



The Online Trillium

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President's Message - August 2020



Here we are in the midst of summer and I hope most of you were able to drag that Airstream out and head to a campground somewhere in Ontario. Although there are still limitations on where we can travel, our fine province has a wealth of interesting places to explore. Ken and I managed to get to Balsam Lake Provincial Park in June for a few days, and if you haven't been to that particular park, it is well worth the visit. We are currently camping with six other Airstream couples in Napanee and some of us will be heading north to Mattawa for a bit of camping as well. We have perfected the physically distanced Happy Hour and are so happy we were able to meet up with some of our Ontario Airstream family this summer. Driveway and backyard camping are okay, but frankly Ken and I were getting a bit tired of the scenery! It is good to get out and see how creative

people can be with homemade masks. My favourite is the one that looks like a dog's mouth. Complete with lolling tongue!

As I write this at the end of July, I've just received the official word that the Fall Rally at Can-Am has been cancelled. That leaves one final event to hope for, and that is our Fall Rendezvous in Cookstown at the Toronto North KOA. While we will be unable to have a typical rendezvous due to restrictions in the campground, the hosts and co-hosts for the rendezvous have connected with the KOA and made arrangements for a gathering of sorts. Those of us who are comfortable camping in the midst of COVID will be able to book a site with the campground and while we can't meet in large numbers indoors, we can at least camp together. Look for more information in this issue of *The Trillium*.

The business of our Club has carried on despite the limitations imposed by that nasty virus and we are making plans for having electronic meetings in the next little while. The Executive will have its first Zoom meeting in August, and following that we will attempt a Zoom Annual General Meeting with our membership. I'm sure there will be many bumps and hurdles involved in the process for meeting online and depending on how smoothly things go,

or don't go, we will hopefully maintain our sense of humour and stay positive! I'm sure it will create fodder for many conversations in years to come. As in "remember that Zoom meeting in 2020 when... {insert hilarious anecdote here} ...". Following our virtual AGM, our membership will have the opportunity to vote on some key issues using the same online process we used for voting on our name change. And speaking of name changes...our new name

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2020 Club Calendar of Events

COVID-19 has forced the cancellation of our regular events. The next gathering will be October 2–5 at the Toronto North / Cookstown KOA. See the description on page 8.

Check us out!

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Ontario Canada Airstream Club and the [Airstream Club International](#) (WBCCI) would be like, think about checking us out in person! We invite you to attend one of our future events. Of course, event fees apply. Watch for future postings on our website—ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

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was approved by WBCCI and we are now officially the Ontario Canada Airstream Club! Thanks to everyone who helped make this a reality!

As provincial restrictions ease COVID is trying to rear its ugly head again, but hopefully we will be able to keep it at a manageable level. We are blessed to have our own personal isolation units on wheels which give us the freedom to at least get out, travel a bit albeit locally, and spend some time outdoors. So, enjoy the rest of the summer, wash your hands, and wear those masks!!

Cheers!

Kate D.

BEEN THERE WITH OUR CLUB CARAVAN BUT..

Some of us stayed at the downtown Gold Rush Campground in Dawson City while on the True North Caravan in 2016. However the RV Park has been handed an eviction notice from city fathers. The present owners have operated the popular stop for 20-some years and aren't too keen to have to relocate. But the city says it needs the property that it leases to the RV park for a recreation center – the current one is on unstable ground and could collapse. In two years, the RV park must be gone, says the lease. Meanwhile, the city says it'll need to test the ground underneath Gold Rush to make sure it doesn't have the same permafrost issues that threaten the existing recreation center. If those issues are there, the city could relent on the eviction – or they just might turn the park into residential lots. Regardless, the Gold Rush owners aren't in a hurry to look for new land.

Submitted by Don M.

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“Sunshine Corner” - by Linda S.

Hello Airstreamers!



