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President's Message - December 2020

Greetings one and all!

To start, I must thank everyone for their support and words of kindness after the loss of my father this October. It wasn't a surprise, but, as some of you know, the parting is sorrowful.

My parents introduced my siblings and me to camping at an early age, with our first outings being in a big old canvas tent that didn't even have a floor. I believe it was an army surplus model, but I have no proof of that. Our first travel "trailer" was maybe 16' long and one of those units that came in two tone black and white, what we look on now as a Vintage trailer. It was small, but in those days, our family was too. As our numbers increased, the trailer length increased, and at one point, Dad had an "add-a-room" constructed, and the boys got to sleep out there on camp cots—again without a floor. How I don't miss sleeping with bugs. As I can attest, those innocuous crickets can bite too.

I remember Dad's biggest beef with Airstreams, in the day, was they had so

little storage space with all those rounded corners. I'm sure though that he didn't wish to tie up all that much money while trying to raise five kids on



"This is how it all started. My Grandma, sister and me about 1960."

Photo courtesy of Jim's Mom.

one income. I couldn't be happier that he introduced us to camping and travel. Dad never picked up a fishing pole or spent much time throwing a ball, but we got to see most of the new shopping malls as we went. I'm sure glad we didn't have any Walmarts back then or

we may have never left the parking lot. Camping did get us to Expo 67 and Prince Edward Island (when it was still an island) the next year.

This is really not the way I had hoped our year would begin. I had envisioned large gatherings for our annual Rendezvous and Rallies (as I'm sure most of you had as well). At this writing your Club Executive has been working towards setting up several rendezvous to be held during the camping months of May through October. The plan now is to hold two rendezvous simultaneously at opposite ends of the province in May. The intent is to afford opportunities to get together but without the need to travel to extreme lengths. Pick one and attend, reduce the spread by reducing the travel, and eliminate the possibility of anyone becoming a super spreader by attending one event after the other. My thinking also is we may need to cap the attendance at these events depending on Public Health Guidelines at the time. The event

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schedule is filling up and is on the last page of this issue. Additional events will be announced soon.

As I write this, I'm three days away from becoming President of this fine Club, and it puts me in mind of those who came before me. I have some big shoes to fill. Although President Kate didn't have a good year in the normal sense, she and the By-Law and Constitution Committee did a stellar job of updating both for us. My personal thanks to Lynn D., Kerry M. and John W. on this accomplishment. I'm sure glad they got it taken care of ahead of my term. Even if there are a few outstanding issues left to be dealt with, it lightens my load considerably. Kerry has also been our Quartermaster,

carting around and ordering Club logo'd merchandise for eight years now and has decided to step away from the job. Kathy B. has been our newsletter Editor for four years and has decided to move on to her next challenge in life. But don't worry, Helen Z. has offered to take on the role. Helen, I'm sure you'll get all the assistance you could ever need just for the asking. David P. has handed over the reins of Treasurer to John F.. Thank you, David for making sense of our dollars and cents. I thank you everyone for all you've done and are going to do and all the best in your future endeavours.

I truly hope everyone is staying safe and well in this age of social distancing and disinfecting. Happy Holidays!

President Jim F.

"Sunshine Corner" - by Linda S.



Hello Airstreamers!

Since my last report, I have sent out three greetings on your behalf. Our sympathy has been extended to Jim and Ena Forbes and their family on the passing of Jim's father. May cherished memories of your father, Jim, sustain you and your family, granting you peace.

Kathy M. had a recent fall and spent some time in hospital and in rehab. She is now home and recovering under the expert care of her hubby, Don, who has been able to secure some Home Care as well. She was absolutely delighted with the card you made, Lynn. Your cards are making such a difference to those who have received them.

As of November 15th, President Kate has moved on to Past President Kate. A thank you card has been sent on your behalf expressing our gratitude for her work over this unusual year. She overcame several COVID-related disappointments and challenges that I'm sure we all hope are behind us as President Jim F. takes the baton. We all appreciate your endurance and wonderful sense of humour, Kate, as you persevered throughout your term as President. Thank you.

