

# THE OREGON STREAMER



## The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

### Focus on Board Of Directors



**Carol Dion, 1st Vice President**

*The Oregon Airstream Club's board election results have been received and tallied! Congratulations to Stacey Rovinelli, our new Treasurer, and to Steve Holmes, a new Director from Southern Oregon. Many thanks to the more than 100 of you that submitted your votes via this new format - and a special thank you to Bob Crummett for managing the process so successfully.*

### **Announcement**

Due to Covid and the restrictions we are faced with while trying to stay healthy, there will be no Holiday brunch this year. It is normally such a wonderful event that we're hoping to offer it again for 2021 Holidays. Be well and enjoy the season in a safe and caring way.

## **Membership Message**



Susan Taylor, Membership  
Chair

I want to extend a thank you to the many of you who have already renewed your membership for 2021. You have until the end of December if you want to be included in the printed directory going out the beginning of next year. Dues for 2021 are \$90, \$75 going to the international organization and \$15 to the Oregon Airstream Club. The easiest way to renew is online at [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) and as part of the process just select Oregon as your club. Of course, if you still prefer to pay by check you may do so. Please make the check payable to Oregon Airstream Club and mail to Susan Taylor, 5872 Angle Dr NE Salem, OR 97317.

I now want to take the opportunity to let you know my tenure as your membership chair is coming to an end. I can't exactly remember but it's been 7 or 8 great years serving in this capacity. I'm going to finish out this current renewal season and pass the baton over to Mel Simrell who will be a wonderful asset to the board. She has refreshing enthusiasm and will be very welcoming.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday season in whatever form that is for you this crazy, unusual year!  
Susan Taylor

### **SAD NEWS**

We were notified recently that George Heppner passed away on Sunday, October 4th. Apparently he had a massive heart attack and nothing could be done to save him. There are no plans for a gathering presently because of COVID-19 restrictions. George and MaryLou were married for 54 years and most of that time had an Airstream. They spent this past summer in their Airstream in a park in Salem and were forming plans to travel to Florida to be with her family for the winter. As soon as MaryLou settles some affairs one of her brothers will fly out to drive her to Pensacola.

## Rally News



**Terri Warren, Rally Coordinator  
OAC**

Our 2021 Rally schedule is just about finalized now.

The only remaining rally we've been unable to schedule is Pelton PGE Park but we will be able to schedule that one just after the first of the year. We've asked for an early exception as we are a large group but so far, no luck with that.

The annual meeting is changing locations this year - we will be holding our annual meeting at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo grounds in Redmond, OR. The dates are Sept. 23-26. Thank you to Rhonda Levine and Judy Mitchell for checking it out and reporting back that it was a very good place for our annual meeting!

Ruby and Ralond Troncin have agreed to host the April Fools Rally this year while Brad and Susan Taylor move on to host the Ana Reservoir Rally. We are still in need of only one more host for the year - it is for the Sutton USFS rally , August 2-5, near Florence. Anyone willing,

please contact me at [twestover@mac.com](mailto:twestover@mac.com)

For the coming year, we are not planning any meals or potlucks at rallies. If things with COVID change dramatically, perhaps things will change. But just to be able to enjoy each other's company, we hope, will be enough for 2021

