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President's Message



Where did 2022 go and how long will it take before I remember to write 2023 when I fill out forms? David and I spent a LOT of time traveling in our Airstream Globetrotter this past year on both "official" and personal travel and met so many of you at the Region 10 Rally, the International Rally in Maine, and the Installation Rallies for each of the seven clubs in this region (see my article on page 12).

By the time you are reading this, we will have returned from the Rose Parade National Event Rally in Pasadena, CA and I am sure it will be memorable! If you haven't volunteered to host a rally for your club, now is the time to share your favorite campground and activities with other members and just reach out to your club president or rally coordinator with your ideas. The buddy system works great for hosting rallies. David and I co-hosted a Friendsgiving Rally with good friends in November with over 50 attendees, four turkeys, two hams, and delicious potluck sides and desserts. Kayaking, fishing, hiking, wine tasting, and lots of laughs and fun games were enjoyed by all with everyone pitching in to help. I wish my family holiday meals were this easy!

On the Airstream Club International/WBCCI website, you have probably noticed some great improvements to the ACI website. Research has proven that purchasers of new and new-to-them Airstreams head to the website and the local club microsites to research what club they want to join. I know many of your webmasters are working on "facelifts" as well to reflect our changing demographics. We are a fun, welcoming group of Airstreamers with something *(continued on page 2)*

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to offer for everyone! Membership is currently at a 21-year high and forecasts for 2023 exceed 2022 growth with many of the new joining members still working or recently retired.

Finally, with the passage of the motion reorganizing the Airstream Club International Executive council, all 9 positions will be open and voted on by YOU in June. From the 9 members you choose, the Board of Trustees will then choose officers including the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, with the remaining 5 as supporting Executive Council members. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, skills, and love of the club as an International Board of Trustees Executive Council member, watch for information coming soon about how to submit your application.

Enjoy the cozy season and hope to see you at the International Rally in Wyoming next June!



Editor's Desk ~ Carolyn White

Where has this year gone? As I'm sitting at my computer, listening to the howling winter winds, and editing this newsletter, I'm hoping that reading these articles of Airstream adventures will inspire you to make plans for your next adventure. Ride along with Florence Tramoni as she experiences the longest-running ACI caravan held in our Region 10. Get a taste of our Region's special event rally held in Sun Valley through the eyes of the Caldwells. Follow Kathy Geese as she visits all the Region 10 ACI clubs' Installation Rallies.



Sept 2005 - Halfway home in Omaha with my Mom. We picked up our 34' Front Kitchen from Lakewood NJ.

For additional inspiration for those remaining in the cold country, check out the great tips for de-winterizing your Airstream from Airstream Adventures NW plus advice on a gear update from Ray Putnam.

Due to newsletter email distribution issues, your **Region 10 Officers and Committee chairs have extended the deadline for the contest to name our Region 10 Newsletter.**

The title for our newsletter needs to be appropriate and succinct to our Region 10 members. Think punchy and pithy. Who are we and what is our message and modus operandi. This is your opportunity to contribute to "Name the Newsletter."

Please send your entries to airstream355@gmail.com by **February 8, 2023** with the subject line "**Region 10 newsletter name.**" The Region 10 officers and chairs will vote on all entries. The winner will be announced in the Spring issue of the Region 10 newsletter to be published first week of April.

Do you need an incentive to get your creative juices flowing? The "Name the Newsletter" winner will receive their choice of either a Region 10 logo T-shirt or a tote bag. If your local unit has provided us with their logo, you can also select a T-shirt design with your unit logo on the front and the Region 10 logo on the back of the T-shirt.

While you are perusing this month's articles about favorite spots to visit, our member's creative endeavors, or maintaining your Airstream, think of a title for our Region 10 newsletter. As always, article submissions and photos are always welcome! **Deadline for April articles is March 15, 2023.**

2022 Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan ~ Florence Tramoni, Region 10 1st VP

A friend told me this last year when I got the email that I had been moved up from a 2-year waitlist for the Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan – “The US Rockies are the appetizer, but the Canadian Rockies are the main course.” Well, that was not an understatement.

We left in early June (“we” as in Luna my Jack Russell and I) on a 32-day trip from Oregon, through Montana, Alberta, British Columbia, and home to Oregon through Idaho (the caravan itself was 21 days). There were 20 rigs, and the folks were from all over the US. How exciting when our binders were distributed on night one in Drumheller, Alberta. This is the longest continuously running caravan in various formats, in the history of WBCCI caravanning. The degree of organization and careful planning are a testament to that history.

I think food plays a crucial role in making bonds and creating fellowship. This caravan has fine tuned the meals. First off, we had nine GAM’s. These are greet and meets, held at a different trailer, and rotating so that you never go to a GAM with the same people. It was a great way to meet everyone in a smaller setting, with light appetizers and your own beverage. We also had four group cookouts. Everyone was put in a group of 5 and that group would buy supplies (all reimbursed by the hosts) and make dinner for all 38 of us. It was all laid out in the binder so everyone knew when their turn was, where to shop and what to buy (or you could do your own menu). There were always grills, ovens, whatever was needed at the camps we did the cookouts, as well as enough volunteers for anyone who didn’t want to cook! There were 2 catered dinners and 4 group dinners out at restaurants. The rest were on your own. Well done!!



Last Chance Saloon



Big Sky Thunderstorm

I had some concerns about the border crossing: limits on how much wine I could bring (it was a long trip after all), dog papers for rabies, covid test, certificate of recovery (I got it in Paris the month prior and could still test positive). Anyways, the agent was not interested in any of the papers that I so wanted to show him! However, coming home at the crossing in Idaho, the agents took my limes and eggs. Go figure. I entered Canada after a few days in Glacier National Park, at the border crossing in the Wheatland Country of Alberta. It is an extension of the American Great Plains. If I

thought Montana was Big Sky country (which it is), there is even more of it when you cross the border in Carway, MT. The roads are long and straight, and the thunderstorms are spectacular and stunning.

The caravan officially started Drumheller, Alberta, the dinosaur capital of the world. It is home to the Royal Tyrell Museum of Paleontology which is one of the world's largest displays of dinosaur fossils. Scientists come from all over the globe to study the specimens here. Alberta was once a dinosaur paradise 70-90 million years ago. A warm-temperate climate meant lush vegetation that was perfect for herbivores, which meant ample prey for the carnivores. Many bones from these animals were buried, and then fossilized. I wish the pictures could express the size of these specimens. *(continued on page 4)*

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Dinosaur Skeleton



Buffalo Jump



The sedimentary rocks through this region are called the Badlands of Alberta, very similar to the Badlands near the Black Hills of South Dakota. Layers of sediments piled up over millions of years in a warm shallow sea were later thrust up, then eroded when the last glacial recession happened about 12,000 years ago. Makes for cool-looking layered rocks. The one with Luna posing on the mushroom shaped rock is called a hoodoo.

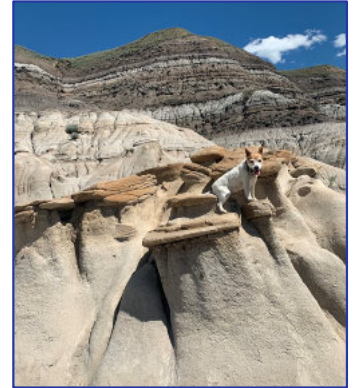
Made a stop at the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump which is a UNESCO designated World Heritage site (others are the Egyptian pyramids, the Taj Mahal, and Stonehenge). It was used for 6000 years by several tribes of the Plains to funnel buffalo over this cliff so they could be skinned and butchered in the valley below.

