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From the President

Spam Note

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from "President - South Coast CA Airstream Club":
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Call for articles

Do you have something to say?

Please submit any and all articles of interest to our membership for publication. Ideas include news, travel, RV tips, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos.

Email the editor at:
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COMING IN JANUARY: PALA

Another club favorite, at Pala, you can enjoy a lovely modern RV park then pop over on the free shuttle to the casino to try your luck. Pala RV Resort is one of a small number of Good Sam rated 10/10/10 camping spots. You can also walk next door to visit the buffalo in the field!

Photo credit: palacasino.com

President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Hi everyone,

Well, it has been one busy October. We have totally enjoyed the company of our Airstream friends while we traveled to the more northern areas of California.

The Flying Flags rally was totally awesome with 28 sites booked through the Club and an additional five members booking separately. On Friday, Mark Miller arranged for a private tour of the Mendenhall Museum in Buellton. What an amazing place! It is right across the street from Flying Flags, within walking distance, and the memorabilia is overwhelming. I have never seen so many old car licenses (from every state) and thousands of other items relating to everything from gas stations, trucks, cars, and car racing to old phonograph players and sewing machines. A very worthwhile trip. Thank you, Mark, for arranging this for us.

The Chili-Cook-Off was great, with everyone putting their hearts and souls into their unique pots of chili. We loved all of them, and the judges (Mike Wood, Bob Adams, and Sandra Bangert) had a tough time coming up with the top three (see separate article written by Mike Biagi). Our wonderful member, Richard Valorosi, had a fall on his way back to his rig (the grounds at Flying Flags are full of pot holes), resulting in a broken shoulder. Thanks to everyone for coming forward and helping Stephanie get the Airstream ready to be transported, while she tended to Richard. All of you are totally amazing humans for being so helpful. (I don't want to name names, as there are too many to thank, but you know who you are.) He is now on the mend, and we wish him the best and fastest recovery. Many of our members stayed over on Sunday night, so we had another blind wine-tasting on Sunday afternoon. I don't remember who the winners were, but they now have bragging rights. Fun was had by all.

After the rally, a large number of us ventured over to Pismo Coast Village for two nights. As typical for beach weather, we rarely saw the sun. The highlight was the homemade ice cream made by Larry and Carrie Suggett one afternoon, served with strawberries and nuts. The BEST ice cream I have had in years!! I kid you not. Many of us also just had to have the Pismo famous cinnamon rolls with icing. . . almost puts one in a sugar coma.

On Wednesday, it was off to Paso Robles to the Cava Robles RV Resort for the Region 12 Rally. Paso weather can easily be in the 90's to 100's, but the weather was pleasant despite some occasional wind gusts. It was a nice rally, with 120 Airstreams, and it was fun re-visiting friends we have met before and meeting new friends. I represented the Club at the Region 12 Board Meeting, where we learned about some upcoming enhancements to the WBCCI web site and witnessed the swearing in of the new VP's. The day before the Board Meeting, South Coast really came through as #1 Bocce Ball champions, Ron Lasswell and Tim Sommerville. Also coming in #4 was Jeanne Alich and Holly Perez. We really showed them who South Coast was! Speaking of which, Connie Brunn not only won a visor at one of the seminars, but she also won a cruiser bike. Way to go, Connie! Luckily, our way home was uneventful, as the Santa Barbara fire erupted the following day.

The Springs at Borrego rally is coming up in a few weeks, and our final event of the year will be our Annual Meeting, where we vote on and install the new officers for 2022. Don't miss this fun-filled event.

If you were unable to join us, I sincerely hope that you had a delightful month and that you were able to get out and enjoy our beautiful Fall weather. Stay safe and aware, and safe travels.

Diane Sommerville
2021 President



November Birthdays

Lisa Wood	11/7
Gale Nelson	11/13
Mary Frauenzimmer	11/14
Bruce Barefoot	11/21
Linda Calderon	11/22
Yasin Latif	11/26

November Anniversaries

Carolyn Nelson & Holly Perez	11/7
Chuck & Linda Visnic	11/24

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2021 South Coast Airstream Club Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
November 12 - 14	The Springs at Borrego 2255 DiGiorgio Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004	Larry and Carrie Suggett with Karl and Katherine Romero
December 5	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Location TBD	Hosts Bob Adams with Dale and Susan Cram

