



The Trillium



President's Message

Welcome Spring. Even though as winters go, this was a pretty gentle one, I'm still glad to bid farewell to this one.

As I write this note to you today, we've had a glorious start to the season. The weather has

broken, and the snow has gone. Let's hope it stays that way. Today I managed to get some yard work done, had the first bon fire of the year and hosted my first Zoom meeting. Not a bad day at all. Tonight we discussed the "idea" of a new logo for the Ontario Canada Airstream Club. The decision was the executive will form a focus group and narrow the focus to three choices and then open it up to the membership to vote in the final design.

Ray B. is putting great effort in to having an Ontario-centric caravan, following the footsteps of the Group of Seven as far as Sault Ste. Marie. At this moment the Autumn in the Maritimes Caravan is still a go. As with everything in life right now we need to make our final decisions based on local and national health care guidance.

September 30th to October 5th, we have a campout scheduled at Summer House Park on Miller Lake, Bruce Peninsula. There won't be a typical Rendezvous this year, so we're planning this as a camping only event. Summer House is a beautiful wooded

relaxing retreat. We've enjoyed every moment we've spent there. Look for details inside this Trillium.

With all this time on our hands, I hope you have managed to do your spring maintenance on your trailers and are getting ready to hit the highway. To those of you who've managed to make reservations at your favourite campgrounds, congratulations. To those who haven't, you'd better do so soon. I'm afraid it's going to be a busy year out there.



Hope to see you down the road
Your President Jim F.

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Region 2 News

Richard S, President Region 2



I never thought I'd be so happy to see Spring roll around as I am this year. The daffodils in the yard never looked so bright...or so it seems.

I guess all that talk about "pent up demand", having "cabin fever", going "covid crazy" or whatever you want to call it, is hitting...big time. I can't wait to

get out and get rolling in the shiny 1512.

By the time you read this, our Airstream will be de-winterized, washed, waxed, the water heater, furnace and a/c systems checked, water tank sanitized, etc., etc., etc. I know many of our local clubs will be holding their first-of-the-year rallies in April and many combine the rally with maintenance and safety checks. What a great way to start the camping season. Taking the time and making the effort to go over your rig pays dividends in safe travel. And what better way than to have an extra set of eyes and helping hands go over things on your Airstream at a Maintenance Rally! Start the travel year off right and spend some time on your rig. And don't forget the great discount programs now available in the Member Only section of our airstreamclub.org website. Save money on car/taileer-care liquids at Griot's Garage, on campground fees with a Passport America and Harvest Host memberships and enjoy big dollar savings on tires with the Airstream Club-Michelin Advantage Program.

As my term as Region 2 President winds down, Kathi and I are making a push to get out and camp with some local clubs we haven't been able to visit this past year. We hope to see many of you in April, May, and June.

Meanwhile, I'm working with our incoming Region 2 President RJ Marquette and 1st VP Gary Russo to put together a great luncheon for those attending the International Rally in Lebanon, TN this July. With over 60 rigs from Region 2 expected at the Rally, we should have a great turnout. It will be wonderful to see so many of our Airstream friends in one place again! There is more info included here , or go to our Region 2 website at airstreamclub.org/Region2 and click on the Region 2 Luncheon tab. Here you can register, make your meal choices, and pay online with PayPal. You will be able to choose from hot or cold box lunches. Enjoy a meal on-site with us in the socially distanced space of the East/West building or get it to-go...for dining at your trailer or outside with friends. There will be a draw for door prizes, and you will get to meet and greet your Region Officer hosts. Come on out! If you would prefer to bring your own lunch...please feel free to do so. Come, join us, and share the Region 2 camaraderie. The luncheon runs from Noon to about 1:30pm on Wednesday, July 21. We hope to see you there.

There are some changes coming in the voting process for our Airstream Club International Officers. Electronic voting will be enabled, as will a mail-in paper ballot. There are three (3) Constitutional amendments to be voted on and that will require the traditional Delegate voting at International. Local Clubs will be receiving their Delegate Packages by email as you read this. The package will contain information and full instructions. I will be reaching out to all our local club Presidents in the coming weeks, regarding voting and local club Delegate responsibilities.

