

# BC NEWS



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## Tilley's Trails

It is so wonderful to have Airstream Club activities starting up again for the 2025 season! We spent one sunny day at the storage lot cleaning the trailer inside and out. Trenor polished the exterior of the trailer with Walbernize, and I emptied out our interior cupboards and drawers, cleaned the surfaces, and then reorganized them. I also recovered our sofa cushions with bright blue removable covers so that we can clean them when needed. Before the Maintenance/Newbie rally, we spent the night at Peace Arch RV Park so that we could de-winterize our trailer's water systems. It is lovely to walk into our organized and refreshed unit.

On 12 April 2025, Arlene Matches, Janet Soucy, and Paul Wheeler hosted a lovely luncheon for Newbie members of the club. Unfortunately, Arlene was unable to attend due to illness, but her son helped Janet and Paul with the organization and presentation of a delicious lunch. Paul has written an article about that event that for this newsletter. In attendance were Paul Wheeler and Janet Soucy, John and Chris Millard, Wayne Jeffrey, Barry Hook, Scott and Carol Ferguson, Dave McLennan, Ray Aldeguer and Matt Davidson, Mary and Roland Roy, Monty and Cindy Sheldan, Pamela and Gerry Findling, Janet Howell, Eileen Meston and Beverly Robson, Bernice and Brian O'Shea, and Trenor and me. Many thanks to the many hands that made this event a wonderful success.

Trenor and I are just back from our annual Newbie/Maintenance Rally at Bob and Gayle Halliwell's family property in Abbotsford. We could not have hand selected better weather conditions – with summer-like heat and sunshine – IN APRIL! Bob and Gayle were consummate hosts, and they made us all welcome.

Those that stayed for the weekend included Al and Terry Gamache, David and Rita Richardson, Scott and Carol Ferguson, Erica and Jeff Lydell and their sons Archie and Oscar, Lloyd Williams (new to the club and new to an Airstream), Lorena and Joe Kovatch, Rick Mattson and Karen Griffin, John and Chris Millard, Bernice and Brian O'Shea, Roland and Mary Roy, and Trenor and me to a total of 11 rigs. We also had numerous day visitors, including Barry Hook on Friday, and Troy Bell (looking to buy an Airstream), Ray Aldeguer and Matt Davidson (new members), Paul Wheeler and Janet Soucy, Vic and Sheila MacDonald, Beverly Robson and Eileen Meston, and Tom Akam on Saturday. It was fabulous having to open up the chair circle each time new folk arrived. So many people were able to get useful advice on ways to improve the functioning of their rigs and accomplish repairs of all types. In addition, we had fun around the campfire, eating delicious food, walking laps around the property, and playing croquet.

We are looking forward to next weekend's rally on Vancouver Island near Courtenay that has been organized by Carol Hale. She is planning activities for 17 rigs, a wonderful sign that more of us are able to participate than during Covid days. Later in May, Trenor and I will be joining some B.C. club members and members of the Washington club in Oliver for a joint Pacific Northwest joint rally. It also promises to be fun!

At the recent online Region 10 meeting we were reminded that the Airstream Club International Executive Committee elections are coming up this spring. We have opted to avoid including the advertising for particular candidates in our unit's newsletter because we feel it would be unfair to publicize details for only some of the candidates. You may check out ALL of the candidates by perusing the Airstream Club International website where the candidates are listed in alphabetical order by surname.

In further Region 10 news, for anyone interested, Camp Airstream is available near Yellowstone National Park in the U.S. They have about 10 sites available only for Airstream club members. It costs around \$1000 USD per week, but includes tours, laundry, and other luxurious features. A new Airstream Club International (ACI) app is being beta tested and is likely to be available to members soon – it will include an SOS button and lots of other features. European ACI members are welcome to attend local club events using another brand of RV as long as they bring their Big Red Number (BRN): we can also attend European ACI events in a reciprocal fashion with the same criteria.

As well, Region 10 requested that local clubs remind members of the Code of Ethics in these difficult political times. The Airstream Club International (formerly known as the Wally Byam Caravan Club International)'s Code of Ethics states, *"To be ever mindful of our responsibility to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct, indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples and countries. To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to the effect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding. To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code. To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them in the same way."* We have not noted particular issues in our local club, but as we resume activities this year, we ask that we all focus our attention on fun, not politics.

