

California 'Streaming

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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:
socalairstreamnewsletter@gmail.com



COMING IN NOVEMBER: BORREGO SPRINGS

Our annual trek out to Anza-Borrego desert sees the club visiting the luxurious Springs at Borrego RV Resort and Golf Course. The weather cools off by night and you can enjoy viewing the night sky. The area has a lot of geological features to explore.

Photo credit: Brad Berry

President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Dear friends,

I hope that your summer has been fun and full of excitement and travel. Ours was busy as we got ready for and left for Tennessee for the International Rally (see article on page 7). Getting there, we were on the fast-track. Leaving was intended to be relaxing and full of sight-seeing. What we didn't realize is that the weather in the mid-west is miserable this time of year, the heat and humidity was more than we could bear. Nashville was actually nice, but once we arrived in Memphis, all bets were off. We rearranged our schedule, and headed out of the heat as fast as we could go. Lesson learned: avoid the mid-west during the summer months.

The journey was fascinating. Miles and miles of corn fields, soy plants, and other vegetables that end up on our dinner tables. Round bales of hay dotted the fields, and occasional barns and homes were scattered about. Large water towers took care of water needs and herds of cows grazed on the rolling hills. The flat lands of Kansas were amazing, but as we climbed in elevation, we found ourselves on the high plains, over 3,000 feet but still flat. God Bless this great country of ours!

One of the interesting things we saw as we traveled in Tennessee was the names of streets and cities. For example, Bruce and Marya found "Tater Peeler Road" while I found the cities of Possum Grapes, Bald Knob, and Buck Snort (my fav).

I am looking forward to the President's BBQ on August 15. Mark and Connie Miller have kindly offered to have the BBQ at their lovely home, and the Club will be supplying the main course of the meal, with sides contributed by our attendees. It should be a fun afternoon. If you haven't let me know that you are attending, please do so ASAP at 019President@wbcci.net.

The September rally is still tentative, as the resort hasn't opened yet. I will keep all of you advised.

Until then, stay safe and enjoy your travels.

All the best,
Diane Sommerville
2021 President



August Birthdays

Phillip Sobutka	8/2
Larry Suggett	8/6
William Nixon	8/11
Mike Biagi	8/12
Bobbi Kingsland	8/16
Robert Van Schoonenberg	8/18
Nancy Speros	8/26
Roberta Hitchcock	8/21
Marla Biagi	8/25
Sandra Bangert	8/29

August Anniversaries

William and Debra Nixon	8/4
Robert and Sandy Van Schoonenberg	8/7
Larry and Clara Spence	8/8
Mike and Lisa Wood	8/13
Yasin and Bri Latif	8/14
Jason and Lynne Stout	8/25

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Crystal Cove Moro Campground

2021 South Coast Airstream Club Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS/CO-HOSTS
August 15	President's BBQ	Mark and Connie Miller's home in Santa Ana
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	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
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://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

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

Road, Sea and Rail Caravan

By Paul Wheeler, BC Unit #121



You might ask, “Is it time for us to go on a caravan to Mexico?” or, “Would we waste the chance to be part of this adventure?” What would Wally Byam say? Wally thought the point of Airstreams was to visit new places, have new adventures.

The “work” of this caravan is contracted through Caravanas de Mexico, a Mexican tour company taking pride in showcasing their country’s best. It’s open only to members of the Airstream Club International with their Airstream. Caravanas de Mexico provides the professional staff to lead the adventure while we will be the Airstream coordinators. We will have 27 days on the Baja Peninsula exploring all it has to offer. Then we’ll board a HUGE ferry and cross the Gulf of Mexico to Mazatlán. There’ll be beach time and discovery there, including front row seats at the Mardi Gras parade along with the other Airstreamers who are on the 3 Gems caravan. Then we’ll start our leisurely journey north. At Los Mochis we’ll park our rigs and board the train to head into the Sierra Madre where we’ll take in the incredible Copper Canyon while staying at the magnificent hotel that perches on its rim. Altogether we’ll have 31 nights on the Mainland.

