

The Tattler

Central Coast California Airstream Club (020), Region 12



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Palm trees, ocean breeze, salty air, sun-kissed hair; California, take me there – source unknown

Quick News

- It really has been 7 months since the last Tattler! So it's a long one. ENJOY!
- Rally hosts are still needed for some 2021 rallies. We'll match you with a seasoned host if you've never hosted before.
- The 2022 rally schedule is taking shape.
- Officer nominations are coming soon. CCC needs a 1st VP and maybe some other positions. Read about the experience that others have had in this issue!

Upcoming Rallies

October 6-10

- Region 12 Rally, Cava Robles RV Park, Paso Robles, CA

October 26-28 (weekday rally)

- Lake Cachuma Rec. Area Campgr., Santa Barbara, CA
- Host volunteers needed

November 12-15

- Pismo Sands RV Park, Oceano, CA
- Host volunteers needed

December 10-12

- Camp Comfort, Ojai, CA
- Waiting list open – contact Bob Minder

About Us

The Central Coast California Airstream Club (CCCAC) encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; but our members come from all around the area! We are an active, social group that participates in local, regional, and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."





President's Message



Welcome to Summer 2021! We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel, as more people are getting the COVID-19 vaccines and states are opening up. I trust that all of you are well and making plans for summer travel!

Tom and I co-hosted the May 2021 CCCAC rally in Pismo Beach with Mike and Marsi Peterson. Thank you, Mike and Marsi! It was the first CCCAC official rally since February of 2020. Twenty-three people attended, and it was wonderful to see so many fully vaccinated smiling faces. All our meals and activities were held outside, and the weather was mild – a great re-start to CCCAC rallies.

As you will read in this edition of Tattler, the Club has a full line up of rallies in October, November and December of 2021, and the Rally Committee has 2022 mostly planned out. Hosts are still needed for several the rallies and no prior experience is required; please consider volunteering and contact Bob Minder if you are interested.

The Tighes will be attending the Region 12 Rally in October at Cava Robles, the November CCCAC Rally and Business Meeting at Pismo Sands, and the December Rally with 2022 Officers Installation at Camp Comfort. We hope to visit with many of you at these rallies. We plan to hold the November Business Meeting in person and via Zoom. The 2022 Officers Installation will be held in person; if we have adequate bandwidth, we will offer Zoom attendance.

Please read the "What do Officers Do in the Club?" article on page 3. Its goal is to give our CCCAC members a brief look into the roles of each Club officer position. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact me. I will pass your name along to the 2022 Nominating Committee which will be forming shortly and recommending officer candidates.

Regarding our Club's name change to Central Coast California Airstream Club, we are pleased to announce that we have a new Lands' End Business CCCAC Storefront for ordering logo wear. Thank you to Diane Ellis, our Club Secretary, for all her efforts getting this done! Members should have received an email from me on June 10th with all the necessary information. We also have a new CCCAC flag and I have ordered and received a small quantity of flags. I will be contacting the members who expressed interest in purchasing one with the specifics for payment and delivery.

Tom and I will be heading out in Fanai' Airgid (Silver Wanderer) this month. We will meander through the Southwest to the 2021 Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. We will then be going on the inaugural Oregon Trail (aka Nuts for Ruts) caravan, travelling along the pioneers' route from Missouri to Oregon, returning home Labor Day weekend.

Safe travel and see you down the road!
Teresa

2021 Officers: *

- President: Teresa Tighe #3662
- Vice Pres: Bob Minder #4195
- Secretary: Diane Ellis #8267
- Treasurer: Dave Temple #5851
- Past Pres: Pam Lindsay #4585

Directors:

- One Year
 - Rick Cline #1415
 - Chuck Alberti #3923
- Two Year
 - Mark Griffin #1872
 - Ann Smith #6068

Chairpersons:

- Membership: Gary Mellinger #2002
- Webmaster: Walt Bremer #3884
- Tattler: Jason Grendahl #3064
- Facebook: Gary Mellinger #2002
George Mitchell #3624

**To contact anyone in this list, please consult the CCCAC or International membership directory*





What do Officers Do in the Club?



Likely everyone knows that we have officers in each Club of the WBCCI / ACI. We see the President's message in each Tattler, and we get communications occasionally from the membership chair or rally hosts. But did you know that those positions can vary from Club to Club?

You might ask, "How are people chosen to fill the positions?" Or even, "I want to contribute to the Club. How can I get involved?" Well, read on to find out a little bit about how the Club works and read about how some of the current officers have enjoyed their work. If you would like to volunteer, please let the current President know!



