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President's Column

It was early October and Carrie and I found ourselves at home with all those unfinished projects we had started in the spring. After some focused attention on the projects (to finish what we had started), we began preparing for the Region 12 Rally. This will be our first Region Rally; we understand about 100 rigs are expected in Palm Desert. We will then make our way to the NorCal rally at Pismo Beach and look forward to seeing many of you there.

At the Pismo Rally, the club will complete the process of electing our board members for 2021. The board installation is not planned to be part of the December rally due to COVID restrictions; therefore, an online installation event will be planned. I will send an email blast with details when the plans are complete.

Carrie and I hope you all remain healthy through the Thanksgiving holidays and hope to see you at a rally soon.

About Aluminum: On aircraft, flush rivets are used to form a smooth surface with lower wind resistance. The flush rivet uses a countersunk hole in the aluminum skin combined with a tapered rivet. Howard Hughes is often credited with inventing the flush rivet, however, Charles Hall of the Hall Aluminum Aircraft Corp. was first to file a patent and flew the first riveted aircraft in 1929.

Ray



Remember, "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known, so if you haven't you should."

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From The Editor

I can't quite believe this is the last Poppy of the year. Despite other aspects of 2020, I have enjoyed my first year as Editor. In the process, I have learned a lot about the production of a digital newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed reading it.

Several people have told me they love all the photos. I have tried to include more than before, but it is the most time-consuming part of the job, what with selection, layout, and reformatting the resolution of each photo so we can send out a newsletter with as many as possible. Reformatting is not something you may notice, but is a necessity when emailing a large data file such as the newsletter I have learned. Personally, I think more photos make a more interesting newsletter, plus I am having fun with the layouts, but there is a limit.

I am always on the look-out for content, so if you have a story, or an article idea, let me know and we can go from there. Almost anything may be of interest to the group, including yourself! Don't be shy, new members, to step up and introduce yourself so we can get to know you. Moreover, I am looking for anyone who is willing to be "roving reporters" for Airstream-related topics, or rally side-bars (such as new member profiles, or interesting side trips). If you would like to volunteer, let me know. I may not be able to attend as many rallies next year, and it would be nice to know we have content for the Poppy.

The NorCal Caravan up the Oregon Coast was wonderful. The work/planning done by the Ortizes and Echols showed, and their tenacity in not canceling, even when it seemed at the last minute that the Oregon fires would put an end to it, proved to be the right choice. We had little smoke the entire trip, little wind (in what normally is a wind zone!), and the COVID precautions of masks and distancing appeared to be the rule rather than the exception on the Oregon coast.

Enjoy Carmen Ortiz's summary beginning on pg. 7. Among the high points were our stay in Cape Kiwanda, a beautiful location, and the Sternwheel boat trip/dinner on the Columbia River. Both must-dos. Be advised: Airstreaming up the Oregon coast in the fall is highly recommended but plan early! Fall is salmon fishing season, and many a campground is full with seasonal fishermen who make their reservations a year in advance. Also plan on withdrawal pains from all the fish and chips, craft beer, clam chowder and creamery ice cream you will be eating during the trip. It was all amazing!

So, until January, when we should have reports on the Region 12 Rally held in late October, the November Pismo Rally, the December Black Oak Casino Rally, the separate installation of officers, and the coupon for the first rally of 2021, keep Airstreaming and see you down the road!

2020 Rallies and Caravans

~~8/5-9 POMO RV Park Fort Bragg~~

~~HOSTS: Brian & Juliet Scheuer, Jodie Lee & Tim Kirk~~

~~9/9-13 Ancient Redwoods RV Park Red Crest~~

~~HOSTS: Marget & Dave Williams, Chris & Dean Davison~~

~~9/13-30 Oregon Coast Caravan Oregon~~

~~LEADERS: Carmen & Jose Ortiz, Bob & Carol Echols~~

~~10/7-11 V-6 Ranch*** Parkfield~~

CANCELLED
~~OST: Putz, Liza, Joseph,~~

~~10/21-25 Emerald Desert Resort Palm Desert Region 12 Rally~~

~~Contact Lynda Polk for wait list information: lberringer@jps.net~~

11/4-8 Pismo Coast Village Resort Pismo Beach

HOSTS: Gail & Dan Crutchfield, Carmen & Jose Ortiz

12/2-6 Black Oak Casino RV Park Sonora

HOSTS: Billie & Bob Verdegaal, Elisa & Ed Ungerman

Note: New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request a day-early arrival (usually Tues). Sign-ups are by submitting a completed Registration form by the due date. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts may be cancelled.





