

BC NEWS



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Our Unit President(s) in Albuquerque at Balloon Festival

PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

A belated happy Thanksgiving to all of our friends and family!

We would like to thank Trenor and Barbara Tilley for stepping up and hosting and organizing the Friendsgiving in Fort Langley. We are so blessed to have them as team players working on behalf of our British Columbia Airstream club. Last year's Friendsgiving was a huge success and everyone that was able to attend had a great time not to mention some fantastic food. This is a tradition that we hope to continue in the future.

Karen and I attended the Airstream Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October. We have included a few pictures for you to enjoy. If you are traveling south you will not be disappointed witnessing the 550-600 hot air balloons ascending into the morning skies of New Mexico...take that opportunity. Also, they did a morning and night drone show featuring over 500 drones and the finale each night was a spectacular display of fireworks! They were far enough away that they didn't really bother our three fur babies.

Our next club function will be our Christmas Luncheon on December 6th at 12:00PM at White Spot in Aldergrove. We hope to see you all there.

Just as a heads up from Arlene, please be aware of scammers.

Arlene has had a couple of suspicious calls over the past few weeks. It is that time of the year!

Our club is actively seeking volunteers for the position of the Presidency in 2028! Please give this serious consideration as our club can not run without the participation of YOU! It is not a high paying job but the rewards can be great!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Luncheon!

Best,
Rick Mattson,
President



Karen Griffin &
Rick Mattson



Rick & Karen signed up to be 'Chase Team' members . This means after the balloon takes off, they chase it in a truck, find it and bring it back to the field. The grey and white Penguin was the balloon they were assigned to. They commented "It was great experience!"

Report on the 2025 Friends-Giving Rally

The B.C. Airstream Club gathered over the weekend of 3 – 6 October to celebrate Friends-Giving (title courtesy of the Oregon Club) the week before Canadian Thanksgiving. We had the most fantastic company as we shared amazingly mild weather.

It was a casual rally, with a few planned activities including two Happy Hours and a full Thanksgiving-style potluck dinner on the Sunday evening in the Group Campsite's covered picnic area. As well, several people went to the Fort Pub for dinner on the Saturday evening and enjoyed it. Outside of those activities, people were free to explore the many fun choices in Fort Langley—antiques shopping, the Farmer's Market, wine/cider tasting, biking along the river, walks, etc.

We had 15 rigs in attendance, Pamela and Gerry Findling, Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler, Liz Nutting and Branden Charlton, Laird Cronk and Amber Hockin, Jacquie Mason and Stuie Biggan, Bruce Sarvis, Barry Hook, Beverly Robson and Eileen Meston, John and Chris Millard, Brian and Bernice O'Shea, Tami and Nathan Shapitka (their first Canadian Rally since joining this summer), Morris Storoshenko and Sue Wang, Paul Gibbs and Leigh Taylor-Gibbs, and Allison and Will Sadler (joining us from Washington State), along with Trenor and me. Carol and Scott Ferguson came to visit on Sunday afternoon, but were unable to stay for dinner.

The food at the Friends-Giving Dinner was fabulous and plentiful, with a big range of delicious side dishes to accompany the turkey rolls. Many thanks to Paul Wheeler for encouraging us to take time to reflect on our blessings as we began our meal. We were pleased to have Lennie and Doug Trapp, and our Treasurer Tom Akam join us for the Sunday meal.

One special feature of the weekend was the nightly movies that Allison and Will Sadler projected on a sheet on the side of their trailer. I had never seen "The Long, Long Trailer" movie with Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball all the way through before and I thoroughly enjoyed watching it. The early darkness and mild weather worked well to provide this viewing opportunity.

Overall, we had a wonderful weekend of connecting with others and sharing friendship.

