

# BC NEWS



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## Tilley's Trails

As we enter the darkest two months of the year in the northern hemisphere, I am especially thankful for the bright and colourful seasonal lighting, and for the gathering of family and friends for times of celebration and joy. For those of our members and affiliates of Unit #121 that hail from the United States, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

We are looking ahead to the Christmas luncheon at noon on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at the White Spot Restaurant in Cloverdale. There are still spots available, but please let us know by sending us an email to [tilley2007@outlook.com](mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com) so that we can confirm numbers for the restaurant. Feel free to join us even if you celebrate other seasonal holidays like the Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa, or Hanukkah, it is not just for those who celebrate Christmas.

We hope that many of you will be heading south to enjoy the warm weather in California, Arizona, or other southern climes through the later fall and winter. We will be remaining here in B.C., and we miss being able to just slip away readily on a weekend to enjoy time in our trailer, but frosty weather is just around the corner here on the Lower Mainland so we have winterized our trailer, but I'm sure that those of our members from the Interior have already seen frosty nights. Be sure to protect your rig's water system by either blowing out all the liquids or by putting in non-toxic antifreeze (or both) before the freezing weather hits. We also remove most of the food, and fabric items (e.g., bedding, pillows, etc.) to avoid moisture damage in our damp coastal climate and attracting rodents.

We will be holding a General Meeting of Unit #121 on Saturday January 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Traveland in Langley, B.C. Following a short meeting, we hope that Traveland will be able to supply us with some staff to talk about Airstream-related themes (topic and details to be shared in the January Newsletter). That will be followed by lunch provided by Traveland.

There will also be a luncheon for Newbie members on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April at the Cranley Hall in South Surrey, followed by the Newbie/Maintenance Rally at Bob and Gayle Halliwell's family property in Abbotsford on the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Carol Hale is organizing a Rally for the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2025 at Seal Bay RV Park in Courtenay on Vancouver Island, and we are looking to extend our time on Vancouver Island to make it worth spending the fees needed for the ferries. Later in May, there will be a joint B.C./ Washington Unit Rally held in Oliver, B.C. – details to follow when we get them. The Hedley Rally will be organized by Berni and Brian O'Shea this year for the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.

Following Hedley, Terri Gamache is organizing a Rally in Enderby in early July (details to follow when we get them). The 68<sup>th</sup> International Rally will be held in York, Pennsylvania on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of August for any of our group that are headed that way. Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler are busy planning our Small Towns of B.C. Caravan in early September, likely leading up to the Golf-Installation Rally. In mid-September, John and Chris Millard are once-again organizing our Golf/Installation Rally that will see the end of our term (2 years) as co-Presidents. As you can see, many people are stepping up to make our club's list of activities bigger than recently as we come out of Covid restrictions and lockdowns. Our sincere thanks to these wonderful volunteers. If you have an idea about an event that we can add to this calendar, please contact us and we will see what we can do to add your suggestion to our event roster.

A quick reminder to continue to be vigilant about phishing-type emails that look like they are coming from one of us and may be asking for money. We would NEVER handle our finances in the way that is being sought in these emails.

Feel free to check out our webpage on the Airstream Club International website – our webmaster, Monty Sheldan has done a great job of updating our website in recent months. If you have any stories or photos of your winter Airstream adventures, please feel free to send them to us or directly to Arlene Matches, our Newsletter Editor.

As we conclude 2024, we wish everyone the very best for a happy holiday season, regardless of whatever special holy days you honour. We are looking ahead to a busy and full schedule of fun events in 2025. Happy New Year ahead for 2025!!!



Trenor & Barbara



The **B.C. Airstream Club** invites you to our  
**Christmas Lunch**

**When: Saturday 7 December, 2024**  
**At Noon**

**Where: White Spot Restaurant** at 3070 – 264<sup>th</sup> Street  
Aldergrove, B.C.  
(SE corner of 264<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Highway – entrance off 264<sup>th</sup>)

**Full menu available** [Dutch treat](see their website for details)

**R.S.V.P.** by phone to Barbara or Trenor Tilley at 604-290-2887 or by  
email at [tilley2007@outlook.com](mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com)

**Space is limited so reserve early with us.**

Come enjoy the company of your Airstream friends and hopefully  
win some wonderful prizes!



## VANCOUVER ISLAND RALLY

Thursday, May 1st to Sunday, May 4th, 2025

Seal Bay RV Park, 1901 Larch Rd, Courtney, BC

GPS Coordinates: 49.752152, -124.959433

Website: [Sealbayrvpark.com](http://Sealbayrvpark.com)

Phone: 250-339-1837

Cost per site \$57.75 for full hook ups. It would be great if every one was able to get into the same Group Circle with Sites G13 to G 24.

The RV Park is booking up fast for next year, so members wishing to attend should call them ASP and book a site as they will not hold sites for us. They are already booked fully for the following week in May. Tell them you're with the Airstream Club.