HELLO November

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

3	Pamela Lindsay	11	Connie Steen
7	Margie Glassey	15	John Diamond
7	Grover Sandy	17	Yoshiko Deiwert
7	Jane Wright	19	Carole Echols
10	JoAnn Kemist	21	Lynn Foster
10	Ken Bechthold	22	Gail Crutchfield
11	Karen Richardson	28	John Roll

November Anniversaries

5	Paul/Rosalie McKay
10	Rick/Margaret Sharp
16	Jim/Deborah Christie
20	Dave/Marget Williams
22	Mike & Phyllis Minadeo
26	Gregg/Janet Motta
27	Ray/Carrie Bell
29	Phil/Margie Glassey



December Birthdays

7	Angela Udovich	21	Judy Bechthold
8	Steve Deiwert	24	Criss Gales
11	Linda Sickler	26	Tom Broad
12	Amy Levin	27	Billie Verdegaal
13	Kent Schroeder	27	Don Weaver
16	Matt Kurzrock	30	Gregg Ayer
18	Fredric Sloan	31	Richard Kleiman

December Anniversaries

6	Jim/Lynn Geach
20	Larry/Linda Ackerman
25	Jim/Lynn Foster
31	Shirley Bollinger/John Lopez



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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- Grant Smith #4557
- Patrick & Kara Sullivan #1105
- Bethany & Ron Harrison #12513

WBCCI on the Web

www.wbcci.org/

Region 12 on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

NorCal on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>

Membership Information

170 Unit/Life Members
 22 Affiliate Members
 194 Total Members

Church Bulletin

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

WBCCI/NORCAL Membership Renewal Instructions



Members: It's time to renew your membership! It's easy! Go to <https://airstreamclub.org/renew>. Dues for WBCCI Membership are \$75 + \$5 for NorCal unit dues.

Although the renewal process runs through the end of December, we are asking you to renew by December 1st so that you will be included in NorCal's Membership Directory that will be sent out in early January 2021.

Lifetime members: you must go through the renewal process. This lets WBCCI Headquarters know that your Lifetime membership is still active and is in good standing with NorCal. If WBCCI does not receive your renewal as a Lifetime Member, you will not be renewed for 2021.

Affiliates only: please fill out the Affiliate Application form on the following page and send to our treasurer at the address indicated in the form, along with a check for affiliate dues. Affiliate dues are \$5. Please renew by December 1, 2020 in order to appear in the January 2021 NorCal Membership Directory.

See the October Poppy for more information on Affiliates. Any questions, please contact Carmen Ortiz, Membership Chair at [Mail: norcalmembership2802@gmail.com](mailto:norcalmembership2802@gmail.com)



It's time to **renew**
your membership!
Go to **AirstreamClub.org**
to renew, contact your
local club, or contact
HQ at **937-596-5211**
to renew today.



REMINDER

Due to the pandemic, there will be no silent auction this year at the December Rally. But I, Ray Bell, am encouraging all NorCalers to still be philanthropic and contribute to my charity of choice: Fisher House at Travis AFB in Fairfield, CA.

Please donate by submitting checks made payable to "Travis AFB Fisher House" to NorCal Treasurer, 5346 Paso Del Rio Way, Concord, CA, 94521-5006 for a donation in lieu of supplying or bidding on an auction item by December 31st.

