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President's Message



Northwest Summer Magic

As your new President of Region 10 – proudly carrying **BRN 214** – I'm excited to share my very first article. What a summer it has already been for our Airstream Club! From the wild Pacific shores to the serene lakes of Canada, every stop was pure Northwest magic. We camped under endless blue skies, hiked forest trails, browsed lively farmers' markets, and shared countless laughs around the campfire.

The scenery was spectacular – but the company was even better. Our members brought the true Airstream spirit: friendship, adventure, and a willingness to help one another along the way.

As of this writing, I have had the privilege of installing the officers of three of our seven clubs: **Inland NW, Montana, and Alberta/Saskatchewan**. I'd like to thank each of these clubs for their warm hospitality and share a few highlights of their rallies.

The **Alberta/Saskatchewan Unit**, together with the **Montana Unit**, hosted their traditional *Hands Across the Border* rally in Lethbridge, AB. AB/SK took the lead as hosts, and they delivered a truly outstanding event. This year's theme was Japanese culture, with special meals, music, and activities. I especially enjoyed learning to make sushi and Japanese wind chimes, along with a tour of the Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden – both beautiful and educational. With tours and demonstrations each day, [continued on page 2]

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entertainment evening, and wonderful meals, it was a rally unlike any other. Congratulations to rally hosts Susan Huntley and Jane Goudie for a job very well done!



Left: Hands Across the Border Rally

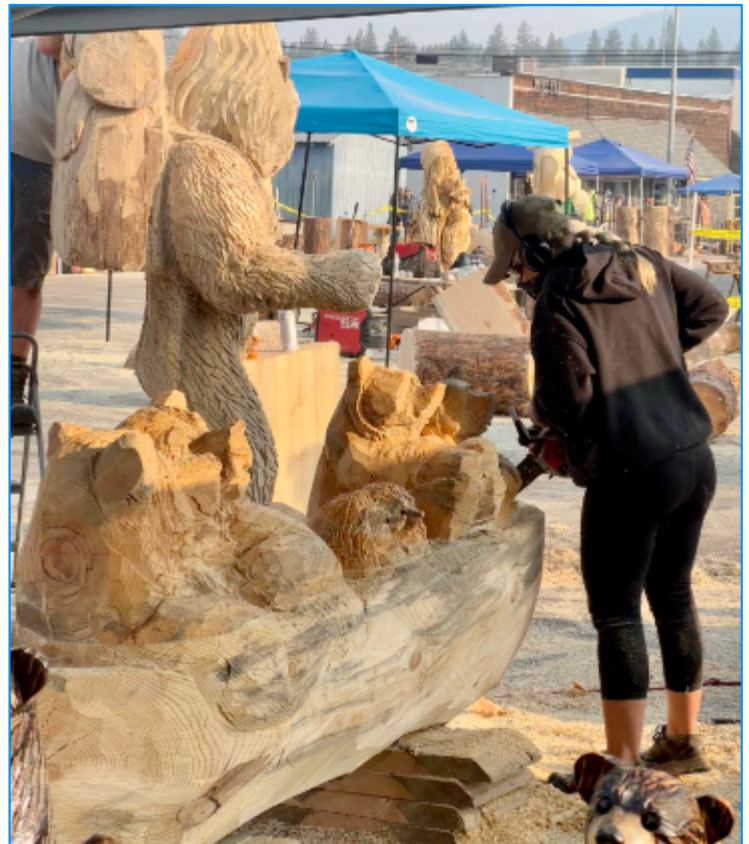
Below: Our hosts, Susan & Jane, demonstrating how to make sushi



The **Inland NW Unit** held their rally in Troy, MT – a truly stunning location. Their focus was the Clash of the Carvers, a world-class wood carving event in nearby Libby, MT, where artists from around the globe created incredible works with chainsaws.

Left:
Nikka
Yuko
Japanese
Garden

Right:
Clash of
the
Carvers



Rally hosts Dave and Linda Johnson also arranged a four-hour float trip down the Kootenai River. (see picture on page 3)

From start to finish, the rally was warm, welcoming, and exceptionally well-run – a reflection of both the hosts and the club.

Here's to the memories we made this summer... and to many more miles together! Each of these rallies showcased the very best of our Region's spirit – friendship, hospitality, and a love of adventure that unites us all.



Above: Four-hour float trip down the Kootenai River



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Editor's Desk ~ Carolyn White

Announcing the Region 10 Rally Logo!



Get ready for the Region 10 Rally, June 24-28, 2026 in Hood River OR by ordering logo wear and merchandise from Tee Public! All the products can be ordered [here](#).

Hint: If you sign up for Tee Public's newsletter, you will be the first to know about sales. All proceeds go directly to your Region 10.

Wanted: Your photos and write-ups about a rally you attended, such as your local club rally, any favorite "One Pot Wonders" recipes, your favorite modification, or ????. The deadline for newsletter submission is December 15 for the Winter issue. Email airstream355@gmail.com with your newsletter contributions.