2022 DRAFT SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
January 7-9	Pala Casino RV Resort	Bill and Maureen Ball with Jerry and Sandra Bangert
February 4-6	Golden Village Palms RV Resort (Hemet)	Hosts needed - please feel free to sign up!
March 4-6	Emerald Desert RV Resort	Hosts needed - please feel free to sign up!
April 1-3	Wine Country RV Resort (Paso Robles)	Hosts needed - please feel free to sign up!
May 6-8	Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina	Mike and Marla Biagi with Gabriel and Leann De La Cruz
June 3-5	Costa Vista RV Resort (Chula Vista)	TBD
July	No Rally	N/A
August TBD	President's BBQ	TBD
September TBD	Harbor Terrace (Avila Beach)	TBD
October TBD	Vail Lake / Temecula KOA	TBD
November 4-6	The Springs at Borrego	TBD
December TBD	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Location TBD	TBD

South Coast Past Presidents

Clarence Mason	1968	Wayne Sorenson	1991
Hank Sanford	1969	Dolores Irwin	1992 and 2002
Dick James	1970	Mary Gough	1993
Mac McPeak	1971	Jack Engle	1994
David Hayes	1972	Howard Cram	1995
Roy Slate	1973	Les Chillcott	1996
John Riley	1974	Ralph Irwin	1997
Wesley Gough	1975	Dale Cram	1999 and 2000
Bill Williams	1976	Robert Kirksey	2002 and 2004
Jack Scott	1977	Susan Cram	2003 and 2012
Doug Gist	1978	Steve Carmichael	2005 and 2008
Walter Brooks	1979	Philip Terhorst	2006
John Ashe Everest	1980	Marshall McFie	2007
Bud Davis	1981	Robert Michler	2009
Harold Buck	1982	Lynda Terhorst	2010
David Fletcher	1983	Robert Smith	2011
Jack Ortberg	1984 and 2001	Scott Weddle	2013
Mac McCue	1985	Louise Weddle	2014
Don Conner	1986 and 1998	Bill Ball	2015 and 2016
Lois Kloprien	1987	Robert Kirkpatrick	2017
Bob Barlow	1988	Bruce Barefoot	2018
Clara Buck	1989	Mark Miller	2019
Roberta Williams	1990	Marya Barefoot	2020

Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://region12.airstreamclub.net/>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: www.campendium.com

Airstream Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

Oregon Trail Caravan Report - Part 3

By Philip Terhorst



Image credit: Phil Terhorst

We are on the Oregon Trail Caravan with 20 other Airstreamers. Here's what was going on in August:

Day 17 - Traveling Fort Bridger, WY to Montpelier, ID. The bluffs are the shoreline of an ancient inland sea and filled with fossils.

Days 19 and 20 - Pocatello, ID. The caravanners toured the Museum of Clean and the Idaho Potato Museum.

Day 21 - Traveling from Pocatello, ID to Glenn's Ferry, ID. We are nearing the "Parting of the Ways", where the Oregon-bound emigrants separated from the California-bound emigrants.

Day 23 - Baker City, OR. Inside the Museum, of course, is a room full of artifacts related to Wally Byam, the inventor and manufacturer of the Airstream trailer. Wally Byam was born here in Baker City.

Day 24 - Traveling from Baker City, OR to Pendleton, OR

Day 27 - Traveling from Pendleton, OR to Cascade Locks, OR. Drove along the mighty Columbia River at 1,243 miles long. It's drainage basin is the size of France.

Day 28 - Cascade Locks, OR. fish ladder. The Columbia River is a huge spawning ground for salmon returning from the sea. Dams block their path so fish ladders were built so the salmon can still swim upstream.

I report our activities daily on my blog: www.adventuresinthevilla.com. You can subscribe or follow and receive an email every time I post. We'd love to have you follow along with us as we traverse the country.

Day 17 - Fossil Butte National Monument



Day 17 - the National Oregon/California Trail Center



Oregon Trail Caravan (continued from previous page)

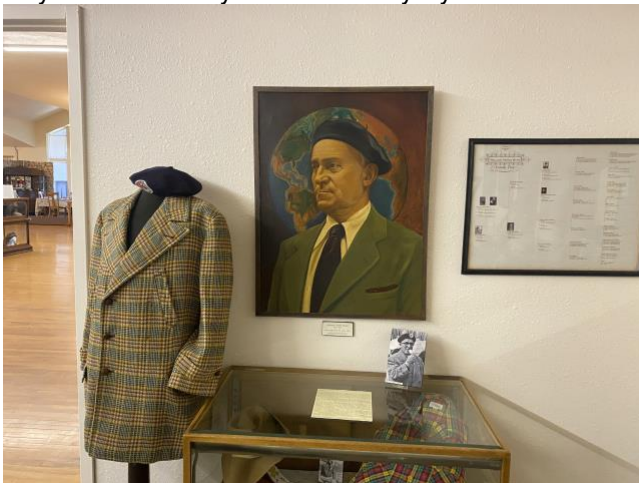


Day 17 - The Museum of Clean



The Potato Museum was even more fun than the Clean Museum... We watched videos of potato harvest, we saw how McDonalds makes their French fries. There is also a potatoe, autographed by Dan Quail...!