Fisher House provides housing for military and veteran families so they may stay together while obtaining medical services. The Travis AFB Fisher House will send individual donation recognition letters for tax purposes to the name and address on the check. Please have a look at their website to see their great work, a very high percentage of the funds go directly to help wounded vets. <https://fisherhouse.org/>

Ray Bell



Northern California Airstream Club - WBCCI Affiliate Membership Application

Please complete this form and send a check for \$5.00 payable to WBCCI/NorCal, to Treasurer, NorCal, 5346 Paso Del Rio Way, Concord, CA 94521-5006

* Required Fields

WBCCI Number *

Member Name(s) *

Address *

Home phone with area code

Member mobile number with area code

Spouse/Partner mobile number with area code

Member Email Address *

Spouse/Partner Email Address

If you are a member of a unit, enter name of the unit

We like to recognize and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. If you would like to participate in this tradition, please answer the next few questions. Do not include year.

Member Birthday

Spouse/Partner Birthday

Anniversary

Caravanning Up the Oregon Coast in the Face of COVID-19, Wildfires and Suffocating Smoke

The Beginning

To say the year 2020 will be etched in the memories of us all who survive COVID-19, unrelenting wildfires, social unrest, and a sagging economy is an understatement. As Airstreamers all over the country were forced to cancel their scheduled caravans and rallies due to the pandemic, the Northern California Airstream Club refused to concede to these challenges by continually moving forward on its planned caravan north along the Oregon Coast.



Two years ago, NorCal members Carmen Ortiz and Carole Echols brainstormed a caravan adventure along the Oregon Coast, beginning in mid-September 2020 at the northwestern tip of California and continuing all the way to the Columbia River: seventeen days and six stops to enjoy the numerous activities and scenery of one of America's revered coastlines (all with public access no less).

Of course, as with all rallies and caravans, success or failure hinges on good planning, optimal conditions, and a little bit of luck. As Carole and Carmen honed in on the planning, the details emerged in the fall of 2019 which included stops in Crescent City,

CA (starting point), up the coast of Oregon with stops in Bandon, Waldport, Pacific City, Astoria, then East on the Columbia River, ending in Cascade Locks, OR.

Each stop included a group activity or two, and plenty of time for individual adventures. Group dinners were scheduled with local restaurants, as well as local boat and dune rides, plus a rail ride, which left countless other attractions to be explored along the coast. The schedule for the caravan was set for September 13-30, 2020. The caravan was advertised in The Poppy, our NorCal Newsletter, in September 2019. Shortly thereafter, 20 Airstreams were on the list. They all paid their deposits and the caravan was a go.

The year-end holidays came and went. Everyone was very excited about the upcoming caravan. Then, on March 11, 2020, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was declared a global pandemic. Most of the country shut down in an effort to stem the spread, with stay-at-home orders and travel restrictions surfacing everywhere. Soon thereafter, numerous rallies were canceled, including the International. National Caravans were canceled as well. Just like that, the 2020 Oregon Coast Caravan was also in jeopardy of being canceled, with all the effort behind it being for naught. But instead of following suit, the Oregon caravan leaders elected to "wait and see" before deciding to cancel, with the hope that time was on their side, and conditions would improve by the time September rolled around.

By August 2020, the pandemic did not appear to affect Oregon as it did California. The leaders

continued forward with their plans since conditions appeared to be improving and there was more knowledge about the virus. But in late August/early September, wildfires continually erupted in California and Oregon, closing roads, impacting traffic, and spreading a thick blanket of unhealthy smoke everywhere, including the coast.

The leaders again faced a decision: should they cancel or should they go forward? A vigorous process of monitoring the virus and wildfire impacts ensued.

Hoping that the fires would be contained by September 13th, the leaders decided once again to move forward with the caravan, even when others were not so sure. The proviso was that all attendees would be required to follow and maintain social distancing, wear masks, and follow all local and state regulations around the pandemic and fire situations.

All but three of the original sign-ups stayed the course, meeting in Crescent City as planned amidst the smoke and uncertainty, to commence their Airstream Adventure.