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# Rally News

## RALLY CALENDAR

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Park	Name	Date	Location	Host	# people	Cost
1	Cannon Beach RV Park	Leak Test Rally	Jan 21-24	Cannon Beach, OR	Hemphill	15	\$ 130.00
2	Timberlake RV Park	St. Patrick's Day Rally	Mar 16-19	Stephenson, WA	Stacey/Amy	16	\$ 155.00
3	Elkamp	Elkamp Rally	Mar 25-28	Mineral, WA	Brian Smith	10	\$ 140.00
4	Riverbend County Park	April Fool's Rally	April 2-4	Sweet Home, OR	Troncin	17	\$ 100.00
5	Burns RV Park	Bird Migration Rally	April 15-18	Burns, OR	Dion	15	\$ 107-119
6	Maryhill State Park	Maryhill Rally	April 22-25	Goldendale, WA	Hendrix/Warren	16	\$ 35.00
7	Wine Country RV Park	Joint WA and OR rally	April 29-May 2	Prosser, WA	Dion	15	\$130-155
8	Casey's RV Park	Newbie Welcome Rally	May 4-7	Oakridge, OR	Simrell	24	\$ 155.00
9	Anna Reservoir RV Park	Anna Rally	May 13-16	Summer Lake, OR	Taylor	15	\$ 95.00
10	Bend/Sisters RV Park	Sister's Rally	May 20-23	Sisters, OR	Rhonda/Judy	14	\$ 178.00
11	Sea and Sand RV Park	Sea and Sand Rally	Jun 1-4	Depoe Bay, OR	Kate Kelly	15	\$ 145.00
12	Lynden, Wa State Fairgrounds	Region 10 Rally	Jun 1-6	Lynden, WA	Craig Hammond	100	TBD
13	Emigrant Lake Theater Rally	Theater Rally	June 7-14	Ashland, OR	Ware/Gleason	16	varies
14	Millsite RV Park	Millsite Rally	June 3-6	Myrtle Creek, OR	Able	14	\$85/\$80
15	Skamokawa Vista Park	Kayak Rally	Jun 24-27	Skamokawa, WA	Stacey/Amy	14	\$113-130
16	Friends Landing RV Park	Friend's Rally	Jul 8-11	Montesono, WA	Wagner/Lints	15	\$ 115.00
17	Elk Meadows RV Park	Elk Meadows Rally	Jul 15-18	Trout Lake, WA	Grow	14	\$120-140
18	Wilson County Fairgroudns	International Rally	July 17-24	Lebanon, TN	Andrew Selking	800	
19	Remote RV Park	Remote Rally	Jul 22-25	Remote, OR	Holmes	15	\$ 155.00
20	Sutton USFS boondocking	Beach Boondocking	Aug 2-5	Florence, OR	need host	11	\$ 35.00
21	Lamp Camp RV Park	Go Fly a Kite Rally	Aug 18-23	Long Beach, WA	Geese	9	\$315
22	Diamond Lake RV Park	Crater Lake Rally	Aug 26-29	Diamond Lake, OR	Ferguson		TBD
23	Crane Prairie RV Park	Labor Day Rally	Sept 3-6	Deschutes County, OR	Mary Chris S	16	\$ 158.00
24	Casey's RV Park	Casey's Fall Rally	Sept 9-12	Oakridge, OR	Cook	16	\$ 155.00
25	Pendleton City Park	Pendleton Round Up	Sept 13-19	Pendleton, OR	Stewart	20	\$400
26	Waldo Lake USFS campground	Boondocking Rally	Sept 9-12	Crescent, OR	Jordan	14	\$ 70.00
27	Narrows RV Park	Joint ID and OR rally	Sept 30-Oct 3	Princeton, OR	Lawrence	30	\$150
28	Five Peaks RV Park	Wallowa Rally	Sept 27-29	Joseph, OR	Sorte	0	\$ 125.00
29	Deschutes County Fair & Expo	Year End Rally	Sept. 23-26	Redmond, OR	Able/Dion	65	TBD
30	Pelton PGE Park	Pelton Rally	working on it	Madras, OR	Hendrix/Warren	20	TBD



## Recipes for the Road

### **Pecan Coconut Chocolate Chip Cookies...Tina Holmes**

**2 1/2 cups sifted flour**  
**1 tsp baking soda**  
**1/2 tsp soda**  
**1 cup butter softened**  
**3/4 cup packed brown sugar**  
**3/4 cup sugar**  
**2 large eggs at room temperature**  
**1 tsp coconut extract**  
**1 tsp vanilla**  
**1 1/2 cups flaked coconut**  
**1 cup chopped pecans**  
**3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips**  
**3/4 cup white chocolate chips**



**Preheat oven to 350 degrees**

**Combine flour, baking soda, and salt in a small bowl, whisk, set aside**

**Beat butter and sugar in bowl until smooth.**

**Beat eggs into butter mixture one at a time. Add Vanilla and coconut extracts with second egg.**

**Stir flour into butter mixture, scraping sides of the bowl, fold in coconut, pecans, and chocolate chips.**

**Using a cookie scoop or tablespoon, scoop dough into 1 1/2 balls. Place balls 2 inches apart on parchment lined cookie sheet. Flatten dough balls slightly.**

