

BC NEWS



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Tilley's Trails

The sunnier and longer days are creating the perfect conditions for spring and summer RV fun! We are gearing up for our longer summer RV adventures by enjoying some spring camping trips.

Trenor and I had a wonderful time on Vancouver Island May 1st to 4th at the Seal Bay RV Park in Comox, B.C. with our club members from both Vancouver Island and the rest of the province to a total of 16 rigs. Carol Hale and Glenn Friesen were delightful hosts, with plenty of activities to keep us all busy, yet not too busy to enjoy time visiting with new and more experienced members. Attending the rally along with Carol and Glenn were Charmian Bennett and Glen Varney, Gerry and Pamela Findling, Lynn and Brian Jackson, Bruce Sarvis, Marilyn and Stephen Vallis, Fred and Esther Kastler, Carol and Scott Ferguson, Terry and Al Gamache, Micheal Schmidt and Cori Walker, Carol and Murray Firth, Sheri and Craig Morrow, Jacquie Mason and Stuie Biggan, Lloyd Williams, and Rob and Cathy McBride (soon to be new members, we hope), and us, Trenor and Barbara Tilley.

The rally started with Happy Hour (including a craft beer exchange) on Thursday, and then we progressed on Friday to a beautiful hike through Seal Bay Regional Park. We ended up at the ocean where we actually saw at least one seal, but also many shorebirds, including a loon. We then headed off to try some wines at the 40 Knots Winery and Cidery before we had another Happy Hour. On Saturday, Trenor and I explored a gorgeous woodland garden complete with many rhododendrons with Fred and Esther Kaethler. Later, we decamped to Carol and Glenn's gorgeous home right on the waterfront of Kye Bay (AKA, "Airforce Beach") to watch the Canadian Forces Snowbirds practicing overwater maneuvers. Despite some cloud cover, the Snowbirds were undertaking some amazing moves, and the sound was astounding. Many of us followed this with a delicious Potluck meal at the campsite, but Carol and Scott Ferguson slipped away to celebrate their wedding anniversary – Congratulations to you both! Sadly, Trenor and I had to return home on Sunday as I had a job lined up for the Monday. Others from the Lower Mainland and other parts of B.C. continued their Vancouver Island explorations.

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(President's Message cont'd from Page 1...)

Around the time you will receive this newsletter, Trenor and I will be joining members of the B.C. Airstream Club and members of the Washington Airstream Club in Oliver, B.C. at a joint rally. This promises to be an interesting event! We will report on the details for the July edition of the newsletter.

News from the May Region 10 meeting include a reminder that there are still a few spots left on the Calgary Stampede Rally being organized by the Alberta/Saskatchewan Club (see page 11). The only concern about that event now is that there may not be tickets available for the Stampede itself as the group purchase will only cover people who have already registered.

A new "Airstream App" has been launched recently – check it out! Starting soon, there will be a charge for credit card fees added to the cost of your membership fees. There will be a meeting at the end of May regarding flag policies at Airstream Club International (ACI) events following people flying flags that others deemed inappropriate at an event. There will be a motion to limit flags flown to those of current federal, province/state, military, or approved ACI flags.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the Region 10 Rally for 2026 which will be held 24–28 June in 2026 at the Hood River Fair Grounds in Oregon. Please check out the fabulous listing of B.C. Club activities coming up in the next few months. There is still space available for the Enderby and Hedley rallies. Be sure to make your reservation for the "Friends-Giving Rally" at Fort Langley soon as the campground is only holding the space until the latter part of June (bookings available Monday to Friday). Details about the Golf/Installation Rally at Twin Lakes will be coming soon!

As you explore our beautiful province, country, or other locations, keep safe and we will "see you down the road".

Respectfully submitted.

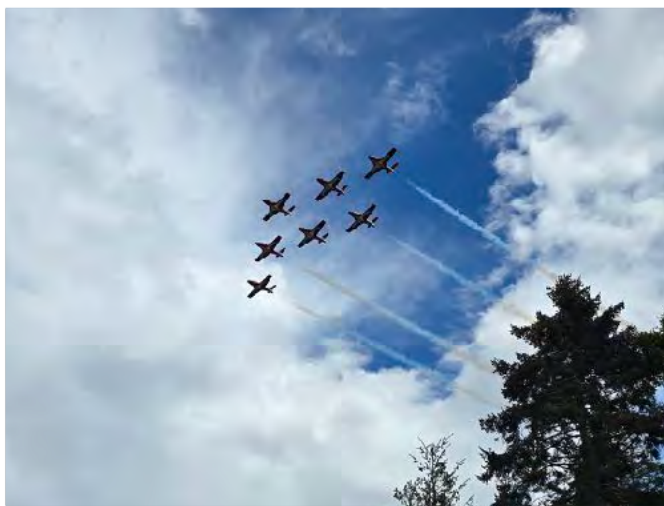
Trenor & Barbara Tilley



All photos from the Seal Bay rally on this and next two pages are from Barbara Tilley (thank you so much...)