Region 10 is fortunate to count among its member Ray Putnam, who is a great resource for all things Airstream maintenance and repair. This month, Ray tells us how we can keep warm in our Airstream. Up to now, Ray and your editor have been brainstorming topics. Now, it's up to our

readers to ask an Airstream-related maintenance question of Ray. If your question is accepted for the Tech Talk Times in the Winter 2026 issue, we will send you a genuine Region 10 sticker! In the case of a duplicate question/topic, the first one asked will receive a sticker. Please submit to airstream355@gmail.com and I'll forward to Ray.

Getting to Know . . . Jerry Kavalieratos ~Jerry Kavalieratos, 1st Vice President, Region 10

Hello Region 10 Airstreamers! With August 1st having come and gone, we're into a new year of club leadership. We've had a lot of new Airstreamers join this year and some of you might not remember me from my intro last year.

My name is Jerry Kavalieratos and I've recently transitioned to the role of 1st VP for Region 10. I live in Olympia, WA with my husband Hou and Niko, our doodle pup. We purchased our first Airstream 21 years ago and Nimbus, our current Airstream, a 2010 Flying Cloud 30 about 15 years ago. We've been coast-to-coast in Nimbus and to more rallies than we can count.

We joined the Airstream Club in 2014 and have had so many wonderful experiences and made so many friends. I've really enjoyed volunteering in the club and have previously served as President of the Washington Airstream Club and founding President of the Pride Streamers Intra-Club. Having retired last year, we're really looking forward to expanding our Airstream travels and getting to know more of you in the coming two years as I progress toward the role of Region President. We really look forward to meeting you at upcoming rallies across Region 10!

Photo: Hou (left) and Jerry (right) at Seabrook WA.



Waterfall Adventures Await at the Region 10 Rally! Hood River, Oregon • June 24-28, 2026 ~Susan McPhee, Region 10 President

If you are planning to attend the Region 10 Rally in Hood River, get ready to explore one of the most waterfall-rich regions in the country. The Columbia River Gorge boasts 80 named waterfalls, each with its own unique character—from thundering cascades to delicate veils tumbling through lush canyons.

Must-See Waterfalls:

Multnomah Falls – Oregon's tallest and most iconic waterfall at 620 feet, complete with the historic Benson Bridge.



Bridal Veil Falls - photo courtesy
[wikimedia.org](https://www.wikimedia.org)

Horsetail Falls – Easily accessible right from the Historic Columbia River Highway.

Wahclella Falls – A hidden gem with a scenic 2-mile round-trip hike.

Bridal Veil Falls – A lovely two-tiered waterfall with both an overlook trail and a short hike to its base.

Latourell Falls – Known for its dramatic plunge and striking columnar basalt backdrop.

Tamanawas Falls – A spectacular 100-foot waterfall on Mt. Hood's east side, reached by a forested trail.

Starvation Creek Falls – Located in a charming state park with several neighboring waterfalls in short walking distance.

A Fun Way to Explore: The Waterfall Trolley

For a stress-free adventure, consider the Gray Line "[Waterfall Hop-On Hop-Off Trolley](#)", which runs along the Historic Columbia River Highway between Corbett and Ainsworth. It's a flexible way to explore the Gorge without worrying about parking.

Stops include: Corbett, Crown Point (Vista House), Latourell Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Angels Rest, Wahkeena Falls, Multnomah Falls, Triple Falls, Horsetail Falls, and Ainsworth State Park.

Convenience: Trolleys arrive about once an hour, so you can hop off to explore and hop back on the next one.

Tickets: Around \$35 per adult (ages 13+), \$18 for youth (6-12), and free for children under 6.

Extras: Narrated history and geography of the Gorge, free parking at Corbett, and boarding options at Multnomah Falls Lodge.

Flexible booking: Many platforms offer full refunds up to 24 hours in advance.

Note: If you board at any stop other than at Corbett or Multnomah Falls you should have bought your ticket online and you need to show the driver your electronic voucher so they may issue you a ticket

Whether you prefer a short stroll to a viewpoint, a narrated hop-on hop-off tour, or a longer hike through shaded forests, there's a waterfall adventure waiting for you. Remember your camera, this is the Columbia Gorge at its most magical!



Columbia River Gorge - photo courtesy
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Getting to Know . . . Lance Zielinski ~Lance Zielinski, 2nd Vice President, Region 10



Hello, fellow Region 10 Airstreamers! I'm Lance Zielinski, your 2nd VP, and I'm honored to serve you. I'm excited about the many opportunities within our region and eager to collaborate with the Region 10 leadership to offer the best experiences possible.

My wife, Kelli, and I are Washington State natives; I'm from Olympia, and she's from Seattle. We've recently returned to Olympia, WA, and share our home with two very energetic "teenage" kittens.



Our Airstream adventure began in late 2016 with a 23FBQ Flying Cloud, and we promptly joined the Washington Airstream Club. My desire for more light and space led us to upgrade to a 2019 27FBQ Flying Cloud, which we've since modified.

My professional background is leadership in software and video game development, with a focus on creating globally accessible experiences. I bring this same passion to Airstreaming, striving for everyone to enjoy the camaraderie around the campfire and to foster friendships and inclusivity. I believe diversity makes us stronger, and advocate that in every facet of my life.

