

BC NEWS



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Tilley's Trails

To begin, our thanks to Arlene for being patient and waiting for this month's tardy Newsletter contribution. Trenor and I returned home late on March 29th, from our adventures in upstate New York (visiting Trenor's sister), in New York City (being moved by the 9/11 World Trade Center Museum), and on our Cunard cruise to the Caribbean. We had a good trip, but I did not enjoy 5 days of the cruise as I contracted Norovirus. It is enough to say that I suffered from all the possible symptoms of that nasty disease. Even now, on day 4 out of isolation, my gastro-intestinal system is not fully functioning properly. Thankfully, Trenor has so far avoided the beast, and I hope that continues.

On to better news! We are looking forward to the upcoming "Newbie" luncheon being held on the 12th of April at South Surrey's Cranley Hall. Arlene Matches, Janet Soucy, and Paul Wheeler are busy working out the details and I'm sure it will be great. We eagerly anticipate meeting some new Airstreaming folks and sharing some of the wonderful advantages of the club that we have enjoyed since joining 5 years ago.

We are also looking forward to the "Maintenance Rally" being held at Bob and Gayle Halliwell's family's property in Abbotsford on the weekend of the 25 – 27 April. Based on our previous experiences, it is a great way to start the RV season and acquaint or reacquaint ourselves with the B.C. Airstream Club folk after the cool winter season. As well, several folks come with skills, knowledge, and equipment to help with minor rig repairs, and to advise on needed regular maintenance. Many of the members also share décor and storage ideas to make your rig a comfortable and attractive "home away from home". Just a reminder that this is a boondocking event, so come with your waste tanks empty and your water tank and batteries full.

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Before we left, we had several tasks that we have been working on in our preparations for the upcoming national Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan that we will be co-leading with Janet and Patrick Howell. More tasks are awaiting our return, so we will be busy preparing for that event this spring. Janet is amazing with the many details she coordinates for that event, while also starting preparations for the June 2026 version of that caravan already.

Spring is upon us, and I noted cherry blossoms, gorgeous magnolia blossoms, daffodils, and leaves budding out on shrubs and some trees as we drove into Vancouver this morning for church. I am ready to put winter behind us and start another Airstream camping season with all our Airstream friends. Please be sure to check out the many opportunities to participate in club activities on the calendar of events in this newsletter. As an example, we still have space for participants at the combined Washington/BC rally in Oliver at the end of May.

For those that celebrate Eid-al-Fitr, we wish you the best today (30 March), and for those who celebrate Passover, Easter, and Vaisakhi, the best in the coming weeks.

Spring is a wonderful season of hope and optimism for all traditions. With all good wishes to you all!

Trenor & Barbara Tilley



ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RALLY 2025

Well, it is that time of the year making sure our Airstreams are ready for another fun filled summer exploring the outdoors. This is probably the first outing for most of us. Lots of work done around the rally site, some gravel sites, grass and paved parking areas and of course the covered fire pit. Remember you are roughing it with no hookups; however, water is available and some power if you need to top up your batteries.

We already have many bookings including several new Unit members. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, have issues addressed by some of our more experienced members and enjoy a weekend hopefully under sunny skies.

If you are attending, please let me know by email, text or call. Haliwell4840@telus.net or call 778-808-7257. (No need for those have already booked.)

If you will be a drive in on the Saturday please let me know.

To offset costs we are asking for a rally fee of \$10 per person.

Rally Site is at 31426 Downes Road, Abbotsford. You are welcome to arrive after 12:30 pm on Friday. Enter via the East driveway, it will be marked with traffic cones.

ACTIVITIES

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|-----------------|---|
| Friday | Arrive get comfortable and get together for Happy Hour 4pm to whenever
Dinner on your own |
| Saturday | 9:00ish. Breakfast provided, (<i>Bun on the Run</i> , of course)
Maintenance portion of the Rally
Visit with old friends and make new friends
12:00ish. Bring your hot dogs to the fire pit, snacks and condiments provided
More trailer fixing
Games if you like
4:00pm Happy Hour
5:30ish. Dinner provided
Evening at the fire pit |
| Sunday | Breakfast on your own
Pack up and head home, no checkout time! |

Thanks for coming!

Bob and Gayle



**Fun around the campfire
at last year's
Maintenance Rally**

Have you signed up yet?





Here's the lowdown on the

HEDLEY HOEDOWN

June 27th to June 30th, 2025

The Airstream Club of BC hosts the Hedley Hoedown Rally at Riverhaven RV Park:

[Riverhaven Rv Park & Motel](#)

[6165 3 Hwy, Hedley BC V0X1K0](#)

[\(250\) 292-8221](#) riverhavenrv.com

Riverfront site - \$60.00 plus taxes Regular site - \$55.00 plus taxes

Please call Doug directly to book at Riverhaven RV Park (250) 292-8221 Option 0.

(We paid approximately 36.00 to reserve using our Good Sam membership).

