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Save the Date

July 23-29 International Rally
Fryeburg, ME

President's Letter

Hello Airstream Friends & Family!

One of the many benefits of being a member of an Airstream club is what we learn from each other—exciting new places to camp, how to take care of and maintain our “silver pods” and especially how to spend \$\$\$ on the latest and greatest tools, gadgets, modifications, etc. On the flip side, we sometimes learn from other’s misfortune. Case in point, while traveling to Oregon for a bit of away time, we had a couple mishaps that really threw us for a loop and best to say we were heartbroken.



Here’s the “short” story. We were traveling out of Redding, California when our truck suddenly lost the drive gears and shifted down to first and would not advance. Figuring that something was wrong with the transmission, we limped five miles to a Dodge dealer in Redding at 20 MPH where they told us that they would not be able to check it out for a couple of days. Not wanting to spend our whole time in Redding waiting and given no rental pick-ups were available anywhere due to the Northern California fires, we ended up renting a U-Haul 15-foot box van that could tow our trailer and continued on to Oregon.

Unfortunately, while making a wide U-turn, the height of the U-Haul and the distance between it and our beloved trailer did not agree and we jackknifed the U-Haul into the driver-side front of the trailer, taking out the stainless panel, the plexiglass panel, front quarter panels top and bottom, including the glass window...UGH! Note to self - Do not rent a U-Haul box van to tow a trailer - according to one source, this type of accident occurs all the time.

On the return from the ill-fated trip to Oregon, we dropped our “AirDream” (aka The Dream) off at Vinnie’s Northbay Airstream Repair with the knowledge that it would be several months before we could camp in her again. During the drop off we discovered that Vinnie had just taken in on consignment a 2007 23-foot Safari. Never one to look a gift horse in the mouth, we jumped to buy this “diamond in the rough”. The Safari needed a little TLC and we believed we could do a majority of the renovations ourselves, use it for camping, and then sell it when The Dream was repaired. Ultimately, “ourselves” came to involve fellow GLA members: Michael Jackson (flooring); Ralph Perri (reassembly); Steve Hammer (door mods and ugh, black tank clean-out...don’t ask!); Tim Murphy (moral and logistical support); and Michael Ferlisi, along with GLA affiliates Dale Musser and Vern Crawford (cabinetry). Thank you, gentlemen, for all your help and support...this is indeed a great community!

So at the next few GLA events you’ll see us in our “Surfin’ Safari” we’ve named “Gidget”. Stop by and check out some of the changes that we and our friends have made! Moral of the story, “When life gives you lemons—make limoncello!!!!” - Pam

International Club's Website Update

submitted by Jim Cahill

It's exciting to be able to update you on our new website, referred to as our microsite, as now all of the WBCCI (Wally Byam Caravan Club International) Airstream clubs are on a new International website together.

First of all, if you've not found our new site, you can go straight to it with this URL: <http://www.airstream.org/greater-los-angeles>. We recommend that you go there and simply play around with what you find. Much of the content categories are like our legacy WordPress site, but there are a few changes. Again, it's a new website and easy to navigate, where you'll read about our history, descriptions and details on future events, images from past events, quarterly newsletter, membership directory and leadership. (While we do have a few things to wrap up, we're very close.)



Incoming GLA Webmaster, Craig Schlecht



GLA Webmaster, Jim Cahill

We've been working with our club's International leaders for two years and are proud of the work they have done to help us get here.

December 15, 2021 is the final date of completion. This means that our original WordPress site will be archived and no longer available on the .net URL.

Regarding the membership directory, please consider posting your photo. Why? Because it's fun to see your faces and know who you are when we meet at our events. The process is straightforward in your account information link.

Finally, we're excited to introduce you to Craig Schlecht, Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's new webmaster. Craig will begin his term in 2022 and has been working with us over the past six months. Craig, thank you so much for stepping up and assisting with this project.

The 64th International Rally From a First Timers Perspective!

submitted by Jim Steube + Denny Kennedy and Catherine + Gregg Landaker

There's nothing we like better than spending time traveling in our Airstream. When we heard the International Rally was to be held in Lebanon, Tennessee, we figured that would be a great opportunity to travel across the United States and meet with other Airstreamers. We were not disappointed!

The gathering was held at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, just a short 30-minute drive from Nashville, and it was an absolutely beautiful setting. We wore our First Timers ribbons and found people to be extremely friendly.



Gregg Landaker, GLA Club Delegate



Gregg was asked to represent our club, a job he took very seriously by attending all meetings and having our voice heard by voting. The Opening Ceremony with the delegates carrying their club flags was impressive!

