

BC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

November was a quiet month for our local BC Airstream Club 121. It seems that during the winter months of November, December and January we live in the Great Northwest and struggle to use our cherished chariots. Most of us by this time have winterized our units and are waiting for some beautiful spring weather to come along. For Karen and myself, 'Roxy', has been put to bed and surely she feels abandoned. Occasionally one of us will venture out to make sure the heat is on and no signs of unwanted visitors. We have never had an issue but we have heard a few horror stories from those who have.

Just wondering if you are starting to think about what caravans you may want to join in 2026. It's never too early to look at what is offered. Region 10 British Columbia Club 121 has a lot to offer. It is never too early to look at the calendar and make tentative plans. Some caravans are booked up early and you end up on a waiting list. If you really want to attend a specific caravan, get registered early. We have missed out on a caravan that we really hoped to join but lost out due to our procrastination. This year we are on top of what we want to do in 2026 and have booked. In saying that, we were too late for one that would have fit into our traveling schedule beautifully. Start making plans NOW! You can be guaranteed at every rally you will have an incredible time with old friends and new friends alike.

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Speaking of Rallies, Registration for our Region 10 Rally at the Hood River Fair Grounds in Oregon will have registration opening in January. You will need to register for the lottery between January 4th and 11th. More information will be coming regarding this rally. The dates for the rally are June 24th—26th and our Region 10 President, Susan McPhee, promises that it is going to have lots to offer. Susan is encouraging us all to come across the border and attend. Come join in on a great time.

I would also like to recognize the following folks who joined our British Columbia Club in 2025. LeeAnn Brown, Liselotte and Gerald Chudyk. William Cronk and Amber Hockin, George and Heather Curtis, Susan Drager and Pat Moyer, Aaron and May Hudson, James Kolhoff, Craig and Sheri Morrow, Victoria Mose, Tami and Nathan Shapitka, Phil Spencer and Shelly Peng and Lloyd Williams. We hope all our new members will be able to attend some of our rallies and functions.

I hope everyone has contacted Barbara and Tenor Tilley for the Christmas Luncheon to be held at The White Spot in Aldergrove, British Columbia on December 6th at 12:00 noon. Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you are unable to attend, Karen and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, prosperity and good times with friends and family.

Best.



Karen Griffin &
Rick Mattson



What: Lunch to celebrate the Christmas season

Where: Aldergrove White Spot Restaurant
3070 – 264th Street, Aldergrove, 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

Invitation to Volunteer

We hope this message finds you well. As our Airstream Club continues to grow and evolve, we are excited to invite enthusiastic volunteers to join our team in various important roles.

We are currently seeking passionate individuals to fill a few exciting positions. The primary qualifications we are looking for include enthusiasm, a genuine love for our club and a desire to contribute.

Your involvement will not only help our club thrive, but also offer you the chance to connect more deeply with fellow members and make lasting memories.

Come join in on the fun and relaxation of our club, meet new people, make new friends and enjoy yourself at the same time.

Contact

Rick Mattson or Karen Griffin at
rickmattson@telus.net

BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIT #121

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

2026

January 17

10:00 am

Traveland Meeting & Luncheon

Traveland RV Centre, Langley, BC

Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

604-657-3119
rickmattson@telus.net

March 28

Come Meet 'n Greet our Newcomers

Cranley Place Clubhouse
2141 Cranley Drive, Surrey, BC

Arlene Matches, Paul
Wheeler & Janet Soucy
matches7403@gmail.com

April 24-26

Maintenance Rally

Bob's property (details coming)

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

Date to be advised

Enderby Rally

(Details coming)

Terry & Al Gamache

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
halliwell4840@telus.net

Sept 7-21

Vancouver Island Caravan

(Details coming)

Trenor & Barbara Tilley

Mid-Sept

Golf/Installation Rally

Twin Lakes or Claybanks (Details coming)

John & Chris Millard

Oct 2-5

Friends-Giving Rally

Fort RV Park in Langley

Details Coming

Early Dec

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Details Coming

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene Matches

Please note in the previous newsletter I incorrectly mentioned Christmas Luncheon was in Cloverdale — **WRONG** — the address was correct but that White Spot is in Aldergrove.

Watch for details on the Region 10 Rally June 24-26. Very few spaces for the amount of interest in this rally. Be prepared and watch for the date that registration opens (see President's message).

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 6th. (We're wearing our gaudiest holiday sweaters — what are you wearing?)



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 years)**

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.

