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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

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, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos.

Email the editor at:

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COMING IN MAY: NEWPORT DUNES

Say "hola" to Cinco de Mayo at the May rally at Newport Dunes. Close to home, close to Fashion Island and right on the Newport Back Bay. Enjoy biking or walking around the back bay or bring your kayak and go for a paddle. The bay is part of the Pacific Flyway for bird migrations, so you are always bound to see some feathered visitors at any time of year.

President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Hello Airstreamers,

Happy Spring! It is wonderful to feel the warm sun, see plants sprouting, and visit the great outdoors in our Airstreams. So grateful!

While we are a social club, your Board has been working hard to make sure that all of our ducks are in a row as far as WBCCI is concerned, pouring over our Constitution and By-Laws (boring as all heck!), and reviewing financials and evaluating our financial position, making sure that the Club has adequate money to plan for future rallies. Many of you may not know that we reserve some of our rally sites up to two years in advance, which requires financial deposits. We are doing well on all fronts.

Getting back to the social aspect of our Club, I want to thank each and every one of you for welcoming our new members to our rallies and using common sense when it comes to social gatherings. As we all adapt to the changing conditions of the pandemic, we ask that each of you be respectful of each other and the personal choices each one of us is making. Some of us will receive the vaccine, some of us have had COVID and others are making a different choice. In any case, please be respectful when gathering and make sure you and others are comfortable. Masks, social distancing, hugs and handshakes - all of us have varying levels of comfort and even those will probably change over time. Our group has done a very good job of being sensitive to each other's needs in the past, and I am confident that will continue.

The Board has been developing a plan to move from no-host to hosted rallies in the very near future. In this respect, we will be revising our registration form to use an "opt-in/opt-out" approach to group meals. Our first attempt at this will be the Newport Dunes rally in May. Your hosts, Biagi and DeLaCruz, will be having the Saturday night meal delivered, then it will be served by your hosts, masked and gloved. The cost will be additional, so each person responding to the Newport Dunes invitation will have an opportunity to say "I opt in" and pay the additional money, or say "I opt out." Starting in June, we will start having more pot-luck food contributions, but all persons will again have the option to "opt-in or opt-out," which means those that opt-out will not receive a "Prep-A-Trip" request for contributions. Again, depending on the climate at that time, the meals may be served by hosts, masked and gloved. By September, we expect to have our rallies back in full hosted swing. If anyone wishes to respond to this plan, please send me an email at 019President@wbcci.net or feel free to call me at (714) 743-8181. We appreciate any and all comments.

Well, that's it for my monthly banter. Please contact me or any other Board member if you have comments, suggestions, ideas, etc. All positive input is appreciated.

Safe travels.
Diane Sommerville
2021 President



March & April Birthdays

Bob Stein	3/7	Gary Gough	4/8
Phil Terhorst	3/8	Bill Ball	4/16
Don Conner	3/10	Christopher Maslyk	4/23
Mark Miller	3/17	Kathy Kluzak	4/21
Ron Lasswell	3/22	Linda Koblock	4/29
Carol Grisotti	3/23		
Jan Miller	3/30		
Scott Weddle	3/30		

March & April Anniversaries

Brad and Yve Berry	3/1
Chuck and Linda Maddox	3/5
Tom and Jean Alich	3/5
Don and Betty Conner	3/14
John and Anne Jones	3/27
Gerry and Sandra Bangert	4/3
Arnold and Tina Surfes	4/5
Michael and Roberta Hitchcock	4/14
Ray and Billie Crowe	4/21

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2021 South Coast Airstream Club Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS/CO-HOSTS
April 9 - 11	Costa Vista RV Resort - New Venue 825 E. Street, Chula Vista, CA	No host rally - Theme "Swing Into Spring"
April 30 - May 2	Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina 1131 Back Bay Dr., Newport Beach, CA	Theme "Cinco de Mayo" (Biagi / De La Cruz)
June 4 - 6	Vail Lake / Temecula KOA 38000 Highway 79, Temecula, CA	Annual Chili Cookoff
July 17 - 24	WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN	N/A
August 8	President's BBQ	N/A
September 10 - 12	Harbor Terrace - New Venue & Tentative 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

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

March Rally Recap: Pechanga

By Andi Matsumoto and Mike Biagi



Well, a wet and chilly weekend was in store for our March rally out at Pechanga RV Resort and Casino. We had 17 rigs in attendance. Friday and Saturday night featured happy hours and this was a no-host rally. Many attendees tried their luck at the casino and a few came out ahead. We were lucky that the sun poked its head out on Saturday and allowed certain oenophiles to get out to taste some of the wines Temecula Valley has to offer. As a note for next time, check out Vindemia winery and thanks for the tip, Bruce! They had friendly service, decent wine and were also kid and dog friendly. Finding a kid-friendly winery has become pretty difficult in the past year, thanks to Covid restrictions on the number of people that may be present at one time. Many wineries are now 21+ and require reservations.