Day 23 - Baker City Museum Wally Byam exhibit



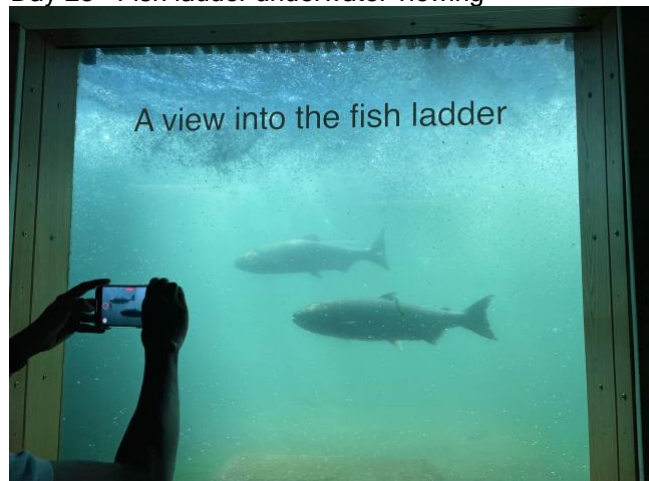
Day 27 - Colombia River



Day 25 - Pendleton, OR - more wagon ruts



Day 28 - Fish ladder underwater viewing



Welcome New Members

By: Connie Miller, Membership Chair



Please welcome the new members who were not previously recognized in the newsletter. We hope they will join us at a rally soon.

Oscar & Kathleen Abad of Oceanside
Robbie Love of Encinitas

2018 25' Flying Cloud
1966 20' Globetrotter

Reminder to Renew Your Airstream Club Membership

Here's a friendly reminder to [renew your Airstream Club membership](#) for 2022! Please complete your renewal by December 31 to be included in our 2022 Membership Directory! Click [here](#) for a video tutorial taking you step by step through the renewal process.

Special Notice - Your Airstream Club Needs You!

By: Mike Biagi

We need rally hosts for February, March and April of 2022.

We are also in need of several volunteers to serve as officers for 2022. The positions of First and Second Vice President are both open and need to be filled.

If you are interested, please reach out to me for additional information. I can be reached at mikebiagi@sbcglobal.net or at 714-392-8482.



Alumination Documentary

By: Andi Matsumoto



Back in January I had written about an upcoming documentary about the history of Airstream and its founder, Wally Byam. It was to be shown at last year's Newport Beach Film Festival, but sadly the pandemic stymied the premiere plans. Lucky for us, it was featured at this year's film festival and so I finally got to go see it on October 24 at Big Newport Cinemas. The film is about Wally Byam's life and his idea for travel freedom. The film captures Wally's vision and the innovative, adventurous spirit that has carried the iconic American brand and its community of passionate road warriors through a century of exploration. It was the culmination of nearly seven years of work for filmmaker Eric Bricker. The result is a fascinating portrait of Wally Byam's genius and a celebration of the community that keeps the Airstream dream alive today. Fun fact: the narrator is Kate Pierson of the band The B-52's.

The West Coast Premiere featured a Q&A with Writer/Director Eric Bricker (2nd from left in the picture above), Dale "Pee Wee" Shwamborn (son of Helen Byam Shwamborn and 3rd from left), and Russ Banham, author of the book "Wanderlust: Airstream at 75" (far left). Here's some of the discussion after the film was shown:

How did the movie come about? Erik: I was visiting with Peter Orthwein's mother (the "OR" in Thor Industries, which owns Airstream) and talking and said, "You know what, a documentary on Airstream would be the perfect follow up to Visual Acoustics (the previous film he did, which was very much an L.A. story). So we ended up connecting with the Airstream factory and went to the factory and met with Bob Wheeler (current CEO of Airstream) and Molly Hansen, who are both still there. They said, "Hey, you got to out to Arizona and talk with Pee Wee. So that was our next stop after Jackson Center - to the home of Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn, who is here today.

How many adventures did you have as a child? Dale: I went on five caravans. I went on Wally's first one in 1951 to Mexico and Central America as it said in the movie, and then to Eastern Canada. Then as a graduation present in 1956, Wally gave me an airplane ticket to join the caravan with my mother in Europe. But really the big one was when Wally put so much trust in me at 20 years of age to be the advance scout to go ahead and scout for the African caravan.

