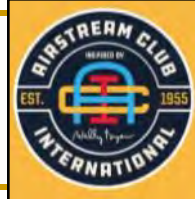




# British Columbia Airstream Club

B.C. UNIT #121 CHARTERED JUNE 26, 1965 AS W.B.C.C.I.

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Currently Vacant

# "the news"

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### John's Journal

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Welcome to September everyone!

Wow, what a month August was. In most cases I am pretty sure everyone is happy to see the last of it. Chris and I had to cancel three separate camping trips which included Monte Lake, South Okanagan Provincial Park and just recently the installation rally which was supposed to be held at Claybanks in Merritt. The decision to cancel this rally was not made lightly, however it was necessary to ensure both the health and safety of our members, as well as to make room for displaced evacuees in the park. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the firefighters, the displaced evacuees as well as some of members who have, and are continuing to deal with the threat of fires to their homes.

Thankfully fall is almost upon us bringing somewhat cooler temperatures. As such it would appear that our final rally of the year (golf rally) will still go ahead unless we hear otherwise from either Princeton or Twin Lakes Campgrounds. That is good news!

Given the above changes we have had to reschedule the installation rally and to change it to a Zoom-based meeting to ensure officers etc. are elected for 2022. We have scheduled this for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and we will be sending out a Zoom invitation to you all shortly. I would encourage you to join in on the meeting as well as to recognize that we have a number of executive positions that need to be filled, AND a number of rallies that still need hosts. Volunteering a small amount of your time will ensure that both the club and it's activities continue. We hope you will attend the meeting.

Please note any changes and openings in the upcoming schedule attached to this newsletter. In addition, please note that your yearly dues, both club and international are now to be paid via the WBCCI website. Please do not send us your payments, this should be all done online.

As fall approaches there is still time to get outdoors and enjoy some camping. After September 7<sup>th</sup> it looks as if many campgrounds will now have space available. Chris and I hope to get out once or twice before the rains come.

In closing, and given the new restrictions to help us all deal with this nasty fourth wave of COVID, please stay safe out there and we hope to see you on the road!

Respectfully Submitted...

## John



# 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](mailto: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**



## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

### by Arlene

*We were sorry to learn that Carolyn Wills has been ill and in Victoria hospital. Get well soon, Carolyn.*

**An email to Bob Halliwell from Lalani Vanderheide regarding Ralph's Celebration of Life reads in part...**

From my face book post: I am sorry new COVID restrictions have put us in the position of limiting numbers in attendance at Ralph's celebration of life. In person attendance is now by personal invitation only. I trust that you will understand and honor Ralph's memory by attending the virtual service September 11th at 2:00 pm. The link to attend the service virtually is:

<http://www.firstbaptistkamloops.org/resources/events/>

Click on this link, scroll until you find 'Celebration of Life, Ralph Vanderheide', then click on that. Thank you.

Lalani

**As Bob & Gayle are attending he asks that if you have any remembrances or things you would like said at the Celebration to forward them to him at halliwell4840@telus.net**

*Thank you to all who were enquiring about Alex's health. After 13 days in Peace Arch Hospital and a couple of really close calls, he is now home and resting comfortably. He is a long way from robust but is working on it.*

**Also, Gene Van Iderstine is home after a couple of months recuperating from a broken hip. Welcome back, Gene.**

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

*Arlene*



**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 FOUNDATION.**



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



## **MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES**

### **NEW AFFILIATE TO WELCOME TO B.C. UNIT:**

**WAKEFIELD, Robin & Molly**  
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Tucson, AZ, 95745  
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520-243-3335 (Molly)  
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map888@icloud.com  
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**\*BRN #4486**  
(home Unit  
Arizona)



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

None at this time...

*\*Big Red Number*



**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

**DATE**  
**2021**

**EVENT**

**HOST(S)**

**STATUS**

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



September 17-22  
Princeton RV Park

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

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 Or 250-497-5319

Dec. 5

Christmas luncheon

**Host & location needed**

**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 13

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
Cranley Place Community Hall, Surrey

**Co-host needed to help**  
Arlene Matches, matches7403@gmail.com

Time TBA

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

Region 10 Gathering  
Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA

Region 10 Executive

Dates TBA



June 22-25

Hedley Get Together  
Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley, BC

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

Book directly with RV resort then advise Bob

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**

“”””””””

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  
604.798.7665  
stuart@carolk.ca



## **British Columbia Airstream Club**

### **Unit #121**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**August 2021**

#### **Bank Balances**

**Canadian Account - \$6526.08. Account reconciled as of July 30/21**

**USD Account - \$969.01 Account reconciled as of July 30/21**

**Investment Certificate - \$6215.52 Cdn. Renewed automatically May 17/21**

**The Canadian account is carrying a high balance as discussed at the February 4, 2021 Executive meeting and decided to leave the balance until we know how much is going to be needed for the website.**

**I have emailed Jackson Center July 29/21 to ask them to make all further cheques payable to  
WBCCI Unit 121**

**Carolyn Stewart  
Treasurer**

# **BRITISH COLUMBIA AIRSTREAM CLUB**

Annual General Meeting

Sunday - September 12th, 2021, 1-3 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

## **AGENDA**

Welcome everyone and call to order

Introduction of Club Executive in attendance

Determination of a quorum (minimum 9)

- Approval of previous minutes for meeting of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Introduction of Region 10 Representatives if present
- Approval of the agenda

### **Reports**

- Business carried forward from previous meeting of August 29th, 2020.
- Membership count update – Marilyn
- Website update - Monte
- Treasurer report – Circulation of financial statements – Carolyn
- Approval of Financial Statements by membership
- Presidents Report
- Election and approval of 21/22 Officers

### **New Business**

- Schedule of events for 2021 – 2022
- Review of membership fees and payment
- New Items from the floor
- Adjournment and next general meeting at Traveland in Langley  
(COVID PERMITTING)

President, John Millard





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.*

## A lot of walking away will do your life good.

Walk away from arguments that lead you to anger and nowhere. Walk away from people who deliberately put you down. Walk away from the practice of pleasing people who choose to never see your worth. Walk away from any thought that undermines your peace of mind. Walk away from judgmental people, they do not know the struggle you are facing and what you have been through. Walk away from your mistakes and fears, they do not determine your fate. The more you walk away from things that poison your soul, the healthier your life will be.

— Dodinsky  
LifeLearnedFeelings

## I Confess

I stalked her  
in the grocery store: her crown  
of snowy braids held in place by a great silver clip,  
her erect bearing, radiating tenderness,  
the way she placed yogurt and avocados in her basket,  
beaming peace like the North Star.  
I wanted to ask, "What aisle did you find  
your serenity in, do you know  
how to be married for fifty years, or how to live alone,  
excuse me for interrupting, but you seem to possess  
some knowledge that makes the earth burn and turn on its axis-"  
But we don't request such things from strangers  
nowadays. So I said, "I love your hair."

-Alison Luterman

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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

Safety Chairman

Vacant

Telephone Committee

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*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](mailto:msheldan@mac.com) and for Arlene use: [matches7403@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lighthouse13381@shaw.ca)*