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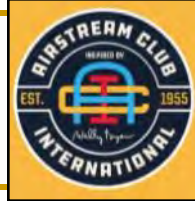


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AUGUST 2021

John's Journal

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Hey everyone, we are now halfway through summer and what a summer it has been. Record heat and snow melt, forest fires etc. It seems that there is always something happening in British Columbia.

Prior to the Hedley Hoedown Chris and I spent a few days with Paul Wheeler and Janet Soucy at the Coquihalla Campground in Hope. If you haven't stayed there my suggestion is that you take a few days next time you head out and visit the town of Hope. I had no idea Hope was surrounded by such beauty which includes a lovely alpine lake, some great hiking and biking trails and even Frisbee golf. Paul, Janet and I visited the Othello Tunnels while we were there, a real treat indeed. It's hard to believe that they were able to bore out these tunnels through a rugged river canyon so many years ago, what a feat it was even by today's standards! Many thanks to Paul for driving and thanks to Janet for photos on the next page.

The club finally had its first rally for 2021 in Hedley British Columbia in late June. The event was well attended with around 15 rigs or so. Our sincere thanks go out to Bev and Eileen for hosting this event (with a little guidance from the Halliwells). Despite the stifling hot weather it still didn't deter the attendees from getting out to tour the Princeton, Hedley and Keremeos areas.... Bev and Eileen provided daily treats which were backed up by Bob and Al's bun on the run. Numerous stories were circulated at happy hour each day which made the event even better. Overall the event was a great success!

As we move through August we do hope that people are getting out and enjoying their airstreams. Chris and I are off to South Okanagan Provincial Park in mid August to hopefully do some fishing etc. Then on to the installation rally in late August in Merritt. If you haven't signed up for that rally you can contact Claybanks RV Park in Merritt directly to see if there are any spaces left. Merritt offers so many things to do including, kayaking, golf, fishing, cycling etc. There are good restaurants in Merritt, museums etc. and lots of things to see and do. We look forward to seeing many of our friends there at the end of the month.

In closing Chris and I wanted to wish you all a great summer where ever you're traveling may take you. Everyone please stay safe out there and we hope to see you on the road! Oh, and by the way for any of you who were following my renovation on the 1966 Airstream Overlander – we sold it in early July to some folks from Mayne Island. They seemed to love the trailer and will be using it on their property on Mayne, as well as hopefully traveling in it.

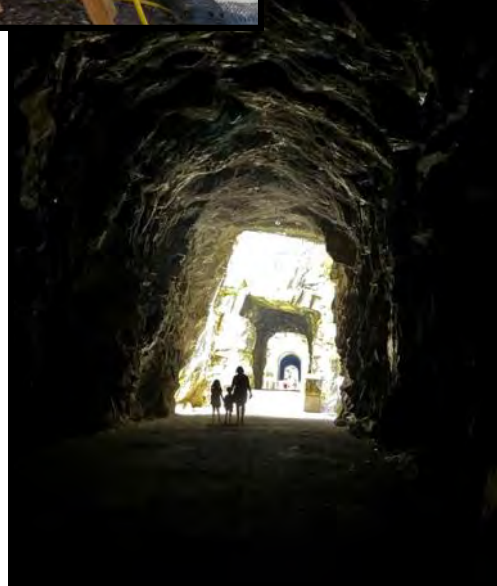
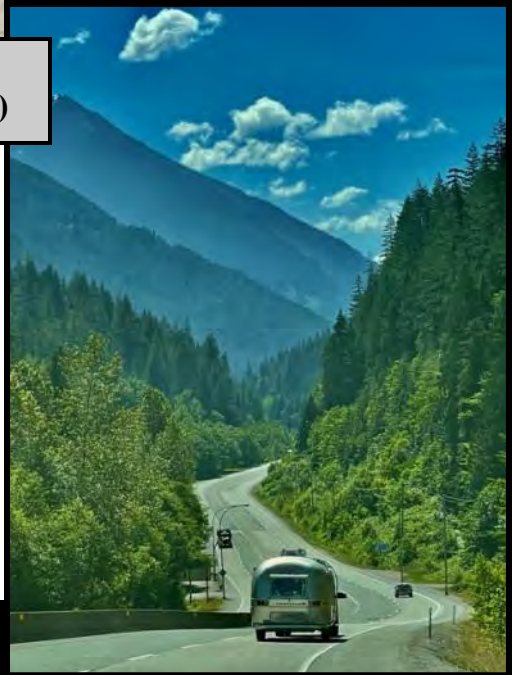
Respectfully Submitted...