Erik: I don't think they were really aware of what they had in terms of their history. Now Russ, who is here, really helped them give some reflection to Airstream. Russ wrote a book, and that was the map for us in terms of trying to find the story, along with Pee Wee. Airstream had very little archival footage digitized. The main one was the Cape to Cairo movie that you saw some excerpts from. However, in 2015 or 16 Airstream did a spot and I saw some archival footage and I said, "Wait a minute, I know all the archival footage and I haven't seen that yet." So I called up Airstream and said, "Hey, is there some more footage?" and there was probably four to five times more footage, which changed the trajectory of the film because I thought we were making a film more on the contemporary Airstreamers with references to Wally and the caravans but what came out of that footage was finding enough footage to create a spine or narrative arc through the piece that was hung on Wally and the caravans and so it kind of reconfigured everything. I have to say in terms of the archival material that's there, there is a wealth of footage yet to bring out for the public to see.

Russ: The timing after what we have all gone through these last two years is just perfect. We need to find meaning and purpose.

Dale: I can't even begin to tell you what it is to have an Airstream and to travel that way because I have seen so much of the world but our United States has so much more than you can even believe to see. So any time you get in that Airstream, just get out on the road. Maybe even more important is being able to meet people. I look at Airstream as a conduit. Sure it's a trailer, you are travelling in it, you own it. But it is a conduit to people, to make new friendships that are everlasting.

Flying Flags Rally

Story and photos by: Mike Biagi



Photo credit: Mark Miller

The October rally was another roaring success! The large group was treated to clear skies, light winds and very pleasant daytime and evening temperatures. Many of the participants either arrived a day early or stayed beyond Sunday to make their way further north to the Region 12 Rally in Paso Robles.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the chili cook off. With more than a dozen entries the judges had their hands full determining the winners. First place went to Brad Berry, second place was Stephanie Valorosi, while Leann De La Cruz took third. Leann also won the President's choice award and Brad won the First Gentlemen's choice award.



After the crowd was sufficiently put into a chili coma the conversation continued and more good times were had by all. The Incoming President's award for dessert went to Gale Nelson's homemade carrot cake. So moist and rich with just the right combinations of flavors.



We were excited to see a number of brand new or relatively new members attend this rally. This refreshing influx of new blood into the club was a welcome addition for those who have been around for a while. It's always nice to get to know our new members, hear their stories of purchasing their Airstream and share ours with them as well. And the knowledge this group has about repairs, modifications and the like is extraordinary. I've learned so much from so many of you!!



Speaking of repairs, this also was a weekend of showing off recent coach repairs. Tom Kluzak has a new front bumper on his Interstate and Gerry and Sandra Bangert have an entire new side panel on her trailer. Sandra had high praise for the good folks at Airstream Inland Empire. They did a fantastic job as can be seen in the left photo.

Butternut Squash Recipe

By Andi Matsumoto



As the weather turns cooler, I love to make hearty soups for the family. This one is a Thanksgiving favorite from my cooking Bible, “The Joy of Cooking”. What the book lacks in colorful photographs, it makes up for in breadth and detail. This book has been my mealtime preparation guide since 1996.

Although this recipe uses butternut squash, you can use almost any other winter squash such as delicata, hubbard, acorn or pie pumpkins. For a twist on the garnish, rinse and dry the squash seeds, toss them in a tablespoon of oil and bake them along with the squash until brown then sprinkle them over the soup when serving.

<p>What you need:</p> <p>1 butternut squash, seeded and halved (about 3 ½ pounds) 3 tablespoons unsalted butter or vegetable oil 2 large leeks, white part, cleaned and chopped</p>	<p>4 teaspoons minced fresh ginger 6 cups of chicken or vegetable stock 1 teaspoon salt Chopped parsley or cilantro Croutons</p>
<p>What you do:</p> <p>Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place squash cut side down on an oiled baking tray and bake until the squash can be pierced with a fork (about an hour). Let the squash cool then scoop the pulp out. Heat the butter or oil in a pot over medium-low heat. Add the leeks and ginger and stir until tender (about 5 - 10 minutes). Stir in the squash with 4 cups of the stock. Simmer and cook for about 20 minutes. Puree until smooth and return the soup to the pot. Stir in 2 cups stock and salt. Ladle into warmed bowls and garnish with parsley, cilantro, croutons and toasted squash seeds.</p>	

“It’s really about connecting people to the adventure, instead of insulating them from it.” Christopher C. Deam in the Aluminator documentary