

British Columbia Airstream Club

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"the news"



MAY 2022



John's Journal

Hello Everyone!

May is finally upon us and our first B.C. rally will be held May 13th – the 15th. Charlie and Sharon Wieder are hosting the event in the beautiful town of Naramata. If you haven't been to the event center there then you are missing a real treat. I attended many conferences during my working career at this venue and was never disappointed. What a beautiful spot indeed!

Chris and I are currently getting 'Peggy' (our 27 foot 1973 Overlander) ready to go for the season. One of the things that we have been focused on this year has been ensuring that the brakes and bearings are good to go. FYI--as a rule of thumb you should have your bearings repacked every 10,000 miles unless you have the newer never-lube bearings. Regardless, if you are towing a fair amount then every couple of years you should have your brakes inspected to ensure they are in good working order. Our Airstream had the axles replaced around 11 years ago, and now it is time to replace the brakes. I regularly inspect the brakes and bearings myself, however a qualified RV tech can take care of this for you if needed. It's best you get this done earlier rather than later.

In late May Chris and I will be attending the Region 10 Rally in Lynden prior to heading to Montana for a couple of weeks. The rally will be held at the Lynden Fairgrounds and looks to be well attended with at least 80 Airstreams registered. Chris and I will be helping park Airstreams and pack information bags. I will also be speaking at a session on winterizing/de-winterizing your Airstream. With assistance from some other members of our unit we will represent the British Columbia Airstream Club on behalf of all of you. There is a waiting list for the rally should you be interested.

Finally, I wanted to briefly speak to the fact that we have had to cancel two rallies at Claybanks (Merritt) this year. In a recent Executive Meeting, Bob Halliwell advised that he had dropped into the campground last month only to find that it has been completely wiped out by the flooding last fall. In addition, despite what we were initially told that it would be up and running by April, it may never open again. This is very unfortunate as we held many events there over the years and the location was well received by all. Hopefully if we keep our fingers crossed it will once again open, only time will tell.

We will keep you posted should we hear anything. As Merritt is usually the venue for the AGM and Installation Rally, we will hold those ceremonies at the fishing rally in June this year.

Despite the high gas prices and changing climate we do hope to see many of you on the road this summer. I for one just love to see another shiny airstream heading down the road. A quick flash of the high beams, or a wave out the window to say hello, continues to re-affirm that we have something very special behind us.

Have a great summer everyone.

Respectfully submitted ...

John Millard





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?

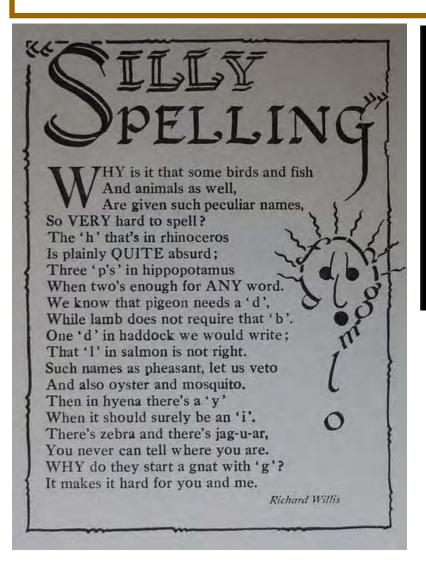
CARRIERS OF TEA POTS - Hal and I are flying out this time or

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



do not regret past mistakes. all decisions, good or bad, led you to where you are today.

disregard this if you are in prison.

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, 4:00 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

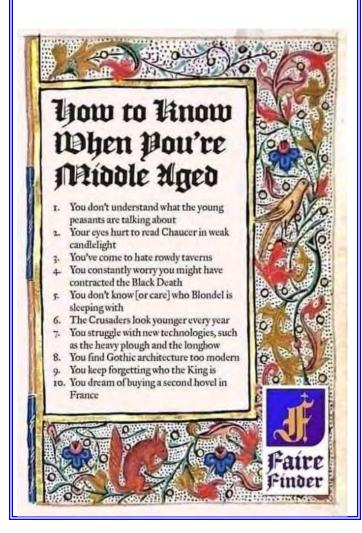
Lynn Jackson sent this little note....may be of interest to our members.

