



Roundup

October 2021



ON DECK

October 14th - 17th, Distant Drums Rally, Camp Verde. Visit Fort Verde, Out of Africa Game Park, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Montezuma National Monument, Montezuma Well, Tuzigoot National Monument, Alcantara Vineyards and many more intriguing recreational and learning opportunities. SKYMED provides happy hour goodies and info on Thursday. Don't forget to participate in our business meeting on Saturday – Tell us about our future!

PRESIDENT

We need to review our progress toward meeting goals set by leaders and our Membership Committee for the past years. Then we can create, embrace and understand our new forward-looking club goals. It has been a challenging time for everyone. Our club weathered the storm well. We carefully rallied and we thrived. (Our Future Page 6)



VICE PRESIDENT

Our 2022 camping rallies are great opportunities to host. It's fun to personalize and host a rally! Our next step in the planning process is getting hosts for our Pilot Knob, Cave Creek Tombstone, and Dolores rallies. We need co-hosts for Coachella and Roper Lake. We will be asking for your help at our Camp Verde Rally. (Opportunities Page 5)



SUNSET CRATER

We arrived early to get set up and get ready to park members in one of our 3 loops of the O'Leary Group campground. Joe's directional signs, as well as our parking assistants Rick and Ken made the job easy. We gathered in Loop 2 for a BBQ rib dinner with sides and Blueberry Cobbler dessert. (Views page 4).



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AAC IS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



Welcome our newest friends

NEW MEMBERS

- Christie and Christopher Josefowsk from Willmington, Massachusetts
- Arthur and Tess Lawrance from Tucson, Arizona
- Bernie and Jan Becker from Tempe, Arizona
- Catherine Guschewsky from Lander, Wyoming

Please introduce yourselves to our incredible new members and affiliates!



Include us in your plans!

October 14th – 17th - 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 11th – 14th – 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 4th – 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.

Pilot Knob - Call the BLM El Centro Field Office (760) 337-4400 to confirm whether or not the Access Permits are available "on-site" at the LTVA. If so, you may then purchase your Permit when you arrive at the LTVA. Register as a participant on our AAC web site (so we know who's coming).





Views (From page 1)

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Joe and I woke up early Friday to hike the O'Leary Peak Trail to get a look into Sunset Crater Volcano which is no longer open to climbers. We were joined by Jill and Ken and Ken B the first mile or so. We discovered Ken and Jill had hiked to Sunset Crater a while back when it was still open to the public. The 10 mile round trip hike provided a panoramic view of Flagstaff and San Francisco Peaks in addition to the Crater. Photos were disappointing of the crater due to facing the sun in the morning and haze, hence the reason it's called Sunset Crater.

Other members visited Sunset Crater Volcano and Wupatki National Monuments and some ventured over to Walnut Canyon NM as well. We gathered in Loop 1, the official happy hour loop on Friday and were joined by Ken & Sun who were staying in Flagstaff. As usual, we had an abundance of appetizers. After dinner on your own, if you were still hungry, members gathered for a campfire.

We woke up Saturday morning to breakfast burritos. We paused to have a few moments of silence to honor those who died on 9-11 and some members shared memories and thoughts as well. After breakfast some members went off to hike or visit the monuments again, while others relaxed at the campground or completed trailer repairs. Happy hour and campfire were enjoyed again in Loop 1 where new members Jean and Patrick were introduced and welcomed to the unit.

Sunday morning we all said our good byes and headed back home to warmer temps. Everyone said they enjoyed to intimacy of having our own private campground nestled in the pines. Although we were concerned about the parking situation, it worked out well and we hope to return another time. We would like to thank everyone who attended and those who helped out to make this rally a success

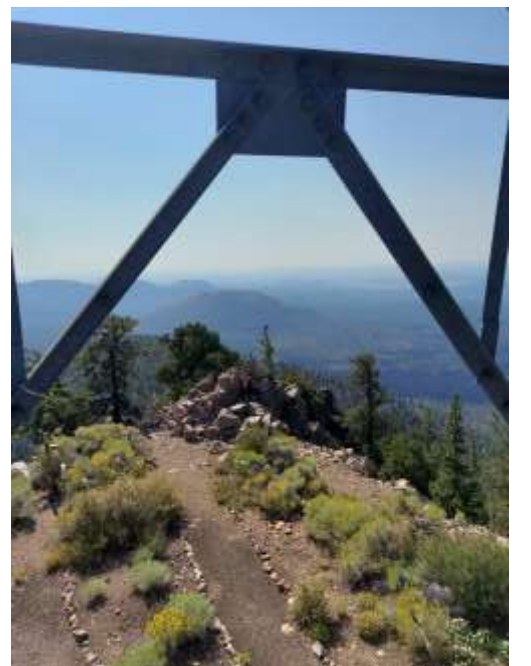
Joe and Anne Thomas, Past President and First Lady

Opportunities (From page 1)

We scheduled the rallies that you our members requested and there are opportunities galore to choose one and make it your own special event. Also, since we have had some 2021 waitlists, it is OK to scatter in small hosted or host-less rallies in 2022. We aren't limited to one rally per month. July and August are open for simple rallies for trips into the cool pines.

Have an idea? Don't hesitate to share it. If you can't attend our Camp Verde Rally call me or Gail to volunteer as host, co-host or propose rallies at (520) 471-4296.

Mike McBurney, Vice President









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Our Future (from page 1)

I believe our past goals might be summarized as follow:

2019: “Every rally should feature both recreational and educational opportunities. Create a fair online registration system that makes hosting fun, and our waitlists and rosters easily understood. Nurture a relationship with our local dealer, Airstream of Scottsdale. We can steadily grow our membership by recruiting at rallies and mailing CPC postcards”.

2020: “Hold enough rallies of sufficient size so that every family has ample camping opportunities. On average, every member family should have the opportunity to camp five rally days each year. Partner with clubs to extend our rally seasons”.

2021: “We promise to keep each other comfortable, safe and have a wonderful time camping. Officers were directed to plan more state park rallies, have glamping opportunities and offer dry camping experiences. We intend to populate our schedule with one event per month”.

How did we do?

In 2019, Jerry implemented his new online registration system, putting new goals within reach. Lake Havasu Spring Break for Grownups was co-hosted by the Colorado Airstream Club. Covid hit and limited us to five 2020 rallies. We learned safe pandemic food practices; grab-and-go, room service, food trucks, distanced serving lines and meal runners; no potlucks.

In 2021, Rallies were planned at three state parks, one regional park, two federal parks and five commercial parks in Arizona, Colorado and California. We partnered with the Vintage club in Dolores to attract 50 rigs. We grew our club and sometimes have waitlists. My favorite accomplishments: Mike was featured in a two page newspaper article on AAC at Kartchner Caverns. Trish’s Dolores rally was reprinted in the Blue Beret! I am excited to see our amazing new leaders’ goals and plans!

Cheers,

Rick Carmichael, President

IT'S SCARY WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH US!



RENEW, RENEW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

ARIZONA AIRSTREAM CLUB – ALL TREATS, NO TRICKS

Time for Arizona Airstream Club members and affiliates to renew!

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

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Rallies

| Start Date | Location | Sites | Reg. Status | Hosts |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2021 | | | | |
| 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 17 | "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 |
| 2022 | | | | |
| 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 | registered 20 | 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

Ken Johansen is looking for a host and planner for the March region 11 rally. Contradicting the October Blue Beret and prior communications, the rally will be held at Casa Grande. Call Ken at (505) 270-6919. Attending, hosting and planning this rally might be a lot of fun!