

The Tattler

Central Coast California Airstream Club – Region 12



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Airstream

"Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity."
– John Muir

Quick News

- The President is leaving for Nevada, but not leaving CCC.
- Our members have still been camping in COVID times.
- We can rally again! ...just 6 ft. apart
- 2021 Rally schedule is published, but anything can happen with COVID.
- Officer elections are coming in November

Upcoming Rallies

November 11-13 (FULL!)

- Waitlist available, contact hosts
- [Flying Flags Resort & Campground](#)
- Buellton, CA
- Hosts: Pam Lindsay, Carol & Bruce Yeoman, Lynne & Keith Valley

December 11-13

- commitment email sent 10/13
- [Paso Robles RV Ranch](#)
- Paso Robles, CA
- Hosts: Teresa & Tom Tighe, Julie & Marty Johnson

About Us

The Central Coast California Airstream Club (CCCAC) encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; but our members come from all around the area! We are an active, social group that participates in local, regional, and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."

Editor's Corner

I thank everyone who responded to my requests for Tattler content. I was amazed by the influx of information to be published. There was so much that I'm holding about half of what I received for the November edition. So, if you get to end of the Tattler and wonder, "Where's the stuff that I sent in?" Look for it next month.

Some of the usual pieces are also missing and I had planned to write a few columns myself. But here I am with 15 pages of content, so I took some things out for October.

I hope everyone enjoys the Halloween edition of the Tattler. I'm already planning more format changes and content for November. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and of course more content to my email: jasongrendahl@gmail.com.



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President's Message



It is hard to believe that we are into our seventh month of life under Covid. I continue to keep our CCC family in my thoughts and prayers, and I hope you have managed to stay safe, healthy, and as sane as possible. I know that a number of us have successfully ventured out in our Airstream self-isolation units over the last few months, visiting state, national and private RV parks, and seeing family and friends while practicing social distancing and wearing our lovely masks. RV sales are up all over the country as others are discovering the comfort and safety of travelling in their second homes on wheels; I imagine there will be some used RVs for sale in 2021 at good prices.

Our CCC club is learning how to operate in the new Covid normal. Our November rally at Flying Flags in Buellton is a go with all the sites full and a waiting list started. The hosts have created a rally where we can safely interact, while practicing proper social distancing protocols. Our December rally at Paso RV Ranch in Paso Robles is also a go; the hosts are going to learn from the November rally and hopefully we can get in the December holiday spirit. A rally commitment email was sent out in mid-October with the rally coupon to follow in early November, so please keep an eye out for it in your e-mail or on Facebook.

We will be holding our CCC Business Meeting on November 14th at 10 am during the November Rally. Please look for an invite for a Zoom meeting, and for those attending the rally at Flying Flags, we will offer in person attendance, if desired. As part of the November Business Meeting, we will be electing our 2021 CCC officers and we will be voting on the revised Central Coast California Airstream Club Constitution & Bylaws, which will reflect both our new name and changes made by the Wally Byam Airstream Club at the June IBT virtual meeting. Ballots and the Business Meeting agenda will be sent out via email by the end of October. In order to capture votes properly, we are asking everyone to vote electronically whether they attend the November Business Meeting via Zoom or in person or choose not to attend.

On a personal note, I wanted to share that Tom and I have sold our home in Orcutt and are relocating to Sparks, NV. As we will still be in Region 12, we chose to be members of CCCAC in 2021, because we really enjoy all of you. We will be participating in several CCC rallies, especially in the cold winter months.

As I said in March, our club is a family and we take care of each other, so please do not hesitate to reach out to one another, if only to have someone to talk to. And please continue take care of you and yours!

