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Happy New Year



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Outgoing President's Message



"Life is better with Airstreams, great adventures, and good friends"

Lori and I recently returned home from the December Installation rally at Black Oak Casino RV Park. Thanks to the rally hosts and everyone who attended for making this such a fun and memorable event. It was the perfect way to cap off the year.

As I reflect back on my term as President, I think of all the adventures we enjoyed with great friends, and the new friends we made along the way. I am also grateful for the amazing group of volunteers (rally hosts, Committee chairs, and Board members) who do a fantastic job behind the scenes, and make NorCal such a great club to be associated with.

Congratulations to our new President and First Lady Bob and Billie, and to the new Board Members/Committee Chairs for 2022. The Northern California Airstream Club is certainly in good hands, and has a long and healthy future.

Thank you for allowing Lori and I to serve as your President and First Lady in 2021. We look forward to many more years of fun and adventures with NorCal. See you down the road!

John Bibby

Incoming President's Message



"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."

I hope you all have enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another year of adventure! At the December Rally we had thirteen past presidents attending. I don't know if this is a record, but it sure must be one of the most attended rallies by past presidents. There were over 80 Airstreamers at the rally and we all had a great time visiting with our Airstream buddies and eating excellent food. Thank you to Barry, Claudia, Marcia, Cam, Tom and Hedda for hosting.

There is a great lineup of rallies this year, starting with Lodi. If there is one message I must get out, it is: **volunteer to host one of this year's rallies**. Even if you've never hosted before, it's as simple as finding a caterer and choosing two meals, price them out and you're done. You can add as many activities as you'd like, or not. You are the host and the rest of us are grateful for whatever you plan. After you've hosted one then you can get more creative on your next one. Get your feet wet and do the deep dive on your second rally. Just find the food and we will come.

And thanks to everyone who donated and purchased at the Silent Auction. \$3,000 was raised for Fisher House!

Billie and I are wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Bob Verdegaaal

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From the Editor

Happy New Year everyone! 2022 starts the 59th year of the Poppy -wow! Congratulations to Bob, Billie, the new Trustees and other Officers who will be continuing the work of our past President and First Lady, John and Lori.



In this issue, we announce the Lodi rally, the Club's first rally of 2022, on page 3, with the coupon on page 4. Please pay attention to the instructions on the coupon – there have been some changes, notably that all questions, comments, and concerns regarding registering for or cancelling a registration for a rally now go through the REGISTRAR. Do not engage anyone else, *especially the campsite*. Plus, the cancellation policy, which will be rally-dependent, has been clearly stated so hopefully there is no confusion. I am told the Club officers are trying to keep confusion and frustration for all to a minimum.

Since this is the time of year we are trying to generate hosts for our rallies (see the 2022 rally schedule on this page), we have reprinted the "How to Host a Rally" article on page 5 for those who have forgotten or unaware of the process. Hosting a rally is not difficult, but it does require pre-planning and some logistical work of which you may not be aware. Give it a try! People will be willing to pitch in and help.

We cover our two last rallies of 2021: dry camping at Jessies Grove (that continues to generate rave reviews) and the installation rally at Black Oak Casino, which was fun. (Fully masked, Ed & I won \$41 on our \$10 free play while playing video slots for the first time – woo hoo to beginners luck!) And all those cookies people brought for the "cookie share." Let's just say - no one went hungry.

We also provide some recipes for popular items that were provided at the rallies on page 13, and we have a story on the recent documentary that is all about Airstream on page 6. Maybe the club can sponsor a screening at an upcoming rally??! Take a look at the trailer - it is enticing.

Thanks to everyone who provided photos for this issue: Lori Bibby, Marget Williams, Bob Vasser, Jim Christie, Tari & Janie Salinger, Bob Echols, Darlene Winchell, and Cam & Marcia Murray. You are too kind.

