

# THE OREGON STREAMER



## The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

### **FOCUS ON VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS**



**Focus on Volunteer Board of Directors:** Story by Kathy Geese

The Oregon Airstream Club Board welcomes Stacey Rovinelli as our treasurer and her wife, Amy Dabbraccio who is the incoming rally coordinator for 2022. Stacey and Amy have been together for 15 years and have a 26 year old son. They are also parents to adorable Hank, their Great Dane puppy who thinks he is a lap dog.

Where did you grow up?

Amy is from New Hampshire and Stacey is from Connecticut.

Retired or still working?

Amy is retired but background was real estate and then a flight attendant based out of Florida. Stacey is retired from Law Enforcement but still works as a civilian Internal Affairs Investigator for the Portland Police (check out her email address in the OAC directory☺) . They also have lots of experience in flipping houses and have renovated seven to date.

Where do you currently reside?

Vancouver, WA. Moved to the PNW from South Florida.

How many travel trailers have you owned and how many were Airstreams?

Two. Owned a 23' International for about 3 months until they purchased their 27' Tommy Bahama with back hatch four years ago.

Why Airstream?

Amy's father owned an Airstream so there is history with the brand. Both agree that they love the ease of towing compared to SOBs (Some other brand). Amy and Stacey were attracted to the Airstream Lifestyle and their mantra is "Living Freely and Freely Living".

What is your favorite thing about being a member of the OAC?

They love the socialization and acceptance, support, knowledge of the members about maintenance and trouble-shooting, and that the club is very active. Amy's goal as OAC rally coordinator is to offer 40 rallies in 2022.

Why did you become Board members?

Stacey agreed to become the OAC Treasurer last year. Since the rally coordinator involves booking hundreds of sites and works closely with the Treasurer, Terri Warren asked Amy to help her transition out of her position as OAC rally coordinator and offered to work with her for a year as she learned the ropes.

What is the one thing you added to your trailer you love the most?

Two, actually. The replacement cast iron grates on the stove and the Bluetooth thermostat as getting out of a warm bed on a cold night to adjust the thermostat was problematic.

What is the one thing you would change on your current trailer?

Change the queen bed to twins.

How many rallies and caravans do you plan on attending in 2021?

Stacey and Amy have already hosted the St Patrick's and Kayak rallies this year so attending a total of 10. In addition, they are co-hosting with the Stewarts the Pendleton Roundup Rally and will be attending the ACI Balloon Fiesta Rally in Albuquerque this fall.

What is your favorite campground?

Kalaloch on the Olympic Peninsula

Long term Airstream goals?

Full-time Airstreaming in five years.

What was your all-time favorite camping trip?

Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons

Are you more of a boondocker or a glamper?

They are balance of both.

Favorite time of year to camp?

Off season either fall or spring

What advice would you give to a newbie to Airstreaming?

KISS – keep it simple, sweetheart! Amy and Stacey try to not overpack and recommend doing the research on both the trailer and destinations so no surprises.

Do you have any safety tips for traveling?

With Stacey's background in Law Enforcement, no surprise she says always be aware of your surroundings. Trust your instincts and if a campground seems sketchy, move on to where you feel safer. Both agree that buying the back-up camera is good for both safety and relationship with your travel partner.

Thanks, Amy and Stacey for volunteering both as rally hosts and as OAC Board Members!

## **MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE**



Oh Lovely Autumn!

September and October are fabulous month to make a quick getaway or more, and to drink in the beauty of the season.....

Pretty soon, many of us will be tucking in our rigs into storage and making plans for 2022.

What better time to visit Airstream specific Facebook groups and to get our creative juices flowing, so here are a few groups you might want to visit.... Let the ideas begin!

Airstreaming For Newbies  
Airstream Interior Ideas  
The Airstream Chef  
Bougie Airstream  
Airstream Facelifts  
Airstream Restoration  
Airstream Flying Cloud  
Airstream Globetrotter Fans  
Airstream 16  
Airstream 23"s  
Airstream 28  
Plus:  
WBCCI Region 10  
The Oregon Airstream Club  
Airstreamers of Washington  
Northern California Airstreamers  
Airstream Addicts

### **Our recent list of new members:**

Vance and Nancy Viter, Randy & Narda Person, Paul Lindstrom and Beth Cunningham/  
Lindstrom, Don Wilson, Miles & Tove Gilbert-Morgan,  
Brad & Carole Hedstrom, Jim & Lisa Davis, Ross Bochsler & Shelby Smith.

Welcome to the Oregon Airstream family!

