



Roundup

May 2021



ON DECK

May 6th – 9th, Point of Rocks in Prescott, an annual event of years past restarted following a five year hiatus. Hiking and biking and kayaks, oh my! Bring your A-game or bring comfy chairs and a good book. Plan to enjoy Watson lake at your front door steps, cerebral endeavors at Sharlot or Smoki museums and paint the town with a visit to historic Whisky Row. Thursday we will find a common area to hang out and share our plans for weekend adventures since this rally is host-less

PRESIDENT

Trish Bigler is on a (Hawaiian) roll planning Dolores, our biggest event of 2021. Get out your Hawaiian shirts and Muumuus, practice your hula and ukulele, we're having a Luau! VAC has an educational program, the Nelsons are sponsoring Mai Tai's, Kandi Smith, Cheryl Carmichael and Bob Doster are setting up an amazing event.



VICE PRESIDENT

We asked for help and suggestions. You delivered Tombstone, Yuma, Cave Creek, Coachella, Pickin' in the Pines and Ajo. Thank you Brian and Barb Vincent, Wayne and Kay Madewell, and Harley and Elaine Murray for offering early to host. You will be glad you did. If anyone wants to host Tombstone, Cave Creek or Yuma let me know. 2022, post-Covid will be an excellent year for us.



MEMBERSHIP

Twenty- eight Rigs made the trip to Kartchner State Park Campgrounds. Some campers came to tour the Caverns, but all came to be at an Arizona Airstream Rally. A Rally that follows Covid 19 prevention guidelines is different.

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AAC IS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Welcome our 26 newest friends

NEW MEMBERS

- Dara and D. J. Lealos are from Surprise, Arizona. They are new to Airstreaming, but looking forward to camping.
- Gwen Trahan is from Tucson.
- David and Audrey Hagg are from Mesa, Arizona and are recently retired and new to Airstreaming.
- Bernie and Michele Meeks are from the East Cheery Lynn area in Phoenix.
- James Unger and Sarah Saltzberg have a Vintage Airstream and are from Troutdale, Oregon.
- Nicholas Russo is from Central Phoenix.
- Mathew and Emma Kieninger have a, new to them, 1980 vintage airstream, but in great condition. They are from Sierra Vista and along with their two daughters Tea and Emma attended the Kartchner Rally.
- Frank and Pam Jones are from Carefree, Arizona.
- John and Kathleen Spiller are from Tucson, Arizona and have a recently purchased an Airstream Atlas, Tommy Bahama model.
- Mark and Theresa Thoman now live in Tucson. They recently transferred their membership from Washington to Arizona expecting



Sam and Kathy Brandes



Troy and Heidi Vail

to find sunshine. Mark is a retired Navy Flight Surgeon, Editor of journals, and a writer. He has also been a camper for most of his life. He and Theresa have recently moved from Whidbey Island, Washington and are ready to go camping in Arizona.

- Paul and Terri Theisen are expecting to get their Airstream this month and are ready to hit the road. They are expecting to be camping this summer, but are looking forward to the Distant Drums Rally.
- Chelf Fielding from Spangle, Washington recently joined.
- Tim and Sarah Lindquist are in the Department of Education at ASU and are looking forward to meeting fellow AAC members.

Please introduce yourselves to our incredible new members!

Include us in your summer plans!

Helpful hint: If a rally fills, get on the wait list for a good chance of getting in. Many members register early to help AAC reimburse rally planners' federal, state and regional park charges incurred 6-12 months in advance.

May 6th - 9th - Point of Rocks campground in Prescott, call (928) 445-9018, identify as Arizona Airstream Club for your site. There is no need to register with AAC.

June 3rd - 6th - Dolores River Campground, Call (970) 882-7761, get on the waitlist. You may also camp at The Views Campground or other area campgrounds and drive to our rally activities. Register with Arizona Airstream Club when you get your site.

July 2nd - 5th, Flagstaff 4th of July gathering. Call Woody Mountain Campground, (928) 774-7727, then register with Arizona Airstream Club.

August 12th - 15th, Williams Railside Ranch Rally. Call (928) 635-4077, get your site and optional AAC rail car pass, then register with Arizona Airstream Club.

September 16th - 19th - Bonita campground will likely be announced as a replacement for our Covid-cancelled group site at Sunset Crater. You will need to get your own site, federal discounts apply. Many of us intend to camp there.







Jim and Nancy Hicks



Mike and Gail McBurney



Ed and Kimberly Hash



Jim and Diane Rumbo

Our votes are in – **Riley** (@mavisthe airstream) won the April 1st Airstream Cutie Pageant!



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In Memoriam

Celebrating a Life Well Lived, 1923 – 2021, Sam Engelman #10076, from Milford Township Pennsylvania.

Sam served in the US Navy, the Pacific Theatre during WWII. Following the war, he remained in China to help them rebuild from the ravages of brutal wars with Japan, where destruction of irrigation and transportation infrastructure left large populations displaced, undernourished and on the brink of civil war. After helping Nationalist China repatriate ports, railways, dams, and rivers, and rebuild stability, Sam returned to the States to join the Firestone Tire and Rubber Plant where he worked for many years. He was a founding member of The WBCCI Keystone Pennsylvania Unit.

