

# California 'Streaming

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From the President

## Spam Note

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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, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos.

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## COMING IN OCTOBER: FLYING FLAGS

One of the club favorite spots, Flying Flags is in Buellton and on the doorstep of loads of wineries. This is a lovely facility with pools, splash pad for kids, live music, a wine bar, shady trees and vintage trailers to rent.

Photo credit: Sandy Brown

## President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Hi everyone,

Hope your summer is going great. My next article will include everything "International" as we will be attending the International rally in Lebanon, Tennessee, amid the heat and humidity. We are looking forward to our trip back home, which will be leisurely.

We have been very busy as a Club keeping up with all the changes coming down from our mother-ship. Our website will no longer be ".net," as this old website is gone. The new website, is [airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california](http://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california). Our webmaster, John Terhorst, has been doing a phenomenal job of making sure everything is transitioned over from the old web site to the new one, and doing everything that I ask of him. He has been great! Starting with new members joining on or after July 1, WBCCI will also be billing new members on an anniversary-date-basis. So, if you join on July 6, 2021, your renewal will be July 6, 2022. All the rest of us will still be on a calendar-year basis. Along with the change to a new web site, we also have had to change our rally registration form. This has been finished, and it should be operational by the first of next month.

Don't forget to plan to attend the President's BBQ, which is now scheduled for August 15. Invitations and registration forms will be sent out in early July. And even though it seems like it is WAY too early to do so, you will also get an invitation and registration for the October Flying Flags rally in early July. Flying Flags wants our final count by the end of July, so don't be shocked to get that invitation and final deadline very early.

Enjoy your summer, stay healthy and safe, have safe travels, and don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

All the best,  
Diane Sommerville  
2021 President



### IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER JOB OPENING FOR SOUTH COAST CALIFORNIA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Our beloved Webmaster, John Terhorst, will be stepping down from his post. Therefore, we have an immediate opening for a new Webmaster. John will be available to assist whenever there is an issue or if someone needs coaching. We also have other resources within WBCCI that would assist as well.

Please respond to [019President@wbcci.net](mailto:019President@wbcci.net) if you have the qualifications to take this position and if you are willing to do so. The pay isn't so great, as you can imagine. We are also interested in having an Assistant Webmaster as a back-up, so please don't be shy. We need your assistance.

## July Birthdays

Janice Maslyk	7/1
Debra Nixon	7/10
Richard Frauenzimmer	7/28
Linda Winterberg	7/24
Kay Guiney	7/25
Bri Latif	7/28

## July Anniversaries

Dan and Kay Guiney	7/1
Bill and Beth Kerfoot	7/8
Thomas Lee and Philip Sobotka	7/14

## 2021 Officers

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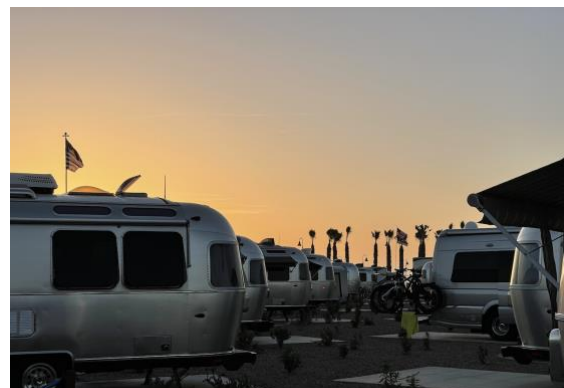
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## 2021 South Coast Airstream Club Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS/CO-HOSTS
July 17 - 24	WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN	N/A
August 15	President's BBQ	Mark and Connie Miller's home in Santa Ana
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	Chili Cook Off
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

## 2022 DRAFT SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

January 7-9	Pala Casino RV Resort
February 4-6	Golden Village Palms RV Resort (Hemet)
March 4-6	Emerald Desert RV Resort
April 1-3	Wine Country RV Resort (Paso Robles)
May 6-8	Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina
June 3-5	Costa Vista RV Resort (Chula Vista)
July	No Rally
August TBD	President's BBQ
September TBD	Harbor Terrace (Avila Beach)
October TBD	Vail Lake / Temecula KOA
November TBD	The Springs at Borrego
December TBD	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, San Clemente

## 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
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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
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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://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

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 Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

