

BC NEWS



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Tilley's Trails

First of all, we want to wish all our Unit #121 of the Airstream Club International Members and Affiliates the very best wishes as we begin 2025! We hope that you enjoyed great celebrations with your families and/or friends over the Holiday season. Trenor and I had a quiet Christmas with our daughter, and it was lovely – with plenty of delicious food and times for quiet contemplation.

I have been a bit slower this season as I broke my kneecap (patella) on the 16th of December. Thankfully the injury is minimally painful, and I can put weight on the leg, but it is frustrating to have to walk around with a "peg leg" like a pirate – ARGHH!!! As it is a work injury, I will also receive WorkSafe financial support if I need physiotherapy or other supports through this process. I am very thankful, as well, for Trenor's support as he has had to help me with simple chores that I take for granted like tying my shoes and cinching up the full leg brace that is stabilizing my knee.

Since the last newsletter, we had a wonderful Christmas lunch at the White Spot in Aldergrove. There are photos of the event in the newsletter, and we were pleased to see Brigitte Sooke, Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler, Janet and Patrick Howell, Barry Hook, Tom Akam, Bob and Gayle Halliwell, John and Chris Millard, Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson, Bernice and Brian O'Shea, Arlene and Sandy (Arlene's son) Matches, Mary and Roland Roy, Sheila and Vic MacDonald, Beverly Robson, and the hosts, Barbara Fraser Tilley and Trenor Tilley. There were enough prizes available that each rig came away with at least one prize, and the food and conversation was delightful.

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At the Christmas lunch, Trenor and I announced that we will be co-leading, with Janet and Patrick Howell, the Airstream Club International Canadian Rockies Caravan this coming summer, beginning in early July in Cochrane, Alberta (for the Calgary Stampede), traveling to Drumheller, then south to the Fort McLeod/Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump area, Fernie, B.C., Fairmont Hot Springs, Kootenay Plains, Jasper National Park (from Hinton), and ending in Banff National Park. We will begin our journey at the Hedley Rally being organized by Bernice and Brian O'Shea. It all promises to be a wonderful adventure all around.

The club activities are generally quiet at this time of year, although we have been having good turn outs at the Tuesday morning breakfasts at the Roadhouse in South Surrey. If you are in need of a dose of Airstream Club fun (and who isn't), please feel free to let Tom Akam know that you are coming and then join us on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

Spring and summer plans are being made for the events that are listed in our Calendar. One change is that work commitments have required Paul Wheeler and Janet Soucy to postpone the much-anticipated "Small Towns of British Columbia" Caravan until 2026. We know that it will be worth the wait to see the many fascinating sites that will be part of that caravan, so keep watching this newsletter for details as they become available.

Although we have fewer events over the winter months, we hope you will join us for our Meeting on January the 18th at 10:30 a.m. at Traveland on the Langley Bypass. We will have a short meeting, followed at 11:00 by a presentation by Traveland, and followed thereafter by a simple lunch provided by Traveland. We would appreciate hearing who might be attending (or not) so that we can send accurate numbers to Traveland for the catering.

As the year ends, we always turn back a little and think of the year that was, and then turn ahead in anticipation of the year that is to come. We have so much to be thankful for as far as Unit #121 is concerned. We have had so many people join our events this year, and we have had so many people offer their talents and time by organizing events. As Trenor mentioned at the Christmas lunch, we often feel like our role as Co-Presidents is like that of an orchestra conductor – encouraging others to make the beautiful music that is our club's activities. If you have ideas about activities that you think we could or should be undertaking, please feel free to connect with us to get the ball rolling.

Once again, our very best wishes for a wonderful 2025! We hope to see you soon "Down the Road" with your Airstream!



Trenor Tilley & Barbara Fraser Tilley



Come join us for a Meeting

When: Saturday 18 January 2025 at 10:30 a.m. for the meeting,
Traveland presentation 11:00 a.m., Lunch to follow.