See you down the road,
Teresa

2020 Officers: *

- President: Teresa Tighe #3662
- Vice Pres: Bob Minder #4195
- Secretary: Diane Ellis #8267
- Treasurer: Dave Temple #5851
- Past Pres: Pam Lindsay #4585

Directors:

- One Year
 - David Lawson #5036
 - Gary Mellinger Sr.#2002
- Two Year
 - Chuck Alberti #3923
 - Rick Cline #1415

Operations:

- Membership: Gary Mellinger Jr.#5304
- Webmaster: Walt Bremer #3884
- Tattler: Jason Grendahl #3064

**To contact anyone in this list, please consult the Club or International membership directory*

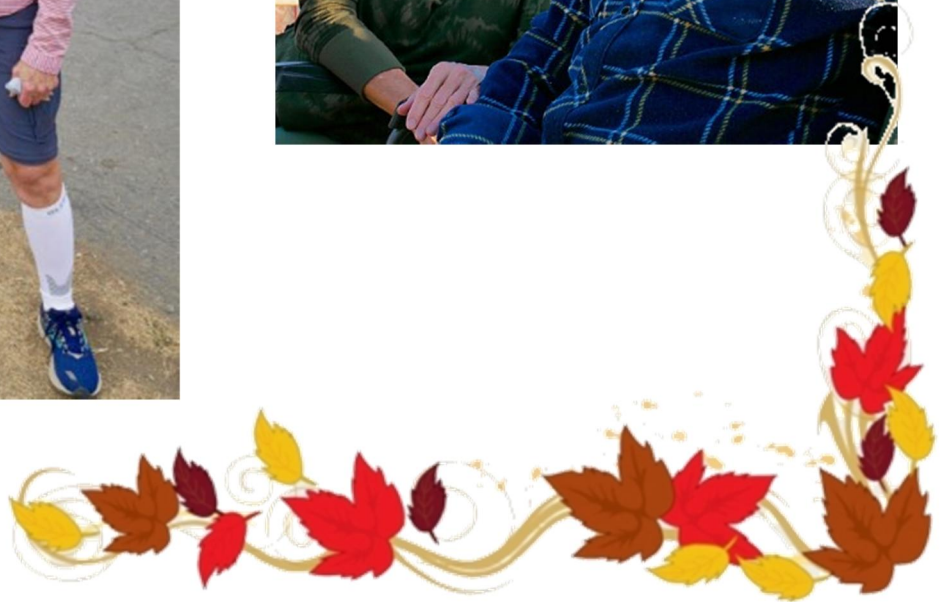
Refugio State Beach Rally Report September 22-25, 2020

The Club's first official return to rallying after COVID was at Refugio State Beach in September. Pictures are worth a thousand words, so here's 9000. Thanks to Mike Peterson for sharing these photos on the [CCC group's Facebook page](#).



A good drink is essential for proper meat cutting. Just not too many or dinner isn't the only thing that will be cut up!





Pandemic Camping

COVID ended the Club's rally plans from March through August, but that didn't stop our members from camping, especially when many campground locations in California opened up in July. CCC got back to rallying in September, but here's a couple of reports of summertime trips from our members who set out in their Airstream and still kept their social distance.

Summer travels, from Jeff Williams

In mid-March, Lena and I took a vacation to Borrego to have some quiet time. However, the news of the pandemic closures in the state caused Lena to have a phone attached to her ear while she was informing each of her staff members the ever-changing expectations of their immediate employment. We did enjoy the beauty of the desert though.



After the return of our Borrego trip we decided to Home Camp for a couple of months. Every Friday we would walk over to our home stored Airstream and just enjoy the weekend of camping at home. We pulled out the awning, we BBQ'd regularly, sat outside to read and relax with our dogs by our side. Our neighbors probably thought we were weird, but we are Airstreamers.



Finally in mid-June we were able to snag 2 nights at Jalama Beach. It was our first camping experience there and we were expecting the high afternoon winds. Really enjoyed our time there until the last night around 8 PM when we heard a big bang against the trailer after a good gust of wind. A sizable air vent from a Lance Truck camper nearby was ripped off its roof and went flying into the upper corner of our trailer. We have a dent! Luckily our insurance and the insurance for the owner of the camper coordinated with each other and our Airstream is set to visit Vinnie's Airstream this coming December for repairs. I'm glad we picked the right insurance.

As the pandemic continued, my professional side realized that many of my customers were missing out on seeing the newest products of the industry I'm in. So, I teamed up with other equipment representatives in my industry to create a traveling road show with COVID safety precautions (masks/hand sanitizing stations/gloves/wipes). One of the others in this group of representatives has a very large diesel-pusher motorhome and a trailer to take our demonstration equipment, tents and tables. So, I took our Airstream for a 3-week tour where I drove from California to St. Louis and as a group, we showed our products across 10



different areas. Two weeks later we ended this tour in Seattle. After years of airports, flying, hotels, restaurants and rental cars I truly loved traveling in our Airstream where I made my own meals, slept in my own bed and used my own shower. I think this was the best business trip I have ever been on and a safe option during the pandemic.

