

## **British Columbia Airstream Club**

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

WWW.airstreambc.com



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# **MARCH 2022**



# John's Journal

Well, what a difference a month seems to make. People are starting to get out and travel again, and are beginning to make plans for the spring/summer/fall. This includes our club members in both British Columbia and in Region 10. This is especially evident by the 80 members registered for the Lynden Region, with a number of people on the waiting list. In speaking with Kathy Geese who is both our Region 10 President, and chair of the Rally, she advised that if people are still interested to make sure you let her know and get put on the wait list. This is because traditionally there are cancellations for various reasons which in turn opens the door for those on the waiting list.

In early February I sent out an appeal to members to help fill some positions in the club. I am pleased to report that Charlie and Sharon Wieder have agreed to fill the positions of *Directors (Interior)*, while Kevin McLaren has agreed to step into the position of *Director (USA)*. My sincere thanks to Charlie, Sharon and Kevin! For the record there are some additional positions that need to be filled and we all would appreciate it if some members who haven't involved themselves in the club activities **please** help fill these positions. It is not a huge imposition on your time and can only help solidify a club that brings people together which is clearly something we all need to embrace given what has gone on in the past couple of years. **It's time to step up!** 

On another note, some of us are now getting out and traveling about. Paul and Janet Wheeler are sending back some great pictures of their caravan in Mexico. What a trip it must be for them. On a more personal note Chris and I are heading down to Placerville California to pick up another vintage 66 airstream. It is a 25 foot Tradewind Twin Bed which Chris and I will tow back up the Oregon Coast and begin to restore. As many of you are aware this is the 6<sup>th</sup> trailer we will have worked

on and we are eagerly looking forward to the challenge. The trailer, with tow vehicle, was featured in the Fall edition of the 2008 Airstream Life Magazine. We hope to chronicle the trip for the next newsletter.

Well, that's about it for now. Please be sure you check the list of activities printed in this newsletter each month for updates to events. Chris and I hope to see you all on the road soon.

Respectfully submitted.

John



#### Barker VIP3500 Jack For Sale

Brand new in the box (never opened). 18" stroke

(Purchased new direct from **Barker**, but then discovered how to fix the Atwood jack) **More info at barkermfg.com.** 

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

**\$200.00** (new lower price)



Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza... OK, I ate a pizza! Are you happy now?



## 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

## NARAMATA WINE RALLY

### May 13 - 15, 2022

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

#### Hi everyone:

Are you ready to go camping in your Airstream? We certainly are so come and join us in the Okanagan.

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



- 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

At the end of the form be sure to include this note: 'Airstream Group' They will assign a site within our area first come, first served.

B) Saturday Wine Tasting Tour

Arrangements...... Are being worked on. We will update once details are finalized.

C) Saturday dinner out @ the historic Naramata Inn

We encourage everyone to check it out: https://naramatainn.com/

You can book your dinner reservation at <a href="https://www.tbdine.com/book/restaurant/naramata-inn?">https://www.tbdine.com/book/restaurant/naramata-inn?</a>

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Again, mention you are with the 'Airstream Group' This dinner is at the Inn on Saturday evening at 5:30 PM.

It will be an 'order off the menu & drinks list, pay for it yourself' meal.

COVID restrictions will apply.

D) OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Daily Happy Hour group gathering 4:00pm campground location TBD.

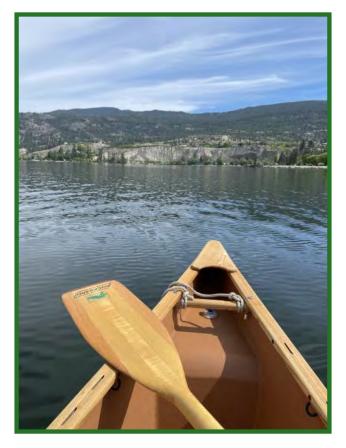
OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE DETERMINED, if you're interested in leading one or more let us know!

