

# California 'Streaming

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## From the President

### Spam Note

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from "President - South Coast CA Airstream Club":  
[019President@wbcci.net](mailto:019President@wbcci.net)

## Call for articles

### Do you have something to say?

Please submit any and all articles of interest to our membership for publication. Ideas include news, travel, RV tips, recipes, photos.

Email the editor at:  
[socalairstreamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:socalairstreamnewsletter@gmail.com)



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## COMING IN MARCH: PECHANGA

After a winter rally hiatus thanks to Covid, we hope to resume our monthly trips beginning with Pechanga. This is a great spot for adults and kids with loads of activity options in the local Temecula area. They have wi-fi, cable TV, and a dog park. Note, as part of their Covid precautions, the pool and clubhouse are currently closed and the free shuttle is not operating. It is just a short walk to the casino to take your chance with Lady Luck.

## President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Hello all,

By now, you have received an invitation to the March rally at Pechanga. We thought we would try it once again, even though most of us haven't had the vaccine yet, and we will be observing social distancing, frequent hand sanitizing, and no shared meals, but smiling faces being out in the sunshine camping in our Airstreams! There are still a few sites available for Pechanga, so if you feel comfortable joining us, please do so, and respond prior to February 12, 2021.

I think that it is important for all of us to remember that "connections" are so essential right now. Pick up the phone and call your friend/family member that you haven't spoken to in quite some time. Catch up on family news. Share stories of what you have been or haven't been doing. Promote caring and kindness. (Oh brother, I am getting sappy in my old age!) We need the positive energy.

I don't think that the Grateful Dead had any idea that their words would mean so much to us as we leave 2020:

Sometimes the lights all shinin' on me,  
Other times I can barely see,  
Lately it occurs to me,  
What a long, strange trip it's been!

After that strange trip, I am looking forward to a great year.

Diane Sommerville  
2021 President



## January Birthdays

Mike Wood	1/3
Kathleen Golden	1/4
Tom Kluzak	1/4
Jeri McGinty	1/5
Rob Michler	1/12
Luce Procter	1/12
Robert Yablonski	1/12
Kristi Turner	1/16
Victor Kingsland	1/18
Clara Spence	1/21
Michael Hitchcock	1/29



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## January Anniversaries

Phillip and Carol Grisotti

1/31

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## 2021 South Coast Airstream Club Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS/CO-HOSTS
January 8 - 10	Pala Casino RV Resort 11042 CA-76, Pala, CA	<b>CANCELLED</b>
February 5 - 7	Golden Village Palms RV Resort 3600 W Florida Ave, Hemet, CA	<b>CANCELLED</b>
March 12 - 14	Pechanga RV Resort 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA	No host rally
April 9 - 11	Costa Vista RV Resort - <b>New Venue</b> 825 E. Street, Chula Vista, CA	Hosts Needed
April 30 - May 2	Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina 1131 Back Bay Dr., Newport Beach, CA	Mike & Marla Biagi with Gabriel & Leann De La Cruz
June 4 - 6	Vail Lake / Temecula KOA 38000 Highway 79, Temecula, CA	Hosts Needed
July 17 - 24	WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN	N/A
August 8	President's BBQ	N/A
September 10 - 12	Harbor Terrace - <b>New Venue &amp; Tentative</b> Avila Beach, CA	Hosts Needed
October 1 -3	Flying Flags RV Resort 180 Avenue of Flags, Buellton, CA 93427	Hosts Needed
Oct 6 - 11	Region 12 Rally, Cava Robles RV Resort, Paso Robles	N/A
November 12 - 14	The Springs at Borrego 2255 DiGiorgio Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004	Hosts Needed
December 5	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, San Clemente	Hosts Bob Adams with Dale and Susan Cram

# New Member Introduction

BY MARK AND NANCY SPEROS

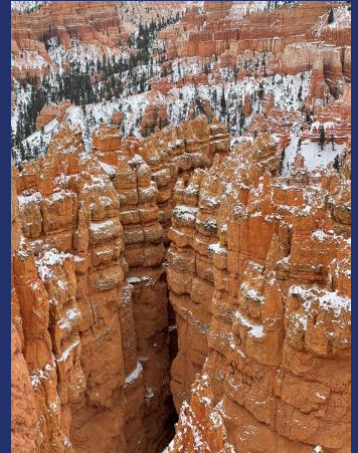


Photo credit: Mark Speros

While Mark & Nancy have been fortunate to have traveled outside the U.S. extensively (they met on a cruise more than 30 years ago!), Mark was fixated for over a decade on Class A Newell coaches. He loved the huge windows that brought the outside in, and the extraordinary engineering, but the cost was totally an eyeroll for Nancy.

