

# THE OREGON STREAMER



The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter



## **Focus on Volunteer Board Of Directors story by Kathy Geese**

Bob Crummett is one of the unsung heroes of the Oregon Airstream Club who works behind the scenes as our Webmaster maintaining the beautiful OAC website. Bob patiently provides support to the volunteers that need him to add website information periodically and is very kind about the multiple changes that often need made.

Bob is married to Toni Crummett (47 years) and they travel with Buddy, their 10-year- old Shih Tzu mix. Bob has been retired for 5 years from a career as a Graphic Designer/Web Developer. The last 16 years were within the Health Care Industry. He is native to the PNW and was born and raised on a small farm in SE Oregon (Lakeview). Bob and Toni currently reside in Portland.

How many travel trailers have you owned and how many were Airstreams?

We traveled and tent camped off the back of a motorcycle for many years. Then our son came along and changed that dynamic. We had a 1972 19' Class A motorhome that I inherited in the early 80s (what a pain it was.) In 2010 we bought our first Airstream, a Flying Cloud 25FB. In 2014 we moved up to our current Flying Cloud 30RB. We are also currently restoring a 1955 24' Boles Aero Ensenada.

What made you decide that you wanted to buy an Airstream?

My parents were avid trailer campers when I was growing up. Long-time family friends, who were snowbirds, had a Boles Aero Ensenada (same model/yr as what I have now.) Their trailer is what started my love for aluminum. It was exciting to see that trailer coming up our lane spring or fall as they were heading North or South. When we decided to get a trailer, an Airstream was the only logical choice!

How long have you owned your current Airstream? 7 yrs What is the one thing you added to your trailer you love the most?Twin beds – offers so much more floor space

What is the one thing you would change on your current trailer?

Well, we have already changed a bunch. Thanks to Ultimate Airstreams: Twin bed conversion, all upholstery updated, new custom couch, new closet organization, Corian table and countertops including bathroom, new stove-top, dumped the gas oven, added drawers in place of oven and updated the microwave to a convection type. We updated the curtains and shades ourselves and we actually have carpet throughout that we love.

How many rallies and caravans do you plan on attending in 2021?

We will only be at 3 OAC rallies this year. We do have a heavy schedule of camping with friends though. Also, we are going to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival this fall (if it's not canceled again.)

What is your favorite time of year to camp?

We like to camp year-round.

What is your favorite campground?

There are so many that we just love, it's hard to choose one. We did lose a favorite campground last fall in the fires, Fisherman's Bend, on the North Santiam River near Mill City, OR.

What was your all-time favorite camping trip?

Our favorite trip was a 2½ month jaunt to Austin, TX and back (6,300 mi.) We kinda went the long way, Pismo Beach, Palm Desert, Tucson, Austin, Santa Fe, Sedona, Yuma, up the central valley of CA and over to Hwy 1 and back home to Oregon (whew!)

Are you more of a boondocker or a glamper?We do both but probably more glamping.

What advice would you give to a newbie to Airstreaming?Stop along the way, get out, walk around and get some fresh air. Be prepared, be safe and just enjoy the great outdoors.

Do you have any safety tips for traveling?Don't depend on a single source for directions (like GPS.) Always do your homework.

What do you enjoy the most about being a member of the OAC?

The friendships we have made.

Why did you decide to volunteer for the OAC?

The needed webmaster position was in my wheelhouse.

Thanks, Bob, and we appreciate your commitment to the OAC website!

## GADGETS & GIZMOS



Kathy Geese

### Reported by Kathy Geese

So simple and why didn't I think of it? Another shameless steal from our friends and fellow OAC members, Mike and Nancy Burnett. The cabinet over our refrigerator didn't have a hinge so involved holding it open with one hand while lifting what I wanted to store over my head and on more than one occasion, dropping the heavy door on my hand.

This hinge comes in a two pack but just used one. It holds up the door easily and the tension and opening angle are easily adjustable. The idea all my own (experience is a hard teacher) was a small adjustable tension rod across the front to avoid items falling out when the door is opened after bumpy rides. Both the hinge and the rod were under \$20 fixes to a small but aggravating problem. Tension rod was from the local

Dollar Store and hinge was from Amazon. [https://smile.amazon.com/gp/product/B01N5GQZK2/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_search\\_asin\\_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/product/B01N5GQZK2/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

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## **MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE**



**Mel & Mike Simrell**

### **Mel Simrell, Membership Chair**

A big smile and wave to everyone! This month was the first time for hubby and I to be out and about in a long, long time and boy was it fun! We were able to host the Newbie Welcome Rally and had the pleasure to meet so many interesting and happy people who were all excited about their new Airstreams. Yes indeed, Airstreamers are a community, not just a trailer. Join me in welcoming these folks to our community.....

