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Early Summer Rendezvous - Rolling Into the Hills of Mono		
When	Where	Organizers
June 19 - 21	Orangeville Fairgrounds 247090 5 Sideroad Mono, ON L9W 6K5	Hosts: Kim & Jeannie E. Caroline B. & Patrick S.
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		
Details		
<p>There's lots to do in the area: biking and hiking and, of course, restaurants. We have the hall booked which includes the washrooms. There will be entertainment on Saturday night. Mixture of 15 to 30 amps. Water at the post. Sewer dump a short distance away. Beautiful hall with very clean bathrooms. Arrive as early as Thursday afternoon and leave as late as Monday. See the April Trillium for more details.</p>		
Silver on the River NER (National Event Rally)		
When	Where	Organizers
Jul. 15 - 22	Rhone Valley, France	Host: Jason G.
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		
Details		
<p>An exclusive river cruise in France, traveling from Lyon through the Rhone Valley, including Provence, and returning north to Avignon. The entire all-suite luxury river boat is chartered just for ACI members. Enjoy an ultra all-inclusive week: premium beverages, gourmet dining, Starlink WiFi, and a choice of daily excursions. An unforgettable experience awaits!</p> <p>Check the ACI website for complete details.</p>		

Sampson State Park - Region 1 and Region 2 Joint Rally

When	Where	Organizers
July 30 - Aug. 3	Sampson State Park 6040-6144 NY 96A Romulus, NY USA	Gary R.
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		July 14, or until all sites have been reserved
Details		
Full information is available on the registration form.		

69th International Rally

When	Where	Organizers
Aug. 22 - 27	North Dakota State Fairgrounds Minot, ND USA	
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		
Details		
<p>THE LARGEST GATHERING OF AIRSTREAM OWNERS OF THE YEAR!</p> <p>Experience the Magic in Minot at the 69th Airstream Club International Rally August 22-27, 2026! The Airstream Club International Rally is the largest gathering of Airstream owners in the country each year! And this year we're headed to Minot (MY-not), North Dakota!</p>		

Fall Rally and AGM		
When	Where	Organizers
Sep. 11 - 14	Quinte's Isle Campark 237 Salmon Point Rd. Cherry Valley, ON K0K 1P0	Hosts: Helene T. & Roch G.
Registration		Deadline
Rally registration TBA Book campsite directly 613-476-6310		Register by August 27 Book your campsite by July 15
Details		
<p>Weekend starts with a Bring your own Protein BBQ and information briefing for the weekend. Saturday morning, continental breakfast, explore the county with a guided 6 km walk or 20 km guided bicycle tour around Sandbanks PP. Catered Smoked Beef dinner with vegetarian option available. The day ends with local entertainers and a bonfire. Sunday, continental breakfast, AGM, roundtable discussion "improve your connectivity on the road". Spend the afternoon exploring the county and finish the day with a Cheese and Charcuterie dinner with a BYOB.</p>		
Plow, Sand, and Apple Caravan		
When	Where	Organizers
Sep. 23 - 29	Saugeen Valley to Blue Mountains ON	Leaders: Kim & Jeannie E.
Registration		Deadline
Contact organizers to register.		
Details		
<p>The caravan is currently full. Contact the organizers to be put on a waiting list.</p> <p>This short caravan starts in the Saugeen Valley and wraps up in the Blue Montains area. Check out nearby beaches, plowing match, and the Apple Pie Trail. This is an "open" caravan with no kitty fee; you can join in for all, or just some, of the stops. Guests with non-Airstream trailers are welcome. Caravaners are responsible for booking their own campsites.</p>		

Fall Rendezvous		
When	Where	Organizers
Oct. 2 - 4	Seaforth Agricultural Grounds 140 Duke St. Seaforth, ON N0O 1W0	Hosts: Kathy B. & Gordon D. Julie & John F. George A.
Registration		Deadline
TBA		September 17, 2026
Details		
True North Caravan 2027		
When	Where	Organizers
June 6 to July 20 2027	Northern Alberta to Northwest Territories, northern British Columbia, and the Yukon	Leaders: Pat & Murray L.
Registration		Deadline
Contact organizers to register		
Details		
<p>The caravan is currently full. Contact the organizers to be put on a waiting list.</p> <p>Come see the great Canadian North - Northwest Territories, the Yukon and northern provinces in between. Truly a bucket list caravan.</p>		

70th International Rally		
When	Where	Organizers
2027	Rock Springs, WY USA	
Registration		Deadline
TBA		
Details		

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 2026

As a result of consultations with Executive members, the registrars, and past hosts, there will be some changes to the booking procedure for 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.

