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Eastern Shakedown		
When	Where	Organizers
May 7 - 9	Richmond Fairgrounds, Richmond, ON	Hosts: Lynn & Rob D
Registration		Deadline
TBA		
Details		
Western Shakedown		
When	Where	Organizers
May 7 - 9	Jellystone Park, Niagara Falls, ON	Hosts: Leanne J & Lesley S
Registration		Deadline
TBA		
Details		

Spring Rally 2027

When	Where	Organizers
	Great North Fairgrounds 2220 Fairgrounds Rd N Stayner, ON L0M 1S0	Leaders:
Registration		Deadline
Details		

True North Caravan

When	Where	Organizers
June 6 to July 20	Northern Alberta to Northwest Territories, northern British Columbia, and the Yukon	Leaders: Pat & Murray L
Registration		Deadline
Contact organizers to register		
Details		
The caravan is currently full. Contact the organizers to be put on a waiting list. Come see the great Canadian North - Northwest Territories, the Yukon and northern provinces in between. Truly a bucket list caravan.		

70th International Rally		
When	Where	Organizers
June 26 - July 1 2027	Sweetwater Events Complex Rock Springs, WY USA	
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		
Details		
In 2027, we're heading west and honoring a milestone—returning to Rock Springs, Wyoming for the 70th Airstream Club International Rally. Each summer, Airstreamers from across the country (and beyond) come together for one unforgettable week—and this anniversary year promises to be something special. Set against the wide-open landscapes of southwest Wyoming, Rock Springs provides the perfect backdrop for a rally built on connection, exploration, and tradition.		

Pennsylvania State Rally - Keystone Adventure		
When	Where	Organizers
July 29 - August 1	Codorus State Park Hanover, PA USA	Hosts: Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		
Details		
Keystone Adventure – Discover Pennsylvania Together will feature a weekend of camping, food, fellowship and activities, along with an optional Friday Gettysburg Experience that includes the film, Cyclorama, museum and a guided battlefield bus tour. Registration is \$60 USD per person, with the optional Gettysburg Experience available for \$60 USD per person. We also have a limited number of rally-held campsites available for the three nights.		

Shakedown – is a very informal gathering in the spring and gives us an opportunity to get together, renew friendships and make new ones, dust the cobwebs off our rigs and make sure everything is in good working order for the upcoming camping season. The weekend does not have club business meetings and will likely involve a potluck and casual get-togethers.

Rendezvous – another opportunity to get together and a little more structured than a Shakedown but again, it does not include club business meetings. Subject to the

Hosts' planning, it may include a potluck meal and other activities or events.

Rally – as well as getting together, a Rally goes one step further and includes some organized meals, entertainment and may also include training seminars and other activities. Our Club holds a yearly Spring and Fall Rally which involve a business meeting, and the Fall event is our Annual General Meeting.

Important Information For Booking Events in 2027

Please note the following when booking club events.

1. There is a booking deadline beside each event that requires a registrar (rally and rendezvous). It is approximately two weeks prior to the start of the event. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the registrars and event hosts. Every effort will be made to open registration as early as possible.
2. Payment must be made by e-Transfer or cheque. Cash will not be accepted. This is to ensure better financial tracking and accountability. Due to issues moving money across the border, American attendees may make separate arrangements with the registrar.
3. Any cancellation will result in a refund minus a \$10.00 fee to cover the increasing costs of bank fees. Please cancel right away if you cannot attend a booked event.



President's Message

Lesley S



As my year as President of the OCAC comes to a close, I am looking back on all the Club events and I am thankful to all the people that made them a success.

I had past presidents and other members who volunteered to run shakedown, rendezvous and rallies. They took the burden off me and I thank them all.

Leanne and I started scouting venues in the spring of 2025. We knew some members wanted full service and others wanted new places. It was a challenge to find locations that could accommodate over 50 trailers.

During our travels we met with the Drayton Agricultural Society—some of the nicest people we have ever met who were always looking for ways to help us. I think all who attended the spring rally would agree that the food was wonderful. We were told repeatedly that our group was the best they had ever hosted and we were welcome back anytime.

Then Quinte's Isle Campark for the fall rally. A beautiful place in Prince Edward County with full hook ups for everyone. Our hosts organized every day for us to have fun. I have always said this is a camping club so let's have fun.