Yes, it's hot up here, too! Usually we are spared somewhat but the humidity has also captured our home and community. So far, the North has granted us those cooler nights and, along with ceiling fans, we manage. Maggy, our cat, has no troubles whatsoever with this warmth. Her favourite spot? Tucked up between the closed drapes and the patio door, which faces south. How she stays there, I have no idea, but sometimes I think, shoulda been a cat!

On June 27, 2020, our Donald P. decided he was too good for this world and winged his way out of our Gracie's life. We were preparing to camp in Chutes Provincial Park, Massey, Ontario when we heard the news. That week of camping brought back some of our memories of Don and Grace faithfully greeting each trailer over the years. Since we were just across the Tout Road at the provincial park, one memory of Don came to mind.

Was it the heat or the sun or the new socks Don was wearing that caused the rash he developed? Don't think we ever figured out. But one of the nurses in attendance, Evie, insisted that he go to the Espanola Hospital to be checked out. I was the designated driver and she was the designated nurse. I knew where the hospital was and she knew all that nursing stuff so we made a good pair. We bundled Don and Grace into the backseat of my truck and off we went, travelling the back route as that was the closest way to get to the hospital. Also the slowest! Don was pretty quiet but Grace, Evie and I kept up the chatter and we were soon in the emergency de-

partment. Evie accompanied Don in to see the doctor while Grace and I warmed the chairs in the waiting room. You'd have to ask Evie what the outcome of that visit was for as you know, that was not my department. But I do know he was well cared for by the medical staff and I do believe those socks disappeared somewhat mysteriously....although you'd have to ask Evie for those details.

I've had a few conversations with Grace since Don passed and she seems in good spirits. You can't keep a good girl down even in these COVID days. She is positive and continues to reach out to the many friends she has made over the years and the new ones she has made in the Retirement Home. Every afternoon you will find her out on the veranda with those friends enjoying the fresh air. She tells me she has a talk with Don every night as she prepares for the night. And sleep comes easy.

Some of you may recall that my April report featured Merry C. On June 16, Merry lost her battle with cancer and has left her beloved Tom to carry on in her stead. We send our continued good thoughts and best wishes to Tom and his family. He and Grace soldier on without their lifelong friends. We hold these dear friends close.

Please remember to take good care of yourselves! Let me know if there is someone who needs some comfort or cheering up!

I miss being able to see you but hopefully down the road, we'll wheel in somewhere together!

Looking for a cloud to power out the sun,

Linda

Bag those troublesome hoses and cords

Of all the gear RVers have to struggle with, some of the most unruly to store are coils of hose and electrical cords. They all seem to have an uncanny ability to unravel and get scrambled in your storage compartment, making it a real mess when it comes time to set up camp.

Here's the ticket for keeping cords and hoses put together while they bump around in your storage area: reusable grocery bags. Lightweight and durable, you can fit just about any size water hose or electrical cable common to RV use inside them. You may even be able to tie the handles together in a loose knot for further security. And if a bag gets a bit dirty, simply throw it in the laundry – it'll clean up and dry easily.

Submitted by Don M



From Your Region 2 President



This is a reminder that registration for the 64th WBCCI International Rally, to be held in Lebanon, TN, July 17-24, 2021, is set to open on August 5th. The **Registration** link located here <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon> is not active yet. Keep an eye on the link in the up-

coming days and be sure to reserve a spot as soon as Registration opens.

If I hear anything or receive any additional info from HQ prior, I will pass it on. I believe HQ will be making an announcement and I'm sure there will be info in the upcoming new edition of the Blue Beret.

Rich S.

The 2021 International Rally Logo— A Michael Lambert Design

Editor's Note: I follow "Michael Lambert's ARTSTREAM" Facebook page. I recently spotted his post about the 2021 International Rally Logo, which Michael designed. I asked Michael if I could acknowledge it in this issue and if he'd like to share what inspired the design. Here's what Michael shared:

I met Barb and Andy Selking {our current International President} over drinks and dinner at Alumapalooza in 2018. When Barb found out that I was an artist and graphic designer, she wondered if I would be interested in designing the logo for the 2021 International Rally. I do like to work towards a deadline, but this was really a long way off! We tossed around a few ideas and I made a few suggestions and it at least seemed we were all on the same page. I wrote down some thoughts I had and put them on ice for a year.