Along the way we visited 20 states, traveled 6,000 miles and had an opportunity to visit Mount Rushmore and the still-evolving Crazy Horse Monument. All in all it was an unbelievable adventure made even more so as I saw my first fire flies! While at the event we became Lifetime Member and will definitely attend an International Rally in the future!

- Catherine & Gregg

“All Gone to Look For America”, our theme as Stuebe and Denny along with Liz and Barry Marks headed out on a summer road trip to embrace the Airstream Lifestyle. The International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee, our destination, the rest of the country, our playground. Two weeks and a couple of hiccups later we’re sitting in line waiting to be parked in Lebanon. By that time we’d grown to include the Landaker’s who we rendezvoused with in Nashville.

As we’re in a holding pattern I run into Pee Wee Schwamborn. We chatted about a ’46 Curtis Wright trailer I own. Good start to Airstream immersion. Finally, our spot’s in sight!

Great parking crew, good spot, great power and good water pressure, sun’s shining, we’re good to go. Time for the show. As I reach in my welcome pack I pull out schedules, local ads, name ID’s and a yellow tag with a smiley face and the words “First Timer” on it. What? For me? Impossible! I’ve owned a couple of Airstreams and half a dozen vintage trailers. I’ve been to dozens of trailer rallies, this can’t be for me. I’m NOT wearing that. Denny gives me that look and says “You’ve never been here before”. I’m sunk. I have to wear it. I’m a team player and it’s about immersion. I suck it up. I tape it to my name tag and hit the Midway.



I take a deep breath and prepare to enter my Airstream dream. Not 10 feet from my trailer a woman makes eye contact with me and in her friendliest and most enduring voice says, “Hey First Timer, welcome”....I wore “First Timer” with honor the rest of the week.

After the Closing Ceremony, Mona Heath, my dear friend who got me on my path to the Airstream Club, removed my First Timer ribbon and I knew I’d made it to Airstream Euphoria. - Jim Stuebe



Lebanon’s Aluminum City 2021

Want to join the fun at an International Rally? Registration is now open for the 2022 Fryeburg, Maine event.

Click the link to register today!

www.airstreamclub.org/fryeburg

Membership Update

We're growing! Currently, we have 90 member families and nine affiliate families.

As most of you may know, headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio has initiated a new renewal process where they will notify you when it is time to renew your membership. This means as GLA Membership Chairperson, I won't be sending you reminders, they will. The new process really hasn't changed anything for most of us. We must renew by December 31 of each year to continue our membership. It's an easy process and can be done online at www.airstreamclub.org/renew. Thank you to all of you who have already checked that box off your list for 2022.

Where the new change in renewal occurs is if you joined the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) and Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club after July 1, 2021. Your club renewal date will be due on the date you joined.



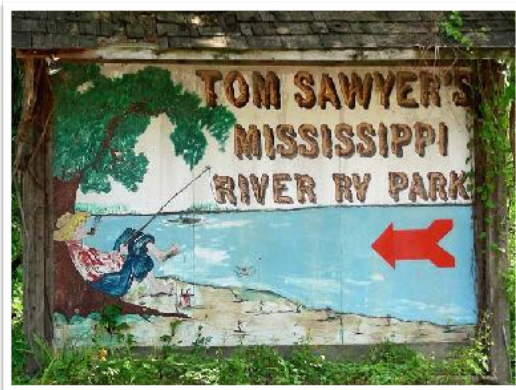
Nancy Murphy, Membership Chairperson

This decision eliminates the need for the home office to pro-rate dues and makes it much easier for headquarters to process renewals throughout the year rather than to handle this process, with 15,000 members, all at once.

Looking for more information? You'll find an informative article in the October Blue Beret on page 14.

Our Favorite Campground

Tom Sawyer's RV Park in West Memphis, Arkansas is our favorite. Since our first stay in 2002, we've tried to arrange our travel route to include an annual visit. The views of the Mississippi River and the Memphis skyline made us fall in love with Tom Sawyer's immediately. The river traffic is endless with an amazing array of barges of all sizes, and if you're lucky, a rare riverboat sighting. The park is just minutes from the restaurants and music venues on Beale Street, as well as, the other attractions of Memphis. Watching fireflies by the campfire at sunset, with the Mississippi River as a backdrop, is about as good it gets for us.



