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President's Message - October 2020

As I wrap up my year as President, I can't believe what an incredible year this has been! When I assumed the role of President last November, no one could have predicted what 2020 had in store for us. We spent the winter preparing for our name change, and supporting the great work the Constitution and ByLaw Committee was doing to update our core documents and bring them in line with the WBCCI model. We had high hopes for an amazing summer, beginning with hosting the Region 2 Rally in Ontario for the first time in a number of years. Ken and I were part of the Host Team for the Norwood Rendezvous and were excited about the planning that was taking place for that event. London area hosts and co-hosts were busy planning with Can-Am to help them design an epic rally in September to celebrate their 50th anniversary. And finally, the Host Team for the Fall Rendezvous had some amazing fun-filled activities planned for our final event of the year.

All that changed in March when the full weight of the pandemic became evident and we realized COVID-19 was not going away any time soon. It all became quite real for us as a club when, after almost two years of planning, negotiating, and coordinating, we made the agonizing decision to cancel the Region 2 Rally in Kingston. We then watched in growing dismay and disappointment as over the next weeks and



Don't ask! when I firefighter invites me into his truck, how could I say no??

months we cancelled one event after another despite hopes that maybe things would turn around and we would be able to gather again in the summer.

Club members who traditionally winter down south had to hurry back before the border closed in March and are now bracing for winter in Canada and for shovelling snow for the first time in quite a while. Suddenly winter coats, tuques, and snow-boots are on the shopping list! Thanks to masks and a slowing of COVID-19, retail therapy is an option again. Cloth mask design has suddenly become all the rage as the creative ones in our club use up the scraps of Linus blanket material and have produced some very creative

masks! Not to mention that with all that time on our hands while self-isolating, a mountain of Linus blankets has been crafted. During the summer, those of us who felt comfortable gathering were able to get together with our Airstreams and camp in small groups. Some of us were in one another's "bubble" and could actually get within 6 feet of one another (although, most campgrounds closed their shower and laundry facilities so maintaining the 6 foot physical distance was still a good thing!). Others quickly figured out just how close those lawn chairs could be for Happy Hours and campfires while still being safely physically apart. It's amazing how when one Airstream

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Check us out!

If you own an Airstream and are curious about what being a member of the Ontario Canada Airstream Club and the [Airstream Club International](#) (WBCCI) would be like, think about checking us out in person! We invite you to attend one of our future events. Of course, event fees apply. Watch for future postings on our website—ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net

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sets out to find a campground, word gets around and suddenly others show up to join in the fun and camaraderie!

For me personally, the past year has been a challenging one. Thanks to COVID-19, the role of President was not at all what I thought it would be. Communicating with members from a distance has not been easy. Emails became the communication mode of choice and we sent lots of them. Our Executive Board meeting and the Annual General Meeting became Zoom meetings - terms and methods that were previously quite foreign to many of us. I really missed being able to see everyone in person at our spring and fall meetings. I'm extremely disappointed that I never got to use that gavel, but come hell or high water (neither of which are as scary as a virus), I am planning to fly the President's flag at our gathering in Cookstown in October. Even though we won't be able to participate in group activities, at last count there were 23 Airstreams signed up to camp together in Cookstown! COVID-19 may have slowed us down or changed the way we do things, but we have managed to overcome many of the challenges it posed.

It is perhaps with a little bit of trepidation that we look towards 2021. It may be that being able to gather as an Airstream family next year is as uncertain as it has been during this past year. After much deliberation, we've reached the decision that the Region 2 Rally won't be held in Ontario next year as hoped. Too much planning and hard work goes into organizing such a large event and if we had to cancel it again in the spring, it would be heartbreaking. If things settle down in 2021, we can hopefully consider hosting the rally in 2022 instead. We don't know what the future will bring, but we are Airstreamers and we will carry on with determination and optimism.

I'm thankful to have had the unswerving support of the members of the Executive throughout the year, in particular Kathy B. who has been my right-hand woman as Secretary. As a membership, we owe a big thanks to Lynn D. who led the charge to amend the constitution and bylaws. Judging by the significant number of drafts, consultations, and revisions, it was a monumental task. I also want to thank each and every one of you, our members, for being there for me when I needed it. Thank you for being resilient and being able to see the positive and the humour in a difficult situation. And thank you for embracing all the things that being part of the Club entails. We have a great Club because of the wonderful people who comprise its membership.

It has been an honour to serve the club as President this past year. On November 15th I will be passing the torch along to Jim and praying that 2021 will be kind to him and to our Club. I know he will do a great job!

Thank you!

Kate

Meet Your 2021 Executive!

Typically, when elections take place at the AGM, a photo of the incoming Executive Board is taken and appears in the next issue of The Trillium so you'll know who's who. Of course, with everything being different this year, that couldn't happen. So instead I asked the incoming Executive to provide a little information so you could get to know them a little better. I asked about their favourite campground so far, their favourite thing to do when camping/traveling, what they like best about being a member of our Club, and the top 3 things on their bucket lists as Airstreamers.

