

# region10

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## from our **PRESIDENT**

### Michel Bourassa, Region 10 President

Dear Region 10 Members,

It with sadness and some trepidation that I write this to all of you. Sadness for the unhappy circumstances that have befallen Sharon and Stephen; our dynamic, progressive Region President has been forced to leave the leadership of the Region and we will feel that loss. I'm sure that everyone joins me in hoping for the best for both her and Stephen and I ask that you express your support to them both. It will help. Trepidation in that I seem to have been grasped by a whirlwind from behind and blown from 2 VP to President in 15 months. It's dizzying to say the least. I may be a little lost for a while and I will undoubtedly stumble so please bear with me. The leadership of Terri Warren and Sharon Cairns over the past few years has been outstanding and I have very big shoes to fill. I will do my best and I will lean on them and other Region stalwarts for advice and continuity.

Ellen and I have been Airstreaming for 11 years with well over 50,000 km on our rig. We've been across Canada

twice, all over the USA, South as far as Belize and many trips to México. We have enjoyed the company and instant friendship of fellow Airstreamers everywhere we have traveled, which brings us to our primary passion: "Caravans and Community", a goal I hope to pursue as President.

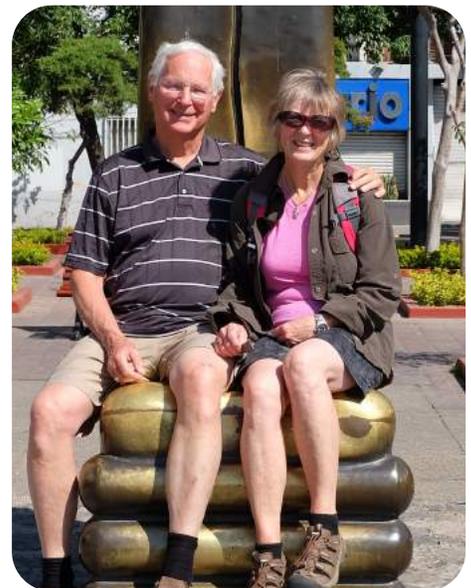
"Community" in that we are all connected; we all know each other or someone who does; we already have common interests in travel and adventure, and we belong to the best club in the world: The Wally Byam Airstream Club. Cohesiveness, cooperation, and adventure make us a unique community.

"Caravans" in that this is the life's blood of our club. The silver rigs traveling the highways and byways of North America following Wally Byam's dream and his example are what we are known for and what we live for. We ordinary members have everything we need to travel: We are supported by a committed and talented International Executive dedicated to caravans and there are no bureaucratic or regulatory barriers to what we can do, or dream to do. So – let's keep the Silver stream flowing in the arteries of all North America. Let's get together, let's get on the road.

Lastly, my electronic door is always open to you; please feel free to contact me at any time on any issue that I may be of some use. In particular, I will gladly accept help and advice from any of you in guiding our Region for the next year.

-*Michel Bourassa*

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# unit president spotlight

*President David Johnson &  
First-Lady Linda Johnson*

Inland NW Unit President

**Where are you from? Tell us a little bit about your town/ and why you like living there.**

Linda and I have lived in the Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls ID area since 1972. She is a Minnesota girl and I grew up in Denver. We raised our two sons here and can't think of

a better place to live. Although the area has grown considerably over these many years, it still offers the lifestyle that appeals to the outdoor enthusiasts but with city amenities close by. We also have a condo in the McCall ID area that we enjoy as well.

**Tell us about your family (pets included).**

Our oldest son, Jason, lives in Spokane WA and is an attorney. He has two sons, Garrett who is married and lives in Boise ID while Matthew attends college at the University of Idaho. Our youngest son is a Pastor in Springfield Missouri, married to Leanne and they have two daughters. Janaya and Sydney both attend Southeastern University in Lakeland Florida. Our two fur babies are our constant travel companions. Maggie, a longhaired miniature doxy and Murphy, a rescue puppy, is a Shiatsu mix.



**How long have you been members?**

We became members of the Idaho Unit in January of 2018 and have enjoyed our travels for the past two seasons. Last fall we were asked to help start a new club in the Spokane area and the Inland NW Airstream Club became official in January of this year.

