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69th International Rally		
When	Where	Organizers
Aug 22 - 27	North Dakota State Fairgrounds Minot, ND USA	
Registration		Deadline
Registration is open		
Details		
THE LARGEST GATHERING OF AIRSTREAM OWNERS OF THE YEAR! 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!		
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
Registration is open Book campsite directly 613-476-6310		Register by August 27
Details		
Friday: welcome cocktail and information session, charcuterie and cheese board dinner Saturday: continental breakfast, scenic bike ride (20 km), leisure walk (6 km), seminar on Cyber Security given by Aaron Nichols, Hassle-Tassle, optional catered smoked beef or vegetarian dinner, entertainment with Laura Anderson-Brick Sunday: catered hot breakfast, AGM, bring your own protein BBQ (sides provided), bonfire		

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		
The caravan is currently full. Contact the organizers to be put on a waiting list. This short caravan starts in the Saugeen Valley and wraps up in the Blue Mountains 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.		
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
Registration is open		September 17, 2026
Details		
Thursday and Monday are optional. There are 30 sites with 30 amp and water—first registered, first served! Boondocking sites are also available. No showers, but toilets are available when hall is open. Dump station is on site. Cold, but delicious, breakfasts will be served Saturday and Sunday. Catered BBQ dinner Saturday night—highly recommended. Costs and payment options can be found on the registration form.		

Eastern Shakedown		
When	Where	Organizers
May 7 - 9 2027	Richmond Fairgrounds, Richmond, ON	Hosts: Lynn & Rob D.
Registration		Deadline
TBA		
Details		
Western Shakedown		
When	Where	Organizers
May 7 - 9 2027	Jellystone Park, Niagara Falls, ON	Hosts: Leanne J. & Lesley S.
Registration		Deadline
TBA		
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		
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.		

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

It is mid summer now and I hope everyone has been out exploring and having fun, or staying in your favourite park enjoying the summer.

We started our season off with the western shakedown then went straight to the spring rally. From the rally, we began our adventure Expedition 51 out to Labrador with a small group of intrepid travellers. It was an exploratory, mostly boondocking caravan. What an adventure! We prepared for biting bugs and found none. Apparently, the bugs don't like the cold weather we experienced. None of us minded putting on our winter gear and enjoying the fun and tours without black flies and mosquitoes. There was snow and ice covered lakes inland. Out on the open water of the Gulf of St. Lawrence there were icebergs. That's one more thing off my bucket list—see icebergs! I even managed to bring home some bergy bits to use as ice cubes.

Oh! It appears we may have bent an axle in some of the pot holes. Under investigation at the moment.

Leanne and I are now preparing to start our journey north through Ontario visiting some of our favourite Provincial Parks as we travel out to the International Rally in Minot, North Dakota. Hopefully, the wild fires will let us travel our planned route. If not, on to plan B.

I will be carrying the Ontario flag in the opening ceremonies and will continue to represent all of our members and to push for a Canadian Incorporation and expansion of the ACI club.

Once the International is over we will return again through Ontario and straight to the fall rally. I hope to see many of you there. Our hosts have a wonderful weekend planned. Friends, food and fun. A great way to wind down the season before we attend the last event of the year, the fall rendezvous in Seaforth.

A final quick note. Leanne and I will be hosting the western shakedown next year: Mother's Day weekend Jellystone Park, Niagara Falls. Details to follow.



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Facebook Policy Change

Lesley S

Your Executive and the Facebook administrator have been looking into a request from a member of the club regarding the Facebook rules. Previously, if you left the club and sold your Airstream, you were removed from Facebook. Now it has been decided that if you are a member of the Facebook community, and you are aging out, or leaving due to health reasons of yourself or spouse, and you have been a member of OCAC for 5+ years, you may submit a request to the treasurer to remain in the Facebook community.

If you have been removed you will be reinstated.

We know its hard enough to have to sell your trailer. However now you can stay in touch with current members if you wish to.



New Members

Please welcome our newest OCAC members.

Susan & Terrence S
2016 International Serenity 30RB

Andrea F
1975 Overlander 27

Angela & Robert A
2020 Flying Cloud 27

Arthur & Denise S
2025 Globetrotter 27
(Affiliate members)

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
support!

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Fally Rally and AGM—Quinte's Isle

Helene T.

