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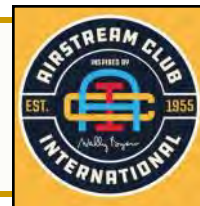


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Wishing all of you the best of the New Year, 2024! We hope that this will be a year full of wonderful Airstream adventures for us all. We finished 2023 with a lovely Christmas lunch at the White Spot restaurant in Aldergrove in early December. There are several photos in this newsletter to show you about that event. We enjoyed a great turn-out and there were lots of prizes for all. It was particularly exciting to have several new members join us for this event.

Unfortunately, our Airstream is currently winterized, but we are looking forward to seeing our Airstream friends at the **B.C. Airstream Club Meeting at Traveland on Saturday the 20th of January**. The Executive meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the General Meeting at 11:00 a.m., and then Traveland will supply lunch and we hope they share some information about their current offerings and/or some Airstream maintenance hints.

Those attending the Christmas lunch all left with a small sewn crest bearing the image of the B.C. Airstream Club that was designed by Marilyn VanInderstine some years ago, added to by Tom Akam, and approved by International as our club flag design. We will have some club crests at the Meeting at Traveland on the 20th of January.

We are hoping to order some flags with a similar design to the crest in early 2024, but we are wondering if others would be interested in purchasing additional flags. If you are interested, please contact us at tilley2007@outlook.com. The unit flags, depending on the size of the order, will range around \$300 each.



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Please note that the **registration for the upcoming Region 10 Rally, in Couer D'Alene, Idaho May 8 – 12, 2024, will be coming up in early January (be sure to get your registration in early as there are limited spaces available).** Also, the registration for the Oregon Club's Rally at Nk'Mip in Osoyoos the week before will also be coming up in January. There are still a couple of possible spots on the B.C. Caravan through Washington to the Region 10 Rally, so contact Karen Griffin and/or Rick Mattson about that event if you are interested.

Don't forget that the weekly breakfast gatherings continue at the Roadhouse Restaurant in South Surrey at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. Tom Akam, our Treasurer, organizes the breakfasts each week. We also saw many of our Airstream friends at the Memorial Event held for Alex Matches in December: retired Anglican priest, the Rev. Paul Wheeler (also a B.C. Airstream Club member) officiated and gave a lovely account of his experiences with Alex.

Regarding the Region 10 Rally, we are helping to organize the Silent Auction for Charity, so people who may have items or services to donate should contact us.

Happy New Year, 2024!

Barbara & Trenor Tilley

CHRISTMAS DINNER ATTENDEES

Tom Akam
Carol & Scott Ferguson
Karen Griffin & Rick Mattson
Gayle & Bob Halliwell
Barry Hook
Jeannie & Wayne Jeffrey
Jeff Lydell
Sheila & Vic MacDonald
Sandy & Arlene Matches
Chris & John Millard
Bernice & Brian Oshea
Beverley Robson
Carolyn & Dan Stewart
Barbara & Trenor Tilley (hosts)

(see photos on next page)



Good afternoon dear Airstreamers.

I should have written this note yesterday but I was still basking in the aura of the wonderful time we had at our annual Christmas dinner. Thank you Barbara and Trenor. You really outdid yourselves. And we were the ones who benefited from your wonderful organization, hospitality and kindnesses.

Such a great turn out. Maybe it was good that I didn't get to meet all the new members. That way I hope to meet a few more at our very fun January luncheon meeting to be held (Saturday January 20th) at Traveland in Langley. I came home and recounted the highlights to Eileen. (She thanks you, by the way, for your inquiries and well wishes concerning her post-surgery outcomes. Things are looking good in that department.). Of course we were both thrilled to receive the "patches" designed by our very own Marilyn VanInderstine with a little help from our friend Tom. That will be yet another keepsake. And the new flashlight was exactly what we needed around here, especially going out at night to see if the horses are all tucked away safely! And oh yes, the food was so yummy. And one more highlight: seeing a great bunch of Airstreamers that have been with the club for so many years. Thank you for your faithfulness. Its always great getting together.

So thank you again, Barbara and Trenor. I'm already looking forward to next year.

Bev Robson (dated Dec. 3rd)



Christmas Dinner, December 2, 2023



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.



Just a short note to let you know that due to an attendee dropping out, we have 2 spots to fill for the rally to Coeur D'Alene. Karen and Rick.



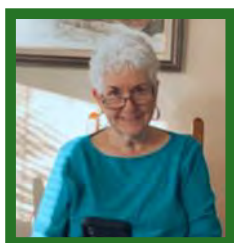
Some items pertaining to the Region 10 Rally have been repeated in this newsletter. There are a few spots left in the caravan and the itinerary has changed slightly and repeated in case you missed it last month.



A huge thank you to those Airstreamers who attended Alex's Celebration of Life. And thank you Paul Wheeler for acting as MC for the event. Also, I would like to thank Bob Halliwell who attended in full RCMP dress uniform (this was one of Alex's requests and Bob agreed to honour it). It couldn't have been a better sendoff to a very special fella. Thank you all.



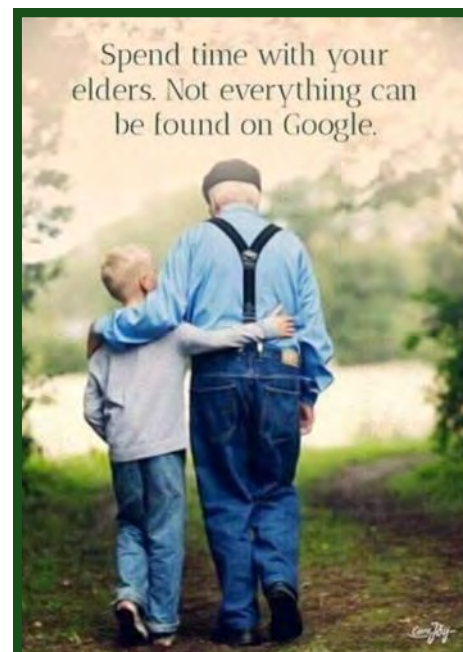
Sad news...long-time member of North Cascade Unit and affiliate of BC Unit, Kathleen Adams, passed away unexpectedly December 29th. RIP, Kathleen.



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

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

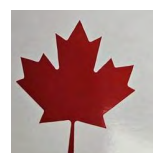
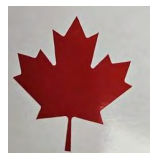
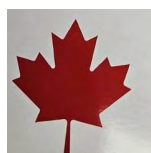
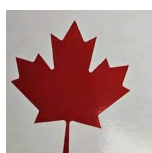
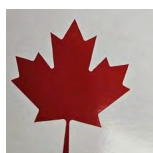
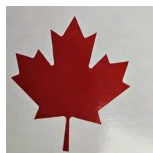
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Caravan to 2024 Region 10 Rally

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
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>



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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	
Jan.20 10:30	Traveland Meeting & Luncheon 20529 Langley Bypass, Langley, BC	Trenor & Barbara Tilley	
April date TBD	Maintenance/Newbie Rally	Bob Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net	
May 2-8	Caravan to Region 10 Rally	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin (information on pages 6/7)	
May 8-12	Region 10 Rally Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Region10 Executive	
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



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.

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