

The Tattler

Central Coast California Airstream Club (020), Region 12



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"The fire is the main comfort of the camp, whether in summer or winter." -Henry David Thoreau

Quick News

- ➡ It's time to renew your membership!
- ➡ Officers were re-elected at the Nov rally.
- ➡ We have a new logo to reflect our new name.
- ➡ Volunteers needed for 2021 rally hosts.
- ➡ The rally schedule for 2021 has some updates already due to our rapidly changing environment.

Upcoming Rallies

December 11-13

- ➡ CANCELED due to rising Covid cases

January 8-10

- ➡ Ventura Ranch KOA, Santa Paula, CA

- ➡ Host volunteers needed urgently

February 5-7

- ➡ Morro Bay SP
- ➡ Make your own reservations
- ➡ Join the discussion in the CCC Facebook group.

About Us

The Central Coast California Airstream Club (CCCAC) encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; but our members come from all around the area! We are an active, social group that participates in local, regional, and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."





It's Time to Renew Your Membership to WB/ACI and the CCC!

Now is the time to renew your membership. Don't be left out of another year of FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND CAMPING!

Renew by Dec 31, 2020 to be included in the Blue Book or to have your information updated.

Renewal is now done completely online, even for international.

If CCC is your main Club membership, then go to the [WB/ACI renewal site](#) and designate the CCC (Club 020) as your local Club. Your WB/ACI International fee and the CCC fee will be charged together.

If you are an affiliate of CCC, you can renew that via [CCC's website for affiliate renewal](#).

For any questions or alternate methods of payment, please email the [Membership Chair](#) or the [Treasurer](#).





President's Message



Happy Holidays from Sparks, Nevada! I hope that all of you are finding some joy in this holiday season while staying safe and healthy. Personally, I found cooking for two on Thanksgiving very different this year, but did I have a great deal for which to be thankful – wonderful family and friends, a comfortable and warm trailer while our new home is being remodeled, food on the table and a glimmer of hope for the future.

Tom and I were happy to attend the November CCCAC Rally at Flying Flags; it was a great turn out with 19 trailers and 35 attendees. The hosts did a fantastic job under COVID-19 restrictions. They delivered tasty meals to our trailers, all of which were prepared following all the established and changing guidelines. The photos in this issue of Tattler will give those of you who could not join us an idea of how well our hosts kept us safe. It was wonderful to get together with friends again, enjoying great camaraderie and conversation.

We also held the CCCAC 2020 Business Meeting during the November rally, offered in person as usual and via Zoom for the first time. Thank you to all who attended physically or virtually for your patience as we learned how to leverage a new technology. Based on the positive feedback received, we will definitely offer Zoom going forward.

The CCCAC Executive Committee had to make the difficult decision to cancel the December Rally in Paso Robles. Given the rise in COVID-19 cases and the newest requirements from the Governor, it was felt that we had to be overly cautious. It is my hope that we can enjoy a full 2021 CCCAC Rally schedule, if social distancing guidelines are practiced through December and a COVID-19 vaccine is available in early 2021. Please rest assured that your 2021 Rally hosts will follow the protocols necessary to ensure that we have fun while rallying safely.

Congratulations to the 2021 CCCAC officers! Many of us are repeats from 2020 and I look forward to working with the team next year. We will be holding the Officer Installation via Zoom this month; all CCCAC members and affiliates will be invited.

Lastly, Tom and I would like to extend our best wishes to you during this holiday season. I trust that you will be able to connect with family and friends, whether safely in person or virtually via Zoom/Chat/Facetime or just a telephone conversation.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in 2021!
Happy Holidays,
Teresa

2021 Officers: *

- President: Teresa Tighe #3662
- Vice Pres: Bob Minder #4195
- Secretary: Diane Ellis #8267
- Treasurer: Dave Temple #5851
- Past Pres: Pam Lindsay #4585

Directors:

- One Year
 - Rick Cline #1415
 - Chuck Alberti #3923
- Two Year
 - Mark Griffin #1872
 - Ann Smith #6068

Chairpersons:

- Membership: Gary Mellinger #2002
- Webmaster: Walt Bremer #3884
- Tattler: Jason Grendahl #3064
- Facebook: Gary Mellinger #2002
- George Mitchell #3624

**To contact anyone in this list, please consult the Club or International membership directory*



Rally Page

Changes since the last Tattler are in **green bold**.