On the home front, John and I have had a lovely November in Northern Ontario with warmer than normal temperatures. As of this writing, November 24th, the grass is green and the river flows. This has been beneficial for him.....and me, as it turns out. Our front porch ceiling is finally prepared for winter although we were getting rather nervous, with the cold weather looming, that we might have some very cold floors upstairs! John and I worked together to get the rough wood in place. He was quite ingenious with his planning so his untrained sidekick could actually do her part. She decided he has 2 handicaps. One, he should have been 3 inches taller; and two, he had me as that sidekick. But we managed and the air did not turn blue although one could perhaps imagine that there might have been an unexpressed blue thought! The sidekick does not like heights at all but after a day or so, she found it easier to manage. At least there was no pitching up over the porch rail!

Just now, a pair of cardinals have landed on the apple tree outside our sunroom. And the chickadees are in the Colorado Pines. I love them despite the fact that they are heralding the coming of winter.

May 2021 be good to us all!!

Linda

The Canadian Snowbird Association "Chirps" In—Submitted by Don M.

Early this year, officials of the **Ontario government shut down medical payments for residents traveling out-of-country.** The Canadian Snowbird Association was up in arms and filed suit against the government. The Superior Court of Justice agrees, and says the provincial government was out of line. The court concluded that Canada could withhold monies normally given to the province, and ordered Ontario to reinstate the program. No word on whether an appeal will be made or not.



The President's Flag

In her October President's Message, Kate D. wrote that she was going to fly the President's flag at the Cookstown rendezvous "come hell or high water". And she did! It was her only opportunity to fly the flag this year before handing it over to President-elect Jim F. This informal handover was photographed by Lois W. Photo on the left by Kathy B.

A Note of Thanks

As we all know, our Club could not operate and offer our members the fun and friendship we have all enjoyed without those who volunteer their precious time and energy. The Executive, the registrars, the event hosts, Committee members and caravan leaders – we need them all and they all deserve our thanks and appreciation.

There are three members, though, who deserve to be singled out and given a heartfelt thank-you as they step down from their positions. Our Treasurer, David P., our Publications Editor, Kathy B., and our Quartermaster, Kerry M. All three have dedicated many hours and great expertise in carrying out their respective functions. David, you have kept track brilliantly of all the Club expenses and income and ensured our memberships are renewed. And you innovated new methods of ensuring we can see quickly and easily the state of our Club finances. Kathy, well what can we say, what a magnifi-

cent job you have done publishing our Trillium and keeping our Directory updated. And you often had to do so while on the road! We can't thank you enough for the hard work and energy you have put into making our publications stand out as informative and fun ways for us all to keep up with Club happenings. Kerry, we thank you for lugging around all the boxes of Club regalia from event to event and for taking the initiative to seek out and find suppliers and options for Club insignia items.

So, on behalf our all our Club members, David, Kathy and Kerry please accept our heartfelt thank-you for all that you have done for our Club. Your dedication, expertise, and cheerfulness in carrying out your functions are genuinely appreciated.

Submitted by Lynn and Rob D.

Not Your Typical Rendezvous in Cookstown



Photo by Kate D.

The frost is seriously on the pumpkin now, but it will never cover up the fun we had in Cookstown. Twenty-four Airstreams gathered over the first weekend in October at the Toronto North / Cookstown KOA for a socially distanced, COVID-conscious weekend. The weather was typical for that weekend, moving from sunny to cloudy and cool, and rainy conditions. For the most part, it was great for campfires and it certainly didn't dampen the joy we felt in being able to chat, catch up and be in each others' company.

Although it wasn't a typical rendezvous, it was still a great opportunity to learn from each other. Solo traveller Karen P.

dropped by on Friday afternoon on her way to Vancouver Island for the winter. She'd popped a few interior rivets along her many kilometres of travel. Out comes Kate D. with her rivet gun to show Karen how to replace a rivet. The instruction included specs on what size rivets to purchase and, in typical fashion, there was lots of input as to what type of rivet gun to buy! With a little help from Murray C.'s drill, Karen successfully replaced her popped rivets.