Celebrate 70 Years of Airstream Adventures in the Commemorative Edition of Blue Beret!

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

Want to be part of this historic edition?
Here's how to participate:

🌟 **Share Your Story** – Submit your Airstream adventures, memories, and photos in our 70th Anniversary Album. We'll feature select stories in the magazine!

📷 **Show Off Your Airstream Life** – Upload your best photos of club adventures to be considered for this special issue.

💬 **Leave Your Mark** – Purchase a 70th Anniversary message to celebrate the club and your Airstream journey. All proceeds will go to the WBCCI Historical Center.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025.

**Visit AirstreamClub.org/70Years
for more details.**



Alex, Roxy and Amy Harbison in
Newfoundland BRN6942



Hank and Blue Belle Enjoying the
Scenery - Tim Jackson BRN0608



Dale & Virginia Leipper
BRN1138



GLAAC Touring the Factory!
Paula & Steven Hammer BRN3701



Elizabeth Thompson's
Grandmama BRN15599



Elk in Banff!
Lori Grassi BRN716





Friends-Giving Rally 2025

We have booked space for 20 rigs at Fort Camping in Fort Langley for our Second Annual "Friends-Giving Rally".

It will be held on **Friday 3 October to Monday 6 October, 2025**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS LIMITED SPACE:

Here's how you can join this amazing Rally:

1. Call Darlene at 604-888-3678 for your campsite reservation **no later than June 25, 2025.**
2. **Please advise us** (Trenor Tilley and Barbara Fraser Tilley at tilley2007@outlook.com or by phone at 604-290-2887) **when you have made a reservation with the site number.**

We have held 20 spaces in an area as a group camping together. It may be possible to book later, but you probably will not be located near the group.

There are lots of fun things to do over the course of the weekend – from wine tasting, visiting the local farmer's market, exploring B.C. history at the graveyard or at Parks Canada's National Historic Site at Fort Langley. You might enjoy a bike ride around the area, or you could just choose to relax and visit with other rally participants. Antiques shopping is also plentiful if that is your jam!

Sunday night we will hold a **potluck dinner feast** like the feast we held last year. We will provide Turkey, and we hope that **others will supply the "side dishes"** for a fabulous meal. Please advise us of any food sensitivities and/or allergies so that we can prepare accordingly.

There will be a **Rally fee of \$10.00 per rig** to cover the turkey and additional costs related to the feast.

Welcome to the 5th Annual B.C. Airstream Club Invitational Golf Rally

September 18–21, 2025

Twin Lakes Golf & RV Park, 79 Twin Lakes Road, Kaleden, B.C. V0H 1K0

To register, please do the following.

1. Call Twin Lakes Golf Club RV Park at 250-497-5359 and book your site.
2. Email Chris & John Millard at millard12581@gmail.com and let them know the following: the number of attendees, the number of golfers and your site number.

The itinerary for the rally will be as follows:

Thursday, September 18th: Arrive, set up and gather for happy hour around 4ish. Dinner on your own or with friends.

Friday September 19th: Championship Golf Game, Winner Takes All:

Followed by Happy Hour and prize presentations. Dinner again on your own or with friends. For those not golfing there are many wineries around the area or just drive down to Penticton, Osoyoos, or Oliver for a fun day.

Saturday September 20th: Installation of new officers in our club. More information to come from your new presidents (Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin).

Sunday September 21st: Say 'good bye' to all who have attended and enjoy your end of season camping. Safe travels to all and see you next year.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Millard, millard12581@gmail.com





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).