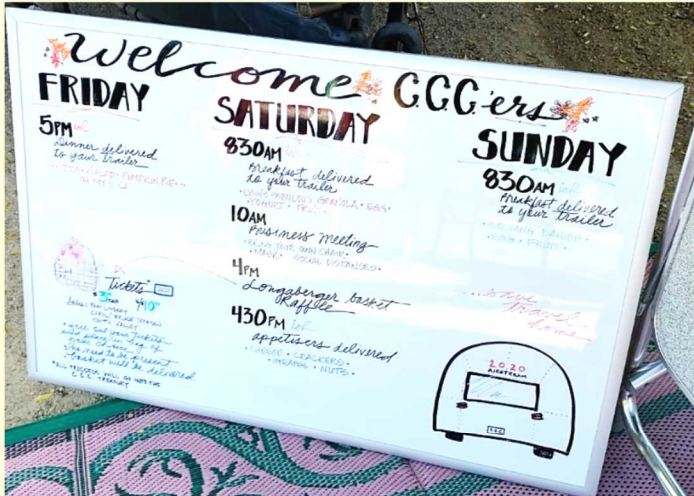
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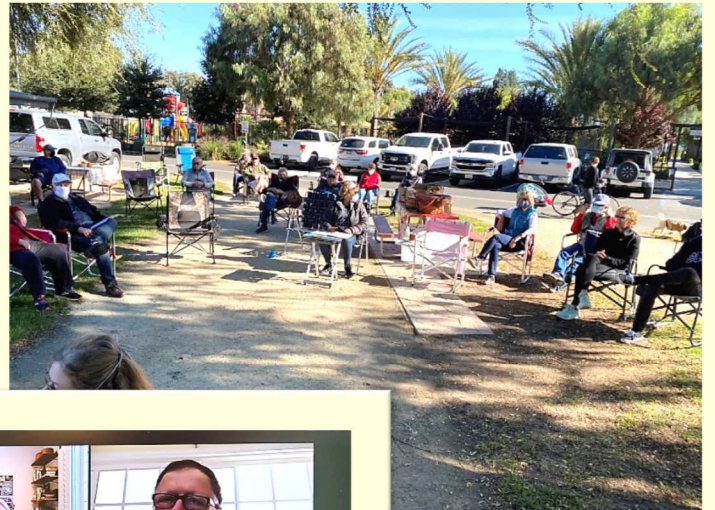
Date	Location	Hosts	Notes
Dec 11-13, 2020 CANCELED	Paso Robles RV Ranch	N/A	Canceled out of safety due to rising Covid numbers
January 8-10	Ventura Ranch KOA Santa Paula, CA	Volunteers needed	
February 5-7	Morro Bay State Park Morro Bay, CA	Gary Mellinger Sr. Pam Lindsay	1. Make your own reservations: 800-444-7275 or California State Parks reservation website . 2. Link to Facebook discussion for the rally
March 4-6	Cava Robles RV Park Paso Robles, CA	Jim and Diane Ellis George and Jeanne Mitchell	
April 22-25	"Cali Rally" V6 Ranch Parkfield, CA	Region 12 Event	Already full from 2020 cancelation and carry-over. Standby list is started. See the Cali-Rally webpage for details.
April 23-25	El Chorro Regional Park Campground San Luis Obispo, CA	Bill and Karen Almas Co-host volunteer needed	Make your own reservations: SLO parks reservation website
May 7-9	Pismo Coast Village Pismo Beach, CA	Volunteers needed	
July 16-24	WB/ACI International Rally Lebanon, TN	WB/ACI national event	Refer to this web page if interested.
September 17-19	Jalama Beach County Park Lompoc, CA	Volunteers needed	Members must make their own reservations: SB County parks reservation website .
October 1-5	Balloon Fiesta Albuquerque, NM	WB/ACI national event	Already full. Standby list started. See Balloon Fiesta website for details.
October 6-10	Region 12 Annual Rally Cava Robles RV Park Paso Robles, CA	Region 12 Event	Details coming soon. Refer to the event web page for updates.
Week of October 25	Weekday Rally Lake Cachuma Recreational Area Campground Santa Barbara, CA	Bob Minder	Exact dates TBA but will be during the week.
November 12-14	Pismo Sands RV Park Oceano, CA	Volunteers needed	
December 10-12	Camp Comfort Campground Ojai, CA	Nancy Amorteguy Bob and Linda Minder	