**What kind of Airstream do you have? Have you ever owned any other trailers/Airstreams?**

We have owned several types of travel trailers including 5<sup>th</sup> wheels since our retirement in 2008. It took us a few years to figure out exactly what fit our travel needs. Finally, in 2017, we purchased a slightly used 23' Flying Cloud and discovered how "stress free" an Airstream travels down the road. However, it was a bit cramped for our lifestyle so we traded to a new 2017 25' Flying Cloud. We then discovered the added benefit of the Airstream Club and have been hooked ever since.

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# Unit President Spotlight cont'd

## David & Linda Johnson (continued from Page 2)

### What did you name your Airstream and why?

We have not yet officially named our Airstream but we have named our flamingo mascot "Francine". The story of Francine is way too long to share in this space but please ask me at a rally to share her story, as it is quite amusing.

### What is the best thing you've purchased or made for your Airstream?

Have I mentioned our flamingo mascot Francine?

### What have been your favorite trips/rallies as a part of the club?

Some of our favorite rallies over the past couple of years have been with the Idaho Unit. City of Rocks in Southern Idaho, Henry's Lake near Yellowstone Park and also Orofino ID, which included a Jet Boat trip up the Snake River.

### What is the most interesting place you've visited as part of a trip/rally?

Henry's Lake was probably our most interesting trip. Even though the weather was quite cold, the excursions offered a look at the unique history of the area including Quake Lake, Johnny Sack Cabin and, of course, Harriman State Park.

### Any places that you've gone on your own that you would recommend to others?

We have gone on a six-week trip to Alaska traveling the Alaska Highway (pre-Airstream) as well as a 7,000-mile trip to Florida and back last spring. We have three rallies planned for this year with our new club including Wine Country RV in Prosser WA, a Canada trip to Nakusp BC and our last rally of the year at Cataldo ID.



### Besides traveling in your Airstream, what are your (and your spouse's) hobbies/interests?

Linda and I are quite involved in our local church here in Coeur d'Alene where I help lead a "Mentor Group" which includes eight young men each year. We also enjoy fly-fishing and skiing. We are both avid readers especially enjoying history. We do love to get away to our condo in McCall, as well, to enjoy some peace and quiet.

# A Note from Sharon Cairns

Dear Members of Region 10,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to let you know that I have found it necessary to step down as your Region President.

Stephen became critically ill in December.

That crisis is now over and he is at home but

he was diagnosed with a degenerative

disorder, which means I need to turn my

attention to the home front. It truly was an

honor and a pleasure to serve as your

president for the brief time. We met so many

terrific people and saw many new wonderful

places; I wish we could have finished the

term. Be assured that your new President,

Michel Bourassa, is very competent; he stood

in for me at the winter IBT in January and was

excellent. Those of you who have yet to meet Michel, you will find Michel and Ellen quite delightful.



The current pandemic has put a stop to all of the early season rallies and we still cannot predict what may happen with the summer and fall rallies.

Michel is prepared and ready to provide you with great leadership. The important thing is for everyone to stay safe but still connected with each other through your choice of social media.

We can never predict what will come up in life. We bought a new trailer, took on the presidency, and adopted a new puppy to travel with. Then we discovered Patch gets very car sick and Stephen became very ill. You never know what the future will bring, so find a way to enjoy every day. Patch brings us much joy everyday.

Warmly,  
Sharon, Stephen, and Patch

# Northern Lights & Polar Bears Caravan

**Gail Harrower, an affiliate of Alberta Saskatchewan club is leading a caravan to Churchill Manitoba to see the polar bears and much more.**

The **Northern Lights and Polar Bears National Caravan** starts September 14, 2020 at the International Peace Garden at the Manitoba/North Dakota border. See the WBCCI's *A Promise of Peace* with a tour at the Peace Garden and in Boissevain, MB. With stops in Neepawa, Dauphin, Swan River and The Pas, you will experience some of Manitoba's beautiful country and experience a working Dairy Farm, Canola Seed Farm and Riding Mountain National Park. You will meet up with Josiah Flintabattery Flonatin who guards the entrance to the city of Flin Flon. Next stop is Thompson, MB where we will get our rigs ready to be left while we journey by Via Rail to Churchill to see the *Northern Lights and Polar Bears*. A full four days of events including two days of Tundra Buggy Experience and one night on the Tundra Lodge.

