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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":  
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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:  
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## COMING IN APRIL: COSTA VISTA

Exciting news: In April we visit the brand new Costa Vista RV Resort in Chula Vista. Costa Vista features full hook-up RV sites that include spacious private patios, stone paver fire pits, picnic tables, free WiFi and cable, amazing landscaping, and total access to all resort amenities. Pull-through RV sites available. They also have cottages for any non-RVing friends.

Image credit: sunrvresorts.com

## President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Hi everyone,

Here it is almost the end of February. The weather has been really warm, and hopefully this will continue into March so that we can enjoy the great outdoors at our rally at Pechanga. We are looking forward to being outside and seeing our Airstream friends again.

The invitation for our April rally will be sent out shortly. We will be going to the Costs Vista RV Resort in Chula Vista, which is brand new, replacing the Chula Vista RV Resort which will be closing its doors. The resort looks beautiful, and I can't wait to explore all of it. The El Camino Airstream Club is also planning to be at the Resort the same weekend as our Club, so, while it is not a joint rally, we will likely be joining El Camino for a happy hour or two. Our rallies this year will continue to be no-host rallies due to Covid until the Board determines that we can return to our normal rally protocol.

We will also have a special Member Meeting at the April rally, which will be held outdoors. The primary reason for the meeting will be to vote on some amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws as required to conform with WBCCI guidelines. At that time, members can bring up other issues of concern to discuss. A formal notice will be issued two weeks prior to the meeting.

For those of you who may not be aware, Bruce and Marya Barefoot will be moving to Texas during the month of March. Their daughter who lives in Texas is expecting their first grandchild, and they absolutely, positively must be there for this tremendous occasion. They will be joining us at Pechanga, so be sure to wish them well. As a matter of background, Bruce and Marya first joined our Club in 2015. Their first event was the Annual Meeting in December, when Marya approached me and said "I want to help host a rally." Both of them have been very active in the Club ever since, introducing all of us to many, many wineries throughout California and both stepping up in separate years to serve as President. Obviously, their participation and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Just as a reminder, the WBCCI International Rally will be held in July in Lebanon, Tennessee, just a short distance from Memphis. If you are interested in attending, you can sign up at [airstreamclub.org/Lebanon](http://airstreamclub.org/Lebanon).

Stay safe and aware, and we hope to see you soon.

Diane Sommerville  
2021 President



## February Birthdays

Gabriel De La Cruz	2/3
Jude Romero	2/3
Yve Berry	2/6
Richard Valorosi	2/19
Lynda Terhorst	2/24



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## February Anniversaries

Tim and Diane Sommerville	2/2
Tane and Linda Koblick	2/6
John and Deborah Eertwegh	2/16
Kathleen Golden and Jon Harmon	2/14

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## 2021 South Coast Airstream Club Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS/CO-HOSTS
March 12 - 14	<b>Pechanga RV Resort</b> 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA	No host rally
April 9 - 11	<b>Costa Vista RV Resort - New Venue</b> 825 E. Street, Chula Vista, CA	No host rally - Theme "Swing Into Spring"
April 30 - May 2	<b>Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort &amp; Marina</b> 1131 Back Bay Dr., Newport Beach, CA	No Host Rally - Theme "Cinco de Mayo" (Biagi / De La Cruz)
June 4 - 6	<b>Vail Lake / Temecula KOA</b> 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	<b>Harbor Terrace - New Venue &amp; Tentative</b> Avila Beach, CA	Hosts Needed
October 1 -3	<b>Flying Flags RV Resort</b> 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	<b>The Springs at Borrego</b> 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

## 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)

# Airstream Popularity Grows During the Pandemic

By Amy Edelen

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2021/feb/28/airstreams-rise-in-popularity-during-pandemic/>



About three years ago, Trinidad “Trini” Carreon noticed a small but contemporary travel trailer parked alongside a road and thought it would be fairly simple to buy a model just like it.

