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President's Message:

Our 2019 camping year closed out with a great end-of-year rally at Emerald Desert. Several great suggestions were made at our business meeting and the executive board will review these in the coming months to see if we can implement some of them. The celebration night dinner was highlighted by the several couples who arrived dressed for the occasion and looking like they would fit right in with Dean and Frank. Thanks to all who worked tirelessly to make 2019 a memorable year.

2020 promises to be another great camping year. Our events committee, led by Paula Hammer, has put together twelve months of great camping. Be sure to look at the event schedule starting on page 6 and book early. And check our website for all the latest updates.

Nancy and I have just returned from the Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting/rally in Las Vegas followed by the GLAAC rally at Valley of Fire Nevada State Park. These two events displayed the diversity of our Club activities. The IBT meeting showed us the effort that goes into keeping the WBCCI functioning. The GLAAC, led by Lynda Polk and supported by several GLAAC members, hosted the IBT. Lynda, as always, put together a well-organized and successful event that was recognized by the International Club. It was good to see that the WBCCI is focused on keeping the International Club



GLAAC President, Tim Murphy

relevant to new members while maintaining the tradition of a camping-oriented club.

Following the IBT meeting, we travelled northeast to the no-host dry camping event at Valley of Fire, Nevada State Park. The weather was perfect and several rigs from other parts of the country and Canada joined us. A group of rams (male bighorn sheep) wandered near our campsite every day and added to the extraordinary scenery. This event highlighted again for us the reasons we joined the GLAAC-- great camping experiences shared with our friends in the Club.

Welcome to new members Peter and Virginia Fertig from Monrovia, and James Zuur and Mary Ellen Bohnsack from Morro Bay. We look forward to seeing you at a future rally.

Safe Travels,
Tim

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Annual Business Meeting & Holiday Party

December 12-15, 2019

Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert

Whoever said “you should not mix business with pleasure” has never been to a GLAAC annual business meeting/holiday party. It is our belief that ensuring pleasure is the very reason for taking care of the necessary business of running our club.



2019 Business Meeting

The weather in the desert was beautiful and we even had our own “Airstream Avenue” in the RV Resort. As customary, informal campfire gatherings were the norm after dinner—bring your own beverage and a chair, sit down and chat. No invitation necessary.



Caroling under the stars

It was a short walk to our meeting room where the big social events took place—a soup and salad dinner followed by a homemade (i.e. Airstream-made) dessert competition, and a delicious pre-business meeting breakfast. The highlight of the weekend, of course, was our annual holiday party where we were treated to a catered meal, a slide show commemorating 5 years of camping fun, our first GLAAC Academy Awards, and the ever-popular Steal-a-Gift competition.

It was a wonderful culmination to another great year of GLAAC fun, friendship and adventure.



First Annual GLAAC Academy Awards

PS- There are so many wonderful pictures from this event. Check them out [here](#).

Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada

January 24-27, 2020

By Nancy Murphy



Travelling northeast from the 2020 Mid-Winter IBT in Las Vegas, nine rigs journeyed about an hour-and-a-half to Nevada's Valley of Fire State Park. Among the nine rigs we had: five GLAAC members; one GLAAC affiliate; one rig from British Columbia; one rig from Colorado; and one Member at Large. What a dazzling treat this location turned out to be!



We arrived at the group campsites early Friday afternoon and settled in among the prodigious red sandstone rock formations surrounded by miles of desert vistas, along with deep blue skies framing purple mountains in the distance. By night, we enjoyed thousands of bright, sparkling stars scattered over clear black skies...and peaceful, calm silence.

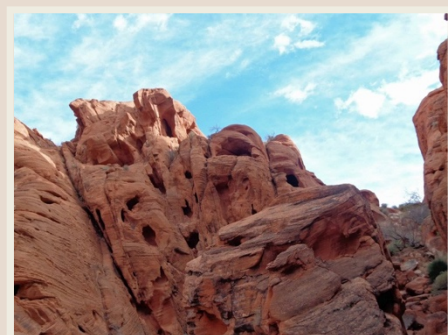
Oh my! We got so much more than we bargained for when a small herd of Bighorn males scampered through our campsite in the late afternoon. In fact, we enjoyed sightings early mornings and every afternoon.