Early in 2019, we were in touch and refreshed our collective memories about what the Rally would feature. The Selkings wanted the values of family and love to be present as well as music and fun. Andy suggested that if there was an Airstream image perhaps the propane bottle could be the shape of a whiskey bottle to represent Tennessee's long history in the distillery business. I got a firmer deadline of January 2020. I doodled a bit and had a few ideas for a "traditional WBCCI Rally" logo that followed the format of most other rally logos. Barb ended up with serious health issues after that and our conversations took a break. We hoped to finalize the design concept at the 2019 International in Virginia.

Unfortunately, Barb did not attend but Andy and I spoke and I sketched out two designs. One a traditional take and one that resembles a Jack Daniels whiskey label. I showed a couple friends before giving the sketches to Andy. The consensus was that the Jack Daniels label was a cool idea. I gave both designs to the Selkings and they too favoured the label style design. Sadly, Barb passed away late in 2019 and the final digital version of the logo was put on hold until this past winter.



I am excited to see this logo on shirts and hats and the printed materials for the rally. I think it captures an aspect of the Tennessee region that folks recognize and reflects the values that the WBCCI hold strong. I hope there is a certain "cool factor" to the design that appeals to younger members of the club and to Airstreamers who are not-yet-members.

Michael Lambert

Way to go, Michael! You make us proud!

Airstream Trial Run 2006 - by Ann R.

Ann wrote "I was going a bit "antsy" doing jig-saw puzzles, reading, eating, playing the piano, eating, etc. etc. So I decided to read over some of my trailer trip diaries. I just read over our very first time out in our old 1974 International 29' This was before we joined the club. This was our first time out in any trailer!!! Well, I laughed till I cried – so I thought you might need a filler sometime for the Trillium, which would perhaps amuse some of the Airstream gang as well."

Here is the unedited record of Ann and her late husband Cy's Airstream trial run of 2006.

Airstream - First Trip 2006

Apr 10 - Monday - Sunny 14 C.

Up early to start packing the food, etc., into the trailer - and away we went at 10:15. Got as far as the next door neighbours when I realized we didn't have our big mirrors on. Well, Cy didn't want to back up (down the hill) so we drove "around the block" (up to the 8th line - where we started an argument - and along to Cty Rd 10 to the 7th line - where we realized that Gwen had won the kids' bets re "car fights" ha! ha! - and back home.

Away again by 10:45. Something is wrong with the trailer brakes (pulling to one side) and we nearly "shuddered" through a 4-way stop. We went up Chemong Rd to the Brake place - they're going to give us new brake shoes @ no charge - their error!

By this time it was time for lunch at Tim Horton's in Bridgenorth - and then we began our journey.

Went to Bancroft, stopping along the roadside for the doggie break.

Had a near disaster in the IGA parking lot. We pulled into a double parking spot and stopped. Only to find we were about 4" from a car - which we hadn't seen! Very scary!!! Cy did some "tooting & froing" and finally got past it safely. Then he headed out to the street - going out the Entrance! He broke off the sewer cap while going down a very small ramp.

(The air was blue by this time, so I headed in to the store to buy a lettuce - then refused to get it as they wanted \$2.70 for it!!)

However, the rest of our "shake-down cruise" went well. (Down Hwy 62 to 7 - and back home again.)

The dogs slept most of the way. We stopped at another Tim Horton's along the way!

We had decided this was to be a real trial run, so we didn't go in the house, just set up camp in the trailer spot (beside the doggy cemetery).

I cooked supper - forgot the casserole dishes, so couldn't use the micro-wave oven.

Cy took the guys for their walk, while I did the dishes. (It will probably take a while to figure out where I've put things.)