**Evening Music? Morning Tai Chi?** Bike rides? Website demo? Sunday and/or Monday AM Breakfast - Bun on the Run? Join us for an exclusive experience with one of the premier wine educators in the valley. Event includes a curated wine tasting and light lunch in a vineyard with transportation to and from the campground. Perfect for newbies to the wine world or those who have uncorked many a bottle! 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. Her email is angelajbrown@shaw.ca

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A FEW PHOTOS TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION AT THE NARAMATA WINE RALLY (SEE PREVIOUS PAGE)

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL SITE AND A RALLY YOU WILL REMEMBER FOREVER. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE....

# THE COMMUNITY CORNER by Arlene

We were saddened to hear from John Fikkert that his wife, Debbie recently passed. Condolences to John and his family....she was a lovely woman and will be sorely missed. Her recent photo is to the right and the obit reads:

Constance Deborah Fikkert nee Brugger February 7, 1951 ~ February 1, 2022 It is with great sadness that the family announces the unexpected passing of Debbie on Tuesday February 1, 2022, at the age of 70 vears. Debbie left us far to soon and words can not express how she will be missed. Debbie is survived by her husband John, her children, Brett, Deanna, Erica, mother Loys McTavish (Brugger), mother-in-law Joan Fikkert, best friend and sister Sandra Thomson, brothers James and George Brugger, 13 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. Debbie's life will be celebrated with a private family gathering as per her request with the internment to take place at Shoal Lake MB in the spring. In honor of Debbie's memory please feel free to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society.



We were saddened to learn from Jan Povey that hubby, Ron, passed away this past weekend. Ron & Jan were long-time members of BC Unit and we've stayed in touch over the years. Condolences to the family.

The Naramata Rally needs your reservation prior to opening in March....please see the information on page 3 and act quickly.

I'm happy to announce my pacemaker surgery done January 31st was most successful and not very interesting...everything went well and recovery a breeze.

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

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 AUXILIARY.



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

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA AIRSTREAM CLUB

GENERAL MEETING - Minutes Tuesday February 1, 2022 – 7 p.m. Held Via - Zoom Meeting

Call to order (at 7:05 p.m.)

In attendance; John and Chris Millard, Lynn and Brian Jackson, Trenor and Barbara Tilley, Carolyn Stewart, Bev Robson, Eileen Meston, Charlie and Sharon Wieder, Dick and Sharon Moffatt, Tom Akam, Monty Sheldan A quorum was present (min. 9)

Approval of previous minutes (circulated) for the annual general meeting of September 12th, 2021. Tom Akam approved the minutes, seconded by Charlie Wieder.

Kathy Geese was introduced as Region 10 President and affiliate member of the B.C. Airstream Club. Welcome Kathy!

The Agenda was approved by all.

#### **Reports**

**Treasurer report** – Carolyn briefly reviewed our financial position. We currently have approximately \$6200. in our chequing account, \$2000. in our U.S. Account and \$6200 in our investment certificate. There are a few small outstanding receivables and expenses that still need to be factored in but overall we are in good shape. Things have been smoothed out with the bank as well, however the U.S. Account still requires Carolyn to attend in person, rather than to just use the banking machine. Carolyn circulated the financial s to the President which will be forwarded on accordingly. Carolyn will coordinate her spreadsheet of who has paid/not paid etc. with Tom and Marilyn so that the roster can be updated etc. A sincere thank you to Carolyn for her continuing work in this area, Tom for keeping the roster up to date and to Marilyn for maintaining all new membership.

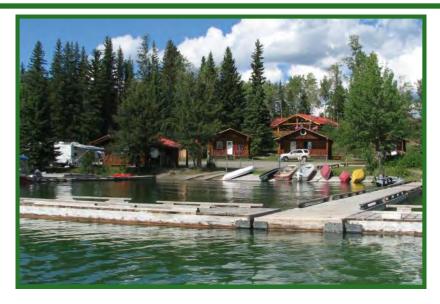
Website update - Monty advised that he is continuing to keep the website and platform current. He is, at this point only about a month behind and needs to add to it. He is hoping at some point to update the website and make it a more simplified version without necessarily a members section. Instead he hopes to direct current members from our website to the "mother ship's" website where needed. To design our website in such a way as to entice new Airstreamers into the club and it's activities. Perhaps include posting stories on trips members take together, trailer maintenance and winterizing etc. Monty has requested more pictures of our various events in the highest resolution as possible (between 2 and 5 megs per picture). His email has the ability to take up to 20 megs per email, alternatively zip the files and send them to him at monty@swca.ca John will contact Janet as well to see if she can forward some pictures to Monty.