Did you know that Churchill, Manitoba was ranked number 29 of the Top Places to Visit in 2020 by the New York Times? A true bucket-list vacation destination, this rugged outpost on the edge of the Hudson Bay offers experiences you won't find anywhere else in the world. Not only is it the polar bear capital of the world, it is one of the world's premiere viewing destinations for the aurora borealis (northern lights) that dance in the sky some 300 nights each year. While in Churchill, you can take in some of its extensive fur trade history, hiking and outstanding cuisine (Arctic Char is a must!). So get set for your once in a lifetime tundra experience in Churchill with the *WBCCI Northern Lights and Polar Bears National Caravan* – Sept 14 to Oct 12, 2020. More information and online registration at <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-lights-polar-bears-caravan-2020>.

## REGION 10 BOARD & LEADS

**President-Michel Bourassa**

**Caravan Chairman-Tom Akam**

**1st VP-Rhonda Levine**

**Community Service-Volunteer Needed**

**Secretary-Marie Efir**

**Maintenance Chairman-Ray Putnam**

**Treasurer-Ray Schmitt**

**Membership-Volunteer Needed**

**Past President-Terri Warren**

**Newsletter-Cara Goedeking**

**Parliamentarian-Marilyn Collins**

**Website-Russ Decker**

**Blue Beret Correspondent-Darlene Caldwell**

# region 10 rally update

Hello to all! These are uncertain times and we're all wondering when and if things might get back to normal. To date there has been no decision made on canceling the Region 10 Lynden Rally. Our number one concern is for our members' health. We still have three months until our rally and we will be paying close attention to this pandemic.

Sharon Cairns started planning the Region 10 Rally in Lynden during November 2018. Lots of work has gone into it, and deposits have to be made. One of our main concerns is our deposit at the fairgrounds--the \$1,000 deposit is non-refundable if we cancel. If the Coronavirus is still an issue and the fairgrounds is still closed in July, they will refund our deposit. Another possible option is to reschedule for next year at the fairgrounds so we don't lose our deposit.

We are also concerned about registration. The last two region rallies had over 80 rigs registered. Registrations stopped coming in the second week of March, and we currently have 41 rigs registered, and we've also received our first cancellation. If we don't have a minimum 55 rigs registered for the rally, we stand to lose over \$6,000.

When this pandemic is over we can get back to "Enjoying the Airstream Life", until then stay healthy and be safe. Please feel free to email or call if you have any questions or concerns.

**Terry Miller, Washington Unit President**

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# Region 10 Rally Info

## “Airstreamers Gone Wild”

**The Northwest Washington Fair and  
Event Center  
Lynden, WA  
July 21-26, 2020**



Online registration for the Region 10 Rally in Lynden, WA is now available by clicking on this link: [2020 Region 10 Rally Registration Form](#)

Just before the Region 10 Rally, you can join the folks at the Washington Airstream Club at the Splash Rally. For more information on the Splash Rally, visit the [Washington Airstream Club newsletter](#). Scroll to the end of the newsletter to find Splash Rally info and coupon. Registration is not available online for this rally.

An opportunity for a Dinner Cruise is being subsidized by Airstream Adventures NW. Cost per person for rally attendees is \$25. You can sign-up for the Rally and Dinner Cruise using the Registration form link. If you have already registered for the Rally, click [HERE](#) to sign up and pay for the Whale-Watching Dinner Cruise online.

### Rally Fees Including On-Site Parking and Meals

For Sun-Sun (3 breakfasts, 4 dinners)

for Tues-Sun (3 breakfasts, 4 dinners)

for Fri-Sun (2 breakfasts, 2 dinners)

Sun-Sun (1 person) \$215, (2 persons) \$290

Tues-Sun (1 person) \$175, (2 persons) \$250

Fri-Sun (1 person) \$75, (2 persons) \$110

### **Offsite pricing** (meals included)

Both **Sun-Sun** and **Tues-Sun** registrations include 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners.

One person      \$75

Two people      \$150

**Fri-Sun** registrations include 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners.

Fri-Sun for one person      \$35

Pump-out services will be available for purchase when you arrive at the rally.

