

BC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

August was a beautiful month to get out and enjoy spending time in the great outdoors. Now that summer is over it is time to give thought to our autumn adventures! The kids are off to school, some to college and we find ourselves looking for places to go before it gets too cold to travel in the great northwest. I hear some are thinking of going "down south" this winter!

Karen, Eddie and I, along with a few of our British Columbia members enjoyed the Potlatch Rally at Washington Land Yacht Harbour and it truly delivered. The Potlatch Rally is offered only every three years and if you have the opportunity to attend next time Washington offers this rally it is worth attending. Their team did an outstanding job!

After leaving Potlatch, we joined the Grapes and Grains Rally through South and North Dakota as we made our way to the International Rally in Minot, North Dakota. Many of you have attended international rallies in the past but this was our first! What an experience. We had a marvellous time and please make plans to attend Rock Springs, WY International Rally! You will not regret it.

Preparations for the Vancouver Island Caravan are far from being finalized, however, we will be announcing a registration date in the near future. A lot of thought and preparation is going into this three week island adventure. We have received a tremendous amount of interest from folks wanting to "get on" this caravan. The caravan will be limited to 20 rigs and our dates are September 8th - 29th, 2027, so if you are interested, please mark your calendar and keep an eye out for emails and announcements regarding registration.

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President's Message (cont'd)

If you haven't registered for the Golf Rally, September 17th - 20th, you still have time! Thank you Chris & John Millard for hosting this rally. Who will be taking home the coveted "Halliwell Classic Golf Trophy"? We will also be hosting a "fish fry" of halibut and lingcod on Saturday, September 19th. No worries if you are gluten free, we have you covered.

Barbara and Trenor Tilley will be hosting our annual Friends-Giving Rally on October 2nd - 5th and spots are still available at Fort RV Park in Fort Langley. Our big meal of turkey and all the trimmings will be on Sunday in the pavilion. Thank you Barbara and Trenor for continuing with this tradition! Three years and counting! Let us know what we need to bring and what we can do to help! We still have 7 sites available for you!

The final function for the year is our Christmas Luncheon. Lunch will be at 12:00 (noon) December 5th at White Spot in Aldergrove. Please contact me by phone at 604-657-3119 or email me at rickmattson@telus.net if you plan to attend. White Spot would like an accurate head count to make sure we have a large enough room to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Every month we ask our members to consider volunteering for a position on our board. We still need your help and without it we go nowhere! We would like to see some rallies in the springtime. If you have an idea, throw it out there and let's see if we can make it happen. A rally can be a no pressure gathering with just a few rigs for a few days. Think about the trips you are planning and see if we can make it happen for our club.

This will be my final newsletter as Karen will be taking over for the following year. I know she will do a wonderful job and she will always have my full support. Wishing you all beautiful views, quiet moments and countless adventures.

Rick

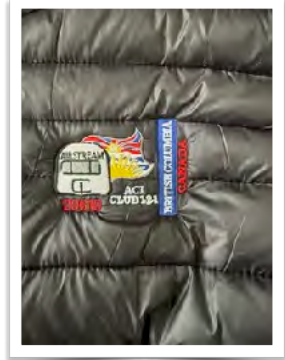


Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin

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.

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

Sept 17-20

Golf/Installation Rally
Twin Lakes near Keremeos

John & Chris Millard

IMPORTANT NOTICE.... It was discovered that some golf rally booking sites were no longer on the books at Twin Lakes RV Resort. Please confirm with the resort that your reservation is still there...

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

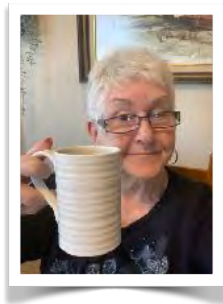
Please note the 'Important Notice' comment on Activities page (7) with regard to bookings at Twin Lakes Resort...

We were saddened to learn that Karen Griffin's son, Bobby Pargac aged 56, passed away this past week. Please keep her in your prayers as she and her family mourn this tragic loss.

If you have a small corner left in the September newsletter, I would appreciate your expressing our thanks to Janet Soucy and Paul Wheeler for bringing us a beautiful bouquet of flowers to offer their sympathy and the sympathy of the Airstream Club members on the sudden accidental death of my sister, Heather Twaites, from Kelowna. She died at the end of July after hitting her head on a tile stair. She was only 65 years old and in great health. Trenor and I were in Europe at the time and as there was no cortical brain activity, there was no point in returning from our trip.

Thank you!

Barbara and Trenor Tilley



Arlene



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 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.

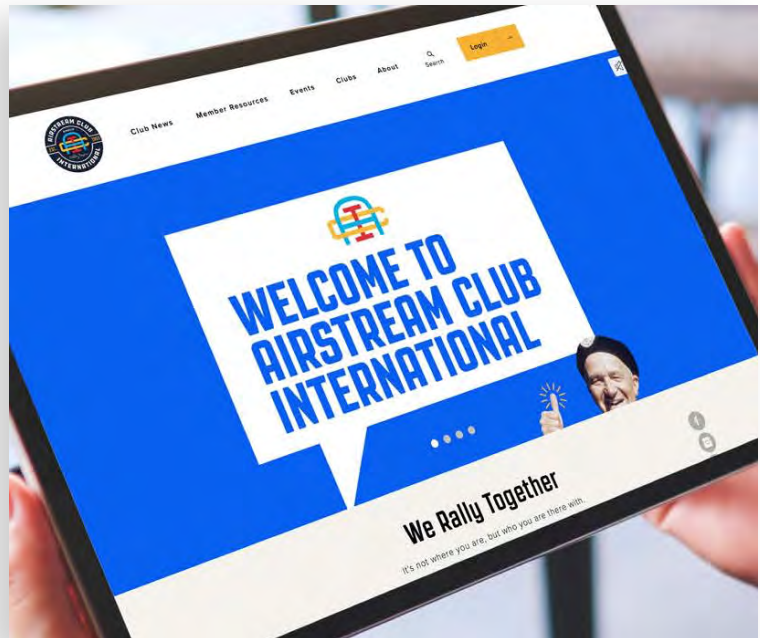
WHY? Members have access to A LOT more information, stories, services and many things that are the great benefits of joining this large club.

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...



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.



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

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tom Akam & the VPs

CARVAN COMMITTEE

Vacant

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trenor Tilley and 2 others to be selected

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Arlene Matches

EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN

Bob Halliwell

HOSPITALITY & SUNSHINE

Arlene Matches

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