My personal hobbies are varied. I love performing music as a vocalist and studio musician, as well as acting and voiceover work. I own a seasonal caroling company, perform in musical theater and opera, and enjoy rocking out to original and cover music, ranging from oldies to heavy metal. My wife and I frequently jam with friends in a cover band. I'm also a gaming enthusiast, whether it's video games, tabletop RPGs, or board games; I like hitting the casinos on occasion as well. We enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and camping, and I'm keen to start biking again.



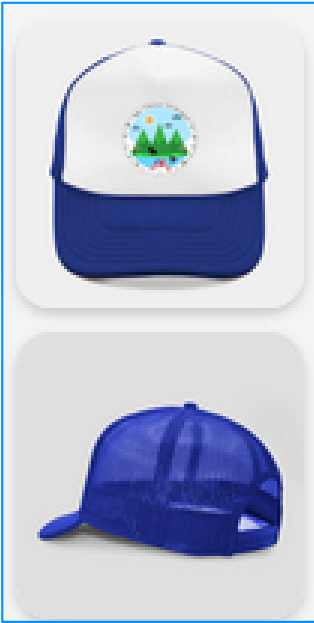
In addition to my role with Region 10, I volunteer as Secretary on the Washington Land Yacht Harbor Board of Directors and am very active on several committees. I look forward to seeing you on the road and around the fire - feel free to bring an instrument to jam or your favorite libation, and let's create some lasting memories together.

Region 10 Logo Wear and More - Great for Rallies - Great for Presents!

All of our Region 10 products are sold and shipped by TeePublic, with a "Satisfaction Guarantee." TeePublic ships internationally so our Canadian clubs can shop as well. If you sign up for a newsletter, you will receive updates on sale prices, which are often up to 35% off retail.

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.

When you visit the storefront [here](#), you will see several designs listed with options for different size logos. Scroll down for other product options, such as magnets, stickers, tote bags and travel mugs. Three styles of hats are now available and can be found in the accessories section! The "Trucker" hat (left) has a mesh back and plastic adjustment strap. The "Dad" hat (right) is all fabric with an adjustment buckle.



Check out the new baseball cap hat style, complete with the **2026 Region 10 rally logo**, available [here](#).

At this time, we have the Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit's logo for all the products, which you can view [here](#), the Oregon Airstream Club's logo [here](#) and Idaho's [here](#).



TeePublic has excellent "fitting review" information and great customer support. Check out all the design options. Apparently the women's classic Tee shirts are now more true to size.

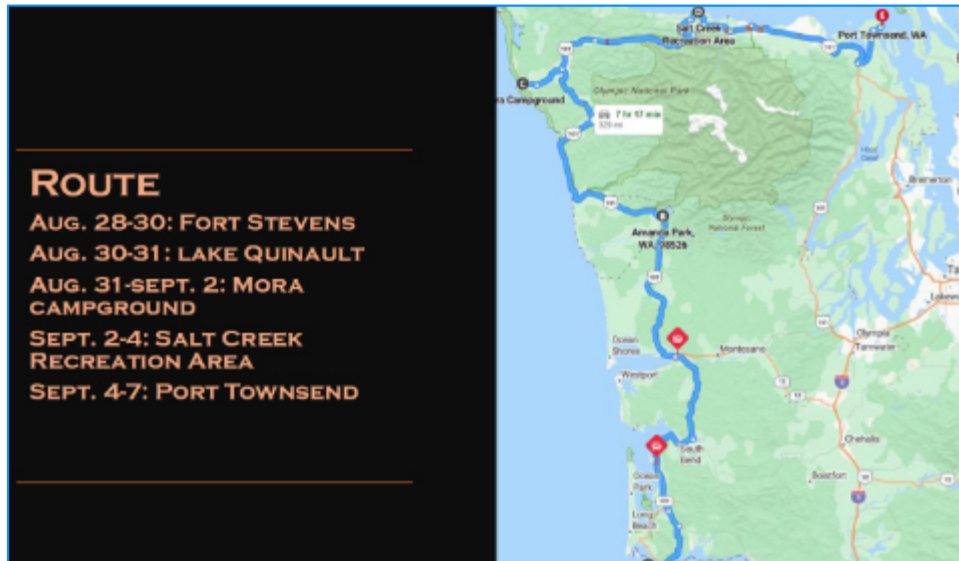


We now have an official Region 10 flag. The 3' x 5' flag is two sided and is available through Amazon for about \$24 plus shipping. If you would like a custom Region 10 flag, please contact me at airstream355@gmail.com and I will send you the artwork, the Amazon link and instructions for uploading and ordering. I would love to have more pictures of our Region 10 flag flying at a rally.

Beaches to Boats Airstream Caravan ~Douglas Gantenbein & Brita Williams

Airstreams Take on Beaches, Boats, and Some Camping Snafus

The Washington coast and Olympic Peninsula offer some of the most spectacular scenery on the West Coast – of not the entire United States. Getting a big taste of that scenery was the genesis of the **Beaches to Boats Airstream Caravan**, held Aug. 28-Sept. 7. We started at Fort Stevens on the northwest tip of Oregon, then headed north past Lake Quinalt, Rialto Beach, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and concluded with a weekend in Port Townsend, Washington just in time for that Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival.