Rally Report – November – Flying Flags

This rally was well attended. The most interesting part was the annual business meeting which was held both on Zoom and in person from the campground. Thanks to the rally hosts (Pam Lindsay, Keith & Lynne Valley, and Bruce & Carol Yeoman) for their preparation and to the Officers of the Club for organizing the business meeting. There were creative meal ideas for Covid times, too. The pictures tell the rest of the story.









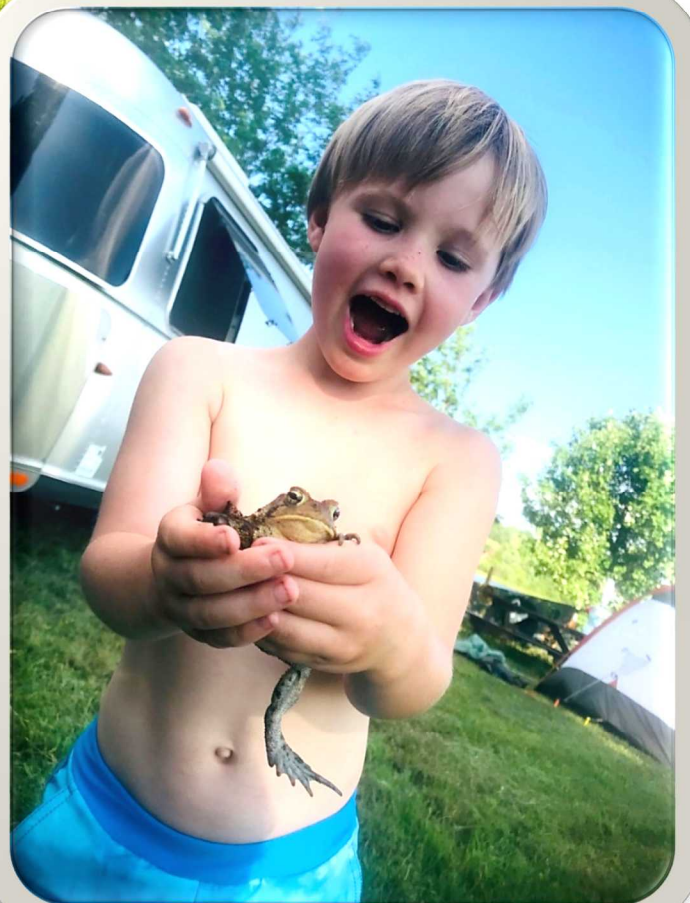
Member Trips

A continuation about summer trips taken by our members once campgrounds re-opened.

The Rockwell Family's Summer Trip (#7535)



Our family of 5 + our Wonder Dog (we wonder what she is) crossed the country this summer in our 25' 2012 Eddie Bauer, which we have had for 8 years. This is the first time she was east of Utah and she never let us down. We logged over 6,000 miles in 20 states. We sure had fun and got to see some amazing places.





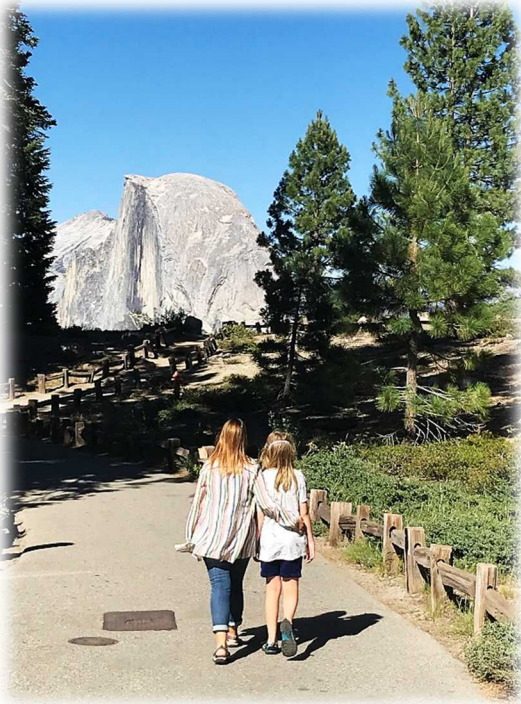


The Grendahl Family's Summer Trip (#3064)

It was supposed to be a cruise to Mexico for the family summer trip. Even Oma was coming to join us. Oma is visiting for almost three weeks so what are we going to get out and do in a pandemic? Camping, of course!

