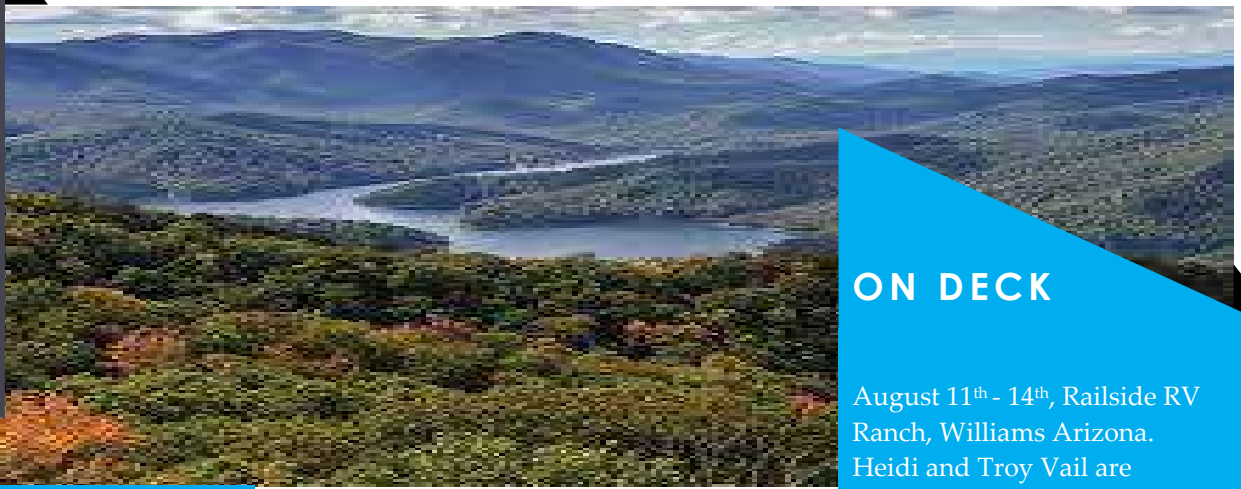




Roundup

August 2021



## ON DECK

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, Railside RV Ranch, Williams Arizona. Heidi and Troy Vail are hosting an extravaganza; special meals, sponsored events, a Grand Canyon train ride, a happy hour with hors d'oeuvres, and campfires where you are encouraged to tell your best yarns and half-truths. Airstream Inc., We Are Airstream of Chandler, Heidi's Events and Catering and Pine Country Restaurant are helping sponsor us for this unique rally.

## PRESIDENT

It's my pleasure and privilege to formally introduce our newest leaders and board candidates via their brief biographies. These creative and amazing folks are truly special. Our club's future is bright. (New Leaders Page 5)



## VICE PRESIDENT

We traveled to International in Lebanon Tennessee to represent Arizona Airstream Club and cast all of our 227 delegate votes (per our conscience on behalf of AAC). All International officer nominees were elected. We also voted for proposed bylaw changes communicated previously. All resolutions passed. (International Page 4)



## MEMBERSHIP

We arrived on Friday for our Patriotic Fourth of July Rally and met Tammy Bose, our new member from Tucson. Later in the evening she joined us for a glass of wine. Many cautious campers cancelled their attendance at the rally (and missed out) due to Rafael fire nearby. (Fourth of July page 4).



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# AAC IS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

## Welcome our newest friends

### NEW MEMBERS

- Jessica Cousine from Chandler, Arizona
- Douglas and Karen Patton from Phoenix, Arizona
- David Fromm and Kerry Clark from Chandler, Arizona
- Jay Chimata from Phoenix, Arizona
- Matt and Linda Reed from Gilbert, Arizona
- Roque and Traci Lanza from Tucson, Arizona
- Gene and Karen Fritz from Yuma, Arizona
- Andrew Hacker and Lauren Leichter from Phoenix, Arizona

**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.

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

**September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunset Crater.** Join us for one of the most interesting rallies of 2021; Sunset Crater. Register on our AAC website. Three sites are available. (We rented all three pavilions and loops).

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> - 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! This rally is always fun, and we have plenty of sites!

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Patagonia State Park.** Get on the waitlist. More info is available from Hosts Mike and Gail McBurney and co-hosts Heidi and Troy Vail. This rally has a wait list.



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July (from page 1)

There were no marching bands in Saturday's parade, but there were fire engines, Star Wars characters, and car clubs galore. Axe throwers, threw their axes as their float cruised along the route! Later, during a tour of the Riordan Mansion, we saw Paul Bunyan's boots!

After sharing beers with Meredith, a fellow Airstreamer and 4CU member summering at Woody Mountain Campground we were introduced to geocaching. It's amazing what people hide, track and seek in the forest and mountains. I can see how people get "hooked" on this hobby.