Speaking of club business and voting, I will be inviting all R2 local club Presidents to attend a Region 2 Business

meeting. It is time to vote and install a new slate of Region Officers for 2021-2022. Unfortunately, it won't be in-person at a R2Rally but via Zoom, as we did last year. We are still hoping for a volunteer to step forward to fill the 2nd VP position.

I will bring additional news and info as provided by Headquarters regarding the upcoming Constitutional Amendments and will provide guidance as needed. My responsibilities as our Region 2 President officially ends after the first of the two IBT meetings held at the International Rally and I will report on the proceedings of that meeting. Region 2 will be ably represented at the second IBT meeting of the Rally (first for the new term) by RJ and Gary. I am greatly confident our Region is in excellent hands. We have accomplished much these past few years, and I believe the future of the Airstream Club Int'l and our Region 2 is bright and vibrant. Let's keep our Region and the Airstream Club rolling!

Kathi joins me in sending best regards to all members of the 15 local clubs that make up our great Region 2 of the Wally Byam Airstream Club.

Stay well and travel safe. Rich

DID YOU MISS THE NEW MICHELIN BENEFIT WEBINAR ON FEB 16?

Never fear it is available for viewing at airstreamclub.org under benefits. Note this includes Michelin, BF Goodrich and Uni-Royal tires. Currently it is only set up for the USA but will shortly be adapted for we Canadians - date unknown.

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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](#) 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 on page 13, and watch for further postings on the Events page of the Airstream Club International website.



Thanks Can-Am for all
your support!



Upcoming Events 2021

"Simply Camping"

All are tentative at this time, confirmation will arrive via email ASAP.

With a 4-week "stay at home" order issued on April 8, our plans for the Simply Camping weekend from May 27 - 31, in Fergus and Richmond are now in total jeopardy. Both fairgrounds consider themselves to be "campgrounds" for our purposes. Under Ontario law about campgrounds, both regions would need to be in the orange level for us to be able to go ahead with our plans. Given what's happened in the past, if the "stay at home" order is lifted on May 6, the province would move into the grey lockdown or grey zone for several weeks. Then, it will be another several weeks before a region could progress to the red or orange zone. Considering the timing, it's unlikely that we'll be able to pull it off. You'll receive an email shortly with the decision. We'll also post the notice on our Facebook page. In the meantime, "do not register yet await further direction which will arrive via email".

Should magic happen, and things can go ahead, here is what you need to know.

We will of course be observing all COVID precautions in place at the campgrounds and in the surrounding areas. The only fee is for camping.

"Simply Camping" in Richmond, Thursday, May 27 to Monday, May 31, 2021

Richmond Agricultural Society Fair Grounds, 6121 Perth St., Richmond Ontario

Richmond has a good grocery store, LCBO and Tim's. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the fairground which offer take-out and (at the time of writing) limited indoor dining. The west end of Ottawa is a 15-minute drive away.

About the campground: We will camp in social-distanced proximity at the Richmond Fair Grounds, near Ottawa. There is hydro (some 30 amp) and daisy-chained water with a dump station on site. The washrooms at the hall may be available.

"Simply Camping" in Fergus, Thursday, May 27 to Monday, May 31, 2021

Centre Wellington Community Sports Complex, 550 Belsyde Ave, Fergus, ON

The Centre Wellington Sports Community Complex is close to Zehr's, Canadian Tire and other commonly needed shopping. Elora, Elmira and other rural towns are close by, so you'll have no problem keeping busy. Entering the Sports Complex from Belsyde Ave, take the first driveway to the left and follow it around behind the building. We'll be camping in the field on the left. Check out the satellite view on Google maps.

About the campground: Fairly level grassy field, but you may need levellers. There are 80 sites with water and 15-amp service. Water is supplied through multi-spigot outlets so please bring an extra water hose. There is a comfort station

with toilets and showers which should be open to us; these are not handicap accessible. There's a dump station on site. No ground fires are permitted but off the ground fire bowls and propane fire bowls are permitted. Please do not arrive before noon on May 27, 2021.

Registration and Payment Options: (Cash only at event if not pre-registered)

Online registration: save some paper and register on-line.