Finally Lena and I were planning on being part of the Airstream campout at the Pendleton Rodeo this year. Due to the pandemic our plans were changed to be attending next year. A good friend of ours moved to Utah near the entrance to Zion National Park. We decided to take our Airstream and explore Zion, Bryce Canyon and decompress. It was awesome!



We wish all the CCC Members the best in health and well-being and hope to see you all soon.



What to do when you can't go camping? Get prepared to go camping, of course! From Tom Tighe

With nothing else to do but dream up things during the Covid-19 shut down, we decided we needed to modify the Airstream. We were always having closet storage issues between the clothes, shoes, and miscellaneous items we keep in the closet. So, we took the trailer to Blair Weymouth Designs in Santa Ynez and had him divide the closet into two sections. The left section is for hanging clothes and the right side has shelves for shoes, hats, cat items, etc. We also had a small shelf added next to Tom's recliner for his things to set on. The closet and shelf worked out well for us on the 4-week trip we then took.



Our “escape from the pandemic” trip began June 15th and ended on July 13th. We just had to do something other than staying at home, watching TV, and worrying about when things would get back to normal or at least the “new normal”. With an overnight stop at the KOA in Yermo CA, our first real stop was at Oasis RV in Las Vegas where we were able to visit with family - lunch with Tom’s younger sister and her sons, breakfast with Teresa’s son and daughter-in-law, and dinner with Tom’s older sister and her daughter’s family.

Then we headed north to Sparks Marina RV Resort in Sparks NV where we stayed for a week, with a stop in Hawthorne on the way. In Sparks, our realtor took us to look at several beautiful potential houses in the area. We also went to the Garth Brooks Drive In Concert in Reno and had a great time sitting in our truck and singing along with Garth. We then moved on to Truckee CA where we visited with Tom’s twin nephews and toured around Donner Pass, Donner Lake and Lake Tahoe.



Our next stop was in Plymouth CA at 49’er RV Resort over the 4th of July weekend where we visited with Teresa’s daughter Tina who lives just outside of Sacramento. We dined out, barbequed, and just kicked back, mostly inside as it was extremely hot there.

Our next stop was Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton CA, where we were able to visit with our son, daughter-in-law and 4 grandsons for a couple of

days. It was so wonderful to see them all, especially the boys who seemed to have grown up overnight. Of course, all this visiting was done with required social distancing. We also had dinner with another nephew of Tom’s, the older brother of the twins in Truckee.

On our way home we stopped at Yanks in Greenfield. We wanted to see the resort because it is a potential future CCC rally site for our club. We had also heard about Roy’s Swiss Sausage Factory; we not only purchased some sausage but some of the best ribeye steaks we have ever had.

Our final stop before going home was at Paso Robles RV Ranch where we will be holding the December CCC rally. It is a very nice RV park; unfortunately, the temperature was off the charts and we left for home a day early to enjoy much cooler weather at home.

All in all, a road trip was the best thing to reset from the Covid blues.



Upcoming Rally Information

Plan to come to these rallies! The most up to date rally schedule with sign-up information can be found on the [CCC website](#) or CCC's [Facebook group](#).

2020

- ➔ November 11-13 (THIS RALLY IS FULL. Please contact the hosts to be added to the waitlist.)
 - Business meeting. Results of voting will be presented.
 - [Flying Flags Resort & Campground](#), Buellton, CA
 - Hosts: Pam Lindsay, Carol & Bruce Yeoman, Lynne & Keith Valley
 - Coupon on next two pages
- ➔ December 11-13 (coupon coming in October)
 - Contact Teresa Tighe via email by Oct 23 to reserve a spot for this rally. An email to the CCC group was sent on Oct 13 regarding registration.
 - 2021 officers will be installed.
 - [Paso Robles RV Ranch](#), Paso Robles, CA
 - Hosts: Teresa & Tom Tighe, Julie & Marty Johnson

2021

Due to Covid, there may be modifications as we approach 2021. Check the [Club website](#) for the latest schedule.

