

British Columbia Airstream Club

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John's Journal

Well the good weather has finally arrived in British Columbia, yea! Many of you are likely out and about in your Airstreams soaking up some summer sun. If any of you want to give a quick update as to your travels this summer I am sure that Arlene would be pleased to add them to the paper next month. This includes anyone who is attending the International Rally in Wyoming which will wrap up this weekend. Our thanks to Janet and Patrick Howell who are our B.C. Flag Bearers and are representing our unit and Province.

Chris and I are just back from a very successful trip to the Okanagan, northern Washington, Idaho and the Kootenays. We began our journey at



North Okanagan Provincial Park where we stayed for a few days with Al and Terry Gamache. We had a great time with them kayaking, fishing and had some great conversation around the fire pit. I have attached a picture of the fish that I caught that Al didn't believe that I caught. Also one of a not too pleased Al who, against his will, was a passenger in our Ford truck (Al is a GM guy). Al and I took

some time and travelled down to Osoyoos to look over a 1967 Airstream that

I had previously restored. The new owner had some questions for us. After spending time with Al and Terry we headed south while they headed to a vintage rally in Hope with Bob and Gayle Halliwell. Our next stop was Bridgeport State Park in Washington where we did some kayaking, paddle-boarding, swimming and cycling. It was very hot while we were there, a really nice introduction to summer. After that we spent some time in northern Idaho near

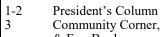


Sandpoint and stayed at Garfield Bay campground which, while being very basic, was right near the lake (very reminiscent of cottage country back east).

Following Idaho we headed to Kootenay Creek Provincial park and visited some friends of ours who have an Airstream right on the lake north of Nelson. Then on to South Okanagan Provincial Campground where I caught a few fish in my motorized kayak. During our stay there we had a lovely lunch out with Charlie and Sharon Wieder at a place called "Loki's Garage" in Penticton. It was nice to see them again.



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After our stay at South Okanagan Provincial Park we then went to the Hedley Hoedown Rally. There were 7 units there, what a great time we had. This included some maintenance tips mostly by Barry Hook who has a vast amount of knowledge on Airstreams. Our sincere thanks to Bev Robson and Eileen Meston who kept us entertained and well fed. Bev and Eileen had their smoker there and treated us all to two special break-fasts that culminated in some tremendous baked beans (done in a dutch oven) and cackleberry bites. We had several new people at the rally which included Harold and Stephanie Schock and a friend of Moe's named Penny. Everyone was treated to an extensive tour of Harold and Stephanie's new Pottery Barn Airstream (a technological marvel). Harold also has a knack for photography so most of the pictures taken were by him. At one point in the rally several of us went out for lunch at a super restaurant in Cawston called Row Fourteen. What at unique and exceptional meal. Overall it was great to see everyone again and we hope this rally will continue in the future.

There are no events in July however there is an Installation Rally in late August where the new executive will be formed (see tentative agenda for this rally further on in the newsletter). After 3.5 years I will be stepping down as President as will Chris as secretary. After four years as treasurer Carolyn Stewart will also be stepping down, our sincere thanks to her for a job well done. We are fortunate to have Barbara and Trenor Tilley as incoming joint Presidents. I hope that some of you in the club will step up and agree to give a small amount of your time to take on various vacant positions. The positions available are 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and Treasurer. It is a very small time commitment that has a significant impact on the direction of the club. For the record I have sat on the executive for at least the past 7 years (having joined the club in 2014). As a result, I have been fortunate to meet so many great people. Please put your name forward for some positions so that the club can remain solid in the future! Feel free to forward your names to Trenor or myself via email. Our emails are tilley2007@outlook.com or millard12581@gmail.com. In addition Trenor, Barbara, Chris and I would really appreciate it that if you are planning on attending the Installation Rally that you take the time to email us with respect to your attendance. We have to plan meals etc. and without any idea of numbers it makes it extremely difficult. Your help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Respectively Submitted...