Thank you to all the hosts, parking assistants, attendees and the Drayton Agricultural Society for making the 2026 Spring Rally such a success. The weather turned out perfect and the food was amazing.

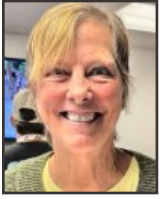
After the rally, Leanne and I hit the road with the Shiny Dragon in tow. We are now in Trois Rivières, Quebec boondocking with our caravan group on the shore of the St Lawrence River. It is beautiful. We are, of course, on route to Labrador and Newfoundland.

Please take time now to book your fall rally campsite at the Quinte's Isle Campark. The jot form should be out soon. It is going to be a great time.

Wherever your travels take you this summer, have fun, be safe, and we will see you down the road.



View from Tadoussac campground overlooking Saguenay River



Region 2 President's Message

Patti G.

Back to basics.

What do cornhole tournaments, stuffed baked potatoes and Bingo have in common? Answer: the essential ingredients to launch a successful Region 2 Rally! What is missing? Answer: the campers who show up! And show they did; over 100 of them.

That's how it started at the Pocono Raceway a couple of weekends ago. Add in a somewhat typical mountain weather report; very cold and blustery. But it's really hard to knock our crew down. Just for yucks, if you wanted to get your blood boiling, then you could have paid a few bucks to ride 160 mph around the track. I did. It was exhilarating, and I'm not even a fan. But when I think about all of it, the basics just brought folks together. It's up to us to make it happen. And that's the point. Our campers seemed to revel in these simple things of yesteryear. A great meal, the competitive spirit, and remnants from church basements and musty auditoriums across Americana; the Bingo Hall.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who made this happen. It's the marquis event of any region, and the smiles made it all worthwhile. We work very hard to get these things rolling and on the calendar 18 months prior to launch. We hope that we'll get some return customers and then some for our May 2027 Rally in Ocean City, MD.

Be on the lookout for details and registration info later in the summer.

And, be on the lookout for a more comprehensive article about the rally in our next issue of The Region 2 Beat. There are many side stories and human-interest anecdotes too lengthy to put into this message.

In other news; I am happy to announce the addition of New Jersey Unit President Jim L. to the Region Board. We installed Jim during a special meeting on May 19th to serve as our 2nd VP. Jim has many skills that will bolster the region, including his professional standing as an accountant and his experience in governance and best practices. Matt and I are thrilled to have the extra help, and Jim brings a dimension much needed by the region. Congratulations Jim!

That's all for now folks. Most of us are on the move attending rallies and caravans. Enjoy the summer and we'll see you down the road very soon! Next up, Sampson: the R1 and R2 Joint Rally.

New Members

Please welcome our newest OCAC members.

Joe W. & Sonja R.
2021 Flying Cloud 25 FBQH

John & Stephanie W.
1993 Excella 1000 34

Nathalie & Pierre M.
2023 International 27

Dylan D.
1996 Classic Excella 25

Paul & Susan T.
2026 Trade Wind 25

Diane H. & Erik H.
2024 Bambi 22

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



Thanks Can-Am
for all your
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Western Ontario Shakedown Report

Melanie C.

The Shakedown is always a fun get together. The 18 rigs started assembling at Country View Motel and RV Resort—your “Home away from Home”—on the Friday afternoon of Mother’s Day weekend. The Resort was just opening for the season with campers coming in to dust off their seasonal rigs. It’s a great park located at the crossroads known as Reece’s Corners but more popularly known as Wyoming.

I mentioned to several friends we were camping in Wyoming. I neglected to add "Ontario" and they wanted to know how we were getting to the state and back so quickly. Apparently, not many people know about the Ontario Wyoming.