But popularity for that particular model of travel trailer - an Airstream Basecamp - was much more than Carreon anticipated. “I shopped around and thought I could just buy one, but they are in high demand,” he said. “The Airstream dealerships right now are selling everything out - not just the Basecamps.”

Carreon and his wife, Gwen, sold a larger, 20-foot travel trailer and eventually snagged a preorder earlier this year for the 16-foot Airstream Basecamp X at Airstream of Spokane, which is more than four hours from their Whitefish, Montana, residence. “Airstream has a loyal following, and that’s kind of fun,” Carreon said. “Right now, we are trying to downsize and think it will work out well for us.”

The Carreons are among several people choosing to take to the road in RVs during the coronavirus pandemic. The RV Industry Association reported a record-breaking number of 45,930 RV shipments in January, a 39.2% increase compared to 33,003 shipments during the same time last year. “RV shipments show no sign of slowing down,” Craig Kirby, RV Industry Association president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. “RV manufacturers and suppliers are producing a record number of units to meet the continued demand from consumers looking to make RVing a part of their active outdoor lifestyle.”

Despite being forced to close for six weeks early in the pandemic, retail sales at Airstream dealerships jumped 22% in 2020, and demand is still on the rise. It’s “beyond anything we anticipated,” Airstream’s chief executive officer Bob Wheeler told the Washington Post recently.

Airstream dealerships closed their doors in March with full inventories - about 40 vehicles on average. Now, many are down to just six or seven and it will take a year to fulfill existing orders, the Post reported. “That kind of backlog is unprecedented,” Wheeler said. “It’s like nothing I’ve seen in my 19 years at this company.”

Karyn Dietz, who co-owns Airstream of Spokane with her husband, Nick, agreed that demand has been like nothing they’ve seen before. Only one travel trailer - an Airstream Caravel - is in stock at their business at 7611 E. Boone Lane in Spokane Valley.

“We had 40 on the lot last spring and they just all sold out quickly,” Karyn Dietz said. “Any used or preowned (Airstreams) sold out super quickly as well, and (customers) are buying sight unseen because we have no stock.”

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Airstream inventory is so low nationwide that customers are coming to Airstream of Spokane from all across the U.S. in search of preowned and new travel trailers, which could be back in stock in August or September, Dietz said.

“Airstream has always been popular, but it has been nuts right now,” she said, adding demand has been fueled by people looking for a socially distanced way to travel during the coronavirus pandemic.

Wheeler said many of the company’s customers in the past eight months are new to RV life. Airstreams have typically attracted couples and singles, but this year, the travel trailers garnered interest from more families.

In response to customer requests during the pandemic’s remote-work environment, Airstream is building a variation of its Flying Cloud model with a new floor plan and a separate, tech-enabled, WiFi-ready office for \$107,000.

“Airstream always had a large preponderance of people who have never RVed before, but heard about the quality of Airstream,” Dietz said. “Now we are seeing more young people and seeing more families.”

Dietz said she recently sold an Airstream model with bunk beds to a family. A Seattle-based customer purchased an Airstream and is using it as a home office in the backyard, she added.

New Airstreams cost from \$39,000 to \$177,000, according to the company’s website.

Carreon said part of the Airstream Basecamp’s appeal is its affordability compared to higher-end models.

The Basecamp X, which starts at \$39,100, has a sleeping area for two, a small kitchen area, solar panels, shower, bathroom, air conditioning, a higher clearance and off-road tires, all of which make it easy for travelers to “boondock,” a term used by RVers to describe camping on public land without water, sewer and power hookups, Carreon said.

“It’s an Airstream that’s not \$60,000, \$80,000 or \$100,000. It’s more affordable,” Carreon said. “Every rivet on the Airstream is very carefully built and it’s going to be one that reflects the future.

“The design is different. It’s more aerodynamic and you can tow it with a lighter-weight vehicle.”

The Basecamp has gained somewhat of a national social media following with several groups dedicated to the travel trailer.

