

BC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

May seemed to be a quiet month for BC and our Airstream group. Karen and I did make a couple of trips down to the United States attending some weekend rallies and took our boat out to do some prawning in the States. We try to keep "Roxy" on the road and love chasing rainbows and waterfalls.

If you are interested in going to our Region 10 Hood River Rally there could be openings and, from all I am hearing, it will have lots to offer everyone. Consider attending. Our club has made a fantastic basket for the auction and we are hoping that our club's donation to the auction will bring a nice chunk of change for the charities. There are three charities that will benefit: Fish Food, a food bank; Next Door, a charity for at-risk children; and, Pet Adoption Center for our fur babies. All the clubs in Region 10 are donating some great auction items and we are hoping to bring some home!

Nathan & Tami Shapitka took on the task of updating our Club 121 flag with the help of Monty Sheldon. Monty spent hours sharpening the resolution and making a file for our club. The changes may seem slight but Monty changed Unit 121 to Club 121 and added ACI, which is the new protocol. If you are interested in a new Club 121 flag to display at events, please contact Nathan and Tami (their info on page 8) for more information. The cost is \$38 and the flags are impressive. I would like to thank all involved for taking the initiative to make these changes before the Hood River Regional Rally in June. We will proudly be flying our new flag at Hood River and we hope to see you there.

We are currently working on a 3-week caravan to Vancouver Island in 2027 and our dates are September 8th-29th. Planning is just beginning and we are hoping to make this a National Caravan, however, we have a lot of work to do. Planning campgrounds, the itinerary, outings, and costs are still in the early stages.

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President's Message (cont'd)

If anyone has ideas about restaurants, attractions not to miss, or ideas regarding the Island please let me know and also, let me know if you would like to attend as we are trying to firm up campgrounds and numbers! This is your caravan and all ideas and suggestions are welcomed. Please let us hear from you and, if you live on the Island and know about little hidden gems, get in touch with us.

If you haven't yet signed up for upcoming rallies, there are openings for Airstreams Without Borders, the Fishing Rally, the Golf Rally, Hedley Hoedown and Friends-Giving... You still have time!

Wishing everyone a great summer and get those shiny silver bullets on the road! Looking forward to seeing you all on the road throughout the summer.

Rick



Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin



Here's the lowdown on the

HEDLEY HOEDOWN July 9th to July 13th, 2026

In time for the **KEREMEOS JAMBOREE** July 10th to July 12th, 2026



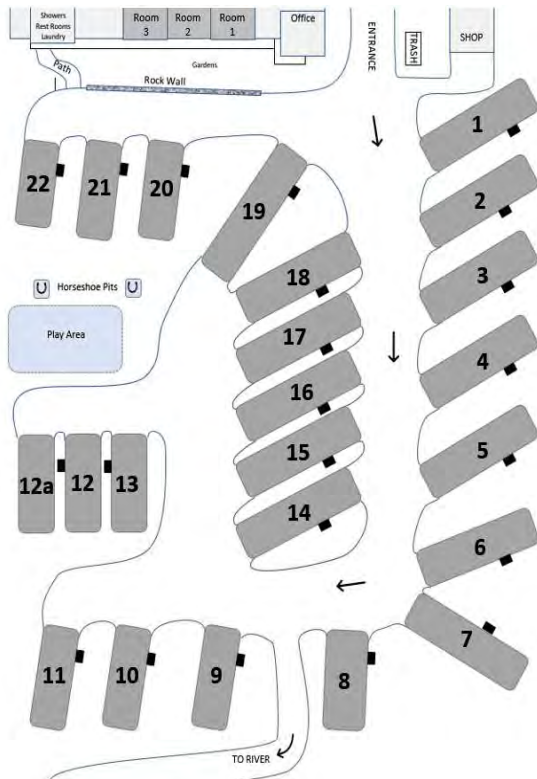
The Airstream Club of BC hosts the Hedley Hoedown Rally at Riverhaven RV Park:

Riverhaven Rv Park & Motel
6165 3 Hwy, Hedley BC V0X1K0

(250) 292-8221 www.riverhavenrv.com

Riverhaven RV Park: riverfront or regular sites available

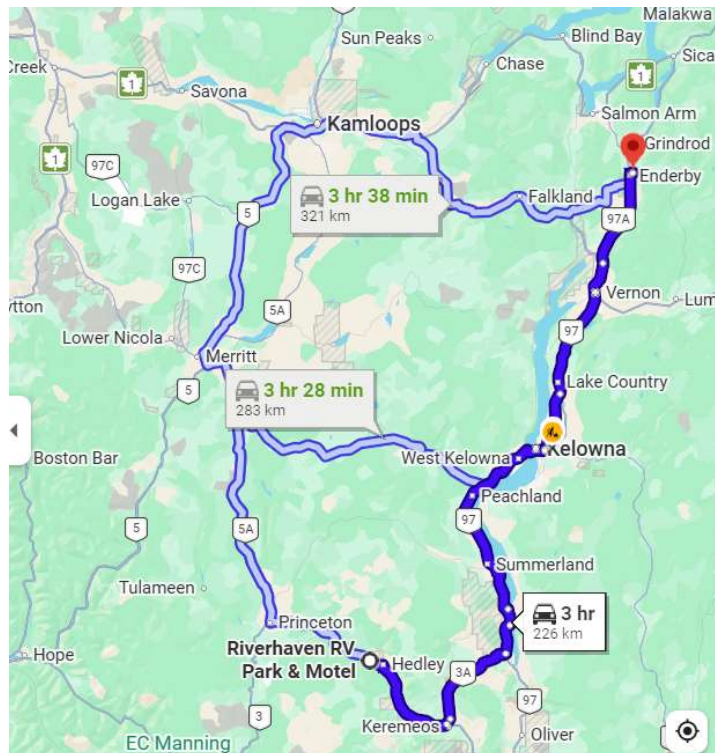
Please call Doug directly at Riverhaven RV Park tn (250) 292-8221 Option 0.



The site numbers we have reserved are as follows: 5,6,7,8,11,13,15,16,19. Prior to booking, please review the site location, so please see the attached map.

Once booked may you please send Bernice O. in an email letting me know your site number so I may keep track of who is participating in the rally. Email: airstreamlove.blog@gmail.com.

On July 13th, we invite you to join us at the Riverside Rendezvous Rally at the Riverside RV Park & Campground in Enderby from July 13 – 16th, 2026.



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

**WELCOME TO THE 2026 BC AIRSTREAM CLUB FISHING RALLY
AUGUST 23-30, 2026
AT THE BEAUTIFUL LOON BAY RESORT ON SHERIDAN LAKE**

Planning is well under way for the Rally and it is now time to register for your attendance

Please follow these instructions for Registration.

- If you have previously contacted me follow up with an email to confirm your attendance
- For the rest please send an email
- Include your dates, hopefully the full week
- Registration must be submitted to me by ***May 25th***
- You will be contacted by me by ***May 30th*** with your assigned camp site number
- After you receive your camp site number you will contact the Resort, register with them and pay your deposit
- Last thing, send me an email confirming your registration with the Resort

I have thirteen sites reserved some full service and the rest are power and water.

We are working on the full Agenda for the Rally and that will be posted in the July Newsletter.

Bob & Gayle Halliwell, halliwell4840@telus.net



Hi Arlene,

Bob Halliwell recommended I reach out to you. This is Lloyd Williams BRN 2301. We met originally at the maintenance rally a couple of years ago. I need to come back to Vancouver Island to help a dear friend and want to find someplace I could park safe. If there's some Airstreamer who has a parking space available where I can commute into Victoria for a few weeks starting around the 8th of June. Bob said you may know of someone or could post it in a mailing to the BC group. I'm on a limited budget these days and trying to find someplace inexpensive and safe to park. My contact info is below.

