

# BC NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

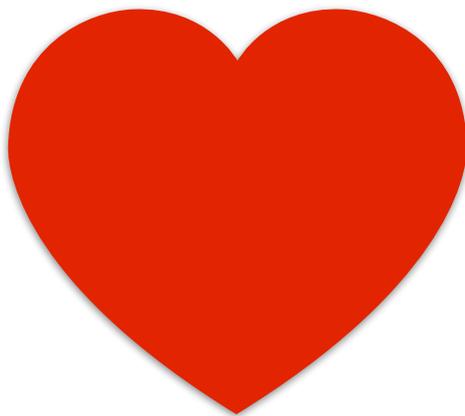


January came in like a lamb and has given some of us the desire to get our Airstream out of mothballs and ready for the next adventure. How many of you have started making reservations to join in some caravans or rally's that interest you? I know Karen and I have been planning trips, making reservations and looking forward to getting on the road! Our annual General Meeting at Traveland was a time for me to get acquainted with running my first meeting and being a patient man, hope that all attending realize that there is always room for improvement but I am giving it my best. As I have mentioned in the past Barbara and Trenor Tilley are not easy shoes to fill. They are always open offering to help and that is a reassuring.

We had a great attendance by our members including Tom Akam, Sheila & Vic MacDonald, Bernice & Brian, Nathan & Tami Shapitka, Bob Halliwell, Janet & Patrick Howell, Ross Mullen, Carol & Scott Ferguson, Mo Storoshenko & Sue, Beverly Robson, Eileen Meston, Joe & Lorena Kovatch, Leigh & Paul Gibbs, Barry Hook, Jan Ferrari, Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson. We were fortunate this year and our lunch was delivered as promised. Janet Howell kindly offered to pick up sandwiches for those members that required special dietary needs.

Our annual Maintenance Rally hosted by Bob and Gayle Halliwell is April 24th-26th. Please email Bob if you are planning to attend. This is a great place to have your rig looked at if you have any questions. We have several very competent members that love helping those of us that need their expertise. Bob, John and Barry are great and we have others that help as well. Pizza night, Bun on The Run, nightly fires and fellowship, come join us.

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### President's Message (cont'd)

We have reserved 18 sites at The Fort for our Friendsgiving Rally. If you are planning to attend the Friendsgiving Rally in Langley, October 2nd-5th, you MUST contact Darlene before February 28th at 604-888-2678 ext. 1 to reserve your site and mention you are with the Airstream Group. The sooner the better as Darlene will relinquish the sites not spoken for on March 1st. Once you have made your reservation please let Barbara and Trenor Tilley know that you are in! The Tilley's have offered to host the Friendsgiving Rally as Karen and I will be on the Route 66 Caravan celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the iconic Route 66. The Friendsgiving Rally has proven to be a very popular rally so reserve your site soon.

Tom Akam hosts the weekly coffee klatch and breakfast at The Roadhouse every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Let Tom know if you are interested in joining and he will make sure there is a spot at the table for you.

As you all know our club is entirely run by volunteers and members that are eager to think outside the box to help develop new and exciting rally's and caravan's. Please consider volunteering for a rally that may need a host. If you have ideas to share for a rally for this year or 2027 share that as well. Have a great February and start thinking about getting your Airstream on the open road heading out on new adventures.

## Rick



Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

Traveland RV Luncheon & General Meeting  
January 17th, 2026  
Meeting Minutes (taken by Karen Griffin)

Meeting at Traveland was called to order at 10:00am by President Rick Mattson. Rick convened the meeting recognizing the unceded lands of the Kwantlen, Matsqui, Semiamhoo and Katzie. Attendance at this meeting included: Tom Akam, Sheila & Vic McDonald, Bernice & Brian O'Shea, Nathan & Tami Shapitka, Bob Halliwell, Janet & Patrick Howell, Ross Mullen, Carol & Scott Ferguson, Moe Storoshenko & Sue, Beverly Robson, Eileen Meston, Joe & Lorena Kovatch, Leigh & Paul Gibbs, Barry Hook & Jan Ferrari, Rick Mattson, and Karen Griffin. 28 Club members were in attendance and it was determined we had a quorum. Janet Howell moved to approve minutes, seconded by Chris Millard. Voted & approved.