He and his wife Ruth toured the country for five years as Airstream full-timers at the beginning of their retirement before settling down in Mesa Arizona and joining Arizona Airstream Club. Sam and Ruth loved attending

International, attending AAC luncheons and traveling in their Airstream to visit their daughter in California, their son in Colorado, along with six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Ruth, his wife of 56 years, passed away in 2004. Sam collected John Deere memorabilia, was an accomplished square dancer, and loved to hike. We will deeply miss his amazing travel stories, inspiration, and guidance. He was our very own “10-star” member. **Rick Carmichael, President**



Kartchner (from page 1)

There were no potlucks, shared grilles, or gatherings in restaurants, but there were spacious campsites and there was Cochise County. The Benson Visitors center was very helpful in planning for the Rally in that they prepared handouts that detailed how to get to places of interest in Cochise County. On Thursday evening Bob Nilsen, from the Visitors Center came to our camp and highlighted special destinations. He also invited campers to come by the Visitors Center and earn a certification as a Benson Train Engineer.

Friday and Saturday were exploration days. Some campers had tour passes to explore Kartchner Caverns, but all explored Cochise county. We drove on historic US 80 thru St David, Bisbee, Tombstone and of course Benson. We went to the Amerind Museum and Art Gallery in Dragoon. Many went to Apple Annie's in Wilcox and some visited wineries in the Wilcox area and saw an endless view of pecans, pistachio trees and vineyards. Many also went to tasting rooms and one special one was the Birds and Barrel Vineyard. Its onsite tasting room overlooks the Wilcox Bench as well as Sulfur Springs Valley and of course vineyards. It was a special experience sitting in the wine tasting area with our good friends, Mike and Gail McBurney and our two dogs, Rudy and Dice, sipping wine and sharing the magnificent view.

Campers were going to Benson and sharing special restaurant experiences, all positive. On Saturday afternoon we met the McBurneys at the Horseshoe Café for a late lunch. This restaurant has been operating as a restaurant for over one hundred years and the photo evidence was displayed on the walls. The Ice Cream Shoppe was just across the street so we just drove by the window and got our ice cream. We had to chose from over thirty flavors. Another step back in time. Benson and Cochise county is a place to revisit. The Arizona Airstream Club will return this year with a Rally at Patagonia Lake State Park and next year Vice president Mike McBurney has a Rally scheduled for Tombstone. **Bob Doster Membership Chair**



Hosting

Special thanks to Heidi and Troy Vail for hosting Williams and Brian and Barb Vincent for hosting Coachella 2022. We need hosts for our Camp Verde rally on October 14th - 17th so we can start registration. We are running late with registration at Distant Drums. It's an easy rally for newbies to host!

Rallies

Start Date	Location	Sites	Status	Hosts
May 6th	Prescott (Point of Rocks RV Campground) Call campground direct to register	25	registered 24	"Just Camping"
Jun 3rd	Dolores CO (Dolores River Campground) Hawaiian Luau and Mai Tais with the Vintage Airstream Club Bring your Hawaiian shirts and Muumuus!	41	waitlist 4	Rick and Cheryl Carmichael Trish Bigler Kandi Smith
Jul 2nd	Flagstaff (Woody Mountain Campground)	10	registered 6	"Just Camping"
Aug 12th	Williams (Railside RV Ranch)	16	registered 13	Heidi and Troy Vail Rick and Cheryl Carmichael
Sep 16th	Flagstaff (O'Leary, Sunset Crater National Monument) NPS closed North O'Leary group site, stay tuned for Bob's backup plan	18	registered 18	Bob Doster Joe and Anne Thomas
Oct 14th	Camp Verde (Distant Drums RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting Need a host to start registration or risk losing our allocation	28	not started	NEED HOST (Pretty Please)
Nov 11th	Patagonia Lake State Park	22	waitlist 7	Mike McBurney NEED HOST
Dec 4th	Luncheon, Phoenix (University Club Restaurant, 11 AM)	70	not started	Rick Carmichael Mike McBurney Lisa Parr, Menu Planner
Dec 4th	Tour, Phoenix (Heard Museum) (2 PM)	40	not started	NEED HOST
Jan 12th	Yuma (Pilot Knob) tentative, requested co-rally with El Camino Real Wed - Wed, or how ever long you can stay, ECR-style schedule	32	not started	NEED HOST
Feb 17th	Cave Creek Regional Park Redo Wild at Heart Raptor Rescue, Harold's Coral	22	not started	NEED HOST
Mar 25th	Coachella Valley CA (Shadow Hills) Finish what we started; Spring Break for Grownups III	30	not started	Brian and Barb Vincent NEED HOST
Apr 21st	Tombstone (Wells Fargo RV)	25	not started	NEED HOST
Sep 16th	Pickin' in the Pines, Woody Mountain, Flagstaff	16	not started	"Just Camping"
Oct 13th	Ajo (Shadow Creek RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting	28	not started	Wayne and Kay Madewell Harley and Elaine Murray

Breaking News

The National Park Service “roped off and closed” one of our group sites at Sunset Crater through the end of the year so we refunded your registration and fees. Stay tuned, hosts are working for you on this behind the scenes to determine if an alternative gathering in the same area is possible.