

BC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

I would like to start this newsletter wishing everyone a very Happy Easter and hope it will be filled with many blessings. Karen and I are very blessed to live in two wonderful countries and we count our blessings everyday. Family, friends and good health are the three most important and we cherish them all.

We are returning from a seven week adventure in Louisiana where we participated in the "Cajun Crawl Caravan". As I was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada and lived my entire life there, I was intrigued by the food, culture, people and the topography of this fascinating area. You may want to look into this caravan and add it to your bucket list. The people that call themselves Cajun's actually were outcast from Nova Scotia by the British, shipped back to France or made the journey down the eastern seaboard to the area now known as Louisiana. A very interesting story! Feel free to chat with Karen or myself about our amazing journey! We have some interesting stories to share.

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President's Message (cont'd)

Hopefully everyone interested in the Maintenance Rally at Bob and Gayle Halliwell's has signed up. Bob does a great job squeezing all of our rigs into their beautiful property. Come prepared with all of your questions regarding your Airstream and Barry, Bob, and John will help keep them in tip-top condition. When Karen and I purchased "Roxy" the tires looked great but after a close inspection by John Millard we found that they needed replacing. For safety reasons, Karen made sure that happened immediately. Imagine that!!!! Also, bring your appetite for pizza and Halliwell's famous "Bun on the Run".

Tammy and Nathan Shapitka sent suggestions for the basket which should be a representation of British Columbia's products. This basket is for our Region 10 Hood River Rally and we would like the BC basket to be the one that everyone wants to take home. The money raised by this auction will benefit a local charity in the area. If you have ideas for the basket....let me know!

Our club is looking for volunteers to fill a few important positions. Give me a call if you have any questions or interest in knowing more regarding these opportunities. All it takes is a little of your time. We have members that have filled these positions in the past and are always willing to help the new kid on the block.

Looking forward to seeing you all down the road of adventure.

Rick



Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RALLY APRIL 24/26 2026

~~AGENDA~~

As we start to prepare our Airstreams for another great travel season this is your chance to learn about your Airstream, ask questions about and seek advice from our knowledgeable pool of expert club members..

The rally site is located at...
31426 Downes Rd
Abbotsford

You are welcome to arrive after 12:30 pm on Friday. Enter via the East Driveway, it will clearly marked with traffic cones and then proceed to the rear of the property where you will be directed to your site.

Remember this dry camping however if you need to top up your batteries we have limited electrical as well as generators available. Water is also available.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 778-808-7257 or email halliwell4840@telus.net

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Arrive get comfortable, meet your neighbours and gather around the fire pit for Happy Hour 4pm to ??
Supper is on your own.
Evening fire

SATURDAY

9am breakfast provided bring your coffee and enjoy the traditional Bun on the Run

Maintenance portion of the rally. This when you can get great ideas on using your Airstream. If you have any maintenance, operational or cosmetic questions there are lots of people who will help you. We have several new members attending so reach out and get to know your fellow club members.

Lunch at noon, bring your hot dogs and buns to the fire or bbq. Snacks and condiments provided

During the afternoon you can continue the morning activities, play games or just relax.

4pm Happy Hour

5:30pm Pizza

Evening by the fire

SUNDAY

We will have muffins and fruit cups, just bring your coffee
Pack up and head home, no check out time!

If you are attending as a DRIVE IN please let me know if you will be there for Pizza...

There will be a Rally Fee of \$10 per person

Thanks for coming!

Bob and Gayle

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
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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

RIVERSIDE RENDEZVOUS RALLY 2026

July 13th – 16th

Hello Airstreamers

The rally will take place in Enderby at Riverside RV Park & 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. Two golf courses 30 minutes away. Salmon Arm is also within 30 minutes with unique shops and restaurants. Riverside also has 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 Enderby to Sicamous or southward, back to Armstrong.

I've reserved 10 sites

I know it's short notice, but if you are interested in this easy-going rally in the sunny north Okanagan, please let me know. The timing is perfect if you want to connect the Hedley rally, Riverhaven and carry on to Enderby, Riverside RV Park.

Please email Krista Foster: riversidepark@enderby.com - mention the Airstream Club. You'll have to pay in full for 3 nights stay. The cancellation policy reads full refund if you cancel within 30 days of arrival.

Hosts: Al & Terry Gamache. Email: gamache6@telus.net



Friends-Giving Rally 2026

We know it seems incredibly early to book for 2026 Thanksgiving, but we have booked space for 20 rigs at Fort Camping in Fort Langley for our Third Annual "Friends-Giving Rally".

It will be held on **Friday 2 October to Monday 5 October, 2026**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS LIMITED SPACE:

Here's how you can join this amazing Rally:

1. **Call Darlene** at 604-888-3678 for your campsite reservation **as soon as possible**.
2. **Please advise us** (Trenor Tilley and Barbara Fraser Tilley at tilley2007@outlook.com or by phone at 604-290-2887) **when you have made a reservation with the site number**.
3. That's it!