Tom Akam discussed the clubs financial overview with a discussion following. Motion to approve the 6 months period ending December 31st, 2025 was made by Janet Howell, seconded by Chris Millard. Voted & approved.

Sheila McDonald discussed membership status and initiatives.

Discussion for Maintenance Rally hiring a technician to visit and the rally questioning how much money would be assessed for such a person. Barbara Tilley moved for money to be available for such a person, stipulating they should be an Airstream Technician. Motion was seconded by Bernice O'Shea.

Fishing Derby was discussed and members were urged to contact Bob Halliwell as soon as possible if planning to attend the Fishing Rally – dates August 23-30. 2026.

Bernice O'Shea has 9 openings for the Hedley Hoedown Rally and asks that those wishing to attend to contact her to reserve a site for July 9-13, 2026.

Bob Halliwell will be in contact with Terry Gamache to secure the dates and where the "Enderby Rally" will be held.

A Caravan to Vancouver Island in 2027 was discussed. Karen Griffin will work with Carol Hale and Carol Ferguson to attempt getting this going.

Tami Shapitka raised the question of British Columbia to think about Jotform for upcoming rally's in an effort to increase participation throughout Region 10. Janet Howell suggested setting up rallies online as well. Bernice O'Shea offered to work with Monty (WebMaster for our club) to develop a link setting up rallies, caravans, and setting up an online automated system. Bernice will report her findings to the club's Executive Board. One question to be considered will be the cost of doing this. A motion was put forth by Janet Howell and seconded by Tami Shapitka. Voted on and carried.

John Millard proposed looking into and potentially reinstating Rally Fees. Seconded by Chris Millard, voted on and carried.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

# BC AIRSTREAM CLUB — CLOTHING LOGOS

Tami and I have made arrangements to get the club logo stitched onto clothing items. The vendor sells clothing or you can bring your own. Attached are some pictures of the logo. I've added our BRN number to my vest pictured in black. The cost for the embroidery is \$13 and an \$1 option to add your BRN plus taxes. I've also attached his business card.

If you could please sent out a club email with the above information and pictures it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance  
Nathan Shapitka  
778-988-3895  
Email: redxtuc@me.com



# 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](mailto:rickmattson@telus.net)

## BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIT #121

### 2026 Activity Schedule

Every Tuesday 9:00 am	<b>Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together</b> Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard South Surrey	Tom Akam 604-538-4149 to reserve your spot
<b><u>2026</u></b>		
March 28	<b>Come 'Meet 'n Greet' our Newcomers</b> Cranley Place Clubhouse 2141 Cranley Drive, Surrey, BC	Arlene Matches, Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy <a href="mailto:matches7403@gmail.com">matches7403@gmail.com</a>
April 24-26	<b>Maintenance Rally</b> Bob's property (details coming)	Bob & Gayle Halliwell 778-808-7257 <a href="mailto:halliwell4840@telus.net">halliwell4840@telus.net</a>
June 11-14	<b>Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally</b> Oliver, BC	Unit Presidents
June 24-26	<b>Region 10 Rally</b> Hood River Fair Grounds Oregon	Region 10 personnel
Date to be advised	<b>Enderby Rally</b> (Details coming)	Terry & Al Gamache
July 9-13	<b>Hedley Hoedown</b> Riverside RV in Hedley, BC	Bernice & Brian O 778-233-2682
Aug 22-27	<b>69th International Rally</b> Minot, North Dakota (see Blue Beret for details)	ACI
Aug 23-30	<b>Fishing Rally</b> Loon Bay RV Resort at Sheridan Lake	Bob & Gayle Halliwell <a href="mailto:halliwell4840@telus.net">halliwell4840@telus.net</a>
Mid-Sept	<b>Golf/Installation Rally</b> Twin Lakes or Claybanks (Details coming)	John & Chris Millard
Oct 2-5	<b>Friends-Giving Rally</b> Fort RV Park in Langley	Trenor & Barbara Tilley
Dec 5	<b>Annual Christmas Luncheon</b> Aldergrove White Spot (?)	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

# COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

Please note that members Nathan & Tami have arranged with a local company to do logo stitching on your own or bought from them clothing. See their information on page 4 of this newsletter. If you have any questions please liaise with Nathan or Tami directly.

