



THE GOLD AND SILVER

SPECIAL REGION 12 RALLY EDITION

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President's Message

It's fall and the leaves are turning beautiful colors in our Region. What a wonderful time of the year to go out and explore in our Airstreams! Many Region 12 members experienced the spectacular Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta while 130 members attended the Region 12 Rally in Bakersfield. Thank you to the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club which did such a great job hosting this rally!



I am pleased to announce that Abe Hernandez of the San Diego Unit has stepped into the role of

Region 12 2nd Vice President. Currently president of his unit, Abe and his wife, Veronica, have been members of the WBCCI for ten years. I look forward to working with Abe and thank you for your dedication to our club.

In conversations with our clubs, we have continued growth. I want to extend a warm welcome to our new Membership Chair, Nancy Murphy, who will work with Membership Chairs and our local Airstream dealers. Speaking of new members, be sure to welcome them with open arms and a big smile! And, as an organization of volunteers, I encourage you to step up and take on a leadership role or host a rally in your club.

The Mid-Winter IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting, hosted by Region 12 and the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club, will be held at the Las Vegas Oasis RV Resort, January 20-24, 2020. We are honored that International President, Mona Heath, has chosen our Region for this event. This meeting is seldom held in our Region and I encourage you to attend and have the opportunity to see how our International Club is governed. Deadline for signups has been extended to December 2 and there are a handful of sites remaining.

We are fortunate to be a part of such a great Region that can travel year-round and offer fun rallies to our members. Along with the Mid-Winter IBT, we have the Rose Parade Rally, the popular Cali Rally, and next year's Region 12 Rally to be hosted by the San Diego Unit in Palm Desert. We are busy making our Region one of the best and I want to thank our members for their participation!

Bob and I extend best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving, beautiful Christmas and Hanukkah season and a healthy & prosperous New Year!

President Cecelia Stansbury

SCENES FROM THE REGION 12 RALLY, BAKERSFIELD

Thank you to the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club for hosting this year's Region Rally!

Informative seminars, continental breakfast, Dewar's Ice Cream tour, Buck Owen's Crystal Palace with live music and dancing, bike rides, camaraderie around the campfire, Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue of Tehachapi, Karaoke Night, Region 12 business meeting, Swap Meet, Firehouse Sub Dinner, Comedy & Magic! A great time was had by all and if a picture is worth a thousand words, you'll enjoy these happy memories!



Thank you to Margaret Handshoe for designing our colorful Region 12 Rally logo!

We had a full house and a lot of fun at the Bakersfield RV Resort



Region 12 business meeting with all clubs represented



Marley's Mutts founder, Zach Skow with (l-r) Tess, Lynda Polk and President Cecelia Stansbury getting a kiss from Cora Rose



This year's charitable organization and recipient of our fundraising efforts, Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue, whose motto says it all, "All Breeds, All Creeds, Welcome!" rescues, rehabilitates, trains and re-homes death row dogs from Kern County's high-kill animal shelters. In addition, they utilize rescued dogs to transform people's lives. Through the power of the human-canine bond, they empower dogs and people to live healthy, happy and productive lives.

Information: MarleysMutts.org and Like them on Facebook!



It was an honor to have Zach Skow, of Marley's Mutts, along with Cora Rose on hand at the Rally to share the Mission of this deserving charitable organization.

A BIG thank you to the Region 12 clubs, Marley's Mutts, Marlene Bowman, Bob & Cecelia Stansbury and Jim Polk for their contributions provided for the Silent auction along with Jane Alberti of the Central Coast Unit and Kia Johnson of the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club for providing the stunningly beautiful quilts donated for the raffle!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE TICKETS! THE OVERALL CONTRIBUTION DONATED TO MARLEY'S MUTTS DOG RESCUE, ALONG WITH A CHEVRON CORPORATION MATCHING DONATION, WAS \$6,000.00. THIS GENEROUS DONATION WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELP MARLEY'S MUTTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE DOGS IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND!

Officer Spotlight....

Eric McHenry, International 3rd Vice President

LaVerne and I joined WBCCI in June of 2010, shortly after purchasing our first Airstream. Since then we've been continuously active in the club, enjoying serving in various leadership roles within our Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (previously Santa Clara Unit), and within Region 12.

Although we've been members for only nine years, we have continually been committed to contributing to WBCCI within our Region and at the International level. This includes both serving as Unit and Region Officers and now in my position as

International 3rd Vice President and LaVerne's position as Region 12 1st Vice President. Leadership is core to WBCCI at all levels within the club; it supports and communicates the values of our club, it provides the governance and fiduciary responsibility critical for our sustained operation, it motivates and encourages club growth and vitality, and it provides the backbone for successful club events. I'm honored to have been elected to the International level in Doswell, Virginia with the opportunity to serve as WBCCI International President in 2022.