We have held 20 spaces in an area as a group camping together. It may be possible to book later, but you probably will not be located near the group.

There are lots of fun things to do over the course of the weekend – from wine tasting, to visiting the local farmer's market, to exploring B.C. history at the graveyard or exploring at Parks Canada's National Historic Site at Fort Langley. You might enjoy a bike ride around the area, or you could just choose to relax and visit with other rally participants. Antiques shopping is also plentiful if that is your jam!

Sunday night we will hold a **potluck dinner feast** like the feast we held for the last two years. The club will provide Turkey, and we hope that **rally participants will supply the "side dishes"** for a fabulous meal. Please advise us of any food sensitivities and/or allergies so that we can prepare accordingly. The feast will be held in a covered picnic area so that we can enjoy it regardless of the weather. There will be no fee for this event. The club has funds and will cover the cost of the turkey and additional costs related to the feast.



Fly Fishing Airstream Club

The Fly Fishing Airstream Club brings together those who love the art of fly fishing and the freedom of the open road. Traveling in our iconic Airstreams, we seek out the country's most scenic waters, driven by a shared respect for nature and the simple joy of the cast. We honour conservation, support local communities, and practice thoughtful angling. Through fellowship, learning, and stewardship, we deepen our connection to the water and to one another. Whether beside a mountain stream or around a campfire, we embrace the journey, the tradition, and the stories that flow from every catch.

We are a new intra-club, started in 2025. This year we have four [rallies](#) across the USA in Michigan, Tennessee, California and our own Puget Sound. Come join us in our own region!

Puget Sound Fly Fishing Rally – September 21 – 27

This rally is intended to give attendees multiple fishing opportunities. We have reserved 10 spots at the [Washington Land Yacht Harbor \(WLYH\)](#) just outside Olympia, WA. The WLYH is ideally located in the South Puget Sound region with nearby access to local rivers and lakes plus numerous salt-water public beaches for wading and using your floatation devices. Multiple Fly Fishing guide services are located within close proximity as well. At least three guide services have already been contacted. Detailed daily activities and schedules are TBD but will include daily fishing opportunities with or without guided services (boat, kayak, and wading), on-sight educational presentations, and daily happy hour/meal gatherings. Many of us self-identify as beginners and enjoy learning every time we hit the water. Nearby Points of Interest (POIs) included National Recreation Areas (e.g. Mt. Ranier NP, Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge), multiple museums, as well as local tourist attractions.

You do not have to be a member of our intra-club to join the rally. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Julie Hanada, BRN: 16716, Phone 206-715-4942, shinytimecapsule@gmail.com



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!**

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
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 Lakeside RV Resort, Oliver, BC	Unit Presidents
June 24-26	Region 10 Rally Hood River Fair Grounds Oregon	Region 10 personnel
July 9-13	Hedley Hoedown Riverhaven RV in Hedley, BC	Bernice & Brian O 778-233-2682
July 13-16	Riverside Rendezvous Riverside RV Park in Enderby (see page 6)	Terry & Al Gamache gamache6@telus.net
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	Trenor & Barbara Tilley
Dec 5	Annual Christmas Luncheon Aldergrove White Spot	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin


COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

A Washington Unit member recently sent an email asking if I'd list his unit (#117) in the Land Yacht Harbour for sale. I mentioned it isn't something I would normally do and didn't think there'd be much interest to Canadians because of the turmoil surrounding American politics. However, if you are interested you could reach out personally to Johnni Hansen at: johnni0923@gmail.com.

Don't forget to wear your name tags to the "Meet 'n Greet" luncheon on Saturday. AND, for those who didn't know; the club is paying for lunch. We are hoping for a good turnout.

I leave for my summer home May 3rd (aka my Airstream parked up at Earl's Cove) and won't be back home until late September or early October. If you're by my place and see an Airstream in my driveway; it's not mine...Janet and Paul are storing theirs there for the foreseeable future. Everyone who lives in Cranley thought I'd brought mine back — most people think all Airstreams look alike...!!!

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....)



Have you signed up for this year's 69th International Rally (closer to home than some years)

A LITTLE LIGHT READING...

You can't blame anyone else if you fall in your driveway. It's your own asphalt.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinz sight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing. They are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" The leader replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon.

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song ...But the chick peas can only hummus one.

Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... It was a brief case.

How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

My friend said she wouldn't eat cow's tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth. I gave her an egg.

Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

Ran out of toilet paper and now using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, and tomorrow romaines to be seen.

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right...Jack and the beans talk.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works ... And then it struck me.

Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. That's right. The steaks were pretty high.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.

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.