They are splendid creatures and seemed little bothered by the large, shiny objects in their territory as they ventured quite close to our rigs each visit. At the well-appointed visitors center, we learned that these animals can last three days without water as long as they have greens to eat. I guess there was plenty near us to sustain them.



Every evening around four—in true Airstream style—we gathered for a no-host Happy Hour and shared meals. It was truly astonishing what came out of those rigs...lasagna and tiramisu anyone?

For those who have not yet experienced this dramatic Nevada state park, it comes highly recommended.



Midwinter IBT, January 20-24
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort



Whatever your degree of participation in WBAC/GLAAC activities- from being be a regular or occasional attendee at club events and region rallies to participating in International caravans, you are able to do so because of the ongoing, hard work of the International Board of Trustees (IBT), the governing body of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

The IBT meets twice yearly- at the International Rally in the summer, where club business such as voting on motions and election/installation of officers happens.

In January- midwinter- it convenes to do all the preparatory work, such as submitting and tweaking motions and hearing reports from standing committees, that makes the summer meeting possible.



The morning food crew

Region 12 was selected for this year's midwinter IBT, and the Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas was the venue. GLAAC was asked to be the host club, and of course we were honored to step up. After the very successful Region 12 Rally at the Oasis in October of 2018, we had the knowledge and resources to once again provide a pleasant experience for all involved. We worked hard, met folks from across the USA and Canada, and learned lots about the "the longest-rolling, single-branded RV club in the world."



Welcome Committee



*So proud of our affiliate,
WBAC President Mona Heath*

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of our club who made the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club shine brightly at the recent Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees meeting and seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada. The urban 5-star Oasis Resort was the gathering place for this year's event which hasn't been on the west coast in almost a decade. We were honored to have been tapped a year and a half ago by then incoming International President, Mona Heath, to host this event attended by our International and Region officers along with members from across the United States and Canada. Our team graciously and expertly hosted this week-long event and based on the reviews and comments we heard, you hit it out of the park. This event would not have been as successful as it was without your energy, talent and great attitudes. Thank you, team! - Lynda & Jim Polk

GLA team members

Jean & Alan Amundsen
Denise & Bruce Morrow
Nancy & Tim Murphy
Carolyn & John Tomlinson
Jo & Ade Salzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you on Facebook? Join our 'secret' GLA Facebook page to chat with members. This page, available to members only, is a great platform to share travel photos, ask Airstream questions, or seek campground recommendations. Contact Social Media Chair, Lynda Polk, to be added to the site. email SocialMedia.GLAAC@gmail.com

Membership Roster: Have you moved? New email address? New phone number? We love to keep our membership roster up to date so that you are not inadvertently lost in translation. Please email changes to Membership Chair, Nancy Murphy, at Membership.GLAAC@gmail.com



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Our great Club and Region logos are available at LandsEnd Business Outfitters. They can be applied on any apparel or most accessories you would like including hats, jackets, t-shirts, bags and more.

Check out the selection at: <http://business.landsend.com> and create your personal account.

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There is a charge of \$8.50 per item to add the logo. Occasionally you will find special offers with free logo application. LandsEnd is happy to work with you so that you will be happy with the final product (i.e. make the palm trees and text white.) You can change up colors as necessary but the text and logo must stay together.



You can now order your own personalized GLAAC garden flag!

Here's the contact info:

Connor Young

Customer Care Specialist, www.Flagology.com

Toll-Free: 1-855-347-4922

Phone Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST (Monday - Friday)

Tell them that the design is already established and that we have ordered multiple flags with the GLAAC design from them.

2020 Event Schedule

GLAAC Club and Affiliate members have priority in event reservations. If you are not a member, please contact the Events Chair at events.glaac@gmail.com. Thank You.