So, in the style of a late 1960's yearbook, please meet your 2021 Executive Board!



President Jim F:

"My favourite campground (so far) is Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, WI. When I'm camping, my favourite things to do are cycling, paddling, and fishing.

What I like best about "the Club": making (and maintaining) new friendships and of course Happy Hour.

I don't really have a "bucket" list; I prefer to live and enjoy the serendipity the life throws at us. The best, most memorable sights and memories were often not planned at all."

1st Vice-President John S.: "Our favourite campground so far is Corney Brook in Cape Breton in the only site that was large enough for my Airstream. Absolutely incredible view looking out the bedroom window at the ocean.

My favourite thing to do when camping / travelling is reading or socializing with other RVers.

What I like best about being a member of our Club is the camaraderie of the members and the common interests and history that exists within a "single brand" club that has been around so long.

The top 3 things on my bucket list as an Airstreamer are "full-timing" for a while, taking in a caravan through Newfoundland and attending the Albuquerque New Mexico rally during the balloon festival."



2nd Vice-President Ray B.: "My favourite campground in Ontario is Longpoint Provincial Park. In the US, it's St. Joseph's Peninsula State Park in Florida until it was closed due to damage from Hurricane Michael in 2018.

The things I like to do while camping are geocaching, hiking, campfires and sight-seeing.

What I like most about the Club is the camaraderie and caravans.

On my bucket list are the Newfoundland caravan, the Alaska caravan, New Mexico and Oklahoma."

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Secretary Ena F.: Ena will also be our First Lady! Shown with Ena is incoming First Dog Finn.

"My favourite campground is Knouff Lake, BC and my favourite thing to do while camping is exploring.

What I like best about the club is the friends I make – past, present and future.

On my "bucket list" are to not to have a bucket list, just get on the road and go, and to get lost every now and then."



Treasurer John F.:

"Julie and I enjoy the journey more than individual campgrounds. However, Rondeau Provincial Park comes to mind. We have been going there, usually on Victoria Weekend, since the 1990s. So the attraction is friends, family, and cycling, especially to Eirieu for beer and wings.

Our favourite thing is touring to discover history and local culture. Two of our favourites were our Magical Music and Civil Rights tour, and many stays at Liberty Harbor to poke around New York City.

So far, what we like best about the Airstream Club is meeting new people at rallies, rendezvous and Club breakfasts in Kitchener/Waterloo. We are planning to add caravans.

We have three items on our bucket list. All are caravans: the *Viking to Newfoundland*, *North to Alaska* and *North by Northwest*."

1 Year Trustee Rose A.:

"My favourite campground area is Mew Lake in Algonquin Park. With all its quiet beauty and splendid colour, the fall is my favourite time to camp. Mew Lake is open year-round for all those hearty winter campers.

My favourite thing to do is hike and connect up with the antics and entertaining encounters of the natural world: unexpectedly, hand feeding chickadees to spying on an inconspicuous red fox... or eyeing the masterful feats of grey jays, as they stealthily collect shiny things from the picnic table as their bounty. What do they do with those things, anyway? No doubt, the shiny trailer attracted them to us in the first place!

What I like about being as an Airstream Club member is the ability and opportunity to meet and get to know some of the most engaging people who inspire both my husband, Kevin and myself. As a result of our membership, we have some very amazing friends!

The top three destinations of my bucket list are the following: Alaska, Newfoundland, and Machu Picchu, Peru (without the trailer, of course!)."



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1 Year Trustee Linda W.:

“As a relatively new Airstreamer, not extensively travelled, Balsam Lake Provincial Park holds fond memories of camping with our grandchildren making it my favorite campground.

While travelling, I enjoy visiting artisan businesses and galleries, and of course, checking out the local cuisine.

Membership in this Club affords me the opportunity to be in the company of and travel with a most interesting and diverse group of people, whose acquaintance and friendships have a lasting impact.

My bucket list I want to travel in Newfoundland again, a most wonderful, unassuming place. I don't have lofty goals, just enjoyment of each day.”

1 Year Trustee Helen Z:

“I couldn't decide on a favourite campground. It's between two that are very different. Tillicum Beach campground on the Oregon coast (fairly rustic minimal hookups but ocean front sites). Or Longhorn Ranch Lodge and RV Resort in Dubois, Wyoming. It's in a beautiful setting 1.5 hours from Yellowstone and has top notch full hook-ups and service in small town Wyoming.

I like to explore the local sites and get to know the locals and, of course, have campfires (as I am camping with Vern...).

What I like best about being a member of our Club is: The people, the people, the people and the connection!!

