

BC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

As we usher out 2025 and ring in 2026 we wish you all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**. Hopefully you all had a glorious holiday season with friends and family. I know many of us have made our annual "New Years Resolution" and wondering how long it will last. As January brings thoughts of what 2026 will bring for us, Karen and I are planning our Airstream travels exploring all the possibilities. We enjoy traveling and try to squeeze as much into our itinerary as possible!

Our annual Christmas luncheon hosted by Barbara and Trenor Tilley at the White Spot in Aldergrove was a great way for us to get into the spirit of the holiday season. We had a great turnout and those attending included Tom Akam, Barbara and Trenor Tilley, John and Chris Millard, Beverly Robson, Eileen Meston, Liz Nutting and Brandon Carlton, Janet and Patrick Howell, Arlene Matches and Verne Bullock, Tami and Nathan Shapitka, Brigitte Sooke, Scott and Carol Ferguson, Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler, Barry Hook, Bob and Gayle Halliwell, Sheila and Vic McDonald, Bernice and Brian O'Shea, Morris Storoshenko, Coreene Smith who is visiting from the Ontario ACI club, Karen and myself. This was a great gathering and we have our reservations set for next year. Coreene Smith is now an affiliate member of our BC club. Welcome, Coreene, we are happy that you have joined our group.

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Brandon and Liz have generously offered to pay the British Columbia and ACI memberships dues for up to five NEW members for the coming year. If you know of an Airstream owner that would like to take advantage of this generous offer and join our BC club, please contact Shiela McDonald who is our Membership Coordinator at macblueberries@telus.net and again..thank you Brandon and Liz!

Please make plans to attend the Annual General Meeting at Langley TRAVELAND on January 17th at 10:00AM. I have spoken to Anthony at TRAVELAND and he has assured me that we will have a nice lunch! After last year, I will be holding my breath that the food arrives as we will have lots of hungry mouths after our meeting. Please contact me at rickmattson@telus.net or 604-657-3119 if you plan to attend the AGM.

Looking forward to seeing you all down the road!

Rick



Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin at Christmas Luncheon

Thank you to Janet Soucy for the Christmas Luncheon photos on the next few pages (as well as the breakfast photo on page 6)



B.C. AIRSTREAM CLUB

January 2026







The Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group's last meeting before Christmas



From Brian and Lynn Jackson.

We are just back from French Polynesia and Fiji. We found this beauty on the beach in Fiji. It's a food truck fully outfitted with a beautiful stainless steel kitchen. It was a bit windy that day so not open for eats.

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
<u>2026</u>		
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
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

We were saddened to hear of Paul Korsch's passing on December 15th. Paul & Dianne were Airstreamers and very active in our BC Unit for many years. RIP, Paul.

We also lost Lalani Vanderheide (Past First Lady) on December 15th...she's now with her Ralph in heaven.

Bad month for passings as I learned that Larry Leslie also passed and has joined his wife, Shannon who passed 10 years ago.

If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.

Texting FOR Seniors

BFF - best friend fell
BTW - bring the wheelchair
TTYL - talk to you louder
BYOT - bring your own teeth
LMDO - laughing my dentures out
FWIW - forgot where I was
IMHAO - is my hearing aid on?
OMMR - on my massage recliner
ROFLACGU - rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up



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.

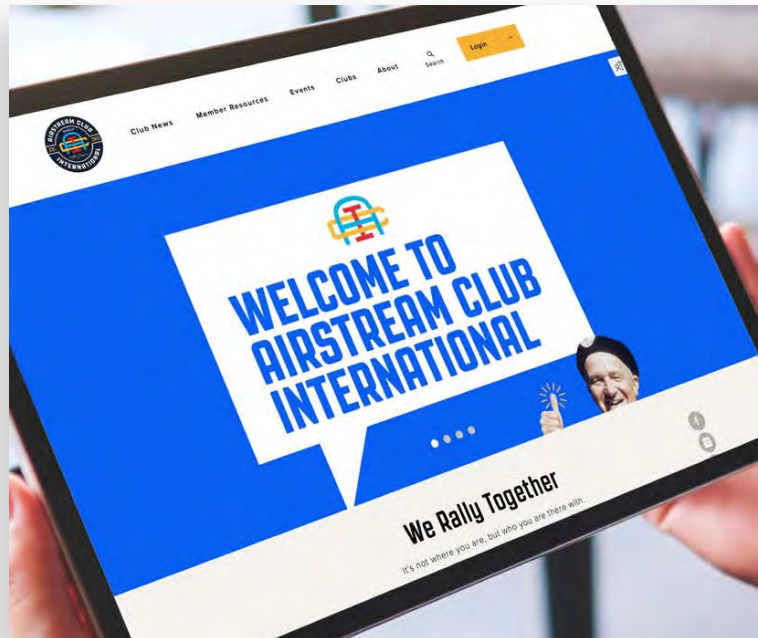
WHY? Members have access to A LOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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



British Columbia Airstream Club
www.airstreambc.ca

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 newest 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

Sheila MacDonald

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Arlene Matches

ROSTER & HANDBOOK

Sheila MacDonald

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