Then a stop at the Bar-U Ranch National Historic Site. I had just recently binged Yellowstone on Netflix and thought I really knew what big ranch farming was about. Not! But this was a cool history lesson about the ranching cowboys in the late 19th/early 20th century. At its peak, the ranch extended over 160,000 acres, with 30,000 head of cattle and 1000 Percheron horses. Two owners were instrumental in the establishment of the Calgary Stampede. We were allowed to camp on the grass in a double row half circle. No other group but the Airstream caravan are allowed to camp at this National Historic Site.

Next stop was Fairmont Hot Springs, Alberta. The springs have been trapped in pools where you pay to get in, but the water is all natural and untainted. These 2 pools (think big municipal pools) are at 104 degrees and are drained every night, then the natural springs refill them. A local told a few of us where to go on the river below the campground where that water is drained. And voilà, natural pools in the river! We weren't the only ones to have heard about this, but there's something about a "wilder" experience. Probably around 95 degrees. Not real hot but it was delightful. And free.

As we passed Radium Hot Springs on the way to Lake Louise in Banff National Park, my co-pilot got very agitated at the mountain goats having a leisurely stroll across the highway. The caravan leader had told us of a really

cool section of road where it was worth getting out *(continued on page 5)*



Hoodoo



Bar-U National Historical Site

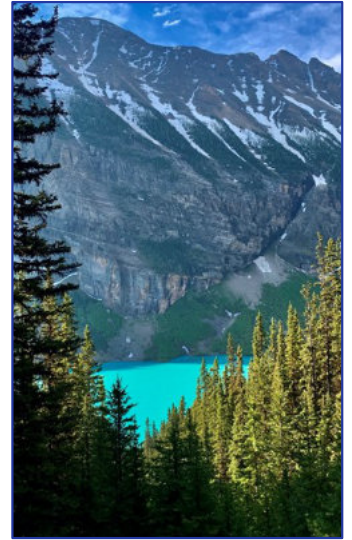
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Through the Cliffs

To take pictures of the trailers as they come through the cut in the cliffs. It was quite a rigamarole to get it done but this is one my favorite pictures of my rig!

Lake Louise campground is just a breath away from the British Columbia border. There is little that can be said about what I saw here because it is just too big for words. Breathtaking comes to mind. As we were just arriving in the valley, I was at the wheel gawking in one instant and tears literally welling up in the next instant at the extreme beauty. Makes for an interesting day of driving. It was great to be here for 3 days to take it



Lake Louise

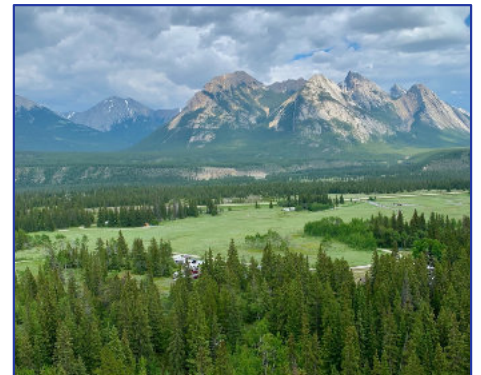
in. A must do is the hike to the Lake Agnes Tea House.



Lake Louise

The waters of Moraine Lake, Lake Agnes and Lake Louise have this amazing turquoise color. This is not photo shopped! The water has glacial flour in it. This is ultra fine rock dust produced by the glaciers rubbing against the bedrock, which stays suspended in the water and then reflects light.

A worthwhile stop while at Lake Louise is at Kicking Horse Pass to watch the trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway appear and disappear through the spiral tunnels.



Lake Louise Ski Resort

We also took a ride to the top of Lake Louise Ski Resort chairlift. Very cool interpretive center at the top not to mention more jaw dropping scenery of Banff National Park. Oh, and mama and baby grizzly cub picking berries. The area at the top of the chairlift is encircled with an electrified fence (think Jurassic Park) for us humans to visit in safety.



Kootenay Plains Ecological Reserve

We continued our northward trek from Lake Louise to the Kootenay Plains Ecological Reserve for 4 days of dry camping. This was my favorite camping location of the caravan. No campground, no electricity, no water. Yes, those little silver dots in the foreground are the Airstreams tucked away in awesome camping spots. (continued on page 6)

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Athabasca Glacier

Plenty of room for all 20 trailers. While the giant mountains and jaw dropping views had been staggering during the previous week, the serenity and spiritual peace of this spot was without question one of the highlights of the trip. We had a spacious area to live in and a huge fire pit for dinner and late evening chit chat.

The Kootenay Plains Reserve was our base camp for a day trip to the... wait for it...Athabasca Glacier. Okay, I'm going to try to contain myself here because this is what my academic training was in. In the 90's I got to work with smart people in Antarctica who were drilling ice cores and crunching numbers to quantify climate change. They already knew what was coming. Anyways, the Athabasca Glacier, like all glaciers today, is a dying breed. In the past 125 years, the Athabasca Glacier has lost half of its volume and receded almost a mile. Glaciers tell the story of a changing climate. There is also the very cool Columbia Icefield Skywalk a couple of miles away. Maybe you've been at a similar one at the Grand Canyon. It is a suspended platform where glass is all that separates you from rugged and wild terrain 918 feet below. Ya- - like almost 1000 feet below! And the walkway swoops out and away from the parking area almost 200 feet. It's not for everyone!



Skywalk

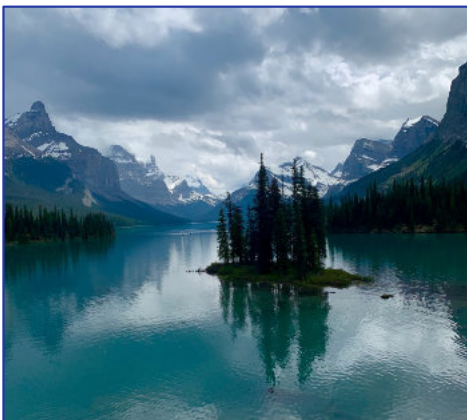


Grizzly, Jasper Nat'l. Park

Onward and northward to Jasper National Park. And oh gee, just a grizzly out for a stroll whilst we are passing by in the relative safety of our vehicles. We were fortunate to see grizzlies -safely- on several occasions. Once we began moving through Jasper National Park, the wildlife extravaganza of the trip began. Mountain goat road hazards (they lick the salt from the double yellow line that comes wafting off the local rocks), giant elk posing for the camera, and black bear. And all these photos are from the truck. Didn't have to work to get them.



Elk, Jasper Nat'l. Park



Maligne Lake

We took a great boat ride on Maligne Lake not far from the town of Jasper. Amazing azure water, surrounded by 10,000+ and 11,000+ foot peaks, and three glaciers visible from the lake. Spirit Island, a frequently and very famously photographed islet was used by the First Nations peoples of the Stoney Nakoda for coming-of-age ceremonies because of its inspired location.

I must mention that all along this trip, the guides and local history interpreters we have met have all been (continued on page 7)

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extremely well versed and forthcoming about the way the early Canadian government treated its indigenous people. Canada's past is equally dark as the U.S. when it comes to what we did to the original inhabitants of this continent. Perfect day followed by a gourmet dinner at the Maligne Canyon Wilderness Kitchen. Highly recommend.



Banff Valley

Jasper town. Super cute, hanging pots of petunias everywhere, and no, I don't have a picture... it was laundry day.

