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Currently vacant

"the news"



APRIL 2022



John's Journal

Happy Spring everyone!

I do hope that everyone is dusting off their Airstreams and getting things ready to go in what should be a banner season. De-winterizing is certainly the first step for everyone which should include testing your water system, batteries, fridge, heater and hot water systems as well as inflating your tires etc. all before you head out. A little silicon spray to your grey and black water valves is a good idea. A quick tip for some of you; carry a can of electrical cleaner with you to give your truck/trailer plug a quick cleaning prior to connecting your trailer to the truck. You may also want to lube your leveling bar, hitch ball and sway bar connections as well with some lithium grease. A short shakedown trip helps limit future problems and is always recommended. If any of you have any questions about the process feel free to email me at millard12581@gmail.com

As promised in my March entry, Chris and I were planning a trip to California to pick up a vintage Airstream. Well I am happy to report that we made it to Placerville, California and back and are now the proud owners of a polished 1966 25-foot Tradewind. The trip took approximately 2-½ weeks and was quite a trip indeed. We spent three days on route via the Oregon Coast having left White Rock on February 15th. The border was no issue and it was really nice to 'grocery and gas up' again in Bellingham. The trip was uneventful and we arrived in Placerville on February 19th to pick up the Airstream. We knew the trailer had been sitting for a while (since 2017) but were not fully prepared for just how much immediate work the Airstream needed in order for us to camp in it on our return back up the coast. Well it needed a great deal of cleaning with my wife needing to even expel a tenant (rat) with a garbage can lid. We had to throw out most everything not nailed down in the trailer. Fortunately, we had brought our good wrapped mattresses and sleeping bags, a portable fridge, stove top and electric heaters with us as nothing in the trailer except the electric lights were working. Our sincere thanks to Tiffany Combrink, Paul Warenycia, Jeff Ray and Neil & Lynn Holman who helped make all of this happen. Neil & Lynn were members of a North California Airstream group who towed the Airstream with a beautiful 1971 Buick Convertible.

After two days of cleaning we moved the Airstream to a local KOA. We spent a couple of days repairing the wiring so that the brakes, lights etc. would work and we were off. Once repaired we headed out back up the coast a little bit nervous but excited nevertheless. We camped in the redwoods in California, spent a couple of days in Newport Oregon as well as Astoria where we were welcomed with typhoon like rain and winds. Several times throughout the night the truck alarm would go off because it was being shaken so badly. Well, that's Astoria for you! We ended up in Anacortes at Judy and Gerry Greth's house, members of the club and good friends who we have not seen since Covid. What wonderful hosts they both were along with their little doggie, Oscar. We have definitely missed their company over the last couple of years and it was a real treat to see them once again. In addition I got to see Gerry's hot rod that he is building from the ground up, what a talented builder he is indeed.

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On March 2nd we ended up in Bellingham getting swabbed prior to heading back into Canada. The trip across the border was uneventful and went very smoothly. A quick trip to the insurance company was the only thing left prior to bringing the Airstream home. Our work now starts for the next couple of years as we attempt to bring this Airstream back to it's former glory.

For you people who like stats we used 169 gallons of fuel to travel 2266. miles. We averaged 13.4 mpg overall. When towing we averaged 11 mpg and solo 17.5 mpg. The trailer length is just under 26 feet and dry weight just over 4000 pounds with a tongue weight of about 400 pounds. Vintage Airstreams weigh considerably less than the newer Airstreams and are 6 to 12 inches narrower on average.

I have included a few pictures for you all which I hope you like. Chris and I are looking forward to seeing you all on the road!

Respectfully submitted.















Oscar



Are you going to International in Maine? I'm one of the hostesses of the Maine Derby Tea happening in Fryeburg. We need a few things and we need your help:

TABLE HOSTESSES - Someone to welcome people to the table and help with the things going on there...I think there will be some sort of prizes offered.

