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September 2024

Tilley's Trails

We hope that you have been taking advantage of the longer days of summer to get out and explore our marvelous province, or beyond, in your Airstream.

Trenor and I had a wonderful 35-night cruise from Boston back to Boston on Holland America Line's Zuiderdam. Starting on the 20th of July, we cruised to Bar Harbor, Maine, up to Newfoundland and Labrador where people were as friendly as reputed, then headed to Greenland where we saw only one of the two ports we were scheduled to visit because of the dangers of massive icebergs. As only the second cruise ship through Prince Christian Sound in Greenland this year we saw many glaciers and lots of rock on the east-bound trip, but we later saw many gorgeous waterfalls during our passage in sunny skies on the westbound trip. Skirting around 60 to 70 km out of the way due to icebergs as we came out of the scenic cruising of Prince Christian Sound, we stopped at a few ports in Iceland (which is greener than icy Greenland ---- go figure?) before visiting with friends in Oslo, Norway. We then headed west towards Rotterdam, Holland America's home port. The second half of the voyage was working our way back to Boston, with stops in Ireland and Northern Ireland (no we did not kiss the Blarney Stone), and then back to different ports in Iceland and Greenland before hitting the Canadian Maritimes again. We had to miss St. John's because of Hurricane Ernesto, so we returned to Corner Brook, Newfoundland before our final stop in Halifax where we visited with long time friends. We met many wonderful people and enjoyed lots of delicious food. We hiked on numerous trails and learned about many topics with the guest lecturers on board the ship. We also saw many different performances - a bigger range than we had experienced on Holland America before. Overall, a terrific "Legendary Voyage"!

So, now it is time to load up our Airstream and adventure closer to home. We are leaving tomorrow (Monday 26 August) for the Fishing Rally at Sheridan Lake. We are looking forward to connecting with our Airstream friends and enjoying Sheridan Lake's calm and (hopefully) warm waters. We don't fish, but we are sure that there will be plenty to do without fishing. We will be providing a French Toast breakfast one morning - should be fun!!!!

From the 12th to the 15th of September, we will be co-sponsoring, with John and Chris Millard, the Golf Rally at Twin Lakes, near Penticton. This promises to be a fun event, even for those of us (like this writer) who don't play golf. The marshmallow drive and other events are usually a cause for lots of hilarity in my experience.

Our final Rally for this season (unless someone wants to organize another one, which would be wonderful) is the Friendsgiving Rally at Fort Camping that Trenor and I will be organizing. There may still be space available at the campground, just not necessarily in the nearby vicinity of the rest of the campers. We are planning an early Thanksgiving potluck dinner with turkey roll being cooked in our trailer oven. Details will be sent out to participants as we get organized (once we are over jet lag).

Message continued on next page...



President's Message continued.....

Airstream Club breakfasts on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. have resumed at the Roadhouse following the renovations needed to deal with the fire there some months ago. Plans are already starting for our Christmas luncheon, so "save the date" for Saturday the 7th of December at the White Spot at 264th and Fraser Highway in Aldergrove. Details will follow in this newsletter.

Wishing all of you a wonderful conclusion to this lovely summer!

Trenor & Barbara

Northern Lights over Qaqortoc, Greenland

(these photos by Barbara Tilley)

One of thousands of Icebergs we saw



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.



...Sheridan Lake Fishing Rally...

As Joe Kovatch pointed out this week, “fishing” does not necessarily mean “catching”, and such was the fortune of those who joined our 2024 “Fishing Tournament” for the B.C. Airstream Club. We are, however, a fun-loving group and despite the poor catch, we have nevertheless found great things to do while at Loon Bay Resort at Sheridan Lake.

Our group consisted of 11 rigs. Thanks go to Bob and Gayle Halliwell who were our rally organizers. Al Gamache was our underworked fishing “official judge”, and “Bun on the Run” chef with Bob. Janet Soucy was mostly our official photographer (with help from a few others). Terry Gamache was our official hike organizer. Carol Ferguson was our croquet master (or is that mistress). As well, we have enjoyed the company of Paul Wheeler, Vic and Sheila MacDonald, Karen Griffin, Rick Mattson and Eddie (Karen’s brother), Scott Ferguson, Joe and Lorena Kovatch, Erica and Jeff Lydell and their sons Bennett, Quinn, Archie, and Oscar, John and Chris Millard, and Barbara and Trenor Tilley (official French Toast makers).