We spent 3 days in Banff, another fabulous mountain town. This is where the shopping is! And many great restaurants. Do the Johnston Canyon hike on this stop. And if you are a golfer, treat yourself to a round at the beautiful Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course. Bring your non golfing partner to ride in the cart and experience one of the most breathtaking golf courses on the planet. Complete with a moose on the day I played. We rode the chairlift at Sunshine Village and what a stunning view of the backcountry from the backside! And the Banff gondola at Sulfur Mountain provides a spectacular view if

the Banff valley, town on the left and golf course on the right. We camped at a very large campground on the hill in the middle.

The last stop was in Calgary for the Calgary Stampede, one of the biggest money rodeos in the world. I don't know much about the rodeo world (well, like I said, I have watched Yellowstone) but I just really enjoyed our two nights there. The caravan stayed outside of town and a bus took us to the Stampede during the day once, and for the evening the second day. The hosts had arranged for dog sitters to come to the trailers several times while we were gone. My favorite events were the First Nations bareback relays and the barrel races. The gal that won the barrel races was 61 years old. What a mentor to the young 20 somethings she competed against!

It is no accident this is the longest running caravan in WBCCI history. Wally himself ran the first one in 1954. The organization and curation of events is sterling, and I cannot commend our hosts Deane and Judy Collinson from Toronto enough. Thank you, Collinson's, for being everything volunteering in the ACI is all about.



Scenes from the Calgary Stampede



All photos courtesy of Florence
Tramoni
Map Courtesy of Buzz Blick

2022 Canadian Rockies, Caravan Route

Directions from Drumheller, AB, Canada to Calgary, AB, Canada

A Drumheller, AB, Canada

B Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site, Fort MacLeod, AB, Canada

C Bar U Ranch National Historic Site, Township Rd 17A, Pekisko, AB, Canada

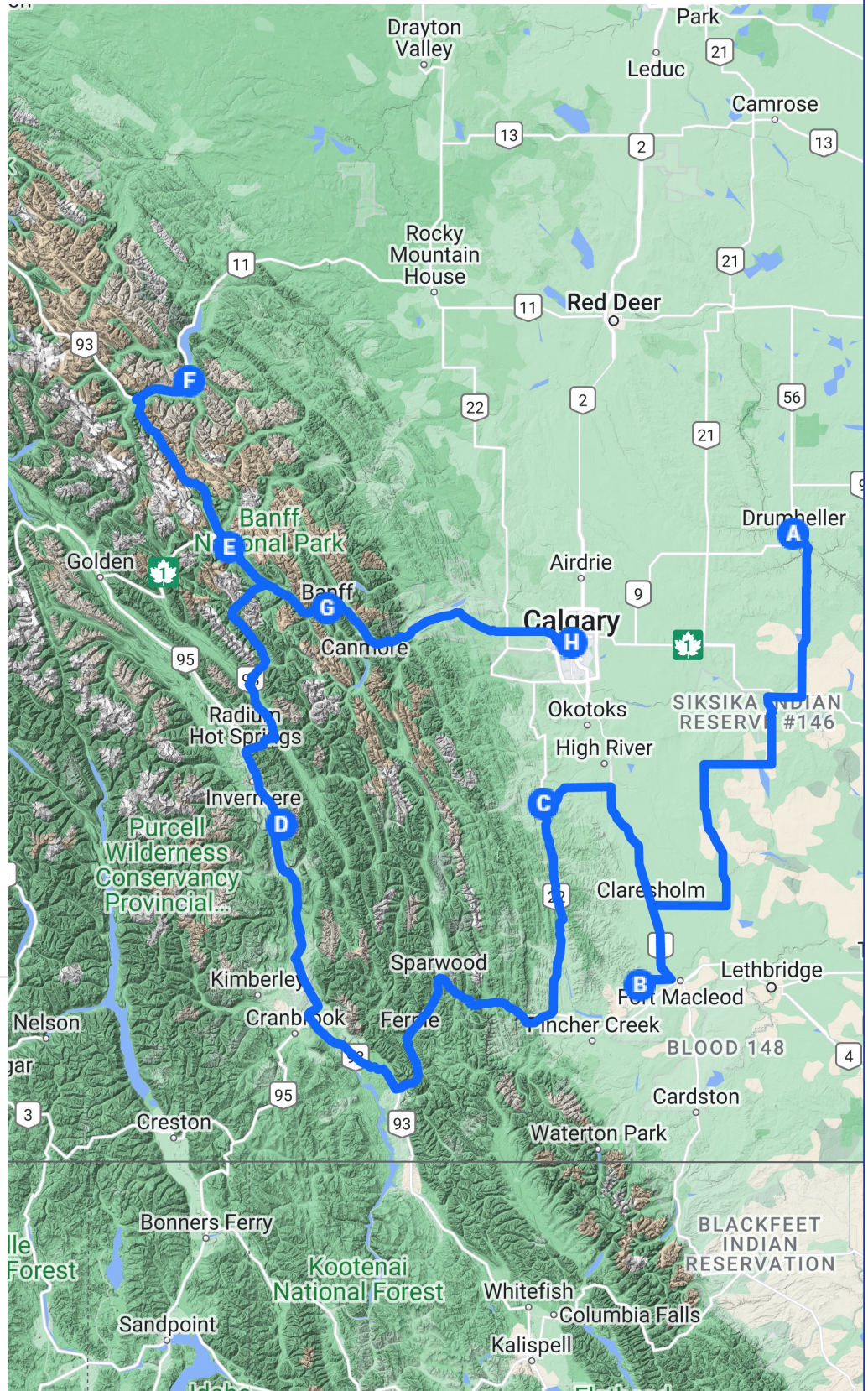
D Fairmont Hot Springs, BC, Canada

E Lake Louise Hardsided Campground, Fairview Road, Lake Louise, AB, Canada

F Kootenay Plains Ecological Reserve, Clearwater County, AB, Canada

G Banff, AB, Canada

H Calgary, AB, Canada



Did You Know?

Submitted by Kathy Geese, Region 10 President

The recent ACI/WBCCI Camp Fire Chat Zoom had a reminder of a couple of great benefits of being an ACI/WBCCI member so for those of you that were unable to attend:

- Does your club offer a Newbie rally to welcome members that may be new to owning an Airstream and/or new to the Airstream lifestyle? If not, volunteer to host one in 2023! We are a fully volunteer organization and any member is welcome and encouraged to host a rally. Talk to your club president and/or rally organizer to schedule a location and date. HQ offers support for newbie rallies and can help you get started. Contact them at (937) 596-5211 for how they can assist and if they have SWAG to offer to attendees!

- Did you know that as a member, you can attend ANY ACI/WBCCI event if there is space availability? Just go to the [website](#), log in and scroll down to "Join the Fun" and "View All Events." Under "Filter Events", you can filter by date range, event type, state, or clubs. Once you select a rally, National Event, or caravan, contact the host if there is space and how you can register if that option isn't available on the website.

- Every club has its own culture and did you know you are welcome to join any ACI/WBCCI local club as a member or affiliate, regardless of where you reside? I recommend attending a local club rally to find out if that club offers diversity in the types of rallies, the level of activities you enjoy and, if you feel welcome and comfortable there, you can join as either a full or affiliate member! I personally have a home club and am an affiliate for other clubs where I camp or plan to camp frequently. Affiliates are on the club email list and receive all group emails and newsletters listing events; the only difference is that full members have the right to vote for that club's officers. Sometimes, it takes a rally or two to find your tribe but be assured, they are out there as our Region 10 clubs offer something for everyone! Joining a club or changing your primary club membership is easy, just contact HQ at (937) 596-5211 and the staff members there are happy to help.