Abe Hernandez, Region 12 2nd Vice President

Veronica and I have been members of the WBCCI for a decade and have enjoyed our time with the San Diego Unit where we were welcomed, like family, right from the beginning. Our Airstream adventure began as a mobile Airstream repair service which worked to our advantage when we purchased our first Airstream which had been damaged in a fire. We began hosting rallies in Southern California and in 2018 I stepped into our unit's 1st vice president position and am currently serving as president. In September, the San Diego Unit headed up the successful Bayfair hydroplane boat racing event on Mission Bay attended by 30 Airstreams!

I now look forward to the opportunity to contribute to Region 12 as an officer and will continue, with your help, the incredible work our presidents have done over the years. Both Veronica and I found our time at the Doswell, Virginia International Rally informative as we now look ahead to the Mid-Winter IBT in Las Vegas.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I hope to meet you around the campfire!

Nancy Murphy, Region 12 Membership Chairperson

Hello, Region 12! Newly appointed to the Membership Chair, I would like to extend a big thank you to Don Williams for his many years of service and the help he has given me!

My husband, Tim, and I, along with our two Westies, are members of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. We have been Airstreaming for six years and are completely hooked with our own bed, kitchen and no suitcases when traveling. Most of all, we enjoy the wonderful like-minded people we have met along the way who have welcomed us into the club. We have benefitted from the expertise of those who have come before us as well and know what a great resource this group of adventurers is!

We have seen a lot of this beautiful country in our Airstream from Alaska to Jackson Center, Ohio; the southwest to southeast and look ahead to more travels!

I look forward to serving you and I am open to suggestions for anything I can do to make this position more beneficial to you. Please email me at: sealbeachomi@me.com **Many thanks, Nancy**



Region 12 meeting recap...

submitted by Bob Stansbury

President Cecelia Stansbury called our annual meeting to order with all Clubs represented. Everybody knows that money comes in and out when we are supporting the Region Rally, the Rose Parade Rally and the International Board of Trustees, or 2020 Mid-Winter Rally. As of June 30, 2019, we had balances totaling \$52,286.00.

Cecelia urged all clubs to be vigilant as there is a scam currently operating that aims at us. Two of our clubs were victimized to the tune of \$3,800.00 each. Each club should ensure there are at least two officers designated to approve all disbursement of funds.

Don Williams, our outgoing Membership chair, was thanked for all his years of service. During his tenure, our Region has been awarded two International Club awards for membership growth. At this meeting we welcomed our new Membership Chair, Nancy Murphy, of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club.

LaVerne McHenry, 1st Vice President, reported on the Region 12 breakfast in Doswell, Virginia. She then introduced a Motion which was unanimously passed on formally adopting the Region 12 logo. Policy 6 can be found on our Region's website.

President Stansbury shared that the Stansbury/Smithson team will end their operation of the 38-year-old Rose Parade Rally in 2020/21. She has requested to have one of our 11 clubs to step up and take over the reins of this popular event.

Eric McHenry, International 3rd Vice President, reported on several plans that are in the works with the Executive Committee.

- Partnering with companies like Harvest Hosts;
- Visiting future International Rally sites in Colorado (2020); Tennessee (2021); and a possible site in Maine (2022);
- Future club activities should be entered on the WBCCI master calendar;
- Changes that will give each WBCCI member a vote rather than one vote per Airstream;
- Changes to Members at Large.

The 2020 Region 12 Rally will be held October 21-25 at the Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert, CA, hosted by the San Diego Unit.

The meeting was closed following Cecelia's request for 2nd Vice President candidates and a discussion about a possible motion to adopt official Region 12 colors.

Our WBCCI family lost an amazing member with the passing of Barb Wharton Selking on October 24. A member of the North Texas Unit, Barb served in many capacities throughout her time in our club, most recently as International Secretary. A friend to all, her smile simply illuminated every International Rally.

We extend our sympathy to International 1st Vice President, Andy Selking, and his family, on their loss.

- Editor



Vintage Trailer Supply Grand Opening!

submitted by Lynda Polk

Under bright blue Santa Fe skies, trailer enthusiasts rolled into New Mexico to experience Vintage Trailer Supply's showroom and grand opening festival in September. While many participants stayed at the nearby Santa Fe Skies RV Park, several flew in to participate in this momentous occasion.

