



WESTERN CANADA PLEASURE-WAY

RV CLUB

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NEW MEMBERS

Saly, George joins us from Canmore, AB. George has been on the road enjoying his PW and was unable to come to our Cochrane gathering.

Barrett, Jeri-Lou & Ali Steenbergen join us from Summerland, BC

We have used our PW only once since buying it and we boon docked with friends off the Coldstream exit off the Coquihalla. As you know we only had a set of 12 volt batteries so we ended up putting in 2-6 volt batteries along with the 12's and putting in a solar panel. The fridge worked like a hot dam. We put Vaseline on all the snaps and they open and close beautifully. We made a solar/mosquitos netting like yours for the passenger side door. We took out the coffee pot and bought, at the restore, a new cupboard and stained it, put handles and hinges on it and it looks like it was made for that spot. Next we will put a cupboard door along the back where it's open and I have a couple of clear bins there. I think we will either make or buy some kind of mosquito netting for the side door. If you run across people who have travelled up to Alaska in their PW I would love to chit chat with them to get ideas on how well the roads are, spare tires and what we might need, that would be so helpful.

Donna March joins us from Vernon, BC

I'm over the retirement hill ... I'll be 70 on the 30th of this month and still working 6.5 hours a day. I have owned my Pleasure-Way for three years and met another single woman PW owner at the Dog Park two years ago. We began doing weekends together when she's around. (She lives in Banff and is one of our PW members). Last year in June, we travelled north to Alaska in our respective units with our respective canine protectors and were introduced to halibut fish ... yum-yum! The only snow we hit was in northern BC, for one day only.

Dodsworth, Tom & Marilyn join us from Shawnigan Lake, BC and is looking for storage ideas.

Cochran, Diana joins us from Courtenay, BC and is awaiting delivery of her new PW in October.

Goom, Jim & Barbara join us from Brantford, Ont

Our new vehicle, our first RV, should arrive in early October. We're just trying to find out all the available information out there to help us begin to figure out how to use it. It was encouraging to see the pictures of the PW in the snow as our first trip will be to visit Jim's dad who is in a nursing home in Sidney, BC. Then, of course, the issue will be getting back in it before the really cold weather and snow happens. We're very excited about the prospect of having it and our trip across Canada.

Hunt, William (Bill) & Donalda join us from West Kelowna

We have been married 46 years and our first trip was a camping trip in a tent on our honeymoon. We are originally from Thunder Bay and Winnipeg and have been in BC since 1979. Over the years we have had tents, a truck camper, a tent trailer, 24 foot motorhome, a 28 foot travel trailer and now a Pleasure-Way Lexor.

Samson, George & Patricia join us from Surrey, BC and would like to contact other owners to share ideas.

Bolker, Wendy joins us from San Francisco, Ca and would like to join our club and is a member of the Western USA Club also.

My son goes to school in Portland and we often travel to Seattle and Vancouver, which I now plan to do with my RV. Depending on the timing and location of the Western Canada events, I would enjoy meeting our northern neighbours with RV's.

TRAVELS

Trip Across Canada by Bev Zielke

In May of this year Peter and Shirley Reid left for a cross country trip to Newfoundland. Joining them from Alberta was Bev Zielke and off and on during the trip Allan and Jennifer Davidson.

Bev wrote me and said they had an incredible journey across Canada, visiting the National historic sites, many churches and very old homes on the historic registries. The National Historic sites were great, we had many small group tours, so could ask as many questions as we wanted. Shirley was able to visit many sites related to her gerontology search, historic houses and churches among the finds and Peter was at his photographic best. One of our more interesting boon docking sites was on the tour boat wharf below Hotel Frontenac, Quebec City. Newfoundland was many kilometers of amazing scenery and history and great boon docking sites with ocean views. Newfoundland was absolutely worth every kilometer, did the Avalon peninsula, west coast to St. Anthony, Lance aux Meadows before heading down the east coast. We met the Davidson's several times, theirs was a hiking tour, ours the meandering route. We parted in Kenora, Ont when I was visiting friends and relatives along the way and the Reid's continued on to BC. Shirley was doing genealogy and was delighted with her successful searches.

Our PW's worked well, my furnace quit at one of the coolest nights so a little buddy propane heater was my heat source for a few boon docking nights.