# Region 12 Rally Update

By Diane Sommerville



The WBCCI Region 12 Rally this year will be held at the brand new Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles, California from October 6-10. Registration details are at [airstreamclub.org/2021-region-12-rally](https://airstreamclub.org/2021-region-12-rally). The rally may be sold out, but you can be put on a waiting list by emailing the event contact at [laverne.mchenry@wbcci.net](mailto:laverne.mchenry@wbcci.net). The area is home to 250 plus wineries, is close to Hearst Castle (requires reservations) and the Elephant Seal Rookery. There are also breweries and golf courses in the area. The Region 12 rally, which includes Airstream owners in California and Nevada, usually includes seminars, vendors, entertainment. and lots of great socializing. If you have never attended one, you would be delightfully surprised.

The South Coast Airstream Club will be holding its Flying Flags rally in Buellton the weekend before the Region 12 rally. Buellton is only 75 miles from Paos Robles, so if you plan to attend both, you could make a trip of it and stay mid-week somewhere else along the way. For example, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay or San Luis Obispo. There is loads to see and do in the area.



# June Rally Recap: Vail Lake

By Diane Sommerville, Mike Biagi and  
Rudy Calderon



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> rally of the year was held at Vail Lake/KOA RV Resort just east of Temecula. It was well-attended with 18 Airstreams. We welcomed back Bob and Cathy Adams and Gene and Connie Brunn (both of whom we hadn't seen throughout the pandemic). We also welcomed Frederick Buhler and Dale Thompson. While not new members, this was their first rally with us. We also had a last minute cancellation, which was gladly filled by a member from the Greater LA Club, John Baird.

On Saturday late afternoon, we held a "blind" wine tasting. While it was anticipated that we might have about 15 people attending with 8 bottles of wine, it was more like 25 people attending with 18 bottles of wine! Each bottle was wrapped in a brown paper bag, and the tastings were just little tiny pours just to get the flavor. Bread sticks were provided to cleanse the palate between pours, and Mark Miller assisted me with the pouring and tallying up the score cards. We started with the whites (6 bottles), and Gene and Connie Brunn along with Frederick Buhler and Dale Thompson shared the bragging rights for best taste. The reds came next. This is when I started to fade, my watch telling me that I had walked 7,500 steps that day! The winners of the reds were Mike and Marla Biagi, Cesar and Lorraine Prietto (guests of the Calderon's), and yours truly. We will continue to have at least one group fun event at each rally for the rest of the year. If you have any suggestions, please pass them along. A good time was had by all . . .



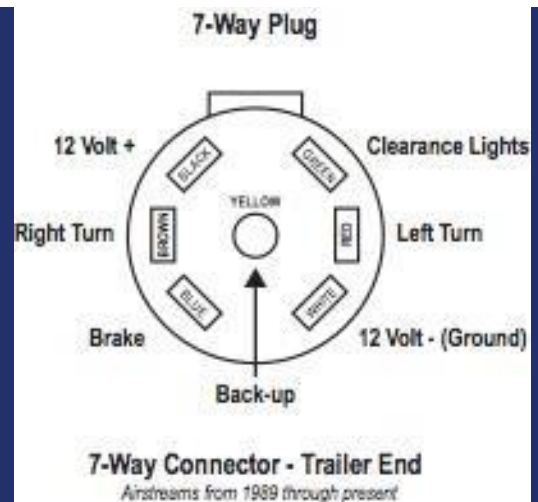






# What You Need to Know About Trailer Plugs

By Rich Luhr, from Airstream Life and reprinted with permission



Is that fat black cable that connects your Airstream to your tow vehicle a mystery to you?

While it might seem like a simple plug, it's actually one of the most important things on your Airstream—because without it functioning properly, you aren't going anywhere!

It's known by a few names:

- the trailer plug
- 7-way connector
- umbilical cable

You want to keep this plug happy—which means clean, dry, and free of corrosion—so that it doesn't act up and put an end to your travels.

This plug does several important things:

1. It connects the trailer's turn signals, brake lights, and running lights to the tow vehicle. When the truck signals, stops, or has lights on, so will the trailer.
2. It activates the brakes on the trailer. This is probably the most important thing. Without a good connection at the plug, your trailer might not have reliable brakes. Without the brakes functioning properly, the trailer is likely to push the tow vehicle out of control during a stop or turn.
3. It activates the backup camera. The factory-installed backup camera is powered only when the license plate light is on, and the license plate light only goes on when you turn on the lights in your truck.
4. It provides a small amount of power to keep the trailer's batteries charged during towing.



