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"the news"

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Tilley's Trails

Hi Everyone:



Our 2024 B.C. Airstream Club camping season started off with a bang this last weekend (19 to 21 April) at our most popular ever Maintenance/Newbie rally at the home of Bob and Gayle Halliwell in Abbotsford. People from 11 rigs gathered from early afternoon on Friday in the blazing sunshine to visit, to relax around the campfire, and eventually to work on solving some issues with our rigs. In attendance were long time members like Bob and Gayle Halliwell, Al and Terry Gamache, Barry Hook, John and Chris Millard, and Dave Richardson. As well, we hosted newer (less than 5 years) members like Reo Jerome, Lorena and Joe Kovatch, Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson, Sheila and Vic MacDonald, Bernice and Brian O'Shea, Mary and Roland Roy, and us, Barbara and Trenor Tilley. Several long-time members commented to me that it was wonderful to see so many new members in attendance. We continued the tradition of "Bun on the Run" with Bob, Al, and Dave on the grill both mornings due to having plenty of supplies for the whole group.

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The Maintenance Rally reminded us of the importance of taking good care of our silver "homes away from home". A few of those attending are living full-time in their rigs, so repairs are critical to ensuring the comfort of their daily living. Our sincere thanks to those who provided inspections, advice, and help with repairs. They included John Millard, Barry Hook, and I'm sure that there were others who offered their help and advice to those who are new to this Airstreaming lifestyle.

On Saturday, after the repairs were completed, it was also terrific to welcome other members of the club to our late afternoon pizza dinner and gathering. Even a little rain did not hinder Janet Soucy, Paul Wheeler, and his older brother Ted Wheeler (visiting from Ontario by train) from their visit. Tom Akam, our club Treasurer, came to join us until he had to leave to attend a drama production. And finally, Beverly Robson and Eileen Meston rounded out the group. The sounds of teasing and laughter rang throughout the neighbourhood amid the sounds of thunder, but thankfully the property is generously sized, and the neighbours did not complain.

Trenor Tilley and Janet Soucy have supplied a number of photos of our Maintenance/Newbie Rally weekend (see following two pages).

We have a new 2nd Vice President for the club in Bernice O'Shea and considering the difficulties they have had with their rig, it is amazing that they have persisted with an Airstream. We are very glad that they joined our club around a year ago, and we are looking forward to working with Bernice in the future.



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President's Message

(cont'd from page one...)

Trenor and I are very much looking forward to joining the Caravan organized by Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson that will be leading us to the Region 10 Rally at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. We leave here on the 2nd of May, and we will arrive at Blackwell Island campground on the 7th of May. We will report on that adventure in next month's "Tilley's Trails". It is still not too late to give us items for the Silent Auction to support the UGM Crisis Center for Women and Children in Coeur D'Alene, but if you will not be bringing the items to the rally, please contact us for drop off or pick up before the end of April. The rally looks to be packed with many fascinating activities: it will be our first large rally so it should be interesting. We will finally meet some of the people we have met on Zoom during Region 10 meetings.

Check this newsletter for how to join the other BC Club rally opportunities coming this spring, summer, and early fall. The Hedley and Sheridan Lake Fishing Rallies (and you don't need to go fishing to attend) are still available. John and Chris Millard, along with Trenor and I are still hoping to organize a rally for Fort Camping in Fort Langley, most likely either the 12th to the 15th or the 26th to the 29th of September (late arrivals on the Friday for those working during the week would be most welcome), so keep those dates free. We will organize this after John and Chris return from their cross-continent adventure starting on the 1st of May.

With all best wishes for a great spring camping season, we hope you will keep safe on the roads, and that all the systems in your rigs will work as they should.

Trenor & Barbara Tilley



Happy Hour Photos with Bob welcoming everyone



Al, Bob & Dave doing 'Bun on the Run'



Fixing a very loose door hinge





Tom & Trenor



Paul & Ted



Rick, Vic, Tom & Trenor



Reo & Lorena



Bob, Dave, Paul & Al



Rick, Joe & John



Dave & Al



Karen, Trenor, Mary, Paul & Roland



Welcome to our pop-up rally! We are heading out to [Aspen Crossing](#) July 4 - 7 for the weekend, ride a train and go to the Stampede. Aspen Crossing is a beautiful, family friendly campground that has a lot of amenities on site such as a swimming area for kids and a pub for the adults. There are only 15 sites reserved, so if you're interested then complete the form. If we have more interest then we'll start a waitlist (and talk to the staff about more sites). Rally participants are able to sign up for individual events, in case they are not interested in the Stampede or Train ride.

This will be a cross between a pop-up rally (nothing planned) and an organized rally. Tentative schedule:

Thursday - arrive, Happy Hour

Friday morning - tour of Aspen Crossing by their staff for those interested, tour of [local brewery](#) and tasting in afternoon/evening

Saturday - Day at the Stampede (looking at renting a bus for transport)

Sunday - [Train ride!](#) Enjoy a champagne brunch and train robbery

Rally fees:

- Campsite - \$70/night, full service
- Train ride posted price - Adults - \$120, Children 14 and Under - \$65. (We will receive a discount for staying at the campground, price confirmed when reservation is confirmed)
- Stampede general admission - Age 13 - 64 - \$23, Over 64 - \$15 (we will be reaching out to rally participants with information for specific tickets to the rodeo, etc.)