One-Pot Creamy Mushroom Pasta

Airstreamers love the convenience of one-pot meals. Here's one of my ways to "upscale" pasta.

Ingredients: *(Serves 4 as main dish)*

- 2 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 1 pound (16 oz) Bella mushrooms, sliced
- ½ tsp. pepper (often I use cayenne)
- ½ cup white wine
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 4 cups water
- 8 oz. Sour cream
- 1 Tbsp. Tomato paste
- 12 oz. Pappardelle pasta (or other broad, flat egg noodle pasta)
- 1 cups frozen peas
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese

1. Using a minimum 4 qt. Dutch oven (or other large pot) over medium heat, add the olive oil, onion, mushrooms and pepper. Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Add the white wine, Worcestershire, water, sour cream and tomato paste; bring to a simmer.

3. Add pasta, submerging in liquid. Cook 2 minutes less than recommended cooking time for your pasta. Stir often to prevent sticking.

4. Add peas and cook 3 minutes longer or until peas are warmed and pasta cooked to your liking.

5. Remove from heat. Stir in Parmesan Cheese. Serve immediately, refrigerating any leftovers.

~ Carolyn White

- Campfire Chats are hosted quarterly by our International President, Eric McHenry, and our corporate manager, Lori Plummer. The next scheduled meeting is March 8th at 4:00pm Pacific. It is your opportunity to offer suggestions, ask questions, and hear what exciting things are in the works to bring even more benefits to your membership. HQ will send out an invitation or you can copy and paste the Campfire Chat zoom link below in to your calendar. This is a new program and over 130 members attended the December zoom with our panelists! Questions can be submitted in advance or live during the zoom using the chat function on zoom. [Campfire Chat March 8, 2023](#). You can attend in your camping clothes or pajamas as video only of the panelists, not the attendees!

Airstream Special Event Rally at the Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival Rally

~Darlene and Bob Caldwell

From the beautiful backdrop of the Sawtooth Mountains, we gathered to enjoy the music and activities of the rally. Our boondocking camp location was the River Run parking lot. Thanks to Richard Stolarik, our volunteer camp host, parking was easily. We had access to lovely showers in the River Run lodge, a short walk away.

This year we had nineteen rigs registered but a couple of folks dropped out at the last minute.

The weather was incredible, the music fantastic, the dance lessons were fun, but we didn't win any competition - we have 2 left feet!

The food was terrific as were the amazing colors on all the foliage. Great hiking and bike trails took us right up to Sun Valley Inn. There was lots of parking if one decided to drive.

The festival itself had fewer venues from previous years. Breaks between performances enabled us to enjoy a drink on the patio of the Sun Valley Inn and engage in people watching as well as watching the ducks on the pond.

We had catered hors d'oeuvres for our meet and greet gathering. Since we had a day prior to the rally, we had a chance to tour the area. The Chamber of commerce gave us great material to guide us through town.

Those who volunteered received their assignments and training on Wednesday morning and then the music began.

The music and bands came from all over USA. There was something for everyone to enjoy.

We enjoyed coffee and snacks in the morning and a "no host" margarita and taco dinner as well as our wrap up pizza happy hour.

We were pleased to see our friend Fay Peterson, a former member of the Idaho club. Fay has been our scout in town to assist with local logistics for many years. Bob and Patty Peterson, who live in Hailey, joined us for our pizza happy hour. We really enjoyed meeting them and hope to see them again next year.

Two couples joined us for their very first rally. Their opinion: they did not know what to expect but said, "If this is how you rally, we will be doing it again." This IS how we Rally. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Our next year's Rally is October 17 to 22, 2023. It is the 20th anniversary of the Airstream Special Event rally at the Sun Valley Jazz and Music festival. Save the Date!





Dance lessons and lots of time for lessons !



Music at Sun Valley Jazz Festival



Beautiful Weather at Sun Valley!



View of Sun Valley Inn Location

Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival Rally 2022



Dry Camping at River Run Inn



Region 10 Installation Rallies 2022 ~ Kathy Geese, Region 10 President

Region 10 is comprised of 7 Airstream clubs: Alberta-Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Idaho, Inland Northwest, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. In the fall, each of these clubs holds an installation of new officers annually and after a COVID hiatus and closure of the US/Canada border, I volunteered, as Region 10 President, to install your new officers in 2022. Once that was okay-ed, out came the calendar to plan what became an over 4,000-mile trip.

In late August David and I headed out from our home in Olympia, WA, to our first destination, the Idaho Airstream Club Installation rally in Homedale, Idaho. The campground was set along a quieter stretch of the Snake River. At over 1000 miles long, this river is the largest tributary of the Columbia River.



Idaho Rally



At the Winery

The rally kicked off with a visit to two nearby wineries - the St. Chappelle and Sawtooth Wineries. Several members fished and all enjoyed potlucks that were graced with locally grown produce. I commented that living on the West side of the mountains, I miss real tomatoes and a member drove home and brought me back some. That is the definition of Idaho hospitality!

On to British Columbia and their traditional fishing rally and officer installation on Loon Bay in Lone Butte, BC. On the way, we overnighed at a Harvest Host honey farm just across the Canadian border and slept like babies to the sounds of humming bees who were busy asbees. When we arrived at Loon Bay, we saw several familiar faces and made some new friends. Despite dedicated efforts by the attendees, the waters were still too warm for successful fishing and in lieu of a fish fry, we enjoyed happy hour and pizza.



Loon Bay BC Rally



Loon Bay BC

The day of departure dawned cool and overcast and we headed to Golden, BC. While many regions have interesting seasons, we dubbed this BC Road Construction Season and had lots of time to sit and enjoy the spectacular scenery through the mountain passes. We drove the famous Coquihalla Highway (or infamous in the winter) that climbs through the Great Bear Snow Shed before cresting the summit. The provincial government is replacing and adding pipelines and we have never seen so much heavy equipment. Because the season to complete work is relatively short, it requires all hands-on deck. For those that have not traveled through the Canadian Rockies, it should be on everyone's bucket list as spectacularly beautiful, if a bit white-knuckle driving due to the steepness over some of the passes. Our tow vehicle groaned but the truck survived, unlike the car we saw on the other side of the highway at the top of a pass, fully engulfed in flames with the owner outside on his cellphone calling for help.

Golden, BC is a charming mountain town and we camped in a city park along the river. Unfortunately, the swarms of mosquitoes disrupted our evening walk and we had to run to the safety of our rig. The next morning, David and I left to head east and south to the longest running joint installation rally in Region 10 - the Hands Across the Border rally just outside of Glacier National Park. (continued on page 13)

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Glacier Tour Bus

Alberta-Saskatchewan and Montana Airstream Clubs have joined together for this rally for over 40 years (if memory serves me correct). Reservations had been made for a private tour of East Glacier conducted by the Blackfeet Tribe. The reservation is 1.5 million acres and sits along what is known as the Backbone of the World, Glacier National Park. While we have camped in West Glacier, East Glacier was closed by the tribe during COVID to minimize the risk of spread to their members. Our bus driver was a tribe member and both humorous



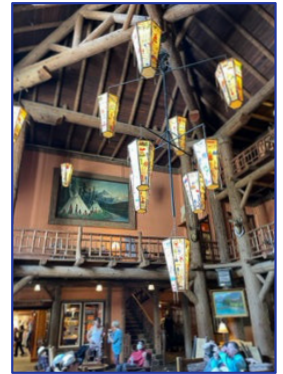
East Glacier Lodge

and informative. We drove by a fry bread stand owned by one of his friends and, after much begging, he stopped on the return trip much to the entertainment of the owner who was not used to seeing a bus in the drive through. We wondered how our driver was going to explain the dusting of powdered sugar in the bus upon return.