It was a treat to welcome first timers and new members Mike L. and Lorraine N., as well as Lindy and Neil W. who joined our Club immediately afterward. We also enjoyed chatting with the young family who came to check us out and who plan to join the Club in 2021.

I have to say that, to me, the highlight of the weekend was a rather spontaneous pumpkin decorating contest cooked up by hosts Jeannie E. and Melanie C. Jeannie and Kim E. have pumpkin farm connections in the area, having farmed there for many years before retirement. They secured enough small pumpkins so that each rig could produce something prize-worthy. Melanie's job, because she's a great shopper, was to gather the prizes, and she engaged her chauffeur husband Murray in the quest for the season's best! And the great thing about it was that every pumpkin won a prize and got treats to boot! Not only that, but campers who weren't part of our group, got a real kick out of our creativity – as did all of us! See all the creativity on the next page. (Sorry, I don't have photos of everyone and their pumpkins.)

The big take-away from the weekend was knowing that we can have a fun weekend together that is simply camping. Until we get COVID out of our lives, our gatherings will be just that – simply camping – with only outdoor activities, distanced visiting and little structure.

Submitted by Kathy B.



A happy Karen has what it takes to fix rivet pops!

Photo by Kathy B.

Pumpkins Galour!



Left: Instigators Jeannie & Melanie "Here come da judge!" Jeannie photographed while Melanie handed out treats and prizes. Such a fun activity for everyone!

Right: Rose & Kevin with their interpretation of a COVID virus pumpkin. I just loved how the BBQ served as its body.



Left: Barb & Rick raided their pantry to decorate this gem. The eyes are grapes, the eyebrows are green pepper slices & the mouth is a red pepper.

Right: Kathy & Gordon created a new member for our Club—its name is Gourd-on.



Left: Michael & Susan put their carving skills to work on this traditionally inspired design.

Right: Gerard & Laura put a different spin on their COVID pumpkin.





Left: Kate & Ken created an Air-stream-inspired pumpkin. Ken, of course, was the master carver.

Right: Ena & Jim's pumpkin was in the scary / traditional style. Jim's a wood worker, so he had all the fright tools. (No, that's not a typo.)



Left: John & Kathy made sure their pumpkin lit up— what a great use of a miner's head-lamp.

Right: Mike & Lorraine created a "Trumpkin". The mashed up orange pulp made great hair!



Left: Jen, Ian (middle) & Steve made a mini version of their highly polished vintage trailer.

Right: Linda & Darcy went classic with this Betty Boop creation painted by Linda.





Left: John & Marlene called their pumpkin "The Two sides of 2020" Seen from the other side, it's entirely different.

Right: Allen's & Donna's pumpkin was very easily recognized as an Airstream!



Left: Lois & John carved a pussy cat. Lois is sporting their prize—a lady bug headband.

Right: Linda & Russ scary-eyed pumpkin was very COVID-conscious.



Left: Lindy & Neil's Cinderella-like Airstream pumpkin was very whimsical, especially with its cucumber wheels.

Check us out!

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Ontario Canada Unit and the [Airstream Club International](http://www.airstreamclub.org) (WBCCI) would be like, think about checking us out in person! We invite you to attend one of our events. Of course, event fees apply. See our calendar of events above and watch for further postings on the Events page of the Airstream Club International website [air-streamclub.org](http://www.airstreamclub.org)

From the Editor's Desk: This is it – my last “kick at the can”. It's bitter sweet. I've had a lot of pleasure working on the newsletter the past four years, but I'm so ready to hand it over. Helen Z. has stepped up to take it on and I couldn't be happier! Thank you, Helen! She'll be working on a Mac (I worked on a PC) with different software from what I used, so *The Trillium* will certainly have a different look and feel going forward.