The top 3 things on my bucket list as an Airstreamer are to live full time and travel in our Airstream until we get tired of it, travel to Alaska, and return to Oregon.”



2- Year Trustee Gerard D:

“My favourite campground is dry camping on Grey's River near Alpine Wy. Been back there 3 times and would go again.

My favourite activity while camping is fishing followed by seeing new places.

Meeting up with fellow Airstreamers and going to the gatherings is what I like about the club.

Bucket list places would be Alaska, the east shore of Hudson Bay, (there is a road believe it or not), and North Dakota to complete my visits to the lower 48. A 4th bonus would be Labrador by land through Quebec, again there actually is a road. 2 more bucket list items; follow the road along James Bay in Quebec, and visit the 3 northern territories. “



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Our growing Facebook page is a closed group available only to members of the Ontario Canada Unit. So if you are a member and want to get in on the latest, send a friend request to Ontcanunit.



2-Year Trustee David H.:

“With only 4 years of limited travel miles under the tires of our 2011 Classic, to pick one campground and say it’s our favorite is difficult. That said I’d have to say it’s a toss-up between Fisherman’s Cove in Kincardine or Sid Turcotte in Mattawa where they have the best selection ice cream and big scoops for a great price.

Attending a rally or rendezvous, Carol and I look forward to Happy Hour, meeting and getting to know folks. There is a lot to learn. Then there are the training and information sessions chock-a-block with information from experienced members. Mention Happy Hour and the things that come to mind are friends, food and refreshments.

When travelling we like to take our time and enjoy the scenery, so after setting up at a campground we’ll take drives and explore the sights, sounds and tastes of the area.

Being a member of the Ontario Canada Airstream Club has been a wonderful and rewarding experience as we continue on our journey to see, explore and learn. Traveling with and being with likeminded members is definitely a rewarding experience in many ways.”



2-Year Trustee Lois W.:L

“Marathon Municipal campground in Marathon, ON, is my favourite.

What I like to do while camping is exploring local attractions. Especially memorable was exploring Dawson City, Yukon.

What I like best about the Club is the camaraderie - making wonderful lifetime friends!

Colorado, Utah and Vancouver Island are still very high on my bucket list, and a new tow vehicle for John Walton (my frequent travel partner). “

Compiled by Kathy B.

Our 2021 Executive Board starts its term on November 15th. Let’s give our officers our full support!

Consider Camping on Ontario Crown Land—from RVtravel.com

You might want to consider camping on Crown land. As a Canadian resident, you can camp for free for up to 21 days a year without a permit. Not to mention, you can select a spot far from the crowds or even in complete isolation if you so choose.

Go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-use-policy-atlas>. You need to check out the map to make sure you are in an authorized area and follow all rules while you are there. The Crown Land Use Policy Atlas contains information on permitted activities for land use area in the province, excluding southern Ontario.

Submitted by Don M.

“Sunshine Corner” - by Linda S.

September 25, 2020



Like us, I would imagine, you have had difficulty connecting with other Airstreamers over the summer. We missed being able to attend the Spring and Summer activities and thought about attending the Fall Rendezvous. Now the second wave of Covid 19 is threatening which caused us to rethink the gathering in favour of a smaller group! So when John and Evie F., Roger and Anne W. and Jim, a travelling companion of theirs from Toronto, arrived in late September at Chutes Provincial Park in Massey, we took the opportunity to rectify the lack of OCAC friends in our lives. We were not able to camp with them but spent one day at Chutes where we had a good chat, shared shrimp tacos and homemade baking from Evie and Anne’s kitchens, all the while physically distancing; not an easy task when Airstream hugs are not allowed! Sure hope 2021 serves up some rendezvous/rally events! Made us miss the rest of you!



The picture above shows Roger, John S. and Jim lounging beside the trailer. Anne and Evie were in their kitchens while John F. was making me a cup of his famously rich and strong coffee! We had the warmest day with sunshine, squirrels and a lovely blue jay who flitted from tree to tree all the while

carrying on a conversation with a squirrel that loves to irritate Evie’s John.

If you were able to attend the virtual AGM on Zoom earlier in September, you heard that Lynn B. has created, and donated, her lovely cards to our Club for Sunshine use! They are abso-



lutely beautiful! The picture I have included does not begin to portray the loveliness of these cards nor the number she sent; but I thought you might appreciate a glimpse of what our members could receive in the future. I feel like sending one to myself! Please be in touch if you know of anyone who would be encouraged upon receiving one of Lynn’s cards.

It seems we are not yet out of the woods where Covid is concerned so once again, please take notice of where you are, who you are with and for goodness sake, don’t forget your mask when you leave the house! Yes, I have had to walk home a couple of times to get mine; unfortunately, I’m usually at my destination when I discover I’m mask-less!

Yes, the sun has less time in the skies already but I do hope you are out enjoying the changing colours this Autumn!

