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"the news"



NOVEMBER 2021



John's Journal

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Hello Everyone

Fall is definitely here now and I am hoping that all of you are starting to winterize your trailers. As I did last year here are some things you might want to consider when shutting your trailer down. FYI: If you can't see yourself doing this then there are several dealers, and some independent RV mechanics in the Lower Mainland who will prep your trailer for you. Some are listed in this newsletter.

At any rate here are some of the things that I do;

- Open all the low point drains to drain out the water.
- Close off the drains once they are drained
- Drain the grey and black water tanks if you have not done so. Lubricate the waste gates with silicon if possible (leave the tanks closed off all winter)
- Drain the hot water tank. Close off the lines to the water heater as well and set to bypass.
- Blow out all the lines in the trailer with compressed air.
- Put RV antifreeze in the toilet and sinks (to keep the traps from freezing) and shower drain (one cup should do it).
- Clean out the water pump and filter where possible.
- Remove the battery and charge in garage every month or so. If in the Lower Mainland the battery will likely be fine in the trailer provided it has been serviced and the trailer is plugged in.
- Shut off the battery disconnect switch if the trailer is not plugged in. If the trailer has solar panels then likely they should keep the battery charged if the trailer is not plugged in. However, the newer Airstreams have a number of parasitic draws that will run down your battery unless it is regularly charged.
- Close LP tanks and cover the regulator with a plastic bag if you feel like it to protect it. I cover my electric jack as well.
- Remove all dry cell batteries from the trailer such as smoke detectors, flash lights etc.
- Wash and wax your airstream.
- Remove all perishable food items and anything that will not do well if it freezes.
- Plug in a small heater or a "stor all" electrical low draw heater (if plugged in). If your trailer is in storage with no power then use dry ease containers and check them regularly.
- Where possible check all your vent, door and window seals for cracking. Have them resealed if necessary.



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UNIT OFFICERS 2021

President	John Millard, 604.536.6372 millard12581@gmail.com
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Director (Island)	Currently vacant
Director (Interior)	Currently vacant
Director (USA)	Currently vacant
Youth Ambassador	Currently vacant



CONT'D FROM FIRST PAGE...

- Lubricate your locks etc. with a graphite lubricant if possible. Use lithium grease or WD 40 on the hinges etc. where required.
- Fill up the tires to the max recommended pressure on the sidewalls and cover them if possible.

This fall the Executive of the club has been busy with a few things. Most notably the schedule of events for next year which will evolve as COVID permits. So far however things are looking good. Most immediate is a Christmas Luncheon in early December hosted by Barbara and Trenor Tilley. I encourage you to contact them if you would like to attend.

Bob Halliwell, Chris Millard and I have been busy centralizing all of our units equipment into one spot. Our sincere thanks to Tom Akam and Arlene & Alex Matches who maintained much of the equipment. Once we have a final inventory list of everything the club owns then we will post the list in the newsletter so you can all take advantage of the equipment etc. for any future rallies or events.

Lastly, I have been sitting in on Region 10 meetings about once per month and wanted to remind everyone that next year (spring/summer) a Region 10 rally will be held in Lynden, Washington at the fairgrounds from June 1st to 5th. The Oregon and Washington units are hosting this rally which should be a well attended affair. If you haven't been to a Regional Rally this is your chance to see what it is like. Details will be found in upcoming newsletters. The Region also has a new President this year to replace outgoing Michel Bourassa. Sincere congratulations to Kathy Geese for taking on the role of President of Region 10.

Anyway, that is about it for now. I hope everyone is staying safe out there and enjoying the beautiful fall colours and change of weather that is fall in British Columbia!

Respectfully Submitted

John

THE MOMENT

The moment when, after many years
of hard work and a long voyage
you stand in the centre of your room,
house, half-acre, square mile, island, country,
knowing at last how you got there,
and say, I own this,

is the same moment when the trees unloose
their soft arms from around you,
the birds take back their language,
the cliffs fissure and collapse,
the air moves back from you like a wave
and you can't breathe.

No, they whisper. You own nothing.
You were a visitor, time after time
climbing the hill, planting the flag, proclaiming.
We never belonged to you.
You never found us.
It was always the other way round.

