



ROUNDUP

Quick Notes

Nominating Committee

The following members have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee this year: Lisa Parr, Mike McBurnie, and Steven Parr. You may hear from them as they prepare a slate of officer nominees for the year 2021. Kindly consider their request to serve as an officer in the Arizona Airstream Club.

Trailer for Sale

Dan and Marilyn Oborn are selling their Airstream. See the article later in this issue.

Updated Rally Schedule

See the latest rally schedule in this issue.

Ajo Rally, April 2nd-5th, Shadow Ridge RV Park.

Registration is open now - will close March 19. See the Arizona Airstream Club website.

Wickenburg Rally

Debra MacWilliams

The February Arizona Airstream Rally in Wickenburg was loads of fun! Old friends were reunited, new friendships were born, and we had a lively and diverse group of like-minded people. Oh, not like-minded in the political sense... but rather in their



Our Hosts: Tom and Deb MacWilliams

optimistic and joyful outlook on life. I've heard it said that 'Life is a Journey'. For Airstream folks, Life is also the destination! Wickenburg was a destination that allowed us all to step back into Arizona history to one of the first towns in the state.

The Town of Wickenburg's history dates back to the year 1863, when Henry Wickenburg arrived in search of gold, having just returned empty handed from the California Gold Rush. Legend has it that when he was hungry and discouraged almost to desperation from the blazing heat, a vulture on a boulder

squawked at him. Henry tried to shoo the black bird away, threw a rock at it, took a shot at the vulture all to no avail. He became infuriated with the buzzard and finally shot it for food. When Henry skinned the creature and readied it for supper...he opened its crop and found it filled with gold nuggets! A much easier way to find gold than breaking rocks in the hot sun! Just hunt for vultures...and he named the spot the Vulture Mine. Believe it or Not!

Anyway, you're probably thinking ...so tell us about the Rally already! We expected 17 rigs at the campsite of the Wickenburg Community Center. We wound up with 16 rigs and the nicest bunch you'd ever meet! The first evening included the traditional Pot Luck dinner, followed by games ...

such as Joker and Mexican Train. Shelley Randall and Jim Moser, and David and Judy Cahall introduced Deb and Tom MacWilliams to the game of Mexican Train. The single game we played, extended over the three nights we camped. Laughter, rule book checking, and great fetes of strategy are part of this game. We all had a rollicking time.



Co-Hosts: Pete and Judy Veraalla

Friday morning after breakfast, we lined our vehicles up caravan style and carpooled about 24 miles to the Robson Ranch and Mining Museum for a docent tour of this treasure of history on a desert hill. The journey even included a little off roading to get from the road back to the town. Our guide was an old cowboy who had worked throughout the West who was nicknamed 'Sam'. It seems he was tagged with this appellation because of his very luxurious handlebar mustache and his resemblance to the Cartoon character named...yep, you guessed it Yosemite Sam!

Robson Ranch and Mine is like a dream come true for all the old Western fans! It looked like the Main Street from your favorite movie, but this town was authentic! The Opera House, Chapel, Post Office, Saloon, Ice cream parlor, blacksmith shop, and



general store lining the dirt street would have been a trip down memory lane for anyone over the age of 145 years old! Sam took our crew through the buildings in the town and regaled us with his bountiful knowledge and information. Then we had freedom to wander at will past the rusty ore cars, and mining machinery relics and through the town dreaming about what life would have been like for the mining families that lived there.

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Some of the Airstreamers even remembered the old Hotel that had stood on the site but was lost to fire. Stone walls that wound around the town where over 65 mano y metates (rough stone basins with grinding rocks to grind corn etc.) sat for anyone to touch. You really need to see it!

Later the same day, we enjoyed a stroll through Historic Wickenburg admiring the statues of an old gold miner and his trusty burro, a Gila monster, Henry Wickenburg memorial, The Jail Tree, and Railroad Train displays. You need to see that, too! Thanks to our co-hosts, Pete and Judy Vergalla who are members at the Elks Club, we enjoyed a fine fish fry dinner and musical entertainment at the Elks Lodge two blocks from our campsites.



Friday had us all up early for a Special Pancake and Sausage Feast cooked by our own Tom MacWilliams on the Sausage and Jim Moser flipping the flapjacks. Then a short walk into town to the renowned Desert Caballeros Museum. The museum is affiliated with the Smithsonian Museum and featured a fabulous showing of an Arizona artist named Ed Mell. But it doesn't end there! Our docent-led tour of the rest of the Art Collection was First Class. We entered the Million Dollar Room where works of art by the giants of Western art were displayed. Frederick Remington - paintings and bronze sculptures, George Catlin's Native American drawings, Charlie Russell- paintings and the only original watercolor

portrait of Chief Geronimo signed by the artist (who taught Geronimo to write his name) and by Geronimo himself!

The entire floor on the lower level of the Museum is devoted to a re-creation of Wickenburg's history with each room a vignette of life in the 1880s. You need to see it!

