

# BC NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Spring is in the air and it is time to start making plans to get out on the open road. Karen and I took Roxy out of her winter hibernation and hit the road for another adventure spending Valentine's Day on the beaches of California. Roxy went into her winter hibernation in October which is earlier than we planned but life happens! Most of our friends are preparing to start exploring soon and we hope that you have some great destinations planned for the 2026 season. Please look over the rally and caravan dates and if you haven't made your reservations, it is time to get started.

The 'Meet 'n Greet Our Newcomers' is scheduled for March 28th, 2026. Make plans to attend if possible. The Halliwell's yearly 'Maintenance Rally' is scheduled for April 24-26, 2026. If you haven't made your reservation for this rally, please take the time to do so. It is always worth the time learning from the gurus, reconnecting with fellow 'Streamers and enjoying campfires, pizza and Bob and Gayle's famous 'Buns On The Run', not to mention having your Airstream looked at and evaluated by Bob, John, Barry and others that know it all. I refer to them as Ike's....I know everything... which they really do! We are fortunate to have this team willing to look over every trailer that attends the rally.

Terry and Al Gamache have set their dates for the Enderby Rally for July 13-15, 2026 following Bernice and Brian's 'Hedley Hoedown' scheduled for July 9-13, 2026. Please call and get your spots reserved for these two rally's. A big thank you to these two couples for continuing their efforts and hosting these rally's this year once again.



**President’s Message (cont’d)**

June 11-14, 2026 we also have ‘Airstreams Without Borders’, the joint BC/ Washington Unit Rally in Oliver, BC. Please call and make those reservations if you plan to attend this fun filled rally with our friends from Washington!

Our Region 10 Rally is June 24-26, 2026 and this rally is going to be worth the trip to Oregon! A tremendous amount of effort is being put into this regional rally and we are sure that British Columbian's will enjoy all of the activities that are going to be offered. Space is very limited but there are a couple of RV spots available. Susan McPhee, our Region 10 President, says there is a "waitlist" but feels confident that if you are on the list you will get a spot for this rally.

We have been asked by Susan McPhee to make a gift basket that represents British Columbia for the Region 10 Rally in Oregon. This basket is for an auction with proceeds going to a charitable organization in the Hood River, Oregon area. If you have suggestions for items to add to the gift basket, that remind you of the beautiful British Columbia province, we want to hear from you. Give me a call or send an email with your suggestions. All clubs in Region 10 are being asked to do the same and we would like our basket to be special. Put on your thinking caps and let’s make this happen.

We are always looking for members to join our team and would like to see some volunteers for a couple of positions. Consider stepping up. Without the support of members this club can't grow. Please let me know if you have any interest in getting more involved with your club.

**Rick**



Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

# 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)

# RIVERSIDE RENDEZVOUS RALLY 2026

**July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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](mailto:gamache6@telus.net)

# Annual "Meet 'n Greet" Luncheon

Cranley Community Hall, 2141 Cranley Drive, South Surrey, BC  
Saturday, March 28th at Noon

Come celebrate Spring with us. This luncheon is held to give all those new members the opportunity to meet with established members; ask questions; get answers to those pesky quirks that are part of being Airstream owners; and just have fun socializing.

Everybody is welcome, HOWEVER, for catering purposes we would like an email (or phone call) to one of us to confirm attendance. We will endeavour to cater to those who can't eat gluten or are vegetarian.

We look forward to a good turnout again this year.

Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy, [paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com](mailto:paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com) or phone  
604-209-7970

OR

Arlene Matches, [matches7403@gmail.com](mailto:matches7403@gmail.com) or phone 604-202-7229



# 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](mailto: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.

## ANNUAL MAINTENANCE RALLY — APRIL 24/26

Well we are planning for another successful Rally at our place in Abbotsford.

RALLY SITE:  
31426 Downes Road  
Abbotsford

HOST CONTACT INFO:  
Bob Halliwell    [Halliwell4840@telus.net](mailto:Halliwell4840@telus.net)    778-808-7257

There are only a few spots left as the interest has been excellent with several new members attending. If you have not sent me an email, the cutoff date will be April 1st. Along with our usual activities we hope to have a Service Technician from Traveland on site to assess any issues you may have. I will have all the Rally information and agenda in the April Newsletter.

Thanks,  
Bob Halliwell

Truck for sale. Needs parts. Serious inquiries only.





