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THE OREGON STREAMER



The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

News From Headquarters

HQ wants to make you aware of the following changes going into effect in the near future.

Membership Period - Anniversary Dates

Membership period is changing from a calendar year to an anniversary year. The anniversary year will be based on 12 months from the member's original join date. There is no change for current members. All current members will have the same anniversary date of January 1st. This means a current member's membership will run from January 1st to December 31st. The renewal process for members will start roughly 120 days before the expiration date. HQ (Headquarters) will send out notifications reminding members it is time to renew. Members **MUST** be logged into the member-only portal to renew online.

Starting July 1st, 2021, new members will be on a true anniversary schedule. If a member joins July 15th, 2021, their membership is active from July 15th, 2021, until July 14th, 2022. New members will be charged one year of International dues and one year of Local Club dues. The pro-rated dues system will end on June 30th, 2021. HQ will notify local clubs of new members as soon as they are processed as we currently do.

Affiliates

HQ will also be able to collect Affiliate dues for clubs. If your club would like assistance collecting Affiliate dues for your club, the current **President or 1st Vice President** needs to email membership@airstreamclub.org and tell us "Yes, we want HQ to assist with our Affiliates". In this email, include what the Affiliate dues are for your club. **Email HQ by August 1st, 2021.**

CPCs

New Airstream owner information, also known as CPCs, will no longer be shared with officers and membership chairs. The distribution of buyer's personal information is ending due to violations of privacy laws.

Founder's Award

Founder's Award program is ending as of July 1st. Founders recipients are listed on page 1 of the printed Membership Directory. The leadership team is working on developing a new program for member recruitment, retention, and acknowledgment.

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Email Blast

An email blast will be going out to the general membership encouraging everyone to get logged into the Members-Only portion of the website. This will allow members to have access to member-only benefits and services.

Future Voting

Last year the International Board of Trustees voted to allow each member of the International Club to have a voice in the election of International Officers and amendments to its Constitution. This year, because of COVID-19, the Board decided to continue the delegate process. In the future, to vote electronically each member must have a valid email address on file with Headquarters. If you don't have an email address, it is simple to create a Gmail account with Google or with your Internet provider. Each member needs to have an individual email on file even if you share an email address with your partner.

HQ would appreciate it if you share this information with your members. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact HQ at [937-596-5211](tel:937-596-5211) or email info@airstreamclub.org. Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you down the road!

Focus on Volunteer Board Of Directors



Story by Kathy Geese

Oregon Airstream Club Board has welcomed the Stewarts who will be job sharing the position of Board Director. Many of you who have rallied with them will recognize Bryan as the OAC resident bagpiper and Michelle as mom to a six-month-old black lab, Dory. They have been married for 16 years and are parents to three daughters aged 25 to 31 and grandparents to four. Bryan and Michelle are empty nesters as two of their daughters reside in Maryland and NC and their youngest is currently a Fulbright scholar in South Korea. Bryan and Michelle each

served 30 years in the Army and met in Norfolk where they were both sent for training from Puerto Rico and Alaska, respectively. They moved to Battle Ground, WA, three years ago and joined the OAC after arriving.

Where did you grow up?

Bryan's parents were missionaries and his family lived in both Israel and the US. Bryan's military service took him to Belgium and Korea among other assignments. Michelle considers herself native to Michigan, but has served all over the US and abroad. She attended college in NY.

How many travel trailers have you owned and how many were Airstreams?

Purchased a 2016 30' Classic which is Bryan's first trailer; Michelle's third. Bought new so have owned five years. Michelle would like to add a Basecamp or Bambi to the family for short getaways.

Why did you become Board Directors?

Terri Warren asked and as Bryan says, she is hard to refuse! Bryan and Michelle believe in the OAC and feel it is a good organization to volunteer for as well as a way to pay back as members of the OAC.

What is the one thing you added to your trailer you love the most?

The replacement cast iron grates on the stove.

What is the one thing you would change on your current trailer?

No serious issues yet but based on others' experience with failures closing, hold their breathe when they use the electric awning.

How many rallies and caravans do you plan on attending in 2021?

Bryan and Michelle are looking forward to hosting the Pendleton Roundup this year and in total, will attend 8 rallies. Counting OAC rallies and camping by themselves and with other friends, they plan to spend 6-7 weeks in the Airstream in 2021.