The Journey

Ramblin' Redwoods RV Park in Crescent City, CA served as the caravan's rendezvous and start location. Two nights were spent there under smoky, ashy, foggy skies. The planned "welcome dinner" was canceled because the caterer went out of business, a victim to the pandemic stay at home orders and business closures. Undaunted, the leaders commenced a socially distanced/masked welcome



Welcome Meeting/Happy Hour

meeting (with favorite beverage) and after a brief interlude for dinner, they arranged for the caravaners to sit around campfires in groups of 4 to make artisanal smores and conversation. It was a hit! Participants shared their journeys through the pandemic, their experiences at the recent NorCal Redcrest Rally (about 1 hour south of Crescent City) and discussed how glad they were that they were finally going somewhere in their Airstreams again.



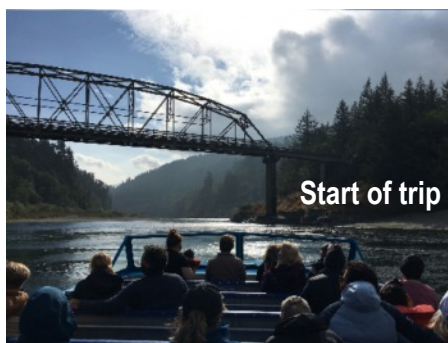
One of the objectives of this caravan was to take it easy, not drive too many hours from one stop to another so that the journey could be enjoyed. Another was to have time to enjoy as many attractions at each stop as possible, either as part of a group or solo. So, on **day three, September 15, 2020**, Airstreams caravanned north to Bandon, Oregon, only 109 miles from Crescent City. As soon as they crossed over the Oregon border, about 20 miles from Crescent City, the smoke dissipated. It was now a beautiful, sunny, clear driving day to the next stop, Bullards Beach State Park for three nights.

Notwithstanding that the pandemic caused many facilities in/around Bandon to close to the public (e.g. most lighthouses, some hiking trails and museums), the group was determined to make the best of it by enjoying the scenery, wearing masks as needed, and adjusting as they went along.

The first group activity occurred on day four: a 4.5 hour, 64 mile roundtrip ride up the Rogue River on one of Jerry's Rogue River Jet Boats, in this case an historic mail boat.



Waiting for the boat



Start of trip



Farther up the Rogue River

Along the way, caravaners saw many fishermen, some on boats, some fly fishing. As riders enjoyed the scenery, the boat captain explained the history of the river and about the original people of the area, the wildlife of the river, and its importance to the

livelihoods of those who came to live on the river. The weather could not have been more perfect.

Half-way through the trip, the group stopped for an outdoor lunch at the Cougar Lane Lodge in Agness, which had delicious food.



During the return trip, a bear was spotted fishing by the river bank and the group was treated to several 360-degree gentle spins and turns that were most fun.



The following free day, caravaners visited nearby Face Rock, walked on the wind-free beach, inspected several nearby lighthouses, toured the historic old town/marina of Bandon, seeing the incredibly creative sculptures from ocean trash that are displayed, and/or waited patiently in line for very generous scoop(s) of delicious Face Rock Creamery ice cream.



Henry the Fish made totally from ocean trash, one of several such sculptures on display in Bandon



On the last day in Bandon, the group drove to the Mills Casino Resort for a delightful and delicious baked salmon dinner, with all the proper protocols in place. The original plan to see an outdoor demonstration of how the Coquille People historically bake salmon in a sand pit was canceled because state authorities banned all fires in the area. Nevertheless, the Resort Chef came to the dining room before dinner and explained, with props, how the Coquille traditionally bake salmon, and how they attempt to make do in the kitchen when the sand pit is unavailable.



The group celebrated September salmon bake season in style.

On day six, September 18, 2020, the Airstreams headed to Waldport, 105 miles north of Bandon, where they stayed three nights at the local KOA. Waldport is centrally located between Florence and Newport, Oregon. The KOA is located on a bluff overlooking where the Alsea River and Pacific Ocean meet.

From the campground, you can walk to and across the Alsea Bay Bridge to downtown Waldport on the nice pedestrian walkway. The original Alsea Bay Bridge was the first of the 22 bridges in Oregon designed by Conde McCullough, until it was demolished due to corrosion and replaced. Several caravaners took the time to walk their dogs across the bridge, from which many seals could be seen frolicking in the bay below.