## **RALLY ROUND-UP NEWS**



**Amy D'Abbraccio**

### **Hosting an Airstream Rally: Story by Amy D'Abbraccio**

Thank you for reading about becoming a host. We can't do all of these rallies without your help! First and foremost, we know there is a concern about being responsible for food at a rally. That is not the case. As a host, you are able to do as much or as little planning as you would like. That includes some or no food as well as some or no activities. Food is no longer added into the cost of a rally. If you would like to do food, many hosts have come up with a menu and price and asked attendees beforehand if they would like to participate. They then collect at the rally. In the future, it may be possible to do this online at the same time people sign up for rallies. There have been no problems with this mechanism. A potluck is always an option as well. So what are you expected to do as a host?

1. If we don't have it already, contact the manager of the park to get their final list of sites for us. Some may also want to know the names of who is staying in what site as well. This all depends on the individual campgrounds. Well before the rally, you will assign sites, based on the length of the trailer and the sites and any personal preferences that people might have, like proximity to bathrooms or friends they want to park near.
2. Compile a welcome email to the members attending your rally. You will have emails and all other necessary information in a document called a Jotform which you'll receive from our webmaster as people sign up for your rally. The welcome letter can contain things like check-in/out times, site assignments, an agenda of activities (if you are planning some), and/or area attractions. It is a good idea to send this email out a couple of weeks prior to the rally. It will also remind people they signed up to attend, if they have forgotten
3. Keep track of payments. Payments made will appear on your Jotform and you can see if people have paid online or are sending a check. Next year, if people want to pay by check, they will send the check directly to the treasurer. They can also combine multiple rallies into one check. For those who indicate they will be paying by check, they will need to send that check within 2 weeks of registering in order to maintain their site at the rally.
4. Cancellations. As previously stated, you will have access to your Jotform which lists all of the information asked in the registration process. This will include the number of attendees, an email address/phone number, the length of their trailer, and any special accommodations requested (that rarely happens). If someone notifies you that they

wish to cancel, you will forward that email to the treasurer and she will take care of their refund less PayPal/cancellation fees. The cancellation policies for each rally will be made clear at the time of registration so there will be no misunderstandings.

5. Waitlists. When rallies are full, the host will start a waitlist. Some hosts prefer to maintain a waitlist on the Jotform or another way. There is no incorrect way to do it. Once your rally is full, you will be notified by the webmaster and registrations will automatically shut down. At that time, you will receive a code that you can give to people on your waitlist so they can sign up, if someone cancels.
6. Perks. One great perk about hosting a rally, aside from the fun you'll have, is that you will be able to sign up for your rally and two additional rallies before they are opened up to the rest of the club.
7. Co-hosting. If you are still uncertain about hosting by yourself, you can also buddy up and find a co-host to help. Sometimes it is easier to split up the tasks than to do it all yourself.

Please contact Terri Warren (twestover@icloud.com) or Amy D'Abbraccio (amyd74@att.net) if you are interested in helping out. We have several rallies that need hosts for 2022.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Who: Region 10 Members**

**What: Region 10 Rally**

**When: June 1-5, 2022**

**Where: Lynden, Washington Fairgrounds**

**Hosted by the Washington and Idaho**

**Remote Outpost Rally:** Story by Tina Holmes

Steve & Tina Holmes hosted the Remote Rally on July 22-25 with a wonderful assist from Stacy and Amy Rovinelli. The weather was warm in the day and cool at night. We ran the heater a couple of nights. There were 27 attendees, 1 Affiliate member, Mike Stephen and a nonmember couple, Lynn and Mark Peterson, who happened to pull their Airstream into the park on Saturday. Lynn is the Portland Metro Council President. (Hope they decide to join.) It was Randy Mannen and Darrell Saunders' first rally. We were pleased that our two most senior members Bob Pease and Pat Brooks were able to join us.

On Thursday night we had the traditional group Happy Hour with heavy appetizers and birthday cake for Steve Holmes and Ruby Troncin. It lasted until past dinner time. Friday morning, Stacey and Amy served a home-made waffle bar breakfast with assorted toppings, bacon and fresh coffee. Dinner was pulled BBQ chicken sliders with corn on the cob and side dishes galore. Saturday morning Stacey and Amy served another waffle bar with bacon and coffee. Dinner was a BBQ hamburger bar with corn on the cob and more outstanding side dishes and desserts.

During the day, attendees went hiking, visited Old Towne Bandon or Coos Bay for seafood, chowder and the beach. The river was too low to fish so Ralond Troncin learned to fly cast; Jay and Liz Bozievich got to exercise their three standard poodles. Others simply hung out and enjoyed the cool weather.