Stay safe and happy,

Linda

Sad News – Former Member Harry Cobo

Some of you may remember former members Ivy and Harry Cobo. Harry and Ivy were long-time members until about 2012–2013 when they retired from full-time Airstreaming, sold their trailer, and settled in their home without wheels. Harry died on September 24. Here is a link to his obituary.

<https://www.lounsburyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/4342323/Cobo-John/index.php>

Thanks to Tony S. & Don M. for passing this information along to us.



From Your Region 2 President



Hello Airstreamers

I wanted to pass this link on to all of you just in case you haven't seen it. It appeared in an email I received from Airstream, Inc as part of their normal marketing. It also appears on their website blog. The blog also contains nice profiles on our current and most recent past International

Club Officers. This really demonstrates to me the growing and improved relationship between Airstream, Inc and our Airstream Club International.

<https://www.airstream.com/blog/whats-new-with-the-airstream-club/>

A lot of progress has been made in our Club over the last several years and there is more to come. I want to thank all of you who have served your local clubs this past year under difficult circumstances. It is during times like these that, out of necessity, we have to review how and what we do...making adjustments and improvements as we go along. We have great opportunities in front of us to add to our membership rolls as Airstream sales reach all time highs.

I know Lea P., our Region 2 Membership Chair, is working hard to pass on new owner info to Membership Chairs of local Clubs. They and Lea are reaching out to these new owners herself on behalf of the Region. And here is another idea...AirForums has a thread under "Our Community" called "Member Introductions" where people from all over the country who have recently purchased an Airstream (new or pre-owned) say "hello" and introduce themselves to the Forum. By clicking on their name, you can see where they are from. How about reaching out and offering a Welcome from the Airstream Club and your local. Being nice and welcoming to newbies should be Job One and may result in a few new members.

<https://www.airforums.com/forums/f368/>

This is always a busy time for our local clubs with membership renewal campaigns and new Officer installations. I was honored to install Ontario Canada Airstream Club's new officers via Zoom in September.

Best regards to all.

Rich S.

region2president@airstreamclub.net

Airstream Nest production halted—from RVtravel.com

Airstream has decided that it doesn't like fiberglass RVs after all, killing production on their Airstream Nest travel trailer after just a few years.

Airstream pulled the plug on the Nest, as their website shows clearly. Airstream is known globally for its shiny aluminum RVs, which are admired for their snappy looks and easy towing capabilities.

The Airstream Nest is a 16-foot trailer, with the large windows that are a hallmark of the Airstream line. The base sticker price for the 2020 model was \$45,900 USD, which is high for such a small travel trailer. Of course, high prices are another signature feature of Airstreams.

The first Nests hit the market in April 2018, and got a lot of media coverage due to their attractive exterior and fiberglass construction. There were issues with them from the beginning, including poor gel-coating, according to some owners.

This isn't unusual, of course – most RVs, including brand-new ones, have problems almost from the start. But given the high cost and small interiors of the units, it may have been too much for Airstream to overcome. The company has several other 16-foot RVs in their lineup as well, including the Bambi, Basecamp and Caravel, so competition from their own models may have also been a factor.

Whatever the ultimate reason, the bottom line is the same: When it comes to the Nest, Airstream has flown the coop.

Submitted by Don M.



From the Editor's Desk

This is my 25th and second-to-last issue of The Trillium as Editor. The December issue will be my last and the 2021 Directory will be my last as Publisher.



Most of you don't know that I volunteered to be Editor a couple of years before Al L., our previous Editor, handed it over to me. I saw it as a way to stretch my brain and I was excited to get started – nervous, too, as Al's issues had repeatedly won awards at the International rally competitions.

I was up for the challenge of learning new software, soliciting and editing members contributions, and throwing in some content of my own. I experienced the "stretch" I was looking for during the first 2 years. Year three was consolidation but I

knew last fall that I'd be ready to hand over at the end of year four which is now. I was right.

Our newsletter has been long admired in the Wally Byam world. It reflects the "personality" of our Club, and a change in Editor, who'll put a new spin on it, will help the newsletter stay dynamic. After all, there's no fixed set of rules to dictate what must be included in the newsletter or how it should look. The other platforms, such as our website and Facebook page, may assume some of the content that has traditionally appeared in the newsletter.

As much as I will miss "being in the know", I'm asking again for someone to take this on. If needed, I can help you get started and will support you until you feel comfortable in the role. It's time for a new Editor with some fresh ideas to come on board.

Kathy Blake Editor

p.s. The full job-description can be found on our website https://ontariocanada.airstreamclub.net/files/2020/08/Publications_Editor.pdf

Project Linus Update



Above are Kate D.'s blankets and below are Lynn D.s' blankets. So cute and cozy!



Although we are not getting together, our Blanketeers continue to be busy making blankets for children in need of warmth and comfort. Here is a sneak preview of some of the blankets to be donated to Project Linus.