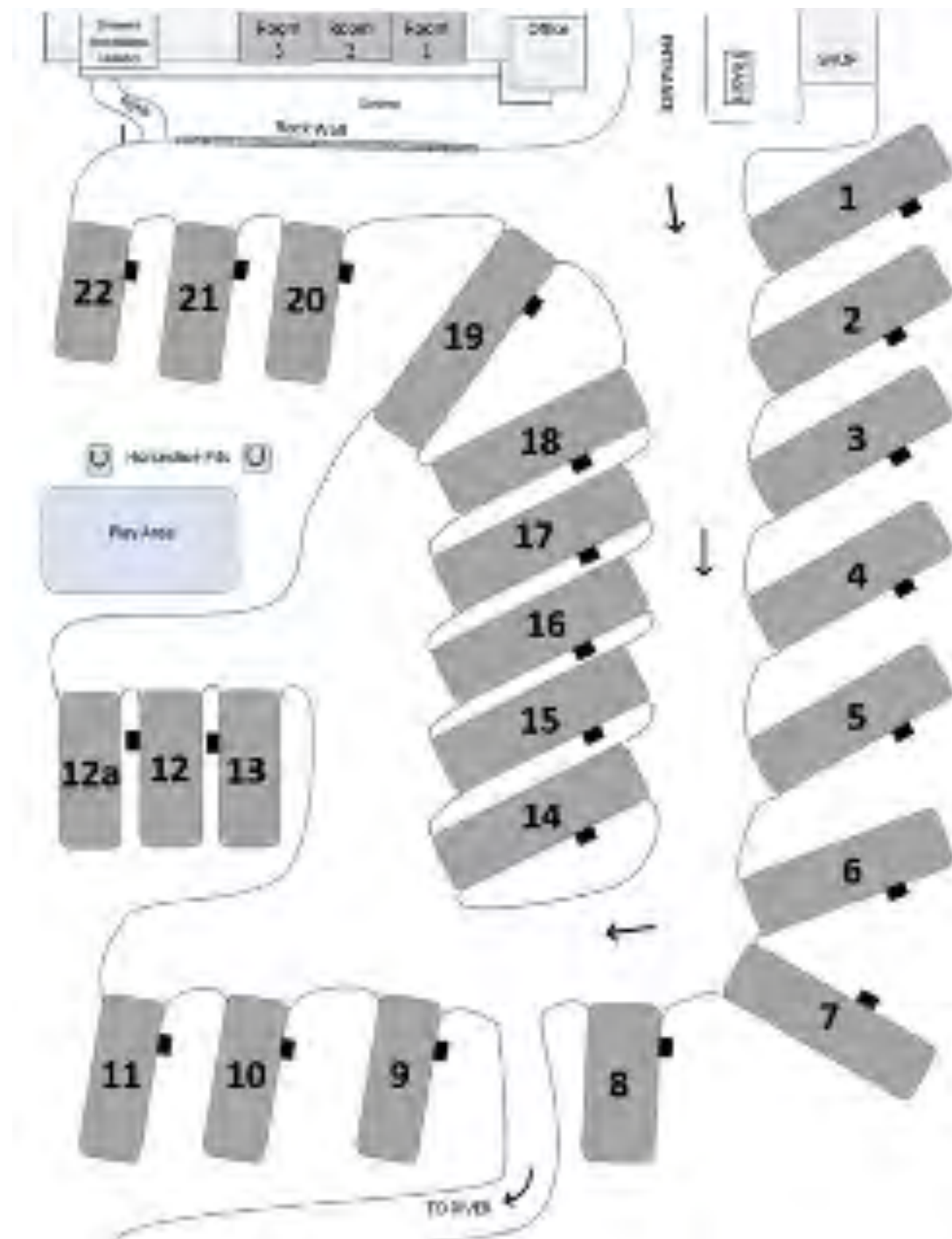
Once booked would you please send Bernice O. in an email letting me know your site number so I may keep track of who is participating in the rally.

Email: airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com

The site numbers we have reserved are as follows:

5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18.

Prior to booking you may wish to review the site location so please see the attached map (next page).



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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matches7403@gmail.com

April 25–27

Annual Maintenance Rally
31426 Downs Road
Abbotsford, BC

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

Terry Gamache
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June 27-30

Hedley Hoedown
Riverhaven RV Park
Hedley, BC

Brian & Bernice O
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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.

A special emailed invitation was sent out to all new members....if you didn't receive it please check your 'junk' or 'trash' folder. In any event, ALL BC Unit members are invited to attend the "Newbie Luncheon" happening on April 12 at Cranley Hall (2141 Cranley Drive in South Surrey). Just let me know (matches7403@gmail.com) and I'll make sure there is enough food to go around. At the time of this writing we have 35 attendees.

Arlene



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



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....)

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



ROSTER CHANGES

Change Bernice & Brian O's email address to airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com

Change new Member Lloyd Williams BRN to #02301



**Some attendees at
the last Tuesday
morning breakfast.**

**Fun for all...try it
sometime...!!**

**See Activity Page for
details—held every
Tuesday.**

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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

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