February 6–10: El Chorro Regional Park, San Luis Obispo

12 Full-Hook Up Sites. Hosts: Michael & Nancy Jackson; Maureen & Kevin Wallace

Waitlist only. Contact Events Chair at events.glaac@gmail.com



El Chorro Regional Park and Campground is located on scenic Highway 1 between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. This is a popular park for those wishing to explore the Central Coast or spend a pleasant day in the park enjoying the view from its trails. Be sure to visit the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden and El Chorro Dog Park. Bring your golf clubs too as the Dairy Creek Golf Course is right next door!

Last day to cancel is January 30th to receive full refund minus \$10 transaction fee.

March 5 – 9: Jumbo Rocks Campground, Joshua Tree National Park

12 Dry Camping Sites.

Waitlist only. Contact Events Chair at events.glaac@gmail.com

Hosts: Maureen & Kevin Wallace; Jeanette Weber & Barb Howard-Jones



Jumbo Rocks is one of the most popular campgrounds in Joshua Tree National Park. The campsites are situated among giant granite boulders. Each campsite has a concrete picnic table, fire pit and grill. This renowned Desert Park draws campers & hikers with its geological wonders and signature Joshua trees.

March 19 – 23: Flash Rally in Alabama Hills.

No-Host



Free dispersed camping among climbable and out of this world granite boulders. This area is nestled below the east side of the Sierra Mountains with views of Mount Whitney and has been used in 100s of movies and commercials. We held an event in Alabama Hills in March of 2018. Incredible views no matter which way you are facing. Don't miss the movie museum in Lone Pine or the Alabama Hills Cafe. Now all the secrets are out! This is dry camping; come with your gas and water tanks full and your gray & black tanks empty. There will be potlucks and happy hours, so plan accordingly.

Boulder Creek is a full hook-up RV Park in Lone Pine if that is more your style. Book on your own!

Please respond to Events.GLAAC@gmail.com if you plan to attend this event.

April 16 – 19: Region 12 – Cali Rally

V6 Ranch in Parkfield
Hosts: Region 12 **Sold Out!**



Return to the Wild West with this unique dry camping experience at the V6 Ranch. It will include campfires, music, great food, vendors, seminars, trail rides and the always anticipated chili cook-off! Click here for more information:

<https://region12.airstreamclub.net/region-12-calendar/cali-rally/>

April 30 – May 4: Pinnacles National Park East

“Event Fee Free” for Members & Affiliates. Reservation Info Below.
Hosts: Rudy & Linda Calderon; Pierre Bogros & Laretta Smith



Pinnacles’ night sky is sufficiently dark for stargazing and campers have a good chance of seeing wildlife; keep your eyes peeled for deer, coyote, racoon, foxes, and a wide variety of birds. The campground is located on the eastern side of the park and is open year-round. It boasts RV sites with electric hook-ups, a swimming pool, showers, flush toilets and a surprisingly well-stocked camp store. Drinking water and a dump station is located on site. If you haven’t already reserved your site go on-line at: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234015> and book any site in the D loop.

May 14 – 18: Pismo North Beach Campground (Vintage Trailer Show)

Reservation Info Below

Hosts: Marion & Don Kuhns; Helen & Ralph Perri



Dry camping sites that accommodate tents to large RV’s. Very well spread out, right on the beach and right next to Pismo Coast Village RV Resort—the location of the Pismo Vintage Trailer Rally. These sites fill up fast! To book your site go on-line at: <https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>

May 26 – 31: Alumapalooza in Jackson Center Ohio



Alumapalooza® is an annual event held at the Airstream, Inc. factory in Jackson Center, Ohio! Produced with the support of Airstream, Inc., Airstream Life magazine, and other sponsors, it is five days of Airstream fun. Click here to register <http://alumapalooza.com/registration/>

June 20 -27: International Rally in Loveland, Colorado



What better place to bring 700 Airstreams for the 63rd International Rally than The Ranch Events Complex in Loveland, CO! We will have full access to the First National Bank Exhibition North & South Halls, Larimer County Conference Center and the Thomas M. McKee 4H, Youth & Community Buildings with close to 50k square feet of meeting space.