The Event Schedule for 2022 was discussed (shown on page 9 of this newsletter). Note that items in red require additional membership attention.

Kathy Geese advised that planning for the Region 10 gathering in June is progressing nicely. One of the members of the planning committee is an event planner and as such has scheduled live music, a whale watching tour, bicycle tours, etc. Further, they have been successful through a marketing proposal at securing a \$10,000. donation for the event from a large Airstream dealership (Ultimate Airstream) who will also be at the fairgrounds likely with information/displays etc.. Currently there are 80 units registered to attend. Kathy advised that while she does have a waiting list, for members to please sign up as she expects a 10-15% cancellation prior to the event. A sincere thank you to Kathy and the planning committee for all their hard work on what will no doubt be a fabulous event.

Other: John Millard advised that he, Chris and Bob Halliwell had closed out the storage and moved our club supplies etc. to a storage shed on Bob's property in Abbotsford. John Millard has a current inventory of equipment which is available for anyone in the club who is hosting events. Please contact John or Bob if you would like to see a current copy.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next general meeting will be held at the installation rally in September of this year. The next meeting of the Executive will likely take place in late April. John Millard to advise.



# 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 <a href="https://halliwell4840@telus.net">halliwell4840@telus.net</a> 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



#### SHERIDAN LAKE FUN

Gayle and I just spent a week at our daughters cabin on Sheridan Lake just across the bay from the Loon Bay Resort. We had Terry & Al Gamache come up for a couple of days for a visit and it happened to be Al's birthday (February 14th) and Terry's was in late in January. To celebrate we stamped out a greeting for them on the lake. We had a great time, good food, maybe a couple of beverages and played games. A very peaceful holiday and the weather was mild and sunny. Can't wait to get back there in our Airstream at the Fishing Rally (see previous page)

Gayle and Bob Halliwell







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 <a href="twestover@mac.com">twestover@mac.com</a> 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

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

## **NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS:**

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604-715-3764 (Leigh)

pgibbs@sfu.ca (Paul) Email:

taylorandgibbs@shaw.ca (Leigh)

Airstream: 1996 30-foot Classic



#### LAPIERRE, Jeff & Dianne

\*BRN 23101

#10—1019 Gilford Street Vancouver, BC, V6G 2P1

Phone: 778-985-5032 (Dianne)

778-996-7509 (Jeff)

dianne.lapierre60@gmail.com Email:

jefflapierre66@gmail.com

Airstream: 2022 23-foot Flying Cloud

JONES, Abbey \*BRN24788

6583 Norcross Road Duncan, BC, V9L 6C3

Phone: 250-701-530 wyndabbey@gmail.com Airstream: 2022 28-foot Globetrotter

**COOMBES, Gerry** \*BRN08106

7111 Toba Street

Powell River, BC, V8A 5M1

Phone: 604-223-2327 Email: gerrylmorris@gmail.com Airstream: 1971 25-foot Caravaner

New Associates on next page...

\*Big Red Number

## **NEW BC UNIT AFFILIATES:**

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818-577-5699 (Jin)

Email: hammondhabitat@gmail.com (Craig)

Jin.h74@gmail.com (Jin)

Airstream: 1987 35-foot – 345 Motorhome

**BOUTIN, Ben & Kathy** 

560 West Palm Aire Drive,

Pompano Beach, FL, 33069 USA Phone: 754-236-3232 (Kathy) 954-326-6982 (Ben)

Email: benkate@bellsouth.net (Kathy)

bboutin@bellsouth.net (Ben)

Airstream: 2020 30-foot International Serenity

\*BRN 11896

Washington Unit

\*BRN 10696

Florida Suncoast Airstream Unit

\*Big Red Number



Retired Region10 President and BC Unit Affiliate Bob Caldwell the day of his knee replacement surgery (above) on February 4th and five days later in their Airstream motorhome. Bob & Darlene drove to Phoenix for this surgery as the wait-list in Edmonton was just too long. It is now a day surgery and Bob is recuperating in the sunshine AND doing really well.