If you own a vintage trailer and have searched for parts, you already know VTS with their focus on customer service and the most authentic reproduction and replacement parts available. VTS and vintage trailer owner, Steve Hingtgen, has provided boundless energy to this community for almost 20 years when he started the company with, "Just a small collection of supplies on plastic shelves in a spare bedroom of my home in Vermont". Since then, his product line has expanded and he is an active participant and supporter of various vintage trailer shows including the Pismo Beach Vintage Trailer Show in May and the Palm Spring Modernism Show held in February.

On hand to celebrate the grand opening were industry leaders who shared their professions in various seminars throughout the weekend. Invited leaders included Anna and Justin Scribner of Flyte Camp, Denny Stone of So Cal



Vintage Trailer Design, Paul Lacitinola of Vintage Trailers magazine, Jim Polk of Polk Valuations, Ward Chandler of Airstream Hunter and Chloe McConchie of Vintage Airstreams Australia.

It was a thrill to meet Phil Noyes, Los Angeles producer/director of the popular Huell Howser PBS series and author of 'Trailerama', a staple in any vintage trailer owner's library. On stage, Noyes interviewed Johnny Agnew of Funky Junk Farms, another well-known vintage trailer restorer, who not only worked to preserve LA's Monterey Trailer Park, but helped to see it achieve monument status on the Los Angeles register of Historic-Cultural Monuments. The 1.7 acre site near Los Angeles began in the early 1920s when Americans were traveling the United States *without* the luxury of hotels.

An exciting 'first' for everyone attending was to meet and listen to the leaders of the three largest trailer/RV organizations in the world. Mona Heath, International President of the WBCCI, the longest rolling, single-branded RV club in the world; Maurrie Sussman, Sister #1 of Sisters On The Fly, the largest women's outdoor adventure organization in the U.S.; and Forrest Bone of the Tin Can Tourists organization, founded in 1919. These leaders



Johnny Agnew, Phil Noyes

Vintage Trailer Supply Grand Opening....continued

shared their passion and commitment as stewards of their brand.



Mona Heath, Forrest Bone, Maurrie Sussman

The weekend was certainly not all work and no play! Attendees participated in the tasty efforts provided by New Mexico's 2012 Chef of the Year, Carmen Rodriguez, who introduced participants to New Mexico's Red and Green chile; various food trucks were on site and provided local cuisine for lunch; and a group trip to Meow Wolf of Santa Fe, an immersive art installation, was enjoyed by all.



VTS owner, Steve Hingtgen with Forrest Bone and Jim Polk

Saturday evening participants headed over to a live, outdoor-turned-indoor concert due to light rain, with Nashville recording artist, Ruthie Collins. The concert's venue, Santa Fe Brewing Company, provided everyone additional time to socialize, share stories and basically bond over a love of vintage trailers.

The very successful three-day event wrapped up with a panel discussion on 'What Will Be Hot in the 2020 Vintage Trailer Market' and a painting demonstration with well-known Airstream artist, Elizabeth Jose of Taos, New Mexico, who travels in her Airstream to capture the beauty of the world in gorgeous locations.

Vintage Trailer Supply, a company which once provided online ordering only, has now retrogressed in a very positive format to provide a hands-on experience with knowledgeable staff to assist with questions, needs and in-store purchases. If you're headed to Santa Fe, stop by and say Hi to Steve and the crew. Based on the reviews and abundance of positive comments from attendees and speakers, we're hoping this spectacular event will continue on an annual basis.



Attendees at the event included Jim & Lynda Polk, Region 12; Mona Heath, Region 10; and Susan & John Barrett, Region 12



Region 12 Happenings!

Wear your Region 12 logo with pride! The gold and silver colored logo (left) will be used in print while a clean, basic version will be used on apparel as worn by Jim and Cecelia (below) due to the amount of stitches, puckering and excessive costs to apply.

To order head over to Lands End (www.business.landsend.com) and create an account. Then, to place an order, call 800-338-2000 7am to 7pm Central Time, Monday-Friday.

Use logo code: 1526027 to have the Region 12 logo placed on just about anything they have in stock including shirts, hats, blankets and jackets.

Upcoming R12 Events

**Rose Parade - December 28,
2019 - January 1, 2020**

Wait List has begun!

<https://region12.airstreamclub.net>

Cali Rally - April 16-19, 2020

Registration filled

63rd International Rally

June 20-27, 2020

Loveland, Colorado

<https://loveland.airstreamclub.net>

Region 12 Rally

October 21-25, 2020

Emerald Desert RV Park

Palm Desert, CA

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Lynda Polk, John Holly



LOOKING AHEAD: Club presidents, please arrange to have a representative of your club or a Region 12 member to carry your vote and club flag to Loveland in 2020.

- Cecelia Stansbury

Region 12 October 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes can be found on the Region's website:

region12.AirstreamClub.net