What is your favorite campground?

Kalaloch on the Olympic Peninsula

What was your all-time favorite camping trip?

The two-month cross-country trip moving from the East Coast to the PNW

Are you more of a boondocker or a glamper?

50-50 but consider themselves more glampers with the comforts of the Airstream. They are comfortable boondocking for five days.

What advice would you give to a newbie to Airstreaming?

Watch You-Tube videos for tips on safe towing, winterizing, etc. Read the Airstream Forums and talk

to other Airstreamers at rallies. They enjoy the videos from the Airstream couple that produces the Long-Long-Honeymoon for You-Tube.

Do you have any safety tips for traveling?

No surprise - Michelle and Bryan take the military approach to travel. Follow a consistent checklist,

stay organized, always be learning, do the walk around and light check every time, switch drivers every

Two hours, and limit driving to 4-6 hours a day. Share setup and breakdown so both know what needs

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Thanks, Bryan and Michelle for your volunteering both as rally hosts and as OAC Board Directors!

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE



We didn't have a newsletter in June, but I want to be sure to say Happy Pride Month!

One of the things I love about The Oregon Unit is how diverse and inclusive we are.

This pic is the sticker on our back window.

It's been a busy time getting out in the great Pacific NW and more travel and fun continues throughout summer. Mike and I have had the pleasure of meeting fun and interesting folks at each rally we attend. Lots of smiles and laughter shared.

It's wonderful that we have added several Airstreamers these past 2 months, the list is long, so please join me in welcoming the following people to our community.

Oregon

Reid & Pam Amborn

Marshall & Lynne Price

Richard & Paula LaMont

Carl Channing & Diane Faist

Mark & Krista Peterson

Greg Windell

Randy Mannen & Darryl Saunders

Jim & Sue Demarco

Mike & Nancy Ferguson

Gino & Anna Streano,

Northern California

John & Elain White

Washington

Gary Varrella & Linda Muir

Pete & Kathy Small



**Membership Chair Mel
Simrell**

RallyRoundup News

Ana Reservoir Rally: Story by Susan Taylor

17 Trailers were in attendance and the group had fun hiking, biking and exploring the area. Half the group went to dinner at the Cowboy Dinner Tree which is quite the experience. Enjoy the photos!



Oregon 4 Corners Caravan: Story by Norma Massier & Bruce Sorte



Bruce and Joanne Sorte led 16 Airstreams into Southeast Oregon in mid May for the third leg of the 4 Corners Caravan. This was our most rigorous caravan of the three so far with cold, snow, sleet, rain sand dunes trying to cross the road and a bit of sun once in a while. We began our journey at Ana Reservoir, just north of Summer Lake arriving on a day when the Ana Reservoir rally led by Brad & Susan Taylor were leaving. There were many interesting places to go and things to learn as we passed through the area. Owners of the campground at Summer Lake (also Airstream owners) spoke about the area, and arranged for the Chairman of the High Desert Rangeland Fire Protection Assoc.