Come join us at [Quinte's Isle Campark](#) (Sep 11-14)

Friday Sep 11

- ▶ 5 PM: Welcome cocktail (Alcohol and non-alcohol) at the Rec Hall followed by the information briefing for the weekend
- ▶ 6 PM: Charcuterie and Cheese Board dinner.

Sat Sep 12

- ▶ 8 AM - 9:30 AM: Continental Breakfast
- ▶ 10 AM: Scenic bike ride (20 km) led by Helene
- ▶ 10 AM: Leisure walk (6 km) led by Roch
- ▶ 2 PM: Seminar on Cyber Security given by Aaron Nichols
- ▶ 4 PM: Hassle Tassel
- ▶ 6 PM: Catered Smoke Beef Dinner with vegetarian option. (Members can opt out on Jot Form)
- ▶ 7 PM: Entertainment with Laura Anderson-Brick at the Pavilion, or in the Rec Hall if the weather does not cooperate.



Sunday Sep 13

- ▶ 8 AM - 9:30 AM: Catered Hot Breakfast
- ▶ 10 AM: AGM
- ▶ Afternoon free to explore The County
- ▶ 6 PM: Bring your own Protein BBQ, sides provided.
- ▶ 7 PM: Bonfire, weather permitting.

Monday Sep 14

- ▶ No activity. Time to say goodbye.

Note:

- ▶ Book your campsite directly with Quinte's Isle Campark.
- ▶ [Rally registration is now open](#)

Kleen Tank will be with us at Quinte! They offer an onsite, interior pressure wash of your black, grey, and water heater tanks. [Click for more information](#). You can [book ahead to guarantee an appointment](#), or approach them at the rally.



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Fall Rendezvous—Seaforth

Kathy B

Fall rendezvous at the Seaforth Agricultural Grounds

140 Duke Street, Seaforth

October 2 to 4, 2026

Your host team still has a few details to work out over the summer, but here's what we already know. The fairgrounds and hall are booked for a total of 4 nights, starting Thursday, October 1. Stay until Monday if you'd like. Camping fees are by the night and are separate from the rally fee. When you register, you can indicate which nights you plan to stay and will be charged accordingly. The actual rendezvous starts on Friday and ends Sunday.

The campground is relatively level – just a short walk from the hall. There are 30 sites with 30-amp service and water – first registered, first served! The cost for a serviced site is \$45 per night, tax included. There are also quite a few spots without services. Boondocking sites are \$35 per night, tax included. There are no showers. Toilets will be available when the hall is open. There's a good dump station on site.

The rally fee is \$30 per person and covers the costs of:

- ▶ Refreshments Friday evening
- ▶ Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday consisting of fruit and juices, cereals, assorted baked goods and spreads, as well as the all-essential coffee and tea
- ▶ Dessert for everyone and coffee or tea on Saturday after dinner
- ▶ Common costs such as table coverings, dish detergent, printing and other miscellaneous items, and
- ▶ The hall rental

For an additional cost of \$26 per person, Saturday is cook's night off! Dinner will be catered by Pineridge BBQ out of Hensall. We know from experience that their food is really good!

We look forward to seeing you! [Registration is now live](#). More details will be provided closer to the event.

Your host team:

[George A., Kathy B. & Gordon D., and Julie & John F.](#)



Airstream Misadventure #29

Steve A

Presque'ile Provincial Park is a long, skinny park located on the western shore of Prince Edward County. "Presque'ile", by the way, literally means "almost an island", which it is—connected to the mainland by a thin isthmus. It's quite lovely, with a large beach, and rocky shores.

We were there with my mum a few years back. We had a slightly-too-small-but-servicable site quite close to the lake, and were comfortably ensconced when evening fell. We retired to the Airstream in the twilight to enjoy a movie. We had all windows and the door open to allow the breeze through.

Part way through the movie, Karen glanced up and said "Look at all the little flies!" Indeed, the walls were covered with these teeny little bugs, like fruit flies, that were small enough to squeak through the mesh of the screens. We didn't think much of it and went back to the movie. After all, little flies like this usually don't survive the night. Nothing to worry about. Right?

Later, Karen made a pit stop in the bathroom. The walls in there were also covered with these flies; more so in fact, because they were attracted to the night-light we keep in there. Enough is enough. Being the helpful sort, she figured it would be a great idea to get rid of them. Paper towel in hand, she started mopping them up, and thus smearing them all over the walls.