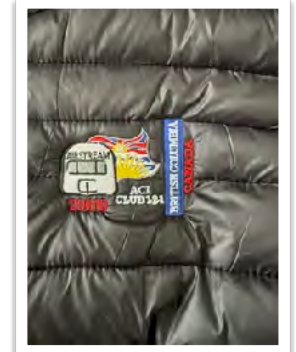
Thanks,
Lloyd Williams

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BC AIRSTREAM CLUB — CLOTHING LOGOS

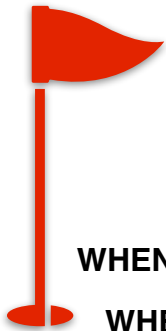
Tami and I have made arrangements to get the club logo stitched onto clothing items. The vendor sells clothing or you can bring your own. Attached are some pictures of the logo. I've added our BRN number to my vest pictured in black. The cost for the embroidery is \$13 and an \$1 option to add your BRN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

{Located on HWY 3 between
Keremeos, Kaleden, and
Penticton, BC}





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!**

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
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
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

Sept 8-29	Vancouver Island Caravan Planning Stages	Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin
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COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

We were saddened to learn that BC Unit's Audie Finley, a long-time half of 'Norm & Audie Finley', passed away January 10th. A Celebration of Life for both Audie and Norm (who passed Oct.29/2020) is being held at Dignity in Mission on July 19th (her birthday). I'm not sure of the time of the celebration but more information can be found at Dignity (reference Audie by her real name—Eileen Finley).

June

by John Updike

The sun is rich
And gladly pays
In golden hours,
Silver days,

And long green weeks
That never end.
School's out.
The time is ours to spend.

There's Little League,
Hopscotch, the creek,
And, after supper,
Hide-and-seek.

The live-long light
Is like a dream,
and freckles come
Like flies to cream.

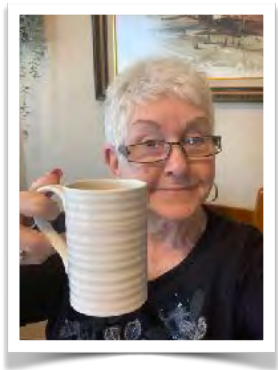


Bob Halliwell has these hats available for \$15. If you would like one please email Bob at halliwell4840@telus.net.

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)



Happy Father's Day to all Dads, Granddads, Stepdads, Doggy dads and Fathers who are far away from their families

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.

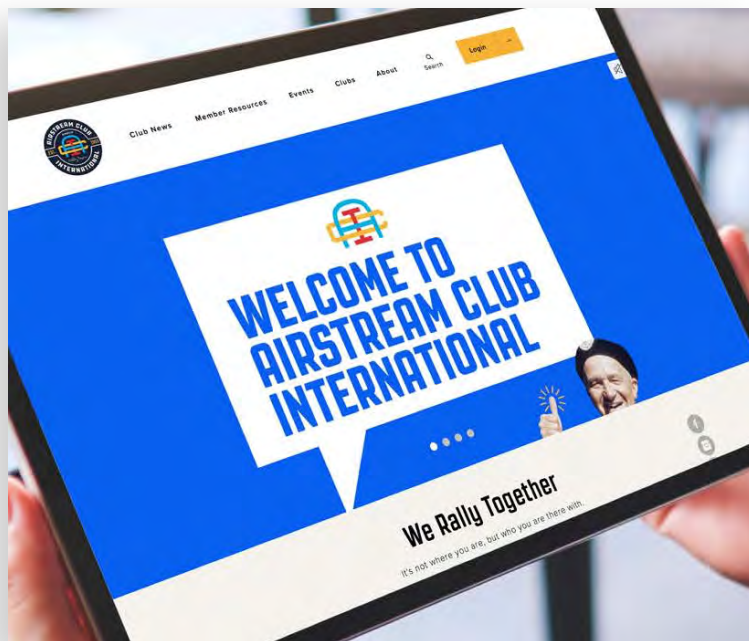
WHY? Members have access to ALOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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
- 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



**Meet Tami & Nathan's
"Carly"
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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 # _____

Hello Charlie and the Airstream Club,

I am writing to share a significant update regarding our dealership. As of last week, Midtown RV is transitioning away from our role as an Airstream retail dealer, and we will no longer be carrying their new inventory.

While our retail relationship is ending, our commitment to our existing customers remains strong. We have secured an agreement to continue operating as an authorized Airstream warranty and service center for the next few years to ensure a smooth transition for the local community.

Because our operational structure is shifting, we unfortunately have to step back from supporting the upcoming rally. I wanted to let you know immediately so your team has as much time as possible to adjust plans.

We have truly valued our relationship with you and the community over the years, and we wish you a highly successful event.

Best regards, J.C. MacLeod
MIDTOWN RV, Penticton, BC

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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