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Tilley's Trails

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Happy Summer!

Trenor's and my trails have drifted over the ocean in the last month during our overseas trip to celebrate his 80th birthday. We explored England for 2 weeks and followed it with 16 days in the western Mediterranean on the brand-new Cunard ship, Queen Anne. While in England, we visited three different seaside piers, Cromer, Great Yarmouth, and the iconic Brighton. At Brighton we had a beverage from an Airstream beverage bar at an outdoor site where locals were celebrating springtime and Pride (*see photo next page*).

We also did cultural things, including visiting the Postal Museum/Mail Rail, and attending "Much Ado About Nothing" at the reconstructed Globe Theatre, and "Witness for the Prosecution" at the old court building. The cruise ship visited many ports in Spain and a couple in Italy: we were very pleased about how clean and well-organized the Spanish and Italian port communities were kept. The weather cooperated and was mild and often sunny, with little rain.

We are looking forward to being one of 13 rigs at the Hedley rally this coming weekend and will report on the rally in the August newsletter, but we are delighted to see how many people are registering for events that are being offered this spring, summer, and fall.

We have had several new members join the club, which is fabulous, and we hope to meet you new folks soon. We are beginning to see numbers and enthusiasm return to pre-Covid levels which is very encouraging.

If there is anyone interested in organizing additional rallies or caravans for the coming summer, please feel free to contact other club members via Arlene Matches, our fabulous newsletter editor. When John and Chris Millard were able to secure a spot for the golf rally in September, the spots filled very quickly after Arlene put out the notice of availability. Rallies do not have to be elaborate, they can even consist of members just choosing to join one another at a campsite over a few days with relatively little organization other than daily Happy Hour gatherings (or gathering to share a meal together either as a potluck event, or at a restaurant where you let the others do the cooking).

We wish everyone a wonderful summer and hope that you will enjoy your Airstream living as much as possible.

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Trenor & Barbara





Barbara being served in the food trailer

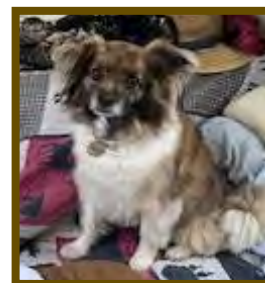
BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIT'S NEW FLAG

Are you interested in buying a B.C. Airstream Club Flag for your rig? We had one made for the Region 10 Rally and it looks fabulous! 1. It has the Club Logo (like the crests we had made), but just bigger (i.e., 3 feet x 5 feet). 2. Cost is around \$75.00 (USD) (including shipping and handling) 3. We are working on arranging shipping to a U.S. address. 4. If you are interested, please contact Trenor Tilley at tilley2007@outlook.com.



A trip to remember!

by Chris and John Millard
(Part 2 of 3)



Hello everyone and welcome to late June, early July. In case you missed it from last month we were just entering PEI following an epic adventure from our home in South Surrey to the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick. Well, what a great month it has been since then. To begin with PEI was windier than expected but nevertheless quaint and beautiful with its own charm. From visiting Anne of Green Gables to playing golf overlooking the ocean the magnificent views never stopped. For three days we boondocked at a boondockers welcome host in north-central PEI. Staying with the owners on their 100 acre farm was wonderful. We spent two evenings with them in their home which had been handed down for four generations. We found it interesting that many people in PEI live in the same area, or on the same property for generations. They were great hosts and local historians. If you get a chance, join Harvest Hosts as you can certainly benefit in many ways when travelling.

We left PEI via the ferry and made our way to Halifax. We stayed just north west of the city for 5 nights. We drove into Halifax several times to visit the Maritime museum, Pier 21, the Immigration museum and Dalhousie University. My parents met and were married there, my Dad was stationed there during the war and my mother worked as a dietitian at Dalhousie. Of special note was the maritime museum which housed numerous large scale model steam powered ships, as well as information and pictures of the Halifax explosion and some artifacts from the titanic.

Following Halifax we drove to Lunenburg and camped just within the city limits. We visited the town, its various shops etc. and had a look at the Bluenose 2. On one excursion we headed to Peggy's Cove and then picked up two live lobsters on our return. We cooked them up that night and enjoyed a beautiful meal. The next day we had enough for some delicious lobster rolls as well, what a treat!

On to Cape Breton and the Cabot trail for a few days of camping and exploring the area. The views were spectacular however the road was extremely steep in places (up to 18%). We wondered why there were very few trailers around the northern stretch. The advantage however was that we were able to spend more time meeting the local fisherman and residents. Fort Louisburg was a highlight of Cape Breton. The history of early Canada and what the Acadians endured was quite something indeed.

Two days of travel took us to Bar Harbour in Maine. We had no problems at the border but noticed a mechanical issue with the truck. At the time of writing this we have diagnosed the problem (broken manifold bolt) and will hopefully be able to deal with it when we get home. Today we spent a lovely day in Bar Harbour walking the streets ending up in a wonderful Irish Pub. Over the next few days we will be exploring the Acadia National Forest.