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The smell was indescribable. Picture a rustic fish market at the end of a hot July day and you'll get some sense of the reek inside our trailer. Very quickly, we wiped the walls with household cleaner, Windex, dish soap, and whatever else we could find. Nothing worked!

The windows were already open so we cranked up the fans to bring in some fresh air. It didn't help much with the smell, but it did suck in a new batch of flies.

There wasn't much we could do so we tried to ignore the smell as best we could, finished the movie, and went to bed. In the morning, the trailer still smelled of dead fish, but, most of the flies had perished. We vacuumed them up and moved on with our day.

That evening, we sat outside enjoying the evening when the flies moved in again. "The flies! Don't let them into the trailer!" We ran inside and sealed the door, all windows and fans. We were imprisoned inside the smelly Airstream until morning. And thus it remained for the rest of our stay. The days belonged to us; the nights belonged to the flies.

Our son, the entomologist, identified the little buggers as non-biting midges of the family *Chironomidae*, otherwise known as "fish flies." They breed like crazy, feed on stinky fish stuff along the shoreline and then, apparently, swoop down on unsuspecting Airstreams in the evening.

The smell did, eventually, dissipate. We have been back to Presque'ile and not a *Chironomidus* in sight, but we will never forget the "invasion of the fish flies."





Orangeville Spring Rally

Kim E

We had 12 trailers, and one buddy, attend the Orangeville Rendezvous on the weekend of June 19.

Friday night, we had a pizza party in the hall. Keeping with the OCAC tradition, we had ice cream bars and sandwiches.

Continental breakfast was served on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Saturday's mid-day free time was mostly occupied by hiking or biking at the Island Lake Conservation Area or the Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. The Farmers Market in downtown Orangeville was popular too.

Saturday afternoon there was two round table discussions. Cooking on the road ideas, and Trailer Maintenance.

Saturday's supper was a potluck. There was no shortage of great food. The night ended with a round of disco trivia, which brought back a lot of memories.

The part I like the most about a Rendezvous is the smaller number of attendees; it is a more intimate setting. You are able to meet and talk to all the members attending and get to know them. Unlike a larger Rally, where it is impossible to meet everyone. I already knew most of the attendees, but got to meet and know Bill, Julie, George, Rick and Mary.

Jeannie, and I experienced this same intimate experience in Massey, Ontario prior to the 2000's. I have five new Airstream friends; the rest were already my Airstream friends. I look forward to meeting some more in Quinte this September.





Trivia winning team (L-R clockwise)
Julie R, Steve N, Janet N, Theresa B, guest
Carrie R, and Bill R.



Calgary Stampede National Event Rally

Sue & Ron B.

For those of you who have the Calgary Stampede on their bucket list, I highly recommend the Stampede National Event Rally (NER).

Ron and I recently returned from the Calgary Stampede NER 2026 hosted by the AB/SK Airstream Club of Canada Unit 120. While it is a bit of a hike from our home in London, ON to Calgary, AB, it was well worth the trip. The stunning views of Lake Superior as you travel from Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay are worth the extra travel time driving through Canada vs the US.

The six-day rally was full of events and very well organized. We all stayed at the Aspen Crossing Campground where group meals were held. We also had the use of the Rivet Ranch Barn for daily coffee, questions and happy hours as well as a gathering spot for campfires.



Rally communication was accomplished using WhatsApp with a bunch of subgroups by topic, including one on pets, one on Stampede, and one on parade. One member even arranged for a local person to check in on the pets left in the trailers during the long days at the Stampede.

Some of our highlights:

- ▶ Welcome supper (it was delicious).
- ▶ Champagne brunch train excursion on a vintage train, complete with train robbers!
- ▶ Free time to visit the Vulcan Trek Station for all the Trekkies in attendance.
- ▶ Luxury coach bus to the Stampede grounds and back on both days.
- ▶ VIP lunch with live entertainment at the Stampede.



- ▶ Reserved VIP seats (in the shade) for the rodeo.
- ▶ Reserved VIP seats (in the shade) for the chuckwagon races, evening show, and fireworks.
- ▶ Stampede-style pancake breakfast.

Great time and fond memories.