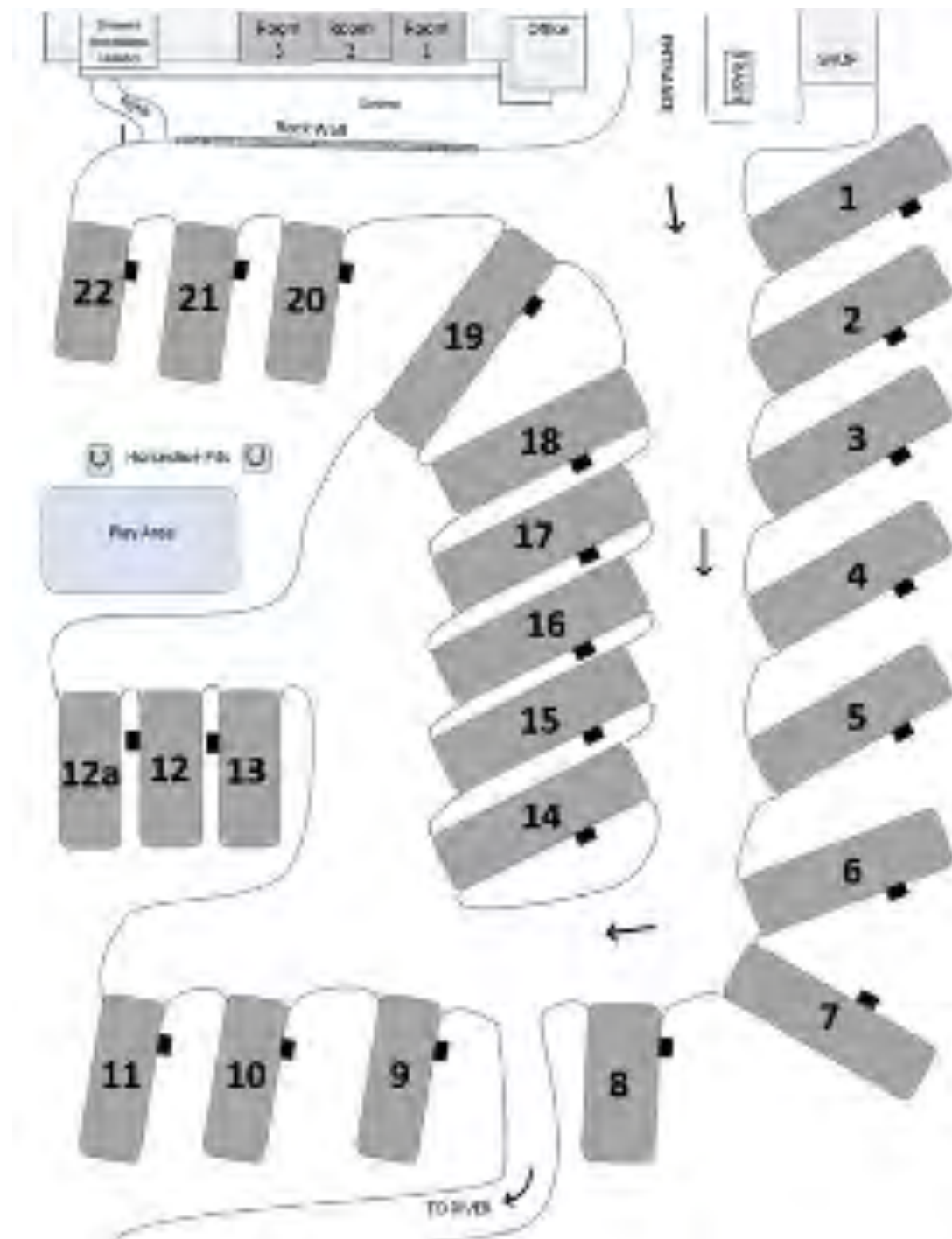
Once booked would you please send Bernice O. in an email letting me know your site number so I may keep track of who is participating in the rally.

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 or go on their website to see a better map — this one didn't reproduce well...).



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



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

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
Twin Lakes Golf Course, Kaleden, BC

John & Chris Millard
millard12581@gmail.com

Oct 3-6

Friends-Giving Rally
Fort Camping, Fort Langley, BC

Trenor & Barbara Tilley
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Dec 8

Christmas Luncheon
White Spot, Aldergrove, BC

Trenor & Barbara Tilley
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2026

June 24-26

Region 10 Rally
Hood River Fair Grounds
Oregon

TBA

Late Aug/Early Sept

Small Towns of BC Caravan

Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler

**We are open for suggestions for upcoming
Rallies, Caravans, get-togethers.**

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.

OOPS, I forgot to change the index on the first page last month...!!! Was trying too hard to get it out in time and missed altering it.

The photo on this page shows the new set-up in Earl's Cove that my Airstream (the 'Matchbox') enjoys. My daughter's builder put up a shelter that will withstand falling trees (which are prone to happen on her property) and also rain and snow. The portion on the front (over the patio) has frosted panels to let in the light and some leftover sections form the front of back structure. The line that can be seen running the width of the photo is Howie's tether line (her standard poodle). It allows him the whole drive-way to run up and down for exercise (it took him a few airborne excursions to find the limits at each end),

Arlene



**Doing your newsletter in
my Airstream**



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

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ROSTER CHANGES

The 2025 roster is now out for printing. Trenor Tilley and Tom Akam suspect that only a few members use their roster and rely more on the digital copy. Consequently, they intend to send a roster only to those who have requested one (this information sent to all members via email on May 21st).

The rosters are being mailed the first week of June to those who have requested a hard copy (new members will be given the option of hard or digital copies). Changes to the roster will show up in this space.

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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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Arlene Matches

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