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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



Spring is in the air and Mother Nature is calling to all Airstreamers to take to the road. Many of us have taken a little hiatus from traveling over the past year, the sun is shining and it's time to take off. Where will your wanderlust take you?

Before you hop into your vehicle and dust off your Airstream, a little maintenance and check-up may be in order. In case you missed it, Rich Luhr graciously provided us with a very fun and informative "Virtual Airstream Maintenance Zoom Rally". Please read the article in this edition of Urban Update for more information. Don't let the cartoon below be you!



Behind the scenes, planning is ongoing by our Events Committee led by Paula Hammer. Her article will describe some of our exciting upcoming events and how to sign up for the

Dennis & I will be taking off on a three month camping trip at the end of this month. Heading to Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and then home. This was almost the trip we had planned for last year, so we decided to not let another year go by. Therefore, we won't be joining you on any GLAAC events during this time but will meet up with you at Fallen Leaf Campground in Tahoe and all of the events that follow.

Here's hoping that wherever you travel, that you do so safely and with those you love. Looking forward to seeing you down the road!

- Pam



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) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground* where you 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.

- Lynda

Events Update

The Events Committee has been busy finalizing the details for the 2021 events. Although we have had to cancel a few events, it's looking like all of our planning will not go to waste. We may even have hosts at several events! You can see the complete list of 2021 events on our website, below.



With 2021 planning wrapping up, we are turning our focus to 2022. First, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Lynda Polk and Maureen Wallace for their participation on the team. They provided lots of great ideas and were instrumental in the success of many of our events. As Lynda and Maureen move on, Linda Calderon and Barbara Howard-Jones have joined the committee comprised of Helen Perri, Carolyn Tomlinson and myself. Our first effort of issuing a survey has been completed. In taking a look at the responses, a sneak peek reveals that Sequoia National Park, Pinnacles National Park and Refugio State Beach are places that members want to visit. Your ideas will be the key to developing the 2022 schedule and we will try to check off as many locations as we can. If you find a great place during your travels, please pass it along to the Events Committee. I hope to see you at an event very soon! - Paula

2021 Events

We are looking ahead to gather in 2021 and beyond!

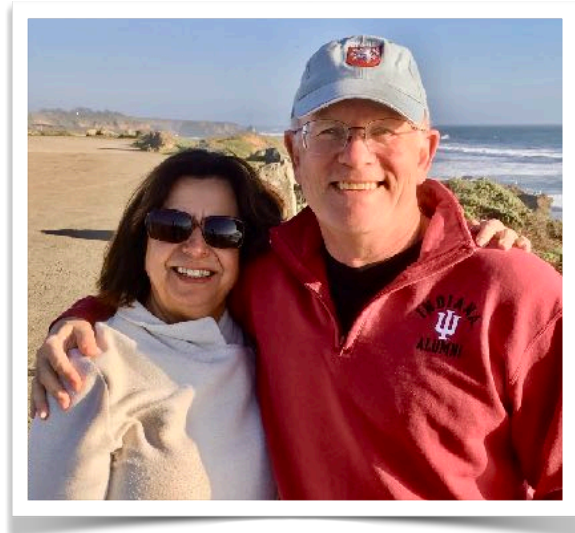
greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net

Meet a Club Member

The salesman at Orange County (CA) Airstream could hardly believe his eyes when we finally pulled out the checkbook to buy our new trailer in September, 2016. We had decided many years earlier that we wanted an Airstream, a “no-name” RV just wouldn’t do. Now, after many years of visiting the dealer, asking questions, collecting brochures and “almost buying” were we actually ready to seal a deal? We were! Within minutes we were the proud owners of a new 25’ FB Flying Cloud, ready to address our domestic travel ambitions.

True to Don’s nature of getting the pain over with quickly, we purchased a diesel-powered tow vehicle on the same weekend. Having never towed anything before, we bravely jumped right in and made our escape from LA in an anxiety-filled pilgrimage to Indiana to visit Don’s family. Frequently wrong, but seldom in doubt, Don was sure we could do it with no problems. It proved to be a great introduction to RV life and the shakedown cruise confirmed our love of camping and the open road. After about 10 years of retirement (Don from a career in Finance with a private company and Marion in Finance and IT from Nissan North America) we finally settled on something we both enjoy.

A few local trips and a longer haul to Canada (Banff, Lake Louise, Glacier and Yellowstone NPs) cemented our commitment to Airstreaming and we began looking into the possibility of joining the WBCCI. Marion did some research and soon we were meeting the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (GLAAC) crew for the first time at San Simeon SP. We were so warmly welcomed by everybody we felt like we’d found a second home. This is such an exceptional group of people! We quickly engaged in many of the GLAAC trips and related activities, greatly enhancing our enjoyment of our new Airstream.