ROUTE

AUG. 28-30: FORT STEVENS

AUG. 30-31: LAKE QUINALT

AUG. 31-SEPT. 2: MORA
CAMPGROUND

SEPT. 2-4: SALT CREEK
RECREATION AREA

SEPT. 4-7: PORT TOWNSEND

As trip planner and leader, I honestly had some challenges. Although I've spent months on the road in my renovated '79 Tradewind, I had never been on a caravan, let alone headed one. I liked the route I put together. But mistakes were made. For instance, I initially booked our nights at Fort Stevens on the wrong dates. That led to a scramble to secure new sites, which I did but at a cost of spreading the 15-trailer group over a large area.

Worse, a sudden attack of sciatica left me immobilized just days before the trip was due to start. I had to cancel the first half of the trip, leaving trip deputy Mark Babcock to contact our far-flung participants at Fort Stevens, then sort out site assignments at Mora Campground in Olympic National Park, which is an old campground and not really designed for modern trailers. So, thank you, Mark.

Boosted by a course of steroids, I recovered enough to join the trip at Salt Creek County Park, just west of Port Angeles. I asked trip participant Brita Williams to help with a summary of the trip up to Salt Creek, while I pick it up there. (Funny side note: I knew Brita and her husband Brian some 28 years ago when he and I both were in Seattle Mountain Rescue. Hadn't seen them since. What are the odds?)

Aug. 28-30: Trip participants came from near and far to Fort Stevens State Park, just outside Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River. The weather was cool and overcast, but it was not raining. The caravan trailers were spread out between four campground loops but turned out not to be that far away from each other in reality. Regrettably, some sites were not optimal, as they were either undersized or offered limited hookups. We already knew that Doug Gantenbein, the caravan leader, would not be able to participate, but Mark Babcock readily stepped into the gap. Mark used a scooter and quickly went around to introduce himself and passed out our caravan welcome bags on the first night and/or the next morning.

On our second night at Fort Stevens, Mark arranged for us all to meet at one of the group shelters that evening for a potluck. Here everyone had a chance to introduce themselves, beginning the process of bringing us together as a group. We also talked about how we would proceed without Doug, and everyone seemed very willing to help each other figure out what might be needed as we progressed.

Aug. 30-31: Again, the weather was moderate, with partial sunshine and no rain. Most of the party traveled up Highway 401 back to 101, with most people stopping at various points along the way for lunch and/or visiting various historical markers. The last trailer arrived in the late *(continued on page 9)*

Beaches to Boats Airstream Caravan *~(continued from page 8)*

afternoon at the Rain Forest Resort Village on Lake Quinault. After settling in and exploring the campground, we all brought out chairs and drinks for happy hour. We began to get to know each other better as well as their dogs.

Aug. 31-Sept 2: The third leg of our journey to Mora Campground was a little more challenging with twists, turns, and bumpy roads. The three 30-foot trailers were encouraged to leave first because the campground layout was considered tricky for larger rigs. That turned out to be the understatement of the trip! Not only were most of the sites too small, but they were also difficult to get into, and two or three of them were booked for only one night (Note from Doug: Another mistake by me). One trailer suffered bumper damage (about \$1,000) while trying to park in its assigned site. The park ranger on duty was extremely helpful in rearranging trailers to accommodate size and dates. Some of us were also allowed to use their “emergency” overflow sites.



Sept. 2-4: Salt Creek Recreation Area (right) is a lovely spot – a true hidden gem. Our sites were grouped close together with views across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Vancouver Island. The campground itself was the site of a World War II-era artillery battery, which once had two massive 16-inch guns to protect against intrusions into Puget Sound.

During our full day there, some people stayed close to camp or went into Port Angeles for supplies. Two prominent day trips were in the guide. One traveled into Olympic National Park and to Hurricane Ridge. One of the premier vistas in the park system, Hurricane Ridge lived up to its reputation despite some smoke from the nearby Bear Gulch forest fire. A second option was to take the twisty highway west to the Makah Museum, which interprets, and houses centuries-old artifacts recovered from the Ozette Archaeological Site. *(continued on page 10)*

While the campground may have been less than ideal, the surrounding areas were worth exploring. The temperatures were still cooler, but the sun was shining most of the day. Some went back into the town of Forks to explore and purchase any required nuts and bolts from the hardware store. Yes, the town was filled with “Twilighters” for Labor Day weekend. Others went to the small Quillayute town of La Push on the Pacific coast at the mouth of the Quillayute River. A couple even scored a fresh salmon off one of the boats for only \$4 a pound. The diesel fuel there was also the least expensive encountered so far. Some enjoyed the food at the local restaurant. Others took advantage of a day hike on the amazing beaches starting at Rialto Beach (left).