Reported by Barbara Fraser Tilley and Trenor Tilley – rally hosts

(photos on next 3 pages)



Rally Hosts, Trenor & Barbara



Leigh & Paul



Chris, John, Sue & Moe



Allison, Tami & Nathan



Paul & Barry



Gerry, Pamela & Paul



Janet & Chris



Jacquie & Stuie



Nathan, Barry, Jacquie, Stuie,
Barbara, Liz & Branden



Trenor, Barbara, Liz & Branden



Allison, Tami & Nathan



Allison, Will, Gerry & Pamela



Barbara, Liz, Branden & Bruce



Barry & Jacquie



Tami & Nathan

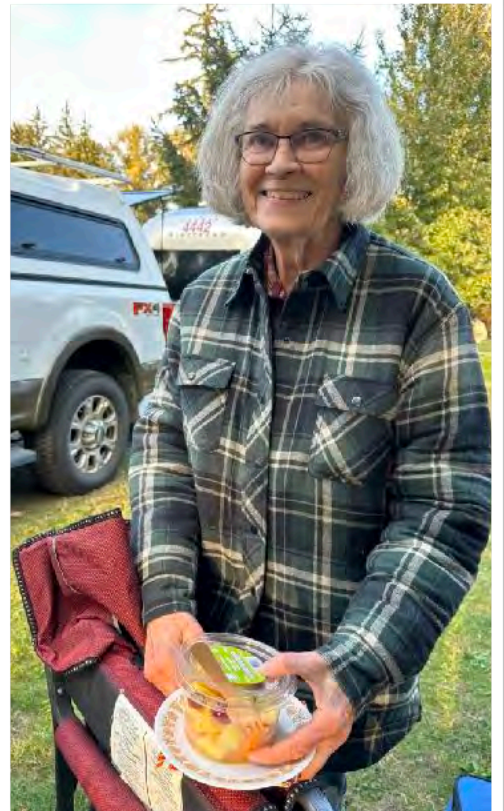


Branden & Liz

Food, glorious, food



Bruce, Gerry & Pamela



Eileen



Beverley & Tom



Trenor



Paul, Leigh, Bruce, Liz & Branden



Beverley



Moe, Sue & Barry



Barry



What: Lunch to celebrate the Christmas season

Where: Cloverdale White Spot Restaurant
3070 – 264th Street, Cloverdale, B.C.

When: 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Saturday, December 6th

Hosted by: Trenor & Barbara Fraser Tilley

R.S.V.P.: Trenor or Barbara, 604-290-2887
or email: tilley2007@outlook.com

Note: the full normal menu will be available so allergies can be accommodated

Wanted

We need people to **help** with the
B.C. Airstream Club's
Activities for 2026 and beyond,
namely

First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
and **Regional Representatives.**

If you are interested/willing to serve,
please contact Past Presidents
Trenor or Barbara Fraser Tilley at

tilley2007@outlook.com

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

Dec 6

Christmas Luncheon
White Spot, Aldergrove, BC
(see ad on page 8 for address)

Trenor & Barbara Tilley
604-290-2887
tilley2007@outlook.com

2026

January 17
10:00 am

Traveland Meeting & Luncheon
Traveland RV Centre, Langley, BC

Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin
604-657-3119
rickmattson@telus.net

April 24-26

Maintenance Rally
Bob's property (details to come next year)

Bob & Gayle Halliwell
778-808-7257
halliwell4840@telus.net

June 11-14

Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally
Oliver, BC

Unit Presidents

June 24-26

Region 10 Rally
Hood River Fair Grounds
Oregon

Region 10 personnel

July 9-13

Hedley Hoedown
Riverside RV in Hedley, BC

Bernice O & Brian
778-233-2682

Aug 22-27

69th International Rally
Minot, North Dakota (see Blue Beret for details)

ACI

Aug 23-30

Fishing Rally
Loon Bay RV Resort at Sheridan Lake

Bob & Gayle Halliwell

Sept 7-21

Vancouver Island Caravan
(tentative)

Trenor & Barbara Tilley

Mid-Sept

Golf/Installation Rally
Twin Lakes or Claybanks (tentative)

John & Chris Millard

Oct 2-5

Friends-Giving Rally
Fort RV Park in Langley

TBA

Early Dec

Annual Christmas Luncheon

TBA

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene Matches

Tom Akam came back from cashing in 33 pounds of pull tabs (do you have any idea how many bags that is—they weigh so little). When he only got \$25 for that 33 pounds it was decided that it just wasn't worth the effort. Hence, we will not be collecting pull tabs in BC Unit anymore. Thank you to all who put an effort into this venture over the past years.