Elisa

2022 Rally Schedule

March 2-6	Lodi Grape Festival Grounds	Lodi
Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi, Mike & Phyllis Minadeo		
April 6-10	Gold Country Campground Pine Grove	
Hosts: Greg & Janet Motta, Jill & Dave Wilson		
April 21-24	Region 12 Cali Rally	Parkfield
Hosts: Region 12: FULL		
May 11-15	Journey KOA	Red Bluff
Hosts: Elisa & Ed Ungerman, Bill & Kathy Maffei		
June 8-12	Emerald Forest RV Park	Trinidad
Hosts: Chris & Dean Davison, Carmen & Jose Ortiz		
July 23-29	International Rally	Fryeburg, Maine
Hosts: Airstream Club International		
July 27-31	Olema Campground	Olema
Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Paul & Victoria Bartelts		
Sept. 7-11	Paso Robles RV Ranch	Paso Robles
Hosts: NEEDED		
Sept. 15-19	Region 12 Rally	Mission Bay San Diego
Hosts: https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-12-rally		
Oct. 5-9	Berry Creek Rancheria	Oroville
Hosts: NEEDED		
Nov. 2-6	Skyline RV Park	Napa
Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Dave & Marget Williams, Amy & Thomas Webster		
Dec. 7-11	Black Oak Casino	Tuolumne
Hosts: NEEDED		

The Fine Print

New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration form and payment by the due date to the club Registrar. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols.



Stuck in Lodi Again

March 2-6 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

John Fogerty said he never actually visited Lodi when he wrote the classic line, *“Oh Lord, stuck in Lodi again.”*

Had he, Fogerty would have learned that Lodi has 85+ wineries covering 100,000+ acres (most in California), nearby wildlife refuges full of Sandhill Cranes, Egrets and Herons.

So, if you’re “lookin’ for a pot of gold,” as Fogerty was, there are few places in the state where spring gold is more easily found right now - than in Lodi ... again.

We will have our Wednesday Welcome Dinner of Chicken and Pork Tacos by Carlos, who provided the Tacos at the “Jesse’s Grove” Lodi rally, which was well received by the group.

Thursday will include a field trip to the Michael David Winery with a complimentary tour. Optionally they have a 5 wine tasting, a small produce area and a café for those that would like to visit for breakfast or lunch followed by a stroll around the grounds.

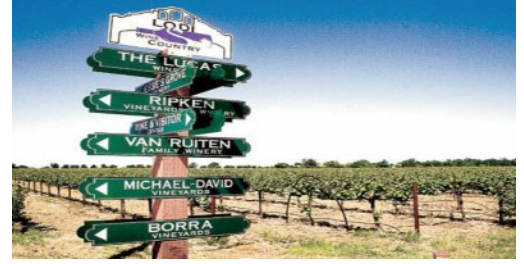
You can start your Friday with Pancakes and Sausage prepared on NorCal’s own classic griddle by chef John White and crew. Not to be missed, a great way to start your day!

Saturday diner is BBQ Chicken by Parker, followed by live entertainment that you’re sure to love. And don’t forget to bring your bikes as there are quite a few places to ride!

Please Note: the RV sites are NOT full hook-up; there is water and electric but no sewer. There is a dump station however.

*Your Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi,
Phyllis & Mike Minadeo*

Stuck In Lodi Again



The Lodi Grape Festival Grounds aka Lodi Fairgrounds
413 E Lockeford St, Lodi, CA 95240

March 2-6, 2021

Coupon Due January 31, 2022

Name: _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____ WBCCI# _____

Arrival Day _____ Departure Day _____ RV length _____

Rally Nights _____ nights @ \$49 per night (water, electric & dump station) Parking Fee \$ _____

Rally Fee _____ persons @ \$7.50 pp (per person) Rally Fee \$ _____

Wednesday Taco Welcome Dinner _____ persons @ \$17 pp Wed. Dinner \$ _____

Thursday Michael David Winery Wine tasting _____ persons @ \$10 pp Wine Tasting \$ _____

Friday Pancake & Sausage Breakfast _____ persons @ \$5 pp Fri. Breakfast \$ _____

