

September-October 2010 Vancouver Island Events Calendar

September 2010

9/17-9/19Pender Harbour Jazz Festival

Welcome to the 14th Annual Pender Harbour Jazz Festival; a great & varied line-up with 40's swing, Gypsy Jazz, sultry vocals, hothorns, mellow strings, contemporary, vintage, fusion & just about everything in-between, all offered in our unusual & intimate oceanside settings.

9/18-9/19Port Alberni Toy Run

Toy Run Parade leaves from Little Qualicum Falls at noon on Saturday. Thousands of people line the parade route to cheer bikes and riders. Ride to Glenwood Centre for Show & Shine, Bike Games, Beer Garden, Pig Roast, Kids Carnival. Saturday night dance with 3 bands. Sunday pancake breakfast and Poker Run.

9/23-10/30Wingfield's Progress

Wingfield is back at its side-splitting best in this sequel to Letter From Wingfield Farm. Location: Chemainus Theatre

9/25-9/26Milner Gardens Fall Plant Sale

Great discounts on heritage trees, shrubs and perennials propagated on site. Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer advice. Afternoon tea in the Tearoom, outdoor refreshments & hot dogs. Admission by donation. All proceeds support the Garden. www.milnergardens.org

9/25-9/15Fort Rodd Hill Lantern Tour

Grab your coats & step into time as Fort Rodd Hill opens its doors for an exclusive, after-dark guided tour. Tickets are limited. For tickets, contact 250-478-4389

9/269th Annual Haig-Brown Festival

Held on 'World Rivers Day', this event at the Haig-Brown Heritage site at 2250 Campbell River Rd has something for everyone. Enjoy Haig-Brown readings with David Brown, fly tying & fly casting events & crafts & games for children. Best of all, admission is free!

October 2010

10/9Cold Water Classic Surfing Competition

Canada's first-ever pro surf contest slated for Tofino. Fourth in the five part world qualifying series competitions sponsored by O'Neill & sanctioned by the Association of Surfing Professionals, the Cold Water Classic Tofino will attract more than 100 professional surfers from around the world.

10/10Royal Victoria Marathon

The Royal Victoria Marathon: October 10, 2010. 4 distances for runners & walkers: Marathon (42.2 km), Half Marathon (21.1 km), 8 km Road Race & the 1.2 km Thrifty Foods Kids Run.

10/15-10/16 . . .Port Alberni Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is a time of music & merrymaking. The Alpiners Band from Vancouver BC plays everything from oompapa to sing-a-longs & modern tunes. The Edelweiss Dancers provide entertainment with the Schupplattler dancers from the Bavarian & Tyrolean Alps.

10/23-10/24 . . .Salmon & Mushroom Festival

Mushroom identification; delicious mushroom & salmon recipes; market with freshly cooked items & great bargains at old Lake Cowichan Fire Hall, both days.

10/29-10/31 . . .Halloween Train

Beware of the Halloween Train! Experience ghostly scenes & Halloween characters in the evening at the BC Forest Museum in Duncan.

10/30-10/31 . . .Milner Gardens Fall Colour Days

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Oct 30th and 31st Bring the children for a Jack O'Lantern search and scarecrow trails. Admission by donation. Enjoy soup and scones in the tearoom from 11 am to 2:30 pm. www.milnergardens.org

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Dear Kevin,

We are writing this letter to compliment you and your staff on a wonderful experience for the purchase of our first RV. Our experience started when we saw an ad for one of your used trailers on the internet. The trailer was in Port Alberni so we called that office and were told it was sold. I spoke to Ryan and he asked what we were looking for and advised that he would keep a look out for us for a Hybrid Travel Trailer.

About a week later, Sukh, from Port Alberni called with the specs of a used hybrid. We were very happy that they had kept it in mind and decided that we would drive up to Port Alberni to see the unit so that in case we decided to buy it they would get the sale.

Sukh was very friendly and patient with us and considerate of the fact that we had come out of our way to visit their location. We ended up purchasing a brand new trailer as the used one wasn't quite what we expected.

We had arranged to have the trailer delivered to Mill Bay where we would pick it up. Rolf performed the inspection with us while Wilf installed the towing equipment. Rolf was very thorough with the inspection and went through all the details step by step with us. Wilf carefully went through the instructions for attaching the unit to our vehicle. Both Rolf and Wilf were extremely patient with us as this was our first time owning and towing an RV.

When we got the trailer home we had trouble unhooking it from the hitch and Wilf actually came to our house to help us out. On our first camping trip, we had forgotten how to get the equalizer hitch on and called and Rolf walked us through it over the phone.

We have been so impressed with the exceptional service provided by your staff that we will definitely recommend Arbutus RV to people we know and also come back when it's time to purchase our next RV!

We are so thankful for buying through a reputable company rather than privately and definitely feel you have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Thanks again and please pass on our compliments to Ryan, Sukh, Rolf and Wilf.

Kind regards,

Andrew, Selina and Autumn Lowes