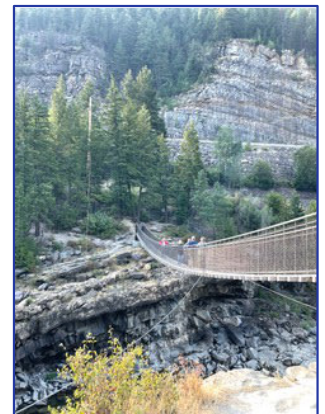
Another evening, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the East Glacier Lodge with live music provided by one of the Montana members. The lodge was built in 1913 by the Glacier Park Company, a subsidiary of the Great Northern Railway. Icing on the cake was seeing a bear trotting along the lake edges as we took the historic boat ride across Two Medicine Lake with the spectacular Sinopah peak in the background.

Next up, our travels took us to the Installation Rally for the newest of our Region clubs, the Inland Northwest Airstream Club. The site for this rally was Troy, Montana, close to the eastern border of Idaho. The dinner and installation were held at a restaurant with a breathtaking view of the Kootenai River. A group of us bundled up one morning for a hike to the Kootenai Falls Swinging Bridge which is not to be missed if you are in the area.

Nearby Libby, Montana, is the home of the International Chainsaw Wood Carving Competition. We headed over one afternoon to watch carvers from all over the world compete. Chips were flying everywhere and the sound of chainsaws filled the air. While the chainsaws are used to cut massive logs in to



East Glacier Lodge



Kootenai Falls Bridge



the rough designs, a wide collection of tools was used to carve the intricate designs. One carving was a life-size woman holding a rose with each petal shaped to scale. Many of the designs are nature inspired and massive. A live auction is held daily and some of the sculptures sold for thousands of dollars. The local Libby library also had a

fascinating display with quilts from all over the US and Canada. *(continued on page 14)*

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Two days later, we arrived home to Olympia and the closest officer installation to our home at the Washington Airstream Club, held at the Land Yacht Harbor (LYH). We enjoyed a wonderful meal served by Washington members, happy hour bonfires, and a DJ with dancing. For those of you not familiar with the LYH, it is a residential community for Airstream owners that also offers very reasonable full hook-up camping if you are traveling to the Seattle area. 2023 will see the resurrection of a beloved National Event Rally by the Washington club, the [Potlatch Rally, August 1-6](#). The location in Olympia is a great jumping off point for exploring the Cascades, Olympia Peninsula, and Seattle.



Oregon Club Rally

Our final stop was the Oregon Airstream Club Installation Rally held at Cove Palisades in Central Oregon, site of the Deschutes and Crooked River Canyons. Members hiked, biked, boated, kayaked on the river, and caught up with each other sitting around campfires in the evening. Happy Hours and Potlucks were excellent and at this point in our trip, I was hoping it was a laundromat dryer that shrunk those clothes as definitely a snugger fit than when we left home in August. Generous donations to the annual Oregon Club auction by club members raised over \$3500 for a local non-profit and brought the total funds donated for the past twelve months to over \$10,000.



And just a reminder - a great benefit of being a member of the ACI/WBCCI is that any of these wonderful rallies are open to any member. I love the turn-key opportunity these Rallies, Caravans, and National Events provide. While I will host several rallies and lead a caravan in 2023, sometimes I enjoy someone else doing the planning and making the reservations! Whether traveling near or far, there is always something happening and check out the [ACI events website](#) as you put together your 2023 travel calendar. Events are added almost daily and so much from which to choose.

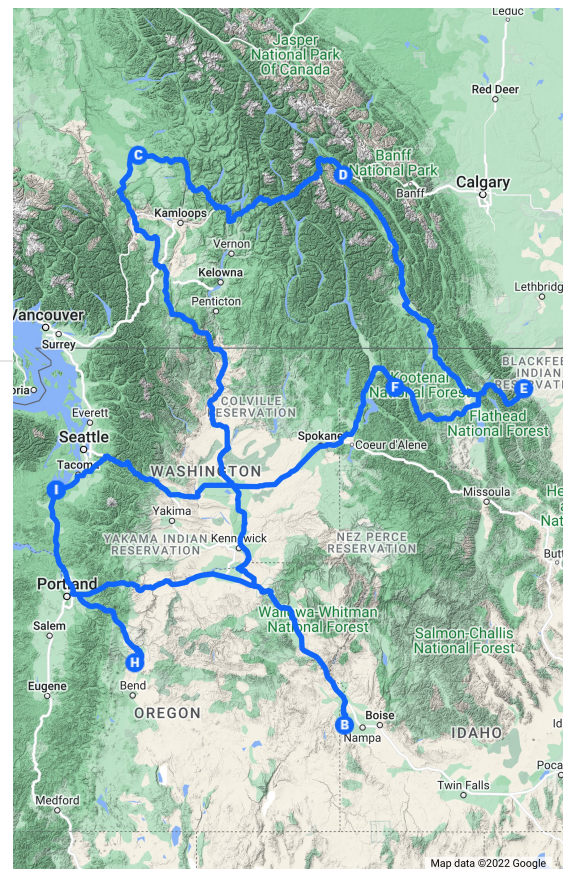
We are a volunteer group and I want to personally thank each and every one of you who give so generously of your knowledge, time, and energy. Without you, our clubs would not be possible, and we so appreciate the hospitality we were shown traveling through Region 10.

Kathy Geese, Region 10 Installation Rally Route

Directions from Olympia, WA to Olympia, WA

- A Olympia, WA
- B Homedale, ID
- C Lone Butte, BC, Canada
- D Golden, BC, Canada
- E East Glacier Park Village, MT
- F Troy, MT
- G Olympia, WA
- H The Cove Palisades State Park, Culver, OR
- I Olympia, WA

NOTE: Destinations "A", "G" and "I" overlap. They are all Olympia, WA.



Region 10 Logo Wear and More!



Your requests have been answered! Your Region 10 officers and committee chairs have made available the new logo on a variety of wearables and products:

- Men's Classic Tee shirts and Tank Tops
- Women's sized & styled Tee shirts and Tank Tops
- Kid's sized classic Tees, hoodies, long-sleeved Tees and Onesies
- Unisex Hoodies, Crew neck shirt, Long Sleeve & Baseball shirts
- Tote Bags
- Ceramic and travel mugs
- Magnets, Pins and Stickers
- Notebooks
- Phone case
- Laptop case
- Wall Art
- Tapestry/throws

All products are sold and shipped by TeePublic, with a "Satisfaction Guarantee." TeePublic ships internationally so our Canadian clubs can shop as well.

For each sale, your Region 10 receives a commission. The income from sales of merchandise will be used to support officer travel to attend installation rallies for the seven clubs in Region 10. Plus, you will be promoting the awesome units and members in Region 10.

When you visit the storefront [here](#), you will see several designs listed. Currently, the men's and women's classic Tee shirts have an option for a small logo on the front and larger logo on the back, indicated by the description under the design icon. This Region 10 version is available [here](#). Scroll down for other product options.

