SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

B.C. Unit #121 of the Airstream Club

Editor's Comments:

I started the September newsletter at home a couple of weeks ago and now, while on the road, I don't have access to the programme in which the newsletter is formatted (this is why you are getting a very plain and abbreviated version and it's also coming a bit early. (Alex and I are participating in the *"Small Towns of Central BC"* caravan and we won't be sure of internet coverage whilst on the road.) Photos and 'good stuff' will be provided in the October issue… sorry about this.

Arlene Matches

Community Corner:

We were saddened to learn of Randy Mangel's sudden passing at the rally at Hillspring, Alberta. He was in his mid-50's and died far too young. This is a great loss to Lorena, his family and to the club. His passing was remembered at a service in Penticton and President Tom Akam and Ron & Kay McQuarrie were in attendance as well as other Airstream Club members living in that area.

Bob & Gayle Halliwell had to leave the Merritt rally unexpectedly when one of their Yorkies got ill….they preferred to seek attention from their own veterinarian so drove home to Abbotsford for treatment then came back the next day to resume rally fun. (BTW, everything turned out okay).

The Merritt Installation Rally—August 25 to 28:

Attendees were: Tom **Akam**, Bob & Darlene **Caldwell**, John & Deb **Fikkert**, Al & Terry **Gamache**, Bob & Gayle **Halliwell**, Barry **Hook**, Brian & Lynn **Jackson**, Wayne & Jeannie **Jeffrey**, Alex & Arlene **Matches**, Ron & Kay **McQuarrie**, John & Christiane **Millard**, Amir John, Maria, Atessa & Keyvan **Showrai**, Moe **Storoshenko,** Paul **Wheeler** & Janet **Soucy**, Ron & Carolyn **Wills** and Gene & Marilyn **Van Iderstine**.

We were also visited by Dan & Carolyn Stewart from Abbotsford who are actively seeking to buy an Airstream (and who drove up to find out more about the trailers and the club). Details outlining their search are at the end of this newsletter.

The Installation of New Officers was conducted by Bob & Darlene Caldwell (President and First Lady of Region 10). BC Unit #121 officers installed included:

President	Paul Wheeler
1st Vice-President	Joyce Wensley (not in attendance)
2nd Vice-President	Position available
3rd Vice-President	Amir John Showrai
Treasurer	Jay Tuason (not in attendance)
Corresponding/Reporting Secretary	Arlene Matches
Immediate Past-President	Tom Akam
One-Year Directors:	John Millard
	Shelby Brennan (not in attendance)
Two-Year Directors:	Dick Moffatt, Inland Director (not in attendance)
	Position available

The Annual General Meeting was held on the Saturday morning of the Rally and the Minutes are attached to the email that brings you this newsletter.

Roster Changes:

John & Jane Neilson's phone number should be 250-744-6760.

Notes from Past President:

First of all, I would like to thank both the Matches and Joyce Wensley for planning and executing my last rally. Unfortunately, Joyce hadn't been feeling well lately and was finally diagnosed as having pneumonia. As a result, her doctor ordered her to stay home and rest. Consequently, she was unable to attend. She did, however, make sure that all her rally purchases arrived at Merritt.

My thanks as well to Ron Wills for putting on the coffee pot every morning and to Bob Halliwell and Al Gamache for preparing the *'Bun On A Run'* breakfast on Sunday. It was also nice to meet the Gamaches and Showrais who attended their first BC Unit Rally. And, of course, my thanks to Bob & Darlene Caldwell (Region 10 President and First Lady) for officiating at the Installation Ceremony.

It was a great rally and I look forward to Darlene Caldwell's rally report and the accompanying photos in the next newsletter. I will also cover the rest of the 'Big Circle' caravan next month.

On the Saturday morning we held our Annual General Meeting which addressed (among other items) the following:

- Approval of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 — *Note: Castel and Jay were unable to attend the rally because of doctor`s orders pending the results of Castel`s scheduled MRI.*
- Election of the following 2016/17 officers and directors — covered elsewhere in this newsletter *Note: The Nominating Committee is still looking for volunteers to fill the positions of 2nd Vice President and Islands Director. If you are willing to stand for any of these offices, please call me or Joyce Wensley — otherwise, we might be calling you!*
- Approval to proceed with the design and production of a Unit flag
- Approval to authorize our web developer to upgrade our website to accommodate on-line renewals and registration for Unit activities

2017 Dues — Jay will be sending out renewal notices this week giving you three payment options. Your early response will ensure that your renewals get to Jackson Center in time for inclusion in the annual Membership Directory, also our Unit roster.

And, for those of you on the Islands, I hope that you are able to attend the Port Alberni rally (September 9 to 11) and the luncheon in Nanaimo (October 5th). I plan to attend the latter and look forward to seeing you.

Reminder — A group of us meet weekly for breakfast at Ricky's Country Restaurant, 2160 King George Boulevard in South Surrey every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. If you too would like to join us, please let me know the day before or early that morning so that I can be sure that there will be a seat for you.

Other News:

Paul Wheeler has advised that the proposed September rally in Maple Ridge has been cancelled… details will be provided in the October newsletter; however, it was learned the RV park is no longer a viable park for rallies.

The Pre-Winterization and Othello Tunnel Rally (October 14-17) is a definite go and, if you were planning to attend this rally, please let Paul know either by email at paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com or by phone at (604) 209-7970 as soon as possible. More details are available in the last newsletter. So far we have 8 rigs expressing interest and we are hoping to have between 10 and 15. Come have a good time with your friends, learn together about winterizing your Airstream, and enjoy a leisurely stroll through the incredible Othello Tunnels.

Paul also held an Executive Meeting on Sunday at the Merritt Rally to outline his plans for his tenure as President… watch for exciting times…! Paul's first 'address' to the BC Unit will be in the October newsletter.

And some more good news, Amir John Showrai accepted the vacant 3rd VP position – thank you, Amir John.

Dan & Carolyn Stewart (the couple from Abbotsford mentioned earlier in the newsletter) are looking for an Airstream of about 10 years old or newer… 30 feet or more with queen bed layout. They can be reached at dancarolynstewart@gmail.com or phone them on their cell at 778-982-3731.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS….

How many men does it take to hook up a horn? Just ask Al Gamache, Bob Halliwell and Barry Hook.

Thanks for photo, Marilyn…