As it did with me, it'll take a few issues for Helen to hit her stride. I've often said that it is the members' contributions of articles, photos, and tidbits that make *The Trillium* worth reading. With your continued support and contributions to 124Editor@airstreamclub.net, I know Helen will be able to produce a great newsletter. I say now to Helen what Al L., my predecessor, said to me “I'm looking forward to seeing where you take this!” *Kathy Blake*

From Your Region 2 President

This year has been quite different, to say the least. No need to recap or review all the events and non-events of the year that made it so. I think we have all heard and read enough to understand. Suffice to say I will be both sad and glad to see 2020 end. I'm sad for the fact of missed opportunities in the camaraderie and travel adventure our Club is known for. But I am glad in the hope that much of the fear of the unknown and the disappointment of cancelled events will be behind us. We have learned to adapt. The future may look different, but I know the Airstream Club will remain strong and vibrant. Fact: our Airstream Club has added over 475 new memberships between August and November alone. That is almost 1000 new members and is amazing. I know you join me in welcoming all new members to our Club family. Let's enter the coming year with confidence together.



Kathi and I were able to get out and camp with our home club, the Watchung NJ Airstream Club, in mid-October. We spent 3 beautiful days up in the Pocono Mtn. region of the Delaware Water Gap. Fall colors were on full display against a background of clear and bright blue skies. Although there were no shared meals or close quarter happy hours, the “socially distanced” campfire each evening was wonderful. Thank you to hosts Harry and Lori Sacks! Later in October, we, along with Region 2 Membership Chair Lea Plant, headed down to Centreville, MD and the

DelMarVa Airstream Club's Rally. I was honored to preside over the installation of their 2021 club officers.

We have no definite plans for a 2021 Region 2 Rally to report on currently. I will say we are looking at several different venues for a possible mid-May or early June rally. If it happens, it will be reduced in size and scope as we continue to deal with and adapt to the demands of the pandemic. I would like to have our Region 2 Business Meeting and Officer Installation in person rather than on Zoom, but we will have to wait a bit and see. The Mid-Winter IBT meeting is still scheduled for Jan 21-25, 2021 in Sarasota, FL and the International Rally for July 17-24, 2021 in Lebanon, TN. There is still time to register for both.

As you have read, I am leading a team of Club members in a quest to improve and expand the tangible benefits of belonging to the WBCCI. Recently announced was a new partnership with Passport America, a discount camping membership club. Other benefits to include discounts on quality goods such as tires and safety products and for services like travel and pet insurance are in the works. All of that and more is being incorporated into the new “member only” portal on the airstreamclub.org website. There you are now able to maintain your member profile, access “member only” info and product discount codes, see your history of club offices held, participation in Caravans and more. You're going to love it!

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all for a wonderful holiday season. As our new Watchung NJ Airstream Club President, Meg R., signs her emails... “Stay well and Purell”.

Rich Short region2president@airstreamclub.net

Thanks, Can-Am for all your support!



Our Music and Civil Rights Tour—by Julie & John F.

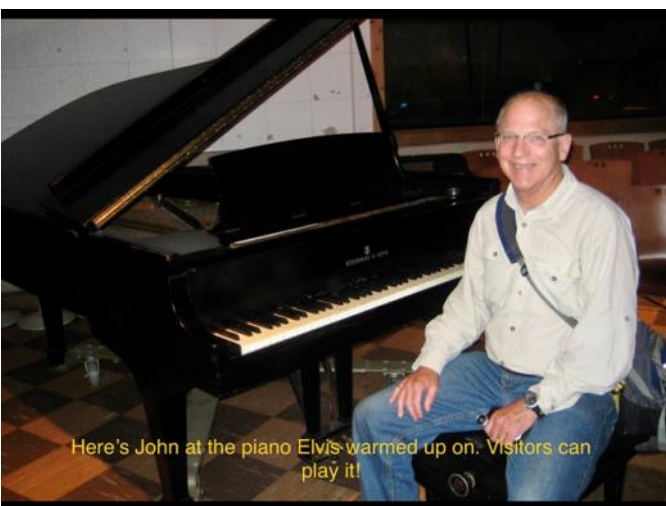
We need to start by confessing that we thought we didn't like country music. That all changed when we decided on a whim to stop in Nashville on our way home from Florida in 2014. We soon discovered that we *do* like country music, and have returned to Nashville four times since then!

