#### THE URBAN UPDATE

#### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**



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### **Save the Date**

**July 17-24** International Rally Lebanon, TN

**October 6-10** Region 12 Rally Paso Robles, Cava Robles

## **President's Letter**

Once upon a time there was an Airstream club that dreamed of grand adventures. It was called the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. They were a lovable and motley bunch from all over California and the far flung parts of Middle Earth. They didn't say, "Why should we go here or there?", rather they said, "Why not?"



They felt like great adventurers wanting to explore the nether regions of their country and beyond. And they did! British Columbia, Alaska, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Virginia and all points north, south, east and west.

They loved to gather together at their special events; sharing happy hours, potlucks, hiking, biking, kayaking, site seeing, singing around the campfire, Dutch oven cooking, barbecuing, corn hole playing, and the ever-present story telling (and there were some whoppers!)

But then one day a plague descended upon the world and the shiny aluminum band was forced to distance themselves from their dear friends. They donned masks and used hand sanitizer until no germs could be found. Their many scheduled outings and events were CANCELLED, CANCELLED, CANCELLED!

These were difficult times for this fun-loving group. But perseverance is on their side. When this dark storm disappears, this band of Airstream brothers and sisters will arise again to explore uncharted territories and experience new escapades.

As only an Airstreamer would know, there will always be this "Aluminal Magnetism" that draws them together. Until that time comes, they will stay strong, positive and healthy. The end of the rain is coming and exhilarating adventures await at the other side of the rainbow.

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## **Editor's Note**

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

1) With this issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Club Member*! Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you! Write the article from your dog's perspective, the sky's the limit!

2) In the future we'll also incorporate *My Favorite Campground*. Simply write a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

### **Membership Update**

We currently have 66 member rigs and 6 affiliates which is up from last year at this time by 10 member families. We are not only growing in our club, but in Region 12 and the WBCCI as well!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members Jim & Lynn of Rancho Palos Verdes, Dennis & Kathie of Indio and Eric & Julie of Culver City.



Although this year has been wrought with cancellations, I extend an invitation for y'all to get out and join us when we can gather. We recently returned from Death Valley where we were able to spread out and greet old friends and meet new ones like Leslie and Michael of Ojai who rolled in with their ultra-shiny 1966 Overlander.

Keep an eye on our Events at the link below. - Nancy



### Social Media Update

Hello everyone! I'm happy to take on the role of Social Media Chairperson and look forward to keeping our club's Facebook page engaging and interesting!

At this time we have 66% of our club's membership (66 total memberships) active on Facebook with 16 families having two members participating. I encourage you to share travel photos and post your Airstream questions!

If you are active on Facebook and want to join the conversation, please send me an email at: <u>MissMoorea@me.com</u> - Lauretta

### 2021 Events

We are looking ahead and hope to gather in 2021 and beyond!

greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

# Meet a Club Member

A long, long time ago, Lynda and Jim were newbies in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. It's simply crazy to look back at this photo and realize not only how much we didn't know about Airstreams, but also the amazing friendships that would be made along the way all because we purchased an Airstream!

I can't wait to hear your Airstream story. Send along a few paragraphs and a photo, and you, too, can share your story in the Urban Update!



the beausites online, that they came upon the www.wbcci.org tiful Ojai website and found the Tri-County unit. Through the Valley after both retiring from the Chevron Corporapower of the worldwide web, Jim and Lynda were now tion in San Ramon, California in 2000. While Jim connected to a list of local Airstreamers who shared the continues to work in the oil and energy business as a consultant, Lynda keeps busy by planning their next Since then they have joined in the fun at a joint rally Airstream adventure with their two Golden Retrievheld in Paso Robles with the San Joaquin Unit where ers, Tyler & Tucker. They look forward to many they were greeted and welcomed into the group like old years on the road and meeting new friends! Contact friends. It was at this meeting that Lynda and Jim information for the Polk's: 802 El Toro Road, Ojai, CA 93023. Telephone (805) 646-4557 or email Lberwere formally inducted into the Unit. In addition, they

A new role taken on by the Polks is that of Full-timers as their Ojai home has recently sold. The journey may last one month, or one year, but is something they have always wanted to experience. Of course they will continue to be active with the club in their roles but will do it from their comfortable home on wheels!

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passion of travel and the desire to meet new friends.

participated in the San Joaquin Unit's recently held

rally in Bass Lake, California, which included a tour of

The Aluma-POP! Legend According to stories told 'round rally campfires, Dr. Wally and his little dog, The Colonel, were goofing around in the lab when The Colonel knocked a jar of spices into a vat of hot rivets. Voila! The rivets exploded into flavorful Aluma-POP! Try all three flavors, Sweet Chile Lime, Rosemary Salted Caramel and Cheddar with Cracked Pepper.

Grab some for your next event or give as a gift!

https://airstreamlife.com/aluma-pop/ Non-GMO, Gluten/Dairy Free, Vegan, No Preservatives

## **Death Valley Review**

#### by Jean Amundsen

#### February 11-15, 2021

A rally during a pandemic can be a challenge. Despite having our 6-months-in-advance reservations cancelled by the park then open for reservations once again at the last minute, 17 determined club members in nine rigs made it to Death Valley for a February gathering.

What a treat to meet up and find that we are all well and ready for more adventures ahead. The weather was beautiful, despite a very windy Saturday night, and the paved, level campsites at Furnace Creek Campground were comfortable. We were able to explore the Valley individually and in mini caravans. Dante's View, Artists' Drive, Ubehebe Crater, Zabriskie Point, the Devil's Golf Course, Badwater, and the West Road with its extreme washboard were all on the agenda. We all met up Friday evening for a group photo and to honor a few members for their contributions to the Club. Past Presidents Alan Amundsen and Tim Murphy received beautiful Lands End jackets personalized with their names and the club logo. Former Newsletter Editor, Jean Amundsen, received a generous Lands End gift card. In addition, all attendees received a gift of Aluma-POP! popcorn rivets, compliments of club members Rich Luhr and Cheryl Toth.

All who participated in the Death Valley event are ready and excited to attend future club events in 2021.





Borax Museum

Alan, Steve, Paula, Carolyn on Artists' Drive



The gang's all here!