The town had a lovely restaurant called Local, preparing local ingredients into tasty dishes. Reece’s Corners has a superb chip wagon that, I believe, everyone in our group sampled. There was a fabulous market across the road from the park selling all kinds of Canadian made goodies. Zekveld’s Country Market is known far and wide for their fresh food.

Jim & Ena F., and Mark H. & Lynn E. were our most capable hosts. Mark and Lynn live in Wyoming and Jim and Ena live close by as well.



Bundle up!



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Friday evening we had a campfire with members getting caught up on life. Saturday saw members checking out the Oil Springs Museum, and the Raptor Rescue and Rehab, yard sales and the Rotary fundraiser at the high school in Petrolia. Lynn has worked with raptors since she was a child. She volunteers at the Raptor centre and gave an informative demonstration with an American Kestrel, the smallest raptor, and the largest, a two year old Turkey vulture. Thanks Lynn for the great event!

We enjoyed a Pot Luck dinner on Saturday evening. The owner thanked us for coming to support his campground and gave the club six mens' shirts to draw for. Thanks again to our hosts for a wonderful opening to the Airstream camping season!



Lynn E. with an American Kestrel



Photo by Jim F.



Spring Rally Report

Michael L.

Never mind Robins and dandelions as a sign of spring. For us Airstreamers, spring has arrived when we can sit under an awning in a Zip Dee chair and catch up with friends, long time and new, and enjoy a beverage and a bit of sunshine. And that is indeed what we did in Drayton for the Spring Rally.

Those four days together were chock-o-block full of fun activities, sightseeing, great food and entertainment.



Friday gave us a chance to get settled into our sites with water and electric and find our friends for informal happy hours. Tina and I hosted a happy hour and had a great time seeing folks that we hadn't seen since last spring at the Blyth rally.

The opening night got things rolling and you can't go wrong when everyone gets cake! The surprise for us was that Tina and I were celebrating our anniversary and some very considerate member had "Happy Anniversary Michael and Tina" on the cake! Wow, that was sweeter than the cake itself! (and it was sweet).



Saturday morning we all enjoyed a great hot breakfast served up by the Drayton Agricultural Society before many of us took off on a town wide treasure hunt. The weather was threatening rain as we zipped around the town-wide yard sale.

Drayton is ideally situated just a short drive from St. Jacobs, where the market is second to none, Elmira with it's Mennonite goods available and the now trendy, Elora. Elora is a wonderful little town with interesting stores, conservation areas and the Elora Gorge. We made a last minute decision to lunch at the Elora Mill and it exceeded expectations in all aspects. The service was perfect, the food was delicious and the view was the stuff of inspiration for painters. And to top it off, they brought us champagne when they found out it was a special day for us.

Saturday continued to be a great day with a delicious catered roast beef meal and a top notch old time country and western band to end the night.



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Sunday started with another hot breakfast, followed by the General Meeting and induction of fourteen new members. It was excellent to see the newbies up there telling us a bit about themselves. It was even better to have time with them at meals and the other social events throughout the weekend. I trust that our members made them feel extremely welcome. We had members attending from all over, from just up the street to affiliate members all the way from Venice Beach California. Michigan was also represented at the rally.

Andy Thomson arrived and presented a very informative seminar on Solar Power, Batteries and Boondocking. No matter how long you have been an RVer, you can always learn something from Mr. Thomson! And Andy gave us more than his time this weekend, he also donated a ton of excellent items for the Raffle that benefitted the Drayton Agricultural Society Elevator Fund. The Kuma Bear Gazebo was the grand prize and there were two pairs of top-end Kuma chairs that also found appreciative homes. Thank you Can-Am RV Centre for your on-going support of our unit!



Sunday also gave us time to visit the area, visit with friends, make cards with Lynn Burdt and enjoy a BBQ and games night. By the time Monday arrived with beautiful summer weather we had been reacquainted, well fed, entertained and were completely relaxed. I am sure we all enjoyed the perfect weather for our drives to home or points afar. Thank you to our hosts Ruth and Bud G., Theresa B., Leanne J., Lesley S., and the small army of volunteers for all the long hours you put into making this a fantastic rally. We will see you down the road.

Michael L.