Ann & Cy became members in 2008.

We TV'd (local station only) and read in the evening. Both dogs are asleep again - it's 9 pm. Cy is having a glass of wine, and I'm enjoying my usual Diet Pepsi.

Oops! Cy just realized he forgot his night time diabetic insulin, so he'll have to go in the house after all.

We're sleeping in the trailer, though!

COMMENT OF THE DAY: Cy stopped for gas in Cavan, and a man asked him "How old is your trailer, brand new, eh?" ----- you should have seen his face when Cy said "32 years old" !!!

Apr 11 - Tuesday sunny - 17C

We all survived the night in the trailer. Slept well, actually!

We ate breakfast before heading into the house.

END OF OUR "FIRST TRIP"

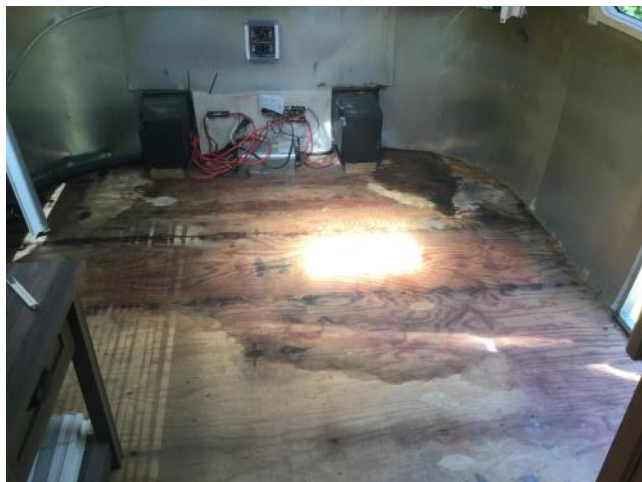
PS: One month and 4 days later.....we started off on our first REAL TRIP with Bonnie & Buster, our two black Labs - all the way to Tofino, BC, and back again safely on June 16th.

We spent 33 days on the road and travelled 10,436 km - and nary a scratch! (And no fights, either!! - all of the kids lost their bets as to where the first fight would occur - one of them said "before the end of the driveway!")

Our Airstream Revamp—Part 1 - by Melanie C.

There's nothing like a pandemic to give you time to work on your Airstream! When it became apparent that all our Airstream activities would be canceled Murray and I thought it would be a perfect time to install new vinyl flooring. The 3 to 4-week delivery gave us time to empty the trailer and remove the old flooring. Little did we know the surprise that was waiting for us. Besides a section of subfloor black with rot, it was obvious that there had been several leaks.

We decided to have Can-Am RV reseal all the windows, roof



Evidence of multiple leaks—a nasty surprise!

and replace the skylights. Murray mentioned that he didn't like the banquette seats. They were too upright and not firm enough. I wasn't fond of the honey oak cabinets so with that, a total revamp was called for. What were we thinking?

We ripped out all the filthy mouse fur. We removed all the cabinetry as Murray meticulously labelled every piece so we knew where it belonged when we were done painting. I



Our yard became our paint shop. Here the primer coat on both sides of trailer cupboards is finished—pretty slick with a spray gun.

chose a Sherwin-Williams Extreme Bond for the undercoat. It allows paint to stick to anything. I then used Sherwin-Williams Emerald Urethane trim paint for the top two coats. We were lucky to be able to use my sister's professional paint sprayer. We were blessed with perfect weather so all the painting was done in two days.

The cabinetry is reinstalled. Now for a new backsplash, wallpaper, new vinyl walls and flooring. To be continued. . .



A true transformation, but not finished yet.



Watch for Part 2 of Our Airstream Revamp in the next issue of The Trillium.

Project Linus Update

Project Linus provides handmade blankets, quilts and afghans to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need of a hug. These blankets provide a sense of security, warmth and comfort and are made by "Blanketeers".



