

BC NEWS



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Tilley's Trails

The sun was shining as I started to write this, and we may (or may not) have finished our dose of "winter" here on the west coast, but winter is very much present in other parts of our province and nation. We enjoyed celebrating Flag Day this year, putting up a full-sized Canadian flag on our back deck. As well, we recently celebrated our daughter's 30th birthday – a significant milestone for a special young woman!

The club activities are mainly connected at this time of year here through the weekly breakfast/coffee at the Roadhouse Restaurant in South Surrey that is organized by Tom Akam. At the same time, however, plans are being made for many activities through the spring, summer, and fall ahead.

Here are some events you may want to get involved with:

1. Newbie 'Meet 'n Greet' Luncheon at Cranley Place Community Hall – 12 April.
2. Maintenance Rally at Bob and Gayle Halliwell's property in Abbotsford 25 -27 April.
3. Rally in Courtenay, on Vancouver Island, which may still have a few spots on 1 - 4 May.
4. Joint B.C./Washington Clubs Rally in Oliver, B.C. - 29 May - 1 June - there is still space for those who want to attend - contact us at tilley2007@outlook.com
5. Enderby Rally 20 - 22 June
6. Hedley Hoedown 27 - 30 June - contact Bernice O'Shea at airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com .

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

7. The Alberta/Saskatchewan Rally to the Calgary Stampede in early July (see ad in this newsletter) – there is still space but be sure to get your dibs in as soon as possible (by 1 March).
8. Golf/Installation Rally – details to be shared as we organize this event for September.
9. “Friends-Giving” in October (likely the weekend before Canadian Thanksgiving) – details to follow when we have confirmed them with the campground.

In addition, I want to remind people that Airstream Club International has partnered with Harvest Host to offer wonderful opportunities for people to visit Courtesy Parking sites at no cost to the participants. With Harvest Host sites, guests are expected to purchase items from the winery, or other spot where you are staying, and a gift is appreciated for Courtesy Parking, especially when some sites offer water and electrical hookups, but what a terrific opportunity to meet new people and explore different things – one of the main advantages of RV travel as a whole. Trenor and I have not tried this yet, but it is on our list of new adventures in the near future.

We are getting more excited about the Canadian Rocky Mountains Caravan that we are co-leading with Janet and Patrick Howell since we met recently and reviewed the detailed and complex itinerary we will be enjoying.

With all best wishes for a wonderful remainder of the winter. I hope that some of you are enjoying the benefits of warmer southern climes in California, Arizona, Mexico, or the Caribbean.

Trenor & Barbara Tilley





John & Chris Millard's trailer in Yuma, Arizona sporting the new BC Unit flag



Note Moe Storoschenko's trailer in background



John wearing new BC Unit cap

RIVERSIDE RENDEZVOUS RALLY

June 20th – 23rd

Hello Airstreamers

The rally will take place in Enderby, BC at Riverside RV Park and Campground, 112 Kildonan Avenue, Enderby. Check out their website.

To short-list:

It is a nice quiet grassy campground that's within walking distance to town. The Riverwalk is a beautiful concrete trail hugging the river, that gets you to town in 10-15 minutes. Lots of unique shops, restaurants and nearby attractions. Like an awesome bakery and ice cream parlour close by. Mable Lake Golf course is 30 minutes away, as well as Salmon Arm, which has more unique shops and another golf course. They also have a sani-dump right on site.

Also, washrooms with hot showers, wifi, and a covered area with picnic tables if the weather is inclement for our happy hour. For those hikers in our group, there is a strenuous hike up to the Enderby Cliffs, awesome view when you get there! There are switch backs but very steep in areas. You'll need poles!! For those that bike, lots of quiet backroads, or the Rail Trail goes from Vernon to Lake Country (Oyama).

I've reserved 12 sites, but they will only hold them
until March 1st !!!!!

I know it's short notice, but if you are interested in this easy-going rally in the sunny Okanagan, please let me know. You can book other campgrounds in between ours and Riverhaven's, (school is still in session). Many campgrounds in-between, or see if you can add on to either rally.

Please let me know soon. After you phone or email me, you'll have to pay a deposit to Riverside, 50% of total. Discount is deducted on final payment. 20% for seniors and 10% for the youngin's. Yes, there's a few perks for being old!!

The cancellation policy reads full refund if you cancel within 30 days of arrival.

