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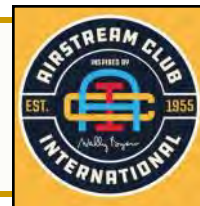


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"the news"

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John's Journal

Welcome to February everyone! In case you hadn't all noticed the daylight is getting longer each day, the odd robin is chirping away, geese are once again flying about and my neighbours snow drops have come up. Things are looking good indeed! That gets my wife Chris and I excited about what this year will bring. We have begun planning our spring, summer and fall events and have booked in at a number of places. The campground that we had to flee last summer due to the fires (Heritage Campground at Monte Lake) has reopened and is available for bookings. In addition, Clay Banks R.V. Resort in Merritt which was surrounded by massive fires last summer and flooding last fall will be reopening sometime in the spring. Wonderful uplifting news that reflects the resiliency of people in this beautiful Province we call home.

As a club we have the 2022 schedule attached that currently lists our activities for this year. Despite all the challenges that COVID has placed in our way we continue to press on. Airstreamers from B.C. are already on the move as Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy have just entered Mexico. Paul & Janet are rally hosts of a caravan currently traveling around Mexico. They will no doubt provide us with some lovely pictures and details of their adventures. Safe travels to you both. There are several events on our schedule that stand out this year – the Wine Rally in Naramata, the Hedley Rally, the Lynden Region 10 Rally and the Fishing Rally in the fall. I encourage members of the club to please help out and get involved. I understand that Charlie & Sharon Wieder are volunteering at the Lynden Rally to direct bicycle tours, Chris and I are helping park vehicles at the Region 10 Rally and direct traffic at the fairgrounds – these are all things that will help attendees get the most out of each Rally. I thank all of you who have thrown your hat in to help for the coming year. On another note it is great to see that Tom Akam is continuing to host weekly breakfasts each Tuesday, kudos to Tom for maintaining this event each week.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Valentines day meal this year due to COVID restrictions at the restaurant (this may also apply to the Spring Fling Luncheon). This along with few individuals who expressed an interest in attending the event sealed the deal. Hopefully the latest health restrictions will be lifted shortly and things can return to normal.

On a general note if you are interested in attending rallies or events then it is very helpful to the organizer if you let them know sooner rather than later as to your attendance. Sometimes rallies get canceled by the organizers even though there may be an unexpressed interest by the members.

On **February 1st** I will be hosting the first general zoom meeting of the year at **7 p.m.** Details were sent out earlier this month, I do hope many of you will attend as we look forward to seeing you all.

Enough for now!

Respectfully submitted.

John



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- Director (Island)** Currently vacant
- Director (Interior)** Currently vacant
- Director (USA)** Currently vacant
- Youth Ambassador** Currently vacant

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(Purchased new direct from **Barker**, but then discovered how to fix the Atwood jack)

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Greg Small at Smallg327@yahoo.com, or phone 1-250-686-9342

\$200.00 (new lower price)



Region 10 Airstream International Club Rally

Four days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the **Region 10 Airstream Club International Rally June 1 – 5, 2022**. Airstream Region 10 includes over 1,000 Airstream owners in the western US and Canada.

We have confirmed the **NW Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden, WA**, as the site for our 2022 Rally. Lynden is located north of Bellingham, just south of the US / Canada border. 20 amp, water, and an on-site dump (\$5) are available. Clean bathrooms and showers on-site.

Lynden is home to Washington State's largest Dutch settlement. The Washington and Idaho clubs are co-hosting this rally. We anticipate hosting 150 Airstream owners, with space for a maximum of 80 Airstreams. We are planning days filled with events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Save The Date now! An email will be sent out in **January** with a link to register. Start planning your caravans to this event that is located in the middle of lots of interesting areas to explore. A list of suggested campgrounds to stay along the way will be included in the registration information. The Canadian border is open and by next June, camping on both sides of the border will be in full swing so snag your Region Rally reservations in **January**, and book your before and/or after camping reservations ASAP as 2022 will be a busy camping season. Airstream Northwest is a generous sponsor and this is a rally you will not want to miss! Questions? Email kathygeese@gmail.com or janetschober@comcast.net.

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 attendees come early and stay late.

Filling up quickly but still 2 prime waterfront sites left (first come/first served)

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

There is no Online booking at this time

Please advise Beverley at 604-823-7232 after you have booked

**This space being saved for
JANET AND PAUL'S
adventures in Mexico.**

WAIT FOR IT.!!

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

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

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. The Valentine's Day luncheon on February 12th has been cancelled and, perhaps the Spring Fling depending on COVID restrictions. .

This issue has photos and narrative from Janet & Paul from their Mexican caravan...we'll enjoy attending through their experiences.

I'm off to St. Paul's Hospital tomorrow morning to get a pacemaker... FINALLY.



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



MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW AIRSTREAMERS TO WELCOME TO B.C. UNIT:

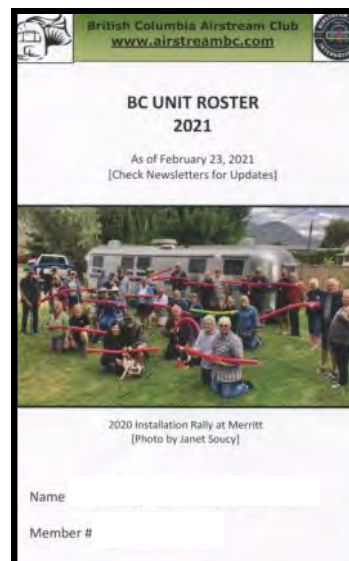
NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS:

NEW AFFILIATES:

ROSTER CHANGES:

Please change Lynn Jackson's email address to
lynn488@telus.net and Brian's to brian2424@telus.net.
(A change from their Shaw accounts).



**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*.**

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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 Dil Se Indian Cuisine 2160 King George Highway, Surrey	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 To reserve your spot	
<u>2022</u>			
Feb 12	Valentine's Day Luncheon has been cancelled		
March 12 11:30 to 2:00	Spring Fling Luncheon Cranley Place Community Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive in South Surrey	Arlene Matches, matches7403@gmail.com John & Chris Millard, millard12581@gmail.com	
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	Itinerary TBA
June 1-5	Region 10 Gathering Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA	Region 10 Executive	
June 24-26 to Book (see dates on Beverley Page 3)	Hedley Get Together Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley, BC	Beverley Robson brobson@telus.net	Phone  Resort and advise
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
Sept. 5-9	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	“””””



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.

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.

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Tom Akam & the VPs

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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

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Arlene Matches

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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. 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