During their stay here, many caravaners headed north to Newport, a quaint town with fish mongers on the waterfront. There were two of the eleven lighthouses on the Oregon coast to visit: Yaquina Head and Yaquina Bay, and more bridges to see.



Driving over the Yaquina Bay Bridge south of Newport was spectacular. It is another of the bridges designed by Conde McCullough, and one of the most recognizable of the eleven major bridges on the Oregon Coast Highway designed by him.

On the second day of this stop, the caravan leaders made a trip to the Oregon Oyster Farm (on Yaquina Bay in Newport), which

has been serving premium oysters since 1917. They purchased fresh oysters on behalf of those caravaners who made requests, returning to the campground where individuals roasted them on their portable BBQs. Some made special sauces and brought bread to accompany the oysters. Everyone thought they were delicious!



A highlight of this stop was the Sandland Adventures narrated dune buggy ride in Florence, Or., where the entire group toured the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America, via a large dune buggy built on a bus chassis. Some dunes are 20,000 years old, others are over 100,000 years old, and the amount and breadth of sand was amazing. Unfortunately, the non-native beach grass, planted in the 1930s for erosion

control turned out to be detrimental to the dunes, slowly allowing large areas to become forests, thereby reducing the amount of open dunes.



Afterwards, many caravaners toured the nearby old town of Florence, with its lovely harbor and hidden parks on the Sislaw river.

During their time in Waldport, (and other areas) several of the caravaners indulged in the many fishing opportunities afforded by Oregon's waterways and Pacific coastline. Others visited the Seal Rock State Recreation Site where some went tide pooling, finding beautiful sea stars and other creatures clinging to the moist rocks. Some managed to visit the Umpqua River Lighthouse in Reedsport, the only one open for tours. And others enjoyed the dog friendly beaches of Oregon.



On their last day in the area, the group met for dinner on the outdoor patio of the Drift Inn in nearby Yachats, with plenty of distance between tables. Everyone enjoyed delicious food

and drink, shared their adventures thus far, and made plans for their next stops.



On **day ten, September 21, 2020**, the Airstreams continued 54 miles further up the coast for a three night stay in the Pacific City area, specifically Cape Kiwanda, home of the dory boat fishermen who fish for salmon, dungeness crab, albacore tuna and rock fish.



Cape Kiwanda is the southernmost of the three capes in the area that are part of the Three Capes Scenic Route: Kiwanda, Lookout, and Meares. The loop is a scenic route off U.S. 101, with spectacular views of the coast.

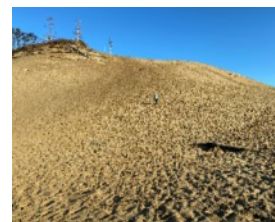
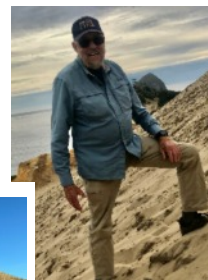


Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus, the hike to Cape Lookout, the most scenic of the three capes, was closed. However, many made the drive to the Cape Meares Scenic Lookout area, including the Cape Meares Lighthouse, the shortest on the

Oregon Coast. It has a red lens whose light can be seen for 20 miles out to sea because of the steep cliff on which it rests.



More adventurous caravaners climbed the steep dunes at Cape Kiwanda. (e.g. José O, Bob E., John and Lori B., With Lori doing it twice! Go Lori!)



← Where's Lori?

Sadly, the planned Rail Riding adventure was canceled since the Forest Service, which oversees the forest through which the rails go, banned all activity due to the recent wildfires in the area. But folks did not seem to mind much since it poured rain at the campground on that day. Other adventures awaited: some went to the Tillamook Cheese Factory in nearby Tillamook, for cheddar cheese products and more ice cream. Others visited the nearby Blue Heron Cheese Factory, purveyors of delicious artisan cheeses. Several enjoyed a day visiting the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, the current home of the Spruce Goose, and/or the Oregon Tillamook Air Museum.

The rain did not seem to upset the awfully cute ferrel bunnies that populated the campground.



