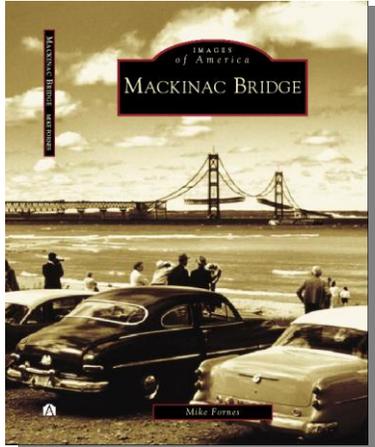




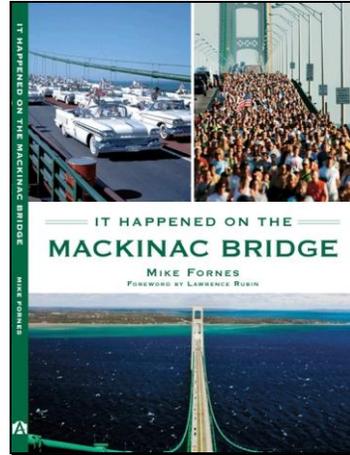
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Mike Fornes covered the Mackinac Bridge and the USCGC Mackinaw for 26 years for several media outlets in Northern Michigan, including radio and television stations and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune. A resident of Mackinaw City, Fornes is frequently in demand as a guest speaker and presenter to tour groups, cruise ship organizations and historical societies. He has given more than 2,000 tours of the Mackinac Bridge, Grand Hotel and the USCGC Mackinaw from motorcoaches, cruise boats and shore-based presentations. He is the author of "*Mackinac Bridge – A 50 Year Chronicle 1957-2007*" and "*Mackinac Bridge*," both published in 2007, "*USCGC Mackinaw (WAGB-83)*," published in 2005, "*USCGC Mackinaw (WLBB-30)*," published in 2015, "*Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel*," published in 2021, and 2024's "*It Happened on the Mackinac Bridge.*" Mike is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan.

### **Booking Details**

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