### 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	<b>Coffee/Breakfast Get-Together</b> Roadhouse Grille 1781 King George Boulevard South Surrey	<b>Tom Akam</b> 604-538-4149 to reserve your spot
March 28	<b>Come 'Meet 'n Greet' our Newcomers</b> Cranley Place Clubhouse 2141 Cranley Drive, Surrey, BC	<b>Arlene Matches, Paul Wheeler &amp; Janet Soucy</b> <a href="mailto:matches7403@gmail.com">matches7403@gmail.com</a>
April 24-26	<b>Maintenance Rally</b> Bob's property (details coming)	<b>Bob &amp; Gayle Halliwell</b> 778-808-7257 <a href="mailto:halliwell4840@telus.net">halliwell4840@telus.net</a>
June 11-14	<b>Joint BC/Washington Unit Rally</b> Lakeside RV Resort, Oliver, BC	<b>Unit Presidents</b>
June 24-26	<b>Region 10 Rally</b> Hood River Fair Grounds Oregon	<b>Region 10 personnel</b>
July 9-13	<b>Hedley Hoedown</b> Riverhaven RV in Hedley, BC	<b>Bernice &amp; Brian O</b> 778-233-2682
July 13-16	<b>Riverside Rendezvous</b> Riverside RV Park in Enderby (see page 5)	<b>Terry &amp; Al Gamache</b> <a href="mailto:gamache6@telus.net">gamache6@telus.net</a>
Aug 22-27	<b>69th International Rally</b> Minot, North Dakota (see Blue Beret for details)	<b>ACI</b>
Aug 23-30	<b>Fishing Rally</b> Loon Bay RV Resort at Sheridan Lake	<b>Bob &amp; Gayle Halliwell</b> <a href="mailto:halliwell4840@telus.net">halliwell4840@telus.net</a>
Mid-Sept	<b>Golf/Installation Rally</b> Twin Lakes or Claybanks (Details coming)	<b>John &amp; Chris Millard</b>
Oct 2-5	<b>Friends-Giving Rally</b> Fort RV Park in Langley	<b>Trenor &amp; Barbara Tilley</b>
Dec 5	<b>Annual Christmas Luncheon</b> Aldergrove White Spot	<b>Rick Mattson &amp; Karen Griffin</b>

# COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

I'm looking forward to meeting newbies and old friends on the 28th. Come to the 'Meet 'n Greet' luncheon and bring your questions for us 'oldies'. We need #'s for catering so let me know please (see Activities page for info).

Got this email from Julie Hanada shinytimecapsule@gmail.com:

*"I am a member of the Washington Airstream club and Fly Fishing Intra-Club. Brian Nadeau and I are co-hosting our intra-club's fly fishing rally at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor in September. We would like to publicize the rally throughout our region - in the region and region clubs' newsletters. Fishers do not need to be a member of the intra-club to register. And, most of us self-identify as beginners.*

This sounds like fun...fishers and non-fishers alike take note....



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.

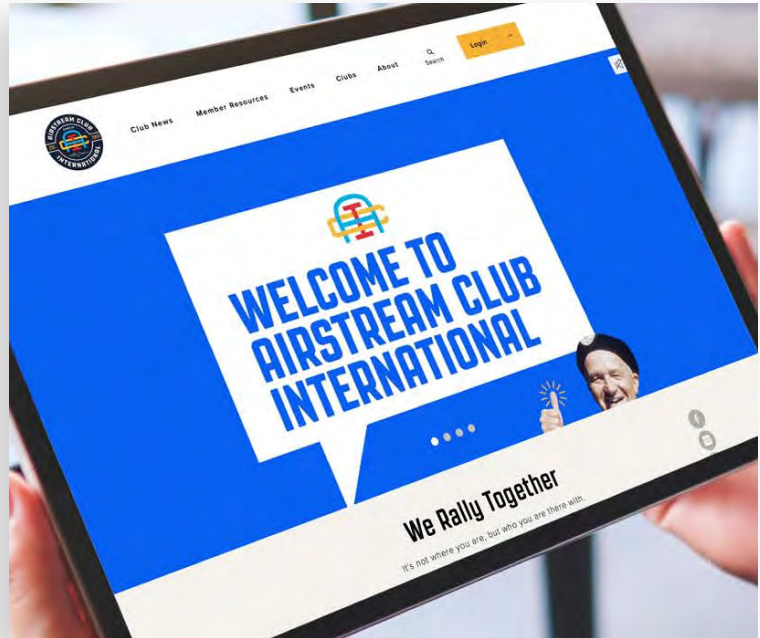
**WHY?** Members have access to ALOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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)

# 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 # \_\_\_\_\_



“Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn’t make a decision.”  
~Unknown~

SHARED ON I’M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM



Happy St. Patrick’s Day

# 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**

Vacant

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

John Millard and 2 others to be selected

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Arlene Matches

**EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN**

Bob Halliwell

**HOSPITALITY & SUNSHINE**

Arlene Matches

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