On the last night at the campground, pizza was ordered from none other than Doryland Pizza, right at the campground marketplace, and served by the leaders in our private clubhouse.



Tillamook ice cream bars were also provided while the much needed rain (2 inches maybe) continued to pour, clearing any lingering smoke and ash from the air.



The next day was beautiful, great for driving to new adventures.

On **day twelve, September 24, 2020**, Airstreamers drove 83 miles north to the Astoria/Warrenton area where they spent four nights, staying at the KOA across the road from the historic Fort Stevens State Park. There was so much to see and do in this area that the leaders

felt compelled to schedule extra time.

While here, many visited the Columbia River Maritime Museum in downtown Astoria, which was very entertaining and educational in telling the stories of people who discovered, fish(ed), and work(ed) on the river, including the Coast Guard. The museum contains terrific displays, along with a retired "lighthouse boat," that before buoys, acted as the guide post into the Columbia.

Some visited the Flavell House, a lovely and remarkable Victorian house (over 11,000 sq ft that spans a city block in downtown Astoria) built by a very wealthy former maritime ship captain. It is now a museum, with two of its floors open to visitors.

Another point of interest was the remains of the Peter Iredale Shipwreck listing on the beach at Fort Stevens.

Fort Stevens, beyond being the site of the former military installation

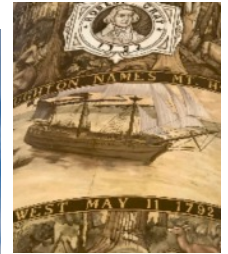


that protected the mouth of the Columbia River from the Civil War to after WWII, is also the location of the South Jetty, a 6.5 mile engineering feat that took 27 years to build. It blocks and traps shifting sand and silt from the entrance to the River, thereby keeping the area navigable, and lessening the chance of shipwrecks, such as the Peter Iredale. On one part of the Jetty is a wonderful viewing platform.



(The much shorter North Jetty stretches out from the former Fort Canby on the Washington State side of the Columbia for the same purpose.) The amount and power of the water in this area is stunning and fascinating to a landlubber, leading to an understanding of why there have been so many shipwrecks in this area over the years.

Of course, many went to see the famous Astoria Column, built in 1926 by the Great Northern Railway and Vincent Astor as a monument to the hardships, bravery, and awe experienced by the first Europeans to live in Pacific Northwest.



The Column is a unique work of Northwest art offering an unparalleled view of the meeting of many rivers with the Pacific Ocean. Inside, it has a circular staircase of 164 steps and an observation deck. Although the Column is currently closed due to the pandemic, the park-like grounds, on a hill high above downtown Astoria, offers an incredible over 180-degree view of the confluence of three rivers. It is also a great spot to appreciate the grandeur of the Astoria-Megler Bridge, spanning 4 miles from Oregon to Washington.



Besides Astoria, many caravaners explored the nearby coastal towns of Manzanita, Cannon Beach and Seaside to the south. Other caravaners rented a boat and went crabbing, while still others eschewed the boat and directly feasted on fresh crabs!



A highlight of Astoria was the group lunch (once again in our own private dining area) at the Bridgewater Bistro on the Astoria waterfront, a scenic location from where the Astoria-Megler Bridge could be seen up close.



Upstairs at the Bridgewater Bistro



Afterwards, a few visited nearby Pier 39 to watch the ships and sea lions at the 135 year old Hanthorn Cannery at the foot of the pier. The building has many photos depicting the history of the cannery and the many brave men and women who worked there for decades until its closing.

The Grand Finale

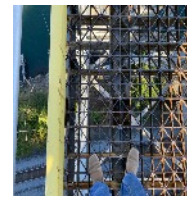
The caravan was winding down when, on **September 28, 2020**, the Airstreams left the Oregon Coast and headed east along the Columbia River Scenic Highway for a two-night stop at the Cascade Locks KOA in the Columbia River Gorge. This was the longest drive of the trip, either because the scenic route from Astoria through Washington State and back to Oregon was chosen, or because caravaners got caught up in road construction on the two lane road on the Oregon side of the river that lasted for miles and added an extra hour or so to what should have been a two and a half hour trip.

