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"the news"

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John's Journal

Hi Everyone:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!

This is just a short entry to welcome everyone to 2023 and to advise you all of the upcoming general meeting. If you can attend that would be great! On the next page is the agenda of the meeting which is graciously sponsored by Traveland RV in Langley. I have attached a Zoom invite for those of you who cannot attend in person. I will be taking my IPAD with me to use for that purpose as I do not have a laptop anymore. Hopefully it will all work out with few hiccups.

In our next addition to the newsletter (February) Chris and I will hopefully be down in sunny/warm Arizona. We are looking forward to hitching up the Airstream and heading down the Oregon Coast in mid-January. If any other members are heading down that way, or are already down in the Yuma area please feel free to drop us an email (millard12581@gmail.com).

Respectively Submitted...

John Millard



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BRITISH COLUMBIA AIRSTREAM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING – To be held at Traveland in Langley
Saturday January 14th, 2023 11:30– 12:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Welcome everyone

Determination of a quorum (minimum 9)

Approval of the agenda

Approval of meeting minutes from August 30th, 2022

Treasurer's report – Carolyn (if available)

Membership committee update – Marilyn (if available)

Website update – Monte (if available)

Review Schedule of events for 2023 and current status

Airstream models, changes etc. update by staff member of Traveland

Other

Adjourn

Lunch is served

Topic: B.C. Airstream Club General Meeting

Time: Jan 14, 2023 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Please try to zoom in early if possible so there are no delays at 11:30

Join Zoom Meeting

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THE COMMUNITY CORNER by Arlene



Marilyn & Gene VanIderstine have overcome most of their medical issues and are now comfortably housed in their assisted living arrangement in South Surrey. Its been a VERY long time coming but they are pleased to be in their new accommodations now. Telephone numbers remain the same as in the roster.

Happy New Year from our house to your house. May all your travels be safe and worry-free.



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WITH THIS PROJECT.

John Millard

MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS & AFFILIATES:

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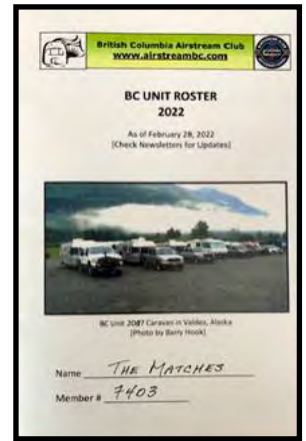
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ROSTER CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

None known at this time...

****Big Red Number***

Christmas Luncheon attendees: L-R Paul Wheeler, Janet Soucy, Barrie Hook, Tom Akam, Rose, Arlene Matches (in front), Dan & Carolyn Stewart, Wayne & Jeannie (in front) Jeffrey, Barbara & Trenor Tilley, Eileen Matson (in front) and Beverley Robson



Let's Roll to Rock Springs TOGETHER for the 66th Airstream Club International Rally

The 66th Airstream Club International Rally is being held in Rock Springs, Wyoming, June 24-30, 2023. To learn more about the Rally, go here: <https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>. This is the closest the Rally will be to BC in some years so now is the time to attend. AND we think we've got the perfect way to make being at the Rally even better. Being on a BC Airstream Club Caravan to the Rally will enhance the whole experience.

We're planning a BC Airstream Club Caravan to Rock Springs, Wyoming. We don't have any details yet because, once others commit to joining, we'll plan the route together. What we do know is we'll leave about June 16. On June 23 we'll meet up with 4 other caravans from Region 10 of the Airstream Club International and enter the Rally grounds together. This way we'll be parked with the Clubs from our Region.

Folks, this is a Rally not to be missed. We're limiting our caravan to 10 rigs so the sooner you register the more likely it is you'll have a space. To get started, all you need to do is email your contact information to us at paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com. As soon as we have some commitments, we'll start the route planning process together. Looking forward to caravanning with you in 2023.

Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler
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The Howell's 6 month Adventure

(more than a 3 hour cruise)

Part 2 (this and next two pages)

Well, we are back with more adventures to share, We are actually in South Carolina, where we will be until January 7, 2023 where we start to wind our way back home. Let me bring you up to date with a few more of our adventure stops. We have been having an amazing time, I think we will enjoy living in our trailer for the next few years. I am certainly learning to live with so much less. Iggy seems happy to be going to different places, I think she likes all the changes in smells. So without further delay we will get onto Stop #8.