**Bake in preheated oven til golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Allow cookies to cool for 5 minutes before transferring to wire racks too cool completely. Enjoy!**

## Gathering & Traveling With Oregon Airstreamers

### **RIVERBEND NOT A WEEKEND GATHERING...** By Rhonda Levine

In late September after some of the fires in Oregon had been contained, the gathering took place at Riverbend Camp Ground in Sweethome along the South Santiam River near Foster Lake. There were 8 trailers in attendance enjoying the near-perfect weather. The event was hosted by Jim and Mo Ableman with some help from co-hosts Rhonda Levine and Judy Mitchell.

Activities included visiting the town of Sweethome, kayaking at Lake Foster, fishing, exploring the river trail, eating at The Point Restaurant and much more. On Thursday October 1st we were treated to a talk by the Linn County Parks and Recreation director Brian Carroll. He has been doing this job for 23 years and is obviously very good at it. He spoke about campgrounds in the county and what was being done to improve them and about partnering with other agencies to improve local recreation sites of all kinds. He taught us about how the rivers and trees affect the land. Where agencies get their funding. Which projects that are being developed. And how the future of Linn County might look in terms of recreation.

We gathered in the late afternoon to talk about what we had done and where we had gone during the day. We got to know one another better while distancing and being aware of staying safe. And we shared new places to visit in the area.

In April of 2021 the April Fool's Rally will be held here and hosted by Brad and Susan Taylor. It's a really great county park featuring several loops, spacious sites, distance and foliage between sites, lots of hiking areas and the river which runs along areas of the campground.



Happy Hour



Hosts: Rhonda Levine, Mo & Jim Ableman, Judy Mitchell.



Happy hour



Bryan Stewart serenaded us with the bagpipes on Friday and Saturday at the conclusion of the happy hour gathering. It was a great way to end the day!

## YEAR END GATHERING SILVER COVE RV RESORT

by Norma Massier

Just under 60 Oregon Airstreamers gathered at Silver Cove RV resort for the final gathering of the year. The event was hosted by President Mike Able and his wife, Linda.

The resort is just 10 miles off of I-5 near Castle Rock and only 30 miles west of Mount St. Helens. We were sited along the shores of Silver Lake, a 3,000 acre combination of marsh and lake which offered the opportunity for kayaking, paddle boating, canoeing and fishing. Canada Geese were in abundance!

Due to Covid restrictions from Washington State we weren't able to hold the traditional annual meeting nor dine together. Despite this, evening happy hours still occurred with campers sitting in a large circle trying to adhere to social distancing recommendations, lively conversations and laughter was still present, seasoned Airstreamers shared their knowledge with newbies, first time attendees were warmly welcomed and new friendships were made.





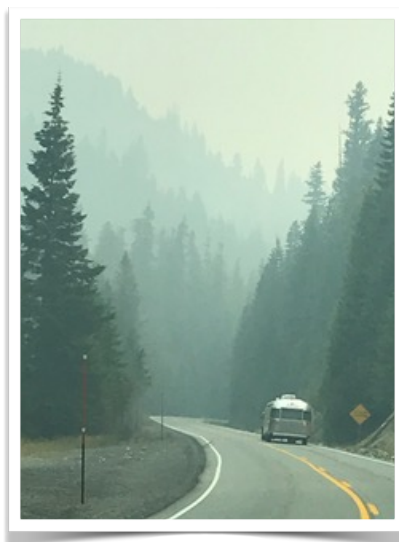


## Circle Tour ...Kathy Geese

Almost a year ago, we were thrilled to receive confirmation that we were officially registered, along with our friends and fellow OAC members, Mike and Nancy Burnett, for the 2020 WBCII Polar Bears and Northern Lights Caravan to Manitoba, Canada. And then, the Canadian border closed to US visitors in early summer. No problem, we told ourselves, and we held on to our reservations until the bitter end when we finally caved and canceled. So life gave us lemons and we decided what the heck, let's make lemonade.