-- Margaret Atwood



My grandmother always said...

- Don't go where you're not invited.
- Don't talk about what you don't know
- Don't interfere with things that are none of your business
- Do not open the fridge in someone else's house
- Don't call after 10pm
- Don't go see someone at lunchtime
- Don't enter other people's bedrooms without permission

They were the rules of good manners
and they still are, because manners
never go out of fashion!

Truck and Airstream Trailer for Sale

Adolf and Hazel Knopp are selling their travel trailer and tow vehicle. The Knopp's are located in Calgary, Alberta and can be reached by email at ahknopp@telus.net or phone 1-403-242-7469.

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- Tow Package, with Trailer Hitch included – CB Radio included

THE PRICE, IF SOMEONE WANTS BOTH UNITS, IS \$62,000 CANADIAN



MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE...



More photos of
Hazel & Adolf Knopp's
Truck & Trailer.





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 on 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



SITE BOOKING FOR RIVERHAVEN RV PARK IN JUNE ARE:

Here are the dates that Riverhaven has blocked off for us:

Thursday June 23, 2022 to Monday June 27th: 14 sites

Friday June 24th to Monday June 27th: 5 sites (actual rally dates)

So a total of 19 sites have been booked for us — some come early and stay late

Folks can book directly with Riverhaven RV Campground at 250-292-8221

There is no Online booking at this time, Doug said.

Please advise Beverley at 604-823-7232

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

An email from our Affiliate Deanna Bain...
“Happy Fall. Wish I was up in that country. Going in for my second knee surgery on the 26th. I will be house-bound for a few weeks. Will miss the fall colors up at our daughter’s in Grants Pass. Enjoy—we need rain down here in California.”

Many members have renewed their membership through the website and this has been a big help to our Treasurer. If you haven’t yet renewed please do so as soon as possible (you DO want your name to appear in the International Roster don’t you...?)

If anyone has news they wish to share with members of the Club, please let me know.

Arlene



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

Check us out on *Facebook*.
Some sites you may enjoy are:



BC Unit Caravana
WBCCI Region 10
WBCCI Wally Byam Airstream Club
Airstream Addicts
Airstream Hunter
Airstream Courtesy Parking
Airstream Canada Adventures
Airstream Pets

KEEP SAVING THOSE POP TOPS

WE HAVE A NEW COORDINATOR FOR COLLECTION OF POP TOPS. PRESIDENT JOHN & CHRIS MILLARD HAVE TAKEN ON THE TASK. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PEACE ARCH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY.



THANK YOU JOHN & CHRIS AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO SAVE THESE TABS FOR CHARITY.

MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW AFFILIATES TO WELCOME TO B.C. UNIT:

KAETHLER, Fred & Esther

2245 Florence Drive

NanOOSE Bay, BC, V9P 9E9

Phone: 519-588-8059 (Fred)

519-505-1873 (Esther)

Email: fredkaethler@hotmail.com

estherkaethler@hotmail.com

Airstream: 2017 30' Classic

***BRN 02650**

(Ontario Member)



WEAVER, Don & ROBB-WEAVER, Carol

P.O. Box 364

Bass Lake, CA, USA, 93604-0364

Phone: 559-642-3508

Email: dgweaver@sti.net

carfrobb@sti.net

Airstream: 1994 36' Classic

***BRN 01101**

(North California Member)

ROSTER/ADDRESS CHANGES:

None this month..

**Big Red Number*



Plan now to get your reservation in and attend the 2022 International 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

DATE

EVENT

HOST(S)

STATUS

2021

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



Dec. 4th
12:00 noon

Christmas luncheon
Upstairs at *Ricky's All Day Grill***
2160 King George Blvd.
** May be under new name by December
See invitation on separate page...