It all starts with the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) of the Club. Each Club has their own C&B which guides how we can conduct business (the Club is a business, by the way!) and tweaked for what a specific Club needs. [In CCCAC's Constitution](#), it states that officers will be: President, Vice President, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Directors (4), and Membership Director. You can find who currently holds these positions on page 2 of any Tattler or by visiting the Club's [webpage for officers](#).

There are additional people such as the Webmaster, Tattler editor, and Facebook administrator(s) who help to spread information about the club by other means so that all members receive information and in the form that they want to see it. In addition, the Past President is also part of the Executive Board, but this is not an elected or nominated position.

Office Held	Name	Experience
	Teresa	<p>While there is no monetary benefit to being a Club officer, there are many rewards. I have enjoyed getting to know more CCCAC members and affiliates, through rallies and various forms of communication. Representing our Club at International and Region 12 rallies also allowed me to gather tips and tricks from other clubs which I could then share with CCCAC.</p> <p>The role of President does not require a great time commitment, usually an average of two hours per month. Duties include: Communicating with membership via emails, meetings, and Tattler messages; partnering with Club Officers; preparing for and hosting our twice yearly club business meetings; overseeing elections at the club, region and international level; appointing and working with the Nominating Committee; providing input to other Club committees; and supporting the Region 12 president as needed.</p>
	Walt and Judy Bremer	<p>Other than the obvious role to substitute for the President as needed, the main job of the VP is to oversee rally procedures and rally planning by seeking input of members, establishing rally dates and locations, and soliciting rally hosts. The rally responsibilities include working with the Rally Committee to create a list of rallies. When we were VPs, we solicited rally suggestions from members at rallies to further broaden the list. Then, the Vice President(s) calendared dates and places to try find the best fit with weather, holidays, and other events. Finally, we actively worked to get members to agree to host rallies. This is perhaps the biggest challenge. Then we helped rally hosts with process/logistics for rally, especially for first time rally hosts.</p>



<p>Secretary</p> 	<p>Diane Ellis</p>	<p>I have a had the privilege of being your secretary for this amazing Airstream Club. This is my second year and I have enjoyed meeting so many people. Making life-long friendships along the way. Pam Lindsay asked me two years ago if I would be interested in being the secretary. I thought, what better way to really learn about our club. I had been retired for 10 years, coming from 40 years of mortgage lending, title insurance sales, and real estate. We had just bought our Airstream, had it parked at Rincon Parkway, when this red Mustang pulled up and Cal Mueser came over and gave us his card and said you need to join our club. Of course, we did. We had our first rally at Jalama and Gary Mellinger presented us with our official badges. Being secretary is a fantastic role. You learn all the ins and outs of the club. I just finished this year working with our president, Teresa, on updating the bylaws and constitution. We have a wonderful board and I highly recommend becoming a board member. I have made so many friends and we all have a common goal. FUN, FRIENDSHIP & ADVENTURE AT ITS BEST.</p>
<p>Treasurer</p>  <p>A LOOK at the BUDGET</p>	<p>Dave Temple</p>	<p>After having been retired from the business world for a few years it was good to “get back in the saddle” and put some of my skills to work. I’ve always liked using Excel so it’s been great working in the spreadsheets to manage the monthly reconciliations and reporting. It’s been fun to put my own spin on the content and design of the biannual business meeting reports. I’ve always liked doing things like that. Since the Treasurer is the one who maintains the membership roster in Google Sheets, I’ve enjoyed learning and using a web-based spreadsheet and the email reflector. Another fun part of the membership piece of the puzzle is that I’ve developed relationships with the membership team at International. It’s nice to be a part of the larger Airstream organization. Lastly, I love being part of our club’s leadership team. It’s been a great way to build even closer relationships with many of our members.</p>
<p>Membership Director</p> 	<p>Gary Mellinger Sr.</p>	<p>I enjoy my position as it inspires me to reach out to folks and share our Airstream Club life with others. I’ve always been attracted to people who want to talk about their lives, travels, etc. and discussing our life and travels brings me pleasure. Friendship is something that I really cherish. I also install/welcome new members to our rally attendees when they attend their first rally. Meeting our newest members is very rewarding to me and gives me an opportunity to learn what our newbies expect from our club, and how we can fulfill their wishes. Monthly I spend approximately 6-10 hours devoted to membership duties including sending out welcome letters, introducing new members to the club via Facebook, and describing to newbies how to join in our rallies and caravans as well as Airstream maintenance and travel advice.</p>
<p>Facebook Admin</p> 	<p>Gary Mellinger Sr.</p>	<p>I spend approximately 3-4 hours a day researching and gathering articles from many sources including emails from other groups, YouTube, and other sources. Since I love reading and researching, I find it rewarding to share my knowledge and findings with others and it shows as how many read or click on the posts that I share. I take pride in seeing just how many views my posts receive in 48 hours.</p>
<p>Tattler Editor / Publisher</p> 	<p>Jason Grendahl</p>	<p>Being responsible for the Tattler is a great way to keep up with the Club. People share with you or you seek out pictures from rallies, trips that members have gone on, celebrations, and other things that the Club membership might be interested in. The position does require some computer skills and the right software to put together the information and then to get it published in an online format. Believe it or not, one of the biggest challenges is getting the final PDF to a size that is manageable online. The Tattler is usually picture intensive, so it takes some work to get things compressed without losing too much quality.</p>