Sue and Ron BRN 2242

For more information about the Stampede NER 2026, visit

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

or email airstream120@gmail.com



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Labrador Adventure Caravan in Pictures

Front cover—End of the road on Rte 138 in the far corner of Quebec: Lesley S



Boondocking at Relais Gabriel, Hwy 389,
Quebec: Karen R



Richardson rig approaching Manic 5 Dam, Quebec:
Denny K & S

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On Hwy 389, Quebec: Karen R



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At the Quebec/ Labrador border: Karen R



Fixing a failed heat pump at Gosling Lake. One of many repairs on the caravan: Karen R



Iceberg watching: Lesley S



Still cold at Pinware River Provincial Park, Labrador: Lesley S

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Rigs parked on former airstrip at Red Bay, Labrador.
No services, cold wind, warm hospitality.
Photos: Karen R



Greetings From New Brunswick

Susan K

[Editor's note: John & Susan K were long-time members of the OCAC, hanging up the keys in 2025.]

Well, what an Airstream treat to attend Happy Hour with Kate D & Ken L and Lynn & Rob D in St. Andrews. It felt so good to be with old Airstream friends chatting and 'shooting the breeze'. It's amazing how you can pick up the thread of a friendship and carry on as if you had just seen each other yesterday; we do miss our Ontario unit 'streamers'.

And a huge surprise when Kate presented me with a present from Melanie C who sent, not *one*, but *three* hand blown glass balls for my tree! They are gorgeous and it was so very thoughtful of Melanie to send them—she is generous! You can see them on the tree. Thanks so much Melanie and hope you and Murray drop by again soon.



Happy trails everyone and have wonderful trips this summer. I know we're going to meet more of you later this summer. Remember, if you're in St. Andrews make sure you contact John and I and we can get together!



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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.

Simple Fruit Torte—Karen R

The original plum torte recipe has been published by the The New York Times every September for the last 44 years. They tried to discontinue printing it after the first 7 years but that caused such an outcry from their readers that The Times reinstated the annual tradition. A friend made some adaptations and shared her version with me, and it has become a go-to favourite. Preparation is simple and the flavour is sublime.

Ingredients:

- ▶ ¾ cup white sugar
- ▶ ½ cup butter, softened
- ▶ ½ cup all purpose flour (or gluten free flour)
- ▶ ½ cup almond flour
- ▶ 1 tsp baking powder
- ▶ ¼ tsp salt
- ▶ 2 eggs
- ▶ 24 halves pitted purple plums (or 3 to 4 cups sliced or chopped fruit such as rhubarb, apples, peaches, sour cherries, etc.)

More ingredients next page

- ▶ 1/3 cup white sugar for topping
- ▶ 1 tsp lemon juice (optional, depending on tartness of fruit)
- ▶ 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

Directions:

- ▶ Heat oven to 350 degrees F.
- ▶ Cream sugar and butter in a bowl.
- ▶ Add flour, baking powder, salt, and eggs and beat well.
- ▶ Spoon batter into a greased springform pan (8, 9, or 10 inches), or a square 9-inch pan lined with parchment paper.
- ▶ Place plum halves (or other fruit) skin side up on top of batter.
- ▶ Sprinkle with sugar, lemon juice, and cinnamon, to taste.
- ▶ Bake 1 hour or until nicely browned all over.
- ▶ Remove from oven, let cool to lukewarm, and serve plain, or with whipped cream, or ice cream.



What's Behind the Name?

From N & Pierre M:

Ours is a rescue named Hailey. Why? She was orphaned by the original owners after a nasty hail storm in Texas. So, we decided to adopt her!



Photo: Katie S



Are Your Tires Telling You Something?

Leanne J & Lesley S

Are your tires telling you something?

We have learned two important things this summer.

1. How and when to drive through Wreckhouse, Newfoundland (if you don't know, look it up. 100km/h crosswinds are no joke!)
2. How to know when you have a bent trailer axle.

During our trip across Labrador we started to notice that one of the tires on the curb side of the trailer was developing excessive wear on its outside edge. It was an approximately 7000 kilometre trip and some of the roads were not always in the best condition. Pot holes were everywhere and sometimes the edge of the road was soft and uneven. We did our best to avoid these hazards but every once and a while we would hit one and receive a jolt.

We kept watch on that right front tire and realized it was definitely wearing more than the other tires.