Trevor Riches  
Ron & Helen Heeren  
Tim & Shauna Woodward  
David Jubb  
Justin Dixon & Dale Thompson  
Robert & Carole Morris  
Robert & Teresa Richardson  
Dan & Amber Meyers  
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Mel Simrell  
Oregon Membership Chair

## Rally Coordinator News



**Terri Warren, Rally Coordinator**

Rallies are in full swing now. As of May 20, we will have completed 12 of our 37 rallies for 2021. Of all the spaces in those 12 rallies that we booked, we only had 8 sites that went unfilled. We still have six openings at Champoeg State Park south of Portland over the 4th of July (July 2-5), three openings at Nehalem Bay State Park July 14-18, five openings at the Narrows Rally near Burns, OR, September 30-Oct 2 and many openings at the year end rally also in September at the Deschutes Fairground and Expo.

The rest of the rallies are booked BUT there are always cancellations from time to time so if you have a rally that catches your eye, definitely be in contact with the host to go on the waiting list. I think in every rally so far, we've had cancellations and largely emptied the waiting lists.

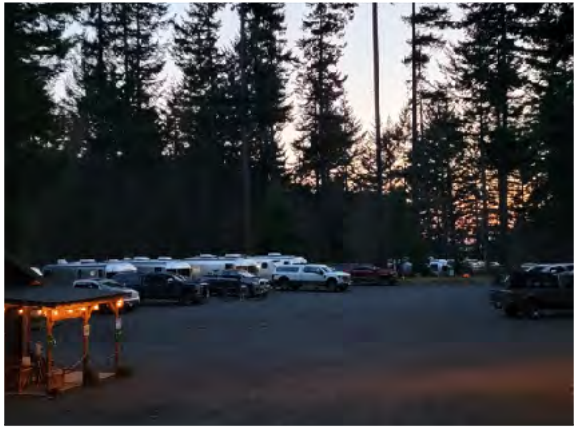
The CDC has told us that fully vaccinated people can gather outside without masks now "Anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small, without wearing a mask or physical distancing," Walensky, head of the CDC, said. "If you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing the things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic." There are still some places where masks will be required - public transportation, medical offices, some large outdoor gatherings. We should be aware that there are a few people in our club who are still vulnerable to COVID due to health conditions that prevent the vaccine from being effective in them. We will respect and protect them to keep them safe as they continue to mask around those of us whose vaccines did work.

In addition, we are slowly adding back food at some rallies. We've asked that any host preparing and/or serving food at a rally take the short food handler's licensing course as an extra cautionary measure. For example, Hal and I are serving dinner one night at Pelton PGE Park. We will serve our guests ourselves rather than sharing serving utensils. We both hold food handler's licenses (as well as OLCC licenses if you ever need a bartender). The CDC is no longer very concerned about transmission of COVID through "things" vs. people, but out of a sense of caution, we will still be careful about food for now.

Amy D'abbraccio and I are working together to plan for 2022 and in 2023, she will take over rally planning. She's a joy to work with! If you have places you think we should look at camping for 2022, let me know. And if you would like to host, even better!  
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Terri Warren

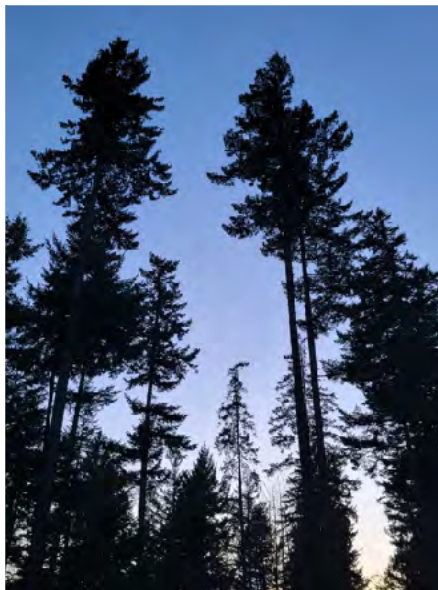
## RALLY ROUNDUP



### St. Patrick's Day Rally

Reported by Stacey Rovinelli

The St. Patrick's Day Rally went off without a hitch. There were 12 trailers who shared in the beautiful weather and delicious traditional dinner. Some hiked up Beacon Rock while others checked out the local breweries and distillery. Hope to see everyone next year as we have already rebooked Timberlake RV Resort for St. Patrick's Day.