On the second-to-the-last night of the caravan, caravaners once again enjoyed an evening of artisanal s'mores around several campfires.



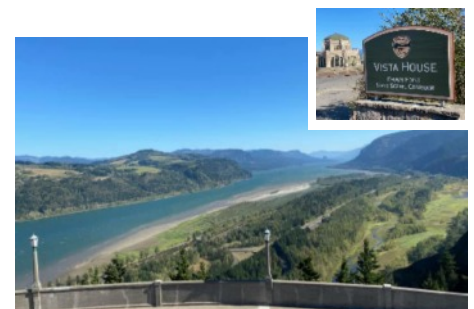
The following day, each camper was left to their own devices. Some walked on the Bridge of the Gods, a steel truss cantilever bridge that spans the Columbia River at one of its narrowest points. It is part of the Pacific Coast Trail that goes from Mexico to Canada, allowing hikers to cross the Columbia River into or out of Washington State. There is no pedestrian walkway on the Bridge, but traffic is slowed by the 15 mph speed limit and the Bridge's

narrowness. But the Bridge is not for those affected by heights. It's deck surface is open steel grating, with the 140 foot depth to the River clearly visible as you walk on it. As one caravaner put it mildly "It was a different experience." But the view from the Bridge is lovely.



Others checked out the nearby Bonneville Dam area. While the Visitor Center was closed, you could still drive around the area for a closer look at the dam and its two power houses, which was constructed in the 1930s by the Army Corps of Engineers with labor funded by the WPA. It is still operating.

Another attraction was the Crown Point Vista House, a museum 733 feet above the Columbia River Gorge with spectacular views.



Some caravaners visited the town of Hood River, a wine mecca. The town has great art galleries and coffee shops, and several ventured to the Hood Crest Winery and Distilleries where a great pizza was consumed along with a “red” beer infused with cabernet. A few reported driving over the Bridge of Gods (toll \$2) to Washington State for a look at the river towns on that side of the Columbia, or driving through the countryside in Oregon with wonderful views of Mount Rainier and Mount Hood. Others chose to stay local, visiting the locks for which the town is named, the local maritime park, and the nearby historical sculptures related to the Lewis and Clark expedition. But everyone returned that evening for the last activity of the caravan.



The coda to the Oregon Coast Caravan was a two hour dinner cruise onboard the Columbia River Gorge Sternwheeler on the Columbia River, captained and narrated by the Mayor of Cascade Locks.

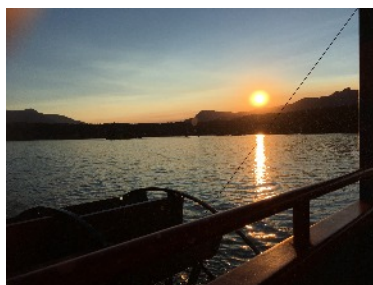


Captain Tom

Caravaners walked the decks, enjoying the beautiful, balmy, clear evening with no wind in what is typically a “wind tunnel” as described by the Captain in his remarks. The tranquility of the evening was wonderful.



The sunset was gorgeous as was the subsequent moon rise.



Dinner was outstanding and the company even better. Carol and Carmen were thanked profusely for their efforts in creating and