Sheila MacDonald is now looking after the roster, club badges and decals. Contact her at macblueberries@telus.net to purchase these supplies.

Please note the last two newsletters had the date wrong for the Christmas Luncheon. It should read December 6th (not the 8th).

The internet scammers are on the prowl. Be very careful when you get a request to 'talk' with someone whose email address looks fishy (they are fishing for info and we need to be careful to just delete but please let the person who supposedly 'signed' the email that they are once again being targeted).



Arlene

Caption



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....)



**Start preparing for next year's
69th International Rally
(closer to home than some)**

Have you visited the International Club Website?

If you haven't visited the website for **Airstream Club International** - maybe now is a good time to grab a coffee and have a read!

This website is a fantastic resource for members and non-members alike. It provides an overview of the club's many activities, Rallies around North America and sometimes farther afield.

Non-member will get a lot of general club information - but why not log-in and dig a little deeper?

HOW TO LOG-IN? Just click on the yellow button at the top of the home page, then follow the easy instructions.

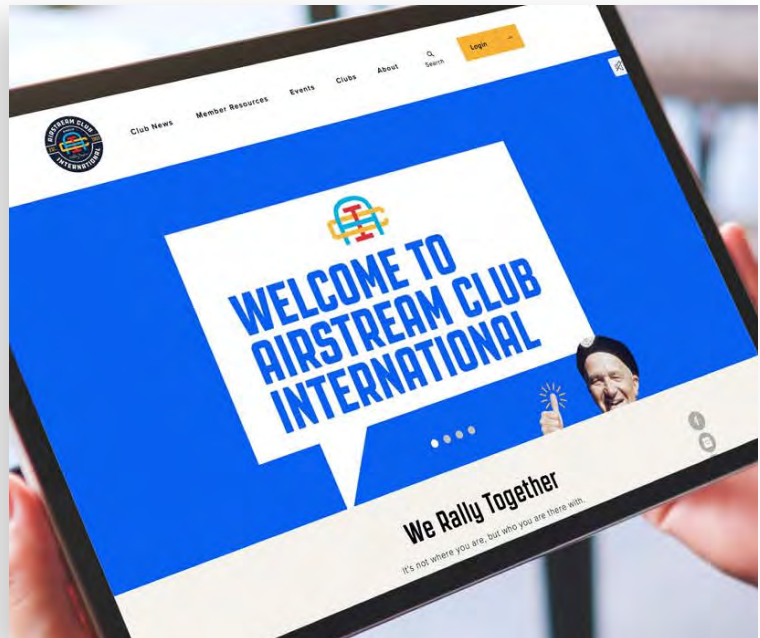
WHY? Members have access to A LOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

Such as:

- Current and back issues of Blue Beret Magazine - easy to read!
- The Blue Beret Blog for more stories, links and technical info, plus a member App to download to your smartphone
- Access to free member-parking for your next trip
- Discount on Harvest Hosts and many other memberships

Then - if you continue to dig - you'll also find many historical technical articles. That's where the true gold is hidden!

All in all, a great resource for owners of all Airstream products.



