



The NorCal News



President's Column

The month of May has arrived. The flowers are in bloom, and the trees are full of leaves. Lori and I had a wonderful time at the April rally in Gilroy. What a great start to NorCal's rally season! Many thanks to our hosts and everyone who attended; it was such fun event. We enjoyed catching up with friends, and it's always a pleasure to welcome new members too.

Our Rally Chair Pat L. has secured Jessie's Grove Winery in Lodi for the November Rally. This will be a "harvest-host" style rally! There's a beautiful area where we can park our rigs for dry camping. If you are new to dry camping - not to worry - this is the perfect opportunity to learn some tips from fellow NorCal members.

The 2021 slate of nominees for Region 12 Officers is La Verne McHenry (President), Abe Hernandez (1st Vice President) and our own Pat Lazzereschi (2nd Vice President). I was honored to submit NorCal's ballot on March 22nd to accept this slate of qualified applicants. Region 12 will publish their election results separately. Congratulations to all!

In late May or early June, watch for details on the election of International Officers and Constitutional Amendments. Expect all voting to be done electronically. Due to a fairly recent change, each MEMBER now has a vote, rather than one vote per membership. See the inside of The Poppy for further details on that.



Lori and I depart for the Springtime in the Rockies Caravan shortly after the May rally at Lassen RV Resort. The Caravan Leaders have created a public Facebook group named "2021 Springtime in the Rockies" for anyone who may want to follow our adventure. We will miss the June rally in McCloud due to Caravan schedule, but we will have some highlights of our trip to share after returning home in July. See you down the road!

John Bibby

"Life is better with Airstreams, great adventures, and good friends"

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From The Editor

May is strawberry month, and those luscious red berries provide the color theme for this month's Poppy. May 20th is National Pick Strawberries Day. Fresh-picked strawberries can be sublime, but they are getting harder to find as development covers California farmland. Near us, in Placer County and The City of Roseville, many a strawberry stand has been closed as the housing developments pop up, one after another. In Gilroy, the site of our last rally, the loss of farmland to industrial parks and other urban uses was striking – a veritable patchwork of concrete and rich farm soil. This, no doubt, is a result of a lack heirs or farmers to continue farming and the high value of land for multi acre-sized Amazon distribution centers and the like. I found it a thought-provoking conundrum as we drove around the area. Will we not realize what we have until it is gone?



Gilroy turned out to be the site of a great rally, thanks to the hosts, rally attendees, silly Gilly (above) and the Covid vaccination. Check out the story by Steve Deiwert starting on page 5, which will be reprinted in an upcoming issue of the Blue Beret. On page 8, we added photos of new members attending their first rally, as well as a couple who were "degreened" after attending their third rally. Welcome all.

There is no rally in July, so no summary or rally coupon in this issue. However, next issue we will report on the upcoming rally at Lassen RV Park, located in the beautiful Fall River Valley between Mount Shasta and Mount Lassen. Make sure you visit Burney Falls State Park, the second oldest State Park, and hike the Falls Loop trail – a must see.

I will miss the Lassen rally, so if you have photos or stories to share, let me know!

Your Poppy Editor.,

Elisa Ungerman



2021 Rallies/Gatherings

4/7-11 Gilroy Garlic RV Park Gilroy
 Hosts: Carole & Bob Echols
 Steve & Yoshi Deiwert

4/22-25 Cali Rally-V6 Ranch Parkfield
POSTPONED TO NEXT YEAR

5/5-9 Lassen RV Resort McArthur
 Hosts: Billie & Bob Verdegaal

6/9-13 McCloud RV Resort McCloud
 Hosts: Dan & Gail Crutchfield,
 Marget & Dave Williams

7/17-24 International Rally Lebanon, TN
<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally/lebanon-2021-registration>

8/4-8 Pioneer RV Park Quincy
HOSTS NEEDED

9/8-12 Angels Camp RV Resort Angels Camp
 Hosts: Deb & Jim Christie
 Cathy and Bill Maffei

9/28-10/2 High Sierra RV Park Oakhurst
HOSTS NEEDED

10/6-10 Cava Robles Resort Paso Robles
 Region 12 Rally - Info TBA

11/3-7 Jessie's Grove Winery Lodi
 Hosts: Carmen & Jose Ortiz, Tary & Janie Salinger **DRY CAMPING**

12/2-6 Black Oak Casino RV Park Sonora
 Claudia & Barry Marson
Co-HOSTS Wanted

The Fine Print
 New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration form by the due date to the club Registrar. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols.