SERVERS - We need people to bring hot water around to the tables to fill the tea pots...the organizers were thinking men? TEA POTS - If you are driving out, do you have a teapot you would be willing to be used at the table? Or could you find some at Goodwill and bring it?

CARRIERS OF TEA POTS - Hal and I are flying out this time or

we would be (Godwilling it like crazy) but, if someone would be willing to carry one or two out, that would be great...I could get you pots.

STYLISTS - We are doing a style show of people willing to wear and model the clothes of a decade in the life of Airstream. I think they have the 1920's and 1940's covered already but we need the others, too.

Please give me a call at 503-701-2798 or email me at <u>twestover@mac.com</u> if any of these requests fits for you. This will be limited to 300 participants with goodies to eat as well as tea. Thanks so much in advance.

Terri Warren





Lawyers should never ask a Grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer

In a trial, a small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize, you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?" She again replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him." The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counsellors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair."

NARAMATA SPRING FLING AND WINE RALLY

May 13 - 15, 2022

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

Hi everyone (THIS IS AN UPDATE...)

Are you ready to go camping in your Airstream?

We certainly are so come and join us in the Okanagan. There are already at least six rigs coming!

We have some fun activities planned including a private vineyard wine tasting, an amazing culinary dinner and a print making class.

We are right on the lake so lots of water activity opportunities as well as some great bicycle rides and hikes close by.

See you soon!

To make your Camping reservations at the Naramata Centre follow these steps:

A) Reserve your site ASAP - the Centre Will Not hold sites without a Deposit! If you want to have a space in the serviced site group, Make a reservation now.

- 50% min. deposit to reserve, Balance due 30 days prior.

Please Read the Cancellation policy!

- MINIMUM three night stay per Naramata Centre policy

https://naramatacentre.secure.retreat.guru/program/personal-retreats-camping-spring-2022/?form=1&lang=en

- Make your "campsite selection" by picking 1 of 5 possible;

Select Only ONE of these two!!

IGNORE THE OTHER THREE CHOICES OF CAMPSITE DESIGNATION

-30amp service, pet friendly, water. ONLY five sites so book now

-15 amp service, pet friendly, water

Step #8 - Include this note: "Airstream Group"

They will assign a site within our area first come, first served

Wine Tasting:

Join us for an exclusive experience with one of the premier wine educators in the valley.

This event includes a curated wine tasting, light lunch in a vineyard and transportation to and from the campground.

Perfect for newbies to the wine world or those who have uncorked many a bottle!

Join us, Sunday May 15, \$120.00 per person, 10 spaces available.

Reserve your space by April 15. A \$50.00 deposit is required.

Contact Angela Brown (the wine tasting leader) to sign up: Email angelajbrown@shaw.ca

Saturday Nite Dinner:

Folks who want to attend dinner at the Naramata Inn can make reservations at: https://www.tbdine.com/book/restaurant/naramata-inn?idApp=69557&language=en-us

Dinner is Saturday 14th at 5:30.
At the end of the form, there is a space for **Notes:**In that space be sure to include - "Airstream Group"

Any questions/thoughts or concerns please let us know: char.shar.wieder@me.com

LASTLY....BE SURE TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE MADE ANY RESERVATIONS



Block printing - you can do it!

A Naramata Wine Rally activity with Cindy & Monty Sheldan





Learn to make a block print at this hands-on workshop and take home a ready-to frame piece of your own original artwork.

Block printing is fun and gratifying for everyone, no matter what your artistic ability—or lack of artistic ability—is! If you can hold a pencil, and use a paint brush this super easy craft is for you.

All materials and instruction will be provided at no charge, along with a little wine and cheese to get the creative juice flowing. Bring your own glass and your imagination.

RESERVATION APPRECIATED

No budding artist will be turned away, but we'd appreciate knowing how many woud like to particiapte to ensure we have enough wine art supplies.



