



President's Column

Can you believe it's June already? The year is flying by! Our second rally of the year at Lassen RV Resort in McArthur was another memorable NorCal event. We all enjoyed socializing with friends, welcoming new members, and the many activities, sights, and attractions the area has to offer, including posing in front of Burney Falls. As an added treat for those of us outside after 9 p.m, the dark sky gave us a clear view of the Starlink satellite chains crossing overhead. Truly a sight to see.

We still have one more rally on the schedule without a host. If you already plan to attend the rally at High Sierra RV Park in Oakhurst, and can help out by hosting, please contact our Rally Chair Pat L. The sooner the host signs up, the easier it is for everyone involved in the planning and preparation. It's been a while since NorCal held a rally in the Oakhurst area. There should be lots to do and see.

Our First Lady Lori B. submitted a humorous and insightful article for this month's Poppy, reflecting on her new role as Registrar. For an entirely new challenge, we will be on the road with an International Caravan the entire month of June while registration is open for the August rally. We do have a service that gives us a daily email with scanned image for each envelope we receive - but we won't be home to open it. For this reason, please use the online registration link if you can. When you register online, Lori receives an instant email notification with your registration details. If you still prefer the paper coupon, please email the details in the coupon to Lori separately before putting it in the mail. You can also take a cell phone picture or scan the



completed coupon, and email it to Lori as an attachment. Otherwise, please understand that we won't see your coupon until we return home and retrieve our snail mail - which is well after registration closes! We expect to have email and cell service for most of the caravan. Lori will add your info to the rally spreadsheet, and reply with a confirmation via email or phone call. Please remember, the Registrar (Lori) is always your first contact to add, change, or cancel your rally registration. She will do her best to keep up with rally registration activities while we are on the road.

We return home in mid-July. We look forward to attending the August rally in Quincy. Until then, enjoy your Airstreams, and we will see you down the road!

John Bibby "Life is better with Airstreams, great adventures, and good friends"

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From The Editor

Greetings. June has been designated as "Great Outdoors Month" – perfect for us Airstreamers who enjoy the "Great Outdoors" every time we Airstream. A year ago, an intrepid group of six NorCal couples bucked the "stay at home" trend after months of sequestration and traveled to Lone Pine, Ca., despite the cancellation of the official rally, where we enjoyed all the great outdoors that the Owens Valley had to offer. (Most of the indoor attractions were closed, which assisted in the endeavor.) We would investigate the local area by day, then return to camp, socializing outdoors only, 6 feet apart, without the accoutrements of an official rally. Those who attended agree; it was a special get-together, with wonderful memories.

This June, we are back to having an official Club rally, this one in McCloud, which truly is a perfect place to celebrate "Great Outdoors Month." Plenty of hiking, fishing, golfing, biking, etc. to try. Or just sit back enjoy the specter of Mount Shasta and the company of other Airstreamers.

Speaking of the Great Outdoors, if you missed it – or just want to relive it – check out Billie Verdegaal's story (page 4) on May's rally at Lassen RV Resort, where most participants enjoyed the Great Outdoors in some fashion. Also read her observation on page 9 that a rally need not be fancy or extensive to be successful, just like Lone Pine. So if you have thought about hosting (and hosts are still needed for the October rally), take her advice to heart and contact our rally chair.

There is no NorCal rally (and no Poppy) in July; our next rally is in August in Quincy, Ca. The summary and coupon begin on page 11. Wonder about how registration for rallies is accomplished? Or what happens when you forget to register or need to change your registration? Read Lori Bibby's piece on page 10 that covers the entire registration process.

I want to thank all the contributors to this issue, including those who submitted photographs: Carrie Bell, Billie Verdegaal, Marget Williams, Marcia Murray, Jim Christie, John and Lori Bibby. Your efforts keep making The Poppy the best!

