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"the news"

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Tilley's Trails

Dear B.C. Airstream Club Members,

Things are quieter in the Tilley trailering world since we put our "Camping Caravan of Discovery" to sleep for the winter by winterizing with non-toxic antifreeze and removed most of the fabric-related items that can get damp over the winter. We sprinkled around a number of scented dryer sheets in hopes of deterring mice or other critters from taking over our silver vacation home, and so far, so good based on our visit last weekend.

We hope that others are enjoying the warmer southern climes from the comfort of their Airstreams, and that they will share some information about their fall/winter adventures in this newsletter in the coming months.

Looking ahead, we hope that many of you will join us on the 2nd of December at the Alder-grove White Spot restaurant near the corner of 264th and Fraser Highway at noon. We already have heard from a number of members that they will be attending, but more are always welcome. There is no set menu, you will be able to order from the whole White Spot menu, and we will leave it to you to settle your bill with your server. Let us know if you are coming by emailing tilley2007@outlook.com. We have a wide range of prizes and a small surprise for all members attending.

We have a date for the meeting and lunch at Traveland on the Langley Bypass – we will be meeting at 10:30 am on Saturday, 20 January 2024. The meeting will be fairly short, and it will be followed by a lunch supplied by Traveland. Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing tilley2007@outlook.com or calling 604-290-2887 so that we can ensure that there is enough food. We need to advise Traveland numbers attending by January 3rd.

In the longer-term future, we attended an online Region 10 meeting recently and are delighted to hear about the plans for the upcoming Region 10 Rally 8–12 May 2024 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We encourage you to keep a watchful eye on your emails for the opportunity to register for the rally. We expect it to be a sell-out quickly after the registration opens. Even if you are placed on a waiting list, don't despair, as most times the waitlists do clear before the rally happens.

We have two exciting opportunities for Caravans that will get us to the Region 10 Rally. There are still a few spots available. Please read about these opportunities in this newsletter. Interestingly, the B.C. Caravan will be travelling in Washington State and the Oregon Caravan will be travelling in B.C. – who'd a thunk it?

We are still looking for people to lead a Caravan that visits some of the small towns of B.C., possibly either before or after the Fishing Rally this summer. All activities of the club are organized by volunteers, so please join us in the fun if/when you are able/



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President's Message (cont'd from page 1)

Janet Soucy (partner of Paul Wheeler, an Anglican priest) sent along the following: "Why do I wish people "Happy Holidays"? Because from 1 November to 15 January there are approximately 29 holidays observed by 7 of the world's major religions. And I don't think mine are the only ones that count." So, whether you are celebrating Diwali, Hannukah, Advent, Christmas, Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa, or any other 'holy-days' in the coming weeks, Trenor and I wish you the very best for you and your extended family.

With all best wishes,

Barbara and Trenor Tilley, Co-Presidents of Unit #121, B.C. Airstream Club

PS: We are looking for a flag holder for the front of our Airstream (3 pole holder would be fine).



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, bring them to one of the functions and we will arrange to get them to Tom.



Eileen Meston recently underwent major surgery. We wish her well in her recovery.



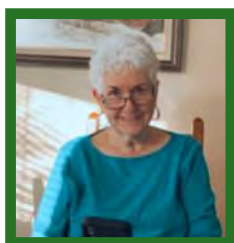
The Open Houses celebrating the lives of my two guys are as follows (both at Cranley Place Community Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive in Surrey and both open houses from 1:00—4:00)

*ALEX is being honoured December 14th
RYAN is being honoured December 15th*

(Just a heads-up...as parking is limited in the hall lot, go into Cranley Place and find a spot on one of the streets. There is a back pathway into the Hall from our community that you can use)



I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have sent cards, gifted me with flowers and sent their condolences. It has been a hard few months and your generosity has been most helpful.



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

**You have RSVP'd to the
Christmas Luncheon**

on

December 2nd

haven't you?

(see page 8 for details)

**Better do it now if you want
a seat at this annual luncheon
(there are lots of prizes)**

MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS & AFFILIATES

None this month...



MAPLE LEAVES FOR CANADIANS

Headquarters now has red maple leaves that Canadian members can use to indicate each 5 years of membership in the ACI.

They'll be in the ACI/WBCCI HQ store soon and they are working on communicating this to all members. If you want to take advantage of maple leaves instead of stars please get hold of ACI HQ and order yours. I understand there is no charge to replace our existing stars with these leaves.

Lori Plummer

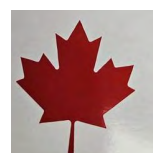
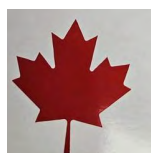
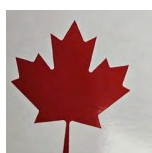
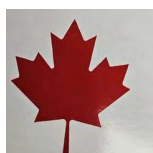
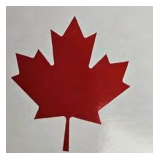
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Caravan to 2024 Region 10 Rally

The 2024 Region 10 Rally is in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, May 8 – 12, 2024. Registration information will be coming out soon from Region 10 so watch for that and, if you want a space, register right away. The other thing is, once you register, how will you get there. Some will choose to go on their own, it's not a long trip. But many of us know that the most enjoyable way is to travel in a caravan with other Airstreams. We're happy to announce that Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson (contact info below) are planning a caravan that they will lead to Coeur d'Alene, arriving there on May 7.