Stop # 8 — We sadly left Sacramento Pass BLM Campground and headed to Valley of Fire State Park in Overton, Nevada about 45 miles outside of Las Vegas. This is a no reservation campground, so we had no idea what we would be able to get if anything. Well, to our surprise we got one of the last open sites with electrical 50 amp and water hook up. For anyone that has not been to the Valley of Fire, I would suggest it become a stop. These as you can see from the photos huge red rock formations. These are ancient sand dunes during the age of dinosaurs over 150 million years ago also this area was once covered by a sea causing limestone formations. This area was once used as hunting grounds, and for gathering and farming by native Americans. Prior to this the lands were occupied by ancestral Puebloans from about AD 500-1150 drought drove them out of the area.



We mentioned before about meeting great people, the couple camping across from us with their two boys were from Las Vegas, they come out often to this area to camp. The father is an amateur astronomer, they invited us over one evening to view the night sky through his telescope. What we got to see was amazing, Saturn and Neptune were the closest to the earth that they would be for the year. We could clearly see Saturn's rings and the marbling on the surface, Neptune provided us views of three of her moons, we also got to view a nebula that is 250,000 light years away, in reality we do not really know if it still exists.

We drove to the furthest point White Dome Loop, we did get out and do a very small hike, it was not recommended to hike due to the daily temperature. Some of the roads to different view points were not assessable due to a prior very large rain storm had washed out some of these roads. We did however see a grave marker near the East Entrance to the Park, called the Clark Memorial, John Clark was born in Canada in 1844, he died on this trail in 1915.



Okay I have babbled on enough about this amazing State Park. Patrick and I have been trying to stay in BLM lands, Bureau of Land Management, State and National Parks. The other thing we did do was we joined Harvest Hosts, with the Boon docking addition to the membership, so as I ramble on about State Parks, when we started using Harvest Hosts I will ramble more. We always enjoyed the BLM, State and National Parks, now we have added a whole other element to travel. We explain more as we go, if you have not looked into Harvest Host which I still believe as part of the Wally Byam Airstream Club you get a joining discount. Worth every penny, in our opinion. Now back to our trip

Stop # 9 — Winslow, Arizona, this is a town we have driven past many times in our travels to Albuquerque New Mexico for Balloon Fiesta, due to both of us being big Eagle Fans, I kept saying we have to stop and visit this area. When planning our route I added this to the agenda. Yes, I had to stand on the street corner and see the 'boy' (for me) as the song says a girl drives by in the Flat Bed Ford, taking a look at me!



We stayed at Homoloui State Park, just about one exit past Winslow. I knew when mapping out our trip, this looked interesting, just like Valley of Fire. It was a great surprise. The park was established in 1986. This was done in cooperation with the Hopi people and the State of Arizona. The Hopi people established this area in the 14th century along what is called the Little Colorado River. The Hisat'sinom paused their migrations to till the rich flood plain and sandy slopes. They today live on the mesas to the north of this site. The archaeology dig site of about a 1/4 of mile, it allows access to the largest of the parks sites, containing an estimated 1,200 to 2,000 rooms. It is believed that these pueblos were once

home to the ancestors of the present day Hopi people. In the area were two other parks we would have liked to visit, Walnut Canyon and Wupatki. Unfortunately, just not enough time in the area to explore more. We did have the privilege of meeting quite a few other Airstreamers, the couple in the site next to us Daniel and Angelina are living in there Globetrotter and have been travelling and working from the trailer. Daniel was extremely interesting as he shared his experience in cycling across America three times. I cannot imagine doing it once leave alone two more times. Daniel is now writing books and Angelina runs a business on Wellness and does conference calls all through the US. The other two Airstreamers we had the privilege of meeting were from California and going onto Balloon Fiesta like us. We exchanged cards and are in touch with them. We are building quite the network of people across the US.

