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"the news"

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Tilley's Trails

Hello Airstreamers - by the time this newsletter comes out, Trenor and I will have been installed as the new Co-Presidents of the B.C. unit. We want to express our sincere thanks, and that of the club members, to John Millard, who has so ably led the B.C. club over the last 3 ½ years and especially through Covid. Many thanks also to Chris Millard and Carolyn Stewart for their work as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

To introduce ourselves, Trenor and I have been RVing for over 25 years, with three previous truck campers and three previous travel trailers before we "saw the shiny light" and joined the Airstream family in January, 2020. We have felt very welcomed into the BC Airstream Club (Unit 121) since the very beginning, and hope that we can continue that welcoming environment for those who are continuing members and for those who are joining and/or affiliating with our unit.

We have just returned from the Potlatch Rally held by the Washington club at the Land Yacht Harbour near Olympia, Washington. We had a good turnout of B.C. club members, including Barry Hook, Paul Wheeler and Janet Soucy, Peter and Brenda Reid (from Kamloops), and ourselves. We had a fun time and got to meet many new friends and we also met the International President, Eric McHenry and his First Lady Laverne. See report with photos in this newsletter.

Please check the schedule of upcoming events (weekly breakfasts and a lunch), rallies, and a possible caravan (or caravans). We are willing to help anyone in putting on a rally or caravan in their area as Fred and Esther Kaethler can attest as they prepare for our upcoming Vancouver Island Caravan this September. We are fortunate to have Paul and Janet as members of our club, as Paul gave an excellent talk on planning and executing a caravan at the Potlatch Rally. His main point is that a caravan can be anything that we want it to be as long as the group travel together to two or more destinations. Any themes, activities, etc. are welcome.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, suggestions, or ideas. You can contact us by email at tilley2007@outlook.com or by phone at 604-290-2887.



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National Potlach Rally – What a TRIP!

August 2 – 6

Janet and I attended the National Potlach Rally (first one in 10 years) at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor (WLYH) in Olympia, Washington. If you've never been, you've got to go to the next one. This Rally, organized and run by the Washington Unit of the Airstream Club International (ACI), was attended by folks from all over the US and Canada. Even Eric & Laverne McHenry were there all week. Eric is the current President of ACI and what a great ambassador he and his wife Laverne are for everything our Club is about. The Rally included breakfast and dinner each day, opportunities for tours of area attractions, wonderful entertainment, and socializing, and, of course, daily Happy Hours.

The Rally was opened by representatives of the Nisqually Indian Tribe. These are the folks whose traditional territory includes WLYH. They welcomed us to the Potlach, helped us understand what Potlach is all about and received gifts from the organizers. During the week we did considerable fundraising, and the proceeds went to youth activities on their reservation.

A highlight of the week, for me, was our trip to Chrystal Mountain. This ski resort included a super gondola ride to the top (I'm terrified of heights, so this was a stretch). Once there we had incredible views of surrounding mountains. Mount Rainier was right next door, and, in the distance, we could see St. Helens, Adams, Hood and Baker. Amazing

A key experience for Janet was the whole execution of the Salmon BBQ (which the Washington Unit does every year). These guys BBQed salmon, with all the fixings, for more than 250 people. I figured it would have to be dried out/overcooked. Nope, it was fantastic. Perfectly cooked, moist, juicy, tender, tasty. Janet oversaw each step in the process. Only trouble is I'm sure she'll now want me to up my grilling game.

I appreciated that, with the support of Diane Carpenter, President of the Washington Unit, I was able to provide a seminar about putting on local Airstream Caravans. This was fun and well received with several folks saying they are going to start planning for next year. Stay tuned!

Space precludes addressing everything that went on. Suffice to say we can't wait until they do it again. I think the biggest highlight was catching up with friends and making new ones. Janet and I really enjoyed spending considerable time with Barbara and Trenor Tilley, Barry Hook, and getting to know Brenda and Peter Reid from Kamloops. I highly recommend you take in any activity sponsored by the Washington Unit. In fact, you should become affiliate members of their Unit. That way you'll know all about what they're doing AND you can stay at the WLYH (a GREAT jumping off place to this fabulous area of Washington) with full hookups for only \$28/night.

Paul Wheeler – BRN 4223

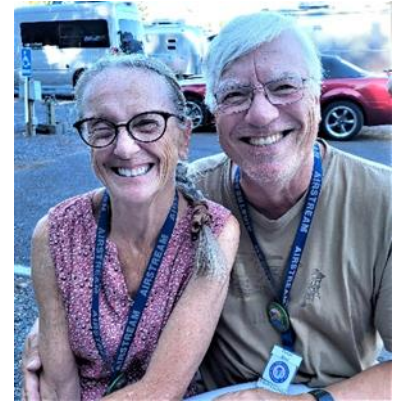




Potlatch Rally

The Potlatch Reunion Rally (after a 10-year break) was held at the Washington Land Yacht Harbour from August 1 to 6, 2023. There were about 60 Airstreams from as far away as Florida attending plus many of the residents of Land Yacht Harbour.

