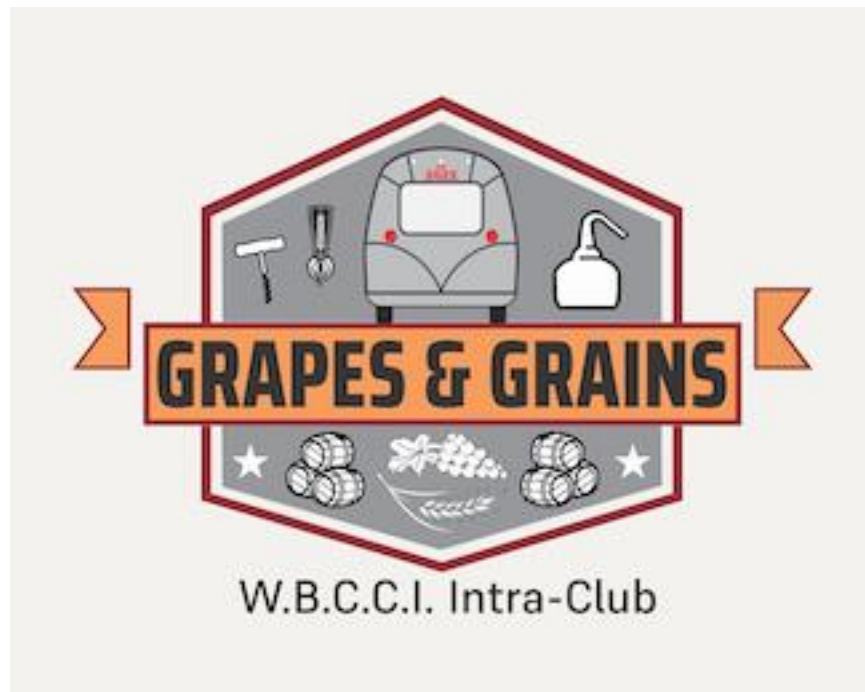


Sip of Diamond Valley Rally

Location: Diamond Valley, Alberta, Canada

Date of Rally: July 3rd to July 4th, 2025



RV Park – Aspen Crossing, Alberta

Location: Highway AB-24, Mossleigh, Alberta, T0L 1P0

Reservations: Reservations can be made by calling Aspen Crossing directly. See Campground Booking Instructions for more information.

RV Website: <https://aspencrossing.com/>

Rally Hosts: Douglas Whiteside 403 863 1310
Carol Whiteside 403 830 6984

Rally: The Sip of Diamond Valley Rally is an opportunity for Grains and Grapes members participating in Airstream International's Stampede National Event Rally to get an early 2-day start on the festivities. It is an occasion to ride into history at Bar U Ranch National Historic Site, explore small-town Alberta cuisine and beers at the Black Diamond Hotel, and taste award-winning Canadian spirits at the Eau Claire Distillery. This is also an opportunity to meet old and new friends while settling into the RV park and exploring Alberta's beautiful Foothills.

Rally participants will meet at the Aspen Crossing RV Park (Home of the Stampede National Event Rally) on July 3 and board a bus on July 4 for a full day of adventure. Included in the Rally are:

July 3rd Orientation and Buffet Supper
July 4th Private Group Tour of the Bar U National Historic Ranch
Lunch at the Historic Black Diamond Hotel and an opportunity to explore small town Alberta life.
Tour and Tasting at the Famous Eau Claire Distillery

The full itinerary is as follows:

Day 1	3-Jul	4:00 PM	Rally Introductions and Orientation
		5:00 PM	GAM (Get Acquainted Meetings)
		6:00 PM	Kickoff Supper (Bring Your Own Drinks)
Day 2	4-Jul	8:45 AM	Board Bus
		10:00 AM	Arrive Bar U Ranch
		12:00 PM	Leave Bar U Ranch
		12:30 PM	Arrive Black Diamond Hotel
		2:15 PM	Leave Black Diamond Hotel
		2:30 PM	Arrive Eau Claire Distillery
		4:15 PM	Leave Eau Claire Distillery
		5:30 PM	Arrive Back Aspen Crossing
Day 3	5-Jul		Start of National Stampede Rally

The Rally costs are \$220 CAN (or \$160 US) per person, and the Rally is limited to 40 people. The fee includes:

- July 3rd supper and July 4th lunch (However, drinks are not included)
- Bus to all of the July 4th venues
- Bar U Ranch entry and tour fees
- Distillery Tasting and Tour Fees.

Note: Campground Fees are Not Included.

Venues

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site,

The Bar U Ranch National Historic Site, is a preserved ranch that for 70 years was one of the leading ranching operations in Canada. At its peak, the ranch extended over 160,000 acres (65,000 ha) with 30,000 cattle and 1000 Percheron horses. Two owners Fred Stimson and George Lane were instrumental in the establishment of the Calgary Stampede.