Many thanks to Stacy, Amy and Hank. Could not have been done without their help. Looking forward to seeing everyone at year-end.



## Sutton Campground Boondocking Rally: Story by Rob Nicol

Campers ages 26 to 93 gathered at Sutton Campground near the dunes in Florence. Foggy mornings, sunny afternoons, and cool evenings gave welcome relief from the August heat wave in the Willamette Valley. This was a mid-week Rally which meant nothing was especially crowded, even at the height of summer. Several of us visited the quaint and somewhat gentrified Florence Old Town, which has coffee shops, restaurants and a brew pub.

The timing of this Rally was good... after readily available vaccines and before the Delta variant took off. But we were still careful and kept our circles large at evening campfires.

Regarding facilities: No one seemed to suffer too much from "boondocking" (although there was water available in the loop). Bathrooms were plumbed but with no showers. Forest Service campgrounds offer economical camping with some wonderful sites and locations.

The main attraction at Sutton is the network of hiking trails that surrounds the campgrounds. There are several options with beach access via multiple routes and nicely varied terrain.



Hikers are rewarded with views of the dunes from Holman Vista



Trying out our new Luci Lights. Great option for keeping things illuminated

**Casey's Fall Rally: Story By Heather Cook**



This was a very laid-back rally with lots of small group gatherings. We met each evening for introductions, SkyMed, and then a white elephant fun-filled evening arranged by Brenda and Janet. During the day there was fishing, bike riding and visiting the local sights. Airstreamers always support each other and there were several folks enjoyed themselves so much they are looking into being rally hosts next year. We were so lucky with good weather and clear air.

Janet set us up with a TV and mimosas so we could watch the Ducks roll over Ohio

State on Saturday morning- great way to spend a Saturday!

Casey's will remain one of our favorite campgrounds.





## Waldo Lake Rally:



The first ever Oregon Unit Rally at Waldo Lake was a success! We could have called it a “leak test” rally since Thursday night we had 3 hours of steady rain, clearing up the air on Friday. The Muir’s found out they had a leak around their fan, requiring some new caulking to shore up the leak. Saturday was by far the best day, allowing all to get out on the lake, take hikes, and ride bikes. Sunday was sunny and clear of smoke as well. It was sad that 7 trailers couldn’t/ didn’t make the rally because of air quality alerts or breakdowns. We had Happy Hour “greet and meets” every night at 5 pm and then broke up to have dinner at our own trailers. Then we regrouped to visit each night around propane fires until about 10pm. We welcomed Jake and Kerry Bell from Bend to their first rally and their first time at Waldo Lake. Jake rode

his bike around the lake for 20 miles in 4 hours. He said it is not a ride for the faint of heart! The last night I asked those in attendance if we should have another rally at Waldo next year. The unanimous response was yes, but maybe in the middle of August next year. Stay tuned!

Jim & Cheryl Jordan  
Jay & Cindy Muir



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## Crane Prairie Rally: Story By Hal Hendrix

Despite fires in central Oregon, a hardy group of 18 gathered at Crane Prairie Resort to camp together on the upper loop. It was such fun to see everyone after being cooped up inside for much of the pandemic.

The first night we gathered in small happy hour groups to meet folks we'd not met before.

We were able to welcome Jeff and Debbie Larson who were at their first rally. Friday night we had chicken enchiladas and salad., socially distant, most eating in their trailers or at site picnic tables. Saturday morning, we enjoyed a big breakfast and people scatted to the winds for local activities. Many explored the High Desert Museum while others went to Paulina and East Lakes. Saturday happy hour we gathered among the trees in the forest for happy hour, everyone together but socially distant. Linda Grow celebrated her birthday deep in the pines with a very large cupcake, singing, and laughing. Sunday, there was news of a forest fire not too far away, so we all hooked up to be ready to leave if it was deemed to be necessary at any point before departure on Monday. Thankfully, that wasn't necessary, but it sure did make things easier to get going in the morning!



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## Crater Lake Rally: Story by Karen Ferguson

Airstreamers love their Rallies!

What a fun time us Airstreamers had at the Diamond Lake RV Park with the clear air during most days! Between a clear day on Friday to see the beautiful Crater Lake, to waterfalls at the Cascade Gorge at Union Creek, waterfalls at Clear water and Lemolo Falls, biking around the lake and finally a smooth water Saturday afternoon Kayak trip up the Silent Creek, Diamond Lake rally really showed off the best of Southern Oregon! A great showing with a total of 17 Airstreams from 1955 to 2020 coming from all parts of the state from Vail, to Phoenix to Newport to even Vancouver Wa! Newbies with their 16 year old son, and Newbies with their 3 cool Whippets, to the awesome 92 and 93 year olds and Mandolin and Bag Pipe players, we all enjoyed each other. End of August is a great time to avoid the mosquitos, but the wildfire smoke did find us in the late afternoons, but did not stop us from enjoying our newly made friends in our small group get together complete with fresh baked pizza from the South Shore Pizza just across the street! What a treat!