Left photo shows Paul Wheeler, Janet Soucy, Eric McHenry (International President), Laverne McHenry (First Lady), Trenor Tilley, Barry Hook, Barbara Tilley and, in second photo Brenda and Peter Reid who equal the B.C. contingent at the Potlatch Rally.



Many activities were provided during the week including:

Tuesday: Opening with Nisqually Chief Willie Frank III. Barry Hook and Barbara listening intently.



Wednesday: Trip to Crystal Mountain and gondola ride.

Barry Hook, Barbara, and Trenor, made a trip to Mount St. Helens. Quite different now compared with when we saw it in the 1980s.



Nightly entertainment included a country and western band, a jazz band, a modern music group, and an outdoor movie ("Good Morning Viet Nam") with popcorn.



FRIDAY Aug 4th

- * 9:30 Leave for State Capital/Market- see below
- 9:30-11:00 Poker walktroll thru Harbor
- 11:00-2:00 Food Truck - Shy's Lunch Bar
- 1:00 Meet & chat with Eric McHenry, Int. President HH
- 3:00-4:00 Caravan Seminar w/ Paul & Janet HH
- Northwest Airstream Adventures (now Airstream)**
- 1:00-4:00 Bean Bag Baseball
- 3:00-5:30 Silent Auction viewing & Bidding will end @ 4:30 on Saturday.
- 4pm-Old Time Photo's, costumes provided- H.H.
- 5:30-Dinner- Bring own cup & silverware
- 7:00pm Live Entertainment with Scott Duncan Jazz Band
- Dusk outdoor movie in front of WB
- Bring chair & blanket or jacket
- Featured movie: Good Morning Viet Nam
- Popcorn Provided
- * Capital Tour
- Leave at 9:15-Group 1, Group 2-10:15, Group 3-11:15
- HH: Harmony Hall T: Transport WB: Whitney Bldg Field

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Shy's Lunch Box Food Truck August 4, 11:00 - 2:00

Daily Schedule of Activities

Paul Wheeler talking about Caravans

Bean Bag Baseball in Harmony Hall





Part of a Viet Nam era military display

Saturday night Salmon BBQ, with baked potatoes and corn on the cob. The verdict from those who could eat fish was that the salmon was moist and very delicious.



The "GLOW"

In the meantime, Happy Airstreaming, and we hope to see you at a Rally or event soon,

Barbara and Trenor Tilley





MAINTENANCE MATTERS



*The Tilleys think that it would be a good idea to have some suggestions/hints about maintaining our Airstreams, so we are submitting the following article. As well, we hope that members of the B.C. Unit will consider submitting articles to publish in this column **or** suggestions for articles by way of an "Ask an Expert" format.*

To begin, we would like to share an article from the Oregon Streamer presented by Mike Burnett, the Rally Coordinator for the Oregon Airstream Club. This is a portion of an article by Dr. Emily Lawrence from the May edition of RV News.

This article addresses a maintenance related health risk that most of us do not think about except at the beginning of the camping season: sanitizing our fresh water tanks. Improperly or infrequently sanitized fresh water tanks can pose a health risk, even if you only use your on-board fresh water for showering, hand washing, or dish washing.

The specific health risk highlighted in this article is called Legionella bacteria, which can cause Legionnaires Disease if inhaled. The bacteria occur naturally in lakes, rivers, and other fresh water sources and can contaminate human-made systems, including RV water tanks. If airborne particles containing the bacteria are inhaled, it can lead to a host of serious respiratory issues. Inhalation can occur due to shower spray or splashing faucets that create microscopic droplets in the air you are breathing.

Most RVs are equipped with a hot water heater, which is the perfect breeding ground for this bacteria. In addition, campers regularly travel to warmer climates where they let their vehicle sit under the hot sun. If they don't regularly clean and sanitize their water tanks, the bacteria can grow out of control. RVs are closed environments where you could be in close contact with Legionella every day. Many RV users are senior citizens, so they're inherently at higher risk of developing these issues. It's always important to be on the lookout for Legionella outbreaks, but high-risk travelers need to be extra careful. This bacteria is stubborn, so you'll need to go beyond your traditional cleaning methods to get rid of it. A recent study on Legionella revealed that only 60% of RV users cleaned their water tanks on a regular basis. Properly cleaning and sanitizing your water system can remove existing Legionella growths and prevent future infections.