I set out to find a tour that we could do that wasn't too much time on the road. Our troop would be five adults and two kids in an F-150, so pretty tight quarters already; never mind that one of the kids is a 14-year-old young man who is doing his best to out-grow his relatively large-human father (me).

The first stop was Yosemite. The pandemic brought a reservation system for visitors, so this drastically reduced the number of people in the park. It was almost like being there on a winter weekday, but in the middle of summer!



Approaching Half-Dome at Glacier Point



Yosemite Valley at Sunset



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir



Part of the trip was the drive itself over the Sierras via Tioga Pass (CA-120) through Yosemite to get to the Eastern Sierra Valley. We were struck by the beauty on this Pass. We stopped for a view of a lake and ended up having lunch at the roadside.

I expect that my surprise about the Eastern Valley will be no surprise to Central Coast and LA-area people: It's a popular destination, even during pandemic times! My first choice for campground was Mammoth Mountain RV Park. I visited their website to reserve a site but found no availability which I thought strange since I was looking to arrive on a Sunday and leave on

Wednesday. I thought perhaps they hadn't released availability online yet since things were just opening up so I called the park. No availability for over one year out. The person I spoke with said that was normal. Ooof. Plan B. I finally found a spot in June Lake at Golden Pine RV Park. It was tight quarters for my 30' Airstream, but we eventually made it work. We happened to find Bass Lake one night on a walk and the kids rented a kayak there the next day and found a new sport. We used June Lake as home-base for visiting Devil's Postpile in Mammoth and Manzanar Internment Camp in Independence, Bodie ghost town, and Mono Lake. Tip: if you love Mexican food, make sure to eat at Roberto's Café in Mammoth. Café really isn't the right word for this place. You will get a huge plate of food. I highly recommend the whole beans instead of refried as a side. I will eat here every time I visit from now on.