"Hope you folks are doing ok and enjoying the beginning of spring. I am sending you a link to Terry O'Reilly's website that documents his purchase of a vintage Airstream and its conversion to his recording studio. You may have heard his show on the CBC called Under the Influence and he now does this as a podcast. I find his shows very interesting and engaging plus they are coming to you from his Airstream studio.

https://terryoreilly.ca/terstream/

Cheers, Lynn & Brian"

Arlene





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



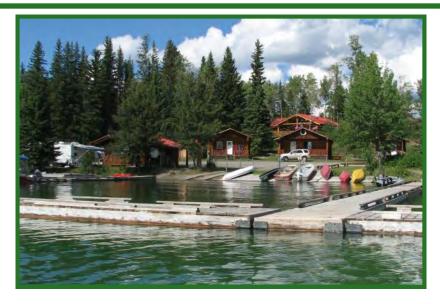
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KEEP SAVING THOSE POP TOPS

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)

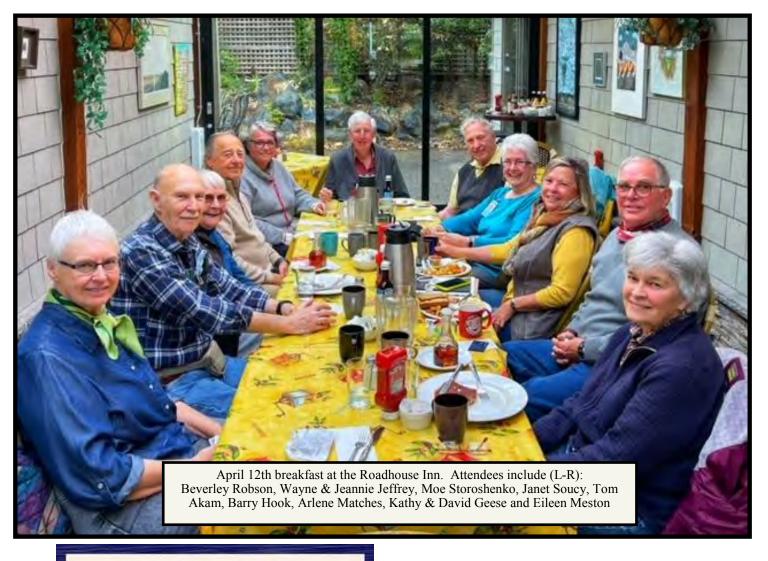
Do not contact the Resort until you are advised a site has been assigned to you. You will be contacted with a site # and then asked to call the Resort and place a deposit.

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





Just for giggles, I replaced my cat litter box with an Amazon box. Now when it's full, I simply tape it shut and put it on my porch for someone to steal.



MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

BRN#04210

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS:

SUCEAVA, Nancy & Andrei

285 Renz Road

Parksville, BC, V9P 0E4

Phone: 250-586-3224 (Nancy)

604-616-2937 (Andrei)

Email: yvrtravelgurl@gmail.com (Nancy)

yvrtravelgurl+@gmail.com (Andrei)

Airstream: 2012 30-foot Classic

VANDE KUYT, Geoffrey & Miranda BRN#09017

20966 77A Avenue #36

Langley Township, BC, V2Y 0K9

Phone: 604-600-1841 (Geoffrey)

604-888-1151 (Miranda)

Email: vandekuyt@mac.com (Geoffrey)

mvandekuyt@gmail.com (Miranda)

Airstream: 2003 22-foot International

ROSTER CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

Randal Platt's first name should only have one 'l'.

Fred Kaethler's email address should read: fredkaethler@hotmail.com (L not I in his last name)

Please add these members who missed the roster 'cut off' date:

EVANS, Raymond & Gillian BRN#02549

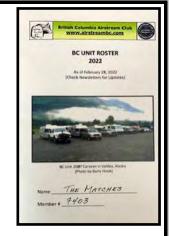
5120 Cousins Road

Peachland, BC, V0H 1X2

Phone: 778-479-2886

Email: airstreamcampers@gmail.com Airstream: 2018 25-foot Flying Cloud

*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

Region 10 Executive



June 1-5

Region 10 Gathering

Lynden Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA

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

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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

The AGM & Installation will be held at this rally this year

See info on page 7 **ONLY 4 SPOTS LEFT**

Dec,?

Christmas Luncheon Dil Se (Upper Dining Room)

2160 King George Highway, Surrey

Barbara & Trenor Tilley trenor@hotmai.ca



The Airstream Road, Sea & Rail Caravan

January 28 – March 25, 2022

...Whew - What a trip...