John Míllard



Patrick Howell carrying the BC Flag at the International Rally.

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.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE GREAT TRAVELAND COMMERCIALS? They have been featuring Airstream products and the commercials are just super. Watch for them on our local TV stations. Traveland has many Western Canada locations now so the ads are reaching a bunch of new purchasers (and prospective members?).

Update on Alex Matches. Currently in hospice care at the former Peace Arch Hospital Foundation Lodge (newly named the Kennett Lodge). Thank you to all who have asked about him.

Thank you to Patrick & Janet Howell for helping out new members Vic & Sheila MacDonald with their welcome package from Jackson Center (they were inadvertently charged a book rate fee instead of the membership package—which doesn't carry a fee). Not a very friendly way for Canada Post to welcome our new members!



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HAPPY CANADA DAY

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



<u>MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER</u> <u>CHANGES</u>

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23443 50th Avenue Langley, BC, V2Z 2S7 Phone: 604-534-4450 Email: macblueberries@telus.net Airstream: 2023 30-foot Globetrotter

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Airstreams: 1967 20-foot Globetrotter 2019 20-foot Bambi

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6795 E Warm Springs Ave Boise, ID, 83716 Phone: 949-748-9556 Email: kitrinabryant@gmail.com Airstream: 2019 16-foot Basecamp

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3363 Rosemary Heights Crescent #4 Surrey, BC, V3Z 0X8 Phone: 604-218-1333 Email: 3orley@gmail.com (Richard) suikermorley@msn.com (Rebecca) Airstream: 1990 29-foot Excella BRN 16534 (BC Unit Members)



BRN 04382 (Washington Unit 112) (BC Unit Affiliates)

BRN 01067

(Idaho Unit 35) (BC Unit Affiliates) (Independent Airstreamers Club) (Boondocking Streamers Club)

BRN 13381

(BC Unit Members)











HEDLEY HOEDOWN

On June 23rd the folks of Riverhaven RV & Motel welcomed us Airstreamers for 3 days of visiting, fun and R&R at Hedley, BC. Doug and Laura had kindly set up tents, tables, chairs and ambiance lights making for a friendly atmosphere.

Happy Hour featured many good laughs as we related "get acquainted" stories about some little-known personal facts. Early Saturday morning Bev got the smoker started for the cackleberry bites and bacon. Trenor fired up the grill for his secret French Toast recipe. Breakfast was delicious.

John and Barry had very informative answers for our RV maintenance and mechanical questions. Harold & Stephanie own a Pottery Barn Airstream (not too common) so the guys were eager for a tour Friday evening. Stephanie gave the women a separate tour Saturday morning without the electronic jargon. It's beautiful in and out and meets their needs.

Sunday breakfast consisted of Saturday leftovers plus Cowboy Smoked Baked Beans from the smoker. At noon several of us headed for Row 14 Winery & Restaurant. Their food is all locally grown so the menu changes with what is available. The meal was superb and prepared to perfection.

Barbara and Trenor made sure we had games to play to keep us active Friday and Saturday evenings. Rain showers put a slight damper on things Sunday but created time for visiting. Rigs pulled out Sunday and Monday. See you next year. Reservations are made! Submitted by Eileen Meston

ATTENDEESBarry Hook

Trenor & Barbara Tilley Harold & Stephanie Schock Wayne & Jeannie Jeffrey John & Chris Millard Moe Storoshenko & Penny Eileen Meston Beverley Robson











Photos on this page and page 10 from Harold Schock's extensive collection

The Howell's Airstream International Adventure

We pulled out on June 17th from our driveway in Cloverdale, BC, heading to Rock Spring Wyoming. Another beautiful day to start. another epic road trip. *So the Adventure begins!*



First stop, was at Wheel Line Cider in Ellensburg Washington. This business is located on an amazing 300 Acres in Kittitas County. This is a family run Farm and business, down the Grandchildren who all help out. We were greeted by an our gracious host, Susie, who it turns out is an Airstream Member, and is an associate member with the BC Unit. As you can from the picture they use their Vintage Airstream Trailer to serve their amazing cider from.