Linus blankets aplenty

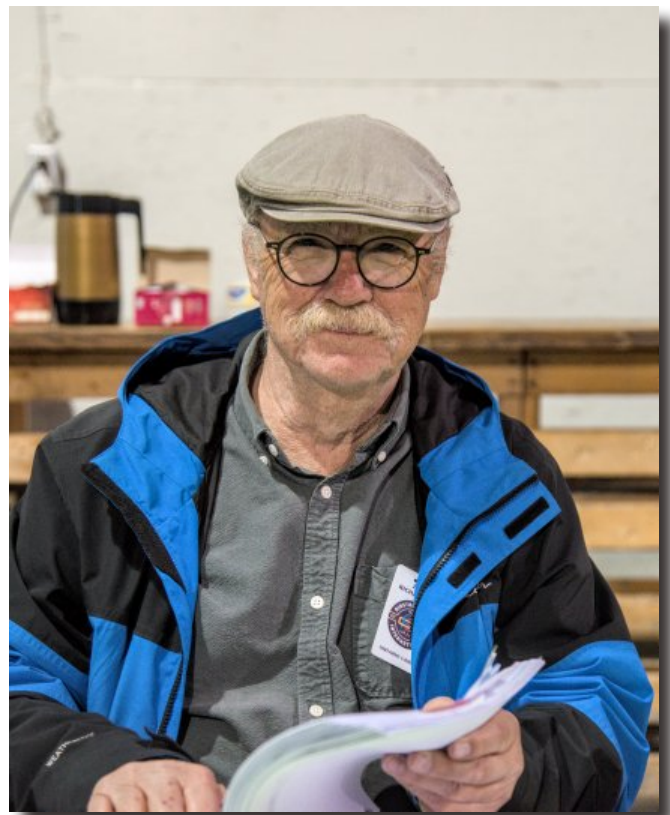
P.S. From Registrar John R:

We had 52 trailers registered with 101 people. There was one trailer that came who was just passing by and dropped in.

There was a total of 165 nights of camping.

The Drayton Ag Society was very pleased with our event. The extra \$1200 from the raffle that went to their elevator fund was much appreciated.





Doing the Starlink shuffle

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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.

Please email your favourite, tried-and-true camping recipe to Karen R. for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

Karen's Easy Awesome Pork Back Ribs (Instant Pot)

Coated with a dry rub, then finished with barbeque sauce, these ribs are so tender and flavourful! Preparing them in an Instant Pot (*aka* programmable pressure cooker) has been a game changer. IP cooking is so much faster than using a slow cooker or the oven, and clean-up is a breeze. I found this recipe in Centennial Kitchen's "Instant Pot Recipes – Amazing Meals in Minutes" magazine.

Makes 4 senior-sized servings and takes about 1 hour to make:

- ▶ 2 lb pork baby back ribs (1 large rack or 2 small), bottom membrane removed, rack cut in half

Seasoning Rub: (Combine in a small bowl or measuring cup)

- ▶ 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- ▶ 1 Tbsp salt
- ▶ 2 tsp onion powder
- ▶ 2 tsp garlic powder (optional)
- ▶ 2 tsp chili powder
- ▶ 2 tsp dry mustard

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- ▶ 1 tsp dried thyme
- ▶ 1 tsp dried oregano
- ▶ 1 tsp black pepper
- ▶ 1 tsp cumin
- ▶ 1 tsp cayenne pepper

Sauces:

- ▶ 2 cups chicken stock
- ▶ ½ cup white vinegar
- ▶ 1 bottle BBQ sauce (medium or hot)

1. Place the ribs on a plate and rub the seasoning mixture into all sides.
2. Place the rack inside the Instant Pot and pour in the stock and vinegar.
3. Stand the ribs on their sides on the rack, so they wrap around the inside of the pot.
4. Secure the lid and move the pressure release valve to Sealing position.
5. Pressure Cook on High for 40 minutes.
6. When cooking is complete, move the pressure release valve to Venting.
7. When all the steam has been released, remove the lid.
8. Remove the ribs to serving plates, coat with barbeque sauce, and enjoy!
9. (Let the cooking liquid cool, skim off the fat, and discard both.)

