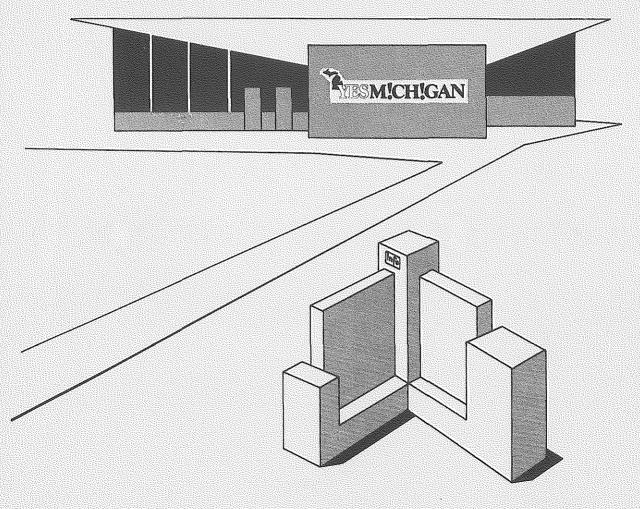
# TRAVEL INFORMATION SECTION 1984 Annual Report



MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

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## COMMISSION POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE 02-28-79	CP 1100.27
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION  Executive Bureau	SUPERSEDES CP 1100.27
ENCOUPTIVE DUIGUU	DATED 11-17-76

SUBJECT:

Highway Travel Information Program

The Department shall operate a comprehensive Travel Information Program which includes a system of highway Travel Information Centers and Information Plazas.

The objectives of the program are to:

- . Maximize Michigan tourism.
- . Provide safety rest areas for highway travelers.
- . Provide information and services to the traveling public.

Travel Information Center personnel will dispense travel information, maps, and other information material about Michigan attractions, points of interest and accommodations to the traveling public.

The Travel Information Program will be coordinated with appropriate State and local agencies, both public and private.

Adopted by the State Transportation Commission

02-28-79 Date

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been a pioneer in the development of highway travel information and services. Since the opening of the nation's first highway Travel Information Center (TIC) in 1935, our program has grown to 11 TICs, 66 rest areas, and 95 roadside parks. The Travel Information Section's function is to provide statewide and local information and personal travel counseling to the traveling public in coordination with other tourist oriented public and private organizations and agencies. The goal of this section is to maximize Michigan tourism expenditures by increasing the tourist's length of stay in Michigan, increasing the number of events/attractions visited, and generating an interest in return visits.



The new Iron Mountain Travel Information Center (TIC) was dedicated on August 8, 1984, as the eleventh TIC in the state system. The center, which is a cooperative venture between MDOT, the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association, the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Iron Mountain, is located at the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Iron Mountain. Building construction was funded by a federal grant secured by the city of Iron Mountain. The center expects up to 60,000 visitors a year, mostly out-of-state people traveling through and from Wisconsin. A venture of this kind is a cooperative investment in meeting the needs of the traveling public by providing information services vital to Michigan's tourist industry.

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS

The eleven Travel Information Centers are staffed by trained travel counselors who have personally experienced many of Michigan's fine attractions and are anxious to share those experiences with travelers. The centers are open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, from mid-June to Labor Day; and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the remainder of the year. In addition to answering individual inquiries, the centers are stocked with maps, directories, and literature on all types of attractions, activities, and services such as:

- 1. Lodging
- 4. Shopping
- 7. Sporting Events

- 2. Camping
- 5. Special Events
- 8. Festivals
- Dining 6. Attractions
- 9. Water Activities

The Travel Information Centers are located at major entry points into the state and at strategic locations within the state. Comment cards are available for evaluating user satisfaction at each center. Visitors are encouraged to complete these cards at the center or mail the postage-free card at their convenience. A tabulation of these cards for 1984 show the effectiveness of services offered at the centers and is reflected on pages 4 through 7.

	MDOT 3516 (6/84) Date
DID YOU KNOW THAT:	Where do you live? Michigan Other (please specify)
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Michigan's name is derived from the Indian words "Michi-Gama" meaning Large Lake,	Literature was requested but not available. (please specify)
Michigan is the only state that touches four of the five Great Lakes.	Verbal information was requested but not available. (please specify)
Michigan has more then 11,000 inland takes and more then 36,000 miles of streams.	Total information was required but not available. (prease specify)
in Michigan you are never more than six miles from a lake or a stream.	Do you feel the information you received at this Travel Information Center will cause you to extend the time planned on visiting Michigan? Yes No Uncertain
Michigan has more fresh water coastline than any other state.	(Comments)
Stand anywhere in Michigan and you are withmin as miles of one of the Great Lakes,	
Michigan leads in production of red tart cherries, dry edible beens, cucumbers for pick- ling, eastern white winter wheat.	
	This information requested on a voluntary basis by the Michigan Department of Transportation