John





Otello Tunnels photos
(thanks to Janet Soucy)





A few more photos from the Hedley rally (thanks to RV park owner, Doug)



Road, Sea, and Rail Caravan

January 25-March 23, 2022

You might ask “is it time for us to go on a caravan to Mexico?” or “would we waste the chance to be part of this adventure?” What would Wally Byam say? Wally thought the point of Airstreams was to visit new places, have new adventures.

The “work” of this caravan is contracted through Caravanas de Mexico, a Mexican tour company taking pride in showcasing their country’s best. It’s open only to members of the Airstream Club International with their Airstream. Caravanas de Mexico provides the professional staff to lead the adventure while we will be the Airstream coordinators. We will have 27 days on the Baja Peninsula exploring all it has to offer. Then we’ll board a HUGE ferry and cross the Gulf of Mexico to Mazatlán. There’ll be beach time and discovery there, including front row seats at the Mardi Gras parade along with the other Airstreamers who are on the 3 Gems caravan. Then we’ll start our leisurely journey north. At Los Mochis we’ll park our rigs and board the train to head into the Sierra Madre where we’ll take in the incredible Copper Canyon while staying at the magnificent hotel that perches on it’s rim. Altogether we’ll have 31 nights on the Mainland.

So ... you want to sign up, right? Here are some details you’ll want to know:

There are only 11 rigs on this caravan (13 with the Wagon Master & us);

The caravan is listed on the Airstream web site at this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-portal/contractor-caravans>

Total distance in Mexico: 3360 Kms.

of days in Mexico: 58 days

Price per couple: \$8401 USD – Initial deposit \$1000 USD (non-refundable)

First Payment: \$4150 USD September 15, 2021

Final Payment: 60 Days before departure or USD Cash at border

Tolls (with trailer): Approximately 2000 Pesos.

Ferry Fare Not Included in price or tolls (+/- \$800 – depends o length of rig)



For more information and/or to sign up email us at

paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com. Don’t be disappointed. We look forward to sharing these wonderful parts of Mexico with you.

.Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler – WBAC #4223



Do these photos encourage you to attend next year’s Hedley Rally? Bob Halliwell and Al Gamache doing their ‘*BUN ON THE RUN*’ which is always a high-light of any rally.

Thanks Janet for these...



THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

Rita & Dave Richardson visited with Audie Finley recently and sent along the photo at the right. She is now living in assisted care where she can enjoy her cat, Sam (who seems to like settling on the stove...good thing Audie doesn't have to cook any more). Thanks for sharing the photo, Rita.

Lalani Vanderheide sent an email out with details of Ralph's Celebration of Life. It reads:

*A celebration of life for **Roelof (Ralph) Vanderheide** will be held at the First Baptist Church, 454 Columbia St., Kamloops, BC, September 11, 2021 at 2:00 pm.*

For those of you unable to attend the service in person, there will be a virtual service. This can be accessed by clicking on this link: <http://www.firstbaptistkamloops.org/resources/events/>. There you will be able to click on Celebration of Life for Roelof (Ralph) Vanderheide.

For those individuals that are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, we respectfully request you to join us using the virtual service. If COVID-19 restrictions to gatherings transpire, please join us virtually.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Ralph's memory to: The New Life Mission, 181 W Victoria St, Kamloops, BC, V2C 5L7. Or, The BC SPCA, Kamloops Branch, 2816 Tranquille Rd, Kamloops BC, V2B 0H9

Thank you, Lalani Vanderheide

Our Unit is looking for a Treasurer to follow Carolyn Stewart who is retiring from the position (after 2 years doing a great job). There will be a vacancy as of August 27th when we swear in the new executive at the Installation Rally. If anyone is willing to take on this challenge please let one of the executive know. This is a vital role (but one not too demanding). Any questions you may have about it please contact Carolyn at the email on first page where the Executive are listed.



**Sweet Audie Finley
(aka the dish towel lady)**

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Some sites you may enjoy
are:**



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WBCCI Wally Byam Airstream Club
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MANY THANKS FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS OF POP TOPS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. ALEX AND I ARE NOW PUTTING THIS TASK ASIDE AS IT HAS BECOME ONEROUS AND THE RECYCLING CENTRE IS FURTHER AWAY THAN WE CARE TO DRIVE. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT WE'VE HAD OVER THE YEARS.