On that first visit in 2014, we learned that there are two styles of Country music: Nashville and Bakersfield. The Bakersfield style is the twangy one, which we still don't care for. Nashville style includes singers such as Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison, Jim Reeves and Waylon Jennings. We went to the Grand Ole Opry and really enjoyed it. We found out you have to book well ahead so you don't end up in the gods as we did.



Second row from the top in March 2014

The next day we headed into town to Jack's Barbecue for lunch and then went to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Very interesting history of the genre and the singers. We learned so much. The next day we went on the Studio B tour. Studio B has been in use since 1957 and has produced 35,000 recordings and is still an active recording studio. Elvis did most of his



Here's John at the piano Elvis warmed up on. Visitors can play it!

recording there, and the Steinway piano he used to warm up on is still there. Excellent tour - not to be missed.

Fast forward to 2016. We set off from the Airstream factory on April 1 and drove into spring on the way to Nashville. The following day, we did the backstage tour of the Opry. You do it at your own pace, with guides along the way, and get to visit all the dressing rooms (each with a distinctive decor) before



Centre stage: stand to an hardwood tabled from the Ryman.

ending up on the Opry stage. After the tour, we walked through the Gaylord Opryland Hotel - huge and amazing. Worth the wander-through. We had dinner before the show at Opry Mills Mall, then walked over to the Opry. Once again, thoroughly enjoyed it, in spite of never having heard of any of the singers!

The next day, we set off on the Natchez Trace toward Tupelo. The Trace was originally used by Native Americans. It became a major commercial route. For a time, it was used by men heading home on foot after delivering goods to Natchez by flat boat from Nashville and as far north as Pittsburg. The men walking home had built flat boats up north and, in the spring, they loaded them with goods, lumber, etc., and went down to Natchez on the Mississippi. There they sold their cargos, took the boats apart and sold the lumber. They walked more than 500 miles back along the Trace. It's estimated that in 1810, 10,000 men walked back up the Trace. Today, the Natchez Parkway, operated by the U.S. National Park Service, is a 440-mile paved road without a stop sign or traffic light.

We drove down the Trace and settled into the Natchez Trace RV Park near Tupelo and enjoyed happy hour outside. Next day, we rode our bikes along the Trace into Tupelo. Bicycles have the right of way, and drivers were great - always giving

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us lots of room. We walked around Elvis Presley's birthplace, a tiny frame 2 room house that his father had built. We also saw the church his family had attended.



Julie at Elvis' first home.

On day 5 we left the Trace and drove to Montgomery, Alabama, listening to Hank Williams along the way. There were very few RVs on the road. The day after arriving was our time to "do Montgomery" and we started with Old Alabama Town. It reminded me of Black Creek or Upper Canada Village, except that the buildings are on city streets. Most of it we visited on our own, but there was a tour of a large house furnished in period pieces, and decor that reflected the Darwinian era. As well as the family's area, we visited the kitchens, the slave quarters, the carriage house and barn.

After lunch we made two more stops, the first at the Hank Williams Museum. It told the story of his all too brief life - he was only 29 when he died, and Hank Williams Jr. was just 3



months old. He accomplished a lot in a short time. The last stop was the Rosa Parks Museum. Very well done! It started with the story of her refusal to give up her seat on the bus to a white person, through the 13-month bus boycott. This was 1955 - 1956 and led into the desegregation movement.

The next day we were back on the road heading to Florida near Pensacola for a bit of a rest. After a day of catching up on chores (and fighting no-see-ums), we took the next two days to visit the Naval Air Museum. Without going into detail, it was very interesting and too much to do in one day.