In August, I attended Minot North Dakota for the International Rally. I represented you and let them know that the Ontario Unit is a strong member of the International community. I followed up on the letter I sent to them about the banking system and paying in Canadian currency. A motion had been passed during an IBT meeting and I wanted to follow up on that motion. It's changing slowly and there is progress. I will continue to monitor and advise.

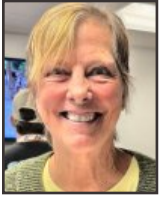
I would like to thank Andy Thomson and Can-Am RV for all the support and prizes he donated to the two rallies.

In closing, I wish Theresa B a wonderful year and I hope she has as much fun as I did. I know all of you will support her.

Lesley S

President 2026

Ontario Canada Airstream Club



R2 President's Message

Patti G

"If you build it, he will come."

Most of us should remember this famous line from the 1989 movie, "Field of Dreams" starring Kevin Costner. The penultimate baseball movie. Of course, the meaning is rather obvious. Build a foundation based on hard work, love, loyalty and tradition. The rest will take care of itself.

That's how I'd like to frame our experience as R2 reps at the Hershey RV Show. For the second consecutive year, Cody, Matt and I manned the booth at the Airstream Inc. booth, with the responsibility of garnering new members, by touting the Explorer Program, among other things. Matt has

suffered through me constantly talking about "chopping wood"; I use the phrase as a metaphor to discuss management and leadership principles. Yes, it's fun to plan and attend rallies, and that is often the reward of why we are all here. But the garden must be tilled to allow for that to happen. It's often done behind the scenes without fanfare, recognition, standing ovations etc. That's chopping wood!

If a curious shopper approached our booth trying to determine who the salesman was and who ran the club, I would say "those guys build the machines, and we supply the fun."

Simple, right?



It all came together in about one hour with one of the customers. After purchasing a unit from Colonial RV, over she came to us. We established a connection, gave her a thorough briefing and all of the brochures, to include one for our upcoming region rallies in Ocean City, MD in May of 2027. Two days later, the computer pinged; excitement now comes in the form of a completed JotForm! Our gal had joined the New Jersey Unit, and registered for the rally! That's how it works. One member at a time. A small investment of human capital. Where the rubber meets the road. People talking to each other. It's a beautiful thing.

And that's how I think of all of you—all of our volunteers at every level, with our paid staff at Jackson Center serving as the great support system. This thing doesn't exist and doesn't work without all of the moving parts.

As we enter installation season, I'll be reaching out to set up a meeting with the Region Board to track those changes and set the table for calendar year 2027. It kind of fits with the circadian rhythm of nature itself. The autumn equinox has occurred. Everything is changing, from the colors of the leaves, to Club Officers, and trailers considering their upcoming hibernation.

On behalf of all of the Region 2 Officers, we'd like to thank all of our local club officers for a job well done. Your success is our success. That's how families work! As I enter my second year as your president, it's been pure joy getting into the trenches with you guys.

The woodpile is bountiful!

Happy Fall!

New Members

Please welcome our newest OCAC members.

Steve J
1976 Sovereign 31

Debbie & Scott C
2025 International 28

Richard & Deborah S
2024 International 23FB
(Affiliate members)

Paul & Elaine M
2023 Flying Cloud 25RBT
(Affiliate members)

Tanya & David S
2023 Bambi 19

Michael & Lisa F
2026 Flying Cloud 25

Robert R
2019 Classic 30

Roland & Sandie S
2018 Flying Cloud 28
(Affiliate members)

Cheryl & Brent R
2024 Globetrotter 27FBQ

Glen & Nancy I
2009 28RB

Mark & Gina K
2017 International Serenity 27
(Affiliate members)

New members are reminded to send in headshots (together with partner, if applicable) to the [directory editor](#).

 <i>The Towing Specialists</i>	 ®	Thanks Can-Am for all your support!
Register for the Can-Am RV Newsletter		



2026 International Rally in Minot ND

Lesley S



Leanne and I set off for North Dakota with a mindset to represent our Club and our Nation at the 2026 Airstream International Rally. We also looked forward to seeing old friends from past rallies and caravans. We believe we had tremendous success on both counts.

As we planned our trip we decided to travel as much of the route there and back within Canada. We have made it our mission to see as much of our own country as possible and to support our economy whenever we get a chance. Family obligations significantly shortened our original plan to meander and instead, we had to take a much faster and more direct route there and back. Longer drive days did not diminish all the fun we had along the way and at the rally.