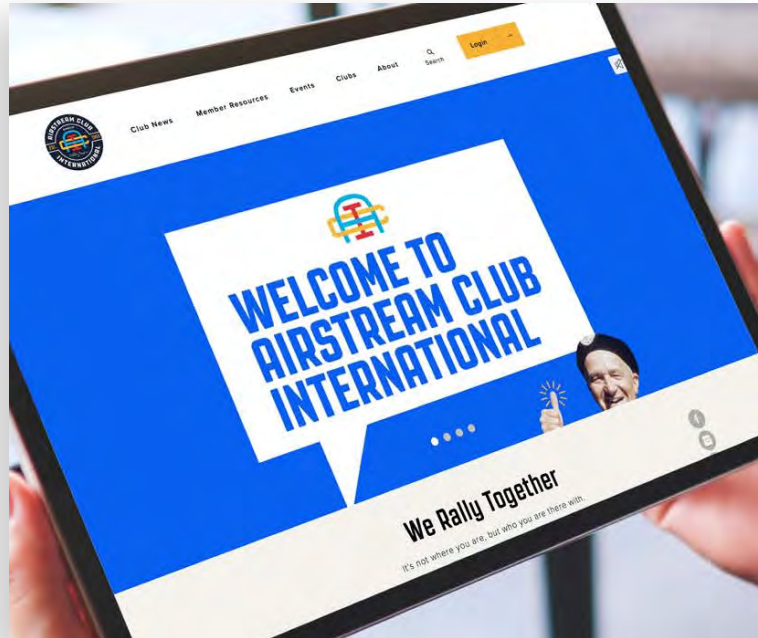
WHY? Members have access to A LOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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

NEW MEMBER, WEBSITE and ROSTER CHANGES

No new members this month...

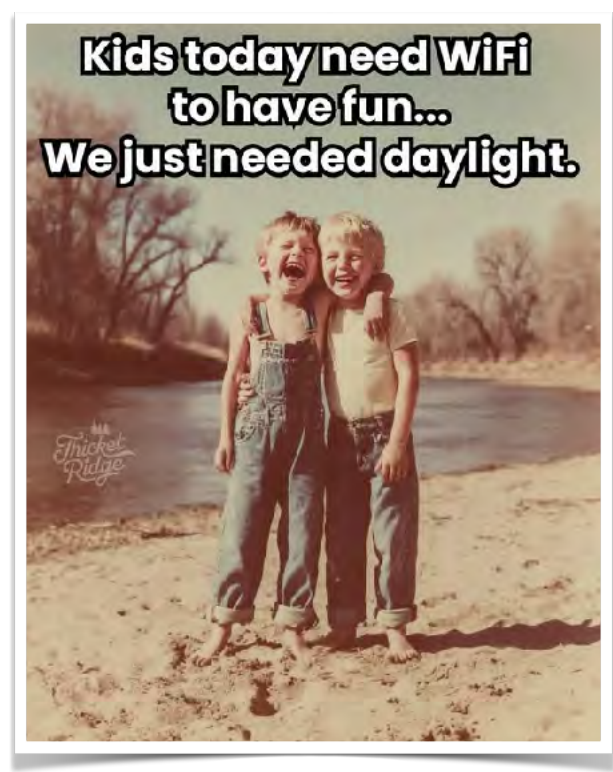
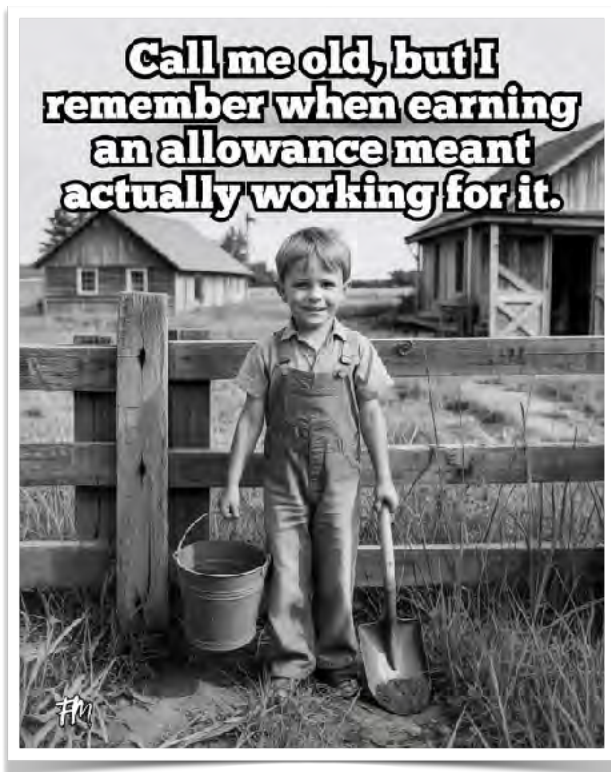
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www.airstreambc.ca

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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Vacant

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John Millard and 2 others to be selected

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Arlene Matches

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