



# British Columbia Airstream Club

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# "the news"

## AUGUST 2023

### John's Journal

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Welcome to August 2023 everyone.

Chris and I hope that you are all having a great summer! We have certainly enjoyed hearing from many members over the past month or so as to their summer travels with their Airstreams. For the first time in 35 years Chris and I are sticking around Vancouver and not going away for the bulk of the summer. We were gone in June however, and will be attending three rallies in succession from late August through to late September. Our primary goal this summer while being home has been to work on our 1966 Trade Wind named "Peggy Too" (see photos next page). After hours and hours of cleaning and repairs etc. it is finally beginning to take shape. There is still lots to do however and we expect that it won't be completed for another year or so. Many thanks to Alex & Arlene Matches who furnished "Peggy Too" with their old custom mattresses which are no longer being used. I just sourced out an oven, and am now looking for a vintage jackknife sofa and frame. Should any of you have anything like that and are willing to part with it let me know.

On the **International** front many of you may be aware that in late June an International Rally was held in Wyoming. There were more than 1200 Airstream units in attendance. At the rally the International Executive positions were voted on with the following results:

### Airstream Club International: (Positions are for 2 years)

President:	Eric McHenry
Vice President:	Millie O'Donnell
Secretary:	Terri Warren
Treasurer:	Per Hamnqvist
Members at Large:	John Becker, Jim Cocke, Kathy Geese, Marcia Howe, Jennifer Schnettler

Of note for everyone is that two of our Region 10 members (Terri Warren and Kathy Geese) are on the International Executive which is good news.

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Director (USA)	Currently vacant
Youth Ambassador	Currently vacant

## President's Message (cont'd from front page)

For your information the Region 10 Executive has changed as well.

### **Region 10:** *(Positions are for 2 years)*

President: Florence Tramoni  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Susan McPhee  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Michael Archer  
Secretary: Angela Schock  
Treasurer: Bryan Grassi

Of note: Our British Columbia Unit does have representation at the Region 10 meetings. In future Barbara and Trenor Tilley will take part in, and report any significant changes, challenges, issues etc. to our Region.

On a more local level in late August we will be co-hosting the Installation Rally with Trenor and Barbara Tilley at Quilchena Marina and R.V. Park in Merritt B.C. If you haven't signed up yet there are likely spaces still available. Further on in the newsletter is the itinerary for the Installation Rally which, I might add, is not written in stone. If any attendees would like to add to it we would really appreciate it. Please let us know.

With incoming co-Presidents Barbara and Trenor Tilley taking the torch this is my final President's message to you all. It has been a pleasure serving the club and it's members over the past 3-1/2 years. Chris and I wish Barbara and Trenor, as well as any other new and returning Executive members good luck in the upcoming years. Many thanks to our outgoing treasurer Carolyn Stewart following 4 years of service, our exceptional newsletter editor Arlene Matches (who has always kept me on the straight and narrow), to Bob Halliwell who helps out in so many areas including housing much of our club's equipment, and to Monty Sheldan who mans our website. Of special note is my wonderful wife Chris who is also stepping down having done much of the work behind the scenes in her position as Secretary. She keeps me organized thank goodness for that. There are many others as well who continually agree to sit on the Executive, or who help out and host events every year. A sincere thank you to you all.

For the next year I will remain on the Executive in the past Presidents position. This club will need people who are willing to step up to the plate to volunteer a small amount of their time if it is to continue to flourish. I encourage all of you to please help out where you can.

Chris and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Installation Rally as well as the golf rally in September.

Respectfully submitted

**John Millard**



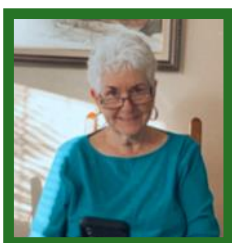
## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

*by Arlene*

*Pull tabs are once again being collected. Tom Akam is organizing taking these tabs to be traded in for \$\$\$ for a charity...so, save them please and one of our Unit will arrange to get them to Tom.*

Alex Matches is improving and is being moved from hospice care to Morgan Place, 3288 156A Street in South Surrey (a long-term care facility quite close to our home). This happens Wednesday, August 2nd.