Margaret S., right, has been busy knitting blankets. Thanks to Lynn B. and the donation of her late Mother's yarn stash, Margaret made the pretty blue, white, and yellow blanket.



With a great team of volunteers, we are collecting blankets at the "not Rendezvous" Cookstown KOA and planning a delivery to Project Linus in October.

Stay safe!

Joan G.

Project Linus Coordinator

The Adventures of Airstream Annie



So here we are, September already. A year of isolation and upheaval in my case. We spent the winter in Salem's house on the lake. Since it is a vacation area in the summer, there are very few winter residents and it is of course far removed from a town of any size. I would like to thank Salem and Ruby and of course their parents for allowing me to stay there.

It is a fun place for a dog, lots of room to run off leash, places to explore, sniffies to follow and rodents to chase. Yes, rodents which includes squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs and skunks which I never came face to face with, thankfully, although their scent was everywhere. Of course, there is the lake which means swimming. Well, I discovered that the lake is cold in November and no one should swim in Lake Erie at Christmas time. The lake also seemed angry all winter with waves that were a lot taller than me. It made ice along the shore which made it hard to walk but it also meant that there were new sticks to chew every day. Of course, every day or so the lake would wash up another dead fish for my rolling pleasure. Boy I enjoyed that but mom and dad, not so much. For some reason they didn't seem to understand the perfume these fish carried.

Winter passed and in late March our new house was finally done and we moved again. I hate moving...it's so much work. You have to continually make new friends, establish boundaries, train the wildlife and figure out the bathroom arrangements to everyone's satisfaction. This house had no grass, no driveways and the street was a sea of mud from all the construction stuff around. There were diggers, dumpers and

pushers all moving dirt at the same time. Of course, it rained on my walks and I would come back covered in mud, wet and bedraggled. This resulted in many showers and baths of course but it also made a lot of work for mom because of the sand I would drag in. However, like always time passed, the driveway was installed, grass put down, a deck provided and the streets were cleaned up so I could stay clean.

As it happens we seem to be on the flight path for the Orange rescue helicopter so it is my job to make sure they fly high enough above our house to not disturb us too much. It has also become my responsibility to keep the crows off our lawn and to keep the vultures over by the bush.

I like the new house. I can get the best naps on the front porch and on the deck while at the same time keeping an eye on the comings and goings in the area. Every day I meet a new construction worker that I must check out and it's becoming hard to say good morning to everyone every day.

Ok so you now know what I have been up to since my last report, nothing too exciting certainly nothing to do with Airstreams or camping. The trailer was parked after Fisherman's Cove last year and it stayed winterized until the first week of August when we took it to spend a couple of days with auntie Val at her camp. That was fun as I got to ride on the front seat of her golf cart. I also took charge of the squirrel situation for her. I had a great time and so did mom. As soon as she got home she booked three days at a campground on Lake Erie at Port Glasgow. Guess what? They had a beach for swimming! Every day I was in the water for as long as possible. When I got home I slept for three days straight I was so worn out. We had also been invited to spend a few days with Tsuni's parents at Fisherman's Cove so, off we went again. I like this place as they have a dog beach with swimming but the lake doesn't have any large waves making it easier to retrieve my sticks. It was a great few days and it really has been great to get out again.

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For Sale

2016 Classic 30, rear twin bed, solar package, Hensley hitch, wrap around windows front and rear, full size fridge, power everything, awning, stabilizers, table, bed and recliners, cherry cabinetry with macadamia ultra leather and sandalwood counter tops, 50 amp, twin air-conditioners both with Easy Start, spare tire and rim, Michelin 16" tires. All standard Classic options including two televisions and convection microwave. Purchased from and serviced by Can-Am.

To view and for pricing call 226-777-7599. If no answer leave message or email peter@lifs.ca

New Name, New Logo – Calling All Designers

At the recent Ontario Canada Airstream Club AGM, our new name was formally adopted. As outgoing Quartermaster, I formally recommended to the membership that a new logo is needed to properly identify our Club. Our current logo was designed about 15 years ago and approved by WBCCI in 2006. It incorporates the word “Airstream” and our then name “Ontario Canada Unit”. We have made great use of this logo in our Quartermaster branding, through apparel, pins, decals, and flags and on all of our documents. There are now two issues with the current logo.



The first and obvious one is that we need to show our new name as the “Ontario Canada Airstream Club”. This could be accomplished by simply changing the banner at the bottom of the logo. This would not be a major change and would leave the logo looking very similar to our current one. Simple is good.

However, the second issue is that our logo shows a 3-axle 34’ trailer, which is no longer manufactured by Airstream. When our current logo was designed, this was one of the most popular trailers in our membership. It is now a somewhat dated image and could be changed as part of a new logo design.