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

### **Elkamp Rally:** Reported by Bryan Stewart

The OAS attendees of this rally really enjoyed themselves at this fun rally. Elkamp Campground, formerly known as East Creek Campground, is located near the southwest Nisqually Entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park, near the hamlet of Mineral, Washington; just south of the town of Elbe.

The campground is located on the beautiful little East Creek with a foot bridge accessing some short trails perfect for dog walking or bird watching. Brian and Judith Smith were the gracious hosts for the ten trailers that participated. The campground owners, Brian and Tom, bought the campground about a year ago and were wonderful hosts. Airstream owners themselves, Brian and Tom joined us each night around the fire with their lovely dog Ella.

The group participated in many activities in the area including hiking, wine tasting, and exploring the still snow-laden Mt. Rainier National Park. The nearby town of Elbe has a neat railroad museum, a quaint small historical church, and some pub-food style restaurants with outside seating. There was also a car show in Elbe on Saturday morning. Of course, we had socially distanced happy hours each evening with a nice fire and performances by the OAC bagpiper, yours truly.

All in all, a great rally and a nice weekend. I would recommend this location for future rallies or just camping adventures in general.

Bryan Stewart  
WB 20163



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

### APRIL FOOLS RALLY: Reported by Norma Massier

Approximately 16 Airstreams camped at Riverbend County Park near Sweet Home hosted by Ruby and Ralond Troncin. A couple of Newbies were welcomed to the gathering and those of us who hadn't been out for over a year connected with old friends. The park offers a nice hiking trail along the Santiam River and the weather was perfect. Ruby and Ralond (proud holders of an Oregon Food Handlers card) served up a lamb slider dinner from their own farm. Starbelly Sneeches, Cindy Lou Who, and the Unsinkable Molly Brown attended in regalia for a costume contest. Due to Covid restrictions it was difficult to reserve a spot in Sweet Home for a lunch out date...but resourceful campers gathered at the A&W drive-in for a 5 star meal. Yea and thanks to first time hosts, Ruby and Ralond.





## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

### Burns Bird Migration Rally story by Norma Massier

27 Airstreams gathered at the Burns RV Park for the Bird Migration Rally hosted by John & Carol Dion. A more Covid conscious event had us setting down with small groups of 5-6 couples each evening. Each night a new host presided and each night you were assigned a different trailer site to gather where you were able to learn some very interesting things about old friends and new. There were 'real' birders amongst us and those who only had a 50% chance of identifying a Robin (that would be me). A blizzard of Snow Geese flew over the park each night while we were sitting down for our GAM (greet and meet) and less than a mile away thousands of these gorgeous birds floated on the Burns Ponds. The Malheur Wildlife Refuge was a stop for many rally goers. Sandhill Cranes, Great Horned Owls, Redwing Blackbirds, Cinnamon Teals, Canada Geese were observed and some lucky folks found a Longbilled Curlew, and a Burrowing Owl on their forays outside the RV park. Please enjoy photos submitted by the group.



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

### Maryhill Rally story by Norma Massier

16 OAC Airstreams gathered along the banks of the mighty Columbia at Maryhill State Park with a rally hosted by Terri and Hal Warren in late April. Small group gatherings of 5-6 couples met for happy hour each evening where puppies and other dogs entertained attendees, camping stories were shared, and new friends were made. Terri offered an early morning bagel making class where everyone was certified as a world class baker and world class grillers (Hal, Brian, and Craig) delivered tasty tri-tip steaks to those participating in a Friday evening dinner in the large open air pavilion. Birthday celebrations for Hal Warren and Michelle Stewart followed the meal. The OAC bagpiper extraordinaire, Bryan Stewart, piped for the occasion. During the day there were trails to be hiked, museums to visit and winery tasting events to attend. The nearby Stonehenge monument commemorating World War 1 veterans was visited by many. Three new couples were attending their first rally and by the second day were convinced that this OAC group were great people to camp with. George



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

### **Bullards Beach State Park No Host Rally:** Reported by Donna Thomson

In January of 2021 we received the Oregon Airstream Club 2021 Rallies booklet in the mail. I set it aside, thinking we are in a pandemic and would never go out again any time soon. We'd been quarantining since March 2020. The last time we camped in our 2013 Airstream 27' FB Classic was October 2019. Earlier this year Gary and I were both vaccinated and felt better venturing out.