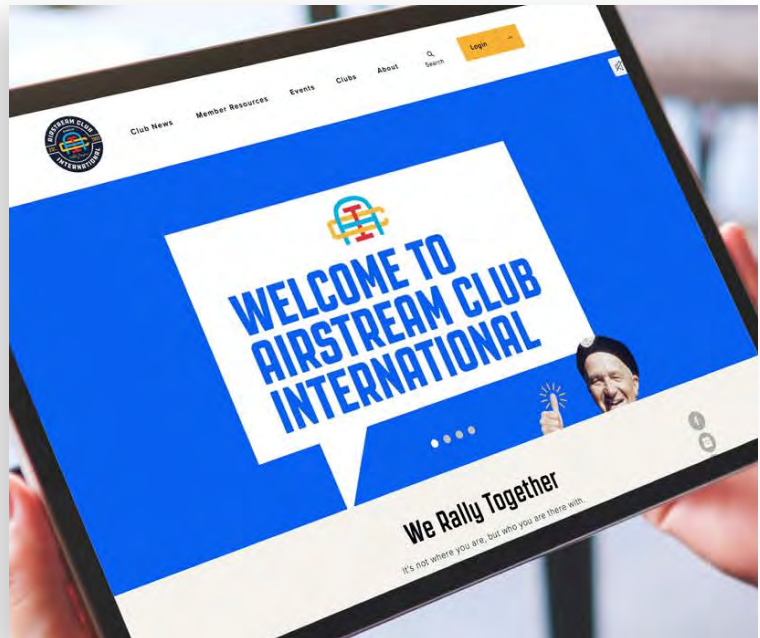
WHY? Members have access to A LOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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

HOWELL, Patrick & Janet

BRN 6035

Were 'Affiliates' and now full members of BC Unit

HEYWOOD, Mark & SKIPPER, Lisa

BRN 5167

Was 'Member at Large' and now full member of BC Unit



UNIT 121
2025 ROSTER

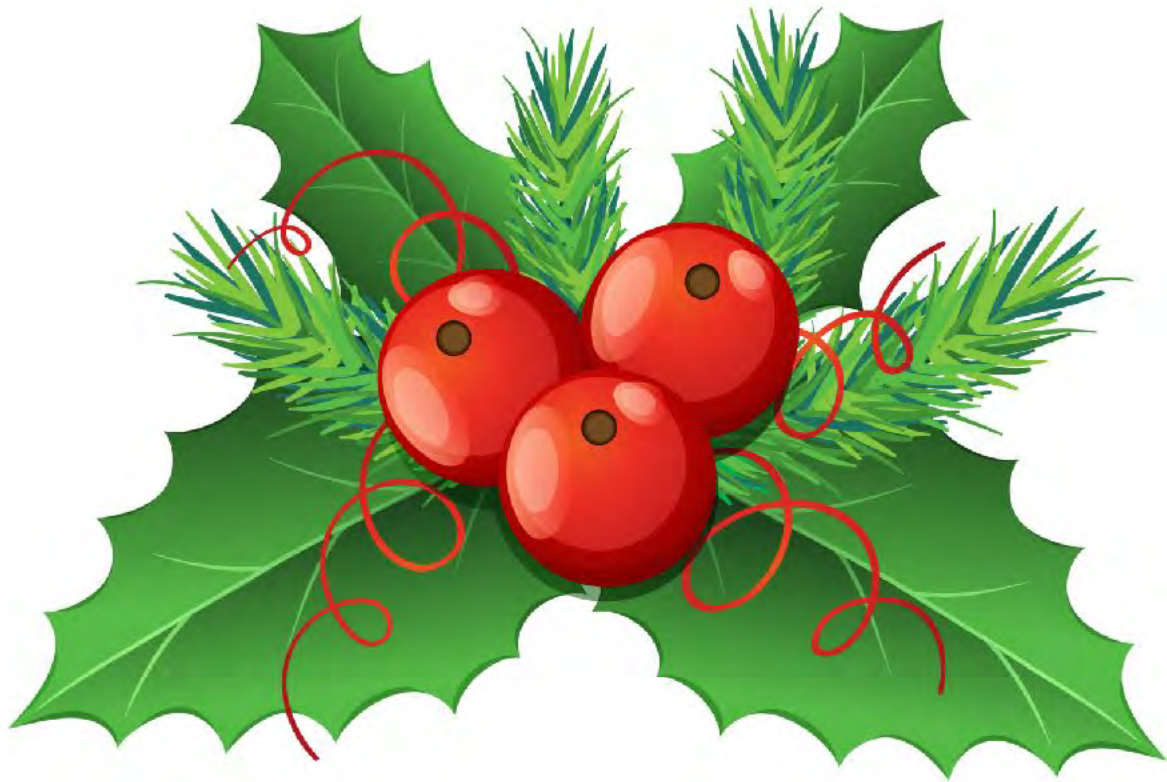
As of June 17, 2025
[Check Newsletters for Updates]



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

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