



British Columbia Airstream Club

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Tilley's Trails

During these short days of winter, here on the west coast of Canada, our thoughts turn longingly to the warmer months when we can use our Airstream. We recently experienced Arctic air followed, as usual here, by a dump of snow, then warmer rain. The mushy slush is no fun, but we are managing.

Fortunately, we had 21 of us Unit 121 members braving the mushiness to gather together for our General Meeting on the 20th of January at Traveland in Langley. We kept the meeting short, primarily focussing on three main things (photos from luncheon later in the newsletter).

1. Continuing our policy of not charging for Unit 121 Rallies or Caravans as long as the participants are booking and paying for their own camping spots,
2. Approval of the Caravan to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, being led by Rick Mattson and Karen Griffin, and
3. Approval of the Club events calendar for 2024.

Regarding the latter, we would encourage our Unit members to keep an eye this newsletter where details of Club events will be advertised monthly. We are still open to more events being planned for the 2024 season.

Following the short meeting in Traveland's lunchroom, we saw a one-minute video about Airstream's newest travel trailer, the Trade Wind, and then heard about its features from Konnor Mitterer, one of the very knowledgeable staff at Traveland. It is a 25' unit, designed for off-road and boon docking with its extensive lithium battery and solar capacity.

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Later we were able to view one in person on the lot. That was followed by a short talk about converting an existing lead-acid or AGM battery system to lithium by Dominique McCormach, another of Traveland's helpful staff, who also works on RV outfitting and modifying units to customize them for Airstream owners. A delicious lunch was also supplied by Traveland for our members.

A date has been settled for the Newbie/Maintenance Rally for the 19, 20, and 21 of April, 2024. Based on our experiences last year, this is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the knowledge of club members regarding your unit, regardless of its age. We have several members who are experienced at restoring vintage units and/or renovating their units to customize them for their unique needs. We first met our Vice Presidents Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson last year at that event. Please arrange with Bob Halliwell (halliwell4840@telus.net) if you would like to attend.

We can report that the Region 10 Rally was incredibly popular this year. All available sites were scooped up in 26 minutes on the day that registration opened. Unfortunately, some of us were just a little too late in trying to register, so we are on the waitlist. This included some of us who are on the Caravan who will probably continue on to other camping spots after the Caravan.

We hope that members who are using their units in warmer climates south of here might share some of their photos and tales of their adventures so that those of us here in the mushy snow can dream of the days when we can load up our Airstreams and continue our wonderful camping experiences.

Barbara & Trenor Tilley



**Do y'all remember,
before the internet,
that people thought
the cause of stupidity
was the lack of access
to information? Yeah.
It wasn't that.**

**When I was young
I was scared of
the dark.
Now when I see my
electric bill I am
scared of the lights.**

**I really think it's
time to take the
warning labels
off of everything
and let stupidity
work itself out of
the gene pool.**

HEDLEY HOEDOWN RALLY

June 28 – July 1st, 2024

Hi Fellow Hoedowners! It was good to see so many of you at the Traveland gathering Saturday, January 20th. Because of you I came home and got to work! Well sort of!

Here's a few details that hopefully will whet your appetite to join us.

1. DATES: JUNE 28TH TO JULY 1st. But you can also book to come a few days earlier for an extended stay.
2. Hedley, relatively speaking of course, is fairly close and central to all of us, regardless of where we live.
3. Doug and Laura and their son Paul and his wife Lindsay would be sad if they didn't have a good number of us attend! They have reserved 12 sites for us going forward from last year. More if we need them. They will be held for us for a couple more months.
4. We're going to have a SMOKIN' GOOD TIME. And by that I just mean that I plan to bring my Weber Rocky Mountain Smoker again this year. It is easy and light to transport! And who knows what might come of that. I do actually hope to do some preliminary smoking here at home so that all we have to do there is warm it up! At least that thought has definitely crossed my mind!

Ok. Enough from me. Please make your reservations with Doug or Lindsay at:

RIVERHAVEN RV & MOTEL, 6165 HWY #3, Hedley 1-250-292-8221

Website: RIVERHAVENRV.COM

And when you do, please drop Bev a line letting us know (so we can keep a head count) at:

brobson@telus.net



Hedley Rally Caravan

Hey Folks. Some of us are headed to the Hedley Rally which is June 28 – July 1 (see info elsewhere in this newsletter). We are booked into the Coquihalla Campground in Hope, BC, from June 24 – to June 27 (checking into Hedley early). We're wondering if there's anyone who wants to join us in Hope for a few days and then caravan together to Hedley. Its just a one-day drive and quite pleasant but always fun to travel together. If you're interested in doing this with us you'd need to check into Hedley June 27 which is one day earlier than the official start of the Rally. OR you could join us in Hope and then travel on your own to Hedley on June 28. If you're interested, you can register for the Coquihalla Campground at <https://www.coquihallacampground.ca/> We're staying in site 60. Once you register with them if you could send us an email at paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com or janet.soucy@gmail.com to let us know you're joining us. Looking forward to traveling together 😊

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THE COMMUNITY CORNER

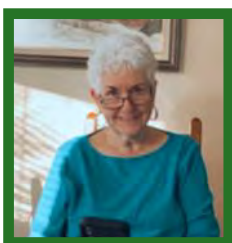
by Arlene

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



Long-time BC Unit Member Marilyn Van Iderstine is in hospital. Please remember her in your prayers.