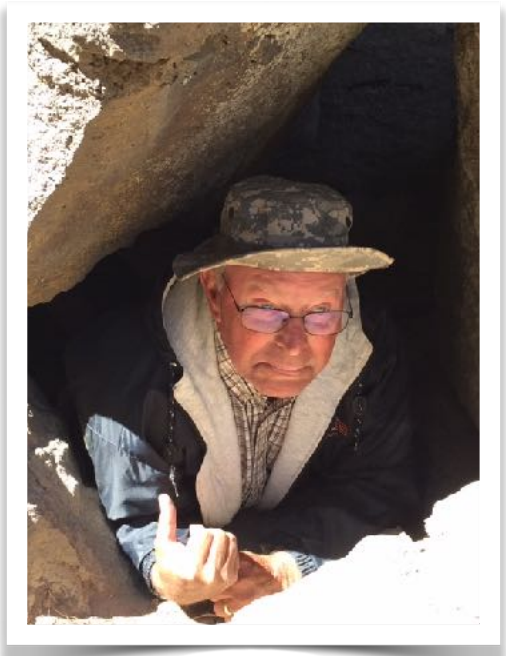
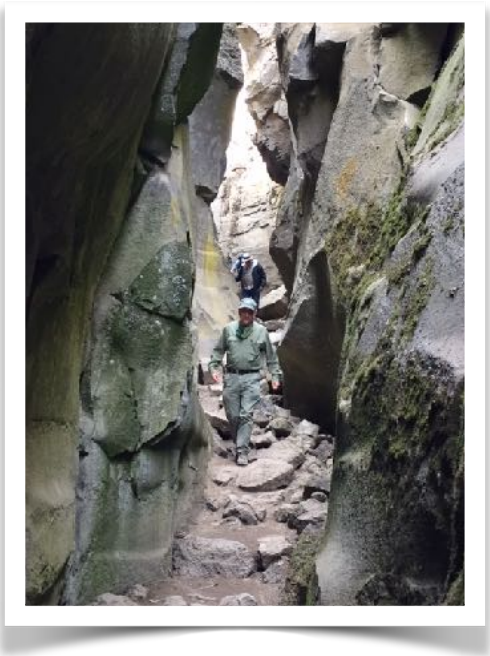
to talk with us about the challenges of wildfires in the area. Caravan attendees raised funds from the sale of fabric bowls (crafted by the amazing fiber artist, Heather Cook) , donated in excess of \$700 to the Fire Protection Assoc. Visits to nearby petroglyphs, Fort Rock, Cowboy Dinner Tree restaurant, Crack In The Ground and more kept caravanners busy. Still in the midst of COVID concerns, social distancing and small gatherings were the norm.

We packed up for our next destination, Malheur Station, where many got to practice their boondocking skills. Our camp was at a facility that is managed by a nonprofit organization focused on environmental and w old life issues. It began as a Job Corps site. The wind did blow here. A nest of baby owls provided entertainment for some. Others took the opportunity to visit nearby Peter French barn where another Great Horned owl was raising a family in the barn. There was also a lovely small bookstore, good food and the station manager gave a talk about efforts to rehabilitate and rebuild the area for groups such as ours. It is often used for education field trips for middle and high school students. We made another donation here t o the nonprofit's work.

The third and final leg of our journey led us further south to Lakeview and the Junipers RV campground. We enjoyed a talk by a local forest service worker and Director of the Lakeview Main Street program at the historic Alger Theater. Local museums were visited by several caravaners and a few hardy souls guided by Dan Pinson ventured out to find the Glass House on Hart Mountain. Caravanners searched their belongings to find items for a charity auction to support Alger Theater restoration project. Auctioneers Wendy Ware (her idea), Lon Brusselback, and Jim Ableman proved to be exceptional sales people as more than \$800 was raised. Once again we enjoyed some very interesting country and learned a good deal about what it is like to live in rural Oregon.

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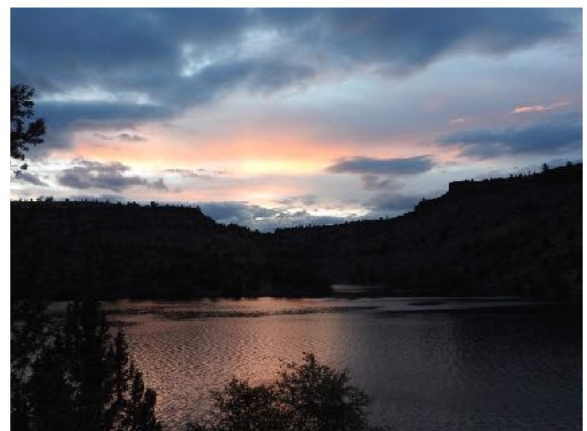


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Pelton Park Rally: Story by Donna Thorson

Dear Diary, after a year plus of quarantining and one no-host rally (Bullards Beach State Park in April) under our belts, we confidently set out on our second rally! The May 18-21 Pelton Rally was held in Madras, OR. We did more research on the area this time so we set off with fly fishing gear and warm clothes. Our fantabulous hosts, Terri and Hal, had emailed us an agenda and a list of site assignments. And we learned about GAMs (Get Acquainted Meetings). I was late for the very first one and my fellow Gammers were forgiving. Hal and Terri once again spoiled us. We were fed and treated to a fire. Did you know smoke follows beauty? (Cough, cough). Gary caught fish and was a very happy camper. What did I take away from this rally?