We are calling on the creative talents of our membership to design a new logo for our Club. It can be a simple update or a brand-new image. It must be suitable for use on our pins, embroidered items, documents and website. Fire up your creative juices and see what you can create!

Please submit your ideas to our Club President 124President@airstreamclub.net by November 30 in the digital format of your choosing (JPEG, Word, PDF, etc.). The top designs will be chosen by the Club Executive Board and published in *The Trillium* for member feedback. A new logo must be approved by WBCCI. Let’s have a new image for our new name ready to send forward for the IBT meeting in Lebanon, TN next summer.

Submitted by Kerry M.

Annie’s Adventures—cont’d from page 10

As I write this I am in Summer House Park on Miller Lake on the Bruce peninsula with Finn, your new First Dog for next year and Summer another golden whose home is in Goderich and who has not yet been to any of our rallies, so there is much to discuss. There is a doggie beach here but it's been cool and rainy so I haven't been allowed to swim yet but I have high hopes that will change.

We have gone from not using the Airstream at all to being out almost all month. It's a nice change from the last year of isolation and staying home. It's great to reconnect with some of my friends and to have the opportunity to make new friends again. I think if we hang in there, have a few afternoon naps, get a bit of exercise, be kind to those we meet and keep our sniffers busy, life will continue to be the best thing going (right after lunch of course).

Anyway that's all I have for now. Be kind to each other, stay safe. I look forward to seeing you down the road.

Annie



At Summer House Park: I'm in the middle. My friend Finn is on the left. Summer is on the left. She belongs to Dwayne and Margaret R.. Dad is in the back row, along with Margaret.

Travelling With Dory—by Lesley S.

The year is 2020. After owning our Airstream Basecamp for two years, we decided to join the Ontario Airstream Club. We proudly got our numbers and managed to grab one of the



last spots for the big rally scheduled for Kingston. We figured it would give us an opportunity to meet other travellers with Airstreams. We were also on the waiting list for the *Around Superior Caravan*. Of course, just our luck, everything was cancelled. So this is what we did the previous two summers before joining.

The first year we had the Basecamp, 2018, (her name is Dory) we travelled west. We had been to Australia, New Zealand, Nepal, but we had never been to Manitoba! Just getting out of Ontario was quite the drive.



Scooter overlooking Lake Superior at Neys Provincial Park—July 2018

We love to hike and it was in Manitoba that we had a close encounter with a local black bear and her cub. It was the cub scurrying up a tree that I saw first and my thought was not

“how cute!”, it was “Oh!oh! Where is the mom?” We were too close – only five feet apart – and I am sure the number of whiskers on the face of that bear is fourteen with 7 on each side. She made noises that sounded like they were coming from the nails on her feet. It was pretty scary but all ended well. I backed up, she took her cub and we parted ways.

We continued our travels and visited with friends in Calgary. For the first time, we went to the Calgary stampede – a unique sort of CNE with a rodeo going on. Hiking in Alberta is wonderful. Once at the top of any trail the views are amazing. We have bear spray now, and, fortunately never saw a grizzly bear.

When we turned around to come home, we travelled along the back roads near the border of the US and ended up in Grasslands National park. It was here that the dinosaurs, and



Grasslands National Park— July 2018

later the bison, roamed. We took a tour and I was fascinated when our guide pointed out quick sand. I had never seen it before and did not know we even had it in Canada! Once back in Ontario when we had our second encounter with a black bear and cub. It had been a hot night and we had left the outside door latched open with only the screen door closed. (The Basecamp has only a screen – not the aluminum door bigger trailers have.) The bears were roaming around the campsite in the predawn hours and the dog sure did not like them outside of our trailer. Fortunately, when the dog started barking at them, the bears ran off and I stopped the dog from going through the screen.

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Travelling with Dory—cont'd from page 12

The following season, 2019, we pulled Dory out of storage and took our second big trip, this time going east.

We drove through all of the Maritime provinces except Newfoundland. We'd have liked to have gone there but the short ferry required us to bring a kennel for the dog and put a muzzle on him. Well, we don't have storage room in the base-camp for a kennel so did not go to Newfoundland. When in PEI, we met some of the most warm and friendly islanders. But we also had encounters with some real nasty ugly people who thought the world circled around them. We actually had to leave one campground early because of them and the



Walking the beach in PEI— August 2019

noise of bangers they set off that terrified the dog. We found some beautiful sand beaches, walked the flower pot rocks, and watched the tidal bore come in. We hiked the trails of

Cape Breton and put our feet in the Atlantic Ocean. Besides all the lovely places we saw, we indulged in seafood wherever we could - lobster, scallops and clams. The best of the coast! Once returning to Ontario we put Dory into storage early as we were leaving the country travelling to Peru and Ecuador from late October into November, but that's another story.