The Flagstaff Symphony "A Flag Fourth" concert was held at Ft Tuthill Park, featuring Sousa marches, an Olympics Fanfare by John Williams, and more. We wish our entire club could have joined us to celebrate the Patriotic Fourth of July.



**A Flag Fourth Program**

- National anthem
- Fanfare for 1984 Olympics -John Williams
- El Capitan - John Phillip Sousa
- America the Beautiful
- US Military Anthems
- March from The Great Escape -Elmer Bernstein
- Washington Post March -JPS
- Building the Barn from The Witness -Maurice Jarre
- 76 Trombones -LeRoy Anderson
- Appalachian Spring excerpt (Ballet for Martha-Variations on a Shaker Melody)-Aaron Copeland
- Stars and Stripes Forever -JPS

**Kristin and Steve Smith**

# International (from page 1)

Gail and I enjoyed a busy week of events with Sam and Kathy Brandes, Steve and Lisa Parr, Tom and Deb MacWilliams, Soon and Jeff Bauman, Emma Kieninger, Ed Klein and Jane Carmichael. It's amazing the amount of useful and interesting information that can be disbursed during a fun and hectic week.

As always, a sea of Airstreams is awe inspiring. We might have gained a few pounds between the Region 11 Luncheon, the Ice Cream Presentation, the VAC Welcome Dinner and sampling Gina Egger's recipes from the Blue Beret. The Gnocchis were yummy and we will be having those on future camping trips.

**Mike McBurney Vice President (and Kathy Brandes)**

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1961



## NEW LEADERS (from page 1)

**Mike McBurney, Candidate for President:** Gail and I have been married for 27 years and have lived in Arizona for 29 years. We moved here from Chicago and haven't looked back. I retired from the Navy in 1991 after 22 years and finally permanently retired from Customs in 2015. Gail and I have owned our 1990 29 foot Excella for 21 years. We have been in the AAC since 2016 and have attended many rallies over those years.

**Kristin Smith, Candidate for Secretary:** Kristin Smith and her husband Steve attended their first rally at Catalina State Park in March of 2019, in their 2006 Safari SE FB newly "imported" from Wisconsin in January. This was not their first RV rodeo, having owned a variety of SOBs over the years – most notably a 1974 baby blue GMC 26' I motor home, which seemed almost perfect in every way, except for its habit of blowing at least one tire on every trip. Purchasing the Airstream was phase 1 of their retirement plan. Phase 2

was selling their company, Die Cleaning Equipment and Supply (you can google it if you want to know more), which just recently happened after working at it for nearly two years! Phase 3 is working with the buyers until they are ready to fully take over. Then they hope to begin a countrywide adventure exploring the many treasures of the USA. In the meantime, they'll be doing the same in Arizona, at rallies and otherwheres. Kristin and Steve are the proud parents of two grown and accomplished daughters. Before serving in her office management role at DCES, Kristin has worked as a publications specialist for her church congregation, and she once owned a custom dressmaking business, fittingly named NeedleSmith Designs. Kristin served as 2021 Secretary as well.

**Jerry Nelson, Candidate for Treasurer:** Jerry has been instrumental in modernization of our club as treasurer, web master and computer expert. Having served AAC for four years, he opted to refer folks to his prior bio.

**Sam Brandes, Candidate for Vice President:** Sam started his love of camping in an RV at an early age on family vacations. His father didn't fully grasp the importance of a good tow vehicle, and many of those vacations were "highlighted" with time spent broken down alongside the highway. His mother would pride herself on being able to go on a week-long vacation in the RV with \$100 and come home with money left over. A lot has changed since then. Once Sam retired from a career in the pharmaceutical industry, he and his wife, Kathy, splurged on an Airstream Classic and spent the next seven months traveling full-time across the country. As former docents at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library, their goal was to visit as many presidential libraries as possible during their journey. They made it to 23 so far! When Sam and Kathy purchased their Airstream in Los Angeles, they joined the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. This introduced them to the fun and camaraderie of the Airstream community. After moving to Arizona in 2019, they transferred their membership to the Arizona Airstream Club and the fun never stopped. He has enjoyed the rallies and the people in the club. There is a true sense of acceptance, caring, adventure, and fun in this club that Sam hopes to honor and expand. When not traveling, Sam loves being a grandfather to his five granddaughters. He is also active in the Masonic fraternity, the American Legion, and loves kayaking, hiking, and backroad adventures in his Jeep.

