

#### British Columbia Airstream Club B.C. UNIT #121 CHARTERED JUNE 26, 1965 AS W.B.C.C.I.

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"the news"

# **OCTOBER 2021**



# John's Journal

Welcome to Fall Everyone!

Yes, it's starting to rain again on the coast, a sure sign that things are changing and fall is upon us. Given all the fires this past summer I suspect that the rains and cooler weather are a relief to most. Our recent trip to the Interior was certainly refreshing last week as there was no snow and brilliant blue skies.

So, as I mentioned in last month's comments we held an Installation Zoom meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting we elected a new executive as follows:

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John Millard
Vacant
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Trenor & Barbara Tilley
Chris Millard
Charlie Wieder
Bob Halliwell and Arlene Matches
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As you can see there are a number of positions vacant which will require some commitment by our membership. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out. From September 17<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> we held a golf rally at the Princeton and Twin

Lakes golf courses. What a great time we had! Perfect weather, great company and lots of laughs made this a well received rally. Both golf course campgrounds were well serviced and made us feel very welcome.

The winners of the various contests were as follows:

<b>Marshmallow Drive:</b>	
Putting Contest:	1
0	2

Al Gamache <sup>st</sup> Place: - Al Gamache

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Al Gamache

#### Championship Couples/Group Golf game:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bob Halliwell, Barry Brickwell and Al Gamache  $2^{nd}$  Place: John and Robin Guliter

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dick and Sharon Moffat

The overall winner who took home the most hardware was certainly Al Gamache who, despite having not played for years, was simply amazing. The winners of the Championship game won an amazing trophy adorned with a pink flamingo and made by yours truly. We were also fortunate to celebrate Jeannie's birthday at the Princeton Golf Course dining room where everyone had a great meal. In addition, Region 10 President, Michel and Ellen Bourassa, dropped by on their way home from the 'Hands Across the Border' rally. It was great to see them! Pictures of the rally etc. are on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter.



(cont'd on next page...)

(John's column continued)

Attached to this newsletter will also be next year's schedule of events. I hope that the various activities we are planning interest our membership. For the record, these events do not magically happen, all of us are volunteers. Any help would be appreciated!

Rolling into fall for those of you preparing to put your Airstream to bed I would suggest you ensure you drain/blow out your water lines and hot water tank, pull your batteries and place them on a charger, add RV plumbing antifreeze to your toilet etc. and ensure that you regularly check your trailer for moisture and leaks. Airstreams, like all trailers, leak and require regular maintenance and resealing, even the new ones. If you are not able to do the maintenance yourself then make sure you have a professional take care of it for you. I usually put mine to bed in early November, for some of you in the interior you may want to start the process earlier. Given the fact that most of the Airstreams I have seen have increased in value dramatically since COVID hit, it makes good sense to protect your investment accordingly.

In closing for those of you still out there camping etc. well into the fall, enjoy ease of checking into largely vacant campgrounds. Be safe out there and flash your lights to say hello when you see another Airstream on the road! Respectfully Submitted...



MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE GROUP Wayne, Bob & Gayle, Barry, Jeannie, John G & Robin, John M & Chris, Al, Sharon & Dick

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#### **In Attendance**

**Barry Brickwell** Al Gamache **Robin & John Guliter Bob & Gayle Halliwell** Wayne & Jeannie Jeffrey John & Chris Millard **Dick & Sharon Moffat** 

Michel & Ellen Bourassa (drop in visitors)



John G, Barry, Jeannie, Wayne & John M



Happy Hour gathering with presentation of awards





FIRST PLACE WINNERS

John M with Barry, Bob & Al



# 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 (nonrefundable) 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