This year before Covid-19 struck and shut everything down, along with our Airstream Club plans, we intended to stay closer to home. We started the Bruce trail in Queenston in the Niagara region 2 years ago and our goal is to hike the Bruce Trail end to end. We are now approximately 500 km along the trail, around half way. Our plan was to camp weekdays, hike the Bruce Trail and come home on weekends. But, with Covid, even the trails were closed. I sat in my house looking at Dory sitting in the driveway. Finally, the campgrounds opened and the trails opened and we were off! We're now in the Collingwood area and still hiking.

We have not run into any other members in our travels but it would be nice to meet you somewhere along the road. We will be going to Balsam Lake PP for the Vintage trailers and car show after Thanksgiving. Maybe we will see some members there. Now there is always next year to look forward to and to participate in a rally. Maybe we will start off with Alumapalooza again.

We were wondering what have other members been doing in this season of Covid19?

Submitted by Lesley S. and Leanne J.

What gets damaged with too low of 120 voltage? From RVtravel.com

Contrary to urban myths, it's not your laptop computer or home entertainment system or even your RV's 12-volt DC converter/charger or other electronics. All of those devices probably have a universal power supply that can be plugged in anywhere around the world, and thus are rated for anything from 90 to 250 volts. And your microwave oven probably won't be damaged even if the voltage dips below 100 volts, even though it will take longer to heat up your coffee. Same for your coffee pot or electric water heater. They usually don't care about low voltage, they just take longer to do their job.

The real areas of concern for low voltage are the compressors in your rooftop air conditioner and residential refrigerator. Any electric motor is rated for a specific voltage range, and once you get below that voltage it begins to draw excessive amperage. And that extra amperage turns into heat that can damage the (expensive) compressor. The industry has decided that anything below 105 volts is too low for these compressor motors and can cause damage.

Submitted by Don M.

Our Airstream Revamp—Part 2 - by Melanie C.

Part 1 of the Our Airstream Revamp was published in the August issue of The Online Trillium. You might want to have a look-back to see how it all started! This Editor is envious of the skills, energy and innovation that Murray and Melanie brought to the project. I'm hoping to check it out in Cookstown! Thanks, Murray and Melanie for sharing your story.

We ended up choosing a vinyl plank flooring from Home Depot. It is waterproof and fairly easy to install. We had enough to go from front to back and under the bed. Getting the planks under the walls and front edges of the cabinets was tricky but worked with the help of a pry bar.

The bottom half of the walls was covered in vinyl that I purchased from Lens Mill Store. I used 3M's Super 77 spray adhesive.

It works like a dream to cover the walls, bench drawers and valances. It is sooo much easier than a staple gun – even an electric one – to adhere foam or fabric. Much of the existing trim was spray painted and reinstalled.

I used peel and stick wallpaper from Lowe's on the top part of the walls. It is easy to use and is repositionable so you can get it on perfectly. There are lots of patterns to choose from. A



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peel and stick aluminum tile was used above the stove top and on the bathroom back splash. It is from Dollarama and only \$4 per 12-inch square sheet.



I purchased the floral fabric from Lens Mill Store. I liked it so well I bought the whole bolt! I used about 10 yards to cover the existing curtains in the bedroom and sitting area, the valances and basket liners. We replaced the existing pleated shades with room darkening cellular shades from Lowe's. We are working on using magnets to hold the blinds to the bottom of the sills. Murray spray painted much of the window trim so it now looks fresh and new.

An unused sofa from another vintage trailer reno was used instead of the original banquette for the table seating. Murray had some English walnut he was itching to use. He designed and made a new moveable dining table that is the star of the renovation. I loved it so much I asked him to make nar-



row shelves for beside each recliner and one for the end wall with birch bark covered tea light holders. They are stunning as well as practical.

Murray and I have enjoyed this renovation. It is a very different look from the original but is light and bright with some updated fabrics and finishes. The hot summer slowed us up a bit but it is finished just in time for our Cookstown rally. If you have any questions about the work we have done we are more than happy to answer them.

Melanie & Murray

COVID "Bubble Campers"

In her President's message, Kate mentioned how when one Airstream "sets out to find a campground, word gets around and suddenly others show up to join in the fun and camaraderie!" Here are a couple of examples:

The first photo on the right was taken in Mattawa in July. The one on the far left was taken at Bon Echo Provincial Park in late September. In both cases, the groups had arranged their schedules in order to "bubble" safely.

Maybe this is our new norm?



Photo by Linda W.



Photo by Kate D.

Autumn in the Maritimes – Caravan Overview

A Region 2 Caravan: August 31, 2021 to October 1, 2021

Autumn is a lovely time in Canada's Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Everything is less crowded and the pace is even more relaxed. The weather is mild in the daytime and cool in the evening – sometimes even brisk! The spectacular Fall Colours are bound to emerge during our travels.