We had the privilege of a tour of the facility, and of course I asked the million questions. I will start with why its is called Wheel Line Cider, and that they have the privilege of using a patented name. It turns out Susie's husband's Grandfather purchased this land after WW1 and WW2, as he realised that people on the farms had food, and were not have the same struggles as people in the City's. After starting the farm he found the struggles with daily irrigation a challenge, moving all those irrigation pipes to different locations to keep crops irrigate a challenge. So being industrious he developed and patented the Wheel Line Irrigation system. Hence the ability to use the name Wheel Line. Then the deep routed history continues the story grows, with Susie side of the family and her I believe Grandfather, maybe Great Grandfather owned and operated Schmidt's City Beer Club during probation, and Norman Rock-

well did this painting, even though he himself (Normal Rockwell was a tea totaler).

Oh, by the way the cider was amazing, I am not personally a big cider fan as I normally find them



all too sweet, not the case here. Having a membership with Harvest Host has been an amazing experience for us, in the app that comes with membership you get to save your favourite places we have added this to the list.



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Stop # 2, our good friends Marcene and Sam Jones in Pendleton Oregon. I did not take any photos here, we did have a great visit, we went shopping in Pendleton for a rodeo shirt for the young man that takes care of our house. This after 8 to 10 years of helping and co hosting the Pendleton Round Up Airstream Rally, was so different to head into town, the streets were not closed, hundreds of people were not enjoying the Rodeo, and all the events the city has to offer, it was a nice change, we went to the Pendleton Woollen Mills, we wandered into the famous Hamely's, it was so neat to be able to speak with people in the store. Patrick was even invited into where the make the famous Pendleton saddles. The saddle makers took the time to explain to him the process of building and tooling a saddle. The one that is given out each year at the round up to the All round Cowboy takes a whole year to build and design. The only thing I can say is I need to schedule another trip to Round Up. As all good things have to we said our Good Byes and headed on down the road.



Stop # 3. Y Knot Winery in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, we had booked this through Harvest Host, much to our surprise they also have a campground and it was full of Airstreams, we had caught up with one of the three Oregon Caravans trekking to International. Once we were all settled back over to the winery we went and we joined them at a wine tasting, It was fun to meet new people, we left them the next day and we headed to Utah, we said our Good byes and see you soon in Fort Bridger, Wyoming. This was always our plan to catch up with the three Caravan's from Oregon and one from Washington in Fort Bridger. The other picture I am adding was also a bonus, we through the Harvest

Host had two other Airstreams pull in beside us. One of the trailers was on its way like us to International, the other was off to Portland for their daughter Lacrosse

Tournament.

Stop # 4. So up early and off again, saying by to the Caravan members and we went on to Ogden, Utah. We could not find a Harvest Host in this area, we did find a HipCamp system, we booked to stay at a Ranch called Wasatch View Ranch, this was a beautiful spot.

Here we just sort of hung out, went and visited with some of the



Horses on the Ranch. We were packed up and on the road around 10 am heading to catch up with the 3 Oregon Caravans. (picture)

Stop # 5 Historical Fort Bridger, This is where we did catch up with Caravans from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, it was a fun afternoon and evening catching up with old friends, meeting new, all of us excited for the next days departure to International in Rock Spring, Wyoming.

Stop # 6 Sweetwater Event Centre Rock Spring Wyoming. I will write more for next month newsletter. Due to Janet Soucy and

Paul Wheeler not being able to attend they reached out and asked if we would be kind enough to carry in the BC Flag in the opening ceremonies. We were very happy and honoured to do this. Due to a fall for myself prior to leaving, Patrick did the honour for you (see his photo at end of John's President's message...)