## 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

# Nice email from our affiliates, Ken & Gwen Hill from Goderich, Ontario:

Hi Arlene and Alex: With many apologies for the long time it took to reply to your kind concern on the tornado. We escaped that one ok but we do have quite a few watches during the season but don't worry until they change to a warning which we haven't had for a few years....Thanks anyhow !!! This past year has been very traumatic for us as some years back our landlord (we are on a land lease development) decreed that us and 22 other homes that were situated on a bank/buff overlooking Lake Huron were in danger of falling into the lake and had to be relocated....a long and very expensive battle ensured with the result that as the landlord (at least in Ontario) has the power to do what he wants, when he wants, and worse, at the tenants expense last June we got the eviction form (that's us and the house !!) and to shorten another long story our house was raised 4 feet and a flat bed trailer moved under and pulled to a new location which had been kindly prepared for us with all services...this was Sept 3 last year...All the other properties are in the same situation but we are relatively settled now after the upheaval of the move but at least the house was moved all in one piece with very little damage and few wall stress cracks.... But Gwen's beautiful rose and flower garden were bulldozed which she is having a hard time coming to grips with but we are slowly re planting anew but age isn't on our side now....just for the record the final bill to us was just over \$45m . ouch !! On a happier note we and our lovable Golden Charley (he is our 6th Golden) are fine and get to see Jennifer and Delphine in the Toronto area fairly regularly but what with the virus and travel restrictions they couldnt help too much and only recently have we been able to have them visit.... Our travel days are unfortunately very limited now with very close by parks ...

It was nice to hear from you and we sure keep in touch with your news. We often reminisce on the great times we had with the BC unit and the first introductions to the gang by Ron and Carolyn Wills in Duncan....long ago eh and Hemet etc... Please take care and our love to you both. Ken and Gwen

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

Arlene



Serious looking group for the AGM Zoom call (see Minutes on page 9) *Thanks, Janet for the photo* 

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. PRESI-DENT 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.

# <u>MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER</u> <u>CHANGES</u>

## NEW MEMBERS TO WELCOME TO B.C. UNIT:

#### FOSSUM, Max & Lisa

1590 Seaview Road Black Creek, BC, V9J 1J5 Phone: 778-240-9148 Email: Max: maxfossum@hotmail.com Lisa: Ifossum@hotmail.com Airstream: 2018 27-foot Globetrotter

#### **REECE**, Philip & Suzanne

10861 Gree	npark Drive			
North Saanich, BC, V8L 0C8				
Phone:	250-537-6956 (Philip)			
	250-537-6044 (Suzanne)			
Email:	pmreece@me.com (Philip)			
	sjreece3@gmail.com (Suzanne)			
Airstream:	2021 22-foot Bambi			

#### **ROSTER/ADDRESS CHANGES:**

Please note that Bob & Darlene Caldwell are no longer using their home number. Cell numbers are: Bob 780-964-5444 and Darlene at 780-990-9111.

\*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.* 



# E TO B.C. UNIT:



## BRN #10861

**BRN #04958** 



# British Columbia Unit #121 2021-2022 Activity Schedule

DATE

## EVENT

## HOST(S)

## <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	
<b>Dec. 4th</b> 12:00 noon	Christmas luncheon Upstairs at Ricky's All Day Grill 2160 King George Bllvd.	Trenor & Babara Tilley 604-290-2887 trenor@ hotmail.ca	Details to be advised
<u>2022</u>			
Jan 25Mar 23	<b>Road, Sea &amp; Rail Caravan</b> 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	<b>St.Patrick's Day Luncheon</b> Cranley Place Community Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive in South Surrey	Arlene Matches, matches7403@ John & Chris Millard, millard125	
Мау	Claybanks Rally Merritt, BC	Host needed or DIY Rally	Book directly with Resort
Mid-May	<b>Wine Tasting Rally</b> Naramata, BC	Charlie & Sharon Wieder char.shar.wieder@me.com	Itinerary TBA
June 1-5	<b>Region 10 Gathering</b> 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 <u>Reservations@riverhaven</u>	Beverley Robson brobson@telus.net rv.com	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	((33333)

# ...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*.

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



#### BRITISH COLUMBIA AIRSTREAM CLUB Annual General Meeting - Minutes September 12th, 2021, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Held via Zoom Meeting

Call to order (at 1:10 p.m.)

The current Executive was introduced.

In attendance; Bob and Darlene Caldwell, John and Chris Millard, Alex and Arlene Matches, Lynn and Brian Jackson, Trenor and Barbara Tilley, Carolyn and Dan Stewart, Janet Soucy, Marilyn and Gene Van Iderstine, Michel Bourassa. A quorum was present (min. 9)

Approval of previous minutes (circulated) for the annual general meeting of August 29th, 2020. Arlene Matches approved the minutes, seconded by Marilyn Van Iderstine

Michel Bourassa (Region 10 President) was introduced as was Darlene and Bob Caldwell (Past region President and First Lady)

The agenda was approved by all.