As we receive the individual unit logos, we will feature the unit's logo on the front and Region 10 logo on the back. At this time, we have the Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit's logo in all the products, which you can view [here](#) as well as the Oregon Airstream Club's logo [here](#).



TeePublic has excellent "fitting review" information and great customer support. Check out all the design options.

If your unit wants to display their logo on the Tee shirt front and have it on other items, please contact airstream355@gmail.com for information.

Introducing Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler, Region 10 Caravan Co-Chairs



We live in Surrey, British Columbia and have owned an Airstream since 2012. Our current model is a 1999 31' Excella Classic, which we love. We've travelled extensively in BC and down the coast through Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona.

We have also towed our vacation home (cottage) across Canada to Ontario four times to enjoy time with family and friends there. We've been to the Atlantic provinces with a trailer, but summer 2022 was our first time with our Airstream. We were very privileged to be on the 2022 Viking Trail Caravan to Newfoundland, which was amazing. Our caravans have included: 2 Airstream-only caravans to Mexico, 5 caravans in different parts of BC with our BC Unit 221, and a caravan with the northern California Unit, which traveled all over California. In addition, we've participated in many rallies in BC with our home Unit. We also are Past First Lady and Past President of our Unit of the Club.

We love traveling, especially with our Airstream, but also flying to faraway places for a week or more. We're really into photography (Janet mostly), barbecuing, camping, reading, happy hour, and spending lots of time with family and friends. We are super excited to meet new friends as we get involved as Caravan Chairs for Region 10.

We are blessed to be parents to four daughters and grandparents to seven children, ranging in age from 24 down to 9 years of age. Time with them is among our most coveted joys.



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WBCCI Pet Policy for Rallies and Caravans and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ~ Kathy Geese, Region 10 President

Did you know that according to research by Go RVing, 68% of RVers are now traveling with their pets? During the pandemic, some owners worked from home and their pets are now experiencing anxiety when they're "left behind". For others of us, our pets become part of our family and we can't imagine leaving home without them. Recently, I was made aware of the ACI/WBCCI pet policy on the airstreamclub.org website. It states that when attending events "*all pets must be on a 6', non-retractable leash when outside the Airstream*" and "*pets are not allowed inside buildings or outside areas during a meal unless they are a working service animal.*"

Rally and Caravan hosts may have a policy that animals are not permitted during other activities as well due to safety or health issues. In addition, many RV parks have a policy prohibiting animals in buildings and some have policies that if pets have been in buildings, a professional cleaning fee will be charged. These fees aren't usually included in the rally fees, which means either the pet owner or the rally hosts have to shoulder the burden of fees that can be over \$200, depending on the facility. The exemption to a policy prohibiting animals in buildings or during activities is that, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), working service animals are allowed to accompany their owner in buildings and/or during a meal or activity with the person for whom they are providing services.

I have researched the ADA regulations extensively in regard to the definition of "working service animals." The ADA law states that service animals are *1) Dogs, 2) Any breed and any size of dog, and 3) Trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability.* There are only two questions that can legally be asked of a person that identifies their dog as a service animal: *1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability and, 2) what task has the dog been trained to perform?* Emotional support or comfort animals have been trending in news stories, but the ADA does not recognize them as "service animals." As stated on their website, "providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability."

I recently hosted a rally where an animal had been brought in to the group dinner by an owner. It was an awkward and stressful situation for both of us. I wasn't aware of the dog at the dining table until other members complained. It was a large gathering and the owner was afraid people around her could have overheard our conversation even though I tried to be both respectful and discreet. When I advised the owner that the facility did not allow dogs, she stated the animal was her personal animal that she was "training to be a service dog" and, as such, the Americans with Disabilities Act allowed the animal to be with her at all times. This was my first experience with this issue and, frankly, I was not well-versed in the ADA, which I have now corrected. Because of this experience and my taking a deep dive into the ADA, I learned that dogs in training are NOT considered by the ADA rules to be working service animals. I appreciate that the member brought this to my attention, so I can share the following and avoid uncomfortable situations for both hosts and those with disabilities.

As the ACI/WBCCI Region 10 President, I participated last month in a forum with the other 11 Region Presidents and almost all have experienced issues of members bringing their pets in to meals and becoming upset when asked to remove the dog. In one instance, a member was physically hurt when they tripped over the leash of another member's dog. In another, a member who had painstakingly prepared (in her Airstream's gas oven!) homemade yeast rolls watched a dog break free of their owner and pull the entire basket of rolls off the table on to the floor. Further, several hosts have been forced to intervene in angry arguments between members and dog owners whose dogs lunged at their plates of food. In every one of these instances, the owner of the dog was surprised by the *(continued on page 18)*

WBCCi Pet Policy for Rallies and Caravans and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ~ (continued from page 17)

behavior as “they are a well-behaved dog.” There are also a lot of members that have pet allergies. I personally have asthma that is induced by cats and some of you may have seen pictures of me with one or both eyes swelled shut after being around a cat in a small, enclosed area. I think cats have a sixth sense as I can be in a crowd of 100 people and one cat and guess who the cat wants to rub on?

I understand there are many members who have legitimate, trained service animals. People with PTSD, vision or hearing issues, diabetes or seizures, etc. depend heavily on their trained and working service animals. There is no governmental agency that officially certifies a service animal but a quick search on Google shows a number of companies willing to provide “registration” for a fee without requiring any proof of the animal being trained to provide a service. There is also no governmental agency that regulates, provides, or requires service animal attire even though Amazon has an unlimited number of sellers of “service animal” vests, collars, jackets, patches, collars, and id tags. One vendor has a line of products that state “Protected under Federal Law.” Bonus points for creative marketing there as they do not ask for any information about the animal before processing the order and charging to your credit card.

So, in recognition of the invaluable service provided by working service dogs for some of you, I would respectfully suggest that you make your host and the campground owner(s) aware that you will be accompanied by your service dog prior to attending the rally. The rally host can then advise those with allergies or cynophobia (extreme fear of dogs), so they can avoid situations where they are exposed to your working service dog. For those of you that are not disabled but travel in your Airstream with your dog(s), thank you for abiding by the WBCCI/ACI policy which helps your host(s) and other members, and respects those with disabilities. Thank you.

National Potlatch Reunion ~ August 1st - 6th 2023

The Washington Airstream Club is proud to announce the return of the National Potlatch event rally after years of absence. This will be the opportunity to once again spotlight our rich history in the WBCCI and bring Airstream members from across the United States and Canada to the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Registration opens January 15, 2023 to all Airstream Club members. Visit our website for registration & more information.

Join us for five days of fun, food & activities!

- Daily Continental Breakfast • Four Dinners including Salmon Bake • Daily Seminars • Tours to WA State Capital, Crystal Mountain, Deep-sea Fishin & More!
- Happy Hours with old-time photos • Live Music • Games

•Courtesy of volunteers associated with Friends of Willi & Joe, Saturday features a display of Vietnam Era vehicles, equipment, field hospital, hooch & historians to answer your questions.

Lots of local attractions to explore on your own or carpool with others • Mt. Rainier • Wineries • Craft Breweries • Seafair • Golf • LeMay Car Museum • Olympia Flight Museum • and More!