Your Poppy Editor,
Elisa Ungerman

2021 Rallies/Gatherings

4/7-11 Gilroy Garlic RV Park Gilroy
Hosts: Carole & Bob Echols
Steve & Yoshi Deiwert

4/22-25 Cali Rally-V6 Ranch Parkfield
POSTPONED TO NEXT YEAR

5/5-9 Lassen RV Resort McArthur
Hosts: Billie & Bob Verdegaal

6/9-13 McCloud RV Resort McCloud
Hosts: Dan & Gail Crutchfield,
Marget & Dave Williams

7/17-24 International Rally Lebanon, TN
<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally/lebanon-2021-registration>

8/4-8 Pioneer RV Park Quincy
Hosts: Gregg and Janet Motta

9/8-12 Angels Camp RV Resort Angels Camp
Hosts: Deb & Jim Christie
Cathy and Bill Maffei

9/28-10/2 High Sierra RV Park Oakhurst
HOSTS NEEDED

10/6-10 Cava Robles Resort Paso Robles
<https://airstreamclub.org/2021-region-12-rally>

11/3-7 Jessie's Grove Winery Lodi
Hosts: Carmen & Jose Ortiz, Tary & Janie Salinger
DRY CAMPING

12/2-6 Black Oak Casino RV Park Sonora
Claudia & Barry Marson
Co-HOSTS Wanted

The Fine Print

New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration form by the due date to the club Registrar. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols.



NorCal Club Contacts

President	John Bibby
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Catherine & Christopher Barron
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Patricia & Dan Calabrese
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Brad Bailey

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<https://airstreamclub.org>

Region 12 on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

NorCal on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>



Notice

From June to August, NorCal's First Vice President chairs a Nomination Committee. The purpose is to solicit names to place on the ballot for next year's Board. We elect two new Trustees each year to serve a 2-year term. Our Club is run entirely by an amazing group of volunteers. Trustees are members of the Board who participate in meetings, offer input, and vote on matters important to the current and future administration of our Club. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Trustee, please contact our First VP Bob Verdegaal at jrverd@msn.com.

John Bibby

NorCal Club Membership Snapshot as of mid-May 2021

159	Unit/Life Members
<u>18</u>	Affiliate Members
177	Total Members

Lassen Airstream Rally

Hosted by

Bob and Billie Verdegaal

May 5 - 9, 2021



Lassen RV Resort is located a few miles from the city of Mc Arthur, set back in the trees with roomy sites. It was so quiet and peaceful and appreciated by those that attended the rally. About half of the attendees arrived on Tuesday and at Happy Hour were treated to a sampling of Boeterkoek, a Dutch butter cake (recipe on pg 9) and a Chocolate Almond Torte.

Wednesday brought the remainder of the NorCal members to the park with perfect weather as we gathered outside for Happy Hour and a Cinco de Mayo Mexican dinner that was catered by Big Valley Market in Bieber. Attendees were informed about a scavenger hunt; six trinkets were placed around the park and each evening clues were given. In the attendees' welcome bag were two raffle tickets with a nightly drawing. New members Tony and Sharon Paz were introduced and welcomed to our club as well as WBCCI members at large, Dan and Patricia Calabrese, who later joined NorCal!

Thursday was again nice weather, a little warmer, and people visited a variety of places in the area. Some went fly fishing, biking, hiking, kayaking and/or explored surrounding areas. We gathered again for Happy Hour and two of the trinkets had been found by Lori Bibby and Juliet Scheuer.

On Friday there was a Board meeting, followed by a general member meeting. The weather was much cooler. I announced that our outdoor Hawaiian dinner might be chilly; some thought the

menu was changed to chili. (!) It was not, and again Big Valley Market catered a feast of chicken, pork and several side dishes that were delicious, followed by Kirkland ice cream bars, with almonds of course. The final trinkets were discovered by Lori Bibby, Steve Irey, Cam Murray and new members Dan and Patricia Calabrese. Dan and Patricia found the one trinket that eluded several of our determined scavenger hunters.

Juliet Scheuer was our emcee for the May birthdays and anniversary celebrations. She did a fantastic job and all were entertained by Juliet's humor, wit and creativity.

Several members left Saturday to be home for Mother's Day. Being with friends, in a beautiful location, with good food and Happy Hour gatherings made for the perfect rally.



Bob & Billie Verdegaal



Happy Hour at Lassen RV Resort



New Members Tony & Sharon Paz
from Pittsburg



New Members Patricia & Dan Calabrese, Rocklin -
who became NorCal members at the Rally.