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Prior to crossing the border we stayed in southern Manitoba and visited the International Peace Garden. It is a beautiful place which straddles both countries and was designed to be an inspiration for world peace and co-operation. To our surprise, we discovered that one of the beautiful statues in the park had been donated by WBCCI. It was first installed in 1975 but deteriorated and was replaced in 2016. Most of the funds were raised by the North Dakota Airstream Unit. "Promise of Peace" depicts two outstretched hands releasing a dove and is meant to symbolize enduring friendship and harmony between the United States and Canada.



While this sentiment may be under great strain right now, it was a reminder of better times and the hope of a different future. It was also what we encountered time and again while at the rally.

Not too far from Minot is the small town of Rugby ND. An interesting factoid is it represents the geographical centre of North America. We of course had to take a photo. [See cover picture.]

We arrived at the rally with fellow Club members (and hosts of the fall rally) Helene T and Roch G. As always, there were so many volunteers who had arrived early to get things ready. They efficiently checked us in and got us parked.

As we cycled around the fairground and stopped in to register, we experienced the best part of attending rallies—seeing old friends. We have been fortunate to participate in several caravans and continue to enjoy friendships with so many of the participants and hosts.

We also picked up our volunteer shirts as we had both signed up to drive the golf cart shuttles and assist with trailer pump outs. The pump out job was not hands on (thank goodness!) but simply involved monitoring the progress of the contract crew and helping with information when needed.

It did however earn us a badge of honour. A poop emoji pin for our lanyards!



I had the great honour of carrying our Club flag in the opening ceremonies along with other members of Region 2.

We attended the President's leadership dinner where I had an opportunity to speak

with ACI Board members who are continuing with their efforts to open a Canadian branch of ACI. Progress is slow but I believe we will get there. We all did our best to make sure everyone knew the Canadians were present!



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We attended the Region 2 luncheon where members of our Club sat together and had a chance to catch up.



During the rally, we chatted a lot, attended informative presentations, shopped, toured Minot and had an absolutely fabulous time. The weather was hot and sunny but for Monday night, when a very strong storm dumped a lot of rain. Some parked in low spots had to move their trailers to avoid flooding.

Everywhere we went we saw members of our Ontario Club volunteering and contributing to the success of the Rally. Way to go!

We also had many positive interactions with American rally goers who expressed their frustrations with the current political situation and their wish for things to return to “normal”. So many of them thanked us for coming and visiting the United States.

We even managed to get our trailer repaired! When we bought the trailer in 2021 (new to us) it came with a small dent on the top left corner. While it was purely cosmetic it had always bugged us. Prior to the rally, I registered for dent repair with a specialist from Vinnie’s Airstream. To my knowledge this is the first time the service has been offered at a rally. One afternoon Ivan arrived at our trailer and within 30 minutes the dent was gone! He showed us some of his work and it was truly amazing the extent of repairs he is able to accomplish without replacing any panels. Normally, he works out of their offices in California and Florida, so being able to get the repair done at the rally was awesome.

If you have never been to an International Rally please consider doing so. You will learn so much and make new friends along the way.



Fally Rally - Quinte's Isle

Steve A

The weekend of September 11 saw the wonderful OCAC Fall Rally at Quinte's Isle Campark in Prince Edward County. There were 51 trailers registered with 100 attendees—overall, a really good turnout. Hélène T and Roch G were outstanding hosts—thanks to you both!

The weekend kicked off with refreshing cocktails and reception. Club Secretary Leanne J stood and acknowledged the 9/11 attacks that struck our friends in the United States on that day 25 years ago. A first-class charcuterie dinner followed.



Saturday was a busy day. After a continental breakfast, folks had the choice of a 20 km cycle through the countryside, or a 6 km walk to the shore of Lake Ontario. Karen and I left our bikes at home so we chose the latter. Rather than a tame stroll down the main street of the park, it was a much more rugged route down some side trails. I soon regretted my choice of sneakers over hiking boots. Karen and I had a wonderful chat with Sandie and Roland St., new associate members from south of the border.

Saturday afternoon, I attended the Cyber Security seminar put on by club member Aaron N. As a computer professional for many years, I doubted that I could learn much from a session geared towards the general populace. Well, I was humbled. Of his five major points, there were two that were new to me. I have since tightened up my online security. (OK, it's a work in progress.) Thanks Aaron!



