

British Columbia Airstream Club

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Tilley's Trails

We hope that this newsletter is reaching you as you relax in your rig after exploring the wonderful outdoors. Trenor and I are sailing the high seas, exploring the world of the Vikings in Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and our own Canadian Maritime provinces. We are looking forward to several club events upon our return, including the Fishing Rally at Sheridan Lake, the Golf Rally at Twin Lakes, and a new Friends-Giving Rally which we are offering at Fort Camping in Fort Langley on the weekend of the 4^{th} to the 7^{th} of October.

We had a wonderful time at the Hedley Hoedown at Riverhaven in Hedley, B.C. over the weekend leading up to Canada Day. Beverly Robson and Eileen Meston once again outdid themselves with their hospitality at the rally. We had a tad of rainy weather, but nothing we hardy 'camping types' could not handle, and mostly we had lovely weather. We had very friendly gatherings that included some support for rig maintenance, our thanks to Barry Hook for that. We enjoyed several delicious meals at the campground, including smoked ribs and chicken, the famous 'Bun on the Run' breakfast prepared by Bob Halliwell and Al Gamache, and a French Toast and bacon breakfast prepared by your Presidents (us), and a bit of early birthday cake for Barry Hook. Some enjoyed a meal at a Thai restaurant, and we heard from those that attended that they enjoyed themselves: that event was minus us due to our dietary concerns. We were pleased to see long-standing members like Barry Hook, Bob and Gayle Halliwell, Al and Terry Gamache, and Wayne and Jeannie Jeffrey, along with newer members like Beverly Robson and Eileen Meston, Vic and Sheila McDonald, Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler, Peter and Brenda Reid, Bernice and Brian O'Shea, Scott and Carol Ferguson, and ourselves in attendance. We also enjoyed visiting with Stuart Biggan and Jacquie Mason from Princeton who are rejoining the club after a few years without an Airstream, but now with a compact traveling Airstream van.

Overall, the Hedley Rally was a lovely weekend, and we especially want to thank Bev and Eileen for all the hard work they have done over the past 5 Hedley Hoedowns. We have attended all their Hedley rallies, and they have been fantastic! They are retiring from that responsibility, but fortunately Bernice O'Shea (likely with the support of her husband Brian) has agreed to take that role on for next year on the weekend of Friday 20 June to Monday 23 June, 2025. The plan will be to follow that rally with a rally at Enderby organized by Terry and Al Gamache. There had been some talk that Hedley was no longer "a thing" and that it was time to move away from that site, but those in attendance disagreed with stopping our tradition at Hedley and so we are delighted that it will continue, and that we are likely also offering the Enderby option. For us, more is always better than less!

With all best wishes for a wonderful camping season around our scenic province. As we drove home from a few additional days in Kelowna visiting family and friends after Hedley, I was marvelling at the beauty of our province. We look forward to seeing you soon "on the road again".

Charles Alla

Trenor & Barbara

Canadian: I want to live forever

Mic

Genie: I can't grant wishes like that

Canadian: Alright, I want to live until the

Leafs win the Stanley Cup

Genie: You crafty bastard



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.



HEDLEY HOEDOWN – POST-IT NOTE!

What makes for a successful Post-Covid Hoedown Rally? Could it be the many new Airstream members who attended? Absolutely! Could it also be the longtime members who are so committed to all-things Airstream? That's for sure! Could it have been the glorious weather producing greenery all around? Yes, and for the first time in 5 years we could have campfires! Could it have been the fun Happy Hours and the communal dinners we enjoyed each and every evening? Not to mention the games that followed?

The weekend was rounded out by visits to the Haskap berry farm, Keremeos, the Thai Restaurant, Hedley and its quaint stops like the museum and general store and, of course, the Similkameen valley.

A bonus this year was a special celebration of Barry's 89th birthday! Thank you Barbara and Terry for organizing the Happy Hour mixers and games each evening. And always, the educational components, formal and informal, provided by Barry, Bob and Al were certainly a highlight. Janet, in addition to the Urban Pole walking demo you provided, you alone captured the weekend through your photos for us to enjoy all over again.

Trenor, Bob and Al, your breakfasts are unsurpassed. Each person made our planning and food preparations for this rally an absolute delight. Once again we were blessed to enjoy the hospitality of our Riverhaven hosts, Doug & Laura McDougall. They seem to look forward to hosting us! Eileen and I are so grateful to each and everyone of you.