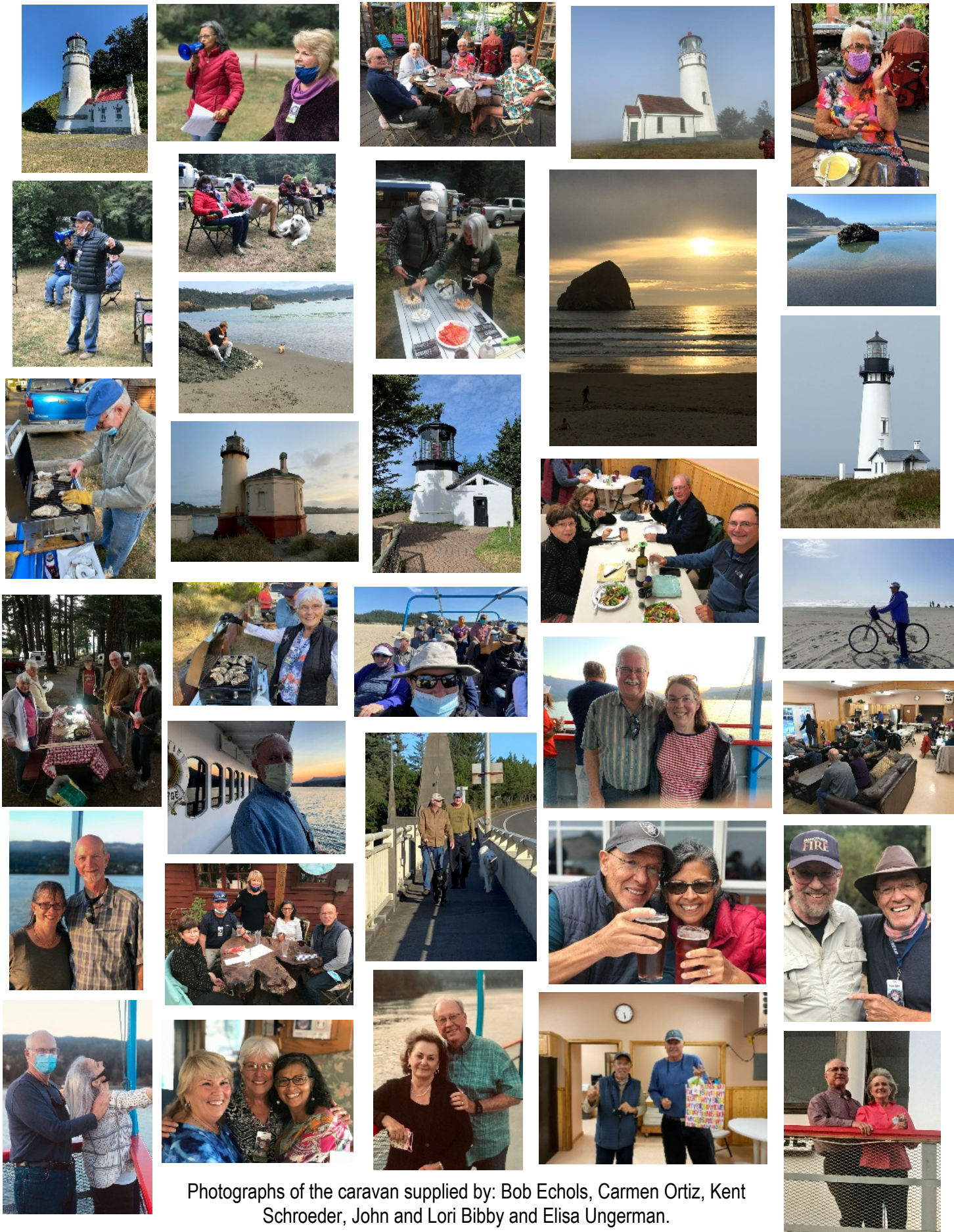
spearheading the caravan, and everyone appeared to be having a great time – the perfect end to a wonderful Airstream Experience.



On September 30, 2020, all the Airstreams (but one – the Paiges had some minor truck trouble that delayed them a day) headed back to their respective destinations, free of smoke and fires at the moment, but full of the exuberance one feels from experiencing an Airstream Adventure up the Oregon Coast.

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Oregon Caravan 2020 Additional Photos



Photographs of the caravan supplied by: Bob Echols, Carmen Ortiz, Kent Schroeder, John and Lori Bibby and Elisa Ungerman.

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NOVEMBER 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 	3 	4 Pismo	5 	6 Beach	7 Rally
8	9	10	11 	12	13 	14
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22	23 	24	25	26 	27	28 
29	30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5
Black Oak Casino Rally						

Garden Flag Information

You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser:
<https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>



Badge and Logo Sticker Info

You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Contact Carmen Ortiz to get yours for free, a perk of membership. Also, now available is the NEW five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle when you attend rally. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Be sure to request one from Carmen.