Thanks Gary and Karen



## ROAD TRIPS



### Story By: Rhonda Levine

For the past several days, Brian and Judy Smith and the two of us have been exploring the Redwoods around the Crescent City area. There are so many places to check out! We began with a stop to the Hiouchi Visitor Center where we talked with a knowledgeable woman who gave us ideas and a good map. We began at Stout Grove and then we went on to Mill Creek along Howland Hill Rd. Wonderful viewing of very old Redwoods.

The next day we explored the Crescent City area. Pebble Beach had great pull outs along the coast with fabulous views. We found some tide pools to explore. Then we visited the Battery Point Lighthouse which can only be accessed during low

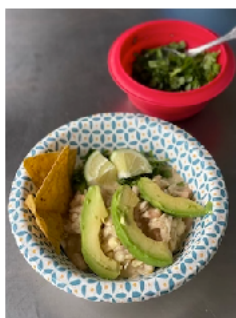
tide each day. We took in Saturday Market and found a little Mexican eatery where we had lunch outside.

For our last day we drove to the southern end of the Redwoods in the Prairie Creek area. We started with a long slow drive on dirt roads to Fern Canyon where we hiked across streams through fern forests that made us feel as though we were in a rain forest. So beautiful and very green and lush. After that we picnicked at Gold Bluffs Beach. Then we had a nice walk with the dogs along Cal-Barrel Rd. We ended at Big Tree with a 1500 year old redwood that was amazing!

You may want to add Lady Bird Johnson Grove to your to-do list. If you have a dog who likes to walk with you try Walker Rd. It's wonderful! Be sure to get a map and plan your days by area. You can see and do more that way. Remember that you'll be among some of the largest and oldest trees we have. Honor them as you would your elders. They've seen a lot.



## COOKING FOR A CROWD



### **White Chicken Chili for a Crowd:** Contributed by Kathy Geese

Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 24

#### INGREDIENTS

2 small yellow onions, diced

1 tsp ground coriander

2 tbsp olive oil

1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

4 cloves garlic, finely minced

salt and freshly ground black pepper , to taste

4 (14.5 oz) cans low-sodium chicken broth

1 tbsp cumin

2 (7 oz) cans diced green chilie

1 tsp paprika

1 tsp dried oregano

2 (8 oz) cream cheese, cut into small cubes

2 1/2 cups frozen or fresh corn

4 (15 oz) cans cannellini beans

5 cups shredded cooked rotisserie or left-over chicken (I bought a package of the cooked chicken that Costco sells in the section by the rotisserie chicken and then shredded with my barbecue claws)

2 Tbsp fresh lime juice (I used two limes)

4 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro, plus more for serving

tortilla chips or strips, Monterrey jack cheese (I used Mexican cojita) sliced avocado for serving (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS

Heat olive oil in a 6 quart enameled dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add onion and saute 4 minutes minutes. Add garlic and saute 30 seconds longer. Add chicken broth, green chilies, cumin, paprika, oregano, coriander, cayenne pepper and season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring mixture just to a boil then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 15 minutes. (I made this at home, cooled, and put in to zip lock bags in my trailer refrigerator so all I had to do was add to the next steps)

Drain and rinse beans in a fine mesh strainer or colander then measure out 1 cup. Set whole beans aside, transfer 1 cup beans to a food processor along with 1/4 cup broth from soup, puree until nearly smooth (I use an inversion stick blender I carry in my trailer). Add cream cheese to soup along with corn, whole beans and pureed beans and stir well. Simmer 5 - 10 minutes longer.

Stir in chicken, fresh lime juice and cilantro. Serve with Monterrey Jack cheese, more cilantro, avocado slices, tortilla chips, sliced jalapenos, etc. if desired.

## **FUN FACTS**

### *Fun Facts with Florence*



**Florence Tramoni**

It's camping season for everyone, with sunsets well after dinner time, and as of late, temperatures unbearably hot. It seems Airstream owners really like keeping their rigs shiny and clean. I might be a tad on the obsessive side of this characteristic, and when I was a newbie, I really asked around about the "right" materials. As it turns out, I have come to know that everyone has their own gig for cleaning and polishing. For what it's worth, here is mine, and I learned it not from an Airstream owner, but an antique car enthusiast.