As visitors, we learn about early Alberta ranch life and history from local guides. We can ride a wagon pulled by Percheron horses, wander the trails and dirt roads to see the cattle, saddle horses, chickens and other farm animals. Venture into the 100-year-old barns, slaughterhouse, post office and cookhouse to get a taste of traditional ranch life. The Stoney Nakoda encampment on the banks of Pekisko Creek provides opportunities to visit a tipi, hear traditional stories told by Indigenous interpreters and learn about the important contributions made by Indigenous Peoples to the ranching industry in Western Canada. More Information about Bar U can be found on the following websites:

<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/ab/baru>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110218111504/http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/ab/baru/natcul.aspx>

Black Diamond Hotel

The Black Diamond Hotel has been the centre of the action since 1929. It was the first establishment to offer food, drinks, and lodging in Black Diamond. The hotel is still a favourite watering hole for locals and Calgarians. In the past, it was also a popular hangout for Western music greats like Ian Tyson, and today, it is still a favourite place to enjoy local musical talent.

The Black Diamond Hotel is in Diamond Valley, a small western town located approximately 30 minutes southwest of Calgary, in the heart of Alberta's Rocky Mountain foothills. The town is home to several unique shops featuring western artifacts and wear, and it is not uncommon to see a cowboy or two on their way to one of the local watering holes.

We will stop and have lunch in the hotel, and beers can be purchased for those who wish to sample the local wares. A brief amount of time will be provided for exploring the local shops. More information about the Black Diamond Hotel and Diamond Valley Town can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.diamondvalley.town/>

<https://blackdiamondhotel.com/>

<https://weexplorecanada.com/diamond-valley-alberta/>

Eau Claire Distillery

The Eau Claire Distillery is the most awarded craft distillery in Canada. It is located in West Diamond Valley, formerly known as Turner Valley, and is proud to have received numerous awards from internationally acclaimed and local competitions.

While touring the distillery, we will learn about whiskey making and how it was done in Canada during prohibition. We will also have an opportunity to taste some of the spirits that Eau Claire offers. For those so inclined, there will also be an opportunity to purchase award-winning spirits. More information about Eau Claire Distillery can be found on the following websites:

<https://eauclairedistillery.ca/>

<https://eauclairedistillery.ca/pages/awards>

Aspen Crossing

Aspen Crossing is the camping location for the 2025 Airstream International Club's National Event Stampede Rally. Aspen Crossing offers RV camping and outstanding railway journeys at the edge of a beautiful little 'valley' in Southern Alberta, 50 minutes southeast of Calgary on the edge of Canada's great plains. The resort offers great pub food in the Bergquist Tavern, casual dining in the Railcar Restaurant, unique and fun gifts at the Station, and train excursions. More information about The Stampede Rally and Aspen Crossing can be found on the following websites:

<https://airstreamclub.org/calgary-stampede-national-event-rally>

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=122111646188568927&id=61567067836052&_rdr

<https://aspencrossing.com/>

Emergency and Medical Care

Responding to a Medical Emergency

If someone requires emergency medical attention, **call 911** and provide the following information:

- Your location
- The nature of the medical emergency
- Patient information (name, age, gender, physical appearance)

Remain on the scene and stay on the line with the emergency dispatcher. They can provide you with directions on how to assist the individual.

Accessing Non-emergency Medical Aid

Nearest Hospital/Emergency Room:

South Health Campus

4448 Front Street SE
Calgary, Alberta, T3M 1M4
(403) 956-1111

Website: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/shc/shc.aspx>

Alternate Hospital/Emergency Room:

High River General Hospital

560 9 Avenue SW
High River, Alberta, T1V 1B3
(403) 652-2200

Website: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/findhealth/facility.aspx?id=1000953>

Pets

We understand some Airstreamers travel with their pets, and Aspen Crossing is a pet-friendly campground with designated dog parks. Please refer to Aspen Crossing's campground rules and guidelines for more information.

SAFETY NOTE: On Rally Day, July 4, we will be gone for over 8 hours. The daily high temperature can be over 30 C/86 F, so pets risk injury and death if there is no air conditioning, such as from an unexpected power outage. Participants will be given a list of local kennels and dog care businesses. You are responsible for arranging proper care for your pet when you are absent.

If you are coming with a dog, here are some local kennels that you can look into.

[Dog Kennel | Alpine View Pet Spa | Strathmore & Area](#)
[Home | Living Prairie K9 Solutions | Dog Kennel Boarding Training | Alberta](#)
[Barks & Recreation Dog Kennel | Carseland AB. – Barks And Recreation Dog Kennel](#)

Veterinary Clinics

VCA Calgary Animal Referral & Emergency Centre
7140 – 12th Street S.E.
Calgary, AB T2H 2Y4
Main: 403-520-8387
Fax: 403-692-4350

SAVE (Southern Alberta Veterinary Emergency)
322233 15 Street East
Okotoks, Alberta T1S 3L7
Main: 403-995-3270
Fax: 403-995-1419

Campground Booking Instructions:

Campgrounds can be booked once you have successfully registered through Airstream Club International for the Sip of Diamond Valley Rally. **For camping, do not register online.** To reserve phone **Darial or Jeanette 403-534-2129** and mention you are making reservations for the **Airstream Grapes & Grains Sip of Diamond Valley Rally.**

If you have registered for ACI's National Event Stampede Rally and have booked a campsite, Aspen Crossing will attempt to keep you on the same site for the duration of the two rallies. Please let Aspen Crossing know you have a prior booking if you extend your stay for this Rally.