Fate has a funny way of intervening; a neighbor buys an Airstream 25' Serenity, Mark likes engineering & panoramic windows. Mark shows Nancy coach – she likes it too, but agrees it's too small for them. That weekend Mark goes to Airstream of Orange County, and like Goldilocks they only have three – one way too big, one way too small, but there's a 27' Tommy Bahama with two sets of panoramic windows, a rear hatch and much more that he was wistfully smitten with. As a lark, Mark mentions it to Nancy...and to his complete and total shock, she agrees. The deal falls through, but Mark spots Don & Mary Heaton's 2 hour old posting on RV Trader, and not only buys "5700" and their truck but gains a tremendous group of Airstream friends through this group!

This December, they cemented their love for the coach on their "Splendid Isolation Tour" (brought to you by Covid-19). They traveled with their daughter and close friend to Kanab, UT (Dark Sky RV park was jaw dropping). Using it as a base camp, they took in the beauty of Zion, Bryce, the Vermillion Cliffs, Horseshoe Bend and Lake Powell and pretty much had every place to themselves!

Suddenly, their daughter is granted permission to immigrate to Canada, where her boyfriend lives, so they head back to California. There they pack up the truck, coach and her car and make it to Blaine, WA in two days. After a tearful goodbye, Mark & Nancy got to meet close friends in Seattle, enjoy beautiful sights meandering through Washington and Oregon, visited a large number of Oregon wineries (dubbing the truck's rear cab "The Wine Cave"). The tour covered almost 7,000 pleasure-filled miles where they comfortably enjoyed overnight lows down to 14F, and encountered rain, ice and even snow packed roads! And they would do it again in a heartbeat!



Photo credit: Mark and Nancy Speros

## South Coast Past Presidents

Clarence Mason	1968	Wayne Sorenson	1991
Hank Sanford	1969	Dolores Irwin	1992 and 2002
Dick James	1970	Mary Gough	1993
Mac McPeak	1971	Jack Engle	1994
David Hayes	1972	Howard Cram	1995
Roy Slate	1973	Les Chillcott	1996
John Riley	1974	Ralph Irwin	1997
Wesley Gough	1975	Dale Cram	1999 and 2000
Bill Williams	1976	Robert Kirksey	2002 and 2004
Jack Scott	1977	Susan Cram	2003 and 2012
Doug Gist	1978	Steve Carmichael	2005 and 2008
Walter Brooks	1979	Philip Terhorst	2006
John Ashe Everest	1980	Marshall McFie	2007
Bud Davis	1981	Robert Michler	2009
Harold Buck	1982	Lynda Terhorst	2010
David Fletcher	1983	Robert Smith	2011
Jack Ortberg	1984 and 2001	Scott Weddle	2013
Mac McCue	1985	Louise Weddle	2014
Don Conner	1986 and 1998	Bill Ball	2015 and 2016
Lois Kloprien	1987	Robert Kirkpatrick	2017
Bob Barlow	1988	Bruce Barefoot	2018
Clara Buck	1989	Mark Miller	2019
Roberta Williams	1990	Marya Barefoot	2020

## Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://region12.airstreamclub.net/>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://southcoastca.airstreamclub.net/>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: [www.campendium.com](http://www.campendium.com)

# Pechanga Rally Information

By Diane Sommerville



I think that all of us are getting a bit stir-crazy, and I, for one, really want to go out in my Airstream. For that reason, we are planning our March rally at the beautiful Pechanga RV Resort in Temecula. This rally will be handled differently than most, so please pay close attention to the following:

- 1) This will be a no-host rally, similar to the ones last year. There will be no group meals. Please plan for your own meals accordingly. Coffee will be provided as usual, along with some happy hour snacks.
- 2) We encourage all to wear masks, wash hands frequently, and observe social distancing. These are the tools for protection of ourselves and others.
- 3) The clubhouse and pool will remain closed. We will have a few sites to use for our social interactions.
- 4) No on-line reservations will be made. Payment will be by check and if the rally is cancelled by the Club for any reason, your check will be shredded.
- 5) Connections right now are essential to our well-being, and I am so looking forward to seeing many of you soon.

If you have any questions, as always, please feel free to contact me.