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# Region 10 Rally Info

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## SCHEDULE

### July 21 Tuesday

12:00 Noon: Check in and parking.  
Ice-breaker games and social activities in main hall  
5:00 pm: Social hour. Bring heavy appetizers to share.  
7:30 pm: Movie (Clayton & Kristy Trickle)

### July 22 Wednesday

8:00 am: Coffee  
9:00 am: Pancake breakfast presented by The Oregon Airstream Club  
Explore the area on your own or socialize with games and crafts  
10:00 am: Bellewood Farmstead & Distillery Tour in Lynden  
1:30 pm: Twin Sisters Creamery Tour in Ferndale  
2:00 pm: Seminar "Sealing tips for your Airstream". This seminar will be held at 8038 Guide Meridian Rd, Lynden, WA . (Less than a mile from the fairgrounds)  
6:15 pm: 50/50 Drawing and Announcements  
6:30 pm: Dinner provided  
7:30 pm: Entertainment or Caravan Slide Presentation - TBD

### July 23 Thursday

8:00 am: Coffee  
9:00 am: Continental Breakfast  
10:00 am: Rock painting and games  
2pm Seminar: "Tips and demonstrations on polishing your Airstream". This Seminar will be held at 8038 Guide Meridian Rd, Lynden, WA  
2 pm: Cribbage Tournament hosted by Terri Warren and Hal Hendrix  
5:00 pm Social Hour  
6:15 pm Announcements  
6:30 pm Dinner provided  
7:30 pm Battle Buddies Presentation by Mike Plympton



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## SCHEDULE CONTINUED...

### July 24 Friday

8:30 am Donuts and Pastries provided by SkyMed

9:30 am SkyMed Seminar

11:00 am Caravan Seminar

1:30 pm Seminars: "Mentor Program" and "Safety & Maintenance," by Ray Putnam,  
Oregon Airstream Club

Games Inside and Out

4:00 pm: R/C races

5:00 pm: Social Hour

\*Optional Dinner Cruise, 6:15 to 9 pm. Sign Up when Registering

**The majority of the cost of this dinner and tour has been covered by Airstream  
Adventures Northwest. Thank you AANW!**

*\*Soup and Salad Dinner for those not going on the dinner cruise.*

### July 25 Saturday

8:00 am: Coffee

9:00 am: Breakfast - Sausage, scrambled eggs, and fruit cup

10:00 am: Region 10 Business meeting

1:00 pm: Seminars, "Membership" and "Airstream Adventures NW"

Games Inside & Out after seminars

4:00 pm: R/C Final Heats

5:00 pm: Social Hour

6:00 pm: Silent Auction Results, R/C Raffle Drawing and 50/50 Drawing

6:30 pm Dinner provided

7:30 pm Entertainment

Root beer floats!

### July 26 Sunday

8:00 am: Coffee, rolls and farewells. Rally ends

9:30 am: Church service for those who wish to attend



# Region 10 Rally Coupon

## REGION 10 RALLY

*“Lynden Airstreams Gone Wild”*

Northwest Washington Fairgrounds

Lynden Washington July 21 - 26 2020

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be bringing children? If so, please provide name(s) and age(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

An optional children's program will be provided if sufficient numbers of children register.

Length & type of Airstream \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking required close to main hall? \_\_\_\_\_

50 amp service requests Y/N \_\_\_\_ 50 amp will be filled as requests come in

**Rally Fee** (Includes meals, entertainment, seminars and camping fees)

Sites have power and water. Limited 50 amp service.

Early arrivals Sun & Mon camping only, no meals. Program starts Tuesday.

Sun-Sun (1 person) \$215 \_\_\_\_\_ Sun-Sun (2 persons) \$290 \_\_\_\_\_

Tues-Sun (1 person) \$175 \_\_\_\_\_ Tues-Sun (2 persons) \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Fri-Sun (1 person) \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ Fri-Sun (2 persons) \$110 \_\_\_\_\_

50 amp service (Preference for 50 amp will be given to early registrations)

**Mail coupon & check in US funds payable to: Region 10, WBCCI:  
Carol Ortiz, 9101 Steilacoom Rd SE #65, Olympia, WA 98513**

# Region 10 Rally Co-Hosts

2020 - Washington Unit  
2022 - Idaho Unit  
2024 - British Columbia Unit  
2026 - Alberta-Saskatchewan and Montana Units  
2028 - Oregon Unit

## Region 10 Unit Presidents for 2019-20

**Dona Dumont**  
Alberta-Saskatchewan

**Ralph Vanderheide**  
British-Columbia

**Open**  
Idaho

**Terry Miller**  
Washington

**David Johnson**  
Inland NW

**Michael Giau**  
Montana

**Mike Able**  
Oregon



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