The beautifully groomed and expansive 240 acres of land that comprise The Ranch will provide parking and space for outdoor activities, with the Rocky Mountains providing a stunning backdrop to the West.

For more information and to register click here: <https://loveland.airstreamclub.net/>

July— Open for Flash Rally

August 13 – 17: Holloway’s RV Park in Big Bear

10 Full Hook-Up Sites.

Hosts: Jo & Ade Salzer; Andromeda & Glenn Stevens; Zaynea & Rizwan Niazi



Enjoy one of the most romantic and family fun getaways in the Big Bear Mountains with your private RV site sitting right at Big Bear Lake with spectacular views. There is a convenience store within walking distance and many restaurants and attractions nearby. Plus, of course, you're directly next to Holloway's Marina where you can rent boats, go fishing, take a tour of the lake and more!

September 10 -14: Fallen Leaf Campground, Tahoe

Reserve On-Line on March 14th (See Below)

Hosts & co-hosts needed



This campground is situated on the north shore of Fallen Leaf Lake and adjacent to Taylor Creek. The south shore of Lake Tahoe is less than a mile away. Fallen Leaf Lake is less crowded and not as well-known as Lake Tahoe, making this a great base camp for exploring the many sights and recreational activities in the area. **To reserve your sites, go on-line on March 14th at 07:00 am**

at: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232769>

October 5 – 9: Sequoia Ranch RV Reservation Info Below

Hosts: Jean & Alan Amundsen; Marion & Don Kuhns



Nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills only 8 miles from the entrance of Sequoia National Park Sequoia RV Ranch offers fun and relaxing camping in a breathtaking natural setting. Open year-round, the ranch offers spacious and secluded campsites, many of which are positioned along the picturesque Kaweah River. Along with the hiking, biking, rafting, and expansive wildlife found at Sequoia National Park, a spring-fed swimming hole and a fishing hole are located on site, and nearby Kaweah Lake boasts excellent boating and water-skiing as well. To reserve your site call (559) 561-4333 or go on-line and book your stay at: <http://www.sequoiarvranch.com/>

October 21 – 25: Region 12 Rally at Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert

Host: San Diego Airstream Club



Emerald Desert, located on 33 picturesque acres, is just minutes from all the fun of Palm Desert. Cool off in the sparkling pool and spa, perfect your game on the putting green or driving range, and even let your furry friends run around the fenced-in dog parks. Online registration information coming soon.

November 12 – 16: Newport Dunes RV Resort, Newport Beach

25 Full Hook-Up Sites.

Hosts: Steve & Paula Hammer; Jim Cahill & Linda Rendleman



Located in the heart of Newport Beach, Newport Dunes RV Resort is nestled on the scenic Back Bay, packed with unrivaled features and activities for fun and relaxation. The resort's amenities include swimming pools, whirlpool spa, beach, wave less swimming lagoon, market, watersports rentals, marina, boat launch, on-site waterfront dining at the Back Bay Bistro, and year-round recreational activities for all ages.

December 10 – 14: Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach

“Event Fee Free” for Members & Affiliates

GLAAC’s Annual Business Meeting & Holiday Party.

25 full hook-up sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



This award winning, nationally recognized resort is conveniently located within walking distance from downtown Pismo Beach shopping, restaurants, and the famous Pismo Pier. Pismo Coast Village RV Resort also offers many great amenities including a General Store, restaurant, heated pool, arcade, laundromat, bicycle rentals, and miniature golf. Relax to the sound of the surf, scent of the salt air, and the feel of an ocean breeze. It won't take long to find you have discovered a unique RV camping paradise on the ocean.

This is our annual holiday party that is filled with great food, caroling, GLAAC Academy Awards, steal-a-gift, and great times around the campfire