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

For more information, or to guarantee your place at the table please please

email: <u>cindy@swca.ca</u> by: April 30, 2022

HEDLEY RALLY

RIVERHAVEN RV PARK JUNE 24-27, 2022

It is not too late to make your reservations for the Hedley Rally June 24th-27th at the Riverhaven RV Campground. Here are a few notes for you to keep in mind.

Reservations cannot be made online. Phone Doug or his son Paul to reserve a spot (250-292-8221). They are still holding some spots for our Airstream Rally. Please let Bev know about your reservation. (brobson@telus.net)

Officially we start at Happy Hour, 4 PM or so, Friday the 24th.

The weekend will be a mix of organized group events, tours etc and do-it-yourself activities. Let's get out there and support the local enterprises that this part of our province has to offer. We all know how much they're going to appreciate our business and outstanding personalities!

To date plans are being made for one luncheon at a winery / cidery estate. The Similkameen Valley has 13 wineries and 2 cideries. Several of them have restaurants and beautiful views! We will select one where we can either have lunch together or, it may be possible to picnic at some of them as well.

There are many other attractions in and around the Hedley and Keremeos environs. The Grist Mill and Gardens (a non winery place that is also Canada's only working water powered flour mill) is handy. The Ashnola Red Bridge built in 1909 used to be a covered train bridge. Today it is the gateway to the Cathedral Provincial Park (outstanding hiking trails) and Ashnola Recreation area. Of course there is golf at nearby Princeton and Twin Lakes. And let's not forget Osoyoos and all it has to offer.

So folks, June is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a cool, and cooler, time at Hedley and we definitely look forward to seeing many of you there.

See you soon.

Bev... **604-823-7232**



THE COMMUNITY CORNER by Arlene

Put April 12th on your calendar to join Tom Akam's Tuesday morning breakfast. Region 10 President, Kathy Geese, and hubby David are joining us that morning.

News, I need news...photos, and other stuff...

Arlene



He didn't like the casserole, and he didn't like my cake. He said my biscuits were too hard, not like his mother used to make.

I didn't make the coffee right, he didn't like my stew.
I didn't fold his pants, the way his mother used to do.

I pondered for an answer, I was looking for a clue. Then I turned around and

like his mother used to do.
The Cowboy poet story teller

smacked the shit out of him,



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



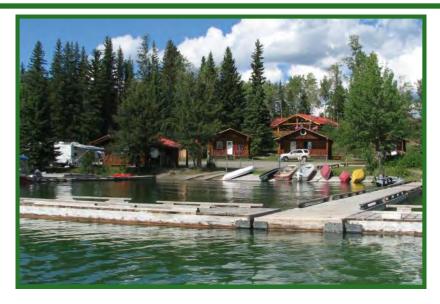
BC Unit Caravana
WBCCI Region 10
WBCCI Wally Byam Airstream Club
Airstream Addicts
Airstream Hunter
Airstream Courtesy Parking
Airstream Canada Adventures
Airstream Pets

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.



B.C. Unit 121 Fishing Rally 2022

After a few years our Unit will once again host the Fishing Rally to be held at the beautiful

Loon Bay Resort

on Sheridan Lake. The dates for the Rally are Sunday, August 28th to Sunday, September 4th. Fishing at this time is usually good and the weather warmer than some of our previous Fishing Rallies where snow was common.

So far I have secured twelve sites, eight with full hookups and four with power and water. More sites may come available and there are some no service sites we could use. We will also have the same double camping site to use as our common area for Happy Hours and Campfires.

For those who would like to attend please follow these instructions:

- -Contact me by Email if you are attending halliwell4840@telus.net with
- -Trailer size
- -Number of persons in your unit
- -Will you need easy access to the social site
- -Dates you are attending the Rally (hopefully all)

Do not contact the Resort until you are advised a site has been assigned to you. You will be contacted with a site # and then asked to call the Resort and place a deposit.

We are looking forward to a Great Fishing Rally and of course the Legendary **Loon Saloon** will be open.