NorCal Club Contacts

President	John Bibby
1 st Vice President	Bob Verdegaal
2 nd Vice President	Jim Christie
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Senior Trustee	Billie Verdegaal
Trustee	Carmen Ortiz
Trustee	Carole Echols
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Rally Chair	Pat Lazzereschi
Caravan Chair	Bob Vasser
Sunshine	Lori Bibby

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Erik & Karthi Parker

St. John & Lauren Johnson

Steve & Sherwood Garcia

Charlie & Joan Davis

Airstream Club International on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org>

Region 12 on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

NorCal on the Web

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

NorCal Club Membership Snapshot

155 Unit/Life Members

18 Affiliate Members

173 Total Members



<https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/top-10-strawberry-desserts/>



EACH MEMBER ONE VOTE

Last year the International Board of Trustees voted to allow **each** member of WBCCI to have a voice in the election of International Officers and amendments to its Constitution. This year the election of International Officers will be similar to last year with the Clubs Delegate, President, casting the vote of the membership electronically or by mail ballot. There are also three WBCCI Constitutional Amendments; these will be voted on by Delegates at the International Rally in TN. If the amendments are approved, in the future each member will have the opportunity to vote electronically for WBCCI International Officers. To vote electronically **each member** must have a valid email address on file with Headquarters. Many members have already done this by logging into their own personal account at Headquarters on the WBCCI website.

If you have not logged in, it is a simple process. Go to airstreamclub.org on the web, and click on LOG IN to get to the Member Portal. If you do not have an account, you will be directed to establish one on the secure website with your own password. Once there, you can validate the information Headquarters has about you and your history with

the Club. You can also put or update your individual email address so you will have a future opportunity to electronically elect the International Officers. Each member should do this. If you have only given WBCCI one email address you will be able to vote, but your spouse/partner will not except by requesting a paper ballot

If you don't have an email address it is simple to create a Gmail account with Google or account with your Internet provider. If you do not wish to use the new email address, except for voting, simply do not give it out.

This is a significant change from the way we have elected our officers in the past and it allows each member of the Club the opportunity to VOTE. Take advantage of this by having an email address on file with Headquarters.

Most elections held by NorCal for its officers have been and will continue to be electronic, but the same voting situation exists for us. If we do not have each member's email address only those we have will be able to vote electronically.

Tom Smithson



6	Cam Murray	18	Jim Foster
7	Tim Kirk	21	Bobbie Rowlands
13	Larry Delorefice	25	Janet Motta
14	Bob Verdegaal	27	Sue Campbell
15	Claudia Marson	27	James Curl
17	Pat Lazzereschi	27	Jodi Lee
17	Paul McKay	31	Cathy Maffei



2	Dick/Marilyn Sullivan
4	Zimm/Angela Dovish
6	Rosemary Yull & Larry Kier
16	Leland/Peggy Spence
23	Dennis/Karen Richardson
24	Larry/Martha Jones
26	Greg Kemist

Going Down to Gilroy



Bicycle with garlic mascot, Gilly and California Poppy field by *Darlene Winchell*

The Northern California Airstream Club held its first rally of 2021 in April at the Garlic Capitol of the World, Gilroy, CA. Some 30 units made the reservation list with several more on the wait list, so we had a full house. Fortunately, the CDC and state

pandemic restriction guidelines were relaxed in Santa Clara county and all of the participating members had been immunized. So we could enjoy outdoor meetings together without masks, but still avoided group events and indoor gatherings.



Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park
with garlic mascot, Gilly



Sunrise over 30 Airstream trailers

Upon arrival at the Gilroy Garlic RV Park members were given a welcome bag and a rally mascot of a garlic doll lovingly named Gilly. These unique individual garlic mascots were created by co-host and artist, Bob Echols. Teams composed of two Airstream units each were to take their mascot on their scavenger hunt scheduled for two days of the rally, and include it in photos taken of each item on the scavenger hunt list. This list included items such as the Winchester Mystery House some 40 miles north in San Jose, the Pinnacles National Park, home of the California Condor, some 45 miles south, as well as local landmarks around the town of Gilroy and items familiar to Airstreamers (such as a copy of the Blue Beret and an International Rally ribbon).