Washington Land Yacht Harbor~9101 Steilacoom Rd SE~Olympia, WA 98513

The Region 10 Tech Talk Times ~ Ray Putnam

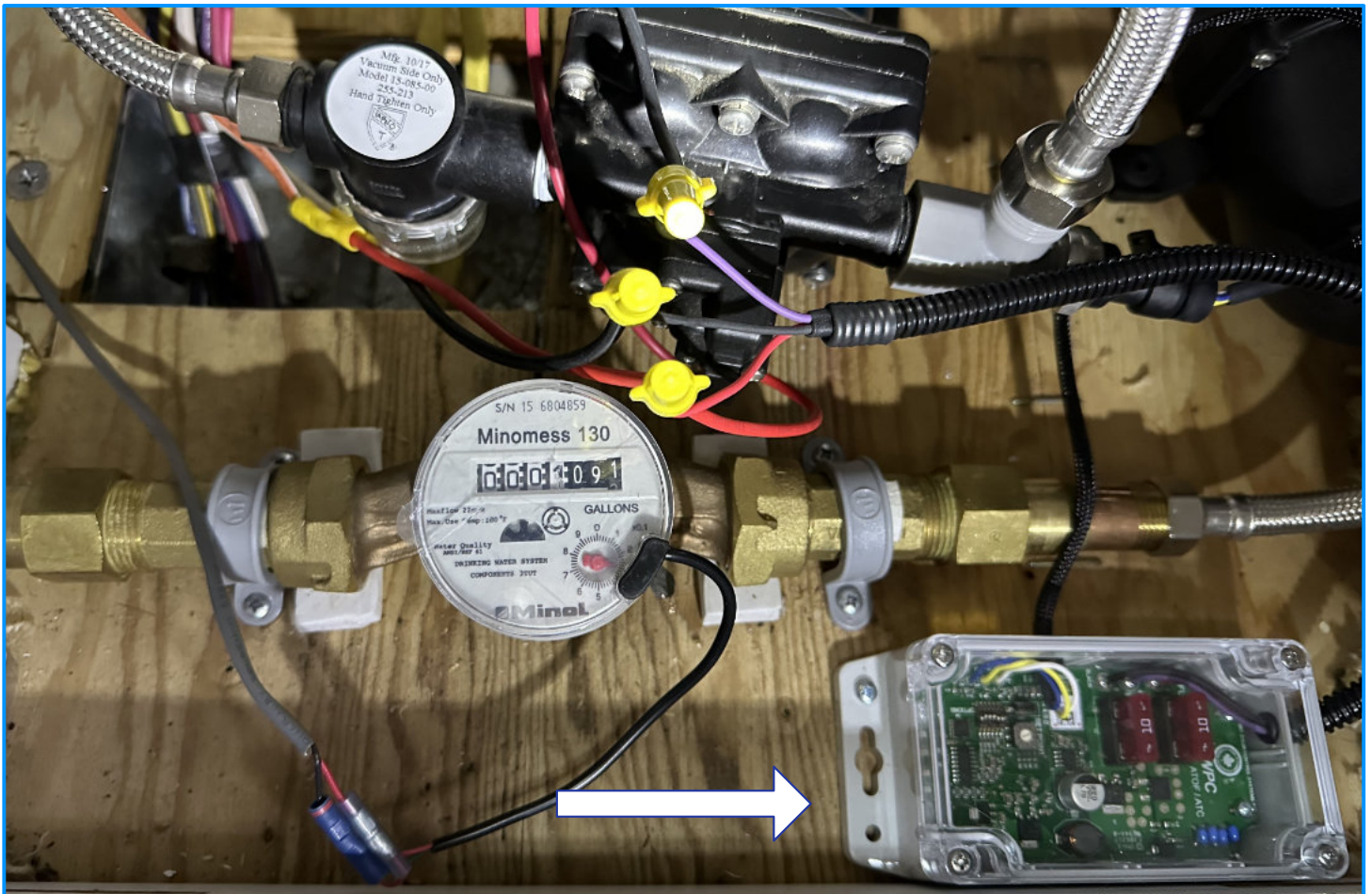


Hello to all. On our national caravan this year I met someone that was using an Intelligent RV Water Pump Controller (IRVWPC). Who would have thought! The device comes with everything you need to install the IRVWPC. I saw the results and found the experience quite interesting. Using the on-board water pump I observed smooth and relatively quiet water pump operation. I was able to get flow from a faucet that was barely on that was smooth and quiet!

I never need a water pressure adjustment device (regulator) because I only use water to the trailer from the shore water after it is thoroughly filtered and fed to our fresh-water tank. We are always ready to dry camp. For us the IRVWPC makes excellent sense. And no-one will complain about the most-quiet pump system.

The IRVWPC is sourced in Canada. The installation and operating manual listed two contact points: irvwpc@gmail.com and WWW.irvwpc.com.

I just completed installation of the IRVWPC device. I like it. I think it is worth the price - \$229.00, plus shipping. I have annotated the Controller Installation from the manual based upon my experience. My notes are on the next page. It may prove helpful for any of you who might like to tackle this little project. I have included a photo of the installation (unit is at bottom right of photo). rayputnam@icloud.com.
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2.3 Controller Installation (Page 11) Installation and Operating Manual IRVWPC Version 4.0.0 The IRVWPC - - -; It is recommended - - -; The supplied pressure - - -; The use of different width - - -

A RED (positive) wire connects to the nose of the RV water pump. This wire comes from the RV wiring power source. Remove this Quick-Connect Blade Style connector by firmly pulling down. Once removed, this connector can be inserted into the mating BLUE shrouded male Blade connector with the double RED lead wires. These Quick-Connect Blade connectors have a specific width blade and will only fit to the intended match. The other BLUE Blade female connector with a heat-shrink extension can be now connected to the nose of the pump where the original RV supply wire was previously removed.

This connection effectively taps 12VDC power while still retaining the pressure switch internally in the pump. *OR: The RV supplies a red wire to the nose of the RV water pump. Some RV water pumps have a removable blade style connector – some do not. If you can't remove the red wire and connector you will have to cut the red wire about four to five inches long and strip the cut end about 3/8" of bare wire.*

*Then cut off the two red wire blade connectors on the IRVWPC wiring harness and strip the red control wire about 3/8" of bare wire. You will then be connecting the RV 12VDC positive wire cut long enough to reach the wires from the pump and IRVWPC harness. Strip the cut end about 3/8" of bare wire. Then connect all **three** wires together using crimp or wire nut connectors.*

The original pump motor BLACK (negative) must now be cut and connected to the PURPLE controller wire. This wire from the controller has a BLUE 1/4" shrouded male Quick-Connect Blade connector and will connect to the pump motor lead using the supplied WAGO connector and the PURPLE 4" length of lead wire with the mating female 1/4" Blade connector. Wires should be stripped 3/8" for proper function of the WAGO connector. *OR: The original RV pump motor BLACK (negative) wire at the pump must now be cut and connected to the PURPLE controller wire. Cut the original RV pump motor BLACK (negative) wire long enough to make the connection and strip the wire about 3/8" of bare wire. Then connect the **two** wires together using crimp or wire nut connectors.*