Mr. Googley and AI suggested a couple of possibilities. Only one fit our trailer since we don't have leaf springs. We probably had a bent axle. Argggghhhh!

When we returned home we had it looked at by a local trailer shop. They did some measurements and concluded the same. They also found one of the shocks on the opposite side was worn out and leaking.

We got on the phone to Can Am to price an axle. Very quickly, we received a call back from Andy Thomson himself. No worries he said. When can you bring it in? We can straighten it no problem, no need to pay for a new axle. CanAm has a machine that can pull and bend and straighten the axle.

After our trailer had its Chiropractic adjustment, we decided to put on new tires and new shocks all around. It was all done in half a day.

Here is advice from Andy:

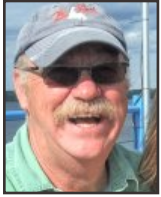
If your tire outside edge is wearing evenly all the way around you may have bent the axle. The most common one is the front right side tire. This can be caused by just kissing the curb on a right hand turn.

If your tire has uneven wear, patchy wear, a bulge or a constant thumping sound your tire most likely has a steel belt breaking inside the tire. Replace that tire immediately or it could blow and the belt can cause significant damage underneath your trailer as it smashes everything.

In conclusion, look at your tires, inspect the wear, and listen when your tires are telling you something.



Road sign the day we decided *not* to drive through Wreckhouse
Newfoundland



Lens Moisture

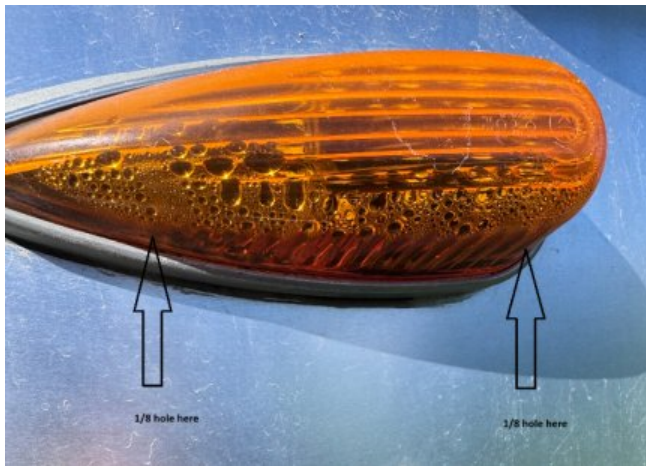
John R

There are all kinds of times when having water in something is not good, like water on your knee or water in your fuel. On your Airstream, having water inside the lens of your marker lights is not good. This water could lead to corrosion and premature failure of your marker lights. Luckily, there is a relatively quick and easy fix for this problem. Take a drill with a 1/8th inch bit and drill a hole underneath the lens at the lowest point possible at each end of the lens cover. When drilling be sure to drill at a low speed as a high speed will cause heat and melt the plastic lens. Also, drill the hole away from the circuit board inside the light to avoid damage.

At the recent shakedown in Richmond, I saw that Rob D had one of his marker lights with some moisture inside. With Rob's permission, I drilled two small holes in his light. I met up with Rob a week later at the Drayton Rally and the moisture had cleared up. Below are before and after pictures.

There you go, a quick and easy fix!

News Flash! Just wanted to mention Airstream for 2027 have gone to lens covers with a more solid finish. Is that so you do not see the water?



Before



After



Sunshine Report

Lynn B

It has been rather quiet on the Sunshine Front. We needed to send a Get Well Soon card to Betty M who had health concerns on June 25th.

Hope everyone is having a great Spring / Summer.

Until next time.

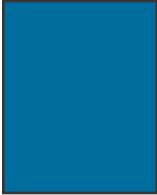


Richardson's rig ("Silver Spaceship") on Lake Superior,
north of Sault Ste Marie: Karen R

OCAC Flag Orders

Have you ever wanted to fly the Ontario Canada Airstream Club flag at a rally or other club event? You can! Please send your request to our quartermaster, [Leanne I.](#) An order will be placed with the manufacturer once there's enough demand. Expect each flag to cost around \$50. Dimensions are 3 x 5 feet.





Community Services Update

Project Linus - Julie R

No Project Linus update for this edition.
Please keep those knitting needles, crochet hooks, and sewing machines in top gear, and bring your hand-crafted blankets to the next rally.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Linus Project.

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.