The wash is Griot's super concentrated wash. Road grime, bugs, tree pitch... bye bye. The polish is Griot's garage Liquid gloss poly wax. This stuff goes on smoothly, and comes off (wait 30 minutes) with ease. I can do my 25' International in about 3 hours. I do it in June and December and kind of have a system now. When I do it 6 months after application, water still beads up. The other product I was introduced to is Griot's Complete Compound. I will stop short of saying the M word

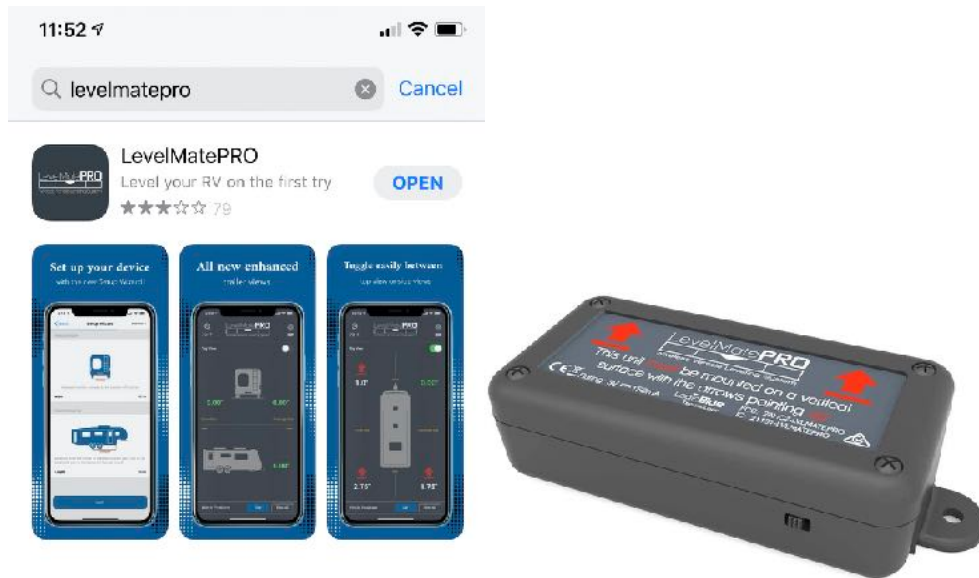
(miracle), but I have seen this product completely make disappear fine scratches before my very eyes. Ever passed by a low hanging tree that just caressed your trailer as you eeked by at 5 mph? Marks GONE. Ever barely touched the entry door with your whole set of keys to leave faint scratches? GONE. I also have to mention Griot's Bug Barricade. I use this on the front end and grill of the truck and it makes washing off the massive accumulations of gnats, midges, flies, and whatever else I seem to bring along for the ride a breeze.

And while you're at it, don't forget to apply silicone spray on the moving parts (like stabilizers and door hinges). And while you have that silicone spray out put some on a rag and get all the window seals.

Happy detailing!

## GADGETS & GIZMOS

### Gadgets and gizmos plus a camping app.: Story by Kathy Geese



LevelMatePro <https://logicbluetech.com/> (buy button will route to Amazon.com to order)  
\$149.99

Once again, imitation is the highest form of flattery so when my fellow OAC members, the Burnetts and the Tuckers, backed in to their spots and were level in minutes after my co-pilot and I almost missed Happy Hour trying to get level, I violated the “never talk to another camper while they are hooking up” rule. So what is the LevelMatePro? In a nutshell, a leveling system that I installed inside my trailer on the wall next to the entertainment box with a couple of Command strips. Using Bluetooth (no internet or cell bars needed), it connects quickly to my cell phone and at a glance, allows me to monitor as I back in or pull through a site to find the most level spot. If I need to use levelers, the app shows me how many inches total are needed and which side needs raised. My co-pilot puts down the levelers and I back up or go forward on to the leveling pad(s) one time and done. The second great feature is hitch position recall so once unhooked, you select and save, and when you go to hook up, lets you know when you have raised the trailer enough to clear the hitch ball. Took less than five minutes to install with easy to use phone prompts. There are two versions, the LevelMatePro and the LevelMatePro+ (additional \$35); the latter has a USB port for recharging, larger battery, and support to use with an Apple Watch. So far, two caveats - one is the itsy bitsy on/off switch and the inability to turn it off with the app so the battery doesn't run down and the second is that the co-pilot has to go in to the trailer and turn on the device to use. For now, I will just throw in a couple of spare lithium batteries and hope the company figures out how to do it via the phone app.

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