

BC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

July was an active month for our British Columbia club. Karen and I were unable to join the Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan hosted by Janet & Patrick Howell, the Hedley Hoedown hosted by Bernice and Brian O'Shea or the River Rendezvous hosted by Terry and Al Gamache and for that reason they will be letting everyone know about those adventures later in our newsletter. Karen, Eddie and myself spent ten days on Vancouver Island doing one of our favorite pastimes, fishing the northwest coast in Winter Harbour. There's something about being on our boat and hearing nothing but the blow of a surfacing whale and the slapping of the water on an aluminum hull as we slowly troll for the mystery fish. The fishing was fantastic, the joy of reuniting with old fishing friends and memorable sunrises and sunsets leaves lasting memories!

Once again we find ourselves asking for volunteers. George Curtis had to make changes to his membership and is now an affiliate in our club. We are disappointed that he will not be able to be our First Vice President but he has promised to continue to be active in our BC organization. Without volunteers the club will not thrive and flourish. Please consider stepping up for the good of our wonderful members. This is not a hard job and the rewards are great! Karen, Eddie and I will be heading to Washington to attend the Potlatch Rally and then head to the Sip of the Dakotas hosted by Grapes and Grains as we make our way to the International Rally in Minot, North Dakota. Looking forward to seeing you there.

George Curtis will be heading up the Abbotsford Airshow Rally next spring, firm dates to be announced later. George will update details and the dates are tentatively August 13-15, 2027.

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President's Message (cont'd)

The Vancouver Island caravan, HAA AANI is making progress and our dates are September 8 -29, 2027. I believe the July newsletter had the dates as September 8-28, 2027 which were incorrect. One more day was added to the itinerary. We are hoping to be able to give everyone more information for registering for this caravan in September or October. There will be something for everyone from hiking the forests and seashores to high tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria. This caravan will be limited to 20 units and we believe it will fill quickly! We will send out notices to members and affiliates as soon as we have everything finalized.

British Columbia has two more rallies this year. Please join us at the Halliwell Classic Golf Rally September 17-20, at Twin Lakes Golf and RV Resort, hosted by Chris and John Millard and Friends-Giving Rally October 2-5 at Fort Camping in Fort Langley hosted by Barbara and Trenor Tilley. Thank you to both of these couples for making these rallies successful and enjoyable. We hope to see you at these to events.

Our final gathering for 2026 will be the Christmas Luncheon at the White Spot in Aldergrove on December 5th at 12:00. Mark your calendars and let's kick off the Christmas holidays in 'Streamer style!

Food for thought! If anyone has an idea for a rally for the beautiful province of British Columbia let's have a conversation regarding your thoughts. We have so many areas worthy of exploring.

Rick



Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

RIVERSIDE RENDEZVOUS UPDATE

I wanted to share a quick update on how this year's rally turned out. What a difference from last year, which was mostly rain every day! Bernice and I decided to coordinate our schedules to host the Hedley Rally back-to-back in July. The weather was fantastic—even a bit too warm at times—but thankfully we were able to cool off in the river just a short walk away.

We had a wonderful turnout with 10 trailers joining us this year, including Al and myself, Bob and Gayle Halliwell, John and Chris Millard, Scott and Carol Ferguson, Vic and Sheila MacDonald, Brian and Bernice O'Shea, Ray and Gillian Evans, Peter and Brenda Reid, Gerald and Liselotte Chudyk, and Moe Storoshenko and Sue.

We kept busy with plenty of fun activities throughout the event. One day, we entertained ourselves by playing Jenga with the big blocks. We also enjoyed a great pizza night and to top it off, Bob Halliwell, Al Gamache, and Vic MacDonald treated the whole group to an amazing breakfast, the infamous Buns on the Run. A few of our members headed over to the local Legion to watch the soccer match, though they came back a bit disappointed to see England lose.

Overall, it was a highly successful rally and a wonderful time catching up with everyone. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.





A man walks in a bar and shouts “free beers outside”!

So everyone in the bar, except the bartender, ran outside in excitement.

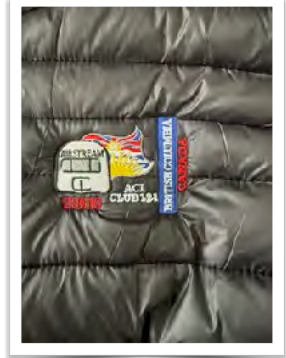
The bartender, visibly angry, yells at the man “what the hell did you do that for? Now I have no customers!!”

The man says “Sorry mister, i honestly didn’t fink any of those men would be brave enough to fight a grizzly beer, let alone free of them”

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.