Leaving Pensacola, we made our way to Lafayette, Louisiana, hoping for some Cajun and Zydeco music. During the day we



went on a Cajun swamp tour where we saw lots of wildlife, including, of course, alligators of varying sizes. In the evening, we went to a restaurant for Cajun food and music. We think we had enough crawfish to last a lifetime! But the music was disappointing. Perhaps it is better on the weekend. Oh well, we had to try it.

The next day we drove to Natchez, the southern end of the Natchez Trace. We started our exploring at the Natchez Visitor Center and Stanton Hall, a beautiful antebellum home. The following day, we began with the Museum of African History and Culture - small but great information and displays - and finished at the William Johnson House. Johnson was a freed slave who became a prosperous businessman. The Parks employee who worked there was extremely knowledgeable and passionate about his subject: not just William Johnson, but the Natchez Black community. The 1957 decision to integrate schools was not brought into force in Natchez till 1988. 31 years later! The Blacks had a new school built for them to keep them quiet.

Leaving Natchez, we turned back up the Trace toward Vicksburg. Along the way we stopped to see a section of the original Trace where it had been pounded down by the many people walking on the soft loess (look it up!) soil. It is 8 feet lower at that spot than elsewhere. We spent a couple of days in Vicksburg, including touring the National Military Park.

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Part of the original Trace tropped down by thousands of travellers.

From Vicksburg we continued along the Trace back to Tupelo. On the way, we passed the highest point (603 feet). We had “done” the Natchez Trace from end to end!

On then to Memphis and the Graceland RV Park, a short walk to Graceland itself. We visited the Memphis Pink Palace Museum, founded by Clarence Saunders, the founder of Piggly Wiggly, the first self-serve grocery store in the US. The museum traced the history of Memphis from dinosaurs through Native Peoples, pioneers, the Civil War right on up to 1960. There was a life size replica of the first Piggly Wiggly. Neither music nor civil rights but fun!

Day 3 in Memphis took us to Clarksdale, MS, to visit the Delta Blues Museum. We had lunch at Abe’s BBQ, right at the crossroads of highways 49 and 61, where Robert Johnson is said to have sold his soul to the devil for the blues. Exhibits at the



Where Robert Johnson sold his soul to the Devil for the Blues

museum told the history and development of the blues (all Black singers).

The next day we visited Graceland. The tour was interesting and we learned a lot about Elvis. Having visited the house where he was born and the little church where he learned to sing, Graceland was an incredible contrast. It was clear what was important to him: family, friends, faith, as well as his music and the many charitable organizations he supported generously. Some rooms were quite ordinary, though large. Others were something else!



Graceland

The last day in Memphis, we went to the National Museum of Civil Rights – the highlight of our civil rights tour! The museum was built around the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King Junior was shot. The museum began with a presentation on slavery and its importance to the American economy. It took several hours to go through this museum. There was so much detail, a lot of it disturbing. Our tour ended in Martin



The Lorraine Hotel is part of the museum.

Luther King’s room and the room across the hall which was used by his supporters. The rooms were as they had been when he was shot. A wreath hangs on the balcony where he was shot as he stood speaking.

New Name, New Logo – Calling All Designers

The article below is reprinted from the October issue. To date, one design has been received. The deadline for submissions has been extended to December 31, 2020.

At the recent Ontario Canada Airstream Club AGM, our new name was formally adopted. As outgoing Quartermaster, I formally recommended to the membership that a new logo is needed to properly identify our Club. Our current logo was designed about 15 years ago and approved by WBCCI in 2006. It incorporates the word “Airstream” and our then name “Ontario Canada Unit”. We have made great use of this logo in our Quartermaster branding, through apparel, pins, decals, and flags and on all of our documents. There are now two issues with the current logo.

The first and obvious one is that we need to show our new name as the “Ontario Canada Airstream Club”. This could be accomplished by simply changing the banner at the bottom of the logo. This would not be a major change and would leave the logo looking very similar to our current one. Simple is good.



However, the second issue is that our logo shows a 3-axle 34' trailer, which is no longer manufactured by Airstream. When our current logo was designed, this was one of the most popular trailers in our membership. It is now a somewhat dated image and could be changed as part of a new logo design.