The sanitation process is simple. On a regular basis, perform the following steps to keep your on-board water supply safe.

- Begin by emptying your fresh water tank.
- Next, you'll need to drain the water heater
- Turn off the water heater and let it cool down. Next, open the drain plug at the bottom and open the pressure vent lever at the top. All the water should drain out once you do this. Close everything up once you're finished, so you can refill it with water.
- Now you need to fill your fresh water tank with a mixture of water and chlorine bleach. A good rule of thumb is to add ¼ cup unscented household bleach for every 15 gallons of fresh water. Once your tank is full of this mixture, run all the faucets around your RV. Shut them off once you can smell bleach.
- Let everything sit for 24 hours. Once the waiting period is up, you can drain the entire system again (including the water heater). Check with your Airstream manual about whether you can speed up the process to less than 24 hours by adding more bleach.
- Refill the tanks with fresh water and run it through your faucets until all the bleach smell is gone. You may need to repeat this process a second time to get rid of any lingering traces of the bleach treatment. Stay on top of your RV water system maintenance. Legionella poses a serious danger to RV users. On-board water system sanitation should be a regular part of your RV maintenance for a variety of reasons, including prevention of dangerous bacterial growth in your on-board water system.

CARAVANS – Let's Get Rolling

Let's face it, Wally Byam designed a trailer providing the comforts of home while exploring the world, or even just the little corner where we live. When the WBCCI (now ACI) was formed a large group was on a caravan from the U.S. to the Maritime provinces of Canada. Those folks agreed that what they were doing promoted Fun, Friendship, and Adventure. With Wally they organized the Wally Byam Airstream Club (later International was added). They decided it was about caravanning together with that very act bringing about fun, friendship and adventure. Caravans and all they lead to was (and is) the basis of the organization.

But here's the truth folks – the problem is we just don't have enough caravans. In our local BC Unit, we used to have more. The last few years have really seen a diminution of the number. This year there was only one caravan on Vancouver Island. We've got to get rolling. Yes, we need rallies, get togethers, meals, and so on. But what we really need is caravans.

Of the few hundred people who read this newsletter there are some who have an idea of a local caravan they'd love to go on. Could be a caravan leading to several locations catering to common interests (i.e.: golf, fishing, bird watching, hiking, sandy beaches, wine tasting, or so many others). Some years ago, Marilyn Van Iderstine created the "Small Towns of BC" caravan. All these years later it's still one of my favourite caravan experiences. I know most of you have never been on this caravan. I'll bet if we asked nicely Marilyn would still give us all her notes to get us started. This would be a GREAT caravan to take your kids or grandkids. Talk about learning to understand where we live. What about a caravan to visit various First Nations groups and learn from them about their culture, land, ceremonies, etc. Or a caravan to go to next year's Region 10 Rally in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho?

I know you're thinking of a caravan you'd like to attend. I also know most of us are waiting for someone else to organize it because: "I don't know where to start"; "it just looks too complex to me"; "I'm in this for the fun, not the work"; I might get it wrong" and so on. Some folks have looked at the Caravan Leaders Handbook on the website and decided it's too daunting.

I'm asking you to do 2 things. First, share your caravan idea with another person. If they think it sounds good, then go to the second. The 2nd is, get in touch with me. See, I'm the Region 10 Caravan Chair and my job is to support more caravans happening. With the scope of that I won't have time to design caravans. But I can surely help you and several others in their efforts. So, get in touch with me. I'll help you think through the concept, create a plan, help you find others to work with you (better not to work alone and, besides, this is about Friendship, right?).

My contact information is below. Don't hesitate. Get in touch. That Airstream trailer or motor home you have isn't meant to sit in your driveway. It was made to move. Some moving will be solo. Some movement needs to be in a group called a caravan. Trust me – it's much more rewarding than you can imagine.

Paul Wheeler, Region 10 Caravan Chair – BRN 4223

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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.

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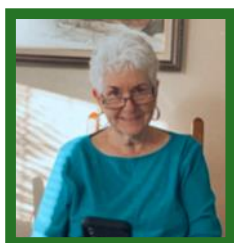
## A REMINDER OF THE ZOOM MEETING

Topic: BC Unit AGM

Time: Sep 12, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time  
(US and Canada)

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Airstream Club International President  
Eric McHenry and his First Lady  
Laverne McHenry at the Potlatch Rally

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Paul Wheeler  
doing a  
presentation  
on  
caravanning  
at the  
Potlatch  
Rally



# MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

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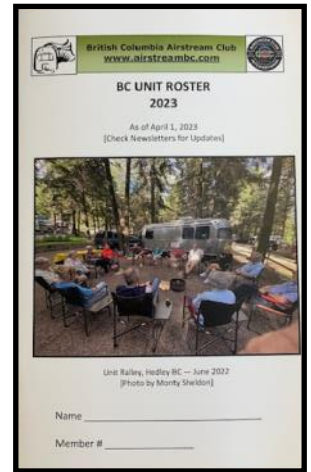
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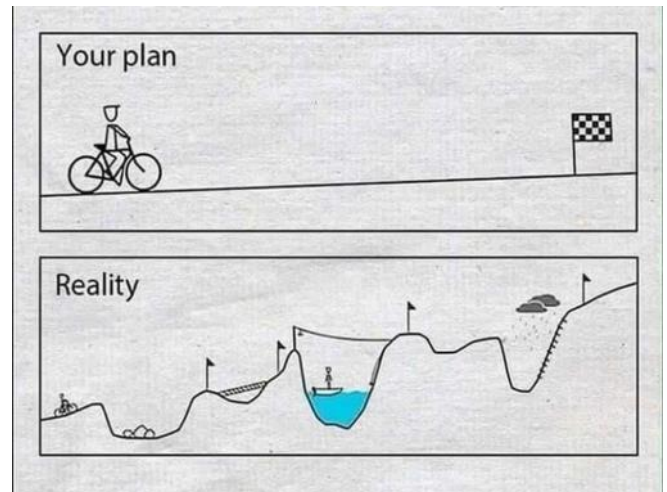
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## ROSTER CHANGES

**SOOKE Correction — Street should be 223, not 233**



# British Columbia Unit #121

## 2023/2024 Activity Schedule

| <u>DATE</u>              | <u>EVENT</u>                                                                                         | <u>HOST(S)</u>                                                                            | <u>STATUS</u>                                                                         |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Tuesday<br>9:00 am | <b>Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together</b><br>Roadhouse Grille<br>1781 King George Boulevard<br>Surrey, BC | Tom Akam<br>604-538-4149<br>To reserve your spot                                          |    |
| September 14-17          | <b>3rd Annual Golf Rally</b><br>Twin Lakes Golf Course and RV Park<br>Kaleden, BC                    | John & Chris Millard<br>millard12581@gmail.com                                            | Let John know if you are interested                                                   |
| September 21-30          | <b>Caravan on Vancouver Island</b><br>(Port Hardy, Tofino, Victoria)                                 | If interested email<br>Fred Kaethler at fredkaethler@hotmail.com<br>Or phone 519-588-8059 |                                                                                       |
| December 2               | <b>Christmas Luncheon</b><br>White Spot<br>Aldergrove, BC                                            | Trenor & Barbara Tilley                                                                   |    |
| <u>2024</u>              |                                                                                                      |                                                                                           |                                                                                       |
| May 8-12                 | <b>Region 10 Rally</b><br>Coeur d'Alene, Idaho                                                       | Region10 Executive                                                                        |                                                                                       |
| Aug.25-Sept.1            | <b>Fishing Rally</b><br>Loon Bay Resort<br>Sheridan Lake, BC                                         | Bob & Gayle Halliwell<br>halliwell4840@telus.net<br>778-808-7257                          |  |
| Date TBD                 | <b>Installation Rally</b>                                                                            |                                                                                           |                                                                                       |
| Date TBA                 | <b>Ft Langley Rally</b>                                                                              | Trenor & Barbara Tilley                                                                   |                                                                                       |
| Date TBA                 | <b>Small Towns BC Caravan</b>                                                                        |                                                                                           |                                                                                       |
| Oct.5-10                 | <b>67th Airstream Club International Rally</b><br>Sedalia, Missouri                                  |       |                                                                                       |

**PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS — WE ARE OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS**





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.*

**Anyone have plans to go somewhere and stare at their phone this weekend?**



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John Millard and two others  
to be selected

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Arlene Matches

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#### Roster & Handbook

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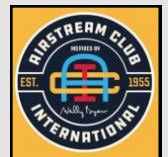
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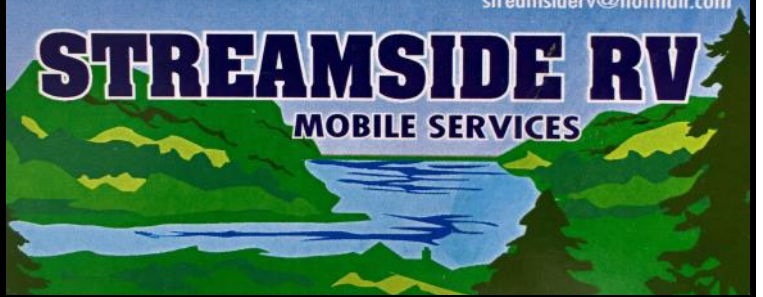
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