Thank you.

Attendees:

Carol and Scott Ferguson
Terry & Al Gamache
Barry Hook
Jeannie & Wayne Jeffrey
Gayle & Bob Halliwell
Sheila &Vic McDonald
Bernice & Brian O'Shea
Brenda & Peter Reid
Barbara & Trenor Tilley
Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler
Eileen Meston, Beverley Robson (hosts, pictured below)























































Friends-Giving Rally



Where: Fort Camping, Fort Langley, B.C. When: 4 – 7 October, 2024

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How to register:

<u>Part 1</u> – contact Fort Camping at 1-866-267-3678

When phoning, use the <u>Reservations</u> option for Fort Camping – the booking is under the B.C. Airstream Club.

The sites available include Salamander 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34 which are all 30-amp full service sites. Site assignments will be based on the length of your unit.

50-amp full-service sites may be available at other spots, but not near the group.

NOTE: Spaces are only available until 30 July, 2024

<u>Part 2</u> – email us at <u>tilley2007@outlook.com</u> so that we know that you have registered.

Program:

Loads of fun exploring Fort Langley and/or the local town's antiques mall, or to take a bike ride along the Fort-to-Fort trail.

This will be an opportunity to learn how to prepare your unit for the winter.

Potluck "Friends-giving" dinner on Saturday night (turkey provided by the Tilleys, but the fixings by participants).

Sunday evening dinner out (optional) at the local pub at your own expense.

Airstream Club members nearby are welcome to join us for the dinners, even if you are not camping with us, just let us know that you are coming.

Cost: We do not expect any additional fees in excess of the camping fee which you will arrange directly with the campground.

A trip to remember! by Chris and John Millard (Part 3 of 3)



Hi everyone! At the time of writing this final chapter in our trip we have finally arrived home following some very hot days of travel.

To pick up after last month's update in late June we were visiting Bar Harbour, or "Ba-ha-ba" as the locals call it. Well, we spent a few days exploring the area but found that Acadia National Park was incredibly busy, this to the point where we couldn't find anywhere to even park to explore the park. The fact that the weather was perfect and the children were out of school probably explains it.

A wonderful experience was kayaking on the Atlantic seeing seals and multiple sea birds, thankfully no great white's. Following Bar Harbour we travelled south on the coast to Freeport, Maine. We stayed in a wonderful campground called Winslow that was located right on the ocean. While at the campground we were approached by another vintage Airstreamer who told us of "The Great Race" that was ending one of its stages in Freeport that evening. While Chris stayed with the doggie I headed back into Freeport. What an event indeed; dozens of vintage cars arrived in town over several hours. They were competing in a timed race that takes places in different parts of the country each year. The oldest car, a 1916 Hudson Hillclimber was one of the first to cross the line and then lined up with dozens of others. What a fortunate opportunity and experience!

Following Freeport we headed west through the smoky mountains of Vermont. At one point we peaked a pass and former ski resort on Hogback Mountain. The viewpoint certainly reinforced the smoky part of the smoky mountains as the view was shrouded in smoke. We stayed near Bennington, Vermont for couple of nights and while there connected with one of our favourite YouTubers (Luv Subbin). While we did not have an opportunity to visit directly with them (they were editing a video and we were dealing with the heat (boondocking)) we did chat with them on the phone which was great. Rich and Cindy are members of the Airstream Club of New England and have numerous informative and entertaining videos online. We would encourage our members to have a look at their channel. We toured around Beddington "a quaint town in Vermont" and purchased some delicious smoked bacon and sausage links from Harry's Smokehouse.

Following Vermont we headed into New York State and briefly stayed at Green Lake State Park. The weather was hot and sticky but I managed a short hike by the lake. A swim in the lake looked inviting however it is a closed lake that is toxic in most areas. They did have a small swimming area however which was packed with July 4th celebrators. Small fish were swimming along the shore and young children were fishing all about.

Leaving New York State we headed past Niagara Falls to Oakville Ontario for a brief visit with family. A wonderful lunch and tour of Dundas, Ontario was much appreciated especially given the continued heat. We left Ontario (tolls to enter and leave, arrrg) in Sarina and headed North towards Macinaw and Macinac Island. We crossed the Macinaw Bridge (a real engineering feat of just over 5 miles) and stayed in another spot (Tiki Campground) within town. The following day we took a high speed ferry to Macinac Island and enjoyed some great views, shopping and history lessons. At this point we were just shy of Sault St. Marie (in the United States it's referred to as "The Soo"). We travelled south on the west side of Lake Michigan down to Madison Wisconsin to visit more relatives and to finally have the truck repaired. We visited the spectacular Capital building in Madison and climbed it's numerous staircases to a viewing platform. The wonderful view allowed us an opportunity to take in the beauty of the city.