#### Comment Card Report for January - December 1984 Figures indicate percentages.

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Route	20	26	27	33	24	18	25	37	22	35	13	26	24

Other Specified: Lodging & Lumbering, amusement parks, golf, Detroit Grand Prix, U.P. events, weather, summer housing, motor racing track, historical, RV dump station, kids attractions, ferries, fishing, garden products & nurseries, rock hounding, canoeing, repair & welding, hiking, bridge condition, antique auto shows, fudge festival, post cards, stickers, Mackinac Island, buy film, businesses, industrial tours, seasonal events, resorts, skiing areas, permit for overwide load, shopping, reservations, swimming, bicycle routes, wineries, county maps, place to photograph, Decatur County festival information, hospital, rest, map.

#### LITERATURE WAS REQUESTED BUT NOT AVAILABLE.

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Specified: Keilogg's tour, phone number for Grayling DNR, fossil sea shells, U.P., Not Air Balloon contest, Indian Office, opening dates for campgrounds in state parks, directory for northeast lower Michigan, gas prices in U.P., Kalkaska County map, Datroit map, ferry boats, location of Warren Dunes, Flower Pot Island, backpacking, map of Ohio.

#### DO YOU FEEL THE INFORMATION YOU RECEIVED AT THIS TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER WILL CAUSE YOU TO EXTEND THE TIME PLANNED ON VISITING MICHIGAN?

Yes	80	78	67	33	81	70	71	73	70	68	79	67	72
No	8	9	12	0	6	14	15	12	12	17	9	17	† † † †
Uncertain	11	14	20	67	13	16	13	15	19	15	12	17	16

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMENT CARDS

Clare - food machines would be a very nice addition. Need more pictures of state parks, place weather monitor at TIC.

Coldwater - Should have pop machines.

Dundee - Needs vending machines.

tron Mountain - No responses.

Fronwood - Need a Michigan Travel Directory for the whole state.

Mackinaw City - No responses.

Menominee - Need picture post cards of Menominee Marina, Mystery Ship, sallboats, etc.

Monroe - Change format of our state map and make it more appealing. Purse hooks should be placed tower in restroom stalls.

New Buffalo - Need more outlet stores, vending machines. Pay telephone inside.

Port Huron - No responses.

St. Ignace - Provide more information on Indians.

Sault Ste. Marie - No responses.

# TABULATION OF TRAVEL COMMENT CARDS JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1984

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TIC	Favor- able A	Unfavor- able B	TOTAL	Visitors per Center D	Yearly % Cards/ Visitor E
1 - Clare	499	5	504	111,434	. 5%
9 - Coldwater	604	3	607	282,692	. 2%
10 - Dundee	1,039	7	1,046	280,340	. 4%
11 - Iron Mountain	0	4	4	10,264	.0%
2 - Ironwood	891	0	891	47,647	.9%
3 - Mackinaw City	726	5	731	137,093	. 5%
4 - Menominee	438	0	438	36,936	. 2%
5 - Monroe	532	5	537	142,484	. 4%
6 - New Buffalo	4,011	10	4,021	625,361	.6%
7 - Port Huron	157	0	157	48,120	. 3%
12 - St. Ignace	116	0	116	0	.0%
8 - Sault Ste. Marie	134	1	135	88,162	. 2%
TOTAL	9,147	40	9,187	1,810,533	. 5%
PERCENT OF TOTAL	99.6%	.4%			

During 1984, Travel Information Center visitors completed 9,187 comment cards. Following are excerpts from these cards.

Mackinaw City - "Excellent service provided. Cannot believe it is free." - Michigan

<u>Coldwater</u> - "Because of information received, we will be back for other attractions and maybe some fishing and camping. Thank you for handing out information." - Ohio

Monroe - "Thanks for providing a current weather report." - Utah

<u>Dundee</u> - "Perfect, we were gonna go home, but not now! Thanks."

Menominee - "Never saw a cleaner restroom in my life than the one in Menominee. Also, the attendants at both Menominee and Iron Mountain were exceptionally helpful." - Michigan

Sault Ste. Marie - "We had originally planned to drive straight through. The clerk was so amiable pointing out various things to see in route that we toured parts of Michigan. Beautiful country." - New York

New Buffalo - "I just want to compliment the Department of Transportation for making available, the excellent information a tourist needs to travel safely and feel secure in a new environment." - Illinois

<u>Ironwood</u> - "The Information Center gave information about Northern Michigan we were very pleased to receive. We plan now to stay in the area several days." - Florida

Clare - "We have traveled extensively, but have never encountered such enormous variety of helpful information, beautifully cataloged by geographical areas/interests. Folks are very cordial. Congratulations!!! and we will return!" - Houston, Texas

Port Huron - "The services we received from your tourist information office, Port Huron, near the bridge to Canada, on August 10, 1984, about 10:00 a.m., were excellent. Particularly the help of Florence, she started our vacation off so well in Michigan. Thanks!" - The Atkins, St. Louis, Missouri

#### VISITOR COUNT REPORT

Visitors are manually counted by Travel Information Center personnel. Electronic loops are being installed for near future automated 24 hour counts.