#### **Reports**

—**Membership count update** – Marilyn Van Iderstine advised that we currently have 85, down from last year's 88.

-Website update - Monte did not attend but the website was discussed briefly and will likely be redone in the coming year. There is money already earmarked for the website upgrade.

—**Treasurer report** – Financial statements were previously circulated to everyone. Carolyn briefly reviewed our financial position. We currently have \$6526.08 in our chequing account, \$969.01 in our U.S. Account. Our investment account has \$6215.52 in it and is renewed yearly in May. Carolyn is leaving the position after two years and her efforts were recognized by all. A sincere thank you to Carolyn who will be passing the books over to Charlie in the next several months. There was discussion regarding signatories. Currently there are 4, John Millard, Arlene Matches, Bob Halliwell and Carolyn Stewart. The signatories will need to be present in order to take Carolyn off the account, and to put Charlie on. John will help facilitate this. It was suggested that we take a copy of these minutes to the bank when the signatories are changed.

-Presidents Report - John Millard read the Presidents report for the year 2020-2021.

—Election and approval of 21/22 Officers The individuals were put forward to the membership for election: (\*they are as outlined in John's Message)

-Janet Soucy approved the above, seconded by Arlene Matches. All were in favor.

-Michel Bourassa swore in Barbara and Trenor Tilley (thanks Michel)

#### New Business

-Events for 2021/2022 were circulated and reviewed. (\*The itinerary is as outlined on page 7)

—Membership fees and payments are all done on-line now through WBCCI Jackson Center with the exception of Associate members who pay the local club directly. An email on how to do this has been circulated to all of the membership, please check your emails and pay accordingly. ('Associate members' being those members who no longer have an airstream but wish to remain members of the local club. Their fees are collected only by the local club (\$25. Canadian or \$20. U.S.)

—Darlene, Bob and Michel briefly shared their experience with the recent hands across the borders rally which turned out to be quite successful. It was held in Coronak, Saskatchewan and Dona Dumont took the group on a variety of local tours. The event was well attended with 4 rigs from Montana and 7/8 Canadian rigs.

—There were no new items from the floor.

—Arlene Matches moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The attending members all agreed. The next general meeting will be held at Traveland in Langley, exact dates are to be announced.

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 vour choice.



Always stir clockwise. Before you chop veggies, offer thanks. Cut mindfully, gratefully. **D**o all preparations in a loving spirit. Energize food with good thoughts. Feast gratefully. KITCHEN Give and share what you can spare. Home and hearth are sacred. Invoke blessings of Goddess on all food. Join hands with friends often. Keep a mortar and pestle for protection. Love goes into every dish. Mindfully gather ingredients.

No wasting, recycle, compost, feed animals. Open your senses, enjoy your surroundings. Play as well as work. Quench thirst, thinking of clear, clean rivers. **R**esolve to be grateful and waste not. Smell fragrance and anticipate flavors. Thank the universe and Goddess for health. Use utensils carefully, then clean up. Yalue time spent with loved ones. When possible, grow and harvest your food. Xtra salt will prevent hunger. Yearly rituals and feasts build traditions. Zestful living in every area is our goal.









### **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 Safety Chairman Vacant **Telephone Committee** Vacant Unit Historian Vacant Webmaster Monty Sheldan Youth Ambassador Vacant







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#### !!....SMILE...!!



President, John Millard, requests new and affiliate members to please forward their info (photo and bio) for inclusion on the BC Unit website. We also encourage our regular and affiliate members who haven't done so to add a picture and update their biographies as well. There is a printable roster available from the website. Please contact our Web Master, Monty Sheldan or Arlene Matches with regard to accessing the website (if you haven't already done so). The email address for Monty is: msheldan@mac.com and for Arlene use: matches7403@gmail.com. Tom Akam also has a printable and up-to-date version of our Mini Roster in Word format which he will email upon request. Tom's email address is: lighthouse13381@shaw.ca