We are calling on the creative talents of our membership to design a new logo for our Club. It can be a simple update or a brand-new image. It must be suitable for use on our pins, embroidered items, documents and website. Fire up your creative juices and see what you can create!

Please submit your ideas to our Club President 124President@airstreamclub.net by November 30 in the digital format of your choosing (JPEG, Word, PDF, etc.). The top designs will be chosen by the Club Executive Board and published in *The Trillium* for member feedback. A new logo must be approved by WBCCI. Let's have a new image for our new name ready to send forward for the IBT meeting in Lebanon, TN next summer.

Submitted by Kerry M.

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The last few days of our trip were spent back in Nashville. That visit included the Johnny Cash museum. He reminded us of Elvis in his support of various charities, among them an SOS Children's Village in Jamaica. He always wore black to remember the underdogs of society. We went to the Ryman Auditorium that evening but were disappointed in the quality of the sound. The music was good but we could not understand the lyrics.

And so all good things come to an end. On April 28 we started towards home. What a great trip - we've only touched the surface here.
John & Julie F.

For Sale

2016 Classic 30, rear twin bed, solar package, Hensley hitch, wrap around windows front and rear, full size fridge, power everything, awning, stabilizers, table, bed and recliners, cherry cabinetry with macadamia ultra leather and sandalwood counter tops, 50 amp, twin air-conditioners both with Easy Start, spare tire and rim, Michelin 16" tires. All standard Classic options including two televisions and convection microwave. Purchased from and serviced by Can-Am.

To view and for pricing call 226-777-7599. If no answer leave message or email peter@lfs.ca

Wanted - Cyclo Polisher

I recently had had my trailer stripped and I need a Cyclo Polisher.
If you have one and no longer need it, please contact John
124registrar2@airstreamclub.net or 519-842-4858

Community Service Projects

Tabs 4 Kids' Wheels



Airstreamers are surely very generous! When we started to collect aluminum tabs to buy wheelchairs for kids ten (10) years ago, we had no idea just how successful this community service would become. Through the years, we have collected many pounds of tabs and since we began have contributed to the purchase of several chairs. At all of our rallies or rendezvous we collect tabs from the club. If Barb and I can't be there, we always try to get a volunteer to do the collection and turn the tabs in to us. Some of our members not only collect from their own home, but also from neighbours or from service clubs in their area. Most of us have service clubs near us, and if you are willing to ask, perhaps they would be able to help us too. Many people almost apologize to us for having only a small bag to contribute, however these small bags add up, so much so, that at the last rendezvous we collected over 23 pounds of tabs!

On behalf of all the kids we help, I say thank you for your help, your effort is much appreciated.

Submitted by Rick A.

100 Project Linus Blankets in 2020!

Submitted by Joan G.

Amazing! A grand total of 100 blankets were donated to Project Linus in 2020. Good things are happening this year, thanks to our generous and talented club members, their relatives, and friends.

70 beautiful handmade blankets were donated at the informal club get together in Cookstown. Another 30 gorgeous blankets were made and donated by Kathy F., her Mother and her "Helping Hands Knitting Group" in Toronto.

The blankets are donated to the neonatal, pediatrics and children's mental health units at hospitals and Family and Children's Services within Ontario. The Cookstown donated blankets were delivered to the Waterloo Region Project Linus chapter.

2020 has been an exceedingly difficult year for many families and especially those with children in the hospital. I am hearing that the parents really appreciate the safe and special blankets that the children get to keep. Project Linus and the hospitals are following all the safety protocols to ensure each child receives a safe blanket.