January-December 1981-1984

	1981	1982	<u>1983</u>	1984
Clare	209,467	225,910	211,368	111,434
Coldwater	235,608	255,284	288,518	282,692
Dundee	179,401	74,472**	263,532	280,340
Iron Mountain	*	*	*	10,264
Ironwood	54,178	48,357	51,753	47,647
Mackinaw City	108,496	117,308	133,320	137,093
Menominee	38,738	19,947***	33,439	36,936
Monroe	281,892	240,078	258,808	142,484***
New Buffalo	627,318	642,216	645,525	625,361
Port Huron	43,597	42,587	48,257	48,120
Sault Ste. Marie	94,762	106,905	98,701	88,162
GRAND TOTAL	1,888,214	1,773,064	2,033,221	1,810,533

<sup>\*</sup> Not Open

<sup>\*\*</sup> Temporary Location - April - December - due to reconstruction.

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MONTHLY COMPARISONS - TIC VISITOR COUNT 1961-1984

Travel Centers	January	February	March	April	May	- ∫ψn⊛.	July ,	August	September	, October	' уолешрас	. Dесетрег.	,,, TOTALS,
Clare						-							
1981	2,394	2,378	3,345	5,733	10,257	18,370	53,906	56,787	25,097	19,692	9,111	2,397	209,467
1982	2,112	2,632	3,203	4,980	11,056	19,201	61,128	57,592	29,342	22,717	9,379	2,568	225,910
1983	2,556	3,321	3,403	4,960	13,968	23,550	62,763	55,582	20,258	13,075	5,676	2,256	211,368
1984	2,462	3,190	3,111	5,388	8,262	15,673	24,389	24,453	10,910	8,052	3,431	2,113	111,434
Coldwater													
1981	6,079	6,767	10,115	14,408	21,228	25,217	51,924	39,245	20,386	14,667	13,113	12,459	235,608
1982	6,135	6,754	10,817	19,568	29,521	28,643	50,828	42,552	23,972	13,737	12,385	10,372	255,284
1983	8,722	8,179	12,855	18,177	26,419	46,256	58,545	46,887	25,991	12,310	12,979	11,198	288,518
1984	6,927	8,013	11,965	20,303	26,458	31,750	56,264	61,558	25,814	12,725	8,164	12,751	282,692
Dundee													
1981	4,609	3,989	8,056	13,851	15,082	21,268	34,398	34,162	16,334	13,592	7,470	6,590	179,401
1982	4,800	4,900	6,764	7,124	6,876	8,155	12,523	11,959	5,570	4,941	860	CLOSED	74,472
1983	3,935	6,745	11,856	16,163	22,602	32,563	50,770	51,860	28,438	18,005	10,498	10,097	263,532
1984	7,679	10,532	11,159	19,454	24,481	38,802	49,863	54,235	22,853	14,293	13,530	13,459	280,340
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1983	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	. **	-	-
1984	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,932	4,476	1,708	1,235	396	517	10,264
Ironwood													
1981	1,725	1,832	1,695	1,708	2,968	6,161	13,685	11,695	7,100	`3,325	1,022	1,262	54,178
1982	742	1,096	1,122	1,062	2,516	5,553	13,212	12,886	5,747	2,712	772	937	48,357
1983	944	1,122	1,036	1,180	2,265	6,592	13,456	11,265	7,787	4,364	931	81 1	51,753
1984	727	1,080	862	1,405	2,592	6,072	12,772	11,374	6,275	2,906	748	834	47,647
Mackinaw City													•
1981	1,616	1,874	2,076	4,311	6,430	13,386	27,149	28,167	13,373	6,039	2,165	1 <b>,9</b> 10	108,496
1982	1,326	1,362	1,803	2,523	7,242	16,901	29,703	33,240	13,609	6,556	1,377	1,666	117,308
1983	1,333	1,793	1,763	2,799	7,778	16,569	35,870	<b>34,9</b> 59	17,231	9,854	1,836	1,535	133,320
1984	1,211	2,557	2,393	3,575	7,457	17,610	35,904	36,682	16,493	9,131	2,016	2,064	137,093