Rally Page

Grayed-out entries are not CCC events but are of interest to CCC members.
 Host volunteers are always welcome. We will pair you with a seasoned host for your first time.

Date	Location	Hosts	Notes
July 16-24	WB/ACI International Rally Lebanon, TN	WB/ACI national event	Refer to this web page if interested.
September 17-19	Jalama Beach County Park Lompoc, CA	Un-hosted	Few sites were available at the registration window opening. Only three members got sites, so it's an informal / un-hosted rally.
October 1-5	Balloon Fiesta Albuquerque, NM	WB/ACI national event	Already full. Standby list started. See Balloon Fiesta website for details.
October 6-10	Region 12 Tally, Cava Robles RV Resort ; Paso Robles	Region 12 Event	Details coming soon. Refer to the event web page for updates.
October 26-28 (weekday)	Weekday Rally, Lake Cachuma Recreational Area Campground ; Santa Barbara	Volunteer hosts needed	
November 12-14	Pismo Sands RV Park Oceano, CA	Volunteer hosts needed	
December 10-12	Camp Comfort Campground Ojai, CA	Nancy Amorteguy Bob and Linda Minder	Rally full. Waitlist open. Contact Bob Minder .
2022			
January (weekday)	Rancho Oso RV & Camping Resort; Santa Barbara		
February 3-6	Morro Bay State Park Campground; Morro Bay		Must make own reservations . Window opens August 3, 2021.
March	The Springs at Anza Borrego RV Resort; Borrego Springs		
April 4-7	Pismo Coast Village; Pismo Beach		Registration not open yet
May 12-16	Jackson Rancheria; Jackson (joint rally with SVAC)	Sacramento Valley Airstream Club (SVAC)	Registration not open yet
June 3-6	Fernwood Campgr. and Resort; Big Sur		Must make own reservations. Reservations open now. Call the park and mention CCC group: (831) 667-2422. Length restricted to 28' for trailers and 30' for motorhomes.
September 8-11	Angels Camp RV Park; Angels Camp		Registration not open yet
October (weekday)	Lake Lopez Campground, Arroyo Grande		
November	Cava Robles RV Resort; Paso Robles		
December	Carmel by the Sea RV Park, Carmel		





Rally Report – February – Morro Bay

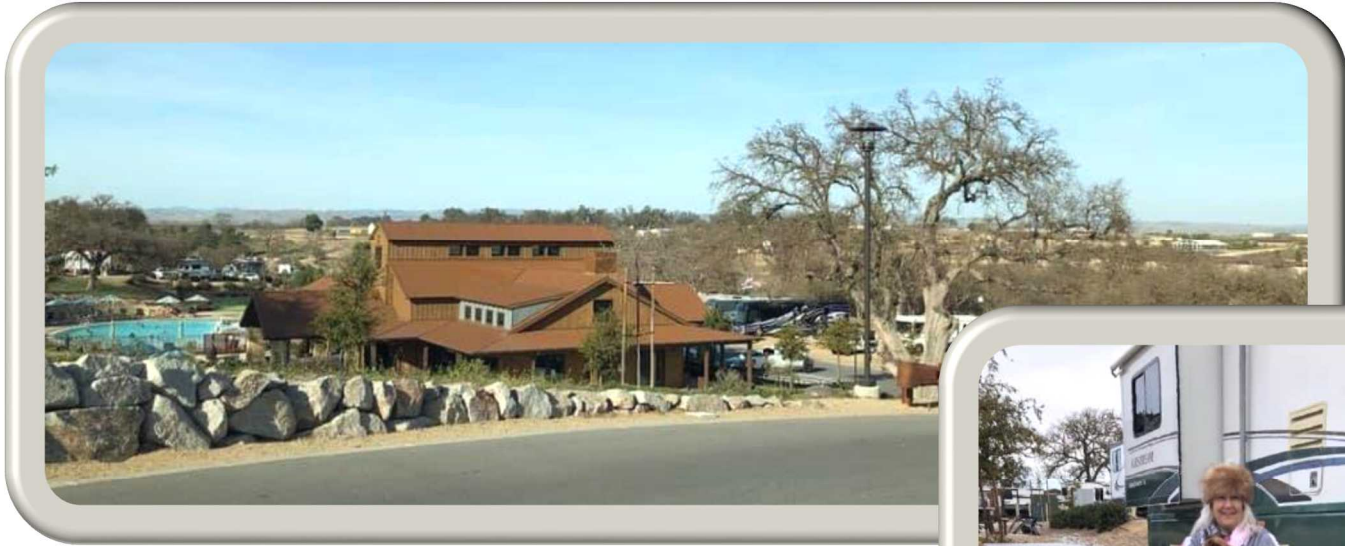
Morro Bay was the first rally of the season since January's rally was canceled due to Covid. Since this is a state park, there was plenty of room to spread out outdoors and socially distance. As usual, the Bay was used for kayaking by a number of rally attendees. And amazingly, the majority of the Club were in the no-hookup sites!