In March I dug out the OAC booklet (saying a silent prayer we hadn't discarded it) and began looking at the wide array of rallies. For our first adventure, we signed up for the Bullards Beach State Park No Host Rally. It was a 7 ½ hour drive for us but we took our time and stopped as needed. We pulled in around 6:00 p.m., found our site, and set up. The sites were nice and left space between. We had electric and water services. Once set up, we met our neighbors, Mike and Betsey, Craig, Ove and Elke.

The next day we spent the day visiting Bandon by the Sea, Old Town Bandon, Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint, the historic Coquille River Lighthouse, Devils Kitchen, walking along the beach, watching the birds and seals. It was nice to get out, get away, and reacquaint ourselves with our Airstream and rediscover why we bought it so many years ago.

Looking forward to the next rally!



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

### Joint Oregon/Washington Wine Rally: Reported by Carol Dion

The rally between WA and OR clubs was a great opportunity to meet many new members of both clubs, as well as renew old friendships. We all shared a passion for Airstream trailers, so many models (spanning over 50 years), upgrades, and modifications were on display for the weekend. It is easy to see why these trailers hold such an iconic place in this Country and beyond. Many of us took the opportunity to visit the many options for wine tastings, bike riding, site seeing, and shopping in the Prosser and Tri-Cities area. The weather was warm and sunny most of the time - perfect for spending time outside.



Sommeliers in training



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.

**NEWBY RALLY:** Reported by Mel Simrell

**The answer: Tons of fun!**

The question: How much fun can you have at a Newbie Welcome Rally?

Casey's RV Retreat was the beautiful site of these festivities. Our three goals stated for the weekend were Relax, Enjoy and Learn.

Plenty of workshops were provided by a "Seasoned Crew" of presenters that helped Mike and I provide a variety of topics. We even had a visiting art instructor teach a painting class! Thank you to the Seasoned Crew of Jay and Cindy Muir, Bob and Toni Crummett, David and Susan Reed and Ray and Vicki Putnam.

For many attendees this was their first time at a rally. We even had a couple who were still seeking to buy their Airstream but still wanted to come to the workshops and learn.

Lots of smiles, new friendships made and more confidence gained in becoming Airstreamers. Everyone left with continued good vibes.



## RALLY ROUNDUP CON'T.



### **TUMALO RALLY:** Reported by Norma Massier

Nine Airstreams camped at beautiful Tumalo State Park near Bend in mid April at a no-host rally. We were spread in various parts of the park but easily found one another to reconnect. There were hikers, bikers, kayakers and fishermen amongst us...fortunately there were also trails and the nearby Deschutttes River to keep them entertained. Sisters was just a few miles away and was a good spot to explore restaurants, breweries, bookstores and more. Vast amounts of chipmunks entertained the puppies and seasoned dogs who always accompany an Airstream rally. We met a 'new' Airstreamer from California who just happened to camp and of course we encouraged him to think about becoming a member of the Northern California group. This is a very well maintained park and a great place to camp.





**YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!**

Please take a moment to complete the attached survey regarding the revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Oregon Airstream Club. Thank you so much for your time.

**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO OPEN THE SURVEY**

<https://us5.list-manage.com/survey?u=fed33f091638615fdfafe4858&id=a789b6028f>

## AIRSTREAMING DREAMING

**Reported by** Rhonda Levine

I met with Ted Davis, the CEO of Airstream Adventures Northwest, recently at the newly-remodeled and still-transforming facility in Portland. AANW has recently joined with Ultimate Airstream at the Evelyn St location which is now housing both companies.

AANW was founded just a year after the recession of 2008 began. Ted and his two partners saw a need to step outside of the traditional dealership model and to create something special. They did. And it was very well-received. Over the next several years they opened 4 more dealerships in Washington, California and Idaho.

