

CRUISE STARTS 7:00PM ***STAY CLOSE TO THE CAR IN FRONT YOU***

Assemble on Winchester Avenue & Majestic Drive before 7:00 PM • DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS

l

LEFT on **Royal Vista Way**

RIGHT on Crown Isle Drive

RIGHT on **Kensington Crescent**

RIGHT on Crown Isle Drive

RIGHT on **Sheffield Crescent**

RIGHT on Crown Isle Drive to Ryan Road

RIGHT on **Ryan Road** to CFB Comox

Approx 1 mile **RIGHT** on **Military Row** to roundabout

Take 3nd **RIGHT** on to **Knight Road** towards Airport

Approx 4 miles RIGHT on Guthrie Road

Next **LEFT** on to **Noel Ave** for approx 1 ½ miles

RIGHT on to **Anderton Road** for 2 blocks

LEFT on **Guthrie Road** for 1 ¼ miles

LEFT on **McDonald Road**

At bottom of hill RIGHT on to Back Road

Approx 1 mile **RIGHT** on **Valley View Drive**

Approx 1/2 mile **LEFT** on **Thorpe Ave**

1 block later RIGHT on Griffin Drive

Loop around then RIGHT on Thorpe Ave

3 blocks later LEFT on 6th St East

Down the hill RIGHT on Back Road

2 blocks **LEFT** on **Ryan Road**, get into RH lane, **STRAIGHT** at first lights

Proceed **STRAIGHT** at lights at Highway 19A, get into LH lane

LEFT at lights at **Old Island Highway**

Continue on Old Island Highway as it becomes **5th St**, cross bridge

Get into RH lane, **RIGHT** at **Cliffe Ave** lights

4 blocks later, **RIGHT** on **1st Ave**

Next **LEFT** on **Anderton Ave**, proceed over bridge becomes **Condensory Rd**

Approx 1 ½ miles, **RIGHT** at flashing red lights on **Piercy Rd**

Continue on Piercy Road, cross bridge

Second **LEFT** on **Vanier Drive**

Up hill for 1/2 mile, get into RH lane at lights

STRAIGHT through lights to **Veterans Memorial Pkwy**, becomes **Lerwick Road**

At 3rd traffic lights, LEFT on Ryan Road

Get into RH lane, first RIGHT on Crown Isle Drive

First LEFT on Clubhouse Drive



Proceed to lower parking lot on **LEFT**

2025 HOT AUGUST NIGHTS CRUISE • FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

First of all we should thank Larry Jangula and crew for planning this cruise and looking after details such as sign placement

AS YOU LEAVE CROWN ISLE it is hard to believe that about 35 years ago there was nothing here but trees and wilderness. Ron Coulson and his partner the late Rick Jackson started Crown Isle with foresight and some luck turned it into what it is today

THE COMOX AIR BASE was constructed by the Royal Air Force and opened in 1942. In 1943 the RCAF took over the base and then because WWII was over the base was closed in 1946. The base was reactivated in 1946 with a number of new buildings and the main runway was extended to 10,000 feet. Presently there are two squadrons here- 442 Transport and Reserve and 407 Long Range Patrol.

THE AIR FORCE MUSEUM is located as you turn the corner and house much history of the RCAF.

You will pass the OUTDOOR AIRPARK AREA which has many planes previously flown by the RCAF.

THE CIVIC AIR TERMINAL opened in 2004 and has proven to be very popular with flights to and from many destinations, including international direct flights

POINT HOLMES with it's view of Denman and Hornby Islands has become one of the most popular cruise viewing locations. Be sure to give the crowd a wave and a beep on the horn.

As you turn down Macdonald Road you join up with the **BACK ROAD** which was the original connector between Courtenay and Comox. Below the Back Road is the most fertile farmland in the Comox Valley.

Coming down 6th Street East you should see the COMOX GLACIER which unfortunately is shrinking each year.

2025 HOT AUGUST NIGHTS CRUISE • FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

On Ryan Road you pass the **RCMP STATION** which is situated on part of the pre emption (a form of homesteading) claimed by William Duncan in 1862. The area is known as Sandwick which was the parish name where Duncan came from in the Shetland Islands.

On the hill leading up from the 5th Street bridge there is a "step" and this was the railbed for **COMOX LOGGING AND RAILWAY COMPANY** whose trains transported their logs to the log dump in Royston. It's operation ceased in 1954 and was replaced with trucks.

At the first stop sign on Cliffe Avenue you will notice the old **POST OFFICE** on you left which is now the **COURTENAY AND DISTRICT MUSEUM AND PALEONTOLOGY CENTER**. It is home to the Official British Columbia Fossil now named the Traskasaura in honor of it's finders, the late Mike Trask and his deceased daughter Heather. Definitely a stop to make the time for!

On your right is the **NATIVE SONS HALL** constructed of salvage logs from a fire north of town. The Hall was built in 1928 and is the largest free span log structure in Canada.

Drive over the **CONDENSORY BRIDGE**, so named as there was a milk condensory many years previous crossing over the Puntlege River.

Driving through farming country you pass over the **TSOLUM RIVER** (prononced So-lum) which joins the Puntlege a little downstream to form the Courtenay River which is the shortest navigable river in Canada.

We certainly enjoyed having you on the cruise and would appreciate any input as to how we might improve it in years to come.

Have fun and we'll see you again next year!