Where: Traveland – Langley Bypass

Why: 1. Meet with our Unit #121 Airstream Club International Members and Affiliates
2. Learn about the new Airstream products and services available

Who: All Members and Affiliates

R.S.V.P. – tilley2007@outlook.com



Christmas Luncheon Attendees



John thanking Barbara and Trenor for organizing the luncheon



Gifts donated to the Luncheon



New BC Unit Flag





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

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 this 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 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

2025-2026 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

2025

Jan. 18

10:30 (General Meeting)

11:30 (Complimentary Luncheon)

Traveland Luncheon

Langley By-Pass, Langley, BC

Trenor & Barbara Tilley

tilley2007@outlook.com

April 12

Noon

Meet & Greet 'Newbie' Luncheon

Cranley Place Community Hall
2141 Cranley Drive, South Surrey

Paul Wheeler, Janet

Soucy & Arlene Matches

paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com
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April 25-27

Annual Maintenance Rally

31426 Downs Road
Abbotsford, BC

Bob & Gayle Halliwell

halliwell4840@telus.net

May 1-4

Vancouver Island Rally

Seal Bay RV Park, Courtenay, BC

Carol Hale

carol.p.hale@gmail.com

May 29-June 1

Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally

Oliver, BC

TBA

June 20-23

Enderby Rally

Riverside RV Park, Enderby, BC

Terry Gamache

gamache6@telus.net

June 27-30

Hedley Hoedown

Riverhaven RV Park
Hedley, BC

Brian & Bernice O'Shea

bboshea@hotmail.com
778-233-2682

Aug 23-28

68th International Rally

York, Pennsylvania

ACI

2nd Weekend in Sept

Golf/Installation Rally

John & Chris Millard

Early October

Friends-Giving Rally

(Details to come later in year)

Trenor & Barbara Tilley

tilley2007@outlook.com

Dec 8

Christmas Luncheon

White Spot, Aldergrove, BC

Trenor & Barbara Tilley

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2026

Late Aug/Early Sept

Small Towns of BC Caravan

Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler

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.

We were saddened to learn of Don Sherwood's passing recently. Don was a long-time friend of Tom Akam's who spent many happy hours travelling with Tom. Many of the BC Unit members had the privilege of knowing Don and we want to pass along our condolences to Tom.

You will notice on the Activities page the two rallies (Enderby & Hedley) are only five days apart....perfect opportunity to snoop around the Lower Okanagan area...lots of RV spots to consider.

Email from Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler
Small Towns of BC Caravan – Postponed

We regret to inform everyone that this caravan that was supposed to be the last week of August and first 2 weeks of September 2025 is being postponed to the same time period in 2026. This is because Paul has just recently learned that his work schedule for 2025 includes him working during these same weeks.



Arlene

(Doing our newsletter in Airstream at Earl's Cove)

New Day's Lyric

May this be the day
 We come together.
 Mourning, we come to mend,
 Withered, we come to weather,
 Torn, we come to tend,
 Battered, we come to better.
 Tethered by this year of yearning,
 We are learning
 That though we weren't ready for this,
 We have been readied by it.
 We steadily vow that no matter
 How we are weighed down,
 We must always pave a way forward.
 This hope is our door, our portal.
 Even if we never get back to normal,
 Someday we can venture beyond it,
 To leave the known and take the first steps.
 So let us not return to what was normal,
 But reach toward what is next.
 What was cursed, we will cure.
 What was plagued, we will prove pure.
 Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,
 Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,
 Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;
 Those moments we missed
 Are now these moments we make,
 The moments we meet,
 And our hearts, once all together beaten,
 Now all together beat.
 Come, look up with kindness yet,
 For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.
 We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,
 But to take on tomorrow.
 We heed this old spirit,
 In a new day's lyric,
 In our hearts, we hear it:
 For auld lang syne, my dear,
 For auld lang syne.
 Be bold, sang Time this year,
 Be bold, sang Time,
 For when you honour yesterday,
 Tomorrow ye will find.
 Know what we've fought
 Need not be forgot nor for none.
 It defines us, binds us as one,
 Come over, join this day just begun.
 For wherever we come together,
 We will forever overcome.

- Amanda Gorman

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 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
- Airstream BC on ACI website: airstreamclub.org/british-columbia
- Airstream BC newsletters on ACI site: airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/bc-club-newsletters
- Airstream BC events on ACI site - *page still under development* airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/airstream-bc-events
- Airstream BC Facebook Page: facebook.com/BCunit.caravans

Airstream Club International (ACI) - web Links

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

MEMBER, WEBSITE and ROSTER CHANGES



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Airstream: 2016, 27-foot International Serenity

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Airstream: 2022 25-foot Flying Cloud

BRN 07421

(New Member)

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Airstream: 2010 30-foot Flying Cloud

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walkercori@gmail.com

Airstream: 2025 30-foot Globetrotter

BRN 07439

(New Members)

ROSTER CHANGES

Remove Kevin McLaren (BRN 1405) from our roster. He is now a Member At Large.

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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

Bob Halliwell

HOSPITALITY & SUNSHINE

Arlene Matches

MEMBERSHIP & MENTORING

Sheila MacDonald

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