Beaches to Boats Airstream Caravan ~*(continued from page 9)*

Sept. 4-7: The drive from Salt Creek to the Jefferson County Fairground RV site is a pleasant trip along small towns, with views of both mountains and water. The RV site itself is a bit on the Spartan side - I don't think anyone had a "full" hookup, but we were cozily bunched together. By now the group had become well acquainted with one another, and happy hours were lively.

The big draw over the weekend was the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival (right), which attracts some 10,000 visitors during its three-day run. Hundreds of wooden boats visit Townsend Bay and the Point Hudson Marina, while on dry ground participants can choose from dozens of workshops and presentations.

Port Townsend itself is also a fun place to visit, with its charming Victorian downtown and a wide range of shops and restaurants to visit.

For our last night, Doug bought a whole King salmon and whole halibut at renowned Key City Fish and had them fillet out the fish. The halibut went into baking dishes along with cherry tomatoes, shallots, garlic, olive oil, and white wine. Three volunteers took on the task of baking these dishes. The salmon was slathered with mayonnaise, topped with salt along with lemon-pepper seasoning, and plopped onto a propane grill. It was a great party - and people ate well!




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Airstream Caravan Co-Leading Adventure ~Trenor & Barbara Fraser Tilley, New Past Presidents of the British Columbia club #121



guide were still accurate. We also helped with booking the National Parks campsites, which relies on an early morning to get in the queue to book the sites five at a time. It helped that we knew many of the spots we were to visit on the caravan. As well, we created the Travel Guide sections for two new stops on the Caravan. Trenor also designed our sticker and plaque and the cover page for our Travel Guide. As we grew closer to the start of the trip, we helped physically assemble the Travel Guides and drove from the Lower Mainland of Vancouver to Cochrane, Alberta with Janet and Patrick.

It was exciting to start to meet the participants, all of whom hailed from the United States. We started by meeting with our group and doing a GAM (also known as a Get Acquainted Meeting). We had several of these in the first few days that mixed up the participants so that we got to meet all of the folks on the caravan in a smaller grouping. We also attended the Calgary Stampede on two days, enjoying an afternoon of rodeo events, and an evening that included rodeo events like chuck wagon races, and a very professional entertainment with many performers and fabulous fireworks to conclude the event. As co-leaders, we helped get all our participants on the buses and supported the communication of information via our whiteboard. Before each new destination the team of leaders would hold a Driver's Meeting to review the driving and camping conditions ahead. Each rig was required to supply someone to attend those meetings to be sure that all rigs had the same information. As co-leaders, we attended and contributed to the driver's meetings.

Next, we moved on to the land of the dinosaurs in Drumheller, Alberta. We attended a walking tour at the Royal Tyrell Museum and explored the museum exhibits before rounding folks up to visit an old-fashioned style bar with western entertainment in the middle of nowhere. Then, on again to Bar-U-Ranch, a National Historic Site representing commercial ranching on the *(continued on page 12)*

Last October, at our Friends-Giving Rally at Fort Langley, we were invited by Janet and Patrick Howell to consider co-leading the Canadian Rocky Mountain National Caravan with them. We had no idea what co-leading a National Caravan actually meant, but we quickly agreed to participate as it sounded like a wonderful adventure. It turned out to be all of that and more!

We started with helping to update the Travel Guide, a binder full of information for each of the stops we made on the caravan, and with directions to each succeeding stop. The editing comprised fixing grammar, updating details, and confirming that services named in the



Co-leaders 2025 Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan L to R:
Patrick & Janet Howell, Barbara & Trenor Tilley

Airstream Caravan Co-Leading Adventure *~(continued from page 11)*

Canadian prairies. We dry camped (boondocked) in a half-circle just outside the site, a special opportunity granted to our group that others don't usually get to do. As co-leaders we helped half "circle" the trailers into a horseshoe-shaped pattern.



Barbara, Patrick, Janet & Trenor Going over final plans

After Bar-U-Ranch, we visited Fernie, B.C., a popular full-service spot, where we all had a chance to explore independently or in small groups. Both natural and cultural heritage options were available, and we enjoyed a group meal prepared by our group members. I helped support the group meal preparation by meeting with groups to help organize the meals following the basic menu guide I had supplied.

Next, we drove to Fairmont Hot Springs where we understood the importance of "two empty, one full" (i.e., empty grey and black water tanks and a full freshwater

tank) as the campground had a boil water advisory. As co-leaders we helped direct folks to their sites and kept the communications about the water situation going. Once again, we enjoyed a group meal, and some of us enjoyed hot springs pool bathing.

From Fairmont Hot Springs, we went through Kootenay National Park to Lake Louise in Banff National Parks and saw the lovely Moraine Lake and went up the Lake Louise gondola to view Lake Louise from the opposite mountain. Co-leading meant arriving early at most of the campsites and assisting in directing folks to their campsites. We also helped to remind group members about (continued on page 8)

whether they were getting services like power, water, and/or sewer at various sites and answered questions about driving directions. We described the types of attractions they might be interested in visiting while in the area. We even offered to lead hikes/tours of various sites.