The caravan will explore the linguistic and cultural history of the region, from the earliest French settlers in 1605, to the English, Scottish and Irish immigrations and the influx of United Empire Loyalists following the US Revolution. Throughout these times, the indigenous peoples have also influenced the development of the area. All these movements of people, heavily influenced by the politics and wars of Europe, have created the multi-lingual and multi-cultural societies of today. Much of the Maritime Provinces is also shaped by the sea and the seafaring traditions that remain today.

Come prepared to see and experience the highest tides in the world, exquisitely preserved historic sites, coastal plains and rugged cliffs, working harbours and everywhere, the friendliest people in the world. And don't forget seafood – the cold waters of the North Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence

provide a bountiful harvest for the dining tables of the Maritimes.

We will start in beautiful St. Andrews, NB at premium ocean-front campsites and conclude 32 nights

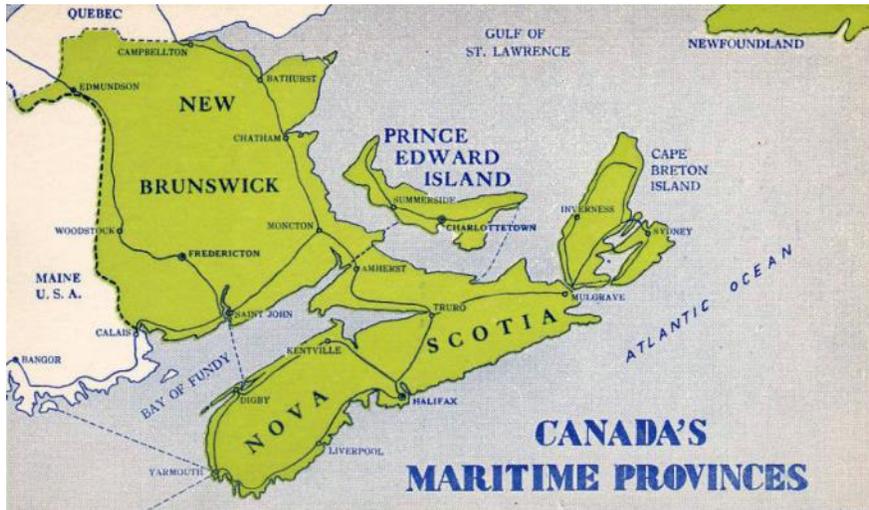
later at Kentville, NS – fittingly, the birthplace of the Wally Byam Caravan Club in 1955 at the conclusion of one of Wally's early caravans.

This caravan is the "beta" run for a new Airstream Club International

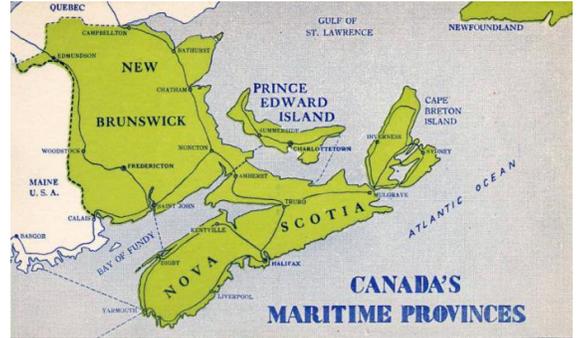
caravan which will begin the following year. Due to the limitations of Covid-19, parts of the caravan have not been scouted, so we may share some surprises. But hey, isn't that what adventure is all about?

The caravan is limited to 25 Airstreams, including the leaders. The kitty fee will be \$3,700 (CAD) for an Airstream with 2 people, or \$2,700 (CAD) for an Airstream flying solo. A deposit of \$500 (CAD) will secure your place on the caravan. Sign up soon. The caravan application, included on the next page, will soon be found on the Region 2 website or the Ontario Canada Airstream Club website.

For more information, contact **Kerry M.**
124caravan@airstreamclub.net



**Autumn in the Maritimes Caravan:
Application for Canadians
August 31, 2021 – October 2, 2021**



Names:

WBAC #:

Size/Type of Airstream: Length (check one) TT MH

Number of People in Party:

Names and Ages of Children, if any:

Special Needs: (parking, dietary, etc.)

YOUR INFORMATION:

Address:

Home Phone: Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

CB Radio: (check one) Yes No

KITTY FEE: CAD

- Airstream with 1 person: \$2,700
- Airstream with 2 people: \$3,700
- Additional people: \$1,000

A deposit of \$500 is required at time of registration. Final payment is required by May 1, 2021. A cancellation fee of \$100 will apply to any cancellation before May 1, refunds will be best efforts after that.

To secure your place on the caravan, **email this Application to:**

124caravan@airstreamclub.net

Payments:

Canadian Participants: Make your payments to 124registrar1@airstreamclub.net using PayPal or Interac E-transfer.

In the event that this caravan is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be established.