As well, Jeannie Jeffrey is in hospital recovering from recent surgery. Prayers for Jeannie too.



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

I don't know if
Facebook has ever
caused the lame to
walk but it has sure
caused the dumb to
speak.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AIRSTREAM CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

held at Traveland in Langley, B.C.

Saturday, January 20, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- Trenor Tilley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included, Trenor and Barbara Tilley, Tom Akam, Bob Halliwell, Morris Storoshenko, Vic and Sheila MacDonald, Linda and Chung Lai, Chris and Rick Alexander, Jeff and Erica Lydell (and their 4 kids), Barry Hook, Beverley Robson, Eileen Meston, and Bernice O'Shea.
- Determination of a quorum – Trenor declared that there was a quorum present at the meeting.
- Approval of the agenda – The agenda was approved as circulated.
- Approval of meeting minutes from September 12, 2023 - Moved by Bob Halliwell and seconded by Barry Hook that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 23 September 2023 be accepted as circulated. Carried.
- Treasurer report – Tom Akam moved that the Treasurer's report be received. Seconded by Bob Halliwell. Carried.
- Membership committee update – Barry Hook and Tom Akam reported that Unit 121's membership includes 65 regular members and 21 affiliate members. A few members have not renewed at the end of the calendar year and have been contacted.
- Review Schedule of events for 2024 and current status – participants were reminded to check the monthly B.C. Club Newsletter for details on the events being planned for 2024. A copy of the current list of events was presented to those in attendance. Motion: To approve the Unit #121 Club events/roster for 2024 was moved by Morris Storoshenko, seconded by Beverley Robson. Carried.
- Motion: To approve the Caravan in May 2024 to the Region 10 rally in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho was moved by Vic MacDonald, seconded by Bob Halliwell. Carried.
- Other – no other business.
- Adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Comments on meeting continued on next page....

Comments on the BC Unit General Meeting

The General Sales Manager of Traveland, Cam Scouten, shared a one-minute video about Airstream's newest travel trailer, the Trade Wind, and then we heard about its features from Konnor Mitterer, one of the very knowledgeable staff at Traveland. It is a 25' unit, designed for off-road and boon docking with its extensive lithium battery and solar capacity. Later we were able to view a Trade Wind in person on the lot.

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A delicious lunch was also supplied by Traveland for our members, and then Club members were free to visit displays in the Traveland facilities.



MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS & AFFILIATES

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Airstream: 2017 27' Tommy Bahama

THIESSEN, James & Ute

BRN 19048

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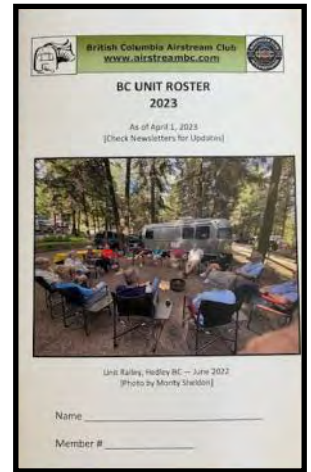
Christina Lake, BC, V0H 1E3

Phone: 604-902-4450

Email: grayghostrestorations@gmail.com (James)

whizzler1@gmail.com (Ute)

Airstream: 1963 19' Globe Trotter



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All new club badge (ordering details on page 12 in this newsletter)

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
Sorrelsky3@yahoo.com

Rick Mattson
604 657-3119
rickmattson@telus.net

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

Paul Wheeler
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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

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	
April 19-21	Maintenance/Newbie Rally	Bob Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net	
May 2-7	Caravan to Region 10 Rally	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin (information on pages 5/6)	
May 8-12	Region 10 Rally Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Region 10 Executive (wait list only)	
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	
Mid-Sept	Golf Rally / Installation Rally		
Date TBA	Ft Langley Rally	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
Oct.5-10	67th Airstream Club International Rally Sedalia, Missouri		
Nov.30 or Dec. 7	Christmas Luncheon White Spot in Aldergrove		
<u>2025</u>			
Date TBD	Small Towns BC Caravan		

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 (or 604-538-4149), he will email members copies either as a Word document or as a PDF — your choice.



**NEW UNIT
BADGE**

Dear B.C. Airstream Club members,

We have new B.C. Airstream Club crests using the design work of Marilyn VanInderstine and Tom Akam (and approved by International).

You also can add one of these colourful crests to your hat, your jacket, or other clothing items. How?: Send us an email at tilley2007@outlook.com.

What?: We will mail you one crest per rig.

Want more?: Additional crests are \$5.00 each.

What to do for more than one?: Please send a cheque payable to the B.C. Airstream Club Unit #121 to:

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Tom Akam & the VPs

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Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy

Nominating Committee

John Millard and two others
to be selected

Community Service

Arlene Matches

Equipment Chairman

John Millard

Hospitality & Sunshine

Arlene Matches

Membership & Mentoring

Barry Hook

Newsletter Editor

Arlene Matches

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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.

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