The Bikers and the Hikers



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The catered dinner was top notch—nice and hot, plentiful, and full of flavour. And pie for dessert. Mmmmmm, pie.

The evenings entertainment was an ad-hoc group of musicians led by Laura, hence the name, “Laura’s Band”. I was concerned that they would be in the hall with its horrible acoustics. Instead, it was outside next to the bonfire. They were great with a good mix of music. The volume was a pleasant surprise. It didn’t make my ears hurt and one could actually chat with neighbours.



Anthony and Patricia from Kleen Tank were onsite all weekend to give our sanitary tanks a good scrubbing from the inside out. They were so personable, they fit right in with the friendly vibe of our rally.

Sunday started off with a catered hot breakfast: bacon, scrambled eggs, and hash browns. Nobody left hungry.



Anthony from Kleen Tank



Former and current owners of BRN 1736
a.k.a. "Carapace", a.k.a. "Travel-Inn"



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The Annual General Meeting (AGM) went off without a hitch. All the club business was addressed, next year's executive was sworn in, and a fresh batch of new Airstreamers were welcomed into the club. The meeting concluded with a draw for a bunch of really sweet door prizes, many of which were donated by Andy Thomson of Can-Am RV.



A subset of the 2027 Executive



2026 President, Lesley S, receives a thank you gift from 2027 President, Theresa B



2025 President, David H, transfers the Past President's flag to Lesley

Dinner was “Bring Your Own Protein” (BWOP?) where everyone brought their meat/veggie protein to be custom grilled. Credit is due to our heroic grill masters, Murray S and Chris M. They not only cooked everyone’s food to order, but they somehow managed to keep track of the almost identical servings of burgers, steaks, hot dogs, chicken parts and whatever that gooey mystery meat was. Our chicken was done to perfection.



Murray and Chris - Masters of the grill



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The weather was perfect, sunsets were glorious, friendships were renewed and begun anew, adventures were had, music was heard, bonfires enjoyed, knowledge passed on, and I scored a really cool Can-Am RV ball cap. In short, it was a great weekend.



New Airstreamers!



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★ 2027 PENNSYLVANIA STATE RALLY ★

KEYSTONE ADVENTURE

— DISCOVER PENNSYLVANIA TOGETHER —

**JULY 29–
AUGUST 1,
2027**

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STATE PARK**
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA

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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

★ HISTORY • NATURE • FRIENDS • ADVENTURE ★

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\$60 per person | Optional Gettysburg Experience: \$60 per person
 Limited number of rally-held campsites available at \$145 per site (3 nights)
 Attendees may also make their own campsite reservations directly with Codorus State Park.

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Recipes for the Road

Karen R

This regular column features ways to prepare delicious food that is tailored to the Airstream camping lifestyle. Recipes could be an Instant Pot or Air Fryer specialty, a shareable snack for Happy Hour, a vintage oven meal from your family archives, a microwavable dessert, a one-pot stovetop meal, an easy skillet dish, *etc.*

Ten Minute Fryer Salmon—Karen R

Serves 2

Ingredients:

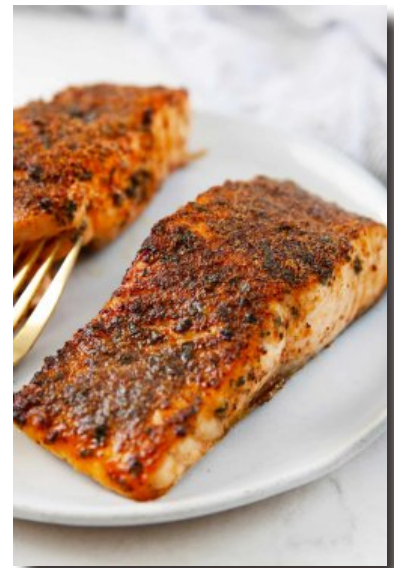
- ▶ Two 6-oz salmon fillets, skin left on
- ▶ Salt & pepper
- ▶ 1 tsp olive oil
- ▶ 1 Tbsp grainy mustard
- ▶ 1/2 Tbsp brown sugar
- ▶ 1/4 tsp onion powder
- ▶ 1/2 tsp dried thyme

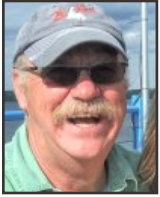
Generously season salmon all over with salt and pepper.