Ideas for things to do in Temecula can be found at [www.visitemeculavalley.com](http://www.visitemeculavalley.com)

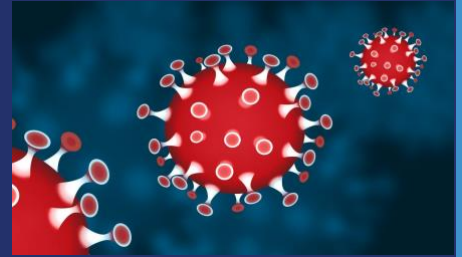
Hopefully, a majority of our population will be vaccinated soon and we can feel more comfortable about interacting with one another.

Stay well and safe.

"May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view." Edward Abbey

# Participating in the Pfizer Covid Vaccine Trial

By Andi Matsumoto



Nothing interrupted our Airstream camping adventures for the past year like the Covid pandemic and subsequent lockdown and school closures. Rallies were cancelled and people avoided social interactions for fear of catching the disease. Not one to sit about whining, I wanted to do my part in putting an end to the madness. My friends thought I was bonkers to participate in the Pfizer Covid vaccine trial, but given the news of the vaccine's 95% efficacy, I was quite chuffed I did my bit. I signed up with Anaheim Clinical Trials, slapped on an N95 mask and ventured down to volunteer in October. I returned three weeks later for the second shot. The visits took three hours each and involved a long health questionnaire, a nasal swab for Covid, and the blood test for antibodies. I was paid \$125 per visit for my time and travel and logged any symptoms in an online diary each week. At the time, I did not know if I got the vaccine or the placebo, since it was a double blind trial, whereby neither the researchers nor the volunteers know who is in which arm of the study.

In January, I was unblinded in the trial, since the vaccine was approved for emergency use in December and was now being offered to the public. I got a call and was told that I had received the placebo originally, so they offered me the vaccine. After the vaccine shot, I had a bit of a sore arm, like getting a flu shot, but no other side effects such as fever or body aches that about 40% of people have reported. I joined the "crossover study" to track long term effects for the next 18 months. It's been an interesting experience and I'm so glad the vaccines are finally getting into people's arms with more options coming up for approval this year. I share this story in the hopes of easing the fears of anyone who might be nervous about getting the vaccine or despondent that Covid will go on forever. I am hoping that 2021 brings us a bit more normality and we can get back out there for rallies and happy hours.





## Recipe: Bourbon Pecan Pie

From: New York Times

This month we celebrated Martin Luther King Day. Although he is famous for his civil rights contributions, he was also rumored to love a good bourbon pecan pie. This recipe from the NYT takes a classic and simple recipe and gives it a Southern kick with a little bourbon! You do need both light and dark corn syrup for this – using only one or the other will change the pie's flavor.

### What you need:

3 eggs, lightly beaten	2 tablespoons bourbon
1 cup granulated sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
(can be reduced to ½ cup and using light brown sugar works too)	¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup light corn syrup	1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
½ cup dark corn syrup	1 ¼ cups coarsely chopped pecans
⅓ cup unsalted butter, melted	

### What you do:

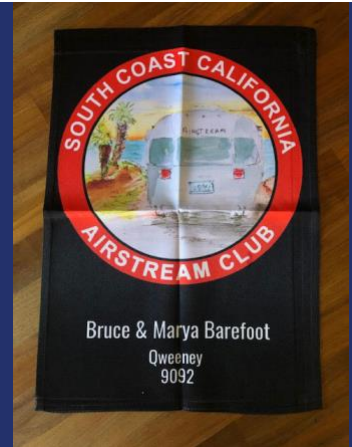
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix together eggs, sugar, corn syrups, butter, bourbon, vanilla and salt until well blended.

Prick the sides and bottom of the pie shell with a fork at 1/2-inch intervals. Spread the pecans on the bottom and pour the mixture over them. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes, until just set around the edges but still slightly loose in the center. (It will continue to set as it cools.)

Place on a rack to cool slightly.

# Get Your New South Coast California Airstream Club Flag

By Marya Barefoot



I'm very excited to share with you our new club flag! It is a garden flag that can be special ordered with your name, city/state or rig name/ Big Red Numbers (BRN) (as we did). You can customize it as you please. You can purchase the stand separately, or they easily attach to your rock guard using binder clips. Attached is a photo of the prototype and the link to order your own. (Hint: if you sign up for Flagology's emails, they often send discount codes.)

Special thanks to Bob Adams for his beautiful watercolor painting and Mark Miller for his editing skills to add the border and black background for me.