#### MONTHLY COMPARISONS - TIC VISITOR COUNT 1981-1984

Travel Centers	January	February	March	Apr!!	Мау	June	July	, August	Şeptember,	October.	, November,	Десеπьеς.	TOTALS
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Menominee 1931	756	680	897	1.374	2.334	5,301	9,009	10,678	4,165	2,219	681	644	38,738
1982	463	676	678	1,117	865	2,323	4,920	5,506	1,870	1,096	227	206	19,947
1983	100	234	260	400	750	2,186	10,990	10,711	4,198	2,642	615	353	33,439
1984	405	522	617	927	1,671	4,992	9,940	10,094	4,366	2,286	665	451	36,936
Monroe													
1981	7,084	7,714	11,461	14,775	19,457	32,616	55,895	60,327	32,994	17,787	12,567	9,215	281,892
1982	9,171	6,963	10,665	14,715	18,909	32,996	47,616	44,029	24,509	18,233	7,302	4,970	240,078
1983	4,266	4,573	7,000	10,570	14,898	31,029	50,668	52,198	30,488	26,050	15,822	11,246	258,808
1984	11,103	15,373	18,170	27,962	33,362	36,514	CLOSED	O_OSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	a_osed	CLOSED	142,484
New Buffalo													
1981	13,435	13,488	21,864	38,477	62,408	74,224	105,630	116,776	73,032	58,304	27,522	22,158	627,318
1982	9,974	12,644	23,521	39,160	56,945	71,862	119,219	121,015	70,532	66,699	29,781	20,864	642,216
1983	12,380	15,140	21,378	39,085	64,647	80,690	126,111	114,946	69,720	57,670	27,603	16,155	645,525
1984	11,708	17,711	18,018	33,833	45,809	71,401	118,323	132,999	75,669	50,460	26,871	22,559	625,361
Port Huron													
1981	1,003	1,028	1,788	2,271	3,203	5,815	9,975	9,474	3,828	2,710	1,378	1,124	43,597
1982	903	1,011	1,826	2,063	3,447	5,477	9,465	9,604	4,193	2,133	1,340	1,125	42,587
1983	1,097	1,385	1,842	2,051	3,336	6,020	11,266	10,296	4,945	3,622	1,405	992	48,257
1984	1,100	1,418	1,771	2,495	3,575	5,961	10,307	10,733	4,748	3,400	1,487	1,125	48,120
Sault Ste. Marie							•						
1981	888	1,033	1,376	1,809	5,437	10,717	28,295	29,580	10,575	3,470	915	667	94,762
1982	552	917	1,062	1,413	3,787	12,430	32,332	35,490	13,791	3,394	903	834	106 <b>,9</b> 05
1983	777	951	1,353	1,671	3,423	9,225	27,307	37,029	.10,369	4,790	903	903	98,701
1984	939	1,473	1,414	2,016	2,945	8,711	24,203	31,889	9,734	3,706	604	528	88,162

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#### LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

Michigan TICs distributed approximately 5 million pieces of literature during 1984, and 1 million Official Transportation Maps. All literature distributed is free. Any literature which has the potential for increasing tourism in the state is accepted for distribution. This includes information on tourist attractions, hotels, motels, restaurants, events, etc. All literature is donated and shipped pre-paid to a central distribution center where it is identified, recorded, and shipped to each of the Travel Information Centers. Travel Center managers are encouraged to actively secure literature to meet the traveler's needs.

#### Distribution Totals for:

	1981	1982	1983	1984
January February March April May June July August September October November December	201,367 288,510 217,510 930,989 789,815 970,948 440,659 288,153 231,116 165,043 287,347 60,450	231,845 338,826 113,198 786,105 649,511 1,006,389 381,071 308,022 228,795 195,371 84,773 248,955	150,350 244,495 504,140 1,014,073 620,565 713,772 888,221 126,505 165,901 72,815 170,540 208,460	273,675 278,165 761,825 592,944 1,114,411 526,118 685,437 339,125 287,895 185,950 263,090 95,960
Total:	4,871,907	4,572,861	4,879,837	5,404,595

#### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Operating Instruction OI 2384.09, was published July 2, 1984, entitled "Wearing Apparel for Travel Information Center (TIC) Employees". The need to establish guidelines for the purchase and wearing of specified apparel was recognized by the TIC managers. The narrative of the following directive was prepared and coordinated, with the Lansing office, by TIC staff, and approved by all TIC managers before signing.



#### **OPERATING** INSTRUCTION

EFFECTIVE DATE	IDENTIFIER
07-02-84	01 2384.09
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION	SUPERSEDES
Management Services Division	DATED NEW

SUBJECT:

Wearing Apparel For Travel Information Center (TIC) Employees

#### I. **PURPOSE:**

To establish quidelines for the purchase and wearing of specified apparel by Travel Information Center staff.