Rally Report – March – Cava Robles

Cava Robles is a new resort in Paso Robles and was enjoyed by all rally-goers. It also happens to be the location for the Region 12 rally in October, so if it looks good from the pictures, then consider going to Region 12!





Rally Report – April – El Chorro

El Chorro is a favorite of the CCC and we showed it this year with 14 rigs in attendance. Most of our attendees had their Covid vaccines so the event was a bit more like it used to be, which was great. Bruce Yeoman handled a beer tasting at happy hour on Friday. Morro Bay is nearby so of course there was some kayaking. And when you're camping next to a golf course, you go golfing. Even CCC alum Ruth Coffin stopped by for a visit.





Rally Report – May – Pismo Coast Village

Pismo Coast Village is a favorite for CCC as evidenced by it already being on the 2022 rally calendar in April. The direct beach access from the campground to a slough-protected area just for the campground is great. Views for only campers! The hosts (the Tighes and the Petersons) provided all meals and happy hour snacks during the main time of the rally and there was an outdoor “dining room” courtesy of an extra campsite. The weather was wonderfully sunny, albeit a bit breezy, during the day and perfect jacket weather for a campfire at night.



Happy Hour



Our hosts, the Tighes and the Petersons



The “dining room”





Member Trips

The Mattssons' Travels (#4784)

Editor's note: Cynthia shared the pictures and narrative with me all the way back in December 2020 and I'm just now publishing the next Tattler, eek! My apologies that it took so long. I hope the members still enjoy reading about your travels, Cynthia!

Cynthia and Joel Mattsson took advantage of the re-opening of campgrounds late last year to take a couple of trips and shared some pictures and adventures with us.

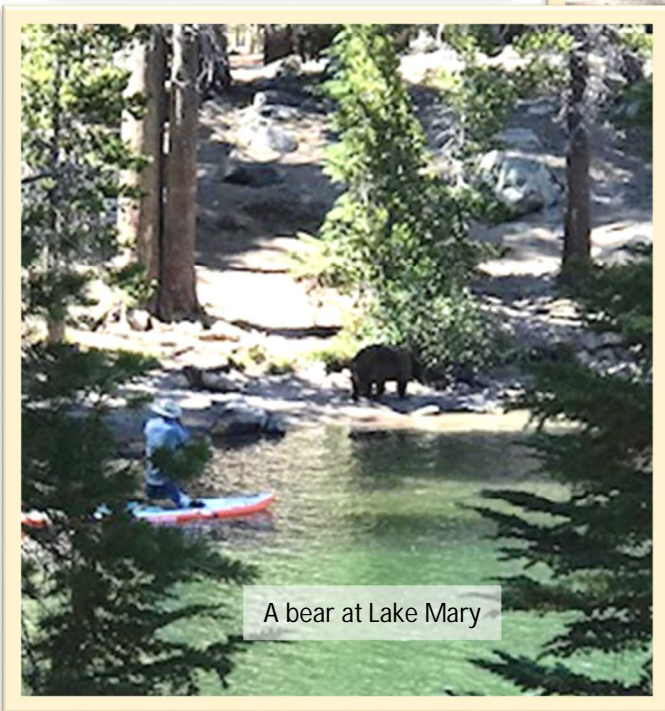
Trip 1: Mammoth Lakes



Kayaking at Twin Lakes



Coffee outside the Airstream



A bear at Lake Mary





Trip 2: Cross-Country!