**Ed Hash, Candidate for Class of 2024 Trustee:** Ed was born and raised in Phoenix. He is a corporate pilot. We became interested in Airstreams after watching years of YouTube videos. We own a Safari 28 slide out. We have a 19 year old daughter who is attending NAU. We own an airplane which was purchased by Ed's dad and aunt new in 1959. When Ed & Kimberley met Ed had a pet rose-haired tarantula named Harry which he got in San Diego. Kimberley was also rose-haired, from San Diego, and her maiden name was Harry.

**Kathy Brandes, Membership Chair:** After 30 years of teaching middle and high school mathematics, Kathy was ready for a travel adventure. She loved seeing the Airstreams on the road, and she decided that she would only consider an Airstream for her adventure. So, after her retirement in 2019, she and her husband, Sam, set out on a cross-country trip in their new Airstream Classic. The plan was to go full-time as long as possible. But, a new grand baby in Mesa, AZ cut the journey to seven months. In January 2020, they moved to Arizona and, soon after, joined the Arizona Airstream Club. Kathy loved meeting people in the club and enjoyed the happy hours. She can often be seen taking pictures of couples to be used in the newsletters as a way for people to get to know each other. She loves meeting new members and getting them involved in club activities. When not traveling, Kathy loves being with her granddaughters as much as possible. She is an avid reader, a member of three local book clubs, and can always be seen with her iPhone in her hand reading free downloads from a number of public libraries.

**Kimberley Hash, Membership:** Kimberley is an Executive producer who produces videos spanning all of kinds of important topics for young parents, empowering them to be better parents. The videos are streamed from the BrightCourse.com website. She has produced over 200 videos in the last five years. Kimberley LOVES camping, especially in their Airstream. She also love walking in the rain, drinking tequila (responsibly), and hiking. Oh, and reading. She likes that too. In her free time, she dreams of retirement, going on long camping trips, exploring new places, and sleeping in. She looks forward to meeting lots of new Airstreams in the years to come.

**Trish Bigler, Membership:** North Central Phoenix is her home base with “Silverstone Ranch”, a 2020 International Serenity 25RB as a second home. Last year, she and her husband Don embraced Airstreaming as a way to continue traveling. With a background in marketing and design, Trish is looking forward to joining the AAC Membership Committee.

**AAC members will vote electronically for our board position candidates starting September 1<sup>st</sup> using secure ballots.**

I believe our club is fortunate to have such an outstanding group of officer candidates and committee members anxious to guide, nurture and grow our club.

**Rick Carmichael, President**



**Until we meet again...**



# Rallies

Start Date	Location	Sites	Status	Hosts
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) <b>Register soon, need co-host/parking marshal to arrive a little early</b>	16	registered 14	Joe and Anne Thomas <b>NEED HOST, PARKERS</b>
Oct 14th	Camp Verde (Distant Drums RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting <b>Register now</b>	28	registered 16	"Just Camping"
Nov 11th	Patagonia Lake State Park	26	waitlist 8	Mike and Gail McBurney Heidi and Troy Vail
Dec 4th	Luncheon, Phoenix (University Club Restaurant, 11 AM) <b>Register soon</b>	70	not started	Rick Carmichael Mike McBurney Lisa Parr, Menu Planner
Dec 4th	Tour, Phoenix (Heard Museum) (2 PM)	40	not started	<b>NEED HOST</b>
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	<b>NEED HOST</b>
Feb 17th	Cave Creek Regional Park <b>Redo Wild at Heart Raptor Rescue, Harold's Coral</b> <b>This years' AZ Musicfest concert at nearby Highlands is Kenny G!</b>	24	not started	<b>NEED HOST</b>
Mar 25th	Coachella Valley CA (Shadow Hills) Finish what we started; Spring Break for Grownups III	30	not started	Brian and Barb Vincent <b>NEED HOST</b>
Apr 21st	Tombstone (Wells Fargo RV)	25	not started	<b>NEED HOST</b>
May 5th	Cinco de Mayo at Roper Lake State Park (tentative) (with #069 New Mexico Unit)	22	not started	<b>NEED HOST</b>
Jun 2nd	Dolores Colorado River Festival Dos (with Vintage Airstream Club)	60	not started	<b>NEED HOST</b>
Sep 16th	Pickin' in the Pines, Woody Mountain, Flagstaff	16	not started	"Just Camping"
Nov 4th	Catalina State Park, Tucson (tentative)	24	not started	<b>NEED HOST</b>
Oct 13th	Ajo (Shadow Creek RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting	28	not started	Wayne and Kay Madewell Harley and Elaine Murray

## Breaking News

**Time for Arizona Airstream Club members and affiliates to renew!**

**Annual costs are \$75 plus \$10 for membership (or affiliation) with AAC**

**Existing Member or Affiliates: [Renew Your Memberships Clicking Here](#)**