In early August we put together a three week circle tour leaving the Seattle area on Labor Day weekend. While we didn't get Forest

pick on campsites (great view of the porta potties at Hell's Canyon), we were able to get in to the campgrounds I had selected. The route would take us to Washington's Steamboat Rock SP in the Okanogan, then off to Wallace RV in Wallace, Idaho, West Glacier RV Park in Montana, followed by Copperfield Park in Hell's Canhon, a Harvest Host distillery in Madras, Oregon, Crater Lake RV Park , Casey's RV park outside of Eugene, and ending with a night at Richardson Park, in Eugene. Fly fishing rods and e-bikes were packed and checklists were checked.



News of the forest fires in California started coming across my news feed in late August and then forest fire news from Oregon followed by eastern Washington. At the back of my mind was that while I love adventures, I never want to put a first responder's life in jeopardy to save mine. Our first day started with wind guts of 60 mph and a road closure due to forest fires where we turned to go to Steamboat Rock. Steamboat had spectacular views of the river and we felt like we were in a Western movie set. On Day 3 we headed out and watched the creosote on the railroad tracks smoldering next to the highway, a helicopter loading water for dumping on fires, and lots of fire trucks but no road closures. Very sobering drive as we saw a farmhouse burned to the ground and nothing left standing but the basketball hoop in the drive.



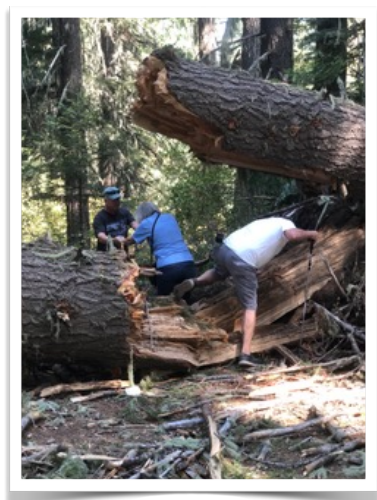


Relieved to pull in to Wallace, Idaho and see blue skies after all of the smoke. We rode our bikes on the Hiawatha Trail which I highly recommend for the amazing trestles, tunnels, and views, but, note to self, rent a mountain bike next time as a very rough trail for our path bikes. The Wallace RV Park is right on the river, pub on the property, and just a few blocks from downtown Wallace and more paved bike trails. Full hook up sites are tight and some road noise, but, location couldn't be beat. Wallace is famous for having more silver pulled out of their mines than any other mine in the world so lots of history and Victorian buildings. We also took a mine tour. We found the further east we went, the fewer masks we saw worn.

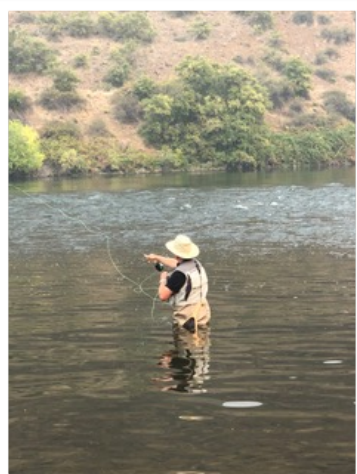
Then off to Glacier and we were surprised at the amount of traffic up in the park. The West Glacier RV park. only opened last year and had a great laundromat and immaculate bath house. The only disappointment was that the eastern side of Glacier had been closed by the Blackfeet

Indian tribe. Apparently, they have a history of diseases like small pox being brought to their ancestors by 'visitors'. We had total respect for that decision and will give us a good reason to go back to Glacier again.

My first serious trip planning misstep was missing the mileage to our next stop, Hells Canyon, by about 250 miles. Oops! Once I discovered, we left Glacier a day earlier than planned and stopped for a quick overnight somewhere in the middle. Next stop, Copperfield Campground operated by Idaho Power in Hells Canyon and some fly fishing for the guys and a drive over to Joseph for groceries and sightseeing for Nancy and me. Next stop was a Harvest Host location in Madras and Big Basin Distillery for a whisky tasting followed by dry camping in the parking lot next to a truck stop.



Off to Crater Lake the next morning and it never disappoints. So fun to watch the Burnetts see the lake for the first time. Crater Lake RV park was one of the closer parks to the lake and the campground did a good job of listing all of the things to do in the area. The campground was spacious and almost empty as active forest fires blocked many people with reservations from coming, but, the skies were blue and fire activity considerably north. We spent the next day exploring the gorge and water falls.