So ... you want to sign up, right? Here are some details you’ll want to know:

- There are only 11 rigs on this caravan (13 with the Wagon Master & us);
- The caravan is listed on the Airstream web site at this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-portal/contractor-caravans>
- Total distance in Mexico: 3360 Kms.
- # of days in Mexico: 58 days
- Price per couple: \$8401 USD - Initial deposit \$1000 USD (non-refundable)
- First Payment: \$4150 USD September 15, 2021
- Final Payment: 60 Days before departure or USD Cash at border
- Tolls (with trailer): Approximately 2000 Pesos.
- Ferry Fare Not Included in price or tolls (+/- \$800 - depends on length of rig)

For more information and/or to sign up email us at paul.jan.wheeler@gmail.com. Don’t be disappointed. We look forward to sharing these wonderful parts of Mexico with you.

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“If we look beneath the differences in culture, we usually find that people are pretty much the same all over the world and the similarities are more important than the differences.” Wally Byam on the first ever caravan to Mexico in Trailer Travel Here and Abroad.

International Rally Report

By Diane Sommerville



Image credit: Clifford Holensworth/Airstream Club International

July has been an exciting month for us, as we pulled our Airstream from Orange County to the 64th WBCCI International rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. As you might well imagine, the International rallies are steeped in tradition and formalities.

The first order of business was the Opening Ceremony, where each Region and each Club (there are currently 109 in the U.S.), in addition to Europe and each branch of the military took place in the flag ceremony, which entails marching across in front of the stage and in front of 1200+ streamers holding each respective flag and placing it in a flag holder. It was quite a sight, and while I was a little bit nervous, I didn't fall or drop the flag or do anything embarrassing. It went off without a hitch. (see photo)

After the flags were placed and the rally was officially "opened" by the President, First Responders and Military (active and retired) were acknowledged and asked to stand. The following day, the fun began. Seminars, vendors, entertainment, and food filled each of the next 6 days. Tim and I were happy to reunite with Bruce and Marya (who just moved to Texas), and others from our Club included Mike and Lisa Wood and Rhonda Ramsey. We also had fun seeing Airstream members from other Clubs both in and out of California and reconnecting with friends. (Continued on the next page.)



Diane representing South Coast California at the opening ceremony of the 64th International Rally

International Rally (continued from previous page)

The seminars covered a wide variety of subjects, including the new web sites, “how to” relating to Airstreams, cooking in an Airstream, tips for putting on rallies and caravans, etc. Region 12 held a pizza happy hour for all attending, and WBCCI hosted a few dinners. The ice cream wagon was particularly popular as well as the candy/pie/cake vendor. We even joined about 400 other Airstreamers and attended the Grand Ole Opry. There is a lot of history in Nashville, and we spent a day on a shuttle bus touring the city and were amazed at the party shuttles carrying singles drinking and ready for a wild evening. One bus even had a jacuzzi on the bed of the truck where girls were sunbathing while flirting with all the young men in town. We were glad that we weren't going to be there when evening arrived.

Tim had a blast volunteering at the rally by driving around one of the golf cart “shuttles” that moved people from one area to another (the fairground is huge and the buildings were spread out), while I stayed in the main hall dancing to the great band with some guy named Paul (or was it Peter?). Anyway, a good time was had by all.

Following the Closing Ceremony, Airstreams were being packed up and heading out to their next destinations. If you get a chance to attend one of these rallies, you won't be disappointed. The 2022 rally will be held in Maine.

Image credits: Clifford Holensworth/Airstream Club International



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.

Neal & Su Amsden

Caleb & Angie Fitzpatrick

Alexandru Horvat & Irina Mihai

Mark Parker

Halston Rowe & Araceli Gonzalez

John & Maryann Vanden Dries

2021 30' Classic

2020 25' International

2018 25' Flying Cloud

2022 25' Flying Cloud

2013 30' International

2021 25' International

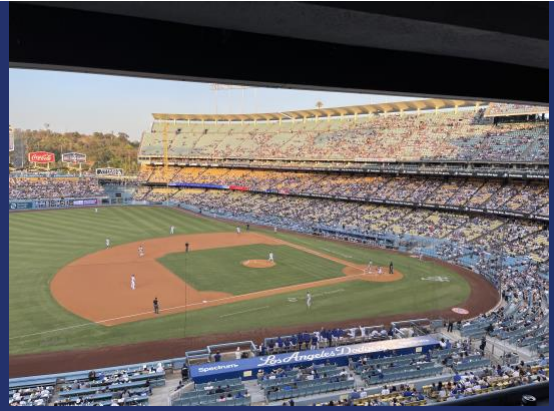
Vail Lake KOA Temecula Drone Video

Something fun came my way this week. After our June rally at Vail Lake, a friend of mine went camping out there too. They sent up a drone to get a 360 degree view of the KOA campgrounds and shared it with me for the newsletter. The video is public and can be seen by clicking [here](#).