Hosts are needed for all rallies to occur. Please volunteer if you live nearby or know the rally area well. It is some work, but in the end is very rewarding. Contact Bob Minder if you would like to volunteer. CCCAC will make sure that you are supported even if you have never hosted a rally before!

- ➔ January 8-10, [VENTURA RANCH KOA](#). Santa Paula, CA.
- ➔ February 5-7, [MORRO BAY STATE PARK](#). Morro Bay, CA.
 - Host: Gary Mellinger Sr.
 - Members must make own reservations as group reservations are not currently allowed. Reservations 800-444-7275 or on the [California State Parks reservation website](#).
 - Please refer to the [discussion on the CCC Facebook page](#) where members are already discussing their site reservations and rally plans.
- ➔ March 4-6, [CAVA ROBLES RV PARK](#). Paso Robles, CA.
- ➔ April 22-25, Region 12 Cali-Rally. [V6 Ranch](#). Parkfield, CA. Already full from 2020 cancellation and carry-over. Standby list is started. See the [Region 12 event webpage](#) for details.
- ➔ April 23-25, [El Chorro Regional Park Campground](#). San Luis Obispo, CA.
 - Members must make their own reservations: [SLO parks reservation website](#).
- ➔ May 14-16, [PISMO COAST VILLAGE](#). Pismo Beach, CA
- ➔ September 17-19, [Jalama Beach County Park](#). Lompoc, CA.
 - Members must make their own reservations: [SB County parks reservation website](#).
- ➔ October 1-5, [Balloon Fiesta](#). Albuquerque, NM.
- ➔ October 6-10, Region 12 Rally. [Cava Robles RV Park](#). Paso Robles, CA.
- ➔ Week of October 25, weekday rally. [Lake Cachuma Recreational Area Campground](#). Santa Barbara, CA. Exact dates and details TBA.
- ➔ November 12-14, [PISMO SANDS RV PARK](#). Oceano, CA.
- ➔ December 10-12, [CAMP COMFORT CAMPGROUND](#). Ojai, CA.



Central Coast California Club WBCCI Rally
Flying Flags, Buellton, CA

November 13-15 2020

Hosts: Pam Lindsay (805)368-6972, Carol and Bruce Yeoman (805)415-9796, Lynn
and Keith Valley (805)452-5478

Rally Information

I apologize for the delay in getting this to you.....It's taken additional time to iron out the logistics of the rally so we can all feel comfortable and safe during these topsy turvey times! So, that is what I would like to cover first.

In order to have a successful gathering your hosts insist that you wear a mask when not sitting down to eat/drink. Please respect the 6' social distancing protocol. Because it is deemed much safer to gather outdoors, all our club activities will be held outdoors. We are renting an additional camp site in order to have enough room to eat and have our business meeting on Saturday morning.

Hosts will provide dinner Friday night. (6:00) We will not have the typical happy hour munchies/appetizers due to Covid 19, but you are welcome to bring an individual snack for yourself and gather 6' apart at 5ish. The dinner, delectable and scrumptious pizza, with salad, and a fall dessert, will be served to you. *Please be sure to bring your own chairs table service, napkins as we will not be able to provide them for you.*

Hosts will provide breakfast on Saturday morning (8:30) and serve it to you. Coffee, beverages will not be included.

The business meeting is scheduled for 10:00 and Teresa and Tom Tighe are working on having it available via Zoom.

On Saturday evening (5:30) we are planning to have our 'regular' pot luck that you can eat in the gathering area or take back to your campsite, whichever you feel most comfortable with. We ask that you provide serving utensils for your shared dish. Hosts, once again, will then serve the items to you.

Sunday morning (8:30) will be a continental breakfast served by your hosts.

So, you can see the main difference is no shared appetizers for happy hour and the meals will be served by your hosts in order to cut down on the number of people handling the utensils. We will use copious amounts of hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and wear our masks..... Our goal is to insure you enjoy the rally and feel safe/comfortable while doing so!

Note: The rally fee is somewhat higher than usual due to the extra cost of renting the additional camp site....BUT :o) the resort fee of \$10 per day has been waived!



Flying Flags November 2020 Rally Coupon

Name _____ WBCCI No _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Rig length _____

Phone _____

Emergency contact _____ phone _____

Rally fee: \$42/rig, \$21/single (age 18 and older) _____

Campsite fee: \$73.00 each night. Pls check which nights you will be attending

Thurs _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Total enclosed _____

Please mail coupon and check (Payable to Central Coast CA Club WBCCI) by November 1.