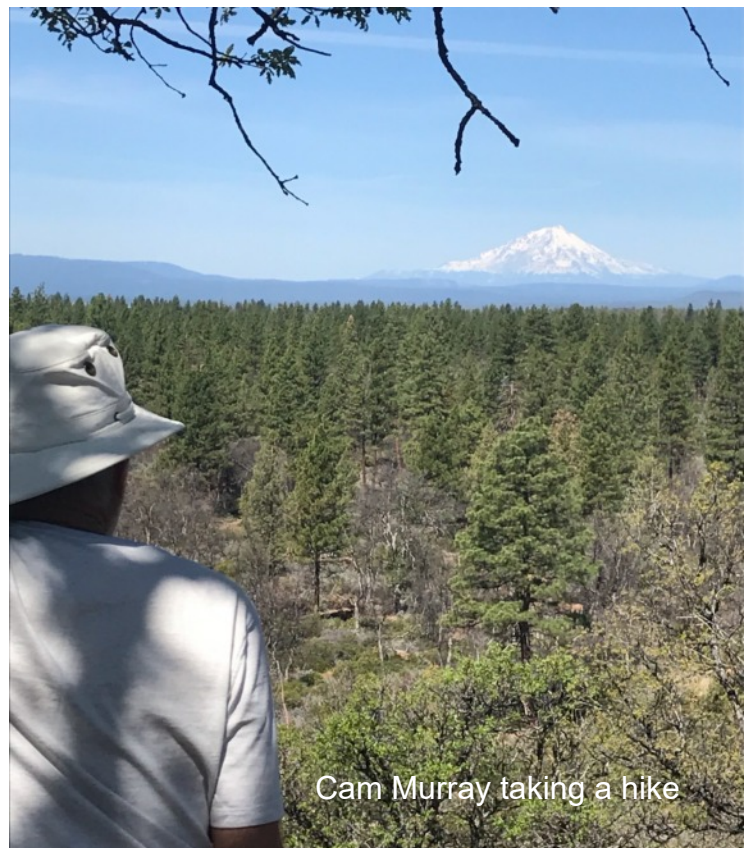
A gaggle of Aristreamers enjoying what a
Rally is all about!



The Christies enjoying Burney Falls



Zena Bell observing the sunset



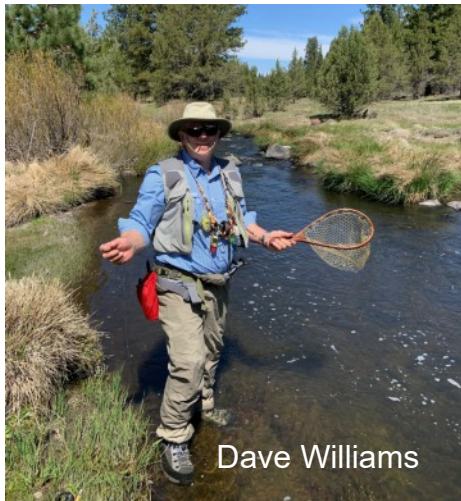
Cam Murray taking a hike



The Christies and the Bibbys
kayaking on Big Lake



The Bibbys enjoy Burney Falls State Park and ALL it had to offer.



Dave Williams



Steve Irey



NorCal's Fishing Crew



Dan Crutchfield

Dave Williams

Steve Irey



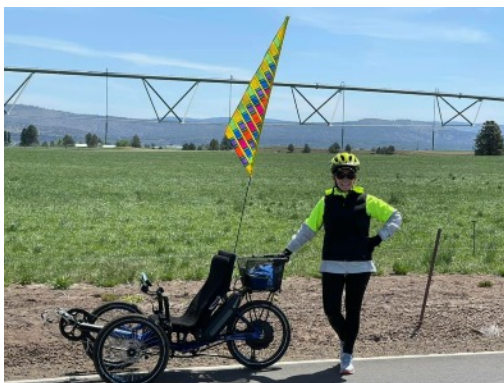
Marget Williams



(L) Juliet Scheuer interviews those celebrating May birthdays: Larry Delaforce, Bob Verdegaaal, Cathy Maffei, Pat Calabrese, & Cam Murray, while (R) the Paz's celebrate an anniversary.