Site information: All sites are full hookup. Your site will be allocated (don't worry, they're all great). We have a mix of pull through and back-in sites. Take a look at the [Aspen Crossing](#) website to see everything it has to offer!

This is a great opportunity to add on some other events and see what the local area has to offer. Some ideas: Further days at the Stampede, [Tyrell Museum](#), [Blackfoot Crossing](#), or enjoy any of our [provincial parks!](#) If you want to just hang out then remember Aspen Crossing comes complete with a restaurant, pub and pizza joint as well as play areas for children and a swimming "hole".

Instructions and next steps

- 1) [Complete form](#)
- 2) I share your contact information with the campground
- 3) I send you a confirmation email and instructions on how to complete the registration. **DO NOT** go through their online reservation system.
- 4) You complete the reservation (following instructions in the email you will receive) by **April 30**
- 5) We have a great time!!

Any questions? Feel free to email me at airstreamclub120@gmail.com



Thanks! Mary Culshaw, BRN 9716



Turkish garbage collectors opened a library with all of the books people throw out in their trash.



The widest motorway in the world is located in Ontario, Canada. At its widest point, this highway has 22 lanes.



There isn't enough water in Honey for microorganisms to live on, which is why honey never goes bad.



BC Airstream Club 2024 Fishing/Installation Rally



We are in the planning stages for the fishing/installation rally. For those who have expressed an interest in attending, please reconfirm with me. A quick email to halliwell4840@telus.net.

The dates for the rally are August 25th-September 1st at the beautiful Loon Bay Resort at Sheridan Lake.

I have sites reserved so again, please confirm your attendance. I will assign your site. Once the sites are assigned I will contact you to call the resort and place a deposit.

Thanks. See you there.

Bob & Gayle Halliwell

ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT FOR THIS RALLY. BOOK SOON TO HOLD THEM





Remembering Marilyn



Wayne Jeffrey
and
Officiate Paul Wheeler



Bob & Gayle Halliwell



Janet Howell with
Wayne and Jeannie Jeffrey



Lee Van Iderstine
and
Barry Hook



Tom Akam
and
Patrick Howell



Paul Wheeler
with
John & Chris Millard





HEDLEY HOEDOWN RALLY



NEW INFORMATION FOR June 28 – July 1st, 2024

Two more months! We have 8 registered units so that means there's room for more!

Exciting Developments: This could be the last rally at Hedley for a little while! New options are in the works so stay tuned! If you haven't enjoyed the special serenity and homeyness of Riverhaven then there's still time to make your reservations.

To do List:

1. There are the usual things to do on your own: Explore the Similkameen Valley, including road trips and nature trails, Hedley's Tourism & quaint shops always appreciate our business, Cathedral Park, etc. etc.
2. Old Hedley Haskap Berry Farm. Have you heard of Haskap berries? I had not ...until last year! A visit to this berry farm delightfully tucked away on Old Hedley Road would give you a chance to learn about this oxidant rich relatively new product. Freshly picked (by you) or frozen, they would go perfectly on Trenor's French toast he'll be serving up (probably on) Saturday morning!
3. Trenor's Famous French Toast Breakfast. Yes, once again, gluten free options will be available.
4. Bob will be doing his not-to-be-missed Bun on the Run this year!
5. Noon time dinner (Sunday noon time) will be at Barry's favourite Thai restaurant in Keremeos.
6. Plus our usual communal gatherings. Happy Hour. Breakfast. (Last year every breakfast became a communal gathering where everyone brought their own coffee and whatever else they wanted BUT there always seemed to be a communal offering as well.)
7. Plus Games and Draws.

CALL DOUG OR LINDSAY AT: Riverhaven RV & Motel,
6165 HWY #3, Hedley at 1-250-292-8221

And of course, drop Bev a line letting us know you're signed up: brobson@telus.net



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 affiliate, Sandra Kalata, passed away December 25th. Here is a link to her obituary. [Sandra Kay Kalata's Obituary | The Co-op Funeral Home of People's Memorial \(funerals.coop\)](#)



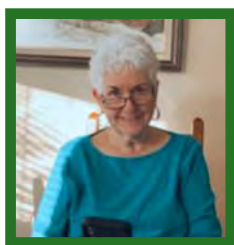
Tom Akam asks that you check your listing in the new Roster (which was mailed to all members recently). If you find an error please notify him (see next page for his email and phone number).



A beautiful Celebration of Life was held for long-time member, Marilyn Van Iderstine. Photos of a few of our members who attended are included in this newsletter.



See Page 4 for a Pop Up Rally that is being held by a Region 10 unit.



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
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MEMBER, WEBSITE, and ROSTER CHANGES

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Airstream: 2016 25-foot Flying Cloud

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Airstream: 2022 22-foot Bambi



ROSTER CHANGES

Please remove Affiliate Member #8728 Leisa Burton and her partner Dave Crowe from our roster. Dave passed away and Leisa has cancelled their membership in ACI.

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 light-house13381@shaw.ca or phone him at 604-538-4149 and notify Arlene so that correction can be shown in the next newsletter. Be sure to add new members as they are shown monthly into your Roster to keep it up-to-date.

British Columbia Unit #121

2024-2025 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	
May 2-7	Caravan to Region 10 Rally	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin	
May 8-12	Region 10 Rally Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Region10 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 & Installation Rally Loon Bay Resort Sheridan Lake, BC	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net 778-808-7257	
Mid-Sept	Golf Rally	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com 604-536-6372	
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.

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to be selected

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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