



## Roundup

September 2021



## ON DECK

September 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunset Crater, Flagstaff Arizona Cordless Rally. Hike up O'Leary Peak Trail to the O'Leary Lookout Tower where the Forest Service spots wildfires for a vast panoramic view of Flagstaff, the San Francisco Peaks and the Painted Desert. Visit Sunset Crater Volcano & Wupatki National Monuments. Drive to Walnut Canyon. Bring your National Park pass or ride with someone who has one. Closed toed sturdy shoes recommended for walking on lava throughout the park.

## PRESIDENT

To me, our club seems a lot like a thriving business, one willing to frequently and honestly self-evaluate. We adjust course each year based on input and needs of our diverse group of resourceful and affable members. It's our season for reflection on what is best for the Arizona Airstream Club. (Your Turn Page 6)



## VICE PRESIDENT

Our 2022 camping plans are coming together nicely with all of your (much appreciated) suggestions and ideas. We have ten events thus far on our calendar. If you have a compelling location for a rally, let me and Gail know your thoughts. We will be taking input and asking for hosts at our Camp Verde Rally in October. (Opportunities Page 5)



## ALL ABOARD!

The Grand Canyon Railside RV Ranch, an immaculate RV resort on a scenic location having a deluxe barn near Grand Canyon Railway was selected in December 2019. Suggestions to Rick were on-target for this amazing place. Heidi and Troy Vail jumped onboard as super-hosts and event planners. (All Aboard page 4).



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AAC IS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Welcome our newest friends

**NEW MEMBERS**

- Paul and Allison Wofford from Lake Havasu City, Arizona
- Daniel Web from Casa Grande, Arizona
- Greg and Susan Carlisle from Tucson, Arizona
- Robin and Molly Wakefield from Tucson, Arizona

**Please introduce yourselves to our incredible new members!**



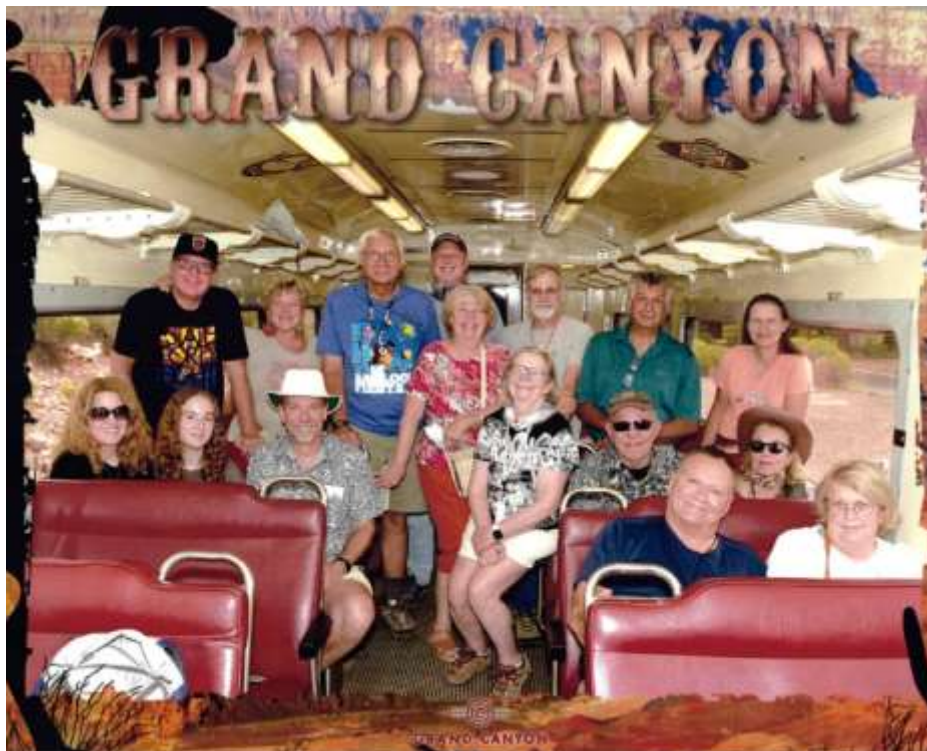
## Include us in your plans!

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. Two 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. More info is available from Hosts Mike and Gail McBurney and co-hosts Heidi and Troy Vail. This rally has a wait list. Sites might become available outside of our club reservations though the state park. If you snag one of these “on your own” simply register as non-AAC-campsite participant. Our final rally of 2021 will be an extravaganza with food, fun, live music and interesting tours.

December 4<sup>th</sup> – University Club of Phoenix and Heard Museum. We look forward to expressing our appreciation for your phenomenal participation in 2021. Don't miss this very special holiday luncheon and tour.





# All Aboard! (From page 1)

On Thursday, we gathered around the picnic tables for our welcoming potluck to enjoy grilled burgers, chicken breast or hotdogs compliments of Heidi's Events and Catering. For dessert, choices of Key Lime, Boston Cream, Banana Cream, Apple, or Cherry pie!

Friday's weather was perfect for a day in the Grand Canyon. We spent over 3 hours hiking, viewing, eating snacks while resting! On the train ride up/back we learned about local and canyon folklore and history, and many interesting facts about the Grand Canyon Railway history. Thanks to Heidi's inquiry, we each took home a complementary 200 page picture/story book as a souvenir.