We hope to see many of you in our RV explorations this spring, summer, and fall. Please check this newsletter's list of rallies and activities to find out how you can join us in the fun. There is still room to participate in many of the planned activities (e.g., Enderby, Hedley, etc.)– just contact the relevant organizers!

*Trenor & Barbara Tilley*



History board at the Newbie Luncheon by Janet Soucy  
(who also took the photos on next 2 pages)



## BC Airstream Club Newbie Luncheon

We were so pleased to be part of the 2025 Newbie Luncheon on April 12, held at Cranley Place. Only bad part of the whole affair was that Arlene Matches, who did almost all the organizational work, wasn't there (she was under the weather—better now, thank goodness). It was great to have an attendance of 28 people, a wonderful mix of Newbies and Senior Club members. Everyone mixed and mingled, shared stories and adventures and generally benefited from what this Club is all about—coming together and supporting each other around our shared love of Airstreams, Camping, Caravanning, and Happy Hours.

We were pleased to have a nice mix of 6 guest speakers. Barbara & Trenor Tilley (co-presidents), Bob Halliwell, Chris & John Millard, and Monty Sheldon all talked about why they joined the Club, what they get from their involvement and the contributions they make. They also discussed upcoming events (Rallies, etc.) that they're involved in and invited people to participate. Monty also helped us understand the website of the International Club and how to use our website that fits with it. We're so thankful for each of these speakers support and the work they do. Thanks to Arlene's organizing, and the set up everyone pitched in and helped with, a GREAT "make your own sandwich" lunch, with all the accompaniments was enjoyed by all.

As we write we continue to be filled with gratitude to: Arlene who did all the organizing, letting everyone know and ordering lunch; Sandy Matches who stepped in, delivered all the food to the hall, and helped set up the tables; Chris & John Millard who arrived early to assist in set up of everything (as usual); AND—the one that most blows us away—everyone who was there for all the eager hands who pitched in to take everything down, clean up the hall and leave everything ready for the next users. Thank you all.

Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler – (Arlene's helpers)





**Photos (taken by Janet Soucy and Barbara Tilley) at the Maintenance Rally**











*Here's the lowdown on the*

## **HEDLEY HOEDOWN**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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).

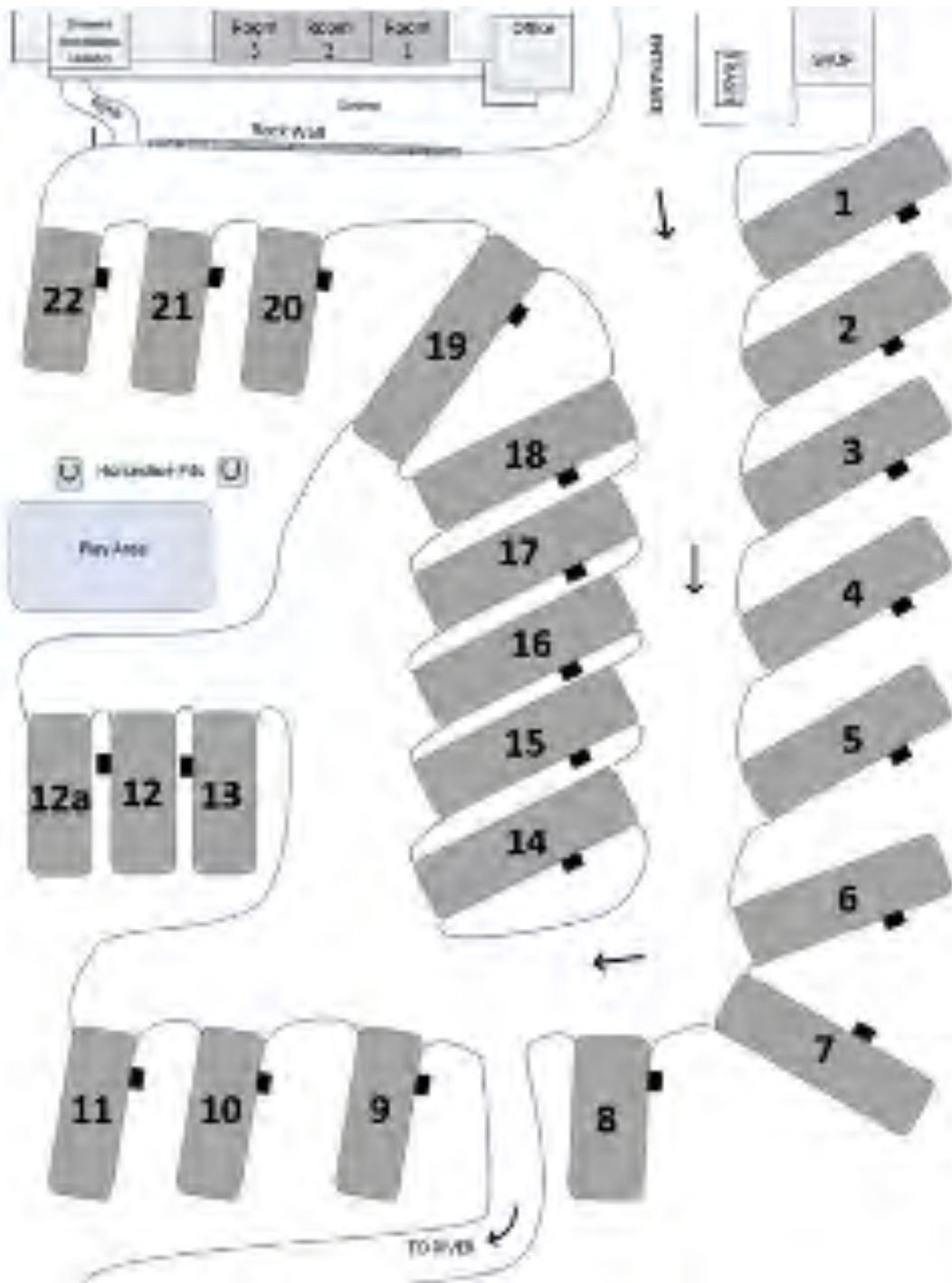
Once booked would you please send Bernice O. in an email letting me know your site number so I may keep track of who is participating in the rally.