Seal Bay RV Park is located next door to the Seal Bay Nature park with hiking trails and a beach. It is a short distance from a couple of Wineries with tasting rooms, a number of golf courses of various sizes and the Airforce Museum.

Once you have booked please send an email to Carol Hale at [Carol.P.Hale@gmail.com](mailto:Carol.P.Hale@gmail.com) to let her know you will be attending and how many in your party.

Further details pertaining to the rally will be sent out closer to the date.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

Carol Hale  
BRN #5553

## BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIT #121

### 2024-2025 Activity Schedule

**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

**Dec.7**  
Noon

**Christmas Luncheon**  
White Spot in Aldergrove

**Trenor & Barbara Tilley**  
[tilley2007@outlook.com](mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com)

## 2025

**April 12**  
Noon

**Meet 'n Greet 'Newbie' Luncheon**  
Cranley Place Community Hall  
2141 Cranley Drive, South Surrey

**Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy & Arlene Matches**  
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**April 25-27**

**Annual Maintenance Rally**  
31426 Downs Road  
Abbotsford, BC

**Bob & Gayle Halliwell**  
[halliwell4840@telus.net](mailto:halliwell4840@telus.net)

**May 1-4**

**Vancouver Island Rally**  
Seal Bay RV Park, Courtenay, BC

**Carol Hale**  
[carol.p.hale@gmail.com](mailto:carol.p.hale@gmail.com)

**May 29-June 1**

**Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally**  
Oliver, BC

**TBA**

**June 27-30**

**Hedley Hoedown**  
Riverhaven RV Park  
Hedley, BC

**Brian & Bernice O'Shea**  
[bboshea@hotmail.com](mailto:bboshea@hotmail.com)  
778-233-2682

**July (dates to be confirmed)**

**Enderby Rally**

**Terry Gamache**

**Aug 23-28**

**68th International Rally**  
York, Pennsylvania

**ACI**

**Early Sept**

**Small Towns of BC Caravan**

**Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler**

**Mid-Sept**

**Golf/Installation Rally**

**John & Chris Millard**

**Dec 8**

**Christmas Luncheon**  
White Spot, Aldergrove, BC

**Trenor & Barbara Tilley**  
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## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

***A reminder that pull tabs are once again being collected. Tom Akam is organizing taking these tabs in to be traded for \$\$\$ for charity....so, please save them and bring to one of the many functions...we will arrange to get them to Tom.***



*Arlene*



Arlene's permanent trailer spot at daughter's home in Earl's Cove (with thanks to the Millard's who towed and set it up on the Coast for me. All winterized and ready for occupancy in the Spring.

## New Airstream BC Club website launched fall 2024!

We have launched the new BC Club website! It has a new look, streamlined content, and links to our club newsletters, events and other information.

With the Airstream Club Int'l (ACI) website up and running for quite awhile - we decided to make our local club site a bit easier for newcomers to navigate. As well, we have added links throughout the site to get you to appropriate pages on the main ACI site.

For new visitors to our website we have provided some basic information about the BC chapter and a link to get more local club membership information.

We have also included a gallery section and are happy to add photos to that page. Got a great shot? Submit your best club photo to [info@airstreambc.com](mailto:info@airstreambc.com) along with a comment or description. Your photo should include at least one Airstream! Send an email, include a good quality large photo file and also mention "for website gallery consideration" in your note.



### Airstream BC - web Links

- Our club website homepage: [www.airstreambc.com](http://www.airstreambc.com)
- Airstream BC on ACI website: [airstreamclub.org/british-columbia](http://airstreamclub.org/british-columbia)
- Airstream BC newsletters on ACI site: [airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/bc-club-newsletters](http://airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/bc-club-newsletters)
- Airstream BC events on ACI site - *page still under development* [airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/airstream-bc-events](http://airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/airstream-bc-events)
- Airstream BC Facebook Page: [facebook.com/BCunit.caravans](https://facebook.com/BCunit.caravans)

### Airstream Club International (ACI) - web Links

- ACI home page: [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org)
- ACI membership directory (member must be logged into site) [airstreamclub.org/members/membership-directory](http://airstreamclub.org/members/membership-directory)
- ACI membership page - *A bit hard to find your way around:* [airstreamclub.org/future-members/world-adventure-awaits](http://airstreamclub.org/future-members/world-adventure-awaits)



## MEMBER, WEBSITE and ROSTER CHANGES

No new members this month. Why not hand out old Blue Berets to trailers without the BRN on them....all potential new members....!!!



## ROSTER CHANGES

No roster changes this month.



Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night....



**BC UNIT EXECUTIVE**

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**(USA)**

Currently Vacant

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tom Akam & the VPs

**CARVAN COMMITTEE**

Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

John Millard and 2 others to be selected

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Arlene Matches

**EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN**

John Millard

**HOSPITALITY & SUNSHINE**

Arlene Matches

**MEMBERSHIP & MENTORING**

Sheila MacDonald

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Arlene Matches

**ROSTER & HANDBOOK**

Tom Akam

**SAFETY CHAIRMAN**

Vacant

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