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

By: Andi Matsumoto



On a July visit to Dodger Stadium to see the Dodgers play (and decimate) the Diamondbacks, we noticed an Airstream trailer turned into a baseball cap stand. A converted Flying Cloud, this new addition was added as part of Dodger Stadium's 2021 renovations. We also saw a vintage ice cream truck and a Dodger blue fire truck with taps for lemonade and beer. The renovation was spearheaded by Janet Marie Smith. Smith enhanced the stadium's mid-century style, rather than obliterating it in the name of modernization. "The rainbow colors in the club level seating area are back, signs are shaped in the classic hexagons of the Dodger Stadium scoreboards, and a Tommy Lasorda-inspired lounge evokes the decades before disco. Smith used beach balls in a lighting motif, and she even planted two orange Union 76 balls on the grounds, as nostalgic surprises for fans that remember the old gas station in the stadium parking lot."

No sport binds the generations like baseball does. Instead of assembling artifacts in a building, the Dodgers leveraged their latest renovation to create what team President Stan Kasten called an "open-air baseball history museum."

"Kids can use play areas, stand behind center field and watch the Dodgers take batting practice, step into a cage for some batting practice of their own, and pose with a virtual image of their favorite player for a picture. Along the way, parents can share team history as they pass the Jackie Robinson statue, displays honoring Lasorda and Fernando Valenzuela, street signs from the Dodgers' old spring home in Vero Beach, Fla., and broadcaster Joe Buck's scorecards from the 2020 World Series."

Source: Shakin, Bill. "Commentary: Dodger Stadium renovations are latest masterpiece designed by Janet Marie Smith." LA Times. April 7, 2021



Pottery Barn Airstream Special Edition

By: Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: Airstream.com

If you have an extra \$145,500 lying around, you can now buy the Airstream Pottery Barn Special Edition 28 foot rear bed trailer where you will “Feel Like You’re Always Home.” It has hardware, fixtures, storage and soft goods based on Pottery Barn’s aesthetic and several collections. Available in either a queen or twin version, it also has a custom sofa that looks quite comfy.

“It’s a match that makes sense in many ways,” said Airstream President and CEO Bob Wheeler. “Pottery Barn has this kind of magical ability to shape a space. You see it in their home interiors, where there’s a comfortable, functional beauty to even the smallest spaces. They understand how your home is this canvas where real life happens, and we love how they applied that to the Airstream lifestyle.”

Sources: Airstream.com and Potter, Everett. “Airstream Pottery Barn Special Edition Travel Trailer.” Forbes. August 1, 2021.



Solid Oak Wood Table for the dinette that converts to a sleeper.



Outdoor hanging table is an Airstream first and provides a spot for cocktails.



Interior view.

Twin Lakes Resort

By Linda Maddox



Affiliate member, Linda Maddox, shared photos of a summer trip up to Twin Lakes, near Bridgeport. They stayed for one week at the Twin Lakes Resort. Linda reports that it was a nice spot. "It was nice.... Except hot in the morning. Rained 3 afternoons."

Bridgeport is in the Eastern Sierras up Highway 395, past Mammoth. The area offers decent trout fishing and the resort rents boats and sells fishing tackle and bait. The Twin Lakes Trout Foundation stocks the lakes and Robinson Creek with rainbow trout. They will smoke your catch for a fee. Premium, full hook up RV sites start at \$50 per night. There are also options to rent a cabin. If you stay in the nearby dry campgrounds that are part of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, such as Robinson Creek, Buckeye, Honeymoon Flat or Paha, you can pay to use the showers (\$3) and laundry (\$2.50-\$4.00) at the resort.