Threatening grey clouds loom overhead.



Lynn and Maverick at the rally



Dogs of Airstream: Meet Dempsey

By Andi Matsumoto



During the Covid lockdown, Andi applied for a skilled companion assistance dog for her son, Zachary. In February Andi and Zac were matched with Dempsey and attended a 1-week Team Training in Oceanside. Team Zachary passed the Assistance Dog International certification for public access. Dempsey, who comes from Canine Companions for Independence, was raised by puppy raisers for the first two years of his life on a 50-foot yacht in Ventura. He is a Labrador born on July 12, 2018.

Dempsey will be assisting Zac with various aspects of his life and motivating him to accomplish his autism therapy goals. He loves to shake hands, play Go-Fish and belly rubs too. He has already joined the family on two camping trips and he is the perfect camping dog, with his own bed in the family Airstream.

Canine Companions for Independence shared a [video](#) of their recent graduating class of dogs, in which Andi, Zac and Dempsey are featured. Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit that provides assistance dogs and ongoing support, free of charge, to enhance independence for people with disabilities. Facility dogs are expertly trained dogs that partner with a facilitator working in a health care, visitation or education setting. The dogs are trustworthy in professional environments and can perform over 40 commands designed to motivate and inspire clients with special needs.



Phantom Ranch and a Rookie Winter Camping Mistake

By: Mike Biagi



Hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon had been on our bucket list for quite some time. Back in November 2018 we were thrilled to have our names drawn in the lottery that would allow us to fulfill this lifelong dream. What we were not prepared for was the date of our adventure: December 31, 2019!

We were not opposed to spending New Year's Eve at the bottom of the Grand Canyon (now we can say that we got to experience what they call the scorpion drop!) but we were afraid of what the weather might be like during that time of year. Well, we were not disappointed.

It snowed for about a week straight in mid-December. The weather cleared up for a few days before we left but the cold remained - and it stayed cold our entire trip, which ended up being a very good thing. Pulling our Airstream over Cajon Pass with several feet of snow piled on the side of the freeway was an E-Ticket ride for sure! Ultimately, we arrived safely to our full hook-up campsite and surprisingly there were a few other hearty souls there as well. We leveled up and got the rig ready to stay for a few nights.

We were not prepared for the temperature to reach -4°F overnight. That is some cold weather! Fortunately, because of the design, when the furnace is running all the pipes in the belly pan of the Airstream stay thawed and moving. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the dump valve and the short run of pipes in that area. After the overnight temperatures I quickly discovered that everything was frozen solid down there and decided to deal with it after the hike. We had a day to ourselves and explored the South Rim for the first time. We had both been to the North Rim a couple times before.

Our friends Chris and Jessica hiked down to the bottom with us and it was absolutely epic! Using crampons and having snow 3 miles down the trail was incredible. The views, the quiet - everything was perfect. Staying at Phantom Ranch truly was the experience of a lifetime and on the way back out we marveled that a place like that had been built down there where everything had to be brought in by mule.

Returning to our trailer we found everything to be a toasty 50° inside just like we left it. By running the furnace continuously, we avoided having any pipes break and did not need to winterize. To loosen things up down below I used a small space heater we had brought. I propped it up underneath the dump valve and cranked it to 'high.' It worked like a charm.

The drive home was very routine, just the way we like it. We definitely made memories that will last a lifetime and also learned a valuable lesson about using RV antifreeze in your pipes.

(See photos on the next page)



Phantom Ranch



The Cajon Pass



Marla hiking in the snow



The Airstream at the Grand Canyon

Welcome New Members

By: Connie Miller, Membership Chair



Please welcome the new members who have joined our club in 2021 year to date. We look forward to greeting them at a future rally.

- WBCCI Big Red # 1769: Nick & Theodora Caplanis of Mission Viejo, California, in their 2020 19' Interstate
- WBCCI Big Red # 10659: Chris & Stephanie Simpson of Aliso Viejo, California, in their 2008 16' International Ocean Breeze
- WBCCI Big Red # 01795: Richard & Diana Wood of Lake Forest, California, in their 2018 22' Bambi
- WBCCI Big Red # 2097: William & Debra Nixon of Oracle, Arizona, in their 2019 27' Flying Cloud
- WBCCI Big Red # 01196: Lucinda & Jerry Troyer of Fallbrook, California, in their 2017 27' International Signature
- WBCCI Big Red # 5460: Thomas (TK) Lee & Philip Sobutka of Henderson, Nevada, in their 2000 39' Land Yacht 390XL
- WBCCI Big Red # 1803: Kat & Mike Meezan of Corona, California, in their 2020 33' Classic



“Just as all the world loves a lover, it has been my experience that all the world loves a trailerite.” Wally Byam