Here's what we know so far:

- May 2, 2024 – caravan members will meet at an RV Park in Leavenworth, WA. Spend 3 days there enjoying all the Christmas town has to offer, getting to know each other, having great happy hours and so on;
- May 5 – travel to Wilbur, WA and spend 2 days – lots to do in Grand Collee dam if area including visiting the caravan activities; interested. Of course, all our normal
- May 7 – travel to Coeur d'Alene and check into the RV Park; and
- May 8 – the Region 10 Rally begins 😊

See amendments to schedule and RV parks on the next page

So, you ask, I'm interested in this caravan. What do I do next? You should likely act sooner than later because the caravan has only 10 spaces. All you need to do is call or email (emails likely easier) either Karen or Rick. As soon as they hear from you, they'll get you on the list. Then, once RV Parks are finalized, they'll let you know to make your reservations. Pretty simple really. Here is the contact info for Rick and Karen:

Karen Griffin
360 395-8410
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Rick Mattson
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rickmattson@telus.net

AND – a big thank you to Karen and Rick for providing their leadership!!!

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(See update note on next page...)

LATEST NEWS ON THE CARAVAN (see previous page)

Good morning. We are changing our starting place to Washington Land Yacht Harbor, 9101 Stellacoom Rd. SE, Olympia, WA. Rick has secured the sights for May 2nd for our group. We are hoping to have happy hour with the Washington caravan group and take off the morning of May 3rd. We think you will all be impressed with WLYH.

Please make your reservations for 2 nights, May 3rd and 4th at Pine Village KOA Holiday RV Park in Leavenworth, WA. 800-562-5709. Please do this as soon as possible as they are filling up fast.

Please make reservations for 2 nights, May 5th and 6th at Goose Creek RV Park in Wilbur, WA. 509-647-5888.

Zora Chacinski is reaching out to Blackwell Island RV Resort to see about getting our reservations for May 7th which is the day before the rally begins.

Regarding the Caravan to Coeur d'Alene, we still have 3 openings. If anyone has questions please reach out to Zora, Les, Rick or myself. Zora and I have lots of fun things in the making and look forward to making this a good time for all.

Karen & Zora

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND YOUR TRIP TO THE REGION 10 RALLY

What do you get when you combine Airstreamers, campfires, wine, golf, hiking and biking, indigenous culture, a big lake and a wonderful RV resort? An amazing rally that ends with great memories and new friends.

In an effort to encourage more interaction between the clubs of Region 10 and especially the BC unit a joint rally between Oregon and BC has been planned at NK'MIP RV resort in Osoyoos BC May 3-6 2024. The timing of this rally also gives you a jump start to the Region 10 Rally in Idaho May 8-12 with a couple of relaxed days to travel from BC to Idaho. Or just go directly to Idaho as the resort has early spaces set aside.

The ACI Oregon Club is a well oiled machine designed to make your rally experience a memorable one so here's what you need to know about securing a spot in this rally:

- Registration will open in January and you will receive an email with instructions on how to sign up. **THIS IS TIME SENSITIVE** and you will only have **ONE DAY** to sign up **for sites reserved exclusively for BC member participation**. After that you will have to take your chances in the general **Oregon club** registration pool.
- You **MUST** pay in advance at time of sign up so don't wait as Oregon rallies fill up fast!
- DO NOT contact the campground directly as the **Oregon Rally Coordinator** and **Rally Hosts** make all the arrangements.

Still have questions? Contact Charlie and Sharon Wieder, your BC Unit Interior Ambassadors and Co-hosts of the rally. char.shar.wieder@me.com

Here are some links to explore:

ACI Oregon Club website rally page

<https://airstreamclub.org/oregon/rally-q>

NK'MIP RV park

<https://campingosoyoos.com>

Region 10 homepage

<https://airstreamclub.org/region-10>



British Columbia Unit #121

2023/2024 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	
December 2	Christmas Luncheon White Spot Aldergrove, BC (see invitation on page 15)	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
<u>2024</u>			
Jan.20 10:30	Traveland Meeting & Luncheon	See Traveland's ad near end of newsletter for address	
May 2-8	Caravan to Region 10 Rally	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin (information on pages 5/6)	
May 8-12	Region 10 Rally Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Region10 Executive	
April date TBD	Maintenance/Newbie Rally	Bob Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net	
June 28–July 1	Hedley Rally Riverview RV Park, Hedley, BC	Bev Robson/Eileen Meston Brobson@telus.net	
Aug.25-Sept.1	Fishing Rally Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	
Date TBD	Installation Rally		
Date TBA	Ft Langley Rally	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
Date TBA	Small Towns BC Caravan		
Oct.5-10	67th Airstream Club International Rally Sedalia, Missouri		

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS — WE ARE OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS



The B.C. Airstream Club invites you to our

Christmas Lunch

When: Saturday 2 December, 2023

At Noon

Where: White Spot Restaurant at 3070 – 264th Street
Aldergrove, B.C.

(SE corner of 264th and Fraser Highway – entrance off 264th)

Full menu available (see their website for details) and each attendee will be responsible for paying for their own menu choices

R.S.V.P. by phone to Barbara or Trenor Tilley at 604-290-2887 or by email at tilley2007@outlook.com

Come enjoy the company of your Airstream friends and hopefully win some prizes!





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.

A Wish for the Week Ahead

May you stay calm and centered, especially when faced with the buffoonery of the day.

May you experience true gratitude at least once a day, no matter how tiny. May your heart remain open and kind, and may you remember to stay out of unwinnable arguments and instead seek to understand.

May you remember to engage in your offscreen life fully and joyfully, even if there are no photos to post. May your laughs be real, may your love be abundant, and may your coffee be fresh and plentiful.



Nanea Hoffman

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John Millard and two others
to be selected

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Presidents Trenor & Barbara Tilley, request that new and affiliate members 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