Your Hosts,

Bob and Gayle Halliwell



TODAY'S SHORT READING FROM THE BIBLE

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then he made the earth round and He laughed and laughed and laughed

Threw out my back sleeping and tweaked my neck sneezing so I'm probably just one strong fart away from complete paralysis.



You can't truly refer
to yourself as an adult
until you catch yourself
getting really angry when
the grocery store changes
their layout.

I'm so old, I can remember going through a whole day without taking a picture of anything.





If you can't think of a word, say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing - not one canary there either!

SO, THE CIA CAN HACK
INTO MY TV AND LISTEN
TO EVERY WORD I SAY,
BUT MCDONALD'S
CAN'T HEAR ME SAY "NO
PICKLES" THRU THEIR
DRIVE-THRU SPEAKER?

MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS:

MacFAYDEN, Duncan & Sheila

BRN#30303

7232 Inlet Drive

Burnaby, BC, V5A 1C4

Phone: 604-328-8694 (Duncan)

604-314-6377 (Sheila)

Email: duncan.macfayden@snapon.com

smacfayden@gmail.com

Airstream: 2019 30-foot Classic



SHOEMAKER, Marian & Scott

BRN#11785

11785 Sunshine Coast Highway Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H1

Phone: 604-741-7772 (Scott)

604-741-7771 (Marian)

Email: shoes6300@gmail.com (Scott)

shoes6300@icloud.com (Marian)

Airstream: 2019 27-foot International

ROSTER CHANGES:

The insert for Kathleen McDonald (and Jack Cooper) should only show her phone number (250-744-8659) and email address (lechatnoirs@gmail.com)

Dick & Sharon Moffat now use Telus so their email address should read rsmoffat@telus.net.

Robert & Billie Verdegaal's last name was misspelled (note the double A...not L).

Paul & Charli Westerfield should only show her cell phone number (360-485-7837.

The 2022 Roster is finished and distributed. Check out your entry and if there are any changes, please notify Arlene Matches or Tom Akam. We will ensure a correction goes into the newsletter and changes made in next year's roster. Also, please note that the cover photo taken by Barry Hook was incorrectly identified as 2017—the year is actually 2007.

*Big Red Number

British Columbia Unit #121 2022 Activity Schedule

DATE EVENT HOST(S) STATUS

Every Tuesday 9:00 am

Coffee Get-Together
Dil Se Indian Cuisine

2160 King George Highway, Surrey

Tom Akam 604-538-4149

To reserve your spot



May ??? Tentative Claybanks Rally

Merritt, BC

Host needed or DIY Rally??

Book directly with Resort

May 13-15 Wine Tasting Rally

Naramata, BC

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

See page 4 for itinerary (sites still available)

June 1-5

Region 10 Gathering

Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA

Region 10 Executive FULLY BOOKED BUT...

To register for wait list as this event is full go to Https://form.jotform.com/220048834937158



June 24-26 (see info on

Page 6)

Hedley Get Together Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley, BC

Beverley Robson brobson@telus.net

Phone Resort to Book and advise Beverley

July 23-27

65th International Rally

Fryeburg, Maine

Details of registration in the Blue Beret



Aug.28—Sept.4

Sheridan Fishing Rally (12 sites booked) Loon Bay Resort, Sheridan Lake, BC Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net

See info on page 7
ONLY 4 SPOTS LEFT

Sept. 5-9

Installation Rally & AGM

Host & date TBA

Advise incoming Prez if interested in hosting

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

Dec Christmas Luncheon

Host, Date & Location needed



FUN ON THE MEXICAN CARAVAN

As reported by Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler From emails dated March 5th and 6th

Hola



We arrived in Mazatlan eight days ago! We took the Baja Ferry Across from the Baja peninsula to Mazatlan. We were escorted to our campground by the Green Angels. For locals on the highways, the Green Angel service is free for anyone who may require their service (flat tire, breakdown etc..) They are hired to escort us from one campground to the next!

