

## **GBAAC – October 2020 Ballot Bio's:**

### **2021 President: Dennis Shakespeare**

I have enjoyed camping with family and friends since I was a young teenager. My wife Shirley and I started camping approximately 10 years ago with family and friends who shared their RV's, providing a dry/warm place to sleep off the ground. (A novel idea as you get older.) A couple years later we were invited to an Airstream Buddy Rally in Calistoga and fell in love with all the various Airstreams and the welcoming, friendly culture of the Airstream club. After more than a year of attending RV shows, looking for "the one", we purchased a Flying Cloud 27FB during the Winter of 2013. That same year, we joined the Santa Clara Unit, which became the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club a few years ago. I have been the Vice President of GBAAC since late 2018. (Title changed to 1<sup>st</sup> VP this year.) With your vote, I look forward to becoming your President next year, continuing the welcoming and friendly culture GBAAC is known for, and continuing to have fun and interesting rallies during these challenging times.

### **2021 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Chris Martindill**

Three years ago, we bought our first trailer (another brand) after years of car camping, backpacking, and kayak camping and discovered a much more comfortable way to enjoy the outdoors. During this time, we were introduced to the Airstream club by close friends who are members and by attending a few "buddy" rallies. I was impressed by the monthly rally schedule, caravan options, camaraderie, and the lifetime relationships made in this camping club. As my husband Mark and I enter retirement, I expressed my desire to be a part of this group, and within a week we were proud owners of a 2019 27ft International Serenity! We quickly began attending all the rallies and I was encouraged to be a part of the GBAAC board. With your support as 1st VP, I will work hard to find new places to hold rallies, listen to your ideas, and bring energy and adventure to our club.

### **2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Theo Albers**

I moved from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to the Bay Area in early 1988 to join the world of High Tech as an Application Development manager and IT Director. About 14 years ago I was introduced to the wonderful world of camping, as we purchased a Class C RV and toured the country for 4 months. This turned out to be an amazing experience which one day we would repeat.

12 years ago however, I started my own company, managing the financials for Homeowners Associations, which grew from nothing to well over 200 HOA's in San Francisco alone. With the camping experience still in the back of my mind, we decided to buy a 25ft Airstream and immediately joined the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club in January 2020. At the first rally I attended, I took on the role as the GBAAC webmaster. With a background in various Homeowners Associations' board memberships I am now ready to help the GBAAC board to move forward in many years and rallies to come.

### **2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Jason Grendahl**

My family has been Airstream owners since 2009. We had returned to our home in Ohio after being away for two years on an ex-pat work assignment. Prior, we had traveled extensively by motorcycle and usually tent camped. In 2009, we had one and three-year-old kids and we realized that our old way of camping would be no longer. We decided to look for a camper trailer. There was no push to look for an Airstream; anything would do. The topic of an Airstream came up in discussion...the history and the price...or so we thought. We received an unplanned large tax refund that year and about the same time, we found a '74 Overlander for sale for near our home and bought it. We used it a lot, learned a lot, and made friendships that last even until today. We got so caught up in the Airstream culture that we decided that we needed a '77 Argosy motorhome which was for sale nearby. I had to call roadside assistance before I even got home with it. Nevertheless, it became a classic to the rallies that we went to with it. We made a lot of improvements to it and it was quite a piece when we sold it. Move up to 2013 and the kids were growing. Makeshift bunk beds in 70's Airstreams weren't big or comfortable enough for the future. So both the Overlander and the Argosy were sold and we bought a 2005 30' Safari LS (aka bunkhouse). This lesser-known model from Airstream is a family's dream. They were nearly traded in a small circle run via a discussion group on Airforums, which is where we found ours. This is our keeper until our kids no longer want to camp and travel with us. We have taken a number of long-distance trips with it and have met some wonderful people in the Airstream community as a result. In 2017, we moved the family cross-country from Ohio to California in it and made a vacation along the way. We joined the WBCCI (again) in 2018 after accidentally pulling into a campground where an Airstream rally was going in. And now in 2020, I'm running for office in the GBAAC! I hope I can have your vote so that I can contribute years of service to helping members and newbies to enjoy Airstream products and GBAAC rallies and events.

### **2021 Treasurer: Janiece Fister**

My husband and I joined this club in January of 2007.

When my husband passed away in 2010, I had a decision to make regarding my Club membership. I was encouraged by my friends in our club to come to a 2011 rally and so I braved attending a first rally solo. When I arrived to the Park, all our members were outside waiting with smiles and hugs. I've attended rallies solo since then, even caravanning to many Region rallies and three International Club Rallies.

I became Club Treasurer about 4 years ago. I believe that this position requires a big learning-curve and so it's better for continuity that this Officer remain in position for more than one year (and maybe many). I mentor by emails, new members who Host a rally for numerous details in connection with campground contracts, charges, deposits and deadlines for individual registration cancels. It also requires at each campground payment time that we are being charged correctly for the sites we have used. This process is different for each campground. Hosts dealing with campgrounds need to be aware of possible complications, to avoid charges that will ultimately affect our bottom line for each rally.

Each year I submit our yearly non-profit IRS return.

I enjoy the challenges of this office and I look forward to another year as your treasurer for 2021.

**2021 Recording Secretary: Simon Yen**

My husband, Eray Honeycutt, who will be immediate past president and I, got our 1985, 345 airstream motorhome in 2007. At first I was not too interested in attending rallies since I was working full time and had never camped in an RV before. Finally after about a year, he convinced me to attend a rally and I was hooked. The members were very welcoming and friendly and it immediately felt like family. I realized I could take all our pets with us and didn't have to board them anywhere when traveling. We currently travel with two big dogs, 2 cats and a cockatoo. I have been a veterinarian for the past 25 years and currently work part time. I am the current recording secretary and would like to have your vote to continue in this position.