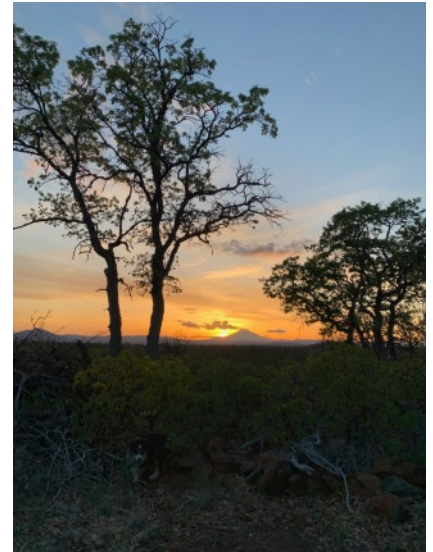
The Christies and the Verdegaaals enjoyed the local scenery while on bikes.



L - The Murrays and the Malones find "big game" in the area; Above: Airstreamers relaxing after a busy day.



Ray Bell and Zena
investigating the area



The Bibbys, Williams, Christies and Echols enjoy a
local restaurant: Crumbs.



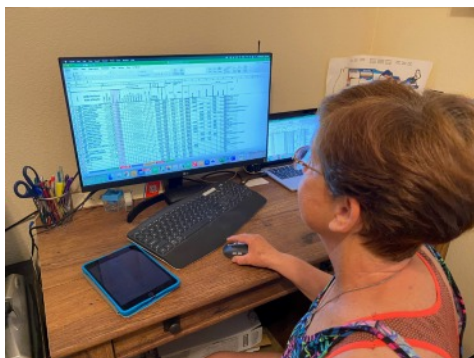
Nice area in the RV Park to enjoy Happy Hour
alfresco.

Hosting a Rally is Easier Than You Think

An Observation by Billie Verdegaal

Bob and I recently hosted the Lassen Rally. It was great to be out in our Airstream and visiting with friends! What I noticed this time hosting, besides being grateful for the privilege of having rallies again, was that we fellow Airstreamers have fun just being together! In the past, we brought appetizers, made toast and coffee available in the morning, had potlucks, planned group activities, decorated tables and did whatever else we thought needed to be done to make the rally successful. What we have discovered is that much of that is not necessary to host a successful rally. Just being able to visit with each other at Happy Hour every day is enjoyable. Enlisting a caterer for outside dinners after happy hour allows everyone the chance to visit with one another and enjoy our time together. I took a tub full of table decorations to the rally. They were never used, and I don't think anyone noticed the area wasn't decorated. Truthfully, we were too busy talking to one another! Perhaps our modified rallies during the pandemic have made many of us realize that being together is what our rallies are all about.

So, if you're hesitant about hosting a rally, no need to stress or worry about what we used to do. KISS - keep it simple silly - and enjoy the companionship of fellow Airstreamers.



Some Notes and Pointers from Our Rally Registrar

The Gilroy rally was quite challenging for me, being my first rally as the newly-minted Club Registrar. But we did it! I thought it would be fun to share with you what my duties as registrar are.

Behind The Curtain

When I receive your rally registration JotForm by email, I print a copy of it. Our printer takes forever, so while waiting for it to print I enter all your information into a spreadsheet. Then I send you an email confirmation and file the paper copy.

If I have a question regarding the information you sent, for example: you signed up for Sunday Monday Tuesday only but ordered the meal on Friday (it happens!) I will call or email you to get the correct info.

If you pay by check, I'll send you a confirmation when I receive it. This is a good time to remind everyone to make sure your checks are made out to WBCCI/NORCAL. Not Lori Bibby!

Some members send a paper copy of the rally coupon from the Poppy as a form of registration. This is a really good time to double check your math skills. Hey it's ok! You'd be surprised at how many of your airstream friends have made small math errors. I'm ok with contacting you for an extra check to cover any discrepancies or to clarify your info. To avoid this happening, I recommend registering online. The JotForm does the math for you. It's really the easiest way to register, but it is only as accurate as the information you enter, so maybe look it over before you hit submit.