Note: I have a 6-quart Instant Pot so I can cook 5 lbs of ribs at once and freeze the leftovers. I double the amount of seasoning rub but keep the liquid amount and the cooking time the same.

What's Behind the Name?

From David & Carol H.:

We named our old 25' International "Christine" as it was a Christopher Deem design and it sounded similar. But now we have the 27' Globetrotter and named her the "Travel-Inn". A nice place to stay when on the road travelling.

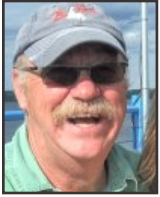
From Stephen & Fran H.:

After 37 years of boating on the Great Lakes and beyond in a Nordic Tug we named "Tug'n" (which describes the activity of cruising around in a tugboat), we switched to our Airstream. While we hadn't actually named our Airstream, most times when we wanted to go to the trailer to do some project or prepare for a trip, we accidentally said "let's go to Tug'n" or "let's go to the boat". So, as we tow our Airstream around, "Tug'n" became her name...

[It's never too late to publish your Airstream name in the OCAC Directory. Send it to me at ocaceditor@gmail.com and I'll get it in the next refresh. Send me the story behind the name as well, even if you've already submitted the name, and I'll print it in another issue of The Trillium.]



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In Tune

John R.

Back in 1981, when MTV started and the first song broadcast was “Video Killed the Radio Star” by the Buggles, the song did not predict the end of Radio; it is still around today, which is a good thing. Having a radio in your Airstream is not only good for the entertainment value, but also for the information it can provide. News and weather along with traffic reports are some of the more common information that local over-the-air radio can give us. The information I listen for from local radio is what events are happening in the local area.

When we get to a campground, I look for a local over-the-air radio station to listen to. I cannot always find our preferred type of music but most times there is a station that comes in clear. This allows me to have the radio set up at the best time to listen for local events and that time is during the radio’s morning show. The radio is on while brushing my teeth and during breakfast.

Here is an example of an event we heard on the local over the air radio that made some memories for us on a recent trip. We were camping in the Traverse City, Michigan area and, as usual, we were listening to the radio during breakfast. They mentioned an event: a meet and greet at the Farming Museum in the area from 5:00 to 7:00 PM that day. Admission was \$10 per person and that included admission to the museum and some snacks. We wanted to visit the



Farming Museum anyways so going to the meet and greet seemed like the thing to do. That evening we went to the event, paid our fee, and not only did we get a meal courtesy of the local sub shop and Chick-fil-A, but also two tickets per person for beer or glass of wine. Did I mention there was also live musical entertainment? Turns out it was a networking event for the local business community. They welcomed us in as tourists from out of State and we had some great conversations with some of the local business people. If it wasn’t for hearing about the event on the local radio station, we would not have had such a memorable day.

Another place to find out about local events is at the bulletin board in the grocery store. When on the road it seems we are shopping for groceries every few days and the bulletin board is full of local things for sale and events like yard sales.

While in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, I saw a posting for a yard sale that was a block away from the grocery store and in two hours time. After picking up what we needed for the next few days we stopped by the garage sale and purchased a few things that were unused and very good prices. Finding a good deal on something always adds to the memories of a trip.

There you go, a couple of tips on finding interesting things in the local area where you are camping. Enjoy the journey and keep In Tune.



Community Services Update

Project Linus - Julie R.

Once again, many thanks to those members and members' families who created and donated an impressive 79 blankets to Project Linus at the Spring Rally in Drayton. I would also like to thank Chris G. for delivering the blankets to the London Project Linus coordinator. At the rally, a couple of individuals shared with me personal stories of seeing the distribution of Project Linus blankets to vulnerable children right in Drayton, and also in my home community of Durham Region. Personally, I find that great motivation! In the most trying times, we hope that the warm hug of a blanket provides one small step towards healing.

I will continue to work on my "travel knitting" Project Linus blanket as we camp throughout the summer months. I encourage others to keep those needles active in advance of the Fall Rally where we will again accept your generous donations.

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

Tabs 4 Kids Wheels

Even though Barb and Rick A. are no longer coordinating the [Tabs 4 Kids Wheels](#) project for the OCAC, members continue to collect pop tabs with great enthusiasm. Melanie 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.