Trenor and I joined the group a day late due to returning from our cruise adventure, but I understand that the first day had so-so weather. We missed the fabulous “Bun on the Run” prepared by Bob and Al on Monday morning (as usual), but we arrived in time for Happy Hour. Tuesday was a wash-out, but many of us used that time to visit friends in the vicinity, read, relax, or to go hunting for new technology for these rainy days (no luck in 100 Mile House). Wednesday, however, dawned bright and sunny, and we took full advantage of the sun for a women’s hike led by Terry, some fishing, and some croquet on the lawn near the lake. It was a fun day culminating in an “Appy Sharing” Happy Hour, and later with a quiet campfire in the dark. Thursday had a similar rhythm. You will notice that a list of fish caught is not part of this accounting; that was because despite much effort, the fish remained in the lake. The motto for this week has been “Save the Fish: Drink More Beer”.

Friday saw Barry step away from his usually very early departures to join us for a French Toast/Bacon/Fruit cups breakfast before his departure. Trenor “caught” a fish on his phone camera as it jumped, but no prize was awarded for “reel” caught fish. During the wind-up gathering on Friday evening, however, prizes for those who participated in the fishing tournament were awarded to Bennett Lydell, Archie Lydell, Eddie, and John Millard. As well, six people were drawn in a random event participation draw for bottles of wine.

Sadly, some folks had to leave early on Saturday morning, including John and Chris Millard who were going to get their new truck, and Rick Mattson, Karen Griffin and Eddie who had other plans. The rest of us relaxed and enjoyed exploring the end-of-season market on the campground site, followed by a community dinner in the evening.

Yours respectfully,

Barbara Fraser Tilley

Photo by
Carol Ferguson





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Janet Soucy (unless
otherwise noted).**

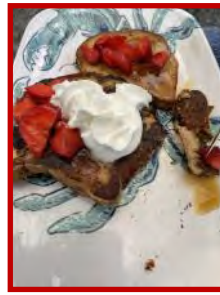
**A good time was had
by all.**





Putting up the canopies (because it 'might' rain).





Lotsa stuff to eat and drink
No one was hungry





Friends-Giving Rally



Where: Fort Camping, Fort Langley, B.C.

When: 4 – 7 October, 2024

How to register:

Part 1 – contact Fort Camping at 1-866-267-3678

When phoning, use the Reservations 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*****

Part 2 – email us at tilley2007@outlook.com 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.

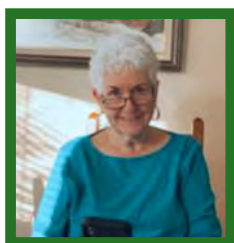
THE COMMUNITY CORNER

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.

Thank you to the 'roving reporters' who so kindly send me articles and photos for my newsletters. This month we have Barbara Tilley to thank for the report on the fishing rally and Janet Soucy to thank for 'most' of the photos from the rally. There are also photos from others who attended and I have identified them under their photos.

Thank you to Bob & Gayle Halliwell for all the work they did to make the Sheridan Lake Fishing Rally a success. Also thanks to Al & Terry Gamache for their assistance in this successful rally. Photo is of Barbara Tilley thanking them.



HAPPY LABOUR DAY



Lorena, Raven (their dog) and Joe

Check us out on *Facebook*.
Some sites you may enjoy
are:

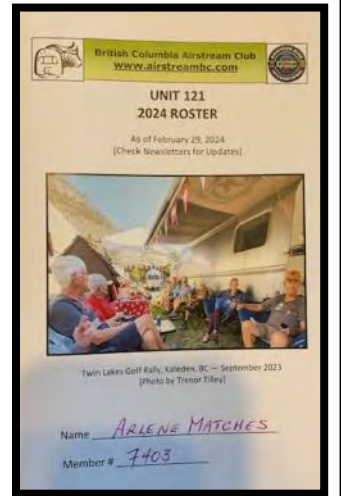


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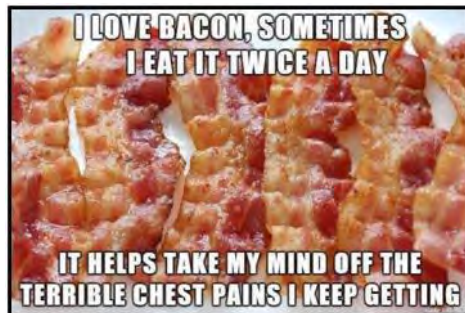
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ROSTER CHANGES

None this month...