Saturday was our free-day. Being on Route 66, Williams has so much to see... Troy wrote a brief introduction – the town's history, connection to the railway, and listed many places to enjoy. Rick and I spent our afternoon at Bearizona. As we drove thru the park, we got up close and personal with several wolves and even more bears.

Everyone met back up at South Rims Wine/Beer Garage. We had a private, covered patio! Heidi – just how did you arrange this??? Happy hour drinks and Hors d'oeuvres were compliments of We are Airstream – in Chandler. Most stayed for dinner!

In our welcome bag, Heidi had included an Airstream Trivia sheet. It listed everyone's name and a trivia list she had pre-requested from attendees. This game started on Thursday. It was fun to meet, greet, and visit with others. Asking a trivia question is a great starter to a conversation! Another way is to sit around a nightly campfire – perhaps toasting marshmallows or tasting bourbon or tequila...

If you are still reading 😊 Heidi had one more treat up her sleeve! Sunday morning breakfast included left-overs (from Saturday's breakfast) bacon, hashbrowns, cheesy eggs from the grill and homemade Sausage Gravy

with fresh biscuits! While everyone was seated, Heidi went over the Trivia answers and awarded prizes to the top 5 scorers.

Kudos to Rick for setting up the rally and Heidi and Troy for hosting! Check out [www.heidisevents.com/about](http://www.heidisevents.com/about) to learn trivia about Heidi.

**Cheryl Carmichael, First Lady**

# Opportunities (From page 1)

We look forward to helping you implement your rally suggestions, whether you host or not. I even heard rumors that Kodachrome Basin might be within our reach, now that we have more members. As good citizens, we black out the weeks of October 1<sup>st</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> for Balloon Fiesta and International. We also try to avoid other clubs' area nearby rally dates. That way we offer more camping opportunities for affiliates of all clubs in our region. Get with us at Distant Drums to talk more about your ideas. It's really nice if you want to volunteer to host or co-host in 2022.

**Mike McBurney, Vice President**



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## Your Turn (from page 1)

This year, we offer the opportunity for registered spouses or partners to vote on our leaders; a welcome change for the First Lady and I since we are opposites. Now we both feel represented. I believe our officers and leaders give 110% to make your club membership beneficial. I ask that you return the favor with 100% voter turnout! Your ballots were emailed last week.

In prior years our membership rolls assigned delegates based on contact information, emails and phone numbers. For those members providing two emails and phone numbers, both were given votes at International. Only one vote was allowed for single contact BRNs. That changes for 2022. Nonetheless, if you are only showing a single email and phone as contact information for multiple campers, please update your files with International. Rick and Jerry are happy to help update your information. Please make at least one a cell phone number.

Our club is responsive to member requests. Many of you have casually mentioned stupendous rally ideas. Why not refine and capture those ideas for our annual business meeting next month? Mike has weekends available in our calendar. Also, we are allowed multiple rallies in a given month. Please join us at Distant Drums in October to contribute your thoughts, ideas and criticisms. As a quickly growing club we need you there!

We enable hosts' rally dreams; deluxe extravaganzas with International-worthy rally bags, or simply a wonderful opportunity to hang out around the campfire with friends. As hosts, you get to decide where, when and how we camp. We appreciate all types of rallies. I believe this ability to enable and empower hosts differentiates us as a club. Want to be an Airstream Rock Star? That's easy. Host an Arizona Club rally.

**Cheers,**

**Rick Carmichael, President**

# Rallies

Start Date	Location	Sites	Reg. Status	Hosts
<b>2021</b>				
Sep 9th	Flagstaff (O'Leary, Sunset Crater National Monument) Two more spots, need co-host/parking marshal to arrive a little early	16	registered 14	Joe and Anne Thomas NEED CO-HOST/PARKERS
Oct 14th	Camp Verde (Distant Drums RV Resort) Annual Business Meeting AAC has grown fast, we need a 10% quorum, please attend if you can	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) Registration starts soon. These tours are not offered to the public	70	not started	Rick Carmichael Mike McBurney Lisa Parr, Menu Planner
Dec 4th	Tour, Phoenix (Heard Museum) (2 PM)	40	not started	NEED HOST
<b>2022</b>				
Jan 13th	Yuma (Pilot Knob) Thu - Mon, or however long you can stay, up to two weeks	32	not started	NEED HOST
Feb 17th	Cave Creek Regional Park Redo Wild at Heart Raptor Rescue, Harold's Coral, 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 CO-HOST
Apr 21st	Tombstone (Wells Fargo RV)	25	not started	NEED HOST
May 5th	Cinco de Mayo at Roper Lake State Park (with #069 New Mexico Unit)	22	not started	Heidi and Troy Vail NEED CO-HOST
Jun 2nd	Dolores Colorado River Festival Dos (with Vintage Airstream Club)	60	not started	NEED HOST NEED CO-HOST
Sep 8th	Williams (Railside RV Ranch)	24	not started	Heidi and Troy Vail NEED CO-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
Nov 4th	Catalina State Park, Tucson	24	not started	NEED HOST

## 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](#)**