Next stop was Casey's RV park outside of Eugene. If you haven't stayed there be sure to ask for a site close to the office and not at the other end due to frequent train whistles during the night. Mike frustrated himself one last time by fly fishing. Just as he gave up, the fisherman across the river pulled in a nice rainbow trout. Final stop, Richardson County Park just west of Eugene. It is on a beautiful lake with 250 slips in the marinas. Beaches, mountains, high desert-Oregon really does have it all.



## VINTAGE AIR STREAMERS by Rhonda Levine

**Dave and Debbie Hagen** of Bremerton, Washington have one of the shiniest trailers you will ever see. It's so shiny that they have a place on their doormat outside the front door where a reflection of the sun started a small fire. It took two sets of polishing to get that look. That's seriously shiny!

The trailer is a 1965 24' Trailwind Airstream. It was first towed with their 1965 Suburban. The Hagens knew just what they wanted. They searched and found it on Craigslist in Poulsbo, Washington in 2010. It was not their first Airstream rodeo. They started with a 1963 22' Safari. Which they completely renovated. But it had a gaucho bed which didn't work for them.

It all started with their daughter who thought Airstreams looked cool. Soon they got the bug. They love being creative and renovating things. Like houses. So they thought renovating a trailer would be a cinch. Not exactly. That was in 2006. After the first trailer they knew what they wanted and what to look for. It had to be vintage. They wanted tandem axles. Flat glass.

1965 was the first year Airstream offered those things on that model. And preferably in bad shape so they could completely renovate. And that they did...for 7 months. Inside and out.

The trailer sat patiently in the driveway all fall and wet winter while she was stripped down to the floor. Walls with Zolotone were taken out. Squirrels and mice had been in residence. Under the tub in the bathroom were pine cones, pine cone seeds and 2 flat squirrels. The cabinets had been eaten through. There was a huge stash of sunflower seeds. Dave and Debbie devised a new floor plan to their liking. The bed was placed in the back. They added 2 new 25 gallon holding tanks. New Marmoleum floors were added. And so much more...

In April of 2011 they were ready to travel. They have been to the Balloonfest in New Mexico. To Yellowstone. To Yosemite. And to the Rockies. They love to camp at Lake Roosevelt near Grand Coulee Dam. With their daughter. They like to camp all year long and put from 5,000 to 8,000 miles on the trailer each year. It weighs 5200 pounds loaded. The Hagens are pretty proud of that trailer so if you see them be sure to have a look. You'll need sunglasses. 😎😎

**SEE MORE PHOTOS BELOW**





## The Hegen Airstream Today



## A LOOK BACK AT 2020







## OREGON AIRSTREAM CLUB FLAGS FOR SALE

Your Oregon Airstream Club is happy to be able to offer club flags for sale. There is a visual here for you to see. They are 3'x 5' in size and made of heavy duty weatherproof material with a double-sided design.

You may order the flag online at Oregon Airstream Club. Use the link saying OAC and go to the membership section. The price is \$65 per flag and that includes shipping. If it's to be shipped include all pertinent information including your phone number.

Show your Airstream spirit and let folks know you're a proud Oregonian!





## HELP WANTED

The Oregon Airstream Club is looking for a member to volunteer for the position of social media coordinator. This person would work closely with the other members of the group helping to promote the Club and connect the participants.

You be asked to attend 2 business meetings (usually by Zoom) each year in Oregon and report to the group about what you have done as the social media coordinator. You are likely to be a part of people who are passionate, have lively discussions and experience ongoing change. You will not be a voting member. Your term in this position would be 2 years.

A basic description of duties follows...

- 1- Be responsible for creating and administering content on all social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- 2- Generate, edit and share content that builds meaningful connections.
- 3- Build an audience and encourage membership engagement.
- 4- Moderate user-generated content in line with Club policy.
- 5- Set the tone for our community and respond to reader comments.
- 6- Most importantly...enjoy!

**If interested, please contact Bob Crummett (webmaster) at [bobbyc@advgra.com](mailto:bobbyc@advgra.com)**

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