Roadside Lunch Stop at Tenaya Lake on CA-120



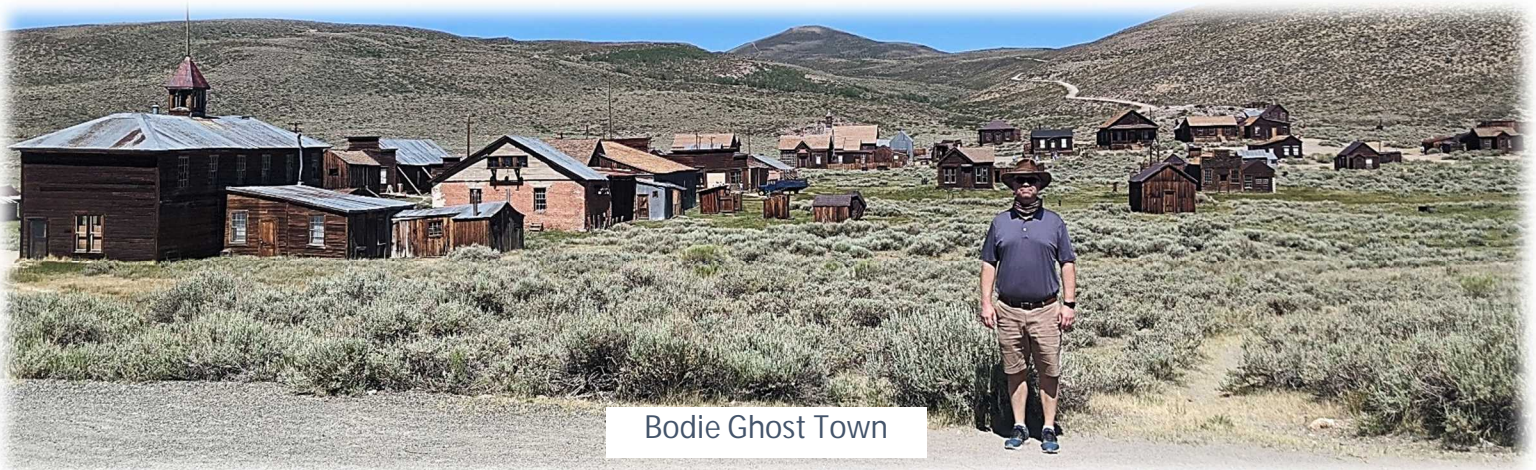
Kayaking on Bass Lake



Memorial at Manzanar



Devil's Postpile



Bodie Ghost Town



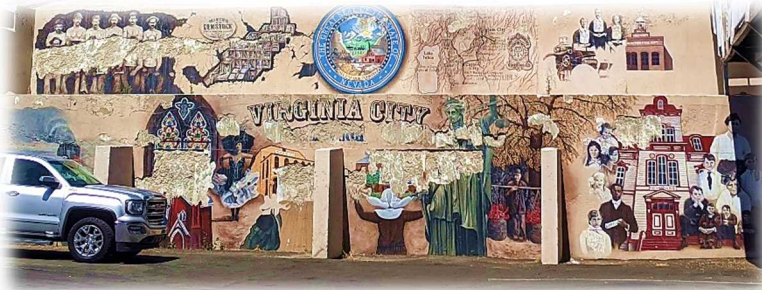
South Tufa, Mono Lake



Next stop: Reno! We trucked it up US-395 for the scenic route to Reno from June Lake. What a great drive! Staying at the GSR in Reno is a favorite of our family. It's hardly ever crowded, campers get the same usage of casino amenities as a hotel guest, and there's full hookups. The campground is pretty much a parking lot with full hookups, so don't expect great things about the park other than location. We have come to find a number of favorite restaurants in Reno and Sparks so we pretty much eat, drink, and lose money on penny slots while in Reno. We added a scenic drive up to Incline Village and Truckee as part of this trip. Both were new to the entire Grendahl family and we enjoyed both locations very much and will be back again sometime. We visited Virginia City which is a nice, scenic drive from Reno. It's an old-west style town. Lots of shops and saloons. If the steam train is running, I highly recommend the ride if you are into trains. It wasn't running this time.



Refreshments at Alibi Ale Works in Incline Village



Outside of a Saloon in Virginia City

The last destination before home: Black Oak RV Park in Tuolumne, CA. This is pretty much our family's go-to campground. It's very nice and new. The casino at Black Oak has never done great things for us but the RV park and convenient gas station are an oasis in the area. Like Reno, we have a short list of restaurants and wineries to visit in the area which is pretty much our activities short of sitting in the year-round hot tub. We passed on the tub on this trip. We heard hot tubs are the least of one's worries for getting Covid, but no need to test that hypothesis.



In the end, Oma said that she things that she enjoyed the trip more than a cruise?!?! She is now casually looking for a Class B motorhome. We couldn't force her into an Airstream Interstate, but that is on the radar screen along with similar makes and models.



Birthdays

Don't see your birthday here but it should be? Let the CCC know by emailing the [Membership Chair](#) or the [Treasurer](#).

November

- Roxanne Gross 11/2
- Pam Lindsay 11/3
- Gary Mellinger 11/20
- Tom Reay 11/20
- Beth Kerfoot 11/23
- Jan DeWitt 11/25

December

- Judy Bremer 12/8
- Carol Yeoman 12/12
- Fredric Sloan 12/18
- Ariadna 12/23
- John Totten 12/24
- Keith Valley 12/16
- John Thornton 12/



Club Resources and Links

- [Membership roster and contact list online here](#)
 - Contact Walt Bremer, Webmaster, for access if you need it: wbremer@me.com
- Read past issues of *The Tattler* newsletters
- Access rally coupons online - [CCCU website](#) or [CCCU Facebook](#)
- To renew your membership for 2021:
 - Regular member: [WBCCI International](#)
 - Affiliate member: [CCCAC Website](#)
- Planning a rally and tips for hosting: [Download the planning guide](#)
- Buy CCCU Logo-Wear - [instructions on website](#)

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New Members

Welcome these new members!

- ➡ Andrea and Bob Beechinor#2706
- ➡ Gregory and Penny Herring#1907
- ➡ Todd and Irene Riley#6480

Stay Connected!

Facebook Pages

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- [Region 12](#)
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