Trenor & Barbara Tilley
604-290-2887
trenor@ hotmail.ca

This restaurant under
new management but
lunch menu the same
as before

2022

Jan 25--Mar 23

Road, Sea & Rail Caravan
Mexican Caravan

Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler

Currently accepting
reservations

Jan (date TBA)

Traveland Luncheon & General Mtg.
Langley, BC

John & Chris Millard
millard12581@gmail.com

Agenda to follow

Feb

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Wayne & Jeannie Jeffrey

Date & Location TBA

March 12
11:30 to 2:00

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Cranley Place Community Hall,
2141 Cranley Drive in South Surrey

Arlene Matches, matches7403@gmail.com
John & Chris Millard, millard12581@gmail.com

May

Claybanks Rally
Merritt, BC

Host needed or DIY Rally

Book directly with Resort

Mid-May

Wine Tasting Rally
Naramata, BC

Charlie & Sharon Wieder
char.shar.wieder@me.com

Itinerary TBA

June 1-5

Region 10 Gathering
Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA

Region 10 Executive



June 23-27
(see dates on
Page 4)

Hedley Get Together
Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley, BC
Reservations at Reservations@riverhavenrv.com

Beverley Robson
brobson@telus.net

Book directly with resort
and advise Beverley

Aug.28—Sept.4

Sheridan Fishing Rally (12 sites booked)
Loon Bay Resort, Sheridan Lake, BC

Bob & Gayle Halliwell
halliwell4840@telus.net

Advise Bob first then
book directly with park

Early Sept.

Installation Rally & AGM
Claybanks RV Park, Merritt, BC
(suggest link with Sheridan Fishing Rally)

Host & date TBA

**Advise incoming Prez
if interested in hosting**

Dec

Christmas Luncheon

Host, Date & Location needed

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BC AIRSTREAM CLUB

***CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON***

December 4, 2021  
12 Noon

**Ricky's All Day Grill**  
(...may be under a different name prior to this luncheon...)  
**2160 King George Blvd.**  
**Surrey, BC**

**Please RSVP to:**  
**Trenor and Barbara Tilley**  
**Phone: 604 538 3457**  
**Email: [trenor16@hotmail.com](mailto:trenor16@hotmail.com)**

**We will be using the main floor banquet room. Space is limited so please advise the above if you plan to attend. We will be using the regular and senior menus at Ricky's and everyone is responsible for their own bills.**

## ...THIS LOOKS LIKE FUN...

We are planning a trip to Bella Coola, Bella Bella and Prince Rupert from late-June to mid-July 2022....approximately three weeks.

Itineraries we'd like to follow include interesting 3 BC Ferry trips. The dates for the campsites cannot be finalized until the 2022 ferry schedule is available...around November or December 2021. Once the 2022 ferry schedule is out, we can reserve the ferry rides and then book the campsites accordingly.

Other than fuel, the most expensive part of this trip are the ferry rides, i.e. the 3 ferry rides from Bella Coola to Shearwater to Bella Bella to Prince Rupert will total approximately \$1,533 + cabin cost of \$140 (for the 13 hours ferry ride from Bella Bella to Prince Rupert). We will follow up with BC Ferries late October and November so we don't miss the opportunity to book our preferred dates as these ferry rides are popular during the summer season.

We like to have at least two more trailers from the Airstream Club to join us for this trip. Campsite and ferry ride bookings will be done by each interested party according to the finalized schedule. If this is of interest to you, please email us at [lindachunglai@gmail.com](mailto:lindachunglai@gmail.com).

Thanks....Chung and Linda Lai

*(To have a copy of Linda & Chung's exciting itinerary please email them directly as I wasn't able to reproduce it in the format I use for this newsletter.....editor)*



My name is Stuart Robson and I am BC Unit's Beverley Robson's brother. We live on a 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  
604.798.7665 or Email [stuart@carolk.ca](mailto:stuart@carolk.ca)







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](mailto:lighthouse13381@shaw.ca) (or 604-538-4149), he will email members copies either as a Word document or as a PDF — your choice.*

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

✓ [www.facebook.com/ShutUpImStillTalking](http://www.facebook.com/ShutUpImStillTalking)

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it... almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter...either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.





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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Budget Committee

Tom Akam & the VPs

Caravan Committee

McGills & Van Iderstines

Nominating Committee

John Millard and two others  
to be selected

Community Service

Alex & Arlene Matches

Equipment Chairman

John Millard

Hospitality & Sunshine

Arlene Matches

Membership & Mentoring

Marilyn Van Iderstine

Newsletter Editor

Arlene Matches

Roster & Handbook

Tom Akam

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