Left photo: 70 blankets collected at Cookstown by Linda W. and taken to Joan by Susan K., quarantined and ready for delivery

Right photo: Kathy and Gareth F. deliver 30 donated blankets to Joan



Airstream Dreams Come True at the Globetrotter Gallery – by Michael Lambert

It is not just a thing that you own that allows you to travel and see the world in a unique way. It's not like a lawnmower or a camera, or a golf cart that performs a certain task that helps you accomplish something. It is an Airstream, and whether we admit it or not it actually gets under your skin, starts to define you, and opens up possibilities, relationships, and charts a new course for our lives. Enthusiasts call that "Aluminitus" and most of the Airstreamers that I know have it in varying degrees from mild to extreme. Symptoms include wearing Airstream branded apparel, hanging out in clubs with other owners, preferring to camp surrounded by as many silver trailers as possible and driving anywhere with an ability to see a rounded silver shape from a distance of nearly three miles, even when said object is behind a distant barn.



Michael's painting shows a lonely 1963 Bambi resting beside Route 66 between Winona and Kingman, likely for sale.

Hello, my name is Michael, and I have Aluminitus...

Thankfully there are a few things that those of us with Aluminitus can do to cope with the affliction, which is much more severe in the "off season" when the Airstream is hunkered down for the winter. You can keep in touch on Facebook with the Ontario Canada Airstream Club (Ontcanunit) or the Airstream Addicts Facebook group (it's like a self-help group for Aluminitus). These are good methods but what works for me is surrounding myself with Airstream inspired artworks.

Enter the **Globetrotter Gallery**. The Globetrotter Gallery is the most recent brain child of fellow Airstreamer Rich Luhr. Most of you know Rich as the publisher and editor of the successful international publication *Airstream Life* magazine. Earlier this year Rich and his partner Cheryl Toth envisioned an on-line art gallery that would specialize in Airstream themed fine art and accessories. This gallery would sell original oil paintings and watercolours produced by high profile

artists, jewellery makers and artisans. The accessories would be of the highest quality to appeal to the tastes of the Airstream crowd that obviously have a feel for high standards. When I first saw the website



Michael's "Blue Swallow Motel" reproduced on acrylic serving tray.

and the offerings it had I was in Airstream heaven. It got even better when, in the fall of 2020, I was invited to be one

of the artists that would be represented by the Globetrotter. Currently I have limited edition prints, original oils and prints on aluminum for sale through the gallery. This month they began offering my images reproduced on lovely acrylic serving trays, cutting boards and welcome mats. I am certainly flattered to be in the company of artists like watercolourist Don Lake, and painter Elizabeth Jose. Elizabeth's Airstream inspired artwork is currently on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

With all the great pieces of art and crafts available at the Globetrotter Gallery I am sure that every fellow Airstreamer afflicted with Aluminitus will find a suitable "fix" at globetrottergallery.com. There is also a link to the gallery at my own webpage, artstreamstudio.com

So, hang in there Airstreamers, winter is a great time for Airstream Dreams and just maybe there will be something shiny under that silver Christmas tree for you this year.

See you down the road! *Michael*





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2021 Calendar of Events

This is the first appearance of the Calendar of Events since the April issue! Please save the dates!

While the Hosts acknowledge that everyone is anxious to sign up early, note that **registration is not yet open** for spring and summer events—they will be available online in February and in the February issue of *The Trillium*. There are no spring shakedowns scheduled for 2020. As President Jim noted in his message, the 2 camping events in May are deliberately scheduled over the same weekend so that cross-province travel is limited. Everything, including participant numbers and activities, is contingent on how the pandemic plays out.

More events will be added as venues and dates are confirmed.

May 27—31, 2021	Eastern Spring “Simply Camping” Richmond Fairgrounds Richmond
May 27—31, 2021	Western Spring “Simply Camping” Centre Wellington Sports Complex Fergus
July 30—Aug. 2, 2021	Summer Rendezvous Norwood Fairgrounds
Aug 31—Oct 2, 2021	Autumn in the Maritimes Caravan

Holiday Wishes from The Ontario Canada Airstream Club

*In these COVID times
Although things are different
for many of us this year,*

*May our Holidays be filled
with warmth and the love of
family and friends, albeit
from a distance.*



*May kindness continue to
touch our lives.*

*May we stay healthy and
safe.*

*May we soon all safely gather
together again.*