You can order your South Coast Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the November 2020 newsletter. For any questions, the South Coast contact is Marya Barefoot (626) 705-8879. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your web browser: <https://www.flagology.com/product/south-coast-california-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/> The flag costs \$19.99 and the Garden Flag Stand is \$12.99, unless you use a coupon, which Flagology often emails to subscribers. For example, Cyber Monday had a 25% off coupon. "Long may she wave!"

"There is no piece of equipment on your outfit that deserves more attention and consideration than the hitch."  
From the book Trailer Travel Here and Abroad by Wally Byam

## Part 2: Organization Ideas

From: [sailingbritican.com](http://sailingbritican.com)



**Editor's Note:** This article was written for organizing life on a boat, but boats and Airstreams have a lot in common when it comes to storage, so I think that some of these ideas will be useful to our members. I wrote to the editor to request permission to reproduce this article and she graciously allowed us to share. Ideas 1-5 were featured in our December newsletter. The full article may be found at:

[https://sailingbritican.com/20-boat-organization-ideas/?fbclid=IwAR3w9G19BLN\\_EDD4eNVxEySDxUTAeegqTz8lchfIO5iaX2G5H6Eb4eOalg0](https://sailingbritican.com/20-boat-organization-ideas/?fbclid=IwAR3w9G19BLN_EDD4eNVxEySDxUTAeegqTz8lchfIO5iaX2G5H6Eb4eOalg0)

### 6. Create a reminder calendar for dated items

Some items that get stored away have servicing dates. For many of us, it's out-of-sight, out-of-mind so we fail to keep them in good shape. Things like fire extinguishers, First Aid medicine, and even food will go out of date. Whether you use a paper calendar or a reminder system on your phone, it's worth it to create some kind of alarm system letting you know that some items in storage need to be serviced.

### 7. Consider doing a yearly stock check to update your inventory records.

During emergencies or when others are on board items may get used and not logged. It's also good to make sure that your inventory is okay. If you can prevent something from molding or rusting it's a good thing!

### 8. Remove cardboard.

Cockroaches lay eggs in corrugated cardboard so remove all cardboard packaging before the contents come on your boat. Flat cardboard and books have book bugs. They're super tiny but none-the-less they are bugs. If you don't want bugs don't have any cardboard.

### 9. Don't keep your inventory list in the cloud!

If you're at sea and you can't get Internet access you're in trouble. Keep your inventory list on your computer hard drive and make a print copy to have on hand.

### 10. Be creative! Make extra space by installing storage options behind doors, etc.

Do a Google search for tiny homes, RV or boat storage ideas. There are loads of useful ways to create storage space from thin air. Examples include putting racks behind doors, using hanging shoe holders in creative ways, making bedside hanging holders and creating storage in areas above you rather than below.

### 11. Look for collapsible or nesting style items that can be reduced in size when not in use.

Examples include Magma Galley Pots and Pans and a collapsible bucket. The Magma set has five pots, pans, and lids that take up the small space of only 12" by 12" by 6" high!

### 12. Have regular culling sessions.

At least twice a year we go through all our cupboards and cabinets getting rid of anything that we haven't used in the last six months. We give anything that still works to a local charity and trash anything that's broken or ruined. If you're in an area with many cruisers there's usually a daily VHF net where cruisers offer 'Treasures Of The Bilge'. You can announce your treasures and often make a bit of money from them.

## Passport America Discount

By Airstream Club International



Check out this latest offer from Passport America only for club members. To help you get going and enjoy brighter days ahead, the Airstream Club International has negotiated a special offer for all ACI members.

During the month of February, Airstream Club members will receive the latest Passport America Campground Directory and a free Passport America hat along with 6 months free with a 1-year membership.

That's 18 months of Passport America, the new Directory, and a Passport America hat for \$44 (shipping and handling included). This saves you \$22. Offer good thru February 28. Use code AIRSTREAM7 to claim the special offer at <https://passportamerica.com/join/airstream7#top> or you can call them on 800-681-6810.

Passport America offers 50% discounts at over 1,450 RV parks across the USA, Mexico and Canada. A quick search listed 71 RV parks in California alone, including a club favorite, Pechanga RV Resort. The membership pays for itself with one or two nights camping.



"A number was assigned to each trailer to be painted on the outside so they could be checked in at each stop. Names were also painted on the trailers so people could find each other easily in camp. I gave everyone a blue beret to serve as a sort of identification badge of the group." This is part of the arrangements of the first caravan to Mexico in 1951.

From the book Trailer Travel Here and Abroad by Wally Byam