



Roundup

July 2021



ON DECK

July 2nd - 5th, Woody Mountain Campground in Flagstaff. USA Today voted Flagstaff's 4th of July Parade the "Best Small Town Parade in America". The Flagstaff Symphony still plans to perform a patriotic music concert at Fort Tuthill. Woody Mountain Road is reopened after closure last week to assist the Fire Fighters battling the nearby Rafael Fire. Evacuations were considered, but there is no longer a threat to Flagstaff. Most of us cancelled when the fire risk was greatest, so there are sites available.

PRESIDENT

What a month! I envy those in cooler areas outside of "The Valley". AAC is "hot" in a good way. We are enjoying some nice rallies, our membership is growing, and talented members are volunteering to host, to lead and to be on necessary committees that keep our club strong. (New Leaders) Page 8)



VICE PRESIDENT

After Dolores, we left for International, traveling the northern route. Our seals are good and watertight. How, might you ask are we so confident in our seals without having had a recent pressurized smoke test? Well, while camping near Hamilton Indiana, we received seven and a half inches of rain in a truly short period of time. (VP Page 9)



MEMBERSHIP

The riverbank of the Dolores River in Colorado became a sea of silver as nearly 50 Airstreams, including over 20 vintage trailers, attended the joint Arizona Airstream Club - 003 (AAC) and Vintage Airstream Club Rally.

(Dolores page 4).



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AAC IS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Welcome our 20 newest friends

NEW MEMBERS

- Larry and Debbie Johnson from Goodyear, Arizona
- Steve and Tracey Pritulsky from North Central Phoenix
- Rick and Cory Penick from Tucson, Arizona
- Skip Pravitt and Cindy Nemet from Surprise, Arizona
- Stanley and Cheryl Runnels from East Central Phoenix
- Roque and Traci Lanza from Tucson, Arizona
- Jessica Cousine from Chandler, Arizona
- Douglas and Karen Patton from North Central Phoenix
- Fielding Chelf from Spangle, Washington

Please introduce yourselves to our incredible new members!

If you are a new member, we hope to help you get involved in our club's rallies and events. We're not nosey, just wanting to meet you. OK, we are curious friendly people that want to get to know you better. We hope to see you at a rally soon.



Include us in your plans!

Helpful hint: If a rally fills, get on the wait list for a good chance of getting in. Many members register early to help AAC reimburse rally planners' federal, state and regional park charges incurred 6-12 months in advance.

July 2nd – 5th, Flagstaff 4th of July gathering. Call Woody Mountain Campground, (928) 774-7727, then register with Arizona Airstream Club.

August 12th – 15th, Williams Railside Ranch Rally. Call (928) 635-4077, get your site and optional AAC rail car pass, then register with Arizona Airstream Club.

September 9th – 11th – Sunset Crater. Join us for one of the most interesting rallies of 2021; Sunset Crater. Register on our AAC website.

October 14th – 17th - Camp Verde. Call Distant Drums Resort and identify as AAC for your substantial discount, (877) 577-5507, then register with Arizona Airstream Club. This is our business rally, you know, the one where you get to tell us where to go!



Dolores (from page 1)

The idyllic setting of the Dolores River Campground located on the San Juan Skyway, provided guests with full-service amenities beneath a forest canopy. Although the Annual Dolores River Festival was cancelled, Mesa Verde Country provided unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities, historical exploration, shopping, and craft breweries.

AAC member Trish Bigler organized the social festivities. She was assisted by co-hosts Cheryl Carmichael, Sherri Ewing, and Kandi Smith. The original rally plans called for a socially distanced event in accordance with local and CDC COVID-19 guidelines, however in the weeks leading up to the event restrictions were lifted and we were able to rally together as a group.

The event opened with a happy hour complete with potluck style appetizers. With so many new members and longtime members coming together we created our own version of a BINGO style scavenger hunt called RIVET. Pink flamingo inspired prizes were awarded, yet the true reward was making new connections. In the mornings, Airstreamers enjoyed a B.Y.O.M. (bring your own mug) coffee with bakery treats. AAC President Rick Carmichael became our barista, rising at dawn to brew coffee. It was also an opportunity for canine travel companions to receive extra pats and ear rubs.

A full day of presentations by Vintage Airstream Club members provided a wealth of information. Region 11 President Ken Johansen demonstrated techniques for the legendary Airstream polish with a Cyclo polisher. Additional Vintage Airstream Club presenters included Steve Bittner, Bob Doster and Rodney Sly. The day ended with a group dinner at Montezuma Mexican Restaurant's riverside patio. Saturday afternoon provided an Open House glimpse inside trailers. The vintage collection included Mary Doster's fabulous 1947 Wee Wind; VAC Member Steve Bittner presented a detailed slideshow of the process to completely rebuild this rare Wee Wind. Even a 2021 Caravel on its first trip became part of the tour when it pulled into camp.