The fun keeps going! Lisa



and Stephen Parr rekindled the game of Bingo for our campers. I say 'rekindled' because I heard comments from folks who said they hadn't played Bingo in 30-50 years. It was so much fun because we all brought White Elephant gifts that served as the prizes. But especially because Lisa was a great Mistress of Ceremonies! Oh, and Stephen had to be the number caller in a loud voice to overcome the band that was playing in the adjoining room! Thank you to both! Saturday night was Mexican Fiesta meal at Anita Cocina's ...yes, more food...



followed by Potluck desserts back at the Community Center...and some more food... and table games to the sound of the Band in the next room! The only game I can tell about firsthand is the Mexican Train Tournament. Although the winner was also the scorekeeper...hmmmm...but the three ladies total scores did beat the three gents! A perfect end to a great Rally. You need to come next time if you can!

Welcome New Members

Bob Doster

Allan and Janet Kurth, now living in Sun Lakes are long-time Airstream owners and have belonged and continue to belong to other camping clubs.

Ruth Mascardo, a Scottsdale resident, joined our club in January.

Thomas and Melanie Sheffield have recently located in Prescott and are still enjoying their first Airstream. They were attracted to our club by the generous number of rallies we have each year.

Jerry and Suzanne Rainey are new affiliate members.

Oborn Airstream (8573) For Sale

Dan and Marilyn Oborn, long-time members of the Arizona Airstream Club, are selling their rig. A while back, Dan served as the President of our club. After three decades of travel, and recognizing their physical limitations brought on by years of experience, they are selling their 1987 Airstream trailer and 2000 Chevy Suburban 3/4 ton tow vehicle. They wish to offer these for sale to members of our club first before advertising openly. They will sell them as a pair, or separately.

Dan has added many upgrades to the Airstream. These include, but are not limited to, three solar panels, a 1500-watt Trace inverter, an internal hi-lo voltage protection circuit, and four AGM sealed heavy duty batteries.

Dan will provide the large Owner's Manual that came with each new Airstream way back then. In addition, he will offer a variety of appurtenances that he has found useful for camping and traveling, and would be helpful to any new owner.

The Chevy Suburban runs perfectly at 120,000 miles. Dan has added rear flood lights (good for hitching or unhitching in the dark), a permanently mounted CB transceiver (ideal for communicating on caravans), new tires, and other improvements. The Suburban and Airstream perform well together and would make a superb package if purchased together. However, the Oborns are willing to part with them separately. Both are stored under roof, out of the sun in Mesa.

These two vehicles complete with auxiliary equipment would be great for first-timers just learning how to tow, travel, and camp. Contact Dan Oborn for more information and pictures: email oborn.dan@gmail.com or telephone (480) 390-4243.



President's Corner

Jim Moser

A big thank you to Tom and Deb MacWilliams for planning and executing a great rally! Also, thanks to Pete and Judy Vergalla for their behind-the-scenes work in Wickenburg both before and after the rally. Finally, I wish to thank all those who pitched in to set up and clean up after meals at the Wickenburg Rally. Folks at city hall appreciated our effort to leave the place looking good.

Fun

LAX tower: American 386 heavy cleared to land.

Am386: Roger.

Am 386 lands fast and hard, and skids down the runway.

LAX tower: American 386 right turn taxiway D, if able.

If unable, right turn Santa Monica Freeway, look for airport exit.

Rally Schedule

Arizona Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2020 (update 2/24/2019)

Dates	Event	Location	Campground	Hosts	Co-Hosts	Helpers
Jan 16 - 19	AZ Club Rally	Yuma	Bonita Mesa RV Park (928) 342-2999 (801) 349-9780	Bob & Val Edwards (206) 734-8794	Jim Moser (570) 594-8585 Shelley Randall (570) 594 3944	Charles & Jane Wright
Feb 20 - 23	AZ Club Rally	Wickenburg	Wickenburg Community Center (928) 855-4033	Tom & Deb MacWilliams (585) 694-5859 (585) 262-7781	Pete & Judy Vergalla (928) 231-4417 (928) 233-9353	Lisa Parr
Mar 2 - 9	AZ Club Rally	Lake Havasu	Lake Havasu State Park	Rick & Cheryl Carmichael (480) 231-7925	Dave VanGelder (520) 309-5396 Leslie Ritter Tony & Betty Sica (530) 748-9802 David & Karen Corbett (252) 230-3377	
Apr 2 - 5	AZ Club Rally	Ajo	Shadow Ridge RV Park	Mike & Gail McBurney (520) 471-4296 (520) 471-4297	Wayne & Kay Madewell (918) 839-0838	
Jun 20 - 27	WBCCI International Rally					
Sep 17 - 20	AZ Club Rally	Flagstaff	Wanderland Campground	Rick & Cheryl Carmichael (480) 231-7925	Jerry & Candace Nelson (602) 300-5599	NEED HELPERS
Sep 24 - 28	Region 11 Rally					
Oct 2 - 6	Balloon Festival					
Oct 22 - 25	AZ Club Rally	Camp Verde	Distant Drums RV Resort (877) 577-5507	Steve & Karen Barton (602) 320-9308	Tom & Deb MacWilliams (585) 694-5859 (585) 262-7781	
Nov 12 - 15	AZ Club Rally	Tucson	Catalina State Park Loop B, Sites 50 - 74	Jerry & Candace Nelson (602) 300-5599		
Dec 5	AZ Club Luncheon					