Saturday BBQ Dinner _____ persons @ \$23 pp Sat. Dinner \$ _____

TOTAL RALLY COST \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Either directly register online using the jotform link: <https://form.jotform.com/213460194044146> or follow the 'Register for the Rally' link on the webpage, or send this form and payment to the registrar at norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com. **It is preferred you register online**, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer to keep track of rally registrations.
- **Send all payments directly to the Registrar. Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal** and mail to NorCal Registrar Lori Bibby, 3029 Black Hawk Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648-7716. Note: All online payments have been suspended pending implementation of the new online payment system.
- **Refund Policy:** Cancellations and/or changes to registration must be received no later than Wednesday of the week prior to the rally, in other words, a week before the start of the rally. Refunds will be available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Parking fees are refunded according to RV park cancellation policy. Meals, tours, rally fees, etc., are refunded if money has not been spent by the hosts.
- **Please contact the Rally Registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration**, or wish to register after the deadline. **973-270-4132.**
- **Under no circumstances are members to contact the RV Park with changes or cancellations.**
- NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe but also the employees of the RV Parks and the communities we visit safe, which in turn allows us to continue to rally during the pandemic. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, please do not sign up for this rally. If you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.
- Please inform the Registrar if you need a handicap accommodation, or if this is your first NorCal rally.



Rally Hosting Made Easy

How would you like to host a party with other people's money? Be appreciated too. And have fun. Then sign up to host a NorCal rally. We need you. You can do it!

NorCal is a popular Airstream Club in part because it has a rally almost monthly at different venues, typically with a planned activity or two. This gives members a chance to enjoy their Airstreams almost all year round, and visit with their Airstream friends that they otherwise would not see very often, if at all.

But those rallies don't just happen. They are planned and executed by volunteers who (1) participate in and enjoy the rallies, (2) want to express their appreciation to those other members who have made previous rallies possible by stepping up and hosting one too, and (3) want to keep the different rallies going as a club amenity.

For several reasons, the Club cannot expect the same people to continually host rallies, nor does the Club want that. If there are no volunteer hosts for many of the rallies, they will probably be cancelled, eventually leading solely to informal no-host flash rallies, which means everyone is on their own to reserve and pay for their own site (no more group rate), and do their own food and activities. This is fine for the occasional rally (indeed, we had one last year in Oakdale), but is not healthy for the Club as a whole that strives to be inclusive rather than exclusive and provide a variety of experiences for all its Club members.

Most rallies are put on by co-hosts, so you will not be doing the whole thing by yourself. Tasks can be

easily delegated. Secondly, there are plenty of people around you can contact for any input, ideas or assistance you might need and who would be delighted to do so, e.g. the Smithsons, Carole Echols, the Murrays, Jane Malone, the Davisons, the Christies, the Crutchfields, Pat L, the Bibbys, the Verdegaals, Carmen Ortiz, etc. Just ask! Third, numerous people in the Club have special talents that can be tapped to facilitate your rally, such as cooking, craft making, music making, games and contests, or great ideas.

The easiest way to start is to pick a theme. Once you have a theme, the rest falls into place with some advanced planning. Your theme can be based on the location of the rally, the time of year, or whatever you want. Then:

(1) You will need to know the costs of your rally. First, find out the cost of the site per night, and whether there are any pet fees. This information you get from the rally chair. Secondly, determine the cost of any meals you will provide to the group. Two group meals are generally planned – the Welcome Dinner on Wednesday and the Saturday night Dinner, both of which can be anything – catered by a local restaurant or caterer, pot luck, steak burn, BBQ, take-out, food truck, group cooking, etc. Figure out what you want to do and estimate the cost of whatever you are providing, per person. If you use a caterer, or purchase take-out, they can provide you with that information and you can add in a tip amount for the rally charge. If you purchase food to cook, you will need to estimate a cost per person based on what you will be

buying and providing. Costco and Smart and Final are good places for purchasing food for a group. Fortunately you will know the number of people attending your rally well before you purchase any food, but you will need to know the general per person cost of any meal two months before the rally. Finally, scope out the area of your rally to see if there any activities suitable for a group that you may want to facilitate and any costs involved per person. Or if you provide a craft-making event, figure the costs of the craft supplies on a per person basis.

(2) Write a brief explanation of the Rally, what is there to see in the area, and why you think people should attend. Provide this to the Newsletter Editor, along with all the cost information for the rally coupon, **two and a half months prior to the rally** for inclusion in the Newsletter and on the Website in time for people to register. For example: if you are hosting the September Rally, you would supply your information to the Newsletter Editor by June 15th for inclusion in the July Poppy. For the September Rally, the cut off for registrations is July 31st so you will have a month to prepare for your rally.