Peter & Shirley Reid Cross Canada Trip

On May 8, we departed on Peter's bucket list to see Newfoundland. We travelled from Victoria on our 18,869 km, 107 days and 9 ferry journey across Canada in our Pursuit. In High River we were snowed on when we woke up in the morning, while parked on Bev Zielke's driveway, as she was joining us in her Excel on our travels. We stopped for a PW Factory Tour in Saskatoon, where we were joined by Allen and Jennifer Davidson from Nanaimo in their Excel. The Pleasure Way factory let our three PWs stay overnight on their lot, and we were given an excellent 3 hour tour of the factory. We all came away very happy that we had purchased such well made vehicles. Jennifer and Allen travelled separately, but we met in six different provinces on the trip, some planned and some by accident.

We had decided beforehand we were not going to hurry, and would take up to 4 months. If we travelled on the Trans-Canada the whole way, we would see Tim Horton's and Wal-Mart more often than we wanted. Instead we went through small towns on the two lane highway wherever possible, and could really see Canada. We toured as many interesting historical sites as possible, and avoided Toronto and Montreal. We found the big city traffic too much.

A definite highlight was free camping on the dock three feet from the Saint Lawrence River directly under the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City. We drove to Quebec by the delightful Chemin du Roy on the north shore of the river from Montreal. We continued on the north shore visiting many small villages and eating tasting cheeses, and crossed the river by ferry in San Simeon.

We particularly enjoyed touring Nova Scotia where we took in the history of the Acadians, ate Digby scallops, visited Lunenburg and Mahone Bay. We had a wonderful night in the information center parking lot at Peggy's Cove, where we had a lobster dinner and viewed the full moon of the equinox.

In Nova Scotia we were very fortunate to take in a concert of the Men of the Deeps, the miners choir who sang with Rita McNeill, in their own home hall in Glace Bay. It was a real highlight as we were able to tour the mine, tour the village to see the homes they lived in under very difficult circumstances. That day we had met the Davidsons by accident, and they joined us for dinner and the concert. Then the three PWs spent the night in the oceanside parking lot.

We all took the 16 hour overnight ferry to St John's Newfoundland. We had an comfortable cabin, as well as a nice buffet dinner and breakfast. It was privilege to spend Canada Day in St Johns, honouring the 100 year anniversary of the battle of Beaumont Hamel where Newfoundland lost all but 68 of 810 of their youngest and finest soldiers in 15 minutes of battle. We spent several days in the very photogenic and colourful St John's. We toured the Avalon peninsula, viewing puffins. We travelled up the east coast visiting.

A few photos of the East Coast trip are stored on Flickr and accessible via the Club website
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wcpwrv/albums>

Alaska Trip

In June of 2015 Donna Marsh and Anne Koudelka travelled together in their respective units with their canines. Donna wrote me about their trip.

We only paid to camp once (on purpose), so our dogs would be safe while we took a daytime harbour cruise out to Meares Glacier from Stewart. We had a stupendous time touring until I had to return to my job. We even did the Dalton Highway (haulage road) to the northern most part of Alaska: Deadhorse, on Prudhoe Bay where I put my feet into the Beaufort Sea. We had an amazing dinner at Lands End at Homer in the south where I took some fantastic photos of an eagle eating salmon on the beach. We went east to Whittier through the train tunnel and west to a small place called Ninilchik on the shore of Cook Inlet where we parked on the beach for the night. We did as much as we could in between, including staying on two separate occasions on a gorgeous unregulated lake near Portage Glacier.

When I had to return home, Anne went back to see some of the Yukon, gold-panning etc.

Oliver BC

On June 21, - 23 the Club met at Lakeshore Resort in Oliver, BC.

We had 31 members in 16 PW's attend the event. The campground was in town on Tuc-el-Nuit Lake. The area that was allotted for our group was on grass and close to washrooms. We were able to put tables together for our Meet & Greet and the pot luck the next night. Luckily the weather was very co-operative both nights as there is no clubhouse at this campground. On the third day several of the group went on a wine tour in the area. It was good to meet up again with members that had attended other events and we also had some first timers so it was good meet new members. Several got together for games and a lot of chatting and getting to see some of the things that other members have done to the units.