When I'm bored I go around putting these stickers on paper towel dispensers



AIRSTREAMERS GIVING BACK IN SEDALIA

Let's make our mark in Missouri at the Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia and have "Fun in the Fall"!

Whether you are attending this year's International Rally or not, you can participate in our community service project for 2024. We are partnering with the [Bothwell Foundation](#) to support their Pinktober campaign. Airstream Club International members have two ways to make a difference:



[Buy a Pinktober T-shirt](#) in support of all people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Missouri, in October, has a lot of autumn colors, but **PINK** is the color that will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Non-rally attendees can purchase T-shirts and have them mailed for a small fee (\$5).

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>

The broader Sedalia community will be out wearing "Blue Jeans for Bothwell" on Wednesday, October 9. Rally attendees can join in the fun on Wednesday, by wearing Pinktober T-shirts, along with blue jeans. During that evening's rally entertainment, a group picture will be taken at the Airstream Club International band and choral concert. (Please feel free to wear your Pinktober T-shirt and blue jeans all day!)

This Community Service project with the Bothwell Foundation is also targeting the renovation of the Bothwell Regional Health Center patient rooms. The Bothwell Regional Health Center was built in 1985 and needs updates and modernization. With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated with naming rights in the donor's honor.

We plan to have a patient room at the Bothwell Regional Health Center dedicated to the 67th Airstream Club International Rally! Even if you are not attending this year's rally, you can contribute to this project by [clicking this link](#).

If you haven't read the article in the Blue Beret, Spring issue, page 44-46, about the 2024 community service project, [please check it out now](#).

you have questions, or if you want to volunteer to help distribute the Pinktober T-shirts at the rally, please contact Rose Garland (BRN #6566) at 314-484-1272.

And, P. S., please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Future Streamers Intra-Club's effort to support the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.








Thanks to everyone who has made even the smallest contribution to the success of the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri!



**MOST PEOPLE
DON'T THINK I'M
AS OLD AS I AM
UNTIL THEY HEAR
ME STAND UP**

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 South Surrey	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 to reserve your spot	
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 Rally Sedalia, Missouri		
Nov.30 or Dec. 7	Christmas Luncheon White Spot in Aldergrove		
<u>2025</u>			
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		

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 VanInderstine and Tom Akam (and approved by International).

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to be selected

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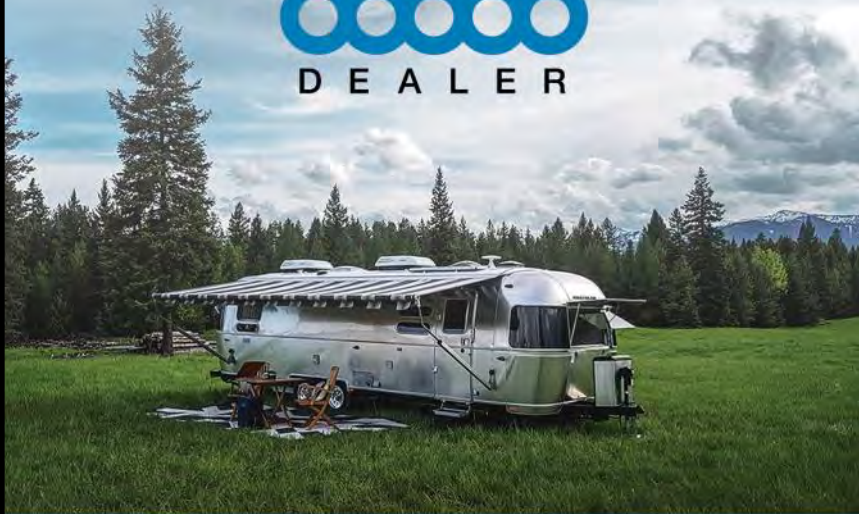


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