Submitted by Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy



Thanks to the vision of Wally Byam and the work of Michel Bourassa to reignite that vision, we were privileged to be the Airstream Coordinators on this once in a lifetime caravan. We worked for months in advance to let others know about RS&R and to get those interested to sign up. In the end we had 12 Airstreams (3 from Canada & 9 from the USA). All couples except one 30' Classic that had: a dad; a mom (6 months pregnant); 3 kids (15,13, & 9); a BIG dog; 2 cats; and every piece of equipment you could imagine.

We left home January 19 heading to southern California. Taking the coast route allowed us to avoid winter mountain passes. That journey was relaxing and exciting as we visited old haunts and discovered new ones. Our most expensive RV Park was in Oceanside California (\$155 Cd/night). Twas nice but not exceptional. Once again, we marvelled at the Oregon Coast, were overwhelmed visiting huge Redwood trees, and were thankful for the chance to be just alone, travelling together, and sharing our thoughts and dreams.

Our rallying place was Potrero Regional Park in southern California, about 1 hour east of San Diego and 10 minutes north of Tecate, Mexico. We were there early, and the rest of our group arrived January 26. We had great times finally meeting in person and getting to know each other. On the 27th we all walked across the

border to get our tourist visas and permits for our vehicles. Then, the morning of January 28, we drove our rigs across, heading for Ensenada on the northern part of the Baja. Our first day was crazy as we all got separated in the confusing streets of Tecate but, thanks to radios and GPS we all, finally, made it to our first RV park on the south side of Ensenada. We got set up in this quite lovely place. Only disappointment was the lack of dumping facilities but no real problem since we all dumped in Potrero. While in Ensenada we did a little wine tasting at 2 great vineyards, had a wonderful tour of the city and enjoyed a 5 star lunch at a local restaurant.

An aside – Ensenada was also the first place we encountered some dissatisfaction brought about by conflict between USA/Canadian culture and Mexican culture. We were supposed to have a lavish Welcome Dinner. Our contractor cancelled that at the last minute because he couldn't locate a suitable venue. He promised to provide the dinner at another location (which he did). Pretty typical for Mexico (don't worry. Be happy). Some in our group liked

neither surprises or changes and they weren't happy. So, a warning, if you decide to go to another country (whether with Airstream or not) be prepared to honour their cultural approach. In Mexico, go with the flow.

And so, we continued south on Highway 1 that winds all the way to Cabo San Lucas. We're sure you've heard all about narrow, winding roads, often with no shoulders and steep drops from the pavement edge. Well, we experienced them. All while also often climbing or descending steep mountain passes. We went slow and careful with good direction from our Wagon Master. Truth is, no problem. Of course, it was also important to watch for cattle and/or goats on the roadside in case they decided to wander in front of us. Most of the time we were accompanied by Green Angels who are mechanically adept and provided by the government to assist tourists with any problems encountered.

Some highlights going south included:

- -Getting up close and personal with whales at Gruero Negro;
- -A boat tour in Mulege that included lots of pelicans (Janet's favourite) and fresh caught fish turned into sashimi for lunch.
- In several places fresh scallops and giant shrimp delivered right to our campgrounds.
- -Boondocking for several days on the beach at Playa Santispac, on the edge of the beautiful Bahia de Conception; while there we enjoyed a great little family run restaurant and bar steps from our trailers; spent much time sighting dolphins just offshore; played bocci a lot and watched the Super Bowl. Of course, swimming, hiking, and so much more.
- -After leaving there we spent one night in a local Pemex (gas) station. Right across the road was a Taco stand with one woman and her daughter. We arranged that a bunch of us would go to her stand for Taco dinners in a couple of hours. When we arrived back her entire family was there (from grandparents to little ones) preparing and setting up for us. What a marvellous meal and company.





-Next stop, La Paz – great place to relax for a few days and we also had a day long tour to To-do Santos accompanied by a truly inspiring lunch on the beach of the Pacific Coast. -Following a few days in Los Barriles we traveled back to La Paz and boarded the HUGE ferry to take us across to Mazatlán. On the ferry there was entertainment and part of that was a karaoke contest. Guess who won.

Mazatlán was for several days. We were in a very pleasant RV Park on the edge of the tourist area. Right up from the beach and walking distance from several good restaurants. We went on a tour of Mazatlán and another into the countryside where we encountered dancing horses, various artisans, a tequila tasting and enjoyed a great lunch. We met up with the 3

Gems Airstream caravan in Mazatlán and enjoyed the Mardi Gras parade together. We were sad to leave this delightful place.