In addition, a separate mascot photo competition for individuals was announced.

Wednesday afternoon we all gathered outdoors on the lawn for happy hour and announcements. New members, Mark & Darlene Winchell and Tary & Janie Salinger were introduced at their first rally. A visiting local couple from Gilroy with a new Airstream, Steve & Sherwood Garcia were also introduced. (They later joined WBCCI and NorCal before the rally was over. Welcome Steve and Sherwood.)



Happy Hour on the lawn

Pre-ordered catered dinners, from Mama Mia's restaurant, prepared in individual containers, were delivered afterwards. The garlic chicken and grilled salmon were especially delicious. Mama Mia's is well known at the annual Gilroy Garlic Festival.

Thursday and Friday were available for sightseeing and relaxing on your own, for seeking out items on the scavenger hunt list, and for trying to capture the best photo.

Many chose to visit the nearby Mission at San Juan Bautista (where some scenes from the Hitchcock movie, Vertigo, were filmed) and/or, take the scenic drive down to the Pinnacles National Park. A few made reservations for the self-guided tour of the

Winchester Mystery House. Some visited the old town of Gilroy, followed the "Taco Trail", visited a winery, or played golf. The weather was beautiful the entire time so all activities were quite pleasant. In the evening, after happy hour and dinner, members gathered around portable fire pits for relaxing and enjoying gourmet S'mores.



Evening campfires



50th anniversary cake for Tom & Deanna

Saturday morning the club board members had their meeting followed by a general meeting out on the lawn for all. Scavenger hunt results were turned in and the results verified. Entries to a photo competition were also submitted and judged. Some of the newer members (and the park manager) requested tours of some of the Airstream trailers. We had Airstream units from the mid 1960s to 2021 with all decades in between represented.

In the evening we again gathered on the lawn for happy hour. Winners of the scavenger hunt were announced and prizes awarded. Amazingly, two

teams found *all* of the items on the scavenger list – Bob & Billie Verdegaal with Ed & Elisa Ungerman and Bill & Cathy Maffei with Mike & Jane Malone were the first place winners. Congratulations!

The winner of the photo competition, new member Darlene Winchell, was also announced. Darlene entered a beautiful picture of her bicycle, with her Gilly mascot on the back, parked before a beautiful field of California poppies. This image is included with this article. Congratulations Darlene! Great photo.

A Taqueria food truck arrived with preordered



Scavenger hunt photos with rally garlic mascot, Gilly

dinners of quesadilla, tacos and burritos. which we enjoyed on the lawn. After dinner we celebrated birthdays and anniversaries. Tom and Deanna Bain were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and

brought a large cake to share with all of us. A perfect end to an evening of festivities. *Steve Deiwert*

Gilroy Rally Continued ...



Rally participants with their garlic mascots in hand

Photo by Bob Vasser



New members Janie and Tary Salinger from Napa. Proud owners of a 2016 Pendleton that they recently purchased off Ebay in Utah.



New members Darlene and Mark Winchell of Ripon, owners of a 2016 25 ft Flying Cloud and Darlene- winner of the photo contest.



Carrie Bell introduces new NorCal puppy Zena (Princess Warrior) Bell, 9.5 weeks old Aussie.



New members Sherwood and Steve Garcia of Gilroy, owners of a 2021 28 ft Flying Cloud, who joined Norcal at the rally.



Carmen Ortiz attempting roasted Gilly Garlic and Marshmallows.



Oooooohhh Nooooo Mr. Gilly!



New Members Scott and Patience Beck of Aptos, owners of a 2020 25 ft Globetrotter, at their second rally.



Deanna "de-greens" the Hollifields of Sonoma after their third rally.



Deanna questioning those with April Birthdays.



Smiles during Happy Hour



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Lassen Rally - Lassen RV Resort						
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16	17	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25 	26 	27	28 	29

Source: <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm>

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 Marget Williams 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 Marget.