We arrived in our campground Barakas which is moments away from the beach and near the hotel Riu. We stayed here on our first Airstream Caravan three years ago. Loved going for early

walks on the beach!

Our Saturday, we were on a pulmonia city tour and Sunday to El Noria, El Quelite and a tequila tasting.



Monday was a day of rest, yet, we had ordered jugs of water in, laundry pick up, propane to be filled up and just chilling. We met up with our friends from our home park for dinner. They're in Mazatlan for five months.

Tuesday was the Mardi Gras parade. We had a buffet lunch midday at the hotel then sat in our private seating on the deck in front of the hotel! We were above the crowd, looking down and looking straight

ahead when the parade drove by!

The floats were quite phenomenal with some quite tall and towering over us! The parade wrapped up about 9:00pm and we had vans waiting for us at the back door to take us home!

Full day, yet, a fun day!

Yesterday, we left Mazatlan and we drove North about 80km to a small place called Celestino Gaza. Family run campground located on the beach! Our host/owner Noe is fabulous! From guiding us into our camping spots, to telling us everything we would like to know about this place. He organized his family make shrimp burritos for us last night. Tonight, we have a campfire on the beach and this morning majority of us will walk down the beach for breakfast!

We're here until Wednesday and then we continue our drive North towards El Feurte. (Train to the Copper Canyon) Twenty more days of our fifty-eight day caravan, it goes by ever so quickly!

Looks like a gorgeous day today, take care everyone ...







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.

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. Wellbehaved pets welcome. Call for rates and availability.

Stuart Robson 604.798.7665 or Email stuart@carolk.ca

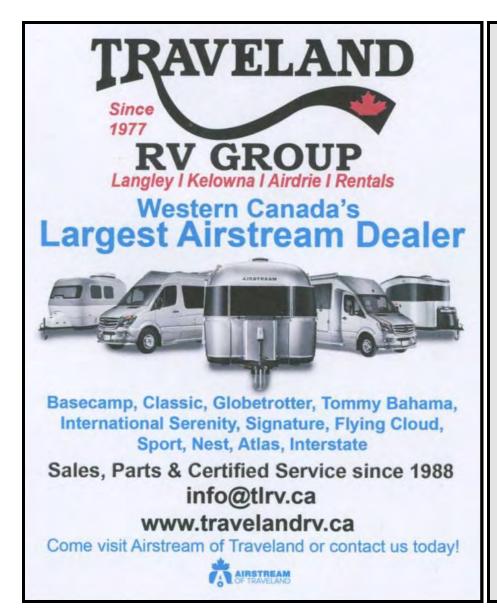


Les Davids has a generator for sale



Genconnex 2kWatt 120Vac-30A Propane Portable-Power System. Package includes Genconnex GXG-LP-EU2200i-COMP-EC Propane modified Honda Inverter Generator, 6 foot propane hose with regulator, 12 foot 1/4 inch propane extension hose with 3/8 inch female quick-disconnect for generator and 1/4 inch male quick-disconnect for connecting to trailer auxiliary low pressure propane outlet, Genconnex 30Amp N-G bonding plug to 30Amp camper plug adapter.

\$1,500. Best way to reach me is email (ldavids@icloud.com).



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

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Arlene Matches

Membership & Mentoring

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Along with the ad for Midtown RV in Penticton, shown are four business cards for technicians that are proven to be reliable (and who are able to bring their garage to you...!!)

Glenn's Mobile R.V. Service

•Bearings & Brakes •Propane Appliances •Electrical •Plumbing •Winterizing

> Maintenance & Repairs to All Types of R.V.'s

Glenn Peters

604-864-9965

Toll Free Pager:

1-888-303-6834



!!...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. Our Web Master, Monty Sheldan is working on an upgrade for our website and you will be advised when these changes are completed. Monty's email is msheldan@mac.com.



Tom Akam 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