Difficulties booking National Parks campsites meant that we backtracked to Golden, B.C. from Lake Louise to visit some sites in nearby Yoho National Park. Next, we drove to Kootenay Plains, a fascinating group campsite in the montane forest that is amid a dark sky preserve. We explored the Columbia Icefields by special vehicles, and our role was to organize carpools and to get people on and off the buses at the correct times. We also departed early on the final day to check out the road conditions as it had snowed 5 cm (3") on some of the nearby mountain passes. Fortunately, the snow had melted from the roads by the time we drove on them which we were able to report back to the whole group using our group "WhatsApp" connection.

In Hinton, Alberta, we were able to explore the parts of Jasper National Park that were not severely damaged by the 2024 wildfires. Our boat ride on Maligne Lake gave us a chance to see some magnificent scenery. As co-leaders we assisted in counting participants and enjoyed seeing the views through the eyes of participants from areas of the United States where mountain views are not available.

Our final stop was in Banff National Park where we went on two gondola rides up the mountains and had a delicious lunch at the Banff Springs Hotel followed by a visit with a retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police member who recounted stories of his work with the force. We all finished the trip with a delicious dinner at a local hotel. *(continued on page 13)*

Airstream Caravan Co-Leading Adventure *~(continued from page 12)*

What skills did we bring to this role? Trenor and I have both led groups of people, Trenor as a professional travel agent of over 50 years, and me as a Girl Guide (Canadian Girl Scouts) leader of two European trips. We brought our flexibility, our best humour, and our desires to share this beautiful country of ours with others. Janet handled all the financial accounting, but Barbara had a debit card to use when we split up into groups or when some payments or deposits needed to be made. This trip cost the participants an initial \$5000 USD, but they received a rebate on any unspent funds. As co-leaders we only had our costs (camping, events, group meals, and mileage) covered by the group. This is not a money-making operation for both sets of leaders, we are all volunteers. It helps, of course, to have enthusiastic, caring, experienced and very knowledgeable counterpart co-leaders which we had in spades with Janet and Patrick Howell. We also needed to be able to help in case of medical or equipment emergencies such as illness on the part of participants or our co-leader team. It helped that I have first aid training, and we had medical personnel among the participants.

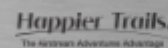


Janet leading drivers meeting after group dinner.

As co-leaders, we also helped with the planning for the 2026 Canadian Rocky Mountains Caravan. Following the caravan, we read the reviews of the participants, and we are taking those suggestions into consideration for next year. We are in the process of making some improvements to the caravan for next year due to the difficulties in booking the National Parks when there is such a high demand for sites. Overall, we had so much fun that we are planning to do it again next year! Before leading a caravan of your own, do consider working along with an experienced caravan leader to develop your skills.

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Rolling from the Vineyards to the Pacific to the Umpqua Valley ~Kathy Geese,

OAC member and author

I was asked to provide a newsletter article about two semi-back-to-back rallies David and I were co-hosting, and decided to combine them with our “gap” days as a rolling rally! Hope you enjoy.

August 2025 marked the first-ever OAC Into the Woods Rally, and if the smiles and stories are any sign, it's destined to become an annual tradition. Our setting was the charming **Into the Woods Campground**, tucked at the base of the **Willamette Valley Winery** and built on the site of an old Christmas tree farm.

Owned by the winery, this little gem—just south of Salem—is still something of a secret. The paved, spacious, and private sites offered water and electric hookups, a welcome perk in the summer heat. Signage was minimal, and for a moment, we thought we'd made a wrong turn as we pulled up to an elegant entry gate that looked more like the entrance to a private estate. The keypad opened without fuss, and soon our on-site hosts welcomed us warmly.

The six unisex bathrooms were individual, spotless, and roomy—each with a sink and shower—just like home, only with better tile work.

Friday: Arrivals & Willamette Valley Winery Welcome



Rally host and OAC member, Janet Schober, an “owner/investor” in the winery, arranged special access for our group. As Airstreams rolled in and awnings went up, the winery came to us—offering tastings of five of their award-winning wines.

Janet, along with co-hosts David and me, laid out a charcuterie spread (left) while conversation flowed among the 27 attendees from as far as British Columbia and Montana. We also took time to recognize some of our club's dedicated

volunteers, including:

- Susan & Tim McPhee - Region 10 President & spouse
- Angela & Michael Schock - Region 10 Secretary & spouse
- Mike & Nancy Burnett - OAC Rally Coordinator & spouse
- Janet Schober - Past OAC President

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Into the Woods Campground



Into the Woods Campground & Willamette Valley Wine tasters

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Saturday: Bikes, Markets, and Music

Some of us pedaled off to Minto-Brown Island Park in Salem, enjoying a scenic ride to the impressive Salem Farmers' Market. Others stayed closer to camp, soaking in the vineyard views.

Dinner was a BYOP—Bring Your Own Protein—potluck, and as always, our group outdid itself. That evening, the winery hosted an outdoor concert for campers, complete with tables, chairs, and a lively local band. A perfect summer night.