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

OUR LOCAL - Airstream BC - website and links

- BC Club website : www.airstreambc.com
- Our Club on the AC International website: airstreamclub.org/british-columbia
- Our BC Club newsletters on the AC International site: airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/bc-club-newsletters
- Airstream BC events on ACI site - content *always changing* airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/airstream-bc-events
- Airstream BC Facebook Page: facebook.com/BCunit.caravans



What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>



Silver on the River - ACI National Event Rally

- Custom itinerary in France on the Rhone River with a full boat charter for our Airstream Club group
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises
- Check the ACI website for complete details
- <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>
- Airstream Club friends and family welcome!
- Space is limited, sign up today!

Sailing
July 15-22
2026

Registration
Now Open!

NEW MEMBER, WEBSITE and ROSTER CHANGES

No new members this week...



Beautiful photo sent to me by Paul Wheeler



UNIT 121 2025 ROSTER

As of June 17, 2025
[Check Newsletters for Updates]



Maintenance Rally, Abbotsford, BC — April 2025
[Photo by Janet Soucy]

Name _____

Member # _____

ROSTER CHANGES AND NEWS

The 2025 Roster has now been mailed to all those that ordered a hard copy. If you forgot to order one, Sheila MacDonald has extras OR, if you want your copy electronically, please let her know. She can deliver either way. Sheila can be reached at macblueberries@telus.net.

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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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Arlene Matches

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Sheila MacDonald

SAFETY CHAIRMAN

Vacant

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

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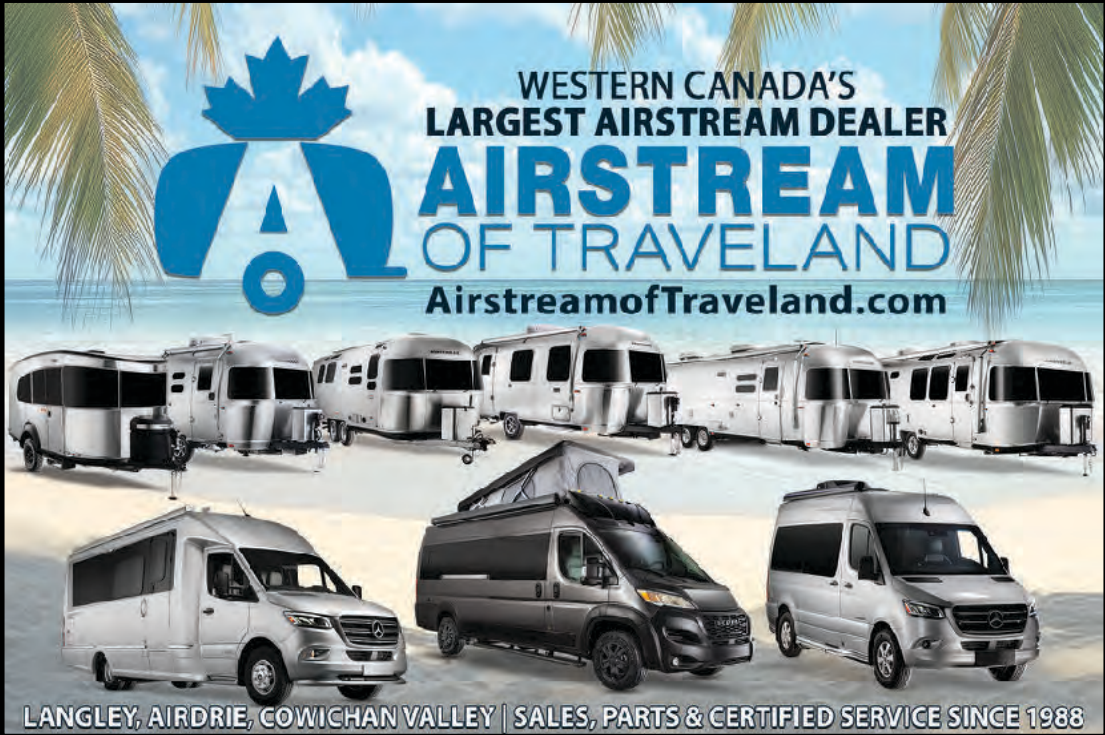
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