Unfortunately it was extremely hot when we left Madison with no relief in sight. As a result we decided to drive considerably more each day toward home than planned. We took highway 2 through Fargo, North Dakota towards Montana. In five days we covered about 1800 miles. We saw all sorts of birds and animals including deer, buffalo, pelicans, hawks, eagles and lots of squished skunks and porcupines. We saw some beautiful country and certainly enjoyed the drive. We stayed in Libby Montana one evening at Woodland RV Park and loved their onsite wood carvings. They have a chain saw carving contest each year each September which attracts carvers from all over the world. This campground, with its raised Argosy at the entrance, is a true gem of a campground. We crossed back into Canada on July 19th, 10 days or so earlier than expected. The excessive heat and smoke made it very uncomfortable when traveling. Surprisingly the Canadian border officials were primarily concerned with our kayak which was strapped on the roof. This due to problems with zebra muscles. It took us several days to get our kayak finally cleared once home. The last two camping nights of our trip were spent at Twin Lakes Rv Park. We rested there and visited with some friends. We returned home on Sunday the 21st of July.

For the tech savvy readers we traveled 10,534. Miles (16,960. Kms) 275 hours of driving and we used 834 gallons (3192 litres) of fuel averaging 12.4 miles per U.S. gallon (18.8 litres per 100 km). We visited gas stations 47 times.

The trip overall was an amazing experience, it was very memorable and we feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to have enjoyed so much of this beautiful country and to have made it home safely. Chris and I hope you have enjoyed our three part recount of our trip and hope to see many of you on the road and at future rallies!

















BC Airstream Club 2024 Fishing/Installation Rally August 25th — September Ist



The rally is full with II 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





!!...**URGENT**...!!

Bob Halliwell needs help getting the canopies up to Sheridan Lake. If anyone has room in their vehicle to take one (or two), please call Bob at 778-808-7257 ASAP

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.



To all who attended the Hedley rally.

I just want say this event is a jump start on the rebuild of our club based on the broad participation of the attendees. The food was fantastic Many thanks to those that did the work. And thanks Barbara for the birthday cake.

We are fortunate (thanks to Bob & Gayle) to have another rally at Sheridan Lake in August. This has been a premier event for many years. I hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Barry Hook



Please, please, if you have room in your tow vehicle to help Bob Halliwell get the canopies up to the Fishing Rally, please call him before they leave on August 8th...his truck is just too full to take all four of these canopies. His number and email are on page 10.





From Bev Robson (on completion of the Hedley Hoe-Down:

Hello and good morning. This is just a brief note to send greetings to say:

- 1. Barry we hope you had a wonderful birthday celebration with your grandkids and family. It was so special to be able to celebrate with you a bit at Hedley. Thanks Barbara for the special gluten free cookies! Wonderful. And btw Barry, we had a fantastic time (10 of us) at the Thai restaurant on Sunday. You were the first person to mention, several years ago now, how good that restaurant was. And it was!
- 2. Tom you were definitely missed out at Hedley but we hope you had a splendid time anyway lawn bowling!!!! Also hope you didn't pull any muscles, twist an ankle, etc!
- 3. Barbara and Trenor you have been such an asset to our club. Thanks for all the big and small things you've done for the Hedley rally alone! Could not have done it all without your steadfast support.

Ok. That's all for now. Trust you are all doing well. I'll be sending a note to all the Hedley campers in due time but have been getting ready for a short 4 day trip to stay with friends in Port Townsend next week. Won't be taking the Airstream.

It was a great time at Hedley. We loved it.

Bev

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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709-571-8583 (Marilyn)

Email: svallis@hotmail.com

Marilyn.Vallis@gmail.com

Airstream: 2019 28-foot Flying Cloud

BRN 23366 (BC Unit Members)



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Airstream: 2024 19-foot SCMAAR-CVL

BRN 05167

(Members at Large) (BC Unit Affiliates)

ROSTER CHANGES

None this month...

A July 11th email from Barbara Tilley....