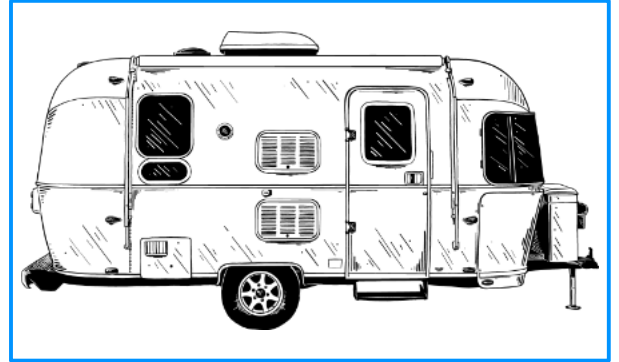
The remaining wire which is the negative connection to the RV's power source is now connected to the BLACK controller wire. This BLACK wire has a BLUE 1/4" female Quick Connect Blade connector and will connect to the RV using the supplied WAGO and the Black length of lead wire with the mating 1/4" male Blade connector. *OR: The original RV pump motor BLACK (negative) wire from the RV must now be cut long enough to make the connection to the BLACK controller wire. Strip this BLACK (negative) wire about 3/8" of bare wire. Then connect the BLACK controller wire (stripped about 3/8" of bare wire) to the BLACK (negative) wire. Connect the **two** wires together using crimp or wire nut connectors.*

NOTE: Crimp connectors are preferred over wire nut connectors for a longstanding connection. Crimp connections do not presuppose removal of the IRVWPC for sale of the RV. To return the RV pump motor back to the pre-IRVWPC status simply connect the RV (positive) wire to the RV pump (positive) wire and the RV (negative) wire to the RV pump (negative) wire. The IRVWPC wiring is sensitive to positive and negative RV wiring. Be sure to get positive to positive and negative to negative by checking with a meter. RED is positive and Black is negative on the IRVWPC. (My RV positive wire was white with a red stripe and my RV negative wire was white. Just FYI).

Tips on Airstream De-winterization

Annie Coleman, Social Media Specialist at [Airstream Adventures](#)

For some Airstreamers who don't travel during the winter, the prospect of spring means anticipation of sunnier days ahead with the promise of adventure. To help you prepare for upcoming trips, we created a preliminary list of tips on how to de-winterize your Airstream before you head out on the open road. Keep in mind, de-winterization processes can be as unique as Airstreams themselves, so if you're not sure about how to de-winterize your Airstream be sure to call your local Airstream Adventures' experts for fast service and peace of mind.



1. Clean your Airstream's Exterior and Interior

Exterior

To clean the exterior, make sure to use products that are safe on your Airstream's outer clear protective coating. Products we recommend are Glare Ultra Wash and No-wet Waterless Car Wash. When cleaning the exterior, be sure to use a soft rag in gentle, back to front movements rather than up and down. This lessens the risk of leaving small scratches that can be visible in bright sunlight. Finish the outside with a protectant and polish like Walbernize or consider our NanoCure protection package which is installed by Airstream Adventures. The last step to washing your Airstreams exterior are the wheels and tires, which you can wash with soapy water or wheel cleaner. Remove any dirt and debris from your awning as well to keep it in good condition.

Interior

Start with cleaning of all your countertops then vacuuming to remove dust and any other build up. We recommend Dawn or Castille soap (such as Dr. Bronner's) or any organic, formaldehyde free products. Bar Keeper's Friend is also a great product for cleaning aluminum. This is also a great time to rewash bedding and update your décor for the new season!

While you clean, be sure to check for any maintenance issues and all interior details. For example, checking glass and plastic parts that weather faster than metal, windows for cracks and inspecting sealants. Also be sure to always check all your lights, brakes, and all your doors before you get onto the road.

2. Check the Batteries

The best way to ensure your batteries are in good condition when camping season comes back is to properly store them during winterization according to the battery type that your trailer has. Make sure to inspect the batteries for any cracks or damage before travelling. Then clean the corrosion of your batteries with a wire brush and inspect the cables for any issues. Batteries can be dangerous so only inspect them if you feel comfortable doing so. Be sure to wear gloves and protective eyewear when doing your inspection or maintaining the batteries. If your Airstream has a solar package, you can leave the batteries in it but make sure to keep the trailer above freezing temperatures and use battery heater mats if available. After you take these steps, your batteries should be ready for your next adventure!

3. Flush the Plumbing

Make sure to flush any antifreeze from winterization before hitting the road. To clear your drains, connect a freshwater hose to your trailer's freshwater inlet. Open all low-point *(continued on page 22)*

Tips on Airstream De-winterization *(continued from page 21)*

and turn on all the hot and cold faucets inside your Airstream until the water runs clear. This is also a suitable time to add freshwater system cleaner to disinfect and remove any odors. Be sure to check outside your sewer hoses to make sure they are in good condition too before you hit the road.

4. Propane Test

Checking your propane tank connections and inspecting the tanks is also an important step in de-winterization. During this step, be sure to look for any signs of damage. It's also good to make sure your tanks have been recently certified (the recommendation is after 12 years of manufacturing and every 5 years after that). You can use a paintbrush and soapy water to check for any leaks, or a flammable gas detector if you have one handy. If there are any leaks or a gas smell, call one of our dealerships to help get it fixed. If there are no issues, then you are good to go!

5. Inspect All Tires

The last step before hitting the road is checking your tires. This is a suitable time to check the pressure of all your tires and inspect the back side of your tires. Confirm all the tires are filled, including the spare and look for weather checking (cracks) on the roadside of the tire. Once complete and any issues are addressed you are officially ready to hit the road!

Again, these are preliminary recommendations only. Please refer to your Airstream Owner's Manual for all maintenance and troubleshooting facts for complete details. If you have any questions or need assistance with de-winterization, Airstream Adventures is here for you! We have six locations across the Pacific Northwest and our team makes the whole experience a breeze. We will de-winterize your coach at an affordable price so you can concentrate solely on the Memories & Adventures to come as you set out on your next journey.



Wagons Ho!

The International Airstream Club would like to invite you to attend the 2023 Airstream International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, June 24-30, 2023. Plans are well underway to offer educational seminars, live entertainment, vendors, food trucks, and so much more.

Region 10 will sponsor a barbecue for our members on **Wednesday, June 28th** so **Save the Date!** This is the last International Rally on the West Coast for several years. Local clubs are organizing Caravans to the rally and contact your local club president for details if you are interested in joining your club's Caravan.

Region 10 will be coordinating the arrival of Caravans in to the Rock Springs Event Center on June 23rd and we will have designated Region 10 spaces for our registered

Caravan members. The International Rally officially begins on Saturday, June 24th. For more information, <https://airstreamclub.org/2023-international-rally-rock-springs-wy>

Photo Submissions for a chance to be featured on Airstream Adventures Social Pages

Share your Airstream story with the Airstream Adventures online community! We would love to feature your unique trailer with our online community, to inspire others to chase the Airstream dream.

Photo Guidelines:

When submitting a photo please send them to orclcair_seagullpro@lithia.com and include the following information:

Name, year, and model of Airstream. Feel free to tell us about yourself, the places you have traveled, and your favorite memories in your Airstream too!

Specs:

Any photo taken on your phone will work! However, be sure to send the attachments as a png or jpeg.

Exterior Shot Examples:

- Images with your Airstream in a campsite
- Images of your favorite activities with your Airstream (lounging in a campsite, fishing, canoeing, skiing, etc....)
- Images with your Airstream in a scenic location

Interior Shot Examples:

- Appropriate images of people in the space
- Images of cooking in your Airstream or generally using kitchen supplies
- Images of people enjoying the dining and lounge area (eating, reading, enjoying a game, etc.)



Click on the "f" icon to find WBCCI Region 10 on Facebook!

Region 10 Airstream Clubs

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Upcoming Region 10 National Rallies

Potlatch Reunion Rally, Washington Land Yacht Harbor, August 1-6, 2023 ([Registration Information](#))

If you made it this far, thank you for reading!