The groups, which share designs, tips and tricks for the Basecamp, provide a sense of camaraderie, Carreon said.

The Carreons, who are receiving their Airstream Basecamp in June, are looking forward to traveling, and visiting friends and family in different states.

“We’re just going to take off. We’ve already planned some sites and places to go,” Carreon said. “We want to go out, camp, be free, have the wind in our faces and enjoy the sunsets.”

# The De La Cruz Story

By Leann De La Cruz



Hello to all our fellow Airstreamers,

Gabriel and I would like to share some very exciting changes in our lives. Let me start from the beginning. About four years ago, we purchased our home in Huntington Beach, California. From the start we knew we wanted to renovate our home and sell later at a profit. So, that is what we did. Here is a list of the work we did on our home: remodeled kitchen, both bathrooms, new flooring throughout, new roof, new garage door, new concrete patio and the exterior painted. My husband worked hard over the past four years to get all of this done. We closely watched the housing market and for the perfect opportunity to list our home. We took that opportunity in November of 2020. Our home quickly sold, and we moved out the first week of January 2021.

Now what, you ask? Buy a new home? Rent a home? Nope! We have talked about it for years, "What about living in our Airstream?" We both were up for the challenge. We placed almost all of our belongings in storage and selected our most important items to come with us in the trailer. We also have two cats that have made the transition with us, Isabel and Hannah. This has been an adjustment.

For the first month, we stayed at the Canyon RV park in Anaheim. As of February 1st, we are now living full time at Newport Dunes. We have been living in our trailer for almost two months now. We have become well-adjusted and don't miss our big home. We are blessed to be "camping" every day. Some of our friends and family think we are crazy, and they could never do this. We quite enjoy it. Our life is simple, relaxing and financially rewarding. We will eventually buy a home but for now we are enjoying our trailer life. We cannot wait for what our future will bring. Thank you for reading! Here are some pictures over the last couple of months.







## Recipe: Instant Pot Corned Beef and Cabbage

From: [pressurecookerrecipes.com](http://pressurecookerrecipes.com) and [thesmithsonianmag.com](http://thesmithsonianmag.com)  
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In March we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and what would that be without leprechauns, shamrocks, green beer and corned beef and cabbage? We think of corned beef as being traditionally Irish, but the Irish immigrants who came to the U.S. in the 1800's bought their meat from kosher butchers. What we think of today as Irish corned beef is actually Jewish corned beef thrown into a pot with cabbage and potatoes. The Jewish population in New York City at the time were relatively new immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe. The corned beef they made was from brisket, a kosher cut of meat from the front of the cow. Since brisket is a tougher cut, the salting and cooking processes transformed the meat into the extremely tender, flavorful corned beef we know of today.

### What you need:

2 lb. corned beef 4 cups cold water 1 onion, quartered 4 garlic cloves, crushed  Vegetables: 6 carrots, peeled and cut into 2 inch slices 4 red potatoes, quartered 1 cabbage, cut into 8 wedges	Pickling spices: 1 teaspoon yellow mustard seeds 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns 1 teaspoon coriander seeds ½ teaspoon whole allspice 3 whole cloves 3 bay leaves ½ teaspoon ground ginger
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### What you do:

**Step 1:** Rinse Corned Beef: Rinse corned beef under cold water - be sure to rinse well.

**Step 2:** Pressure Cook Corned Beef: Add rinsed corned beef, quartered onion, 4 crushed garlic cloves, pickling spices seasoning, and 4 cups (1L) cold water in Instant Pot pressure cooker.

With Venting Knob in Venting Position, close the lid, then turn Venting Knob to Sealing Position. Pressure cook at High Pressure for 70 minutes + Natural Release (~15 minutes).

If the floating valve doesn't drop after 15 minutes, release the remaining pressure by turning the venting knob from sealing position to venting position. Open lid carefully.