Email: [airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gamache6@telus.net)

## 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](mailto: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

<p><b>Every Tuesday</b> 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together</b> Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard South Surrey</p>	<p><b>Tom Akam</b> 604-538-4149 to reserve your spot</p>
<b><u>2025</u></b>		
<p><b>May 29-June 1</b></p>	<p><b>Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally</b> Oliver, BC</p>	<p><b>See page 12</b></p>
<p><b>June 20-23</b></p>	<p><b>Enderby Rally</b> Riverside RV Park, Enderby, BC</p>	<p><b>Terry Gamache</b> <a href="mailto:gamache6@telus.net">gamache6@telus.net</a></p>
<p><b>June 27-30</b></p>	<p><b>Hedley Hoedown</b> Riverhaven RV Park Hedley, BC</p>	<p><b>Brian &amp; Bernice O</b> <a href="mailto:airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com">airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com</a> 778-233-2682</p>
<p><b>Aug 23-28</b></p>	<p><b>68th International Rally</b> York, Pennsylvania</p>	<p><b>ACI</b></p>
<p><b>Sept 18-21</b></p>	<p><b>Golf/Installation Rally</b></p>	<p><b>John &amp; Chris Millard</b></p>
<p><b>Early October</b></p>	<p><b>Friends-Giving Rally</b> (Details to come later in year)</p>	<p><b>Trenor &amp; Barbara Tilley</b> <a href="mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com">tilley2007@outlook.com</a></p>
<p><b>Dec 8</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Luncheon</b> White Spot, Aldergrove, BC</p>	<p><b>Trenor &amp; Barbara Tilley</b> <a href="mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com">tilley2007@outlook.com</a></p>
<b><u>2026</u></b>		
<p><b>Late Aug/Early Sept</b></p>	<p><b>Small Towns of BC Caravan</b></p>	<p><b>Janet Soucy &amp; Paul Wheel</b></p>

**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.

Sorry the newsletter is a bit late this month. It's been a busy April and the newsletter has a LOT of photos (which take me a little more time to deal with). I hope you enjoy this issue.

Odd photos on this page and page 17 are of the Tuesday breakfast group at the Roadhouse Grill in South Surrey.

*Arlene*



Doing our newsletter in my Airstream at Earl's Cove where I will be spending a lot of the summer months



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](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)



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**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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**CARVAN COMMITTEE**

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

John Millard and 2 others to be selected

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Bob Halliwell

**HOSPITALITY & SUNSHINE**

Arlene Matches

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