—\$328, SkyWest/Delta
Charlotte, NC (CLT)—\$336, Delta
Traverse City (TVC)—\$338, SkyWest/Delta
Los Angeles (LAX)—\$350, Spirit
Providence (PVD)—\$368, Delta
Hartford, CT (BDL)—\$378, Delta
Richmond, VA (RIC)—\$383, Endeavor/Delta
Omaha (OMA)—\$398, SkyWest/Delta
Austin (AUS)—\$478, Delta
Kansas City, MO (MCI)—\$498, Delta
Seattle (SEA)—\$498, Delta
San Antonio (SAT)—\$688, Delta
Portland, OR (PDX)—\$698, Delta
San Francisco (SFO)—\$818, Delta



Top Coming Events—We Can Get You There!

East Lansing

[World Ballet Series: Swan Lake](#)

Experience the legendary love story! Swan Lake will be performed live by a multinational cast of 50 professional ballet dancers gathered to bring the most famous love story to life. See the iconic Dance of the Little Swans, count the 32 fouettés performed by Odile, the black swan maiden, and immerse yourself in the magic of Tchaikovsky's music. The production will feature richly detailed, hand-painted sets as well as

over 150 radiant costumes in this timeless classic. The performance is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E. Shaw Lane, on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. [Tickets \\$40-\\$73 including fee.](#)

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

Ann Arbor

[U-M Football vs. Michigan State](#)

The Michigan Wolverines, defending Big 10 champions, take on rival Michigan State Spartans in a showdown at the “Big House” Michigan Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 29. Game time 7:30 p.m. [Tickets \\$250+.](#)

[Berlin Philharmonic](#)

In this Ann Arbor debut of the Berlin Philharmonic’s maestro Kirill Petrenko, he leads two programs that showcase the ensemble’s mastery across classical, romantic, and contemporary repertoire. The performance on Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. features works by Andrew Norman and Krich Korngold, with Noah Bendix-Balgley taking the stage for Mozart’s first violin concerto. The second program on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8:30 p.m. features Gustav Mahler at his most mysterious, with the nocturnal atmosphere of his Symphony No. 7. Both performances are at U-M Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. [Tickets \\$28-\\$156.](#)



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



Brighton

Country Artist David Nail

This American Country artist is coming to Brighton on Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. He's recorded two No. 1 singles ("Let It Rain" and "Whatever She's Got"), eight Top 40 singles, and three Top 10 albums. Nominated for GRAMMY®, Academy of Country Music and CMT Music Awards, Nail has also collaborated and/or toured with Taylor Swift, Miranda Lambert, Brothers Osbourne, NEEDTOBREATHE, Little Big Town, and Lady A. Catch him at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts, 7878 Brighton Rd., Brighton. [Tickets \\$35-\\$55](#).

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://visitlivingstoncounty.com/events/>.



Detroit

Chaka Khan

Singer, songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, entrepreneur and activist, Chaka has influenced generations of music creators during her four decades as an artist. A 10-time GRAMMY® Award winner, she has the rare ability to sing in a variety of genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical. On Friday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m., she performs at the Music Hall, 350 Madison Street, Detroit. Tickets \$60-\$75 plus fee.

Tracy Morgan: No Disrespect

Known for starring on NBC's Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning "30 Rock," Morgan appeared opposite Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin as "Tracy Jordan," the unpredictable star of "Liz Lemon's" (Fey's) hit variety show, "TGS with Tracy Jordan." Morgan is also known for his comedic appearances on Saturday Night Live, which earned him an Emmy for Outstanding Guest Actor. Plus, he's also done standup specials for Netflix, HBO and Comedy Central. Most recently, he can be seen starring in season four of TBS's "The Last O.G.," which he produces. On Saturday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m., he performs at the Music Hall, 350 Madison Street, Detroit. [Tickets \\$45-\\$55 plus fee](#).



PLEASE NOTE: The D2A2 Express Bus from Ann Arbor's Blake Transit Center (BTC) to Detroit's Grand Circus Park can get Ann Arbor-area residents to and from these Music Hall events. It's within an easy 10-minute walk of D2A2's stop in Detroit. Also, whenever the [D2A2 schedule](#) coincides with [Michigan Flyer's schedule](#) at the BTC (though it does NOT for these two performances), it's also possible for East Lansing and Brighton residents get to events in downtown Detroit by bus.

To learn what's happening in Detroit, check out the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau calendar of coming events: <https://visitdetroit.com/events/>.



Tips for Smarter Travel

- [Change Your Reservations Online in Two Quick Steps](#)
- [Know How to Find us at DTW's McNamara Terminal](#)
- [Invest in Travel Insurance for Peace of Mind](#)
- [Download Our Free App to Track Your Bus in Real Time](#)

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Can you spare a moment to help others understand how our service might improve their travels? If so, please visit one of the websites below to submit a brief review about your personal experience with Michigan Flyer-AirRide. Thank you!



Professional Drivers Wanted: \$3,000 Sign-On Bonus!

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 \$20.40, plus a \$3,000 sign-on bonus; provide a 6-week PAID training program leading to a Commercial Drivers 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
- /// Annual employee recognition banquet
- /// Opportunities for advancement

Also important, Indian Trails truly appreciates the hard work of its staff members—it's a 112-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. Also, as a

Certified Veteran-Friendly Employer, we welcome all veterans. The requirements and application can be found online by clicking any of these openings. 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 about the job here.



A Few Fun Facts About Halloween

1. Our spooky holiday always occurs on October 31, which falls on a Monday this year. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), it began more than 2,000 years ago—before Christianity—with a festival of the Celts, who lived in what are now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. Their celebration marked the start of cold, dark winter. Believing that ghosts of the dead returned to earth at this time to make trouble and ruin crops, they tried to frighten the spirits away by donning animal heads and skins, carving ghoulish jack-o-

lanterns, and starting bonfires.

2. In the 700s, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as All Saints Day in hopes of replacing the pagan Celtic festival. The night before that was known as All Hallows Eve, and from this sprang the name "Halloween."

3. Trick-or-treating has roots in the early All Souls' Day parades of England, where poor people begged for food and families gave them "soul cakes" in return for promises to pray for bygone relatives.

4. In the mid-1800s, millions of immigrants poured into America, many fleeing the Irish Potato Famine. That helped to spread the celebration of Halloween nationwide, though the emphasis was on neighborhood costume parties and seasonal foods, not ghosts, goblins, and witches.

5. Candy corn was once called "chicken feed" because the Goelitz Confectionery Company originally sold it in boxes with a rooster on the front to appeal to rural Americans. The recipe hasn't changed much since the 1880s. And Skittles are now the top Halloween candy according to years of sales data from CandyStore.com.

6. Harry Houdini—the world-famous magician and illusionist—died on Halloween in 1926. A week earlier, his appendix had burst during a performance in Detroit, Mich. Although he was immediately rushed to the hospital, he succumbed to peritonitis.

Why Drive?

Booking is easy, [click here](#) to view schedules on



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