To: Pam Lindsay, 484 Heidelberg Av, Ventura, CA 93003

Questions: Pam Lindsay (805) 3686972/Carol, Bruce Yeoman (805) 415-9796,

Lynn, Keith Valley (805) 452-5478

Pam's email: lindsay7043@sbcglobal.net



Renew your membership

It's time to renew your membership to WBCCI and CCC. All renewals can be completed online now.

- If CCC is your main Club membership, then go to the [WBCCI renewal site](#) and designate the CCC (Club 020) as your local Club. Your WBCCI International fee and the CCC fee will be charged together.
- If you are an affiliate of CCC, you can renew that via [CCC's website for affiliate renewal](#).

Did you know that there is a lifetime membership option for the WBCCI? The cost is based on a calculation at the [WBCCI's lifetime membership site](#). Maybe it is cheaper to just member for life and never pay International again! Note that lifetime members must maintain a relationship and pay dues annually to a local Club.

Birthdays (May – Oct)

Happy Birthday to all these members since the last Tattler!

May	June	July	August	September	October
Linda Hollenbeck 5/1	Terese Wrightson 6/1	Chuck Alberti 7/3	Jason Grendahl 8/5	Karen Jones 9/3	Edward Sharp 10/7
Jerry Joske 5/7	Parker Grendahl 6/5	Joseph Deering 7/22	William Neel 8/9	Walt Bremer 9/4	Lynda Polk 10/14
Dan Jones 5/21	Beverly Wainwright 6/17	Bob Minder 7/31	Myung Deering 8/12	Tom Tighe 9/4	Bill Almas 10/24
Mark Griffin 5/23	Andrea Grendahl 6/30		Marty Willey 8/14	Steven Wrightson 9/6	Jim Polk 10/24
Michelle Griffin 5/29			Jim Wade 8/16	Max Neel 9/13	Jane Thornton 10/
			Karen Almas 8/25	Jeanne Wade 9/16	
				Yvonne Savage 9/19	
				Hedda Smithson 9/20	
				Bill Kerfoot 9/22	
				Teresa Tighe 9/29	

New Members

Welcome these new members!

- ➔ Michael Sparr #7077
- ➔ Michael and Deborah Amorteguy #20200
- ➔ Lester Bunge and Linda Luke #11650
- ➔ Randy and Cheryl Williams #11879
- ➔ Thomas Mendoza and Allison Bell #8055
- ➔ Fred and Kathleen Haerberle #20948
- ➔ Victor and Marilyn Lund #1140

Club Resources and Links

- [Membership roster and contact list online here](#)
 - Contact Walt Bremer, Webmaster, for access if you need it: wbremer@me.com
- Read past issues of [The Tattler newsletters](#)
- Access rally coupons online - [CCCU website](#) or [CCCU Facebook](#)
- To renew your membership for 2021:
 - Regular member: [WBCCI International](#)
 - Affiliate member: [CCCAC Website](#)
- Planning a rally and tips for hosting: [Download the planning guide](#)
- Buy CCCU Logo-Wear - [instructions on website](#)

Stay Connected!

Facebook Pages

- [CCCAC](#)
- [Region 12](#)
- [International \(WBCCI/WBAC/ACI\)](#)
- [Airstream Inc.](#)

Websites

- [CCCAC](#)
- [Region 12](#)
- [International \(WBCCI/WBAC/ACI\)](#)
- [Airstream, Inc.](#)
- [Airstream service and owner's manuals](#)

Twitter:

- [WBCCI Airstream Club](#)
- [Airstream, Inc.](#)

Rig For Sale

Items for sale aren't usually part of our newsletter, but this one is a special request of some previous members of WBCCI and the Morro Bay Unit who can no longer use their Airstream. They would like it to go to someone locally.

Description from the owner: Hardwood floors, reupholstered all seating, Kingdome satellite dish, awnings, repainted the outside and had re-stripping done. Mechanically sound, 2 air conditioners, microwave/convection oven, low mileage 37,350, asking \$15,000 or offer. See to appreciate. For more info contact: Gardea28@gmail.com or call/text to (831) 595-9750.





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