Changing Your Reservation

This is a perfect time to mention that when canceling or making a change, I'm your contact person. Contact me for any additional days, meals or questions about your registration. It all needs to be documented on the spreadsheets which the hosts have access to. You can call or text me at 973-270-4132. (Good time to add me to your contact list so if I call you, you'll know it's your favorite Registrar, and not an annoying phone scammer from NJ) or you can email me at norcalregistrar3854@gmail.net.

If you have to cancel your reservation for any reason, the Treasurer will handle any refunds. At this point I move your information to the cancellation worksheet and document your refund. Then I check my wait list.

Wait List

Let's talk about the wait list! Rallies can fill up fast in the first week or two. If you wait too long and the rally is full, your request will go on the wait list in the order I receive it. The Gilroy rally had four on the wait list, and three lucky members were able to attend because unfortunately some had to cancel. If you are on the wait list, I'll give you a call to see if you are still interested in attending. If it's late in the game, say after the registration closes, I will need your check asap. Please do not pay via Pay Pal after registration closes. If you don't want to be on THAT list, sign up early.

Other Stuff

One of my duties as registrar is to deposit the checks about a week before the rally. At this point I'd like to ask that if you are paying by check, please do not delay in putting it in the mail even if there is a chance you may be canceling. You aren't really registered till I receive your check.

To ensure your registration, please read the instructions on WHEN and WHERE to send your check. It may not always be the same. For example, John and I may be out of town for an extended time and unable to receive or deposit your check.

About a week or two before the rally, the Rally Chair sends out site assignments. The information on my spreadsheets is vital in working with the RV park and must be accurate. This is why contacting your registrar is so important.

In Summary

My volunteer job as Registrar is really a team effort. With everyone doing their part in making sure the information on the registration is correct, payments on time and accurate, and all changes come to me, it makes the rally run smoothly for everyone.

*See you down the road.
Lori Bibby, Registrar*



Billie's Boeterkoek Recipe

1 cube butter 1 tsp vanilla 1 cup sugar ½ tsp baking powder
1 cup flour 1 Tbl cornstarch 1 egg ½ cup almond paste

Mix all ingredients together. Place in a greased and floured 9-inch round cake pan. Brush top with egg white. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack then remove from pan. (the cake will fall slightly once cooled)



Pioneer RV Park, 1326 Pioneer Rd, Quincy CA 95971 (530) 283-0769

Hosted by Gregg and Janet Motta, NorCal's August Rally will be held at the Pioneer RV Park in scenic Quincy, Ca. the first week in August 2021. Located near the Plumas County Fairgrounds, it has large grassy sites and is close to Quincy and all the "Great Outdoors" "the heart of Feather River Country." In 2013, Quincy made the top 10 of "America's coolest Small Towns" by Budget Travel based on votes received from all over the nation, the only city in California to do so.



Quincy has long been known for its historic buildings. A self-guided walking tour of Quincy homes and buildings rich in history is available through a Heritage Walk booklet available at the Plumas County Museum, located behind the courthouse, where the three to four block tour begins.

There is plenty of hiking nearby in the Buck Lake Wilderness, Gold Lakes Area, and the Plumas National Forest. Check out the website/app "All Trails" for the particulars. A hiking brochure is available from the RV Office with nearby hikes. An example: Gold Lake Trail is a 3.1 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Berry Creek, California, that features a lake and is rated as moderate. The trail offers a number of activity options and is best used from April until October. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

Bucks Lake, within an easy drive of the park, has a

restaurant and a marina that rents patio boats for a cruise on the lake.

The RV park is located south of the south entrance to Lassen National Park, which can be accessed in August. You can visit Lake Almanor and Chester on the way to or from the Park. Lake Almanor has a wonderful walking and



biking trail on its west shore.

Driving south on Hiway 89, you can visit Graeagle and Blairsden, including The Brewing Lair for some beer tasting and hoola-hoop spinning. There are high caliber golf courses available in Graeagle and at Whitehawk Ranch – best to make reservations before you arrive.