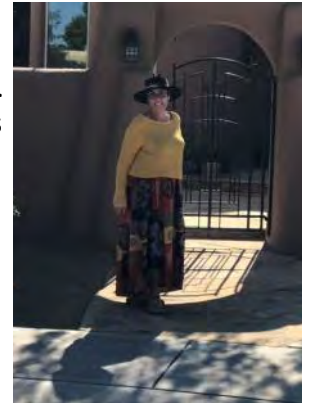
Stop # 10 — Balloon Fiesta 50th Anniversary. Our first trip to Balloon Fiesta was with the Airstream Club in 2013, now I will tell you the story as Patrick tells it, a little exaggerated! For any of you who have been to Fiesta on the first night they have a catered dinner, well on the first night in 2013 a lady from the Fiesta association came to speak about the fact that they were short 100+ volunteers, now here is Patrick's version, he hid under his chair as I was standing on mine saying pick me, pick me! I did speak with the lady, I was given an application form, which I went back to the trailer and filled out, set my alarm for 4 am, was up and off to the Volunteer booth with all my paperwork clutched in my hands tightly. The funny part is they wanted to put me in a chase crew as a driver for a team from Canada, I really do not think that is a good idea as I am not from here and have never been here before, also I am from Canada. Oh, said the volunteer coordinator! After some reflection on this fact she sent me to a pilot from Georgia. The three days we spent with Manning Bowie pilot of Rising Stars has become a friendship that is so comfortable its like we grew up together and have known him forever. On morning two I did drag Patrick out of bed at about 5 am explaining we needed extra help. Now to hear Manning and Patrick tell this story it is much more detailed, it also grows a bit more every time it's told. This opportunity to volunteer has created a long term friendship and many more trips to Balloon Fiesta. We have now crewed with Manning for the 7 Balloon Fiesta events, and next year we will have known him and his wife Barbara for 10 years. They have come to Canada, and we have been to stay with them in Georgia twice, and now at their new home in South Carolina. A life long friendship born from volunteering.



We were not going to miss this year's event; we were even going to fly down if the borders remained closed and we could not take the trailer. Well, the weather was like nothing we have ever seen, normally we wake up to frost on the field, remember we are on the field before the sun is up. So you bundle up in layers because as the sun comes up over the Sandia Mountains, you will be removing layers. Well, this year we did see one sunrise, and out of 10 days we flew twice, the rain and then just the wind was like nothing we have ever seen, and the result of one of the many rain storms Friday night there was 3 inches of water around our trailer and truck, we were trapped inside the trailer, but if we had to we could have braved the deep lake surrounding us. Even

for all of the bad weather we caught up with many old friends, and as you always do made new friends. Manning our pilot will not be returning to Balloon Fiesta for a few years now as he is taking a break...we are sad as this is such a fun event. If you have never been I recommend you put it on your "Bucket List" watching over 600 Balloons fill the sky is amazing, words and pictures do not do it all justice.

Stop # 11 — Las Cruces, New Mexico another great story of meeting Airstreamers and creating that long term friendship. Merv and Sue have two homes, one in Las Cruces and one in Sequim, Washington. They were remaining in Sequim until the beginning of December and offered us the use of their house for as long as we wanted to stay there. Now let's explain how we met these two people, in (2016) at Airstream Northwest, we had an appointment to take our 30' International in for warranty work, we also wanted to add some upgrades, well it turned out with the trade in and a few more dollars we could be the proud owner of a 30' Classic. So we had signed all the paperwork and were now the proud owners of the Classic, we are sitting on what we now call our \$7,000.00 couch! when two people walked up and asked if we would mind if they came in to have a look. Being who Patrick and I are we said sure. we started talking and when they found out we owned this trailer, they almost fled with apologies, we said no, no. its okay, look around we do not mind. We traded information and they said if we were ever in the area call and we would get together. So that year before the end of Balloon Fiesta we contacted them and booked a camp spot at Leesburg Dam just outside of Las Cruces, now we have stayed in their home for 2 weeks, we go to Sequim, they come up to us in Cloverdale and another friendship formed from Airstreaming. They have since sold their Airstream and yet we still remain good friends. We will be stopping at the house again on our return trip to visit with them. These are things that happen when you are open to meeting people. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their friendship. We also did some exploring in the area, we spent a day in Hatch, famous for its Chilis, we had a blast, this is where I developed my Spanish look.