Disclaimer:

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION HAS INHERENT RISKS. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS VOLUNTARY AT ALL PARTS OF THIS RALLY. THE HOSTS, GRAPES & GRAINS, AND ACI ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR CHOICES AND ACTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF. ATTENDANCE AT GROUP EVENTS, AT THE CAMPSITE OR OTHERWISE, IS NOT MANDATORY TO ATTEND THE RALLY. HAVE A PLAN TO GET BACK SAFELY TO YOUR AIRSTREAM.

Adult Activities:

Grapes & Grains events are specifically centered around the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages, which is considered an adult activity. These events will include visiting wineries, breweries, brew pubs and distilleries, which may require visitors to be of legal drinking age (21 years of age or older). Grapes & grains reserves the right to not allow anyone under the age of 21 to participate in any or all activities at a Grapes & Grains event.

Grapes & Grains Refund Policy:

Members who cancel after being registered for any event will forfeit any third-party non-refundable fees incurred by Grapes & Grains (G&G) or the event sponsor including but not limited to reservation fees, processing fees, site cancellation fees, prepaid excursion, tour,

entertainment, and event fees. Any member/registrant who cancels within 30 days of the Rally start date will forfeit any prepaid rally fees and depending on the venue, potential RV site fees. Regardless of the reason or cause, if the timeliness of cancellation of your attendance does not allow G&G or it's Host(s) to find replacement attendees or obtain refunds from any of the vendors or providers, a refund will not be made, and forfeiture of those costs will be incurred by the cancelling member.

If Grapes & Grains should cancel a rally or event, all fees paid by any member/registrant will be refunded.

This Grapes & Grains refund policy is premised on the concept that the Intra-Club should neither profit from nor subsidize the cost of any member or registrant who cancels after registering for a G&G sponsored or hosted Rally or event. We understand that circumstances arise where a cancellation may be necessary, and every effort will be made to minimize the financial impact on both the Intra-Club and the member/registrant.

Any member/registrant who does not agree with a refund decision made by the organizers of a G&G sponsored event may appeal that decision to the G&G Executive Board by filing a written appeal request, including the reasons for a reversal of the refund decision, within 30 days of the original refund decision.

Rally Guidelines:

We want each participant to have a Great Adventure as you explore the beauty and culture of Alberta's foothills. As importantly, we want to allow you to meet new friends and, possibly, acquaint yourself with old friends. Most of all, we want you to have fun.

We ask that you be considerate of your fellow participants and accept that there may be a few unavoidable and unplanned challenges along the way. If issues arise, please come and see Carol or Doug.

Alcohol – Please exercise good judgment in the use of alcohol.

Being Gracious – when the opportunity arises, we ask that you welcome other participants into your personal gatherings and conversations. We may not all get along, but like a family, a more enjoyable time can be had when no one is excluded.

Venue and Transportation Rules – All participants must be familiar with and follow the instructions and guidelines provided by the venues we will visit, the bus company and the campground.

Emergencies – Please notify the rally leaders of any emergency. Emergency information is listed in your travel guide. **In the case of a medical emergency, immediately call 911.**

Exploring – There will be opportunities to explore during the bus trip. Participants are expected to be at the meeting locations on or before the specified time. Participants should be aware of their surroundings and location at all times. If something goes wrong, rally leaders should be notified immediately.

Get Acquainted Meetings (GAM) – Participants are expected to participate in GAMS. The GAMs are a great way to meet new people and initiate lifelong friendships. For the July 3 evening, GAM participants must provide their beverage.

Legal Stuff – Neither the WBCCI nor its officers nor any WBCCI sanctioned rally leader shall be responsible for the loss of or damage to property, injury, or death of any participant in any duly authorized WBCCI rally. Please protect yourself and your property.

Pets – In addition to the Pet guidelines and information previously provided, pets are not permitted at any rally functions, including GAMs and dinners.

Smoking – No smoking at any of the group functions.

Tips and Gratuities – all tips and gratuities are included for any Rally supplied meals or events. If you wish to recognize a person or place, please feel free to do so. Gratuities for meals or services on your own are your responsibility.

Get Acquainted Meeting (GAM) and Activities:

Several get acquainted activities are planned for the Rally. As mentioned, one of the primary purposes of the Rally is to meet people, have fun and develop lifelong friendships. One of the goals of this Rally is that you have had a chance to meet **ALL** of the other participants. A description of the GAM activities will be provided at the Rally instruction and orientation meeting.

Rally Participants

To be provided once bookings are complete.