We have some incredibly friendly and fun members. We can camp without the kitchen sink (hooray for checklists), we can meet new people and find many things in common and even learn new tricks. Feeling grateful for stumbling on to WBCCI and joining!



Sisters Rally: Story by Rhonda Levine

May 20-23, 2021, we attended the Sisters rally at the Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort west of Sisters, Oregon. 19 trailers were present. The weather was a truly a mixed bag of sun, rain, hail and winds with cool temps. That did not stop most of us from having a great time. On Thursday and Friday evenings we gathered in smallish groups of 8-10 people. This way we could all get to know one another a bit better and even meet new folks. On Saturday several of us played mini golf and then joined others on the patio for a Bloody Mary bar and appetizers. We had fire pits and table umbrellas to help keep us warm and somewhat dry.

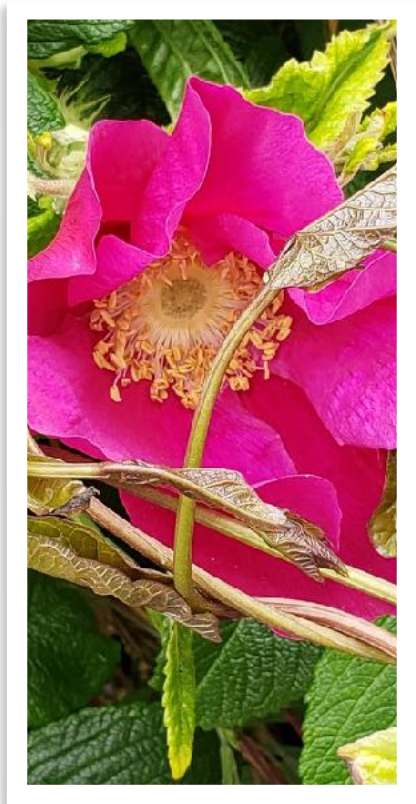
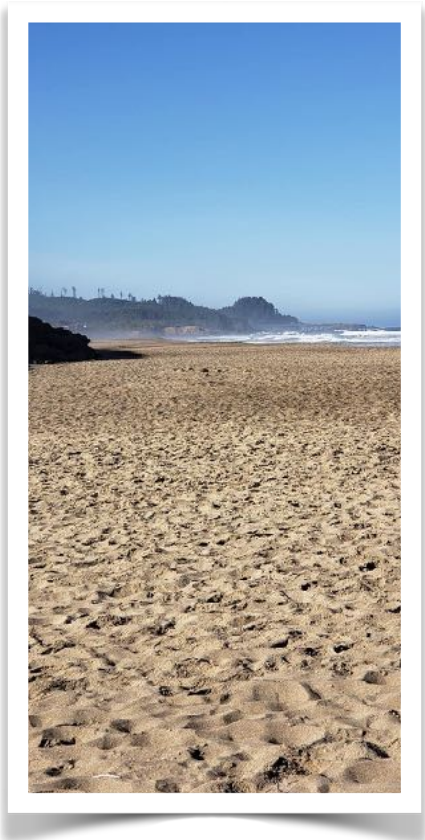
There is a lot to do in the area including exploring the town of Sisters and nearby areas like Bend, Redmond, Tumalo and Sunriver. Some of us checked out the awesome and ever-changing High Desert Museum. There are loads of great restaurants...you can hike, bike, play golf, visit wineries and kayak. It's a sportsperson's paradise. The scenery is breathtaking. During the summer it's packed with people.

Hopefully we will continue to have this rally in coming years. The campground is about as nice as it gets with every amenity available. The grounds are very well kept and there is a small lake in the middle with an amazing collection of birds in residence. You can walk or bike. It's quiet and pleasant. We hope to be back here again. Please join us!



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Sea & Sand Rally: Reported by Kate Kelly



Millsite Rally...Story by Linda Able

The Millsite Rally took place on June 3-6th in the very quaint community of Myrtle Creek. This southwestern Oregon, multi-generational town is in Douglas County and historically known as a timber town. With a population of 4,000 it is quietly nestled among wineries, farms and the foothills of the Umpqua National Forest.