Stop # 12 — Well it was hard to pack up and move back into the trailer from living in our friends beautiful Spanish style home in Las Cruces, though we did with excitement, we were

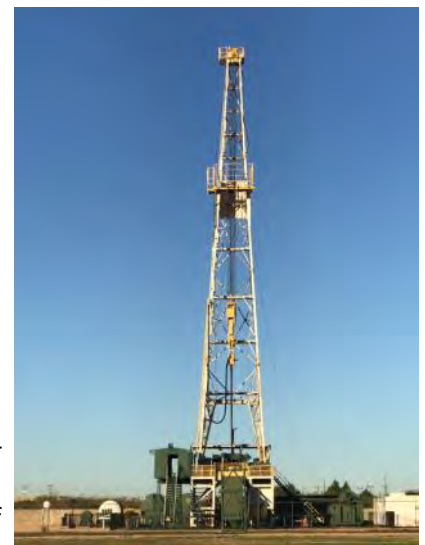


headed back to a special State park for us in Texas. Monahans Sandhill State Park, this is sand dunes in the middle of northern Texas, you can walk for miles, of course one oil rig in the middle of the park. You can rent flying saucers for the day, they give you wax and you can toboggan down the dunes, so much fun for two old people. Great Sunrises and Sunsets when we were there. ([Pictures](#))

Stop # 13 — After a few day in Monahans we headed off to our first experience staying with a Harvest Host. We drove a whole hour down the road to Midland, Texas. Our stop was the Petroleum Museum and Gallery. With most Harvest

Hosts you can stay for one night, with the expectation that you spend about \$20.00 in support. When you Boon-dock there can or cannot be a cost to you, again it would or should not be above the \$20.00. Most places we have Boon-docked at have not requested funds, two have and I will explain in the next instalment as to what these were and why.

The Petroleum Museum and Gallery was a real in-depth look at oil production in Texas, the science the history and education. We learnt a lot, not just about the petroleum, about solar, wind, nuclear, and fusion energy. A bonus portion for Patrick was the Chaparral Gallery, we had no idea this was part of the museum. Patrick being a race car fan this was very interesting, Midland is the home of Jim Hall, he was very well known in the 1960's for his world famous Chaparell race cars. Jim Hall designed, built and tested these innovative racers, in Midland, he still resides in Midland today. He has been know to just drop in and visit with staff and people exploring his Gallery. Also in the museum is the Abell Family Gallery, The culture history of the Permian Basin was recorded by artist Tom Lovell, his original records of the development of the oil industry is recorded on beautiful canvas in the Gallery. Well worth the stop in if in the area.



Well I have rambled on for long enough. Next stops Dallas/Fort Worth and then we join the North Texas Airstream club for a West of the Pecos amazing Caravan. All in next installment. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a great New Year.

British Columbia Unit #121

2022 Activity Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Every Tuesday 9:00 am	Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard Surrey , BC	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 To reserve your spot	
Saturday, Jan 14 11:30 pm	Traveland Luncheon 20529 Langley By-Pass, Langley	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com 604-536-6372	General Meeting prior to luncheon
April Date TBD	Maintenance Rally 31426 Downs Road, Abbotsford	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	Planning stages
May Date TBD	Naramata Wine Rally Naramata Centre	Charlie & Sharon Wieder char.shar.wieder@me.com 250-231-8240	Planning stages
June 23-25	Hedley Hoe-Down Rally Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley	Beverley Robson & Eileen Meston brobson@telus.net	
June 24-30	66th Airstream Club International Rally Rock Springs, Wyoming		
Late Aug/Early Sept	Installation Rally Merritt, BC	John & Chris Millard with Trenor & Barbara Tilley	Booking on hold until campground in Merritt is verified
Mid-Late Sept	3rd Annual Golf Rally Twin Lakes Golf Course and RV Park Kaleden, BC	John & Chris Millard	Dates TBA

**Start planning now to caravan to the
International Rally next year (see Paul &
Janet's post on page 5). This one is
close to home and happening late June
when the weather is fine in
Wyoming.**





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.

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to be selected

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