Terry Gamache, 250-549-7303, gamache6@telus.net

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

Joint B.C. and Washington Rally in Oliver, B.C.

May 29 to June 1, 2025

Cost: \$35.00 Canadian Rally fee (per person) plus campground fees

Co-Hosts: Lori Grassi (Washington Club) J. Kinder (Washington Club) Trenor and Barbara Tilley (BC Club)

Join us at a joint WA/B.C. Airstream Club Rally in Oliver, at The Lakeside Resort. We will have 28 full hook-up sites shared between the WA and BC Clubs to enjoy on Tuc-el-Nuit Lake in a calm, park-like setting with a 500 ft. private beach. 10 sites will be available to the BC Club, and 18 sites will be available to the WA Club.

Bring your kayak, canoe or other non-powered watercraft. Bike trails close by with hundreds of wineries in the Wine Capitol of Canada, along with micro breweries and cideries and other local artisanal pleasures! Golf packages are also available!

Registration is scheduled to open on February 1, 2025. The registration technique is different than we use for many B.C. Club #121 rallies. You will need to make campground reservations directly with The Lakeside Resort only AFTER you register for the rally with Trenor or Barbara Tilley! Register with Trenor and Barbara Tilley by email at tilley2007@outlook.com or by phone at 604 290 2887. Once you have registered with us, we will contact the Campground. Once this has been done, you will be contacted by Barbara or Trenor with your permission to make the campground reservation. Campground fees are paid directly to the campground. The \$35.00 Canadian rally fee per person is payable to the B.C. Airstream Club.





STAMPEDE NATIONAL EVENT RALLY

JULY 5-10, 2025

We're reaching out to ask for your help with something exciting!

Over the past few months, our Airstream club has been working hard to organize the 2025 Stampede National Event Rally, happening **July 5–10**, and we want to make sure as many Airstreamers as possible know about it.

This is shaping up to be a special event, offering a chance to experience the world-famous Calgary Stampede, including the rodeo, live entertainment, and Western culture, all while relaxing at Aspen Crossing Campground. If you've never been, it's such a beautiful spot, with full-service RV sites, historic train rides, and breathtaking views of the Alberta prairie.

I'm sure you know first hand that it takes time and planning to put a rally together and we know it takes people like you to make a rally a success. Because of this, we're hoping you'll help us spread the word. Whether through your newsletter, social media, or by sharing it directly with your members, your support would mean a lot to us.

To make it easy, we've included a ready-to-go blurb below. But if you need more details or additional photos, just let us know, as this email will be the only one we'll send. Cheers, and we're looking forward to seeing members of British Columbia Airstream Club there.

Ashley White

BRN 5971

Stampede National Event Rally Planning Committee Member

More Information on the Rally for You to Share:

The 2025 Stampede National Event Rally is happening **July 5–10, 2025**, in southern [Alberta, Canada](#). Airstreamers will have the chance to experience the world-famous [Calgary Stampede](#)—an exciting celebration of rodeo, live entertainment, and Western culture—while staying at Aspen Crossing Campground.

[Aspen Crossing](#) offers full-service RV sites, historic train rides, and incredible views of the Alberta prairies. It's the perfect base to take in all the excitement of the Stampede, meet fellow Airstreamers, and explore the local area. Whether you're into rodeos or just looking to relax with great company, this rally has something for everyone.

If you're planning to make a trip out of it, consider joining the [Grapes and Grains Sip of Diamond Valley Rally](#) just before the Stampede rally (July 3–4). This 2-day pre-rally is a fun opportunity to dive into Alberta's history, taste local food and drinks, and explore small-town life. It's a perfect way to ease into the main event and meet new friends before the Stampede kicks off.

Registrations will stay open until we reach capacity, but we highly recommend securing your spot by **March 1, 2025**, to guarantee your place.

Learn more and register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/calgary-stampede-ner-menu/stampede-national-event-rally>

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

Sat. April 12
11:30–2:00
Please RSVP

Meet & Greet 'Newbie' Luncheon
Cranley Place Community Hall
2141 Cranley Drive, South Surrey
EVERYBODY WELCOME
NAME TAGS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED

Paul Wheeler, Janet Soucy & Arlene Matches
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April 25–27

Annual Maintenance Rally
31426 Downs Road
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Bob & Gayle Halliwell
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May 1-4

Vancouver Island Rally
Seal Bay RV Park, Courtenay, BC

Carol Hale
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May 29-June 1

Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally
Oliver, BC

TBA

June 20-23

Enderby Rally
Riverside RV Park, Enderby, BC

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June 27-30

Hedley Hoedown
Riverhaven RV Park
Hedley, BC

Brian & Bernice O'Shea
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Aug 23-28

68th International Rally
York, Pennsylvania

ACI

Sept 18-21

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
tilley2007@outlook.com

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.

