## November 2021

# Las Vegas Airstream Club

Social Meeting

November 13, 2021 Saturday afternoon 2 - 4 pm El Paseo Community Club House 8010 Kinsella Way, Las Vegas, NV 89147

If you have not RSVP to Jo Saltzer by Nov 7, 2021 and you plan to attend please contact her ASAP

## HOLIDAY RALLY



This year's Holiday Rally will be held December 9th - 12th at the Nevada Treasure RV Resort (nevadatreasurervresort.com) located in Pahrump, NV. This park is conveniently located approximately 80 miles from Las Vegas. Pahrump is a great location to explore nearby Death Valley, China Ranch Date Farm, Ash Meadows, Rhyolite ghost town, Pahrump wineries, and more. There will be a catered holiday dinner on Friday night followed by a gift exchange. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

The cost of the spaces is \$40/night. You may extend your stay at the regular site rate of \$44. Reservations are to be made directly with the RV resort. They require a one night deposit. Please contact Nevada Treasure at 775-751-1174 and let them know you are with the Las Vegas Airstream Club. **There is still time to register!!!** Once you do please send Cheryl Musser an email at musserfly@cox.net and let her know the dates you will be staying and the site number, if assigned. We are confirming up attendees for catering.

We hope to see everyone and celebrate the holidays! We will have a gift exchange for the rally. One gift per rig \$25.



# **Rally Calendar**

#### December 9 -12

Holiday Rally Nevada Treasure RV Resort Pahrump, NV Host. LV Airstream Club Board

#### January 6 -9 2022

REDROCK CANYON CAMPGROUND Las Vegas, NV Host - Needed, if interested, please contact Cheryl at musserfly@cox.net. RESERVATIONS OPEN NOW THROUGH RECREATION.GO

## February 7 -10

Valley of Fire Group site details to follow in email

## March 15 to 17

CAVA ROBLES RV RESORT PASO ROBLES, CA Host - Bob and Diane H. discotties12@gmail.com

## APRIL TBD

## May 11-15

Rancho Sedona RV Park. Spaces may be available, If you have a reservation and need to cancel check with other member of the club to see if they will take your site

## Region 12 Rally - Fun in the California Central Coast

There was a great turnout at the Region 12 Rally. This year, 120 Airstreams gathered in California's central coast town of Paso Robles. Out of the 120 Airstreams, five were from our Las Vegas Airstream Club. Region 12 had some fun activities for everyone. There was a golf outing, a women's back up and trailering class, as well as an informative talk from Region 12's own Jim Polk, of Polk's Valuations, regarding your Airstream's value and insurance coverage. There was also a Halloween trailer decorating contest and pet costume contest. There are some creative members in Region 12!

On their own, members explored the area and went wine and spirit tasting, checked out local dining options, visiting nearby beachfront towns, as well as driving to the coast just to dip their feet into the Pacific Ocean. We even celebrated Lynn Mate's birthday.

It was great to spend time with old friends throughout Region 12 and meet some new ones! Cheryl Musser



## Pet Tips

Many Airstreamers travel with their beloved pets. As much as campers keep an eye on their pets, there is always a possibility of them accidentally getting out of the trailer or off leash. While most people have their cell number on their pet's identification tag, this works great until there is spotty or no cell service at the campground. I've seen this tip on the internet and thought it was a great idea to pass along. When camping, you may want to create a temporary id tag with your campsite space number. In some cases, it may be quicker to just bring the wandering pet back to their site. We all want our fur babies to stay safe while they enjoy the Airstream with us. Safe travels!





#### Who Is towing the Airstream?

It is safe to say that we each have a primary driver when towing our Airstreams. I attended a "How to back up your trailer" at the Region 12 rally. In talking and listening to our fellow members, I learned; there is a primary driver, and maybe the significant other (SO) is a secondary driver. Additionally, one person tends to do all the outside work, and the other person makes sure the inside of the Airstream is ready for road travel. Many of the SO's I spoke to did not tow the trailer or do any of the hook ups or emptying of the tanks. Does this sound a little like your Airstream household?

