

# BC NEWS



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## TILLY'S TRAILS

As I sit down to write this, I realize that this is my last "Tilley's Trails" as Co-President with my husband, Trenor. We have had a quiet last couple of weeks, very busy with home errands, but away from the bustle of our earlier spring trailer rallies and our national caravan in the Canadian Rockies. We are headed to the Okanagan next week for a quiet few days of "just us" time in the trailer after a busy spring and summer of RV club events and family commitments.

The upcoming months still have plenty of opportunities to participate in Airstream Club #121 activities as the calendar in this newsletter will attest. I want to highlight, in particular, the possibility of attending the Golf/Installation Rally at Twin Lakes in mid-September. There may still be spots available and you would be most welcome to attend – contact the campground for information about camping space, then let John and Chris Millard know that you are coming. As well, the "Friends-Giving Rally" has once again been popular with members, including new members, but there are still spots available, so just contact Darlene from Fort Camping to reserve yours. For those who are unable to attend the whole weekend, do consider coming to the Sunday 5 October dinner at the group campsite at Fort Camping at 5 p.m. Please be sure to let us (Trenor and Barbara Tilley) know that you will be coming so that we can be sure to have enough food to go around. As well, the Christmas party at the White Spot restaurant on 264<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Highway will be held on the first Saturday in December at noon.



Tuesday Breakfast Antics

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As we usher in the new Co-Presidents, Rick Mattson and Karen Griffin, we want to take a moment to offer our thanks to the many people that have made our Presidency so enjoyable. We have noticed a resurgence of participation in these two years after the difficult years of Covid 19 when we were unable to gather as readily as we are now. Many members of ACI Club #121 have stepped up to lead events, rallies, and caravans in our tenure. Our thanks include John and Chris Millard for their guidance as our immediate past President and Secretary and as organizers of the Golf Rallies, Arlene Matches as our Newsletter Editor, Tom Akam as Treasurer and organizer of the weekly Tuesday morning breakfasts, Bob and Gayle Halliwell for opening their family's property to the annual Maintenance Rally (along with 'repairers extraordinaire' John Millard and Barry Hook) and for organizing the Fishing Rallies, Beverly Robson and Eileen Meston for organizing several Hedley Hoedowns and a lunch at a restaurant, Fred and Esther Kaethler for organizing the Vancouver Island Caravan, Karen Griffin and Rick Mattson for organizing the Caravan to the Region 10 Rally in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and for several fish fries, Carol Hale and Glenn Friesen for organizing the Seal Bay Rally, Co-leaders J and Mona Kinder and Lori and Bryan Grassi for the joint B.C./ Washington Rally in Oliver, Terry Gamache for the Enderby Rally (that we had to miss, unfortunately), Bernice and Brian O'Shea for organizing the 2025 Hedley Hoedown, and to so many who have brought food to Happy Hours, and words of encouragement to us both.

We will not be gone from the club, and we hope to continue to contribute in whatever way we can. We wish Karen and Rick the very best as they pick up the torch and continue this wonderful club's work.

Seeing you "down the road", we remain,

Barbara and Trenor Tilley  
Soon to be "Past" Co-Presidents





## Friends-Giving Rally 2025

*We have booked space for 20 rigs at Fort Camping in Fort Langley for our Second Annual "Friends-Giving Rally".*

It will be held on **Friday 3 October to Monday 6 October, 2025**

**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 **no later than June 25, 2025.**
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.**

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, visiting the local farmer's market, exploring B.C. history at the graveyard or 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 last year. We will provide Turkey, and we hope that **others 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.

There will be a **Rally fee of \$10.00 per rig** to cover the turkey and additional costs related to the feast.

# Wanted

We need people to **help** with the  
B.C. Airstream Club's  
Activities for 2025/2026 and beyond,  
namely

**First Vice-President**  
**Second Vice-President**  
and **Regional Representatives.**

If you are interested/willing to serve,  
please contact Trenor or Barbara Tilley  
at

[tilley2007@outlook.com](mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com)

## Rick & Karen's "Viking Caravan" Adventure

We began our trip towards The Viking Caravan on May 20th leaving from Aldergrove, BC. We crossed Canada arriving on June 7th in North Sydney, NS. Karen, Eddie and I boarded the ferry to the island to Newfoundland on June 11th for the 8 hour ferry ride. The Viking Caravan was well attended and the sights were amazing. The attendees came from all parts of the United States with only 3 Canadians out of the 56 participating.