The online form for Fergus is at: [Fergus Registration](#)

The on line form for Richmond is at: [Richmond Registration](#)

You can pre-pay via PayPal, Interac e-transfer, or cheque. Instructions can be found on the registration form.

Mail-in Registration: Choose your camping location, print off the mail-in form below and complete it.

Create a cheque with the Grand Total as its value payable to WBCCI Ontario Canada Unit (postdated no later than May 21, 2021) and mail to the Event Registrar so that it is received by May 21, 2021.

Event Registrars: Please direct mailed forms and cheques to the appropriate Event Registrar as below. (Online transactions will automatically be directed to the appropriate Registrar.)

Richmond Registrar:

John G 124registrar1@airstreamclub.net

Fergus Registrar:

John W 124registrar2@airstreamclub.net

Mail in Form

Name(s): _____

WBCCI #: _____ Length: _____

Children's names, ages: _____

Phone #s: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

While we can't offer a designated handicap accessible site, we'll do our best to make it as easy as possible for you to move about the field. Is accessibility an issue for you? Circle YES NO

Is this your first Ontario Club camping experience / rally? Circle YES NO

Circle which nights you'll be staying: Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Camping fee: \$37.00 per night X ____ nights

Grand Total \$ _____

Things to look forward to I hope!
Save these dates
Stay tuned for more information and registration info in the June Trillium

Tentative Summer Rendezvous in Norwood
July 30 - August 2

Summer Rendezvous at the Norwood Fairgrounds. We don't know quite yet what the rendezvous will look like, but the Fairgrounds are expecting us! If vaccine rollout continues to be slow, we may have an all outdoors event so pray for exceptionally warm and dry weather.

Kate and Ken L.

Tentative Fall Rendezvous @ Summer House Park
September 30th - October 5th

Summer House Park is a great jumping off point for all the wonderful attractions in the Bruce Peninsula. You can hike the Bruce Trail, visit Bruce Peninsula National Park home of the world famous Grotto. Enjoy the local artisans and all the shopping opportunities in between. This event will be camping only, no meals or social events are planned. The fee will be for camping at the off season rate. The Park will not be charging the registration fee of \$13.00, wifi will be free (normally \$5.00/day) and we will have access to their club room for gathering (Covid-19 restrictions permitting). If you'd like to attend book your site by registering on-line at

www.summerhousepark.ca

Go to Rates and Reservations click on Camping in the Reservations category. Ignore the man with the Airstream (LOL) and fill in the blanks. Be sure to add in the Message box that you are with the Ontario Canada Airstream Club or you may be informed "they don't have room for you".

We're letting you in on our little secret, this is currently our favourite camp ground. Hope to see you there
 Jim and Catharine F.

From the Editors Desk

I don't know about you but just as I think I know what is going on, and can start to plan, it changes. I, at times, confess to feeling quite frustrated. The constantly changing circumstance of our collective reality, means that unfortunately by the time you read this, some items will be obsolete. For that, I apologize.

A wise relative once told me it is not the circumstance we find our self in but rather how we respond to that circumstance that is the true test of character. For me, this has meant coming out of retirement to return to Public Health. I had the skills, and the time to do so, and I needed to be part of the solution. Since January, I have been working with the Ministry of Health as a Team Lead, with the Provincial Covid 19 Case Management workforce, yes, Doug Ford's workforce! This workforce did not exist in November 2020, and now totals close to 1000. We have never met, and are joined only, by a virtual work environment. I manage a team of 10. Each day we begin at 8:30 and finish at 6:30. We spend our day calling each and every new Covid case to provide case management, collect contacts and often, provide much needed emotional support. The days are long, and the stories often quite sad. I miss the un-rushed life of retirement and will appreciate its return, however, it feels good to be helping. Until next time.



Helen Z

Webmaster Update

Gordon D.

Our website is moving; big changes are coming!

In mid-February, we received notice from our International Information Technology Committee (ITC) that the WordPress airstreamclub.net site will be taken down in July 2021. (This is not a surprise, we learned about this plan in 2019 during the International Rally in Doswell, VA.) WordPress is the platform on which our longstanding website has been sitting. This “sunset” requires that our content be migrated to our micro-site on airstreamclub.org. While we currently have a growing presence on our micro-site, we’ve been waiting for word to complete our migration, hoping that some features of WordPress would carry over. Unfortunately, this isn’t the case.