Last month I included an email from Janet Howell incorrectly identifying her as Janet Powell....OOPS, my bad. Sorry, Janet.

Jeannie Jeffrey is in hospital recovering from a broken wrist (and working on getting her mobility back). Way to go, Jeannie.

I REALLY need a head count for catering purposes for the Newbie Luncheon on April 12th so please email me at least a week prior to event if you are planning on coming (see email address at top of page one). Theme is ‘Welcome Spring’ so wear your bright floral colours AND please, please, wear your name badges.

The BC Unit Newsletter will come out at its regular time (end of month) in March. This one is early to allow those wishing to attend the Enderby Rally to get registered prior to the cut-off date.



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

Arlene



Bob Halliwell has these hats available for \$15. If you would like one please email Bob at halliwell4840@telus.net.

He has some available and will order more as demand rises (and it will....)



**It's better to walk alone,
than with a crowd going
in the wrong direction.**

- Diane Grant

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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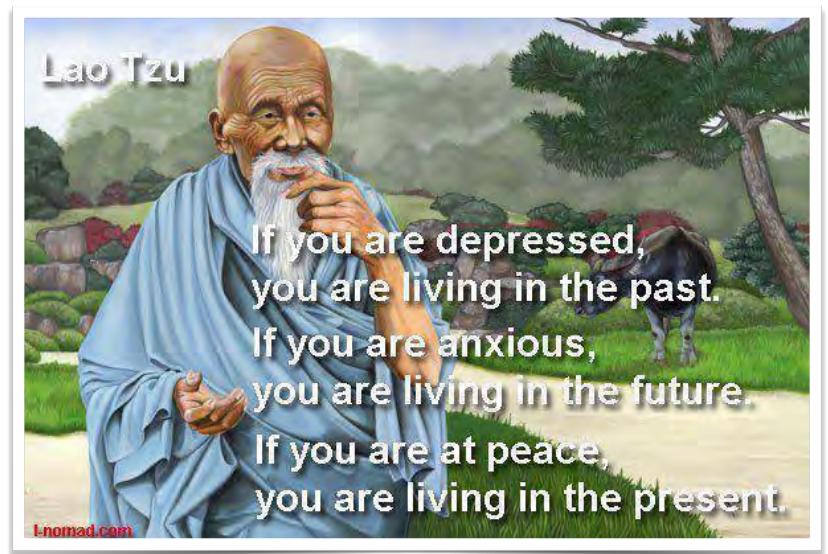
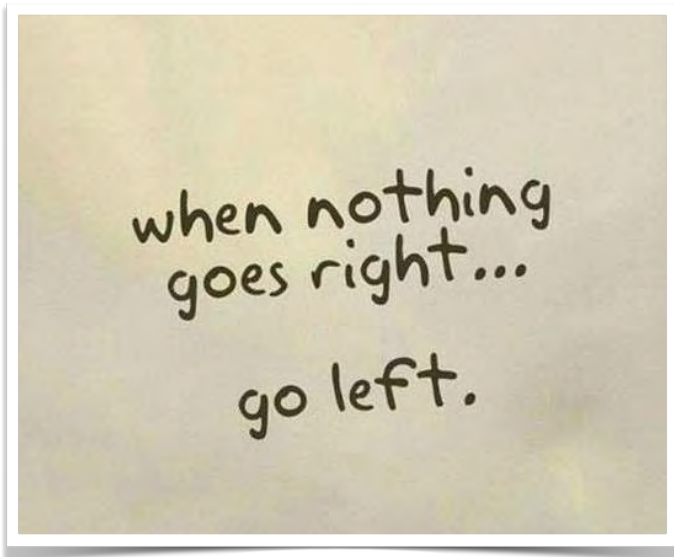
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ROSTER CHANGES

No changes this month....



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Tom Akam & the VPs

CARVAN COMMITTEE

Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Millard and 2 others to be selected

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