Denise + Bruce Morrow



It's Vintage Trailer Time!

submitted by Denny Kennedy

There is nothing more delightful than pulling up with trailer in tow to see a world full of vintage trailers from Shastas to the big, shiny Airstreams! Pulling into Flying Flag RV Resort in Buellton, filled to capacity with vintage trailers, is like an adventure back in time. David Neel hosts a rally like none other.

The theme of the rally this year was 'Aliens and Reptiles' and our vintage world did not disappoint. There was everything from Spaceship Lizards to Aliens from Uranus.

For all those Lucy & Desi fans, a New Moon restoration of a Long, Long Trailer was on display featuring the fantastic work of Steven Butcher. The owners so graciously had an open house for all rally goers to peek inside on Saturday afternoon. Needless to say, I took the opportunity to search for Lucy's rock collection, however, I came up short.

Another jewel on display directly across from us was Flyte Camp's 1936 Silver Cloud Jr. Airstream restoration, also known as the first factory built Airstream. This was yet another masterpiece from Justin and Anna of Flyte Camp.

David had all his usual vintage events from the Johnny Agnew Overall Day, to the pajama parade on bicycles, fashion show, mini bike parade led by Evil Knievel, micro cars and golf cart parade, vintage apron show, doggy parade, whiskey tasting, alien and lizard party and many more!

Gregg & Catherine Landaker were there with their red-capped Argosy; Liz & Barry Marks in their Silver Streak; Susan Barrett in her vintage Airstream; Helen & Ralph Perri and Laretta Smith & Pierre Bogros in their vintage rigs; and Nancy Jackson in her canned ham. Included were many Airstreams from up and down the coast. A great time was had by all.

Vintage Airstreamers, don't forget to get your application in for the Ocean Mesa Vintage Trailer rally in 2022. This year's theme is 'The Gong Show'.

Happy trails!



Michael, Gregg, Catherine, Nancy, Laretta, Pierre, Ralph + Helen



Aliens Gregg + Catherine



Susan's vintage Airstream

Meet a Member!

Livin' the dream! We bought our 23' Airstream in 2010 and upgraded to a 25' Cloud when we (beware!) parked next to the Polks and visited their Airstream at an event in Canyonville, Oregon in 2014. Of course we also joined the club which was just starting up at the time. We try to keep our Airstream nice, shiny and right side up, but really we don't tinker with it much. Foremost and primarily, we travel. Now that we had retired, we felt ready to conquer Alaska! Our Airstream is the perfect size for us and we enjoy boondocking and finding those little tucked away places off the grid. Our travels run on "themes." Oregon Coast was focused on beers and chocolate, Northern California was all about ciders and wines, the Northwest was about staying on those backroads - you get our vibe! So that's where you will find us now, Leaf Peeping 2021. A cross country adventure to follow the changing of the leaves. We left Santa Barbara on September 6 and traveled east on the northern route of I-80 across to Maine to our most Eastern destination - Acadia National Park and Schoodic Woods Campground. Everything east of the Great Mississippi River was new to us and so beautiful and GREEN! And then came Schoodic Woods.

Schoodic Woods is a fairly newer campground within Acadia National Park. We chose this site through GLA member recommendations and our trusty traveling companion, Campendium.com. Schoodic really is the polar opposite of the campgrounds in many of the other National Parks. The sites have electricity and the dump station is in between the two loops and very easy to fill/dump, if needed, during your stay. We even had some television stations. It is fairly smaller in size, a very private part of the park with very large secluded sites and so quiet compared to the main park entrance and the BAR HARBOR vibe! We did visit that area and were so happy to get back to our little quiet piece of heaven at Schoodic Woods. Our trailer backed up into the thick, hardwood forests, that are so typical of New England. We had mushrooms, lichen and moss that greeted us during daylight hours. In the evenings, the night sky was phenomenal and we could NOT see our nearest neighbor from our site.

The park was so incredibly dog friendly, especially for a National Park. Bodie was able to walk on all the trails, leashed. You can even take your doggie on the shuttle bus at the main park. The bike paths and the walking trails were well lit, the bathrooms were immaculate. My husband would have taken a picture of the workmanship, but thought that might be a bit weird taking a picture inside a bathroom!



Maureen, Kevin & Bodie

You can bike the Schoodic Peninsula and pop out at Bunker Bay. Don't miss going to the Pickled Wrinkle (you can contemplate the name with the lovely owner). Great food and local beer. On the southern side of the peninsula is Winter Harbor where you will find a lovely bakery. We stayed five days at Schoodic Woods and it is our favorite National Park campground to date.

Our adventures now continue as we travel west on a more southernly route back home. Between Harvest Hosts, state, county and city parks, we have stayed in some amazing places. This country of ours is so diverse in both its geography and its people. Get out with that beautiful trailer and explore!