With 12 Airstreams in attendance and only 13 sites at this park, rally attendees had spacious sites in a parklike setting. The location provided easy access to the nearby creek, covered bridges, walking paths, Millsite Park, the Good Dog Bakery, museum's and a variety of small locally owned shops, wineries and restaurants.

Feedback after the rally indicated this is a "do again" spot for another time. A perfect place to circle the wagons, to reach out and talk to someone new, to escape and share stories over a simple meal. A time to explore a part of Oregon you may not have discovered on your own. After all, isn't that why we all rally?



Cape Lookout to Silver Falls Rally: Story by Kathy Geese



As the host to two back to back, non-hosted rallies, I made every effort to live up to my job description by putting out the firepit at our site every evening at 5:00 and inviting everyone to bring a chair and beverage. Everyone shared notes on their fun day – or not.so.fun. day. More on that later. Weather was great at Cape Lookout and for those of you that haven't been to this state park campground, miles of beautiful beach just over the dunes. Only 38 FHU sites so thanks again to Terri Warren for snagging ten of them for us. Florence Tramoni, fellow reporter, got a dry site to join us for a couple of nights. The Tillamook Cheese Factory received lots of extra business at their ice cream counter from us and notes were compared on favorite flavors. Several members went to the brewery at Pacific City while many of us explored the Three Capes and the Cape Meares lighthouse. We welcomed a newbie family on their very first time towing in a new 27' Airstream with mom driving, grandma navigating, nephew back seat driving,

and three young daughters asking "are we there yet?". Everyone went out of their way to help them feel welcome and when their truck died and had to be towed to Wilsonville, we all assured them breakdowns are part of the adventure. Everyone got home safely and mom is out camping again in the trailer with the two oldest children, 12 and 14. That's the definition of resilient! Fun to have children around and they loved all of the dogs that travel with our members. Hope more members bring their children and grandchildren to rallies this year.

Next stop was the Silver Falls Rally outside of Silverton and drip, drip, drip. About half the members from the Cape Lookout Rally headed over to Silver Falls State Park. Water and electric only but a free dump station down at the group camp 3 miles north. All the rain made for great sleeping at night and the falls were incredible but my dehumidifier could not keep up. This is a huge park with lots of hiking and biking trails and when the weather is more dependable, we will definitely go back to explore. Saturday, many of us took a break in the weather and explored the charming town of Silverton and their Saturday Market – fresh strawberries with other beautiful produce, plants, cheese, etc. – and the Oregon Outdoor Craft Market which was a short walk away. A number of us finished walking off the ice cream calories from the previous rally by wandering through the Oregon Garden that afternoon before the rains started again. Beautiful sculptures, water features, and a profusion of plants in bloom over 80 acres. Once again, Oregon State Parks did not disappoint and so thankful for the foresight of the park system founders.

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Kayak Rally..Story by Stacey Rovinelli

We had 14 trailers attend the kayak rally. Amy, Stacey, and Hank served a Belgian waffle breakfast with all the fixings each day. We visited a goat farm - Skamakowa Creamery.

We fed the baby goats and ate some great flavored goat cheese with caramel. We went kayaking daily and watched the cargo ships on the river. We also had a swap/sale Friday night. We look forward to returning next year during the same time.



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The Friends Rally in Montesano WA..Story by Susannah Lints

This rally was a roaring success. We had an eclectic group of 15 trailers including a 34 ft, a 30 ft -75th year edition with a slide, an Interstate/Westfalia, and many other interesting trailers. Three happy hour gatherings were filled with get to know you tales, stories of favorite upgrades, what people had done for the day and just plain good conversation.

The days were filled with Kayaking , hiking, wine tasting, shopping, dining, and just plain relaxing. We all feel that this is a gem of a spot and everyone who attended has become a "Friend". Planning another rally here next year.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER TEAM

We would like to thank all of you have contributed to our wonderful Oregon newsletter. It's because of **YOU** that we have been able to inform and connect all of our members.

Now we'd like to encourage the rest of you to send us your:

Stories

Adventures

Photos

Poems

Journal entries

Memories

Important events, etc...so we can share them with the group. We cannot attend every rally or camp with you at your favorite spot, therefore, we rely on you, our readership to contribute with what matters to you. Our newsletter depends on it!

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