THANK YOU EVERYONE.

MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW MEMBER TO WELCOME TO B.C. UNIT:

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ROSTER/ADDRESS CHANGES:

None at this time...




**Plan now to get your
reservation in and at-
tend the 2022 Inter-
national Rally in
Fryeburg, Maine being
held July 23rd to July
29th.**

Details will be published in
upcoming editions of the
Blue Beret.

British Columbia Unit #121

2021-2022 Activity Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
<u>2021</u>			
Every Tuesday 9:00 am	Coffee Get-Together Ricky's All Day Grill 2160 King George Highway, Surrey	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 To reserve your spot	
July/August	Regional Tour of BC, Alta, Sask, Idaho Montana, Oregon & Washington	Michel & Ellen Bourassa rmbourassa@gmail.com	Expected to be 2 weeks in duration. Dates and itinerary TBA
August 27-29	AGM & Installation Get-Together Claybanks RV Park, Merritt, BC	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com	Please contact Carol at Claybanks to register ASAP as spaces are going quickly 250-378-6441
September 17-22	Golf Tour Please note Chris and I have tried to hold spots for this Rally only to be told that sites are limited and will no longer be held. Interested people may or may not get a site unless they book early.	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com	Princeton RV Park bookings may still be available for Sept. 17, 18 Contact 250-295-6123 directly to book those nights. Twin Lakes RV bookings may still be available for Sept. 19, 20, 21. Contact directly at rvpark@twinlakesgolfresort.com

IN THE WORKS AND SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS:

October	Hallowe'en event
November/December	Christmas dinner and party

2022

Jan 25--Mar 23	Road, Sea & Rail Caravan Mexican Caravan	Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler	Details TBA
June	Region 10 Gathering Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA	Region 10 Executive	Dates TBA
June	Fishing Tour Loon Bay Resort, Sheridan Lake, BC	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net	Dates TBA

ALSO, WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS (dates/details to be advised in upcoming newsletters)

January,	Traveland Luncheon
February	St. Valentine's Dinner
March	St. Patrick's Day pot luck dinner
May	Wine Rally in Naramata
June	Hedley annual rally

My name is Stuart Robson and I am BC Unit's 2nd Vice-President, Beverley Robson's brother. We live on the farm in Chilliwack, BC and have 3 full-service RV pads that we have placed in a yard adjacent to our main farmyard. All 3 pads have city water, septic hookups and power hookups (2x30 amp and 1x50 amp). The yard is nicely kept and it has 360 degree panoramic mountain views. We are interested in renting them out to BCAC members. Well-behaved pets welcome. Call for rates and availability.

Stuart Robson
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Eating in the 50s

1. Pasta was not eaten
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Prunes were medicinal.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

shared by silversurfers.com

When I ask for directions, please do not use words like 'East'.



Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head, that'll freak you right out!





Why not carry your old expired Blue Beret magazines with you when you travel? There are future members all over North American and Europe who would love to enjoy the Wally Byam Airstream Club lifestyle. Many owners (new and old) don't know of the club and a dust-collecting Blue Beret may be just the incentive to join us.

Tom Akam maintains on his computer an up-to-date alphabetical roster, a list of updates (corrections, additions and deletions) and separate rosters for (1) the Interior/Okanagan, (2) the Islands and (3) the United States. Upon request to lighthouse13381@shaw.ca (or 604-538-4149), he will email members copies either as a Word document or as a PDF — your choice.

Reflections of a Boomer

I've seen fire and I've seen rain.
I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.

by Uncle Joe

I've gone to Kansas City, I sang in the sunshine.
I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.

Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance.
I've put a camel to bed and danced the last dance.

Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me,
I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.

I've fallen into a burning ring of fire and walked the line,
To all the girls I've loved before, you were always on my mind.

I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome I could cry,
I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.

I've been to Itchy coo Park in a yellow submarine.
I've made the scene in a time machine.

I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around.
I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.

I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road.
I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.

I've sought shelter from the storm, I've sat on the dock of the bay.
I've rocked around the clock, on a sunshiny day.

I've knocked on Heaven's door, while blowing in the wind.
Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.

Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.
It's been a hard day's night, the party's over.

fl/Andrew James Peris



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John Millard and two others
to be selected

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Alex & Arlene Matches

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John Millard

Hospitality & Sunshine

Arlene Matches

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