#### II. INFORMATION:

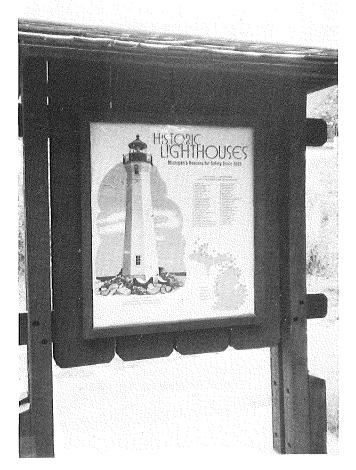
- Because of daily, continuous contact with the public, all TIC employees must wear specified apparel.
- В. The Managers', Assistant Managers', and other permanent and part time intermittent (PI) counselors' furnished apparel may consist of business suits, blazers, sport jackets, skirts, and pants, deemed applicable and in keeping with the written dress policy at that particular TIC location.
- Basic colors of Managers', Assistant Managers', and PI counselors' apparel may be navy, brown, beige, gray, green, or a coordinated combination. Colors of shirts, blouses, ties, and sweaters must complement the basic color theme. The Manager, Assistant Manager, and PI counselor of each TIC location must select and wear identical or complementary color combinations.
- Labor and Trades employees' wearing apparel shall consist of work quality shirts and pants. Basic colors may be navy, brown, or green. Labor and Trades employees at each TIC location must wear identical color combinations.
- Temporary employees' wearing apparel shall consist of a unisex-type Ε. shirt, which will be made available to the employee as soon as possible after they report to work.
- F. Employees may furnish and wear other apparel which meet the written quidelines.
- G. All TIC employees will be provided with name tags and shall be expected to wear them when working.
- Н. Recommended allowable amounts for wearing apparel are:
  - Managers', Assistant Managers', and PI counselors', \$300 each per fiscal year.

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RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION	EFFECTIVE	IDENTIFIER		
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#### II. INFORMATION:

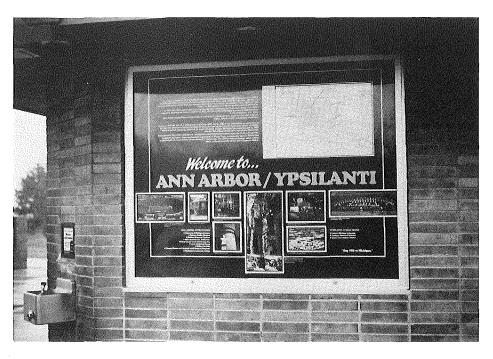
- H. 2. Labor and Trades employees', \$125 each fiscal year.
- I. Each TIC's operating budget must include a sufficient amount specifically budgeted for the purchase of wearing apparel and name tags.
- J. TIC Managers are responsible for:
  - Determining the style, type, and color of all TIC employees wearing apparel and name tags to be worn at their specific TIC location.
  - 2. Posting written guidelines which have been mutually agreed upon by the TIC Manager and the Travel Information Section Manager.
  - 3. Assuring that all TIC employees have designated apparel and wear same.
  - 4. Preparing and submitting to the Travel Information Section Manager, documents necessary for payment to vendors or reimbursement to individual employees for wearing apparel.
- K. TIC employees are responsible for:
  - Purchasing and wearing specified apparel in compliance with the written guidelines.
  - Wearing name tags, of a style to be determined by the TIC Manager.
  - Keeping wearing apparel clean, neat, and in good repair.
- L. Management Services Division is responsible for the purchase, in quantity, of a unisex-style shirt, in all sizes, in both beige and navy. These shirts will be furnished through the Travel Information Distribution Center to TIC temporary employees upon request of the TIC Managers.

Approved:	Weith Scotl	July 2, 1984
	Deputy Director	Date



#### REST AREA AND ROADSIDE PARK DISPLAYS

The Rest Area and Roadside Park Program is well underway with the addition of a number of interpretive and promotional displays depicting attractions such as: lighthouses. waterfalls, Greenfield Village, the 1985 Hot Air Balloon Championships, and the state fair. Future displays will feature the Mackinac Bridge, wildflowers, and mushrooms, In addition, an increasing number of communities have expressed an interest in preparing displays promoting their areas as a part of the local display This program allows comprogram. munities to prepare promotional exhibits about their area to be placed in the Rest Area bulletin boards. To date, 15 communities have prepared displays and another 16 have indicated an interest in participating in the program.



#### REST AREA TRAVEL INFORMATION DIRECTORIES

54 of Michigan's 66 freeway rest areas have Travel Information Plaza/Directories. These glass paneled display boards were initiated in 1975 as a partial substitute for removed billboards. The Plaza/Directories feature a state map; a local area map; a mileage panel; interpretive displays of Michigan events and attractions; emergency phone numbers such as police, fire, hospitals; and a directory of travel-related businesses in the area.



The directory includes a business listing of food and lodging establishments, campgrounds, and service stations. Each business is identified on a metal plate, one inch by six inches.

