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President's Message

I can't believe that when I wrote my last message in May talking about Covid-19, social distancing, masks, and potentially cancelling rallies, that I could easily talk about the same things in this newsletter, six months later. The good news is that some of the Region 12 Clubs were able to have some cleverly planned social distancing events (not really rallies). Though very different from a rally, we were still able to get out and enjoy our Airstreams, the fresh air, and getting together with our Club family. Separate meals, sitting around a campfire (mostly propane ones) visiting, and no organized tours were the agenda of most of these rallies.



In October, we had the very successful Region 12 Rally In Palm Desert, California. It has been over 14 days since we all parted ways and there have been no reports of any Covid cases. I am extremely proud of the San Diego Airstream Club's hard work in replanning the rally to keep everyone healthy. I am also very proud of the members of Region 12 who attended the rally and wore masks, socially distanced and followed the rules.

The annual Region 12 meeting was held on the Saturday of the rally and was well attended. Of course, it was outdoors which worked surprisingly well. Abe Hernandez, 2nd Vice President, thanked his team for their hard work. LaVerne McHenry, 1st Vice President, encouraged everyone to attend next year's Region Rally, October 6-10, 2021 at Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles, California. The only motion that was presented was updating some of the Region 12 Policies so that they conformed with new language in our International Club's Bylaws and Policies. There was also a discussion about the problem of spam emails a lot of us have been receiving. The presidents of each club were reminded to inform all new officers and members to be on the lookout for emails that don't look right and to check before acting. I put out another plea for someone to take over the leadership of the Special Event Rose Parade Rally hosted by Region 12.

Eric McHenry, International 2nd Vice President and a member of the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club, gave a brief update on the upcoming International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. He also updated us on the International Club's new website and all the great things that will be available. There are also some new member benefits our Executive Committee has been working on.

Tom Smithson, Region 12 and International Constitution and Bylaws Chair, presented an update on the changes in voting that will begin in 2021. In the past, a voting unit was your trailer (your Big Red Number). Now, each individual member is a voting unit. Members-at-Large will also now have voting rights through representation of their Region's president. This is a real improvement in our voting procedures.

We all hope that we will once again be able to get together at the very popular Cali Rally, April 2021. By mid-February, a decision will be made on whether or not that event will be held in 2021 (event filled, no wait list).

I want to take this time to thank our region and club officers, chairpersons, rally hosts and all who volunteer to make our region special. Best wishes for a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Your president, Cecelia

In the midst of uncertainty with COVID-19, Region 12 officers and the San Diego Airstream Club wish to thank every member of Region 12 who made their way to the Rally!

Region 12 Rally Review

by Abe Hernandez, San Diego Airstream Club

Well, we did it! The Region 12 Rally, successfully hosted by the San Diego Airstream Club, provided a fantastic rally which brought us back as a group. It was great seeing old friends after a tough year of quarantine and isolation. There is no doubt that we Airstreamers are designed to be social.

The weather in Palm Desert, California, was perfect! Attendees were able to roll in and prepare for a different type of rally with COVID-19 as we were able to have fun and hold our annual meeting along with all activities... outside. With 89 Airstreams and almost 200 people, the San Diego Airstream Club was proud to host this rally which was knocked out of the park! Thank you, San Diego Airstream Club team.

To do our part in hosting a safe gathering, all meals were delivered to each Airstream starting with a delicious hamburger compliments of the San Diego Airstream Club. Everyone enjoyed the awesome breakfast hosted by the South Coast Airstream Club as well as the El Camino Airstream Club's monster happy hour. All were superb and we thank you for helping out. Thanks also to LaVerne McHenry for the Region 12 Board hosted burrito bash served before the annual meeting, it was a hit!

The two outdoor movie nights replaced the typical entertainment at a Region Rally. This provided the perfect scene for a comfortable, yet safe, social distance campout.

This year's charity, Saved in America, which is an abducted children recovery team, was present to share their mission. In all, we raised \$4,000 plus a \$1,000 donation from our sponsor, Airstream San Diego RV Solution. Of that amount, our annual club basket Silent Auction raised \$2,125 for our chosen charity.

Thank you to all who attended, we appreciate YOU and will see you in Paso Robles, California at the Cava Robles RV Resort next year!



Veronica & Abe Hernandez with Nina

Scenes from the Region 12 Rally...



I have always said to friends over the years, "Our Airstream club is our second family," and several of our Region 12 members recently proved just that.

In February, Richard "Wheels" Wheeler of the Sierra Nevada Unit, passed away leaving his widow, Doris Wheeler, with the difficult decision to sell their beloved Airstream. As a 13-year member of the Sierra Nevada Unit (SNU) and affiliates of the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club (LTAC), Doris reached out to Bob and I, asking for assistance with the sale. We told her not to worry about a thing and that we would have everything under control.

Thus began the steps to sell the Wheeler's 2007 27' Airstream. Bob and I first reached out to Linda Maddox of LTAC and asked if she could get some shots of the interior and exterior of the Airstream. Linda efficiently handled this task. Next, I made a call to Jim Polk, a member of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club and senior member of the American Society of Appraisers. Within days Jim provided a fair market price for the Airstream. The baton was then handed back to Linda who listed the Airstream on a few internet sites while Bob had graciously agreed to field all calls for the Airstream on Doris's behalf.

Within two days of listing the Airstream for sale, a call was received from a couple who reside in Casper, Wyoming. They said they were very interested in the Airstream at the listed price and would arrive in Carson City, Nevada the following afternoon.



Past Hobo King, Richard & newly crowned Hobo Queen, Doris

Of course this was moving along quickly and seemed too good to be true but sure enough, the next day the couple appeared at the our home with a cashier's check. Once at Doris's home, Bob gave the first-time RV owners a two-hour session on how to use their newly purchased Airstream and they were on the road.

By networking across Region 12 Airstream clubs, and tapping members to assist, the outcome was a happy one for Doris with a quick sale and knowing her Airstream would be making another family more happy memories! And of course, Bob and I were happy to share information about the WBCCI with the new owners!

On behalf of Doris Wheeler, thank you to all who helped this process go so smoothly!

Photo credit: Diane Leipper of SNU



Save the date!

October 6-10, 2021 the Region 12 Rally will be held at the
all new Cava Robles RV Resort in
Paso Robles, California

Upcoming R12 Events

**Rose Parade - December 27,
2020 - January 1, 2021**

Cancelled!

Pasadena, California

Cali Rally - April 22-25, 2021

Event full, no wait list

V6 Ranch, Parkfield

64th International Rally -

July 16-24, 2021

Lebanon, TN

2021 Region 12 Rally -

October 6-10

Paso Robles, CA

Cava Robles RV Resort



Airstreams in a Row
- Region 12 Rally, Palm Desert