In small bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients and spread over salmon.

Place fillets, skin down, in the air fryer basket and roast/air fry for 8 to 10 minutes, depending on thickness.

Internal temperature should be about 125 degrees F and the outside should have some browning on the edges. I usually serve the salmon with a tossed salad.





How to Score 10 Out of 10

John R

So, you have just rolled into a new campsite, and you can see all the other campers who are already set up sitting back in their chairs, beverage in hand, watching and rating your setup prowess. You start by getting out and looking over your site to see the best place to park the trailer. Your parking partner gets out the walkie-talkies to guide you and you back into your sight flawlessly first try. All the onlookers are impressed and ready to give you a score of 10 out of 10. Levelling and chocking of the trailer goes smoothly and with the precision of an army drill team. Unhooking the tow vehicle, again, smooth like you knew what you were doing. Now comes the time to extend the stabilizers. It doesn't matter if you manually crank, extend using a drill, or by pushing the buttons to lower them. The creaky, squeaky noise that emanates from them is enough to cause the other campers to gasp and spill their beverages as they go to lower the score on your setup.

You could have looked like the pro you are with some simple maintenance on the landing gear. First off, due to the conditions the stabilizers see while travelling down the road, greasing them will only make the situation worse in the long run. The grease will attract road grime and make the operation even noisier. Also, the screw on the stabilizers will rust as it is exposed to the elements and this too will cause the dreaded noise. So, the question

you are asking is how do you make the operation of the stabilizers pleasing to the ears?

First off, you need to clean any old grease and rust off the drive screw of the stabilizers. What do you need to accomplish this? Only three things other than your time:

PB Blaster, paper towels or a rag and disposable gloves.



To start, since Airstreams are low to the ground, and you have to get underneath to clean the stabilizers, pick either the front or rear set to clean. Let's say you are going to start with the rear set as they usually are the dirtiest—they see the spray from the trailer tires. Ensure all stabilizers front and rear are in the fully retracted position. Lower the front tongue jack as low as you can go so the rear end goes as high as it can giving you more room to work underneath. Now lower the rear stabilizers so the threaded rod is exposed. Liberally spray the threaded rod with PB Blaster, let it soak in for a few minutes and remove the built-up dirt and rust. Use the paper towels or rag to remove the excess PB Blaster. Run the stabilizer up and down a couple of times to work in the PB Blaster. If the noise persists then, like shampoo, rise and repeat until back to factory quiet.

For the front set, ensure all stabilizers are in the up position then raise the tongue jack up as high as you can to give you room to work. Repeat the same process on the front stabilizers as you did on the rear.

The key to keeping the stabilizers free from dirt buildup and unwanted noise is to clean the excess PB Blaster off the threaded rod and performing this maintenance yearly as part of your routine.

So now, when you get to your next campsite and set up, you are bound to get a full 10 out 10 from the other campers, well, maybe with the exception of that Olympic Russian judge!





Sunshine Report

Lynn B

As I am writing this, I am in Germany. We have been visiting England, Ireland, Paris & Germany this month. It has been rather quiet and only one “thinking of you” card was sent out from England to Donna C & Alan S who have, sadly, decided that they need to leave the group.

Here I am in Oktoberfest having a fun time.



Community Services Update

Project Linus - Julie R

Many thanks to those members and members' friends and families who created and donated 15 beautiful, handmade blankets at the Fall Rally in Prince Edward County in September. The Durham Region's Project Linus Chapter will benefit from this season's creations. The coordinator assures me that the blankets will provide comfort to young people who are challenged by trauma.



Personally, I just took advantage of clearance sales at my local yarn shop and acquired some of that cuddly blanket yarn at a great price!! Fall and winter are blanket knitting/crocheting season, and I encourage you to keep those needles active in advance of the Spring Rally where we will again accept your generous donations.

If you would like more information about Project Linus, please see the February 2025 Trillium or visit projectlinuscanada.org.

Tabs 4 Kids Wheels

Even though Barb and Rick are no longer coordinating the [Tabs 4 Kids Wheels](#) project for the OCAC, members continue to collect pop tabs with great enthusiasm. M and Murray C have kindly agreed to help with the transfer of the pop tabs to Barb and Rick.

Please keep hoarding those tabs and bring them in to the next rally.