It would be difficult to do all the things we were able to do if we had been on our own. We were screeched in and became honorary Newfoundlanders, attended a shed party, kitchen party, private longliner cruise, cod jigging, cruise of Brooks Pond, saw icebergs, July 1st celebration in La Scie where the people went all out, picnic at one of the many lighthouses, Come From Away in Gander, Viking village, many interpretive centers and a private car museum of 58 one of a kind cars! So much more. Chat with one of us at the installation rally for more! Put this on your bucket list if you have not gone. We liked it so much that we have signed up for 2027. *[See photos of Rick & Karen's adventure on the following pages].*

Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin, 1st VPs, BC Unit #121







# Welcome to the 5th Annual B.C. Airstream Club Invitational Golf Rally September 18–21, 2025

Twin Lakes Golf & RV Park, 79 Twin Lakes Road, Kaleden, B.C. V0H 1K0

To register, please do the following.

1. Call Twin Lakes Golf Club RV Park at 250-497-5359 and book your site.
2. Email Chris & John Millard at millard12581@gmail.com and let them know the following: the number of attendees, the number of golfers and your site number.

The itinerary for the rally will be as follows:

Thursday, September 18th: Arrive, set up and gather for happy hour around 4ish. Dinner on your own or with friends.

Friday September 19th: Championship Golf Game, Winner Takes All:

Followed by Happy Hour and prize presentations. Dinner again on your own or with friends. For those not golfing there are many wineries around the area or just drive down to Penticton, Osoyoos, or Oliver for a fun day.

Saturday September 20th: Installation of new officers in our club. More information to come from your new presidents (Rick Mattson & Karen Griffin).

Sunday September 21st: Say 'good bye' to all who have attended and enjoy your end of season camping. Safe travels to all and see you next year.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Millard, millard12581@gmail.com



# BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIT #121

## 2025-2026 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

### 2025

Sept 18-21

**Golf/Installation Rally**  
Twin Lakes Golf Course, Kaleden, BC

**John & Chris Millard**  
[millard12581@gmail.com](mailto:millard12581@gmail.com)

Oct 3-6

**Friends-Giving Rally**  
Fort Camping, Fort Langley, BC

**Trenor & Barbara Tilley**  
[tilley2007@outlook.com](mailto:tilley2007@outlook.com)

Dec 8

**Christmas Luncheon**  
White Spot, Aldergrove, BC

**Trenor & Barbara Tilley**  
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### 2026

June 24-26

**Region 10 Rally**  
Hood River Fair Grounds  
Oregon

TBA

Aug 22-27

**69th International Rally**  
Minot, North Dakota

ACI

Late Aug/Early Sept

**Small Towns of BC Caravan**

Janet Soucy & Paul Wheeler

**We are open for suggestions for upcoming  
Rallies, Caravans, get-togethers.**

# THE COMMUNITY CORNER

by Arlene

A reminder that pull tabs are once again being collected. Tom Akam is organizing taking these tabs in to be traded for \$\$\$ for charity....so, please save them and bring to one of the many functions (Tom hosts breakfasts every Tuesday and would be pleased to receive a bag of pull tabs).

*I had a nice chat with Jeannie Jeffrey and learned she's doing better and managing to get around with the aid of a walker. I miss our Tuesday mornings at the Roadhouse where I got news of what's happening in the lives of our club members. I'm looking forward to attending again when I get back mid-September from my Airstream 'summer home' up at Earl's Cove (an Airstream isn't the place to spend a winter in my opinion).*

I see (on Marketplace) that Rita and Dave Richardson are selling their 1987 23-foot Sovereign. (I'm glad they own more than one Airstream and will remain club members.)

*Arlene*



Working on your newsletter in my Airstream



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 next year's 69th International Rally (closer to home than some)**

## 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

**SHAPITKA, Tami & Nathan**

**BRN 20610**  
(BC Unit Members)

**SPENSER, Phil & PENG, Shelly**  
Surrey, BC

**BRN 15455**  
(BC Unit Members)



## ROSTER CHANGES AND NEWS

The 2025 Roster has now been mailed to all those that ordered a hard copy. If you forgot to order one, Tom has extras OR, if you want your copy electronically, please let Tom know. He can deliver either way. He can be reached at [lighthouse13381@shaw.ca](mailto:lighthouse13381@shaw.ca).

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Currently Vacant

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tom Akam & the VPs

**CARVAN COMMITTEE**

Paul Wheeler & Janet Soucy

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

John Millard and 2 others to be selected

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Arlene Matches

**EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN**

Bob Halliwell

**HOSPITALITY & SUNSHINE**

Arlene Matches

**MEMBERSHIP & MENTORING**

Sheila MacDonald

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Arlene Matches

**ROSTER & HANDBOOK**

Tom Akam

**SAFETY CHAIRMAN**

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