(3) Prepare for your rally: You will have \$200 to purchase items for welcome bags, décor if any, prizes for contests or games you provide, Confirm with your caterers and any other vendors. Keep track of your expenses on a chart or spreadsheet, put all receipts in an envelope or file scanned to your computer to keep everything handy when it comes time

Rally Hosting Continued

to submit your receipts for reimbursement. You will be reimbursed for any decorations, food, welcome bag items, door prizes, up front activity expenses and hospitality purchases after you submit your receipts.

(4) Execute and Enjoy. Take or have someone take photos of the event for the newsletter.

(5) After your rally, submit receipts and spreadsheet for reimbursement to Treasurer.

(6) Send article and photos about your rally to the Newsletter Editor. You are done!

Ed and I joined the Club in January 2017, and attended our first Rally in April 2017, with others to follow. We enjoyed and watched what other people did when hosting a rally, thinking we would give it a year before taking the plunge. In December 2018, we signed up to be co-hosts for the 2019 Christmas Rally. We learned by watching others, and by doing it. Is it work? Yes, although the amount will depend on the size of the rally you choose. Contact our Rally Chair for

more information on hosting any particular rally. Frankly, most of the work is in the planning. The more you plan, the better the Rally.

Is it gratifying? Oh yes! Most people are very appreciative that you stepped up to host them. You get to know more people in the Club this way. Plus, you can enjoy all the other rallies guilt free because you stepped up and volunteered to do your part to keep what sets NorCal apart from other Airstream Clubs. If enough people stepped up (after all we have well over 200 members), the same people would only co-host every couple of years.

NorCal has published a booklet that very helpfully and specifically sets forth what you need to do for a successful rally. It is available on the NorCal website:

https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/Rally_Handbook_20170222_Dist.pdf

In summary, when you host a NorCal rally, not only do you get to host a party with other people's money

but you won't be alone in doing so (unless you want to be). So what are you waiting for?

UPDATE: This article was initially written in January 2020, before COVID. Since that time, our rallies are dependent on the pandemic situation and the restrictions and safety protocols in place. We have held hosted rallies during the pandemic, in which the hosts provide goodie bags and suggestions for where to go in the area to eat or sightsee on an individual basis. There are no group meals or events, other than our traditional happy hour. Others rallies have been totally outdoors, without use of a clubhouse, but with catered meals via Food trucks. Lately, we have been able to meet inside with catered meals, but the situation is fluid and could change. You need to do what makes you comfortable. Please check out the rally schedule page for those rallies requiring hosts, then contact our Rally chair Pat Lazzereschi for more information on hosting.

Editor



I totally missed this, but 2021 was Airstream's 90th year in operation. 2021 also coincided with the release of an documentary entitled "Allumination," filmed by independent film maker Eric Bricker over the course of almost seven years. In 2013, the filmmaker and co-producer contacted Airstream CEO Bob Wheeler, who not only gave them his blessing, but put them in contact with Wally's second cousin, Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn, and Airstream Life publisher and editor Rich Luhr. These contacts opened up a whole new arena to explore, specifically, "the impassioned community of Airstream fans." "We wanted to make a movie which served as a passport to the world of Airstream," said Bricker. "It was quite the epic journey in charting the terrain of the Airstream world and then

distilling it down to 80 minutes. We shot in 16 states, spoke with hundreds of people, and struggled for years in trying to weave together all of our footage into a singular story we felt conveyed the spirit of Airstream, both past and present." To accomplish this, he was also able to access the myriad of digital footage Airstream Archivist & Historian Samantha Martin maintains. You can watch the trailer here: <https://www.aluminationmovie.com/>. It debuted at a film festival last September, but is not in wide release. However, groups of 25 or more can present a screening, virtual or otherwise, after contacting them.

<https://www.aluminationmovie.com/present-a-screening>. For more information on the project, check out the blogs at: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/tag/alumination/>.

Editor

Groovin' at the Grove

Photo by Darlene Winchell

Hosted by Mike & Jane Malone, Tary & Janie Salinger, and Pat Lazzereschi

With just a few days separating one of the largest rainstorms in the last 30 years from the Groovin' at the [Jessie's] Grove rally, the hosts were all a bit worried that we were heading into a muddy horse pasture and possibly even more rain during our stay. The weather that evolved during the week, however, was nothing short of gorgeous. The pasture was in great shape and most of the horse droppings had been cleared by the diligent crew from Jessie's Grove.



What we soon discovered was that the unique layout also provided a great arena for impromptu gatherings and lots of conversation between members.