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# Trailer Plugs (Continued)

## Why is it called a "7-way" plug?

Since 1989 all Airstreams have used the same wiring arrangement. (Older trailers may have had different wiring, but usually they have been rewired to fit modern tow vehicles.)

Each location in the 7-way plug is dedicated to a specific signal. Two of them—the 12 volt positive and 12 volt negative—supply power to keep the battery charged while towing to prevent depleting the battery while using the electric brakes.

The other pins carry signals to activate the clearance lights, turn signals, brake lights, and even backup lights (but most Airstream trailers don't have those).

## Keeping the plug clean is important

Over time, corrosion will happen on the seven brass connectors inside the plug. You should strive to keep the brass looking shiny yellow (not dark brown or black) so that electrical signals aren't impeded. It's difficult to clean those connectors without the right tools, so we offer a [kit in the Airstream Life Store](#) that makes it easy. You can also use the same kit to clean the connectors in the truck's 7-way outlet, if they need a little help. Plan to do this simple cleaning job at least once a year as preventative maintenance. With the right tools it takes just a few minutes.

## Is your cable the right length?

Take a look at the 7-way cable the next time your Airstream is hitched up. Does it drag on or very near the ground? It will wear away quickly if it touches the ground during ordinary towing.

If the cord droops to touch the ground briefly in a sharp turn, that's okay. But if it's touching the ground all the time, you can wrap excess cord around the hitch post or re-route the cord in another way to take up some of the slack.

Ensure that the cable has enough slack so that the tow vehicle can make very sharp right and left turns in a parking lot without pulling the cable taut. If your cable is too short, you can buy an extension cable or (better) have the entire cable replaced. On vintage Airstreams, old stiff cables are common, so replacement is a good idea anyway.

## When hitching up...

...double-check that the plug is inserted fully each time. Often it feels like it is in all the way when it really isn't.

To be sure, kneel down and look at the connection from the side. There are little tabs on the plug and the lid of the receptacle on the tow vehicle, which lock the plug into place.

If the plug isn't inserted fully, you'll be able to see it from the side much more easily than from the rear, and this will ensure it doesn't come loose while towing and leave you without brakes.

## Between trips, protect the plug

Be sure to position the plug between trips so that the head of plug is hanging downward. That will help keep rainwater from settling in the plug. At various RV stores and on Amazon you can find a generic "7-way plug holder" that mounts to the A-frame, which gives you a place to lock the plug and keep it out of the weather when it's not in use.

## Welcome New Members

By: Connie Miller, Membership Chair



Please welcome the new members who were not previously recognized in the newsletter. We hope they will join us at a rally soon.

Jay & Elizabeth Huckabone of La Mirada

2021 22' Caravel

Miles & Molly Ward of Palm Springs

2021 25' Flying Cloud



Image credit: Andi Matsumoto

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Recipe: Cherry Pie

By Andi Matsumoto



With Independence Day coming up soon, I could think of nothing more traditional than pie. Even though the colonists originally brought meat pies to the US from England, Americans made them their own by substituting summer fruits. Sour cherries make the best pie but Bing are fine and more readily available. You can save time by using a cherry pitter to remove the pits.

### What you need:

Your favorite pie crust (I just buy the frozen ones)  
5 cups of pitted cherries  
1 1/2 cups of sugar (for sour cherries) or 3/4 cups for Bing  
2 tablespoons of cornstarch

2 tablespoons of water  
1 tablespoon of lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon of almond extract  
2 tablespoons of unsalted butter

### What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F and position rack in lower 1/3 of the oven.
2. Combine the ingredients and let them stand for 15 minutes.
3. Pour the mix into the pie crust and put small pieces of butter on top.
4. Brush the outer edge of the bottom pie crust with water then cover with top lattice crust.
5. Seal, trim and crimp the pie edges.
6. Bake the pie for 30 minutes. Put a baking sheet underneath it, drop the oven temperature to 325 degrees and bake for another 25 to 30 minutes until the juices bubble through the holes.
7. Let it cool completely on a rack before serving.

“Hitching, towing, backing, parking, leveling - these are the essential skills that can make your trailer life a leisurely pleasure or a chore.” Wally Byam, Trailer Travel Here and Abroad