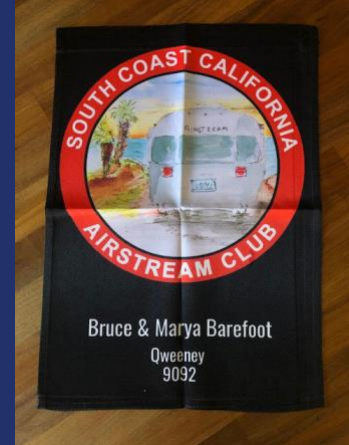
**Step 3:** Pressure Cook Vegetables: While the Instant Pot is natural releasing, prepare the vegetables as described. Set aside cooked corned beef and 750ml of the hot liquid in a large serving bowl (there should be about 1.5 to 2 cups of liquid left in Instant Pot). Add quartered red potatoes, carrots, and cabbage wedges to the Instant Pot.

With Venting Knob in Venting Position, close the lid, then turn Venting Knob to Sealing Position. Pressure cook at High Pressure for 2 - 3 minutes + Quick Release. Open the lid carefully.

**Step 4:** Cut & Serve: On a chopping board, cut Corned Beef against the grain into ½ inch slices. Serve with cabbage wedges, red potatoes and carrots.

# 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!"

"The farther one gets into the wilderness, the greater is the attraction of its lonely freedom." - Theodore Roosevelt

# Alumination Documentary

From: [aluminummovie.com](http://aluminummovie.com) and  
[rvlife.com](http://rvlife.com)



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Alumination, a feature documentary showcasing the history, design, and lifestyle of Airstream trailers, is expected to premiere at the Newport Beach Film Festival in October 2021. Narrated by Kate Pierson (of band The B-52s), the movie will undoubtedly stir the age-old desire to pack up and discover what lies beyond the next range of hills.

In 1929 entrepreneur, traveler, and dreamer Wally Byam built the first Airstream travel trailer in the backyard of his California home. Nearly a century later Airstream, the iconic American brand, carries on as the oldest travel trailer company in the United States. For many, the word "Airstream" signifies more than just the image of an aerodynamic silver bullet gliding down the highway; it also evokes the spirit of innovation, adventure, resilience, and dynamism.

Bambi, Caravel, Flying Cloud. As these trailers have evolved over the years, so too has their use. No longer just a weekend camping trip or long summer vacation, these trailers are now used as full-time residences, guest homes, food trucks, recording studios and more. Ultimately, Wally Byam didn't just create a tool for travel; he created a platform for living.

Alumination details the essence of the company in the RV marketplace with an emphasis on how Airstream signifies adventure and a spirited lifestyle in American culture. Eric Bricker co-producer, director and videographer of Silverstream Filmworks, Bricker, says, "The documentary captures individuals exploring the realm of the unknown space where they are able to experience the true sense of living. Additionally, it illustrates how people connect with one another, enjoy nature and live life to the fullest. Ultimately, I think Alumination will inspire people to take more time for themselves and be with one another. I hope Alumination will help others realize the value and preciousness of life."

Bricker, who spent seven years making this film, explained the Airstream culture is pure. It's free of judgement and self-centeredness, which is common in circles of other lifestyles. "I'm aware that for non-Airstreamers there is a certain perception of elitism, which I think is a myth," says Bricker. "I didn't see that at all among the owners I have met. Never before have I experienced the openness of a group who accept people so much. I was very welcome in the Airstream community and it's very surprising how they enjoy this lifestyle and this country."

Airstream, Inc. offered a narrow window of opportunity back in December to stream the movie for \$11. If you missed this chance, you might have to wait until the Newport Beach Film Festival to catch it later this year. You can see the trailer at <https://www.aluminummovie.com/trailer>. Perhaps the streaming offer will come up again so keep an eye out.



Left: Wally Byam with his dog Chica at the 1957 Palm Springs Airstream Rally.  
Image credit: [airstream.com](http://airstream.com)