Sunday: Vineyard Adventures

Sunday brought the winery's special event for members, just steps from our campsites. The day featured:

- A vineyard hike with tastings along the way
- A seated wine tasting session
- Axe throwing (safely supervised—though still an interesting combo with wine)
- A gourmet S'mores station—the bacon and maple combo won our hearts
- Live music under the trees (pictured below)
- Miniature therapy ponies from Horses of Hope Oregon (left)

We loved that the festivities came to the campground, making it a short stroll back “home” at day's end. That evening, we gathered one last time to say goodbye, wish safe travels, and talk about “next year.”

Rolling to the Coast

The rally didn't end travels for everyone.

Three Airstreams, including David and myself, continued south

for a few days at South Beach State Park near



Newport—gap camping between Into the Woods and the upcoming Let's Go to the Movies Rally.

The weather shift was dramatic—35 degrees cooler—sending us reaching for long pants and jackets. We rode bikes along paved trails to Rogue Nation Brewery, explored historic Newport, and stocked up on supplies *(Continued on page 16)*

Left: Montana members Bonnie & Bill Muth, Oregon members Kathy & David Geese, Janet Schober



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before heading further south to our next adventure.



Above left: South Beach, Newport OR. Right: David Geese & Bill Muth

Rolling On: From Sea Perch to the Umpqua Valley

Among our rolling on crew were Bonnie and Bill Muth, Montana members and delightful traveling companions. After our final stop on this trip, they planned to continue on to an OAC favorite, Sea Perch RV Resort. To give them a preview, we departed the coast on Thursday and caravanned south along Highway 101 through Yachats, one of the most spectacular—and windy—drives on the coast. From Reedsport, we turned inland toward our next destination: the Let's Go to the Movies Rally at the Sutherlin KOA.

This campground has a unique history—it's located on the site of a former drive-in movie theater. The big screen still stands, and the park shows nightly movies with Adirondack chairs, firepits, and a concession stand, making it a rally setting like no other.

Let's Go to the Movies Rally

Thursday afternoon, hosts Rachel Collins and Chuck Goss (with David and me co-hosting) welcomed 17 rigs, including members from Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Montana, and even Texas.

The rally began with a 1950s-themed clubhouse social hour (right), where we reviewed all the fun things to do in the Umpqua Valley—hiking, biking, kayaking, farmers' markets, and wineries—as we met old friends and made new ones. That evening, we gathered under the stars for a screening of *Pretty in Pink*. The group consensus? Great cast, but perhaps better appreciated back in our high school days. *(continued on page 17)*



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Texas members Jen & Dan Dice watching the drive-in movie - courtesy the Dices

Saturday offered something for everyone—some browsed the Roseburg Farmers' Market, others took their dogs swimming, and a few stayed back for board games. That evening, we gathered for a private

Friday's highlight was a light lunch and tasting at Abacela Winery, followed by a Hawaiian-themed potluck back at the clubhouse. To stay awake until dusk for the next movie, we pulled out cribbage boards and started some lively competition. That night's movie, Grease, brought back a wave of nostalgia and plenty of laughter.



"Grease" photo courtesy of Matt Driggers

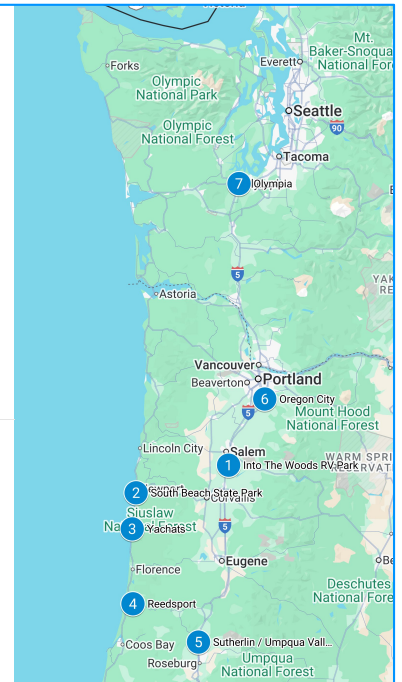


Winemaker's Dinner at Melrose Winery (above), a Harvest Host location many of us know well. The historic barn tasting room was beautifully set with white linens and fresh flowers. Dinner was outstanding, paired with local wines and interesting commentary from the chef and the tasting room manager.

The winery gifted our Texas attendees, Jen and Dan Dice, a lovely bottle of (continued on page 18)

Numbered Route

- 1 Into The Woods RV Park
- 2 South Beach State Park
- 3 Yachats
- 4 Reedsport
- 5 Sutherlin / Umpqua Valley KOA Holiday
- 6 Oregon City
- 7 Olympia



Map courtesy of Buzz Bick

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wine for having traveled the furthest for dinner at Melrose. The evening was so special, I've already booked a Melrose Winemaker's Dinner for the August 2026 rally!

Back at camp, staying awake after such a feast was a challenge—but the night's feature, Footloose, was worth it.

Courtesy Parking & Heading Home

Though the Rolling Rally ended, our adventure didn't. The Sunday drive up I-5 was crowded with weekend beach traffic, so we gladly accepted the hospitality of Micki and Dan Goldstein, OAC members and ACI Courtesy Parking hosts in Oregon City. They generously set us up with 50-amp service in their driveway, and we ordered in pizza to enjoy on a warm summer evening.

