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MARCH CALENDAR

Brunch - Saturday, 10 March 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The March brunch will be held at The Cottage, 420 Munson Avenue at 8th Street, in Traverse City We will meet in the separate room in back.

Our speaker will be **Kevin Cain**, lead engineer at the Aria Group. When Kevin last spoke to our group in 2015, he described the designing of the American 2-man Bobsled used in the Sochi Olympics.

Come hear and see what the company has been doing lately. To check out one of their latest projects Google "aria-fxe".



And coming up in April...

Bibliomensans' Books for April by Jack Kerouac -

On The Road (307 pages) and *The Dharma Bums* (166 pages)

Scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018

On the Road - A trip of a life with friends who appear with hope and quickly disappear in torment. The Beat Generation following the aftermath of World War Two redefined a portion of American literature and culture. This novel finally devolves into madness for Dean Moriarty and wisdom for Sal Paradise (Kerouac).

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The Dharma Bums was first published in 1958, a year after *On the Road* put the Beat Generation on the map, *The Dharma Bums* stands as one of Jack Kerouac's most powerful and influential novels. The story focuses on two ebullient young Americans--mountaineer, poet, and Zen Buddhist Japhy Ryder, and Ray Smith, a zestful, innocent writer--whose quest for Truth leads them on a heroic odyssey, from marathon parties and poetry jam sessions in San Francisco's Bohemia to solitude and mountain climbing in the High Sierras.

News from the RVC3

I can (wistfully) smell spring in the air. Looking forward to the many variations of the color green as buds, and then, leaves come out on the trees. Spring and fall are my favorite seasons, although I think that fall edges out spring as my favorite due to the many, many colors as the leaves transition toward winter.

Please welcome Trevor Mitchell as the new Executive Director of American Mensa. As he had previously been on staff for about three years, he is familiar with our culture. A big plus. Trevor is also very good at sending regular updates to the AMC board members to inform us as to what is happening and what is planned. I expect to see some positive improvements in the next few months both in membership value and finding other sources of income

Breaking News --- the Dayton RG has been cancelled for 2018 but will return even better in 2019. Difficulty in finding the right hotel was a significant factor in this hard decision. I was looking forward to two RG happenings in April. Please join me at the Southeast Michigan Mensa (SEMM) RG on April 20 - 22. I do still plan on a road trip to both Dayton and Cincinnati later this spring.

Late Breaking Breaking News --- for those who had planned to attend the Dayton RG, Virginal Plottel and Mary Lee Kemper have joined forces to host an event (the VML) in the Cincy area the same weekend. It will be held at the same hotel where the Cincinnati RG has been held. For more info, contact Mary Lee at maryleekemper@gmail.com.

Besides the AG in Indianapolis, there is also the Colloquium. This year the theme is on Manufacturing. I hope to see some of you in Indy on Tuesday, July 3rd for this "extra" event. The AG dinner speaker will be former astronaut Dr. David Wolf. Kudos to the committee for adding him to the event.

That's all for now!

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