#### HENRY'S DRIVE INN

1761 S. M-139, Benton Harbor, MI Open 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., year around E-4 C,E Ph:(616)926-6757

Businesses wishing to take advantage of this free service need only request an application from MDOT, Travel Information Section, Research and Promotion Unit, phone (AC 517) 373-2167. All listings receive an annual renewal form in order to keep the information current. The average return date for renewal forms in 1984 was 85%.

The following chart shows the total listings and locations.

Rest Area#	Rest Area Name	Rest Area Location	# of Listing Plates
236		NB I-75	43
238	St. Ignace	SB I-75	120
306	Cadillac	NB US-131	41
401	Houghton Lake	NB US-27	63
402	Higgins Lake	SB US-27	53
403	Grayling	NB I-75	57
404	Frederic	SB I-75	64
405	Gaylord	NB I-75	87
406	Vanderbilt	SB I-75	61
407	Topinabee	NB I-75	88
408	Cheboygan	SB 1-75	55
433	West Branch	NB I-75	79
501	Whitehall	SB US-31	80
502	Fruitport	WB I-96	83
503	Walker	EB I-96	, 95
504	Cascade	WB I-96	95
505	Ithaca	NB US-27	56
520	Wyoming	NB US-131	95
525	Rockford	SB US-131	95
528	Hudsonville	EB I-196	95
529	Rothbury	NB US-31	40
530	Hart	SB US-31	90
531	Portland	WB I-96	39
602	Midland	₩B US-10	42
605 612	Bay City	SB I-75	46
615	Clio	SB I-75 NB I-75	80 42
624	Bridgeport Fenton	NB US-23	95
626	Linwood	NB 1-75	44
628	Swartz Creek	EB 1-69	95
702	Albion	WB I-94	55
703	Battle Creek	EB I-94	55
706	Watervliet	WB I-94	97
708	Portage	NB US-131	64
709	Kalamazoo	SB US-131	68
720	Covert	SB I-196	97
721	Tekonsha	NB I-69	55
722	Marshall	SB I-69	46
723	Benton Harbor	EB I-94	53
726	South Haven	NB I-196	53
727	Saugatuck	SB I-196	60
810	Holt	NB US-127	65
811	Okemos	WB I-96	70
812	Howell-Highlands	EB I-96	26
813	Howell-Chemung	WB I-96	11
814	Northfield-Church	SB US-23	86
815	Willis Road	NB US-23	78 97
817	Zeeb Road	EB I-94	87
818	Grass Lake	WB I-94	37 25
819 825	Jackson Grand Lodge	EB I-94 EB I-96	70
829	Grand Ledge Carleton	SB I-275	28
909	New Baltimore	SB 1-275 EB 1-94	10
911	Belleville	WB I-94	81
211	Delieville	MD 1-34	OI.

#### OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL SHOWS

During 1984, MDOT Travel Information Center (TIC) personnel worked at the Michigan travel booth in eight out-of-state travel shows at the request of the Michigan Travel Bureau and the Regional Tourist Associations. These shows offered an excellent opportunity for MDOT to reach a large volume of potential visitors (approximately 900,000) and personally promote travel to Michigan. Participation by the TIC staff helps to further develop poise and adaptability to the varied interests of the public and to increase tourism expenditures in Michigan.

MDOT participated in the following shows:

Debra Gunderson, Travel Counselor New Buffalo TIC

Robert R. Bates, Manager Menominee TIC

Larry Cornish, Assistant Manager Coldwater TIC

Veronica Schroder, Manager Susan Chesney, Travel Counselor Dundee TIC

Thomas Lowery, Manager Ironwood TIC

Betsy Brandt, Manager Debra Gunderson, Travel Counselor New Buffalo TIC

Harriet Grzyb, Manager Clare TIC

Bill Southwell, Assistant Manager Clare TIC Chicago Boat, Sport, & R.V. Show McCormick Place - Chicago, Illinois

Chicago Sport Fishing, etc. O'Hara - Chicago, Illinois

Cincinnati - Travel, Sports, & Boat Show Cincinnati, Ohio

Columbus Sports, Vacation, & Travel Show Columbus, Ohio

All Sports Show St. Louis, Missouri

Iowa Sports & Vacation Show Des Moines, Iowa

American/Canadian Sport, Travel & Outdoor Show Cleveland, Ohio

Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show Indianapolis, Indiana

#### MICHIGAN TRAVEL COMMISSION

The Administrator of the Management Services Division is the Michigan Department of Transportation's designated liaison representative to the Michigan Travel Commission and attends all Michigan Travel Commission meetings. In this role, MDOT's program(s) are communicated and all transportation related concerns of the commission are responded to in a timely basis.

Following is a list of 1984 Travel Commission meetings attended.

