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# "the news"

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## APRIL 2023

### John's Journal



Hello everyone and happy spring! For many of you spring could not arrive soon enough. For others of us in the club who are down south the weather appears to finally be settling as well. Yea!

Chris and I are currently in Bullhead City camping on the Colorado river (see photo below). Today we are heading out for a game of golf and then tomorrow we will be heading home. Hopefully the passes will be snow free as I did not bring any chains with me.

In this newsletter you will see that Fred and Esther Kaethler will be hosting a Vancouver Island Rally in the fall. I encourage any of you who are interested to signup as soon as possible as campgrounds get booked up quite quickly these days. A shout out to Fred and Esther for putting this together, well done!

When Chris and I return from our current journey we will be firming up dates for both the golf and installation rallies. Please watch for more information via the newsletter in the coming months. A special thank you to Arlene for continuing to put together this marvelous newsletter, in particular sending it out to our new members. As for all of our new members welcome to the club, we hope to see you on the road soon.

Well that's about it for now. Remember to de-winterize your trailer and take it out for a test run before heading out on a long journey. The Maintenance Rally may be of interest to many of you as an opportunity to get your rig checked out for free! How good is that!

Respectfully submitted ...

### John Millard



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# THE COMMUNITY CORNER

*by Arlene*

There will be a Celebration of Life for Gene Van Iderstine April 21 from 1:00-4:00 at the Rotary Field House in South Surrey (2197 148th Street, located in South Surrey Athletic Park). You are welcome to attend.



*Wishing everyone a very happy Easter. Remember, if you are getting this newsletter (and shouldn't) please let me know and I will remove you from the email list. By the same token, if you know someone who SHOULD be getting it and isn't, let me know and I will add them.*



Tom Akam is working on the 2023 BC Unit roster and it should be available soon.



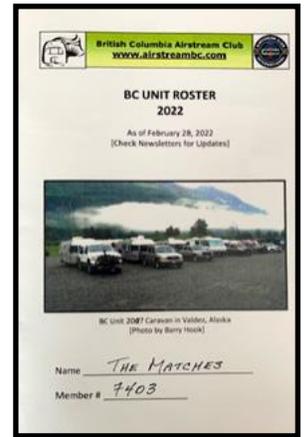
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Week ago, my Mother-in-law began reading, "The Exorcist". She said it was the most evil book she ever read. So evil in fact, she couldn't finish it, took it over to the beach and threw it into the ocean off a fishing pier. I went and bought another copy, ran the faucet over it and left it in the night table drawer by her bed.  
I'm going to Hell

# MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES



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Airstream: 2021 23-foot Globetrotter

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Airstream: 2022 30-foot Classic

(also affiliate of Stella's Sisters)

## ROSTER CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

No changes this month...

WATCH FOR  
THE 2023  
ROSTER  
COMING SOON

# Vancouver Island Airstream Caravan

Dates: September 21 to 29, 2023

**September 21 to 23** Camping at Quatse River Campground near Port Hardy BC. To make reservations, call the Campground directly at (250) 949-2395 or check out the website <https://quatsecampground.ca/>. They have 30 amp sites with water, and a dump station at the exit. *The best way to book is to use the website, book your dates and put in the note that this is for the Airstream Caravan. Cost: \$ 46.50 per night per trailer.*



There are multiple activities that we can do from there including a visit to Caps Scott Provincial Park and the San Josef Bay beach <https://www.bcmag.ca/explore-san-josef-bay-cape-scott-provincial-park/>. Also a short ferry ride to Alert Bay and visit to the U'mista Cultural Centre is worth the time. <https://www.bcmag.ca/explore-san-josef-bay-cape-scott-provincial-park/> Then there is Telegraph Cove with its historical boardwalk and wonderful Whale museum. <https://www.killerwhalecentre.org/>



**For September 24 to 26**, We are planning to camp at the Pacific Rim National Park campground. <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/activ/camping#LBU> . This might be a little more difficult to get sites. The National Park Reservation Service opens on March 13, 2023, and people need to create an account for this reservation service. If possible I will try to reserve 10 sites initially for the Caravan but can release the reservations if they are not needed. *To get sites here, it is necessary to create a reservation site with Parks Canada and then book the site after reservations open on March 13, 2023.* Cost per night here will be: \$ 34.50 per campsite per night. We will also need to get National Park day permits, but if you have an annual pass that covers the day passes. We can spend time on the beach walk the boardwalk through the rainforest, or visit Tofino and Uclulet with the galleries and restaurants, or book a wildlife tour by boat.