Arlene,

We happened to be listening to Global's morning program this morning, and there was a warning about new rules for taking dogs across the border starting in August this year. I thought you might create a little "ad" about that

topic. Our members are best to check out the latest rules set by the U.S. government by clicking on the website listed below in blue. We don't have a pet, but I know that many of our members have pets, and some, like you, have puppies. There seems to be a new rule that puppies under 6 months old are not permitted to cross into the U.S. Rabies shots and micro-chip identification are also required.

Thanks so much!

Barbara

Bringing a Dog into the United States | Bringing an Animal into U.S. | Importation | CDC



British Columbia Unit #121 2024-2025 Activity Schedule

DATE	EVENT	HOST(S)	<u>STATUS</u>
Every Tuesday 9:00 am	Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together Ricky's All Day Grill on 56th in Cloverdale until Roadhouse is back up and running.	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 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	
Sept.12-15	Golf Rally Twin Lakes Golf Course	John & Chris Millard millard12581@gmail.com 604-536-6372	
Oct.4-7	Friends-Giving Rally Fort Camping Fort Langley, BC	Trenor & Barbara Tilley (See page 7 for details)	
Oct.5-10	67th Airstream Club International Rall Sedalia, Missouri	ly	
Nov.30 or Dec. 7	Christmas Luncheon White Spot in Aldergrove		instruction of introduced by Bedalls, MC 5024

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June 20-23	Hedley Hoedown Riverhaven RV Park Hedley, BC	Brian & Bernice O'Shea bboshea@hotmail.com 778-233-2682	
Date TBD	Small Towns BC Caravan		

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS — WE ARE OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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 VanIderstine and Tom Akam (and approved by International).

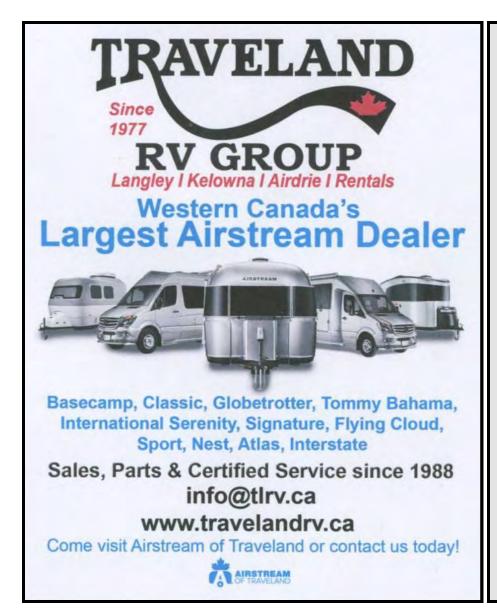
You also can add one of these colourful crests to your hat, your jacket, or other clothing items. How?: Send us an email at tilley2007@outlook.com.

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

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Webmaster

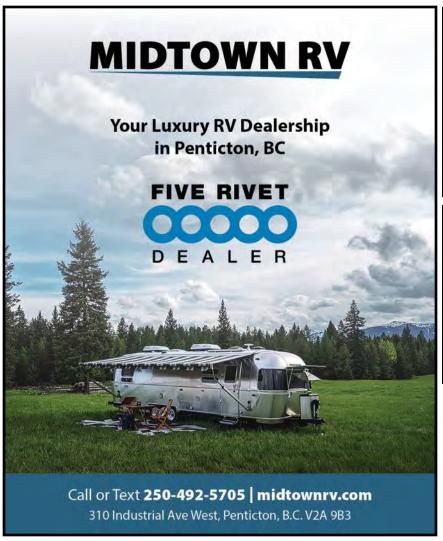
Monty Sheldan

Youth Ambassador

Vacant









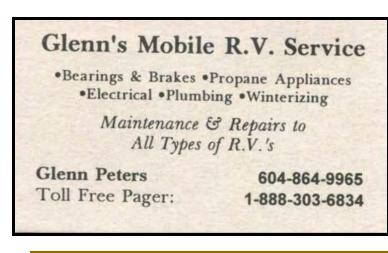
Paul Krygsveld

Propane Appliances Electrical Repairs Renovations Rot Repairs Damage, Roofs Hitches, Inverters Wiring, Brakes Bearings Solar Panels

ANYTHING TO DO WITH RECREATIONAL VEHICLESI



Along with the ad for Midtown RV in Penticton, shown are four business cards for technicians that are proven to be reliable (and who are able to bring their garage to you...!!)





!!...SMILE...!!

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