Finally there are also some unique areas for "train spotting" in the area. A free pamphlet on "Plumas County's Seven Wonders of the Railroad World" can be obtained from the Quincy Chamber of Commerce. And don't forget the train museum in nearby Portola where you can actually climb aboard several train cars and engines.

The Wednesday Night Welcome Meal will be Lasagne, salad, bread roll and a brownie for desert. \$21.00 pp Saturday night dinner will feature catered BBQ pulled pork or chicken sandwiches, several side salads, and cupcakes. \$24.00 pp. See coupon for details.

Elisa Ungerman

QUINCY RALLY

August 4-8, 2021

Pioneer RV Park
1326 Pioneer Rd, Quincy CA 95971
(530) 283-0769

Coupon Due June 30, 2021

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ WBCCI# _____

Arrival Day _____ Departure Day _____ RV length _____

Rally Nights: # nights _____ @ \$52 each night	Total Parking Fee \$ _____
Rally Fee: # persons _____ @ \$5 per person	Total Rally Fee(s) \$ _____
Wed. Lasagne Dinner # persons _____ @ \$21.00 per person	Total Wed. Dinner \$ _____
Sat. BBQ Dinner	
Choice 1 per person: _____ Pulled Pork _____ Chicken _____	
# persons _____ @ \$24.00 per person	Total Sat Dinner \$ _____
	TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

NOTE: IF YOU REGISTER AFTER THE DEADLINE DO NOT PAY VIA PAYPAL. YOU MUST SEND A CHECK TO THE REGISTRAR TO HOLD YOUR SPOT ON THE WAIT LIST

INSTRUCTIONS

- Either register online at <https://form.jotform.com/211355594123149> and follow the 'Register for the August Rally' link whether paying by check or credit card. Or email this form via attachment, photo or screenshot to norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com. *It is preferred you register online regardless of payment method.*
- **Send all check payments directly to the Registrar.** Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal and mail to NorCal Registrar Lori Bibby, 3029 Black Hawk Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648-7716. Credit Card payments are solely handled online. *Do not pay with card after registration closes.*
- Refunds are available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Please contact the Rally Chair if you have any changes to your reservation after the deadline, or wish to register after the deadline. There are no refunds for credit card fees.
- NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe, but the employees of the RV Parks and the communities we visit safe, which in turn allows us to continue to rally during the pandemic. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, please do not sign up for this rally. If you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.
- Please inform the registrar if you need a handicap accommodation, or if this is your first NorCal rally.



June Birthdays

1 Mike Minadeo
 1 Kimber Moore
 3 Cathy Sandy
 7 David Kirstien
 11 Lori Bibby
 13 Gregg Motta
 17 Beverley Wainwright
 22 Tom Bain
 25 Carol Kurzrock
 26 Chris Gales
 27 Phyllis Minadeo

July Birthdays

5 Jill Wilson
 10 Bob Echols
 13 Margaret Handshoe
 15 Dan Crutchfield
 18 Carol Beardshear
 21 Alan Aguilar
 24 Brian Scheuer
 29 Stu Clark
 31 Maureen Delorefice
 31 Bob Minder



June Anniversaries

1 Chris/Criss Gales
 3 John/Dace Roll
 5 Dan/Gail Crutchfield
 6 Larry/Maureen Delorefice
 9 Larry/Kathy Warren
 13 Charlie/Jane Wright
 15 Bev Wainwright/Fredric Sloan
 19 Steve/Yoshiko Deiwert
 21 George/Claudette Paige

July Anniversaries

1 John/Elain White
 2 Tom/Lora Broad
 6 Tony/Betty Sica
 7 Ronald/Luann Hollis
 11 Barry/Claudia Marson
 13 Dave/Jill Wilson
 22 Tom/Patti Reed
 27 James/Sarah Curl
 29 Steve/Leslie Irey

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 	8	9	10	11	12
McCloud Rally June 6 - 9						
13	14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18 	19 
20 	21	22	23 	24	25 	26
27 	28	29	30			

Garden Flag Information

You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser:
<https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>



Badge and Logo Sticker Info

You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership. Also, now available is the NEW five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle when you attend rally. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Be sure to request one from Membership Chair, Marget.