The rally concluded with a luau themed dinner. With a splash of pink tablecloths, tropical leaves and pineapples, the recreation hall was transformed by VAC members Bob and Mary Doster. While the music played, beverages adorned with festive garnishes were hosted by AAC members Jerry and Candace Nelson. We skipped the poi, but dined on BBQ sliders, salads, fresh fruit, chips and an assortment of macadamia nut desserts. Collecting the most leis, John Lopez won the Hawaiian shirt contest. A huge thank you to the ladies that cleaned the hall after the festivities!

Looking forward to the first weekend in June 2022, the Dolores River Rally promises to be "The Best in the West". Be sure to reserve your space with Lainey at the Dolores River Campground as we expect another full rally.

Trish Bigler, Membership Committee









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NEW LEADERS

I wish to thank our nominating committee, Jerry Nelson, Bob Doster and Sam Brandes for their excellent work finding the following outstanding nominees for our new 2021 AAC board positions:

2022 President – Mike McBurney (#4017)

2022 Vice President – Sam Brandes (#18901)

2022 Secretary – Kristin Smith (#10877)

2022 Treasurer – Jerry Nelson (#8086)

2022 Trustee (Term expires 12/2024) – Ed Hash (#5977)

I sincerely appreciate the substantial contributions Bob Doster made as membership chair these past two years, even as he needed to balance membership chair responsibilities with Region 11 positions, multiple monthly Blue Beret articles, being a VAC officer and contributing to the VAC newsletter. His accomplishments and our increasing membership needs make it a great time for changing and growing our membership committee.

I wish to announce my new presidential membership committee appointments effective immediately:

2021 Membership Chair – Kathy Brandes (#18901)

2021 Membership Committee – Kimberley Hash (#05977)

2021 Membership Committee – Trish Bigler (#11830)

We look forward to Bob helping Kathy transition into her new role following International and her vacation. Please welcome our outstanding new membership committee volunteers!

We will publish brief nominee and committee member Bio's in our August newsletter.

Full members will vote on our board position candidates starting September 1st using secure ballots.

BTW: Special thanks to Tom Aufdenberg for drone photos.

Rick Carmichael, President

VP (from page 1)

Assuming when the inevitable flooding happens, if we don't wash down stream we will be heading out for International in Lebanon Tennessee. I just heard our VP nominee and new Membership committee chair will be attending, so look us all up. Also, the Vintage Airstream Club is hosting a \$5 per person dinner for members on July 20th at 4 PM. OK, I realize all AAC club members are not in VAC, but you can be! Even WBCCI members having newer rigs can join VAC as affiliates. Why not affiliate with VAC and join us at our special dinner. It will be \$5 well spent on a tasty meal, and with the money saved versus eating out elsewhere, you can pay for your VAC affiliate membership.



Registration for the VAC Dinner is needed in advance:

<https://vintageairstreamclub.com/vac-rally-dinner-registration>

Mike McBurney, Vice President





Until we meet again...



Rallies

Start Date	Location	Sites	Status	Hosts
Jul 2nd	Flagstaff (Woody Mountain Campground) Fire closure is over, parade and patriotic symphony are scheduled	10	Many Cancelled	"Just Camping"
Aug 12th	Williams (Railside RV Ranch)	16	registered 14	Heidi and Troy Vail Rick and Cheryl Carmichael
Sep 9th	Flagstaff (O'Leary, Sunset Crater National Monument) Register soon, need co-host/parking marshal to arrive a little early	16	registered 13	Joe and Anne Thomas NEED HOST
Oct 14th	Camp Verde (Distant Drums RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting Register now	28	registered 13	"Just Camping"
Nov 11th	Patagonia Lake State Park	26	waitlist 8	Mike McBurney NEED HOST
Dec 4th	Luncheon, Phoenix (University Club Restaurant, 11 AM) Register soon	70	not started	Rick Carmichael Mike McBurney Lisa Parr, Menu Planner
Dec 4th	Tour, Phoenix (Heard Museum) (2 PM)	40	not started	NEED HOST
Jan 12th	Yuma (Pilot Knob) tentative, requested co-rally with El Camino Real Wed - Wed, or however long you can stay, ECR-style schedule	32	not started	NEED HOST
Feb 17th	Cave Creek Regional Park Redo Wild at Heart Raptor Rescue, Harold's Coral This years' AZ Musicfest concert at nearby Highlands is Kenny G!	24	not started	NEED HOST
Mar 25th	Coachella Valley CA (Shadow Hills) Finish what we started; Spring Break for Grownups III	30	not started	Brian and Barb Vincent NEED HOST
Apr 21st	Tombstone (Wells Fargo RV)	25	not started	NEED HOST
Sep 16th	Pickin' in the Pines, Woody Mountain, Flagstaff	16	not started	"Just Camping"
Oct 13th	Ajo (Shadow Creek RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting	28	not started	Wayne and Kay Madewell Harley and Elaine Murray

Breaking News

AZ Music Festival tickets for Kenny G concert are on sale now. Unlike other artists in the concert series, we can't hold a block of discount group tickets for when we start Cave Creek Rally registration. If you want to attend the February 19th smooth jazz concert by the artist having the best selling instrumental album of all time at the intimate Highland's Church auditorium you need to buy tickets soon. Ticket prices start at \$49. <https://azmusicfest.org/events/kenny-g/>