January 12, 1984 March 13, 1984

April 25-26, 1984 June 6-8, 1984 August 9-10, 1984 November 9, 1984 November 28, 1984 Harley Hotel - Lansing, Michigan
Metropolitan Detroit Convention and
Visitors Bureau Offices - Detroit
Hyatt Regency Hotel - Flint, Michigan
Grand Hotel - Mackinac Island
Holiday Inn - Alpena, Michigan
Dearborn Inn - Dearborn, Michigan
Law Building - Lansing, Michigan

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### SEMINAR

The 1984 Travel Information Seminar was held June 3-8. The seminar theme was "MDOT Travel Counselors, Promoting Michigan Through Professional Development".

The East Michigan Tourist Association (EMTA) hosted the event and the program consisted of a combination of classroom training sessions and professional development tours of East Michigan attractions and tourist areas.

Planning Committee members:

Harriet Grzyb, Chair, Manager, Clare Travel Information Center Betsy Brandt, Manager, New Buffalo Travel Information Center Pat Collins, Analyst, Lansing Larry Cornish, Assistant Manager, Coldwater Travel Information

Larry Cornish, Assistant Manager, Coldwater Travel Information
Center

Sue Mavronicles, Manager, Mackinaw City and Sault Ste. Marie Travel Information Center

Jean Moiles, Assistant Manager, Sault Ste. Marie Travel Information Center

#### Following is a brief summary of the seminar content and speakers:

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MDOT	Reo	rgan	izat	ion
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Mayor Sharp - Flint, Michigan

Capital Outlay Meeting of Managers and Assistants H.K. Scott, Deputy Director, Bureau of Administration

National Resources as an Integral Part of Tourism and Recreation
New Department Trainee
Classification

Harry H. Whiteley, Chairman, Natural Resources Commission

Regional Tourism Presentations

Charles Ford, Personnel Division

Positive Image/Self-Marketing Dress for Success

Jim Hall, President, E.M.T.A.

Stress Management

Elizabeth Field

Interviewing/Hiring/Firing

Maxine Duffey, MDOT Training & Development

Bob Phreed, MDOT Training & Development

Hospitality Training

Judy Walson-Olsen, MSU Extension Service

Dual Maintenance Responsibility Ross Wolfe, MDOT Maintenance

Mill Creek Presentation

Victor Hogg, Director of Marketing, Mackinac Island State Parks Commission

Presentation of South Carolina Travel Program Peggy Smith, Manager, Travel Development Division of Tourism - South Carolina

#### TOURS

Members of the Travel Information Section participated in three extremely successful professional development tours during 1984. The tours covered three seasons and three totally different parts of the state. The first tour was held during March in the Cedarville-Les Cheneaux Island area and emphasized such winter activities as cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. The second tour was held the last week of May in the greater Detroit area and included Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum, Cranbrook, Fairlane Manor, the Eastern Market, and other Detroit area attractions. The final tour was in September and covered the Keweenaw peninsula. All of the participants indicated that the tours provided them with a much greater insight and knowledge of those specific area.

#### HOSPITALITY TRAINING

A student assistant from Central Michigan University was hired July 30, 1984, and assigned the project of designing a train-the-trainer course to be presented to all TIC managers and assistants in early 1985. The key audience will be all temporary summer help and all new employees.

#### Topics:

Introduction to TIC system
Economic impact of tourist
Hospitality training - How to give a Michigan welcome
Product knowledge, market audience, impact areas, salesmanship
Job Skills - map reading, directions, customer relations, etc.

#### RESEARCH

#### MICHIGAN TRAVEL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

"Michigan Travel Information Systems", a report which details the findings of a survey on highway signing preferences, pre-trip planning behavior, and travel information program usage patterns of both Michigan residents and non-resident visitors, was published and released in 1984. A paper outlining the findings of the survey was presented and very well received at the annual meeting of the Travel and Tourism Research Association, which was held in Philadelphia, in June of 1984.

#### NATIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER SURVEY

A nationwide Travel Information Survey was initiated in 1983. Research is aimed at the operation and services of all U.S. Travel Information/Welcome Centers.

Questionnaires were sent to all 50 states requesting information regarding their Highway Travel Information Program. Results of this survey will published in 1985.

#### 1984-85 TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER SURVEY

A one year survey of Travel Information Center visitors was initiated in June of 1984, at all TICs but Monroe and Iron Mountain. The survey is designed to update and expand upon a study, which was conducted in 1980. The current survey is being conducted in two parts. Phase I, which consists of a questionnaire to be filled out at the TICs, and Phase II, which is a follow-up questionnaire to be sent to the visitors at their homes after they have returned from their trip. The survey will be completed in June of 1985, and will provide detailed information on a variety of topics on a four season basis. Preliminary results are being analyzed at the present time and final results will be available in January of 1986. Copies of questionnaires follow.



TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER SURVEY
This information is requested by the
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#### TRAVEL SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

This information is requested by MDOT on a voluntary basis,

Please complete in ink. When completed, fold in half, secure, and drop in any mail box. Postage is prepaid.

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					11 County/Municipal Parks
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	Attending sports events	Camping			State Parks & National Parks
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	Color Tours	Fishing			Swimming
	Hunting	Picnicking		-	Bicycling
ַ	Boating, water-skiing	Sailing			Hiking, jogging, walk for pleasure
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	Snowmobiling		Snow Activities		Participate in outdoor games &
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	☐ Magazine	Billboards			Travel agents
	Guide books	Friends or re	elatives		Newspaper
	Maps or directories	Chamber of	Commerce		State Travel Bureau
	Auto Club	Highway sign	15		Tourist or Convention Assoc.
	State Dept. of Natural Resources	Pamphiets or	r brochures		Highway Travel Info. Centers
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6b.What r	made you decide to come to Michigan? (Chec	k all that apply)	1		
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	Newspaper	Billboards			Maps or directories
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	Information from State Dept. of	of Comm	erce		Bureau
	Natural Resources	☐ Information	from Friend/relative		-
	Pamphlets or brochures		vei Info. Centers		Guide books
	Any other sources	- ·			

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	b. The route you would take?		☐ Yes ☐	Somewhat No
	c. Where you would stay at your main destination	on?	Yes	Somewhat No
	d. The location of overnight stops en route to or		☐ Yes ☐	Somewhat
	e. The attractions/points of interest you would v		☐ Yes ☐	Somewhat No
	f. The number of days the trip would last?			Somewhat No
	g. The number of days you would spend at each	location you stopped at en	1 2	3
	route to or from your main destination?			Somewhat
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	<sup>2</sup> Arranged to stay with friends/relatives	5	5 ☐ Reservations a	at a resort
	<sup>3</sup> ☐ Planned to stay at own cottage/cabin	, etc.	6 None, decided	l en route or upon arrival
	7 ☐ Other			
	b. What kind of arrangements or reservations for	overnight accommodations did	l you make EN ROL	JTE TO OR FROM your
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9.	Did you use the telephone reservation/information.serv	ice at the Travel Information	Center?	
	a. For information? 1 Yes 2 No b.	To make a reservation?	1 Yes 2	No
10.	Is this your first trip to/in Michigan within the last flu	ve years? 1∐Yes	2∏ No	
	If no, how may previous trips have you made to/in M	ichigan in the last five years (	not counting this on	ne)?
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	Factory/Commercial Tours	☐ Ye	s 🔲 No	•   [	Yes No
	Frankenmuth	□ Ye	s 🗆 No		Yes No
	Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum			1	Yes No
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	Lake of the Clouds/Porcupine Mountains	∐ Ye			」Yes ☐ No
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Many participants of the 1984-85 Travel Information Center Survey, who felt the need to express their feelings and experiences further, sent comments in addition to the completed questionnaire.

February 11, 1989 Pendleton, IN

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

After filling in the questionaire, I wanted to add a little side note. Prior to our trip to Frankenmuth, I had just retired from employment with the Indiana Department of Highways. I was employed as a Billboard Coordinator and it was my job to inventory outdoor advertising in the Greenfield District. Needless to say, I was very observant of the billboards in your state. We also had a large map in the large rest park in our district which was to provide information for the tourists on I-70 traveling across Indiana.

Your rest area was head and shoulders above the one in the area where I was employed. The map in our rest stop was poorly cared for and the only information was from brochures left on a rack for the traveling motorist. Your area was staffed and your employees were very helpful to us. The AAA had provided us with a travel map but it did nothing in comparison with the aid we received from your helpful people in the Information area of your rest stop.

Although Indiana is improving their information in their rest areas, it is my opinion they have a long way to go to come up to your areas.

Sincerely,

Web, La Pue

Mrs. Jean Wise

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The Travel Information Program is constantly growing to provide new and improved services to the traveling public. As ever changing needs are recognized, new programs and projects are developed to meet these needs.

#### FUTURE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Implement a hospitality training program for TIC staff.
- 2. Provide a computerized information system at TICs.
- 3. Implement pilot vending machine installations at selected TICs.
- 4. Provide standardized electronic visitor counts at TICs.
- 5. Provide travel information at the Detroit Canada tunnel.
- 6. Provide new headliners for Information Plaza/Directory cases and a Michigan Events listing.
- 7. Enlarge the New Buffalo TIC.
- 8. Landscape and remodel the Monroe TIC.
- 9. Initiate new TIC construction at Clio and Detroit.
- 10. Improve Menominee TIC parking area and landscape.
- 11. Provide landscaping, on site signing, and an Information Plaza/ Directory at Iron Mountain TIC.

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