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**For September 27 to 29** We are planning to camp in Victoria at the Salish Seaside RV Resort and Marina, <https://www.salishseasidervhaven.com/> This resort has only 8 sites available for the dates I requested. If more than 8 units want to take part, we could look at other alternatives in the area for any extra campers. The location is across the harbour from the main marina, and it is easy to take a water taxi to the other side and explore downtown Victoria. All sites have full services and nice concrete pads. *They are willing to hold 8 sites for us until May 15, so we have to book and confirm by then. Cost for the sites vary somewhat by the size and location of sites. From \$ 92 to \$ 132 per night per site. Their preference would be for me to book the sites all through one person, and I would need to have first nights deposit paid. So please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take part in this caravan.*



To organize the caravan, it would be helpful to have a list of people interested in coming. This mini caravan is nine days on Vancouver Island. We will be doing it in three campgrounds, three days each, covering the north end of Vancouver Island near Port Hardy to the west coast near Tofino and Uclulet then south to Victoria. The activities can include tours we can do as a group such as a ferry ride as walk on passengers to Alert Bay and the U'mista Cultural Centre, or a carpool to the trail leading to San Josef Beach. There are also many things at each site suitable for small groups or individual activities.

For some activities such as boat tours for wildlife viewing, these need to be booked ahead of time, and we can see how many people are interested in doing these. I will draw up a list of possible activities with costs and e-mail these out in advance of the Caravan/Rally, so that interested participants can sign up and we can book them in advance.

Many campgrounds on Vancouver island remain open year round, and if people want to extend the stay on the island that certainly is a possibility.

The best way to arrive on the island would be to to come in to Nanaimo, either from Tsawwassen or from Horseshoe Bay ferry terminals, and drive up to Quatse River Campground, Port Hardy on September 21. It is an easy comfortable drive on good pavement from Departure Bay or Duke Point ferry terminals. About 385 kilometers just over 4 hours of driving time.

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# British Columbia Unit #121

## 2023 Activity Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Every Tuesday 9:00 am	<b>Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together</b> Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 To reserve your spot	
April 14-16	<b>Maintenance Rally</b> 31426 Downs Road, Abbotsford	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	Book your spot with Bob
June 23-25	<b>Hedley Hoe-Down Rally</b> Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley	Beverley Robson & Eileen Meston brobson@telus.net	Book your spot with Beverley
June 24-30	<b>66th Airstream Club International Rally — Fully booked — Wait List only</b> Rock Springs, Wyoming		
August 25-27	<b>Installation Rally</b> Merritt, BC	John & Chris Millard with Trenor & Barbara Tilley	Booking on hold until campground in Merritt is verified
September 15-17	<b>3rd Annual Golf Rally</b> Twin Lakes Golf Course and RV Park Kaleden, BC	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com	Let John know if you are interested
September	<b>Caravan on Vancouver Island</b> Kaether's working on this	If interested email Trenor or Barbara at tilley2007@gmail.com	In planning stages
December 2	<b>Christmas Luncheon</b> White Spot Aldergrove, BC	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
<u>2024</u>			
Aug.25-Sept.1	<b>Fishing Rally</b> Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	

**Start planning now to attend this International Rally as this one is close to home and happening late June when the weather is fine in Wyoming. There is a 'wait list' for the rally but get your name on it... It should be lots of fun...**



# MAINTENANCE RALLY

**April 14-16, 2023**

Bob & Gayle Halliwell  
hosting on their property at  
31426 Downes Road  
Abbotsford, BC



Five acres of dry camping with water available and a couple of generators if required. A week-end event that has you arriving after noon on Friday and leaving on Sunday.

It is a Spring outing to get our Airstreams out of mothballs. We will do some basic checks for safety and share information about our Airstreams. We have a great fire pit with lots of wood.

I would appreciate anyone attending to send me an email. Of course, there will be a 'Bun on the Run' breakfast!

If interested, contact Bob at [halliwell4840@telus.net](mailto:halliwell4840@telus.net).



# HEDLEY 2023 RALLY

**JUNE 23 (Friday) to 26 (depart Monday morning)**

## **CALLING ALL AIRSTREAMERS**

### **The time has come:**

1. To seriously consider coming to our annual beautiful Hedley camping event. **BONUS:** This year there won't be any rally fee!!
2. Make your reservations at RIVERHAVEN RV CAMPGROUND. Call Doug or Lindsay at:

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Website: RIVERHAVENRV.COM

3. Let Bev know that you're registered to attend the rally. [brobson@telus.net](mailto:brobson@telus.net)
4. It's as simple as that!
5. **What to expect:** Happy hour starting at 4-5 pm Friday and a good time of getting acquainted. Happy hours each evening after that. Group breakfast and, yes, there will be gluten free options. Lunch or dinner at one of the Similkimeen wineries. Games and activities. Campfires if there aren't any fire bans. Good times of getting to know one another. Time to "do your own thing". Bring your golf clubs as that is always an option. Eating together with your neighbours. And oh yes, PRIZES!
6. THEN STAY TUNED FOR REGULAR UPDATES VIA EMAIL FROM BEV & EILEEN.





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.*

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Stuart Robson  
604.798.7665 or Email [stuart@carolk.ca](mailto:stuart@carolk.ca)

Wife crashed the car again today.....  
She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking a can of beer !  
Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room !



Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

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- Budget Committee  
Tom Akam & the VPs
- Caravan Committee  
McGills
- 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  
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