Vancouver Island Airstream Caravan

Dates: September 21 to 29, 2023

1. 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 if 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 Cape Scott Provincial Park and the San Josef Bay beach https://www.bcmag.ca/explore-san-josef-bay -cape-scott-provincial-park/.

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/

And Telegraph Cove with its historical boardwalk and wonderful Whale museum. https://www.killerwhalecentre.org/









2. For September 24 to 26, We are planning to camp at the Crystal Cove Beach Resort – 1165 Cedarwood Place, Tofino BC, VOR 2Z0 Tel: (250) 725-4213 https://www.crystalcove.ca/

The cost will be between \$ 90 and \$ 110 per night

depending on the site chosen. The best way book is to call and tell them you are calling for a site for the Airstream Caravan.

This is a private resort with nice facilities and a private beach access. They have space for the dates in September at this point, but sites will need to be reserved soon. I went there to look at the resort after realizing that camping at Pacific Rim National park was not going to be feasible. Of the three RV parks I visited in the area, this is definitely the nicest one. The sites have water hydro and sewer. There are great facilities for meetings, laundry and relaxing. The location is close to Tofino and access to the multi-use trail that stretches from Tofino to Ucluelet is close. A good place to bring bicycles or e-bikes to use on the trail. We can also easily get to Pacific Rim National Park and its trails, either by the multi-use trail or on the road.

The office has a large patio for relaxing and meetings. With a store for snacks and drinks.

The sites are separated by mature trees and undergrowth, giving a sense of privacy.

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3. 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 I 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 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

DATE

EVENT

Every Tuesday 9:00 am

August 25-27

September 15-17

September 21-29

December 2

Installation Rally

Kaleden, BC

White Spot Aldergrove, BC

Quilchena Point RV Marina

3rd Annual Golf Rally

Christmas Luncheon

Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC

Quilchena, BC (just east of Merritt)

Twin Lakes Golf Course and RV Park

67th Airstream Club International Rally

Caravan on Vancouver Island

(see outline in this newsletter)

HOST(S)

STATUS

Tom Akam 604-538-4149 To reserve your spot

John & Chris Millard with Trenor & Barbara Tilley

John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com Let John know if you are interested

If interested email Fred Kaethler at fredkaethler@hotmail.com Or phone 519-588-8059

Trenor & Barbara Tilley



2024

Oct.5-10

Aug.25-Sept.1 Fishing Rally Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC

Sedalia, Missouri

halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257

Bob & Gayle Halliwell





INSTALLATION RALLY

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

Friday August 25th

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

4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 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. 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, bocci ball or similar will be offered.

Saturday August 26th

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. - Tai Chi warm up for those of you who want to give it a try (Chris Millard to lead)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Muffins and coffee near (location TBA)

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Meeting of the Executive (location TBA)

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

12-1 p.m. – Lunch on your own

1-3 p.m. - Suggested activities available will include kayaking, hiking, cycling. (we are looking for any one 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 is looking at leading a cycling group if people are interested.

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

Florida Pelican Pink Flamingo Theme – Wear pink stuff if you have it, drink out of pink glasses if you have them!

6:30 - 8:30 - Light dinner/BBQ (in the past people tend to eat a lighter meal due to the wine and cheese) - Bring your own slab of meat or 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 flamingo sundae" desert.

Sunday August 27th

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

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. - Tai Chi warm up for those of you who want to give it a try (Chris Millard to lead) Happy Hour for those staying (perhaps another dinner 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 <u>lighthouse13381@shaw.ca</u> (or 604-538-4149), he will email members copies either as a Word document or as a PDF — your choice.



Great idea for keeping the rain from pooling in the corners



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 **Roster & Handbook** Tom Akam Safety Chairman Vacant **Telephone Committee** Vacant Unit Historian Vacant Webmaster Monty Sheldan Youth Ambassador Vacant







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Glenn Peters

Toll Free Pager:

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