*I learned yesterday that Dick & Sharon Moffat have been told to leave their home because the Osoyoos fire is very close to them. They are living in their Airstream and Lynn & Brian Jackson are hosting them in Okanagan Falls until it is safe to go home. Pray for a change in the wind or a good rain. The firefighters are doing their best but its hard to hold back a raging forest fire.*



Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big, where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind.

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

Some people are solving major world problems, and I'm over here all excited because I found my missing sock inside a pair of my underwear.



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

## **NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS & AFFILIATES**

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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	
<b>August 25-27</b>	<b>Installation Rally</b> Quilchena Point RV Marina Quilchena, BC (just east of Merritt)	John & Chris Millard with Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
<b>September 15-17</b>	<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
<b>September 21-29</b>	<b>Caravan on Vancouver Island</b> (see outline in last newsletter)	If interested email Fred Kaethler at fredkaethler@hotmail.com Or phone 519-588-8059	
<b>December 2</b>	<b>Christmas Luncheon</b> White Spot Aldergrove, BC	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
<b><u>2024</u></b>			
<b>Aug.25-Sept.1</b>	<b>Fishing Rally</b> Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	
<b>Oct.5-10</b>	<b>67th Airstream Club International Rally</b> Sedalia, Missouri		

**"THE PESSIMIST COMPLAINS ABOUT THE WIND;  
THE OPTIMIST EXPECTS IT TO CHANGE;  
THE REALIST ADJUSTS THE SAILS."  
WILLIAM A. WARD**

# INSTALLATION RALLY

Quilchena Point RV and Marina  
Highway 5A Merritt, BC  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Tentative Schedule

## Friday August 25<sup>th</sup>

**1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Arrive, register with RV park, get set up

**4:00 pm 6:00 p.m.** - meet and greet others *Happy Hour* (location at site TBA).

Dinner is on your own or why not try the Quilchena Restaurant.

**7:30 – 9:00 p.m.** Bingo night for those of you who are up for it. Also for those folks who want something slightly more physical an intense game of bean bag toss, boccie ball or similar will be offered.

## Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m.** - *Tai Chi Foundation Exercises* with (Chris Millard)

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** – Muffins and Juice provided (bring your own coffee or tea)

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** – Meeting of the Executive

**11:00 – 12:00 p.m.** – General Meeting for all members and AGM (location TBA)

**12-3p.m.** – Lunch & free time: On your own. Suggested activities available will include kayaking, hiking, cycling. (we are looking for anyone coming to the rally to volunteer to lead a group. Please contact us prior to coming with respect to this. You will need to bring your own equipment. For example: John Millard, Bryan Jackson and Lynn Jackson are looking at leading a cycling group if people are interested. We will likely have a small boat with us for fishing as well depending on local conditions.

**3 p.m.** - Official Installation and Swearing-In Ceremony - Wine & Cheese Celebration

**CANADIAN THEME:** Wear red and white stuff if you have it, bring anything Canadian! (*Note: this change from our previous schedule*)

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**– Light dinner/BBQ (in the past people tend to eat a lighter meal due to the wine and cheese) -Bring your own item of food to grill, what ever you want to BBQ (please bring your own plates and utensils), we will provide side salads and dinner rolls etc. Following dinner there will be a “*make your own Canadiana sundae*” desert.

## Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 - 9:00 a.m.** - Bob's famous 'Bun On The Run'

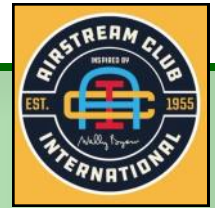
**8:30 – 9:00 a.m.** - *Tai Chi Foundation Exercises* with (Chris Millard)

Happy Hour for those staying (perhaps another get together dinner or outing?)

For those leaving today — Farewell and Please Drive Safely!

*For those of you who would like to try a **hike, golf game, cycle or kayak** during your stay there are lots of options available. Please let us know what your interests are and we will try and connect you up with other attendees with similar interests. In addition, we will try to put some of that information in your welcome package as well. The internet is also a great information source for discovering what is available.*

**Our email is** millard12581@gmail.com



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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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

#### Budget Committee

Tom Akam & the VPs

#### Caravan Committee

Doug & Deb McGill

#### 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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:lighthouse13381@shaw.ca)*