In mid-October, we took a monthlong trip back to Indiana, covering 5500 miles. We were in our own little bubble, eating all meals in the trailer, except when visiting kids. Many of the RV parks had take-out restaurants and delivered right to our door. Several of them had fishing ponds and hiking/biking trails.

One of the interesting overnights was a Harvest Host site in Oklahoma. It was a combination winery/vineyard (in Oklahoma?) and horse farm/ boarding stable, plus they had a variety of farmyard animals. We were in a field right next to the donkeys, chickens, potbellied pigs, etc. Surprisingly, no one made any noise at night.

In Indiana we took advantage of the fall colors in the rolling hills of Southern Indiana, particularly Brown County State Park.





On our return trip we headed south to Austin, Texas to see my new great granddaughter. Then on to San Antonio, the Alamo and the famous River Walk. Next was Las Cruces, New Mexico and White Sands National Park which was amazing to me.





Our last night's stay was outside of Blythe. I was totally uninterested in staying in Blythe, but mileage wise it was the practical place to stop. Joel made a reservation at Hidden Beaches River Resort 2 days ahead of time, and we had a picturesque spot on the small bluff overlooking a bend in the Colorado River with stairs to a fishing and boating dock below us. It was an unexpected, nice little surprise to end our trip.





Birthdays

Don't see your birthday here but it should be? Let the CCC know by emailing the [Membership Chair](#) or the [Treasurer](#).

January		
Paula Poll		2nd
Linda Minder		14th
Jim Savage		14th
Christa Mellinger		30th
February		
Michael Gross		7th
Ed Poll		16th
Bruce Yeoman		16th
David Lawson		27th
March		
Mary Lawson		6th
David Neel		15th
Terri Reay		30th
April		
Tom Smithson		1st
Meghan Jones		7th
Lynn Valley		13th
May		
Dan Jones		21st
Mark Griffin		23rd
Michele Griffin		29th
June		
Terese Wrightson		1st
Beverly Wainwright		17th
July		
Chuck Alberti		3rd
Joseph Deering		22nd
Bob Minder		31st



New Members

Welcome these new members!

- ➡ Dan & Felicia Stiles#21410
- ➡ James & Anne Quaranta#21990
- ➡ Raymond & Lisa Beasley#17218
- ➡ Thomas & Julie Medina#11027
- ➡ Chris & Stephanie Simpson#10659
- ➡ Joseph & Mary Schohl#1145
- ➡ Robert & Gil Guy#2818
- ➡ Korie Bayer#3555

In Memoriam

Our long time Central Coast CA (Tri-County) member Gerry Joske passed away in February. He was a 50-year member of WBCCI and a treasured friend. We had just spoken to him in January. He used to tell memories of servicing the McDonnell Douglas plane that Howard Hughes and Marilyn Monroe often flew to and from the Hughes Airfield in Culver City. Gerry recalled that she was one of the most beautiful women that he had ever seen. He would share his stories at rallies, telling of the 300 families and the Tri-County cook trailer they would haul to rallies. They must have been a well-fed group. Angela's death a few years ago left Gerry devastated. His last rally visit was at Camp Comfort, October 2018. Rest In Peace, friend.
– Gary Mellinger

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/santa-paula-ca/gerard-joske-10070546>

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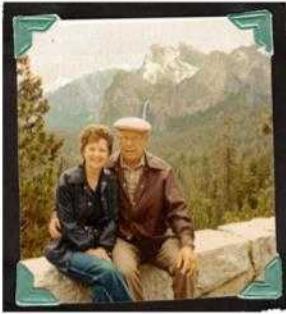
Twitter:

- [WBCCI Airstream Club](#)
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Club Resources and Links

- [Membership roster and contact list online here](#)
 - Contact Walt Bremer, Webmaster, for access if you need it: wbremer@me.com
- Read past issues of *The Tattler* newsletters
- Access rally coupons online - [CCCU website](#) or [CCCU Facebook](#)
- To renew your membership for 2022:
 - Regular member: [WBCCI International](#)
 - Affiliate member: [CCCAC Website](#)
- Planning a rally and tips for hosting: [Download the planning guide](#)
- Buy [CCCU Logo-Wear](#) - instructions on website





*Lorraine & Mel
Mom & Dad*

Sweet Lorraine



Mom & Dad traveled many miles in their 1962 Safari Airstream. We came across some old pictures of their ventures. When we bought our first Airstream in 2015 we contacted Airstream and they had their original numbers available. Our Airstream will officially be "Sweet Lorraine" 8267

Live Well This Life ❤️ 🇺🇸
Jim & Diane Ellis