For years, Bob drove and did all the outside work, hooking up, emptying the tanks, and stabilizing the trailer. I did all the inside job duties. Our roles have changed slightly; we share the outside work, including hooking up the trailer, sharing most of the inside responsibilities, but I am the primary driver instead of Bob. So, I started towing to give Bob a break. Later, I became the primary driver. It was a little nerve racking at first but with each day of towing it became easier. I am still working at perfecting backing up the trailer but towing the trailer is fun. When we pull into a gas station, rest area, or camp ground my mind is working as to how to maneuver the truck and trailer.

Here is my scenario, You are out boondocking or at a campground, the truck is unhooked, and the trailer is happily sitting on the stabilizers in your new home. All is well until the primary driver becomes ill and cannot drive or hook up the trailer. What do you do now? Call for help? As the significant other (SO), are you able to drive the tow vehicle with or without pulling the Airstream? Can you hook up the trailer? Do you leave your trailer? If so, do you have a hitch lock? Do you know how to use it? I am presenting a worst-case scenario, but it could happen to you.

I highly encourage all SO's to learn how to drive the tow vehicle with and without the trailer and hook the trailer up. At least you can get your SO to a safe location, with or without the trailer. Sure, you might be able to call for medical assistance or get you SO into the truck, but you still have a trailer waiting for your return.

In the coming months, we will have a backup seminar and possibly a beginning towing session, especially for our SO who wish to learn how to tow a trailer. We are then going to proceed to a rally location. Logistics are still being worked out.

See you all down the road, Diane



#### Volunteering

Every time I attend an Airstream Rally, whether it be Club, Region, or International, it appears that members are having fun! Members gather for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, social hours, around campfires, museums, entertainment, worship, community service and too many more occasions to count. All this activity did not just happen by itself. It happened because someone volunteered! Someone stepped up to the plate and shouted, "Let me have a crack at this"! Throughout the Airstream Club, there are many instances of clubs/units having difficulty filling officer positions. Some club/units have had to recycle their officers thru numerous times to keep the club from dissolving.

This makes no sense to me. How could all of these gatherings be so much fun and yet we struggle to keep officers in positions? Let me give you this scenario: If a club/unit has 25 actively participating members, and each member volunteered to be President just once, it would keep the officership intact for 25 years!! How is it possible to have so much fun and not take just one or two years to guide your friends on new adventures? When you volunteer, you get to choose where you will be camping all year! Take your friends to your favorite places. Show them things in your hometown. Take them to your favorite restaurant. Or take your friends on an adventure to someplace no one has ever been to. Then find out together what it is like around that next curve!

Yes, there is a little paperwork involved, but it has gotten much easier since most everything is online now thanks to our great leadership at Jackson Center and our International Officers. And you need not be afraid when you run up against something you can't solve. There are thousands of friends to call upon to figure it out! I urge all of our members across the world to take the next step! It is rewarding! It's fun! It's meaningful! And best of all...you will sleep better at night knowing you contributed to the best camping club in the world! The Wally Byam Airstream Club! By

Artie Martin, BRN 213

Article taken from the November Blue Beret November 2021

## **Board member and Officers Needed**

Las Vegas Airstream Club renews are board members yearly. Many of us have been in a position more than once. It requires little time and effort. We can all help each other with any position you might like to volunteer for. Hence, we need officers for next year. Our board currently is a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, treasurer, and a secretary. Please consider volunteering for a position.

## Articles and photos for the newsletter

Articles and your breathtaking photos are needed for the newsletter. Send a brief note and picture to Cheryl or upload to our Instagram page.

## Event Calendars and your future travel plans

Our club has an event calendar on our website https://airstreamclub.org/las- vegas

The website is full of information. In addition, if you visit the Airstream Club International website <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/">https://airstreamclub.org/</a>. The new and improved websites are easy to navigate and have a wealth of information at your fingertips.

Perhaps you might join an affiliate club. Some of our members have joined the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club as affiliates. We will be GLAAC in beautiful San Diego for a rally in January.

When making your travel plans for 2022 look at the Event Calendar on the ACI website. You can view other clubs' calendars and join them for a rally. If you want to go to the Midwest or back east look perhaps an Airstream Club is having a rally where you would like to visit. See if they have room for you and book your spot with them. This is a great way to meet Airstream members while you travel down the road.



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