Wednesday's opening night delicious Lasagna dinner was served at Pat Lazzereschi's beautiful home – staged in a wonderful horse barn. Dinner was followed by several homemade desserts provided by our members.

After the Taco truck night at Pat's, everyone headed back to Jessie's Grove for a unique nighttime picture opportunity. Using a 15amp fuse, provided in their welcome bag, each member turned on their running lights for a beautiful nighttime show of our Airstreams. Bob Verdegaal was able to take some amazing, elevated pictures with his drone – with the ultimate goal of trying to get our "activity" into the Blue Beret.



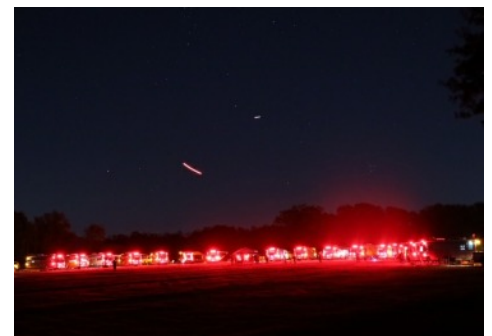
Our first and only dry camping rally of 2021 started on Wednesday morning. Members were greeted at the gate by co-hosts Jane Malone and Janie Salinger handing out welcome bags, greetings, and directions for the week.



The field was large enough to be organized in a partial circle (or wagon wheel) allowing for everyone to have pull thru access, with easy driving around the perimeter.

Many of us "non singers" were serenaded by karaoke participants thanks to the efforts of our own Dean and Chris Davison.

Pat welcomed us back to her barn for Thursday's Taco truck night, as well as Saturday's Board and General meetings.



Friday morning was "pump out day" for anyone needing to empty their grey tanks. This crowd proved to be experienced dry campers, with virtually all reporting that they could have gone the full 5 days without a pump-out.

Grooving at the Grove continued



Jessie's Grove. The tasting, hosted by winery owner Greg Burns and rally co-host Janie Salinger, provided each participant a chance to taste 5 great Jessie's Grove wines paired with some fantastic cheeses.

Saturday evening we listened and danced to "The Working-Class Band" at Jessie's Grove tasting room area. The evening was highlighted by a catered dinner of wonderful pulled pork sandwiches and a fun filled "cork drawing" featuring 8 great prizes.



Even though we had a few showers one night, the weather held steady and provided us with plenty of time outdoors to relax, hike, ride bikes to Lodi Lake or explore Lodi. Friday was a fairly open day and almost everyone took advantage of the great weather and free time.



We owe the folks at Jessie's Grove a big "Thank You" for helping make this year's Lodi event a lot of fun. Whether it was owners Greg and Michelle, or the folks in the tasting room and/or the grounds keepers, everyone was so supportive. Another big Thanks goes to Pat for hosting not one, but 3 events at her horse barn!!

On Friday evening most members attended a wine and cheese tasting at

Tary Salinger

More Grove Photos





I'm Streaming of a Black Oak Christmas

Hosted by the Smithsons, the Murrays & the Marsons

Checking my list: holiday spirit, check. Holiday giving, check. Good friends, check. Good food, check. Holiday craft, check. Tasty cookies, check. It's official, the Christmas and Installation rally at Black Oak Casino was a success. More than forty rigs were in attendance. We had over eighty Norcal members and guests. Members from Oregon, affiliates from the Sacramento Valley Club, and members of the Greater Bay Area Club joined in the holiday celebration.

table decorations before leaving with their creators.



Thursday night we celebrated John Bibby's presidency with a chicken and rib dinner. John shared the highlights of his year and gave special thanks to those who supported the club activities in 2021.

tasting, the group was given a tour of the facility.



It was a beautiful day on the Reserve, sunny and crisp, allowing for some sun time on the chairs overlooking the orchards.



Wednesday's welcome dinner was pizza and salad with a special treat for dessert. Of course, there were cookies.



Lori Bibby created a beautiful quilt for one of the 2021 rally hosts, which was won by Marcia Murray.