*Spring can't come fast enough. This year I'm planning on being in my Airstream (on daughter's property in Earl's Cove) from beginning of May until end of September. I can hardly wait...*



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 this 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.

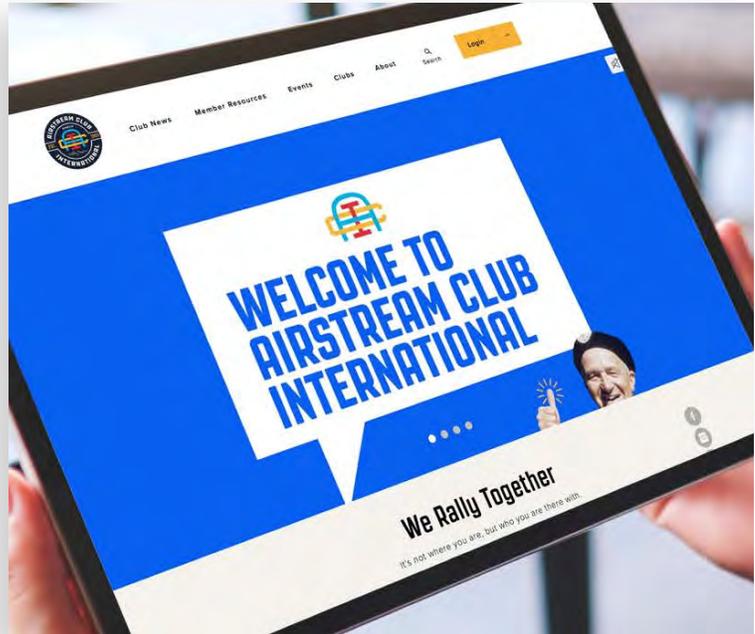
**WHY?** Members have access to ALOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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](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)

### OUR LOCAL - Airstream BC - website and links

- BC Club website : [www.airstreambc.com](http://www.airstreambc.com)
- Our Club on the AC International website: [airstreamclub.org/british-columbia](http://airstreamclub.org/british-columbia)
- Our BC Club newsletters on the AC International site: [airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/bc-club-newsletters](http://airstreamclub.org/british-columbia/bc-club-newsletters)
- Airstream BC events on ACI site - content *always changing* [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)



### 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

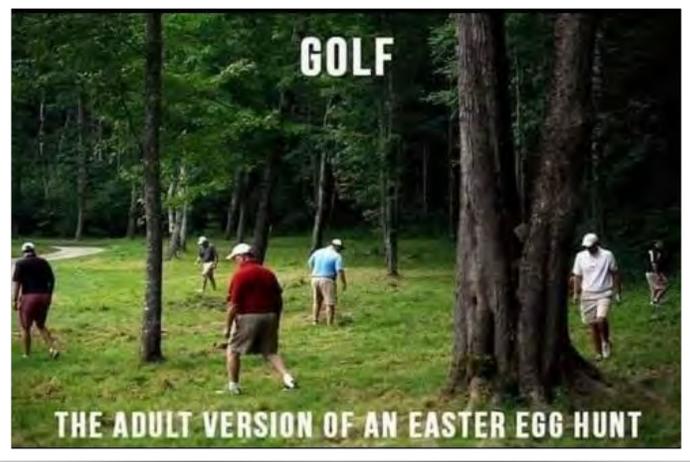
- Custom itinerary in France on the Rhone River with a full boat charter for our Airstream Club group
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises
- Check the ACI website for complete details
- <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>
- Airstream Club friends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



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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TBD

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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

**SAFETY CHAIRMAN**

Vacant

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