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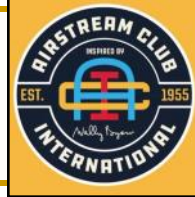


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"the news"

JUNE 2023

John's Journal

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Well, spring/summer has certainly arrived hasn't it! It's finally time to get out there and get camping again. Many of us are heading out to weekend events and rallies across the pacific northwest. It is certainly exciting to note the electricity in the air.

Chris and I are headed out to North Okanagan Provincial Park to meet up with the Gamache's next week. Then on to Bridgeport State Park in Washington for around 10 days, then northern Idaho, the Kootenay's, and then on to the Hedley Rally in late June (23rd – 25th). I have been busy packing the truck up as well as making a few repairs to the Airstream. Yesterday I replaced about a dozen external rivets as well as re-sealed a couple of side lights and an upper vista view window. Airstreams do require ongoing maintenance so staying on top of things certainly reduces the impact of major repairs down the road. I also noticed some uneven tire wear on my front passenger wheel yesterday and pulled the hub to check it. Sure enough the inner bearing seal had actually broken, a first for me, I am glad that I checked it.

Some of you will also be attending the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming from June 24th – 30th. It sounds as if it will be well attended and no doubt will be quite an event. Paul Wheeler and Janet Soucy have agreed to represent British Columbia and carry in the B.C. Flag. A sincere thank you to both Janet and Paul.

I don't have much more to say this month except that I wish you all safe travels this summer and hope to connect with some of you on the road this summer.

PS: All registered golf rally attendees need to email us and let us know who is coming and how many will be golfing.

Respectively Submitted...

John Millard



THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

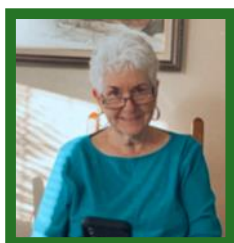
Pull tabs are once again being collected. Tom Akam is organizing taking these tabs to be traded in for \$\$\$ for a charity...so, save them please and one of our Unit will arrange to get them to Tom.



For those who don't already know, my hubby, Alex, is in hospital and awaiting a hospice bed. He has gone downhill fast with infections that antibiotics cannot reach. They also think the surgery from his bladder removal September 2020 may have left a few cancer cells that have started multiplying. He's not expected to come home this time.



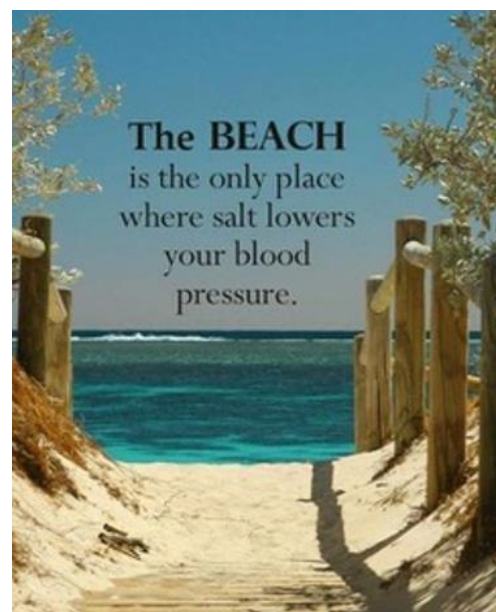
The 2023 Rosters were mailed out May 4th. If there are any changes to your listing in the roster, please let Tom Akam know at lighthouse13381@shaw.ca



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



MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS & AFFILIATES:

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New Westminster, BC, V3M 0C6

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604-376-4184 (Gerry)

Email: pfindling@yahoo.com (Pamela)
gfindling@yahoo.com (Gerry)

Airstream 2023 23-foot International FB

BRN 03126

Also Affiliate of Washington Unit

FIRTH, Murray & Carol

#113—75 Songhees Road,
Victoria, BC, V9A 7M5

Phone: 250-381-4561 (Murray)
250-661-6772 (Carol)

Email: mandcfirth@gmail.com

Airstream 2022 19-foot Interstate

BRN 02987



ROSTER CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

Hello Tom,

My club # should be **18514**, not 18154 as shown in the current directory. All the numbers are there, but out of order!

Thanks for correcting,

David Engle

Please change my phone number to be shown as below.

Les Davids

ldavids@icloud.com

647-906-2019

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 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 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, V0R 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.salishseasidervhavan.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 wild-life 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.

Fred Kaethler

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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	Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 To reserve your spot	
June 23-25	Hedley Hoe-Down Rally Riverhaven RV Park, Hedley	Beverley Robson & Eileen Meston brobson@telus.net	Book your spot with Beverley
June 24-30	66th Airstream Club International Rally — Fully booked — Wait List only Rock Springs, Wyoming		
August 25-27	Installation Rally Quilchena Point RV Marina Quilchena, BC (just east of Merritt)	John & Chris Millard with Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
September 15-17	3rd Annual Golf Rally Twin Lakes Golf Course and RV Park Kaleden, BC	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com	Let John know if you are interested
September 21-29	Caravan on Vancouver Island (see outline in this newsletter)	If interested email Fred Kaethler at fredkaethler@hotmail.com Or phone 519-588-8059	
December 2	Christmas Luncheon White Spot Aldergrove, BC	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
<u>2024</u>			
Aug.25-Sept.1	Fishing Rally Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	
Oct.5-10	67th Airstream Club International Rally Sedalia, Missouri		

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:

RIVERHAVEN RV & MOTEL
6165 HWY #3
1-250-292-8221
Website: RIVERHAVENRV.COM

3. Let Bev know that you're registered to attend [.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 (or 604-538-4149), he will email members copies either as a Word document or as a PDF — your choice.

Do you know the capacity of the brain ? It is estimated at 2.5 Petabytes . Now 1 Petabyte is 1,000 Terrabytes . 1 Terrabyte equals 1000 GB . If you were to put all the brain's capacity on a 16 GB pen drives , it would take 156,000 pen drives . The brain has 10 billion neurons .

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That is all I wanted you to know 😊

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Nominating Committee

John Millard and two others
to be selected

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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