Marion & Don Kubns

Many memorable trips – the International Rally in Salem, the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, and Mule Days in Bishop really stand out – and the many new and interesting friends we’ve made have added so much to our enjoyment of our retirement years. Our dog Louie (now passed on) made a wonderful traveling companion and his successor – Eddie – is looking forward to meeting everyone very soon.

We’ve lived in Manhattan Beach, CA for 35 years and, while enjoying many aspects of city life, really look forward to getting out of the LA “megalopolis” whenever we can. The pandemic has been such a disaster on so many levels – but we look forward to greeting everyone again very soon, and to many more years of cruising on down the road. There’s truth to the old saying, “You enjoy it when it happens, but you REALLY miss it when it DOESN’T”. We’re optimistic that the year ahead will be much better than the year behind.

Editor’s Note: Both Marion and Don have jumped into club leadership - Don as Treasurer and Marion as past Secretary.

Meet a Club Member



Rudy & Linda Calderon with Chica

In 2010 I retired from the City of Pasadena Health Department after 37 years of service. Linda retired in 2013 from Kaiser Permanente after 27 years.

We were avid tent campers, so in 2014, we decided to enhance our retirement years with a camping trailer. We looked at many name brands and decided on an Airstream.

A month after owning our trailer we attended an Airstream seminar offered by Airstream Los Angeles in San Gabriel. At the seminar we met Phil and Carol Grisotti who encouraged us to join the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. Soon after that event, we became members of GLAAC and affiliates of the South Coast Airstream Club. As newbies we were a little reluctant to venture out but the club members were so helpful so we began going out at least twice a month.

The camaraderie and fellowship of members who share the same interests of having fun is just a great addition to retirement.

My Favorite Campground

Jean & Alan Amundsen

Without a doubt, nowadays our favorite campground is Sunset, in Kings Canyon National Park. Here we are in site #72, the most accessible for larger Airstreams (it used to be the campground host site.) As with many older campgrounds, the roads are tree-lined and narrow, therefore, longer rigs need to be really careful navigating the tight corners. There is a lot to do at KCNP...the big sequoias in Grant Grove can be reached on a short walk or by driving. For a swim, Hume Lake is a 30-minute drive away. There are lots of interesting hiking trails, too. For an all-day adventure, you can drive down to Giant Forest in Sequoia National Park and take in the sights.

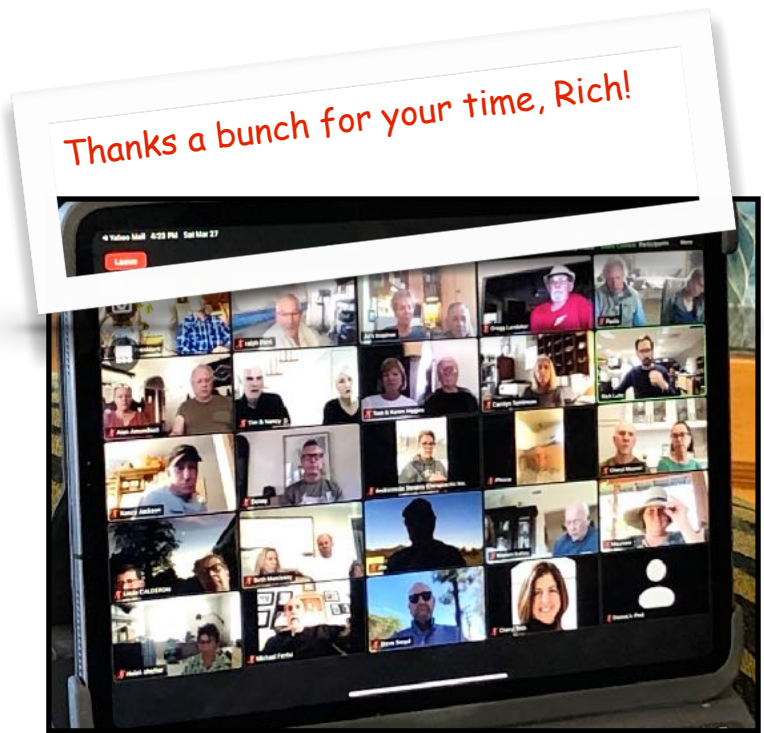


On Saturday, March 27 we were treated to an Airstream Maintenance Zoom meeting led by club member, Rich Luhr, of Airstream Life magazine.

An avid Airstreamer for almost two decades, in addition to authoring two books, "The Newbies Guide to Airstreaming" and "Airstream Life's (Nearly) Complete Guide to Airstream Maintenance," Rich tackled all questions submitted prior to the Zoom meeting and those raised during the call, with ease.

Be sure to check out store.airstreamlife.com to purchase these books along with great apparel, gifts and accessories. And visit the brand new Globetrotter Gallery, the only gallery specializing in Airstream-inspired art co-founded by Rich and his fiancé, Cheryl Toth, in Tucson.

<https://globetrottergallery.com>



Hearst/San Simeon State Park

Cambria, CA

Several members gathered recently to celebrate their Covid vaccinations. Things are looking up!