# **British Columbia Unit #121 2022 Activity Schedule**

HOST(S) DATE **EVENT 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



Spring Fling Luncheon CANCELLED DUE TO FLUCTUATING COVID RESTRICTIONS March 12

Tentative Claybanks Rally May ???

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 3 for itinerary (sites still available)

June 1-5 Region 10 Gathering

Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA

Region 10 Executive **FULLY BOOKED** 

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



June 24-26 (see dates on **Hedley Get Together** Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley, BC

Beverley Robson brobson@telus.net Phone Resort to Book and advise Beverley

July 23-27

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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** 

66777777

Claybanks RV Park, Merritt, BC

(suggest link with Sheridan Fishing Rally)

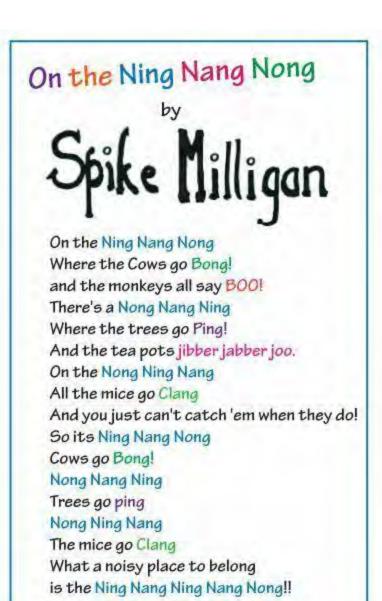
if interested in hosting

Dec

**Christmas Luncheon** 

Host, Date & Location needed









I was watching a show for about 10 minutes, and this lady was listing all of these great things to do for fun. Then I realized that it's one of the religious channels, and she was reading a list of sins.

#### "Why English Is Hard to Learn"

We'll begin with box; the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes. One fowl is a goose, and two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose is never called meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a house full of mice; But the plural of house is houses, not hice. The plural of man is always men, But the plural of pan is never pen.

If I speak of a foot, and you show me two feet, And I give you a book, would a pair be a beek? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't two booths be called beeth?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*, Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother, we never say methren. Then the masculine pronouns are he, his, and him; But imagine the feminine . . . she, shis, and shim!



Anonymous

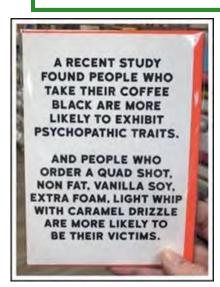
Why not carry your old expired Blue Beret magazines with you when you travel? There are future members all over North American and Europe who would love to enjoy the Wally Byam Airstream Club lifestyle. Many owners (new and old) don't know of the club and a dust-collecting Blue Beret may be just the 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 <a href="lighthouse13381@shaw.ca">lighthouse13381@shaw.ca</a> (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 pano-

ramic 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

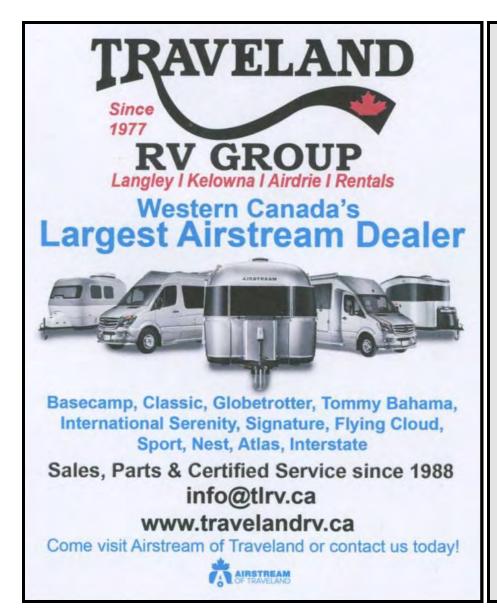




A millionaire announced, he would bury his Bentley for his afterlife. After lots of negative reaction, he revealed the publicity stunt about organ donations. "People bury things that are much more valuable than cars and nobody seems to care".

We all get heavier as we get
older, because there's a lot
more information in our
heads.
That's my story and I'm
sticking to it.





#### **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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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...!!)

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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