Roland and Josie Brown from Vernon joined us with their 1986 Dodge PW which was the first year that Pleasure-Way started making these units. They have done a lot of travelling in their unit and gone as far as Inuvik and Roland uses it regularly for fishing trips with his buddies. I spoke to Roland recently and while on a camping trip this summer Josie suffered a mild heart attack and he had a fast trip to get her to hospital in Penticton. He said that she is now doing fine and home relaxing. Josie is a very busy 80+ year old lady who teaches dancing in senior homes during the winter. So we wish her well and hopefully those dancing feet can keep tapping this winter. It was great meeting them as they have many good stories to tell.

Then we also had the newest Pleasure-Way the 2016 Lexor owned by Dan & Shirley Lennox from Salt Spring Island. So it was interesting to see how PW's have changed over the years.

Enderby BC

From Oliver some of us travelled in the rain on Friday to our second June event at **Shuswap Falls RV Park, near Enderby, BC**. At this event we had 23 members in 12 PW's. We travelled with Dave & Gail O'Hara and stopped in Winnfield to take a tour and tasting of the Olive US Oils store. We were told about the place while in Oliver and they also have a place in Vernon that others went to after the Shuswap event. From there we stopped in Vernon to buy food for the Meet & Greet. Going through Kelowna was a slow process and I think Dave was counting the lights there which is well over 30 I believe. We likely hit 29 of them red and with the Friday traffic we were glad to get to the campground and relax.

At Shuswap Falls we have a screened in clubhouse for our meals and any games we wish to play in the evening. We had some other members join us there that weren't in Oliver, the Krahn's, which was their first event and the Pickard's from Chilliwack. We are spread out at this campground with all really big grass sites. There is a grassed area for bocce and a horseshoe pit. The office has these items for you to use for free. We had some good laughs and fun games and a visit from the resident huge dog named Jaxon. His owner talked about how great Jaxon was for an hour or more and then they went off together in their golf cart. Jaxon even has a medical plan.

I should make notes at these events as my memory isn't that good any more, but never seem to have the time. I am sure everyone had a good time and said they would be interested in returning there next year. This was our second time at this campground and it is nice and quiet, a long way from things, but good to spend a few days of relaxation. Some members stayed longer and Sharon stayed to attend a wedding later in Vernon.

Cochrane AB

Aug 21-23 Bow Rivers Edge RV Park, Cochrane, AB

We had 18 members and 11 PW's attend this event. This is an excellent run campground and when we arrived on the Sunday all 144 sites were taken. Even though it is big we had lots of space with a hedge between each site and we all had pull through sites located close to the clubhouse which was free for us to use anytime during the three days we were there. The day we arrived it was really hot so it was good to have the Meet & Greet in the clubhouse. We had several members who it was their first time attending an event, so it was good to get to know them. Lillian & Kathleen Johnston, who I am sure are our oldest members (in the late 80's) were able to attend and it was great to see them again. We had met them before when they were in Chilliwack. They always have interesting stories to tell and are involved in so many things, especially quilting. But as things go in Alberta, the sun went west or some place, and the wind came up with some rain. Most of us were up at 0300 hrs putting in our awnings so they didn't blow south or somewhere unknown. So again the clubhouse was a blessing as we had our meals in there together.

There is a great walkway between the Bow River and the campground which the dog owners appreciated. Plus a few of us walked to town and shopped at Canadian Tire, Walmart and other name brand stores. One of our new members Wilhelmina Haasbeek travelled the furthest coming from Winnipeg with her new Ascent. We had a tour of this new unit and were giving her some ideas as to storage. Being as she is a new RV owner she was needing some good advice. Again we had great food and friendship and played games in the clubhouse. Some played euchre which they hadn't played in years. Apparently Mel said she wasn't very good at euchre but George tells me she was stringing a line because I think she pulled some swifties on him.

We would like to thank Don Chin for taking photos at all three events and sharing with the club. Also like to thank Jim Dickson for posting the photos on our website and also the newsletters to keep everyone informed. Thanks to everyone helping with the food setup and cleaning up after events, it is really appreciated. Hopefully see you next year.

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FOR SALE

2007/08 Ford Excel TS with very low mileage Contact David at: little_honda2000@yahoo.ca

The vehicle is located in Sherwood Park, Alberta. It has been used yearly and has new Michelin tires.

PW WANTED

A person in Colwood, BC (on the Island) is looking for a Plateau TS around a 2007 or newer. If you know of anyone who is interested in selling theirs or of one for sale, please contact George at mygeorge@shaw.ca or 250-478-5070.