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Tilley's Trails

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Greetings to all from our Airstream! After several months away from our Airstream over the fall and winter, we are finally back in our 'vacation home on wheels' on the Oregon coast. Last week was such a fabulous start to spring, but here on the coast it is a bit cloudier and cooler, but it is still wonderful to be back exploring over Spring Break.

We have been busy de-winterizing our trailer water system at Fidalgo Bay near Anacortes, and then we got an opportunity to wash our Airstream while staying at Land Yacht Harbor in Lacey, Washington. It was so warm and sunny that the sun was drying the trailer faster than we could wash it. We are currently at Waldport, Oregon, just south of Newport, and will be moving northward to Lincoln City and Nehalem before returning to White Rock for Easter weekend services and celebrations.

April will see our first Unit 121 rally of the season, the Newbie and Maintenance Rally at Bob and Gayle Halliwell's property on April 19-21. If you have not registered, please contact the Halliwells. Based on our experience last year, it is a wonderful opportunity to build community while taking advantage of the expertise of long-time Airstream owners who know what to check to ready your unit for the coming summer season. We also will welcome members of the unit that just want to join us for part of the weekend, especially the Happy Hours.

We are also busy collecting items for the Region 10 Rally's Silent Auction for the UGM Crisis Center for Women and Children in Coeur D'Alene. If you have anything to donate for the cause, please contact Trenor and Barbara Tilley at tilley2007@outlook.com to arrange for pick up.

As we conclude March and enter April, we send our best wishes to those who celebrate Passover and Easter, those who are fasting during the Holy month of Ramadan, and to those who celebrate Vaisakhi in April. Along with so many celebrations we also wish fervently for

peace around the world during these difficult times.

Trenor & Barbara Tilley











Photos above from Trenor & Barbara Tilley's trip down the Oregon Coast. Photo on left is Trenor enjoying his St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage. Centre photo is camping at Waldport Oregon. Photo on right is Trenor and Barbara on the [windy] beach near Newport, Oregon





Want to help others while enjoying the Region 10 Airstream Rally this May?

<u>Bring something to the Silent Auction</u> Who are we supporting?



The UGM Crisis Center for Women and Children in Coeur D'Alene

What can you contribute?

Hand-crafted items, camping gadgets, baskets of local delicacies, gift certificates from suppliers local to your Airstream club, or anything of value that people would want to bid on.

What to do?

Bring your item(s) to the Rally and the Auction committee will tell you where to put the items.

Thank you for your support!



HEDLEY HOEDOWN RALLY

June 28 – July 1st, 2024

Hello once again Fellow Hoedowners! It's getting closer, just three more months until we gather in Hedley. I love the idea that there may be a caravan coming from Hope. I 'hope' several of you are able to join it! Be sure to make your reservations for Hedley soon.

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 on previous page). 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 <u>https://www.coquihallacampground.ca/</u> We're staying in site 60. Once you register with them if you could send us an email at <u>paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com</u> 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.



A Celebration of Life for Marilyn Van Iderstine has been booked for Friday, April 12th from 1:00—4:00 at the Rotary Field House. 14600 Rotary Way in South Surrey.



Tom Akam asks that you check your listing in the new Roster (which was mailed to all members recently). If you find an error please notify him (see next page for his email and phone number).









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

<u>MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER</u> <u>CHANGES</u>

NEW BC UNIT MEMBERS & AFFILIATES

No new members to report this month...

The new Roster (mine pictured above right) has now been mailed out to all paid-up members of the BC Airstream Club. Please check your listing to ensure there are no errors. If you do find one, please notify Tom Akam at lighthouse13381@shaw.ca or phone him at 604-538-4149 and notify Arlene so that correction can be shown in the next newsletter

Mahatma Gandhi said If there is an idiot in power, it means those who elected him are well represented.



" SO, THESE THREE LITTLE MICE ARE BLIND AND THE FARMER'S WIFE COMES ALONG AND CUTS OFF THEIR TAILS WITH A CARVING KNIFE!? WHO WRITES THIS STUFF, STEPHEN KING? "



British Columbia Unit #121 2024-2025 Activity Schedule

DATE

EVENT

- Every Tuesday 9:00 am Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC
- April 19-21 Maintenance/Newbie Rally
- May 2-7 Caravan to Region 10 Rally
- May 8-12 Region 10 Rally Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- June 28–July 1 Hedley Rally Riverview RV Park, Hedley, BC
- Aug.25-Sept.1 Fishing & Installation Rally Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC
- Mid-Sept Golf Rally
- Date TBA Ft Langley Rally
- 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

















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Tom Akam 604-538-4149 to reserve your spot

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Trenor & Barbara Tilley

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RALLY April 19-21 at Bob & Gayle Halliwell's 'DOWNES CREEK CAMPSITE' 31426 Downes Road, Abbotsford, BC

Welcome to the Rally. We have put together an agenda for the Rally which can be tweaked if required.

You are welcome to arrive anytime after 1:00 pm, the yard is a little busy before that time. When you arrive (address above) you will find two driveways, take the East driveway (it will be marked with traffic cones) and proceed to the back yard where you will be greeted and parked for the Rally. If you need, we can be contacted at 778-808-7257 or email halliwell4840@telus.net.

The Rally is very informal, it is a chance to meet members of the unit, ask questions about your Airstream and get excellent advice from some of our very experienced members.

ON FRIDAY: Arrive after 1:00 pm. Happy hour around the fire at 4:00 pm til ?? Dinner on your own. Evening back to the fire.

ON SATURDAY: Breakfast provided, of course it will be the usual *Bun on the Run* starting at 9:00 am. Bring your own coffee. After breakfast we will start our programme of checking units, answering questions and getting to know everyone. Lunch is at the fire, bring your own wieners and buns. Condiments will be provided. After lunch we can continue with the maintenance, just relax, or play some games. Then happy hour at 4:00. Dinner will be provided. Evening at the fire.

ON SUNDAY: Breakfast on your own. Hang out for awhile and get ready to head home. See you April 19th.



Bob & Gayle



Here's an email from Monty Sheldan (our web manager for BC Airstream Club) who responded to a request for the newsletters to appear on our Unit website. It reads as follows:

Hi Arlene

Yes – sorry no posts have been made to the existing website as it is damaged, and although we can look at it – I can no longer post new material to it. I have a new site almost built – but unfortunately it has taken a back seat to our everyday work. I anticipate having it ready to launch in about two months. I have-however been keeping up our page on the International site you can see that here:

https://airstreamclub.org/british-columbia

Current newsletters and a couple of the confirmed events are posted there. I'll let you know when the new site is finally ready. Monty 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



NEW UNIT BADGE

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 <u>lighthouse13381@shaw.ca</u> (or 604-538-4149), he will email members copies either as a Word document or as a PDF — your choice.



Dear B.C. Airstream Club members,

We have new B.C. Airstream Club crests using the design work of Marilyn VanIderstine 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:

The Tilleys, #1, 1426 Finley Street, White Rock, BC, V4B 4L5



COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Budget Committee Tom Akam & the VPs **Caravan Committee** 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 **Roster & Handbook** Tom Akam Safety Chairman Vacant **Telephone Committee** Vacant **Unit Historian** Vacant Webmaster Monty Sheldan Youth Ambassador Vacant







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Glenn Peters

Toll Free Pager:

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