The next morning, we zipped home to Olympia with full hearts (and full bellies). For those who haven't yet tried Courtesy Parking, it's easy to reserve with a fellow ACI member host through the new ACI app—and a wonderful way to connect with fellow members.

Looking Back

From the vineyards to the Pacific, to the Umpqua Valley, this trip was everything an OAC rally should be—good friends, great food, unforgettable experiences, and the joy of traveling in our Airstreams!

Getting to Know . . . Fabian Mills ~ *Fabian Mills, Membership Chair, Region 10*

Fabian Mills is a dynamic Relationship Manager and Financial Planning Counselor with 15+ years of experience guiding clients in the U.S. and internationally. His career has spanned global finance, client education, and leadership development, with a reputation for making complex planning simple and empowering people to feel confident about their future. With international experience at Fisher Investments, Fabian blends strategic insight with a people-first approach that has earned him trust from clients and colleagues alike.



Beyond work, Fabian embraces life with curiosity and energy. He's a proud family man, avid traveler, and Airstream enthusiast who loves organizing rallies and exploring the open road. You'll often find him enjoying Oregon wine country, volunteering during harvest, discovering local food events, or chasing live music. Whether mapping out retirement strategies or chasing sunsets, Fabian brings integrity, passion, and a touch of humor to everything he does.

This November, Fabian will step into a new adventure as President of the Oregon Airstream Club. He looks forward to building on the club's traditions, strengthening connections across the community, and helping fellow members make the most of their Airstream journeys.

The Region 10 Tech Talk Times ~ Ray Putnam



Heating Your RV

This is going to be a short and sweet introduction to heating your Airstream trailer or motor home. With a motor home one could have the possibility of using the engine heater. One should have two sources of heat in case one source fails.

There are a lot of choices, and you will have to google some of the suggestions below to get details that suit your particular situation. I have listed some specifically I like. You will see others that you might like better.

Propane heaters.

- Propane heater as provided by Airstream.
- Dometic DFSD20111 18,000 to 40,000 BTU furnace or similar.
- Camco Olympian Wave-3, 6, 8, catalytic, and NYD Direct 6000.
- Portable propane: Camplux 6000 - 18,000 BTU and Mr. Heater Journey 8.

Electric heaters.

- 120 - 208/240 volts with and without fan.
- Vornado.
- Ceramic, OH310, plus others.
- Radiator style, possibly filled with oil.
- DeLonghi Hmp 1500 mobile and wall mounted (no fan).

Some of you may have ducted air with auxiliary heat strips in the A/C unit. And some of you may have auxiliary heat strips in the A/C rooftop unit. The auxiliary heat strips are helpful but not a complete heating solution. I don't use auxiliary heat strips for a heat source (A/C without heat strips).

I have used the heater that came with my Airstream and found it to be quite noisy. I maintain it but prefer not to use it most of the time. I have seen catalytic heaters in action, and I like their performance. Keep in mind that you may have to run a propane line to the catalytic heater. Anytime you choose to use catalytic or portable propane heater one must consider safety corresponding to your breathable air (carbon monoxide safety).

I have used the electric milkhouse heater and found it to be a little noisy due to the built-in fan. My current choice is a DeLonghi heater (no fan) that can be mobile, or wall mounted (see photo to right). I use the wall mounted position to help keep the floor clear (I had wall space). Keep in mind that you will have to consider the length of the electrical cord when using an electric heater as extension cords are not recommended due to safety considerations. Most electric heaters will have an on/off switch, a thermostatically controlled switch, and a tip switch (tip over switch). Currently I am using a 1500 watt, DeLonghi, Mica Panel space heater. No fan, and no noise. I mount the heater in the living area. We prefer a cooler bedroom and vent the bedroom for sleeping.



Feel free to holler if you have specific questions. You can reach me through the directory - WBAC #7007. See you safely down the road. Happy trails to you.

One Pot Wonders - Cranberry Pie~ Carolyn White

Fall is the time of Thanksgiving, both in Canada (October 13) and the United States (November 27). It's also the time of year for the cranberry harvest and the inclusion of this fruit as an accompaniment to the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

For those of you who are tired of cranberry sauce, here's a way to have your cranberries and eat them, too! Not a one pot wonder as it requires a bowl for mixing, this Cranberry Pie honors this fruit's traditional place at the Thanksgiving table.

If your cranberries are frozen, run under cold water to thaw and remove any ice. Drain well.

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh cranberries	1 cup sugar
½ cup chopped walnuts	1 cup flour
½ cup brown sugar	1 teaspoon almond extract
¾ cup butter, melted	2 eggs, beaten

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Grease/butter a 10" pie pan. I've used Costco's coconut oil for this step.
3. Arrange cranberries on the bottom of the pan and sprinkle with nuts and the ½ cup brown sugar.
4. In a bowl, combine melted butter, the 1 cup of sugar, flour, almond extract, and eggs.
5. Pour over top of the cranberries.
6. Bake for 50-60 minutes until edges are brown and center is lightly colored.
7. Cool and serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

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