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



6th Annual B.C. Airstream Club Golf Tournament

“Halliwell Classic”

WHEN: September 17th – 20th, 2026

WHERE: Twin Lakes Golf & RV Resort

79 Twin Lakes Rd. V0H 1K0

PHONE: 250-497-5319 (RV Resort) 250-497-5359

BOOKING: Call Megan to get one of the sites set aside for us.

This Rally is Mostly a DIY Rally.

Please Call the RV Park to book your site, once that is done send us an email millard12581@gmail.com to inform us of who is coming (total number of people) & how many are golfing. Please do so as soon as possible as they won't hold the sites for long.

We will reserve 3 tee off times for Friday. So we have room for 12 golfers, I can add more if needed but as you all know these things are time sensitive.

Thursday: Arrival of rigs, set up and happy hour (3-4pm ish) at our camp site.

Friday: THE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF GAME: Trophy presentation to follow at happy hour. **Saturday:** Installation day.

Please note: *This is just a fun rally, for all to participate in and therefore the judging is at the discretion of the hosts. (lots of fun regardless of how good or bad your golf game is).*





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

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

2026-27 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
Aug 22-27	69th International Rally Minot, North Dakota (see Blue Beret for details)	ACI
Aug 23-30	Fishing Rally CANCELLED Loon Bay RV Resort at Sheridan Lake	Bob & Gayle Halliwell halliwell4840@telus.net
Sept 17-20	Golf/Installation Rally Twin Lakes near Keremeos	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

2027

June 9-13	Airstreams without Borders Rally Lakeside Resort, Oliver, BC	TBA
June 26-July 1	70th International Rally Rock Springs, WY	ACI
Aug.13-15	Abbotsford Airshow Rally	George Curtis
Sept 8-29	Vancouver Island HAA AANI Caravan Planning Stages (limited to 20 units)	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

A horrible thing happened to me this past week. I had the newsletter all done and my MacBook Air 'bulged' overnight. I thought it was sitting on something or one of the little 'feet' had fallen off (I wish it were something so minor—I knew something was seriously wrong when the lid wouldn't close properly...OOPS). Long (and sad) story short, the damned computer let me down and, since I was up at my Airstream in Earl's Cove for the summer and didn't think to take my backup system with me they were only able to transfer from my backup diskette which was last done in April (not going to make THAT mistake again....the backup system now goes wherever my computer goes).

So, new MacBook Neo computer purchased yesterday (28th) from Best Buy; they had my last update (April 2026) from the backup diskette; and put those files into the new computer. I had to recreate the newsletter from an old format and recent emails sent that hadn't yet been cleared from my trash...I know I have missed some stuff that was sent to me and, for this, I apologize. Hopefully, you will still have a newsletter with enough information to keep you up-to-date.



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....)



Arlene

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.

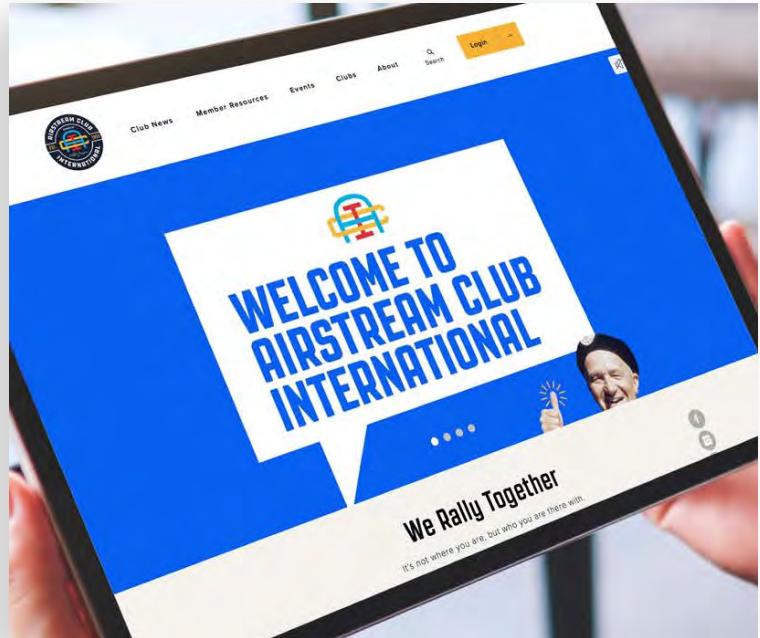
WHY? Members have access to A LOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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.



Registration now open for next year's International Rally...go online for details.

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CARVAN COMMITTEE

Vacant

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trenor Tilley and 2 others to be selected

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Bob Halliwell

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Arlene Matches

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