Ted has been aware of and involved with Airstream since he was 8. Camp Sherman along the Metolius River near Black Butte is where it all started with his grandparents who he camped with for many years as a child. Great memories and a knowledge of the specialness of Airstreams is where it began. An ad in the paper in 2009 while Ted was working at a Honda dealership...something clicked...a phone call followed. Then he and his partners were off and running a new business offering a quality product and an opportunity to create memories and adventures.

The company culture is dedicated to and focused on providing an experience equal to the Airstream brand of excellence... to provide support to owners 24/7/365, to understand the needs of owners and to provide accurate communication. They offer the ultimate guest experience to ensure complete satisfaction. The core values of the company are...

Respect  
Efficiency  
Safety  
Cleanliness  
Giving  
Conservation

The legacy and stewardship of Airstream rests with them. And all of us in the family.

When you purchase from AANW you begin a relationship not only with your Airstream but with the company as well. A year of free membership in ACI is provided. They offer assistance and classes at newbie rallies. They support International rallies, travel and fundraisers. They are willing to share time, talent and treasure. This is a company looking to invest in a long-term commitment and focused on the owner experience. They are continually evolving to meet needs...e-sales, additional dealerships and more opportunities for continuing travel and wonderful experiences.



## AIRSTREAM ITEMS FOR SALE



### For Sale

#### **Dometic Fan-Tastic vent model 3350.**

- Brand new, IN THE BOX
- Fits standard roof vents
- Features a rain sensor that automatically closes the dome when wet. The built in manual knob allows for closing the dome in an emergency.
- Installation videos available online

Includes 2 tubes of Lap Sealant and one roll of butyl tape, for sealing around the installation.

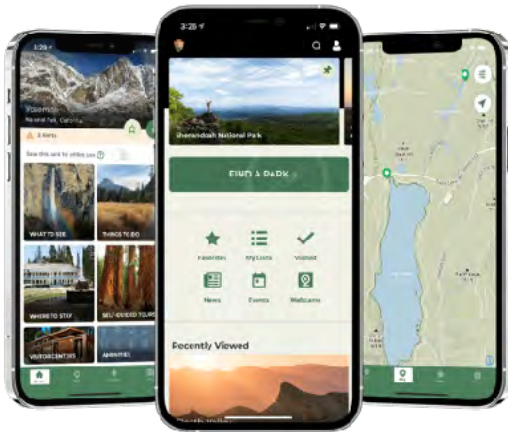
Full description: <https://www.dometic.com/en-us/climate-and-comfort/ventilation-solutions/rv-roof-vents/dometic-fantastic-vent-3350-21213>

**My price: \$250.00, plus postage** (if not picked up from me in Tacoma).

**Current Retail Price: \$338.60** (for the vent and the sealants)

**Buzz Blick**  
**253-301-1800**  
**buzzblick@gmail.com**

## GADGETS & GIZMOS CON'T



### Travel Apps for Airstreamers National Park Service App for IOS and Android users

The long awaited new National Park Service app was officially introduced in February and wow, was it worth the wait! NPS staff were actively involved in the development based on what National Park users have requested and it shows. Still a work in progress but did I mention it is FREE? With over 420 national parks, content and features will continue to be added as more information is provided by park rangers.

So what does this baby do? How about self-guided tours to both the popular spots as well as the off-the-beaten-track sites?! Directions to how to get there and what to do once you arrive.



Includes interactive maps for each park with roads and trails to help planning. And, guess what, content including maps can be downloaded for offline use so you don't worry about losing cell-phone connection in the middle of nowhere. Hungry and realize you left your picnic basket in the trailer at the campground 15 miles away? The app can help you locate food, restrooms, and gift shop for those of us that collect the U.S. Geological Survey benchmarks that look right at home in the Airstream.

Some fun things included in the app are a "share a virtual postcard" to your jealous friends at home with some of the beautiful scenery you are seeing in person. And, of course, visitor center hours and locations are included. Another really cool feature is accessibility – the National Park Service staff take their mandate to make the parks available to all seriously and have worked very hard to ensure that visitors with physical challenges have a great visit.

We are planning a trip through Big Bend National Park in Texas on our way to the east coast in January and in five minutes, I have downloaded the map, discovered what the rangers consider the highlights of the park, and found the descriptions of the four campgrounds (with links to reserve), three driving tours, hiking and biking trails, and the best places to view sunrise, sunset, and the night sky. And downloaded it all to my cell phone. No more FOMO

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