Driving north we went to Celestina and were hosted at a great little RV park. Our host was so gracious and did everything possible to make our stay memorable. We had fresh caught oysters on the beach, great meals and, one night, he hung a sheet on a wall and used the projection TV carried by the family who had everything to

TV carried by the family who had everything to let us watch a movie (sort of like a drive-in theatre). We watched the Long Long Trailer with Lucille Ball, for most of us for the first time. The laughter went on all evening. Next up was the beautiful town of El Fuerte. While there we toured the town, had a great visit to a local Mayo village, got eaten alive by little flies, and enjoyed the Zorro Show in the actual hotel where Don Diego

Delivaga (sp?) was actually born. You didn't know there was a real Zorro, did you?

We left our rigs in El Fuerte and boarded the train to head into the Sierra Madre to visit the Copper Canyons. We spent 3 days in that area learning about the Tarahumara Indians, touring the canyons (there are 5 and each is larger than the Grand Canyon). Then train back to El Fuerte and off to Mr. Moro's RV Park right on the Sea of Cortez. Another amazing place with lots to do. Highlight for me was going on a boat tour through the mangrove swamps to Bird Island. I can't describe how fantastic it was to see the thousands and thousands of various types of birds, many with their nests and chicks right beside the trail we kept to.

Then, north to the delightful city of Alamos. We boondocked in a dirt construction site which is all that remains of a former RV Park. We had a great city tour and, in the evening, a walk around the old town accompanied by Casper the donkey who had much wine on his back that we consumed while sauntering. We were led around by a band from the local academy who played and sang traditional Mexican songs for our whole hike (about 1.5 hours). This was another place I hated to leave.

From Alamos we traveled to San Carlos where we enjoyed a marvellous Farewell Dinner along with a Mariachi band and too much wine. Then a night at an RV Park run by a religious group and, on March 25, we crossed the border into the US at Nogales. We stayed at a lovely park in Tucson for 4 evenings, and then headed home.

Overall thoughts? Would we go again? I would in a minute, Janet not so much as she's a little caravanned out right now bearing in mind we're going on the Newfoundland caravan for June to August. If you go, don't go for the RV Parks, especially on the Baja. Go for the unique experiences of a wonderful Mexican culture and to meet lovely people and see breathtaking sites. Some of our group couldn't get over the difference between RV'ing there and RV'ing in the US. However, I can't recommend this experience highly enough. It truly is in the spirit of Wally Byam and it's the sort of thing our Airstreams were designed to make open for us. I'm working with our contractor, Caravanas de Mexico, to fine tune the offering which will run in January 2023. It's well worth your consideration.



Oh, and one final thing. Our Wagon Master's wife contracted Covid-19 while on the Baja. Don't know where since we all fol-

lowed the protocols. She was very ill and eventually needed oxygen and steroids. Because of that they left our group in Los Barriles. We had to go to Plan B which meant that we became the Wagon Masters for the 2nd half of the trip. While it was still fun, it was also 24/7 work. Made me appreciate even more the wonderful work we've all enjoyed from our various Wagon Masters over the years.















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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

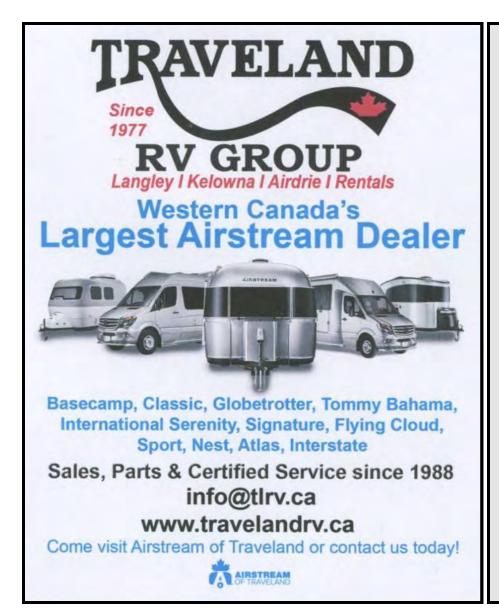


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\$1,500. Best way to reach me is email (ldavids@icloud.com).



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McGills & Van Iderstines

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John Millard and two others

to be selected

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Arlene Matches

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Glenn Peters

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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.



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