Note: while in Canada we purchased two National Park Passes (one for each of us) and used them extensively in the Maritimes. In Bar Harbour we purchased an American the Beautiful Pass (one per vehicle) which we plan to utilize over the coming year.

It is late June and to facilitate getting this in to Arlene in time we will stop here and continue the rest of our journey next month.

Respectfully submitted. Chris, Oreo and John Millard!

(photos on next page...)





BC Airstream Club

2024 Fishing/Installation Rally

August 25th — September 1st



The rally is full with 11 units confirmed and registered with the Loon Bay Resort.

We do have a waiting list so, if any of the registered guests have to cancel, please let me know as soon as possible so others can attend.

AND, if anyone can take a canopy or two please let me know as my truck is pretty full.

Thanks. See you there.

Bob & Gayle Halliwell, halliwell4840@telus.net or phone 778-808-7257



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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.



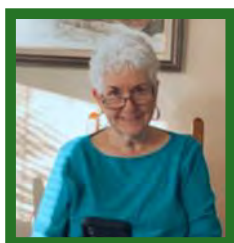
If you are planning to attend the weekly breakfast on Tuesdays, be sure to contact Tom Akam as the usual Roadhouse Restaurant suffered a fire that will keep it out of commission for several months. Therefore, unless otherwise advised the group is meeting at Ricky's All Day Grill in Cloverdale.



Check out Midtown RV's new ad on the last page. Looks great...!!



Just an FYI...After Alex died last fall my thoughts were to sell our Airstream (which felt a lot like I was cutting off my right arm). We've (my son and daughter and I) decided to have it towed up to my daughter's property in Earl's Cove on the Sunshine Coast and use it as both a guest house for her and a summer home for me. This decision made me so much happier (I hadn't realized until this decision was made how much it was weighing on me).



So, we made it seven months [without a dog]! Meet Riley, a ten month old Yorkie rehomed from a young family moving to Denmark. He's been here since Monday [June 10th] and totally adjusted to his new forever home. All the hard puppy work is done so it makes the transition easy. He is a whopping 3lb 13oz and that's pretty much full size. Now, we just have to wait to grow out of his puppy cut and look like a real Yorkie.

You were right....

Gayle and Bob (Halliwell)



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

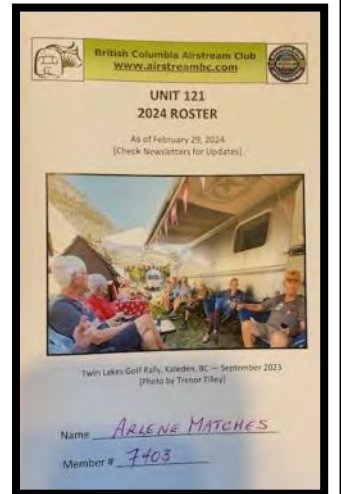
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Airstream: 2022 16-foot Basecamp

ROSTER CHANGES

Please change your roster to show Joyce Christenson's new address (phone number and email are the same). It should now show.... 125 Forsythe Street #102, Oakville, ON, L6L 3K1.



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2024-2025 Activity Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
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Every Tuesday
9:00 am

Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together
Various places until the Roadhouse
Is back up and running
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Tom Akam
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to reserve your spot



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



2025

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.

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to be selected

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Arlene Matches

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John Millard

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Arlene Matches

Membership & Mentoring

Barry Hook

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Arlene Matches

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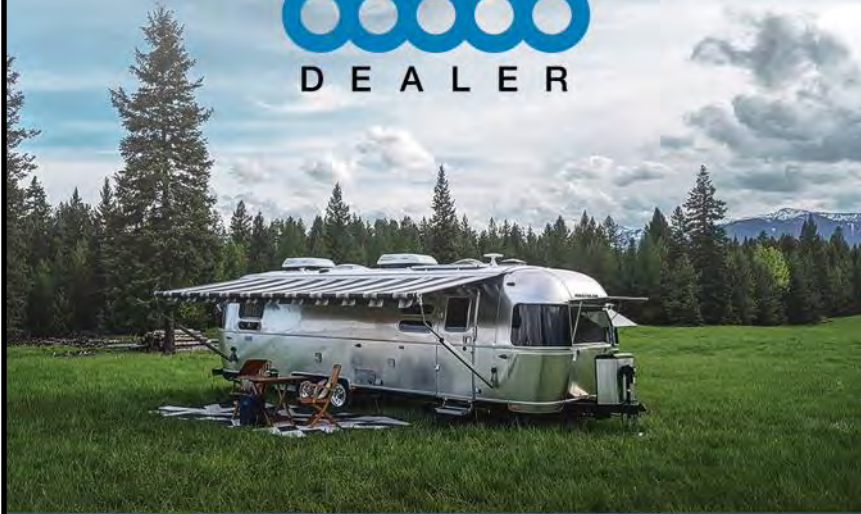


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Presidents Trenor & Barbara Tilley, request that new and affiliate members please forward their info (photo and bio) for inclusion on the BC Unit website. We also encourage our regular and affiliate members who haven't done so to add a picture and 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