With the closing of our WordPress site ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net, we face the following challenges:

We can no longer create password protected pages, meaning that we will have to re-think how we make certain items (The Trillium, Online directory, Business reports, Executive and VIP contact info; specifically phone numbers) available to our members while adhering to our privacy policy. Here are some alternatives and/or work-arounds:

- The Trillium: Currently, the full member version is posted on our password protected page and members are emailed the link and the password when a new issue is released. Until about 2013, when this procedure was introduced to encourage more website visits, members were sent a pdf copy by email. We could revert back to sending a pdf by email and are exploring other options. We will continue to post the Online Trillium for ‘public’ viewing on our micro-site.
- Online Directory: Updates to the print version of the current year’s Club Directory morphed into the online directory in early 2018. All member information changes, including new member information, are published in The Trillium. The online directory could “cease to exist” or be sent in a pdf by email. Note; the new member portal on the International website allows members to access the current Ontario Club directory (minus phone numbers and photos) at any time.
- Business Reports: These include electronic copies of minutes of Executive and General Membership meetings, along with committee and financial reports. We can’t assess the impact of not having these available on a password protected page, however, the documents would continue to be available upon request to the webmaster as they will remain protected in the Cloud.
- Executive and VIP contact information: This information is regularly included in The Trillium. Abbreviated contact information for Club Officials by title and Club email address are included in the Online Trillium. Also, the names of Officers are included on the Ontario Canada Airstream Club page of the
- International Website, along with our Membership Chair’s name, phone number and email address as contact person.

We will lose our "free of charge" online registration forms that are integrated into the website. The ITC recommends that we purchase a license from a commercial vendor (JotForm), and create the forms on the vendor's website.

- JotForm is a versatile product which would allow us to create forms, ballots, and surveys. It is suitable for event registration, including caravans, and would allow us to conduct electronic voting as well as generate reports.
- As a non-profit organization, we would be eligible for a 50% reduction in the subscription rate. A Bronze level subscription should suit our needs. At the reduced rate, it would be \$174 US\$ (plus taxes) annually. (Note that the cost of SurveyMonkey for a 1-month period in 2020 was \$99.)

Wherever our website address appears, it will have to be changed to :

- ontariocanada.airstreamclub.org

Overall, the benefits of moving to the International website outweigh the disadvantages. Our "micro-site" is an integral part of the entire club presence, making it simple for members and non-members alike to find us and see what we're doing. While our own webmaster is responsible to keep the micro-site up to date, the overall site is maintained and supported by the ITC. Thanks to Lawrence Northway et al. there are detailed user manuals available for the micro-site. It is certainly easier to maintain than the current WordPress one.

Our target timeframe to complete our migration to our micro-site on airstreamclub.org is June. Stay tuned.

Submitted by Gordon D

IS YOUR GENERATOR SAFE TO USE?

If your generator has an open ground it can cause damage to your electrical devices - BUT there is an easy solution. All you need is a generator bonding plug sometimes sold as a surge guard generator Neutral. I bought ours at an International Rally for \$10. Need more information, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-bTLdMjuqU&feature=youtu.be>

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Caravan Corner

By Kerry M.

As I write this, I am like many of our members, waiting for news on when the Covid-19 vaccines will be available to us. It's getting closer, but the 4 month delay in getting the second shot takes us close to worrisome timing for our late summer and fall caravans. Being vaccinated will be important for caravan activities for the next while.

As we mentioned last edition, Ray B is signing up members for his caravan "In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven". At last word, he has a couple of vacancies that have popped up, so hurry to get on board. He has planned an interesting itinerary starting on September 8, 2021, west of Toronto and concluding on September 21 at Sault Ste Marie. He has planned some fascinating tours and visits along the way and will conclude with the Agawa Canyon Tour Train at what should be the height of Fall Colours. Contact Ray directly at r.n.barrick@gmail.com for more information and to get registered. We know that many of you are chomping at the bit to get out on the road and here is an opportunity at a really nice time of the year.