Schoodic Woods

A First for GLA....Monterey!

submitted by Carolyn Tomlinson

What can I say about our first club rally at the Monterey County Fairgrounds? Location, location, location! We had 19 Airstreams gathered together with an enthusiastic group of people enjoying one of the most beautiful areas in California. Our group included friends from the Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Oregon Airstream Clubs. We all had full hookups, and that was a plus! Many members found that six nights was not enough time to experience this beautiful peninsula.

There were so many options of things to do. Many people went to Fisherman’s Wharf, Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Monterey Aquarium, Cannery Row, the Farmer’s Market, and some took the beautiful 17 Mile Drive. Several energetic people rode their bicycles around the area or enjoyed bocce ball at our rigs. Most evenings, Kay Hoevel had her telescope set up and as always she was willing to share her expansive knowledge of our universe. As you can see by some of the photos, we had glorious weather to boot!



For you history buffs, I’ll add a little bit about the discovery of this wonderful treasure. Although several explorers sailed in this area, including Juan Cabrillo and Francis Drake, it was Sebastian Vizcaíno that is credited with first entering the harbor in December of 1602 and naming it after the viceroy of Mexico, the Count of Monte Rey. Monterey is recognized as having California’s first theater and publishing the first newspaper called, The Californian.

Monterey has attracted many visitors, artists, and musicians since the late 1800’s and having an Airstream rally there proved to be a fun-filled adventure. For many of us, the fun didn’t end on October 6th. Off we went to the Region 12 Rally at Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles, another lovely area of our beautiful state.



One morning, we enjoyed our traditional “Eggs in a Bag” breakfast with fresh, warm tortillas and just about anything you could think of to doctor up your omelet. One evening, we enjoyed a delicious Mexican potluck dinner with an Italian flair and many scrumptious desserts to top it off. The Pall’s and Hammer’s made a heavenly cioppino with local, fresh seafood; Oh, my! I imagine there were many of us that ate a bit too much that night. Oh, and one evening our Happy Hour got off to an exuberant start with a whiskey-tasting activity.

REGION 12 RALLY IN PHOTOS

We gathered under sunshine days and starry nights at Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles for the annual Region 12 Rally which includes California and Nevada. With 120 Airstreams, there were many friends to catch up with and others to make; seminars to attend; a dog parade, with costumes; bocce ball tournament; club basket raffle; golf and a best decorated Airstream for Halloween. Taking home first place was the Landaker's Argosy!

Have you ever purchased a raffle ticket with no expectation to win? Don + Marion Kuhns purchased one ticket, last minute, and won B-I-G! The prize was a \$4,600 value solar system courtesy of Inland Empire Airstream.



Inland Empire rep, Courtney, with solar package winners Don + Marion Kuhns with R12 president LaVerne McHenry





R12 Secretary, Margaret Handshoe; 1st VP, Abe Hernandez; President, LaVerne McHenry; Acting Parliamentarian, Alan Amundsen



Immediate Past President, Cecelia Stansbury inducting incoming 2nd VP, Pat Lazzereschi (left); and 1st VP, Abe Hernandez



Gregg + Catherine's award winning decorations!



Gathering of past R12 presidents Cecelia Stansbury, Jim Polk, Tom Smithson, Bob Stansbury and Judy Bechthold



Jim Polk, lucky bidder on the GLA silent auction 'CleanStream' package



The Gang is All Here! Our club was well represented at the Region 12 Rally. Thank you to all our members and affiliates for making this such a GREAT event!



Editor’s Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

- 1) With each issue we’ll have an opportunity to *Meet a Club Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don’t know about you!
- 2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground* where you simply write a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our club is in the process of assembling its first ever membership photo directory and we need your help! This directory, when completed, will be posted on our Members Only website and will be helpful in putting a face to a name. To date we have about 1/3 of our membership participating, but of course we would like to have a 100% response rate! Please send your photo (jpeg format works best) to Carolyn at cbtomlinson@cox.net.

Jim and I recently had the opportunity to attend the West Coast premiere of, ‘Alumination’, at the Newport Beach Film Festival. This provided us the fantastic opportunity to view this film, several years in the making, on the big screen! Director Eric Bricker is in final phase of his work and (fingers crossed!) a streaming network may be the outlet for this piece which beautifully weaves never-before-seen archival footage with modern day Airstreams to present the history of our aluminum dream machines through the years! - Lynda



Lynda + Jim Polk with Director Eric Bricker

Editor’s Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!