The Ontario Canada Airstream Club has been supporting Project Linus for many years and we are truly fortunate to have so many talented "Blanketeers" within the club.

Although we have had to miss our get togethers, I am pleased to hear that many of you have continued to make blankets for this very worthwhile cause. Thanks, Susan Kelly, for sending me a picture of your beautiful crocheted blankets. We also have other completed blankets.

Until we meet again, I will coordinate a "virtual" Project Linus display table of our completed blankets.

Please send me a photo of your completed blankets (include all blankets in one photo please) and I will coordinate and share the virtual Project Linus display table, so we can all see the work underway within the club.

Please send your picture to me.

Stay safe and I look forward to those pictures.

Joan G., Project Linus Coordinator



Above: Blankets made by Joan and her quilting buddy Crystal. Crystal used to be the Waterloo Region Project Linus Coordinator.

Below: Blankets made by Susan K.



A Beautiful Gift—"Lifted" from Can-Am RV's Facebook Page



To commemorate our 50th Anniversary this year, long time customer and friend of Can-Am, Susan Kelly, gifted us with this incredible stained glass window panel! Thank you so much for this beautiful work, proudly displayed in our customer lounge for all who visit to see!

From the Editor's Desk



Our Ontario Canada Airstream Club members are the best! In the last issue, I put out a call for articles and tidbits. You can see the response! Thank

you, Contributors!

There are a few things to report. Our website is moving. Webmaster Gordon is setting up our new website on the new international platform as a "micro-site". It will take a while to have everything moved over or accommodated in some other fashion. For now, our old familiar website can be accessed in the usual manner, but you can follow the progress on the new micro-site. Go to the International website (<https://airstreamclub.org/>). Click on Explore, then on Find a Club and scroll down to Ontario Canada. OR, for a more direct route,

take the shortcut (<https://airstreamclub.org/ontario-canada>). Right now, there are 2 menu items, and if you click on the yellow box, you'll be taken to our website as it exists today. Over time, the new micro-site will replace our old website. A shout-out to Karen P. whose photo is the header for the new home page!

Secondly, Headquarters has shifted the publishing timeline for the International Directory. Until now, you'd have had to renew your membership by mid-November in order to be included in the next year's edition. This year, as long as you've renewed by year end, you'll be listed in the 2021 directory. You'll likely receive it in February. Our Directory publishing timeline has to be adjusted accordingly.

Lastly, I invite you all to contribute to our newsletter, especially during times like these when getting together is challenging. It helps us all feel connected.

Kathy Blake, Editor

"Not Your Typical" Fall Rendezvous October 2 – 5, 2020 Toronto North / Cookstown KOA 139 Reive Boulevard, Cookstown



Although it won't be a typical Ontario Canada Airstream Club rendezvous, we can still camp together at the Toronto North / Cookstown KOA! Our gathering will be from October 2 – 5, but it's quite all right to go sooner and stay longer if you like.

Why won't it be typical? COVID precautions are in place at the campground and public facilities, such as washrooms and hall, are closed for the season. There is no rally fee and there are no planned activities, such as group meals, but we can still gather for outdoor happy hours while maintaining physical distances. (Currently, the campground limits groups to 10 people so there may be multiple group happy hours! This limit may change.)

There is no registration, but you do have to reserve a site. To book a site, call 1-800-562-2691. Tell them that you are camping with the Airstream group so they will know which of the

set-aside sites to book for you. A deposit equivalent to the cost of one night's stay is required at the time of booking.

Undiscounted costs are as follows:

\$50 – 55 plus tax per night: water/30amp electric sites, in both pull-through and back-in options (pump out facility available without charge on departure)

\$63 – 65 plus tax per night: 3-service site

Note that if 15 or more sites are booked, we'll be eligible for a 10% group discount. We can't be sure of the discount until 15 sites are booked. (If you have a KOA membership, only one discount will apply – either the KOA discount or the group discount.)

Visit their website for more information about the campground <https://koa.com/campgrounds/toronto-north/>