My Region 2 caravan "Autumn in the Maritimes" is still going ahead but with some big provisos about opening the Maritimes Bubble and re-opening the Canada/US border for our American participants. I have held off making cash deposits with facilities to date, but commitments will need to be confirmed soon. I'm cautiously optimistic that we can pull it off but the next 8 weeks or so will be critical. Fingers are firmly crossed! The caravan is fully subscribed with a lengthy standby list and we really don't want to disappoint so many members by needing to cancel.

As our Airstream Club International continues to grow and Airstream sales go through the roof, there will be growing pressure for available spaces on all of the Club's great National Caravans. If you have any notion of joining one, register ASAP and be prepared to be flexible for the next few years. The Club continues to need new Caravan Leaders to take on existing caravans and to plan new ones. The demand is greater than the availability these days and the International Caravan Committee is working with Club HQ to streamline the registration process. When we can again get together for our Ontario rallies, I want to hold information and training sessions to familiarize everyone with what a caravan is all about and what is expected of a caravan leader. Caravans make memories and we want to make as many as possible!

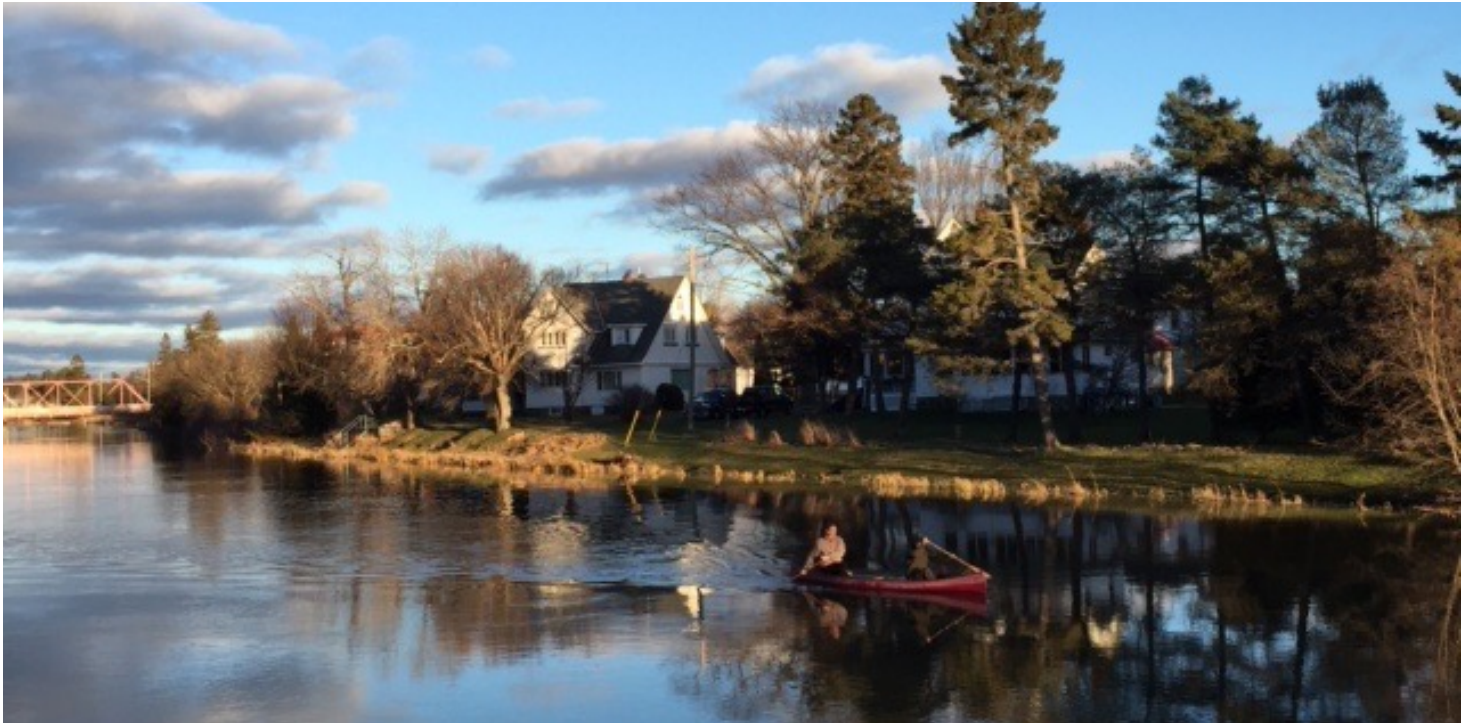
We hope to see you all down the road again soon. Stay healthy until then.

Submitted by Kerry M



Sunshine Corner

By Linda S.



Welcome Spring! Do hope you are in good spirits with winter behind you and warmer weather here now and of course, more to come! We're still a healthy crew so much to be thankful for!

A thank you card has been sent to Brian Gatschene for his many years of service to Ontario Airstream members through his business, The Trailer Centre. We extend our best wishes for a well deserved retirement. Brian will be very much missed by so many of us.

Now it is time to pay tribute to one of our members! Kathy Blake has also retired, from her Publications job within our Club, as Editor/Publisher of the Trillium and Directory. We value her hard work and dedication and limitless hours on the job throughout these past 5 years. We know she is Helen's right hand as the torch passes. Thank you, Kathy! It is good to know she won't be doing a disappearing act as she and Gordon plan to be hosts for the Camp Out in Fergus. Enjoy the freedom to travel with Gordon when the travelling world opens up again.

Spring is indeed here! How do I know? Geese! Yes, geese! March 22nd was my first glimpse of them as the river opened up and they had a spot to land and paddle about. I do hope they are Northerns and are just in on a stop over! Though they arrive early, they don't stay but their relatives will arrive soon enough. Oh no.....there's a gander on my lawn and he's huge! Now his mate is quite a lovely wee thing but if they are indeed in for the long haul, we're in for a long season!

Earlier we were favoured by the company of a muskrat....I named him Jerry, from my childhood reading, I suppose. He came up on our lawn through his hole in the ice and struggled his way through the snow. John had opened a trail around the house so the chimney removal crew could access the western chimney. Grass was exposed and Jerry got busy. He actually honked the grass out by the roots! Never gave an upward glance to see who might want to have him for dinner! Gave us quite a few days of entertainment. Slept in the sun on the neighbours step. Then.....he disappeared and hasn't been seen since. I worried about hawks and eagles and foxes and cats and coyotes having my wee friend for dinner. And I scolded him, but he turned a deaf ear to my pleas to get himself to somewhere safe. He has remained a mystery. Yet there are times I catch myself watching for him.

Today, as the ice recedes, the water is a mirror reflecting upside down houses on the other side. No ice rinks to be seen and no snow machines to be heard. We'll enjoy the quiet until it warms up enough for a variety of motorized traffic to ply the waterway. Canoes, kayaks and surfboards are most welcome! The picture I have chosen to share is typical of Spring through Fall on the river. However, this particular photo was snapped by my daughter in law, Julie, on Christmas Day 2015.

Until next time, stay safe, look up and get some sunshine on your face!

Linda S.

WATER HOSES

Is it safe to use any old water hose? No! Use only the "drinking water" hoses you see for the RV and marine markets which are designed to be safe for your use. Other types of hoses will often leach chemicals into the water as it stands in the hose, especially if the hose is lying in the sun. Hose diameter makes a difference. RV fresh water hoses come in 1/2-inch or 5/8-inch ID (inner diameter). The larger the inner diameter, the more water can flow through the hose with minimal reduction in pressure loss. And don't be tempted by the kitschy hoses you "see on TV," like the stretchable hoses or coil hoses. Those hoses are not potable-water certified and have tiny inner diameters, which means they'll restrict water flow immensely. Finally don't forget each new camping season to sanitize your hose and the fresh water tank.

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2021 Calendar of Events.

Date	Event
May 27-31, 2021	Eastern Spring "CampOut" Richmond Fairgrounds Richmond, ON
May 27—31, 2021	Western Spring "CampOut" Centre Wellington Sports Complex Fergus, ON
July 30 - Aug 2, 2021	Summer Rendezvous Norwood Fairgrounds Norwood, ON
Aug 31- Oct 2, 2021	Autumn in the Maritimes Caravan (Full - Wait list only)
Sept 10 -13,2021	Can-Am's "50 Plus 1" Can-Am RV Centre London,ON
Sept 30 -Oct 5, 2021	Fall Rendezvous Summer House Park Miller Lake, ON