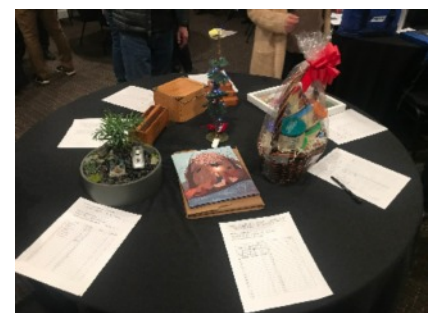
Friday afternoon we set up for our silent auction for charity. The auction items were donated by our members and included a mix of Airstream-related items, holiday goodies, and handcrafted pieces.



Thursday was craft day. Participants decorated miniature bird houses which became holiday



On Friday we visited Indigeny Reserve, a cidery that produces a variety of organic and sustainably produced hard ciders. After cider



Streaming Continued

As a result of spirited bidding we raised \$3000. The incoming president, Bob Verdegaa, chose the Fisher House Foundation as the recipient. <https://fisherhouse.org/> Friday was a busy, successful day.

After the general meeting new officers were installed. This was a break from the tradition of a Saturday night installation. Dealing with the Covid pandemic has sent us all in search of a new normal.

A couple of words about the weather. We had it all. We arrived on Tuesday to a cold fog. The fog was followed by rain. On Friday we awoke to a cold, frosty landscape. It almost qualified as a white Christmas.

Barry Marson



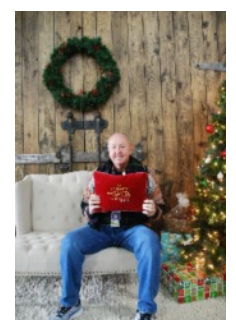
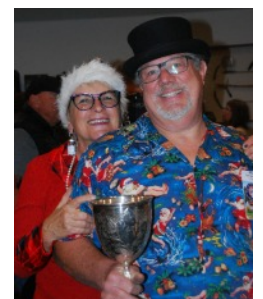
The theme for Saturday was club business. A board meeting was followed by a general meeting.



On Saturday evening we honored our new president with a tri-tip dinner. Did we mention the cookies?



More Scenes Of Black Oak Rally



New Members

President
 1st Vice President
 2nd Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Senior Trustee
 Senior Trustee
 Trustee
 Trustee
 Imm. Past President
 Parliamentarian
 Constitution & Bylaws
 Membership
 Newsletter Editor
 Directory/Audio Visual
 Webmaster
 Registrar
 Rally Chair
 Caravan Chair
 Sunshine

Bob Verdegaal
 Jim Christie
 Carmen Ortiz
 Gail Crutchfield
 Jose Ortiz
 Dean Davison
 Carol Echols
 Tary Salinger
 Mark Winchell
 John Bibby
 Hedda Smithson
 Hedda Smithson
 Marget Williams
 Elisa Ungerman
 Tom Smithson
 Carmen Ortiz
 Lori Bibby
 Pat Lazzereschi
 Bob Vasser
 Cathy Maffei

Halle & Rick Donaldson
 Kit & Audrey Langstroth
 Kristen & Kerry Ireland
 Lorri & Chris Munroe
 Robert & Rebecca Paull
 Claire Souza & Keith Starr
 Lynn & Harold Hurley
 Craig & Dona Keppers

**Airstream Club International
 on the Web**
<https://airstreamclub.org/>
Region 12 on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
NorCal on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>



NorCal Membership Numbers

181	Unit/Life Members
<u>33</u>	<u>Affiliate Members</u>
214	Total Members

New Affiliates

Vern & Barbara Crawford

Brody & Rachael Klapko

Kenny & Monica Kubisch

Sandra & Ron Deutchman

Dennis Lloyd & Jonel Jorgensen

Pam Lindsay



January Birthdays

- 2 Leland Spence
- 3 Jose Ortiz
- 8 Gary Rich
- 11 Deanna Bain
- 13 John White
- 14 Linda Minder
- 19 Stuart Lindsay
- 19 Juliet Scheuer
- 20 Bob Carl
- 23 Wayne Yee
- 28 Gail Hutto
- 28 Margaret Sharp
- 30 Roy Myers

February Birthdays

- 1 Allen Sickler
- 1 Bob Vasser
- 2 John Bibby
- 5 Elain White
- 7 Charlie Wright
- 12 Lynn Zankich Geach
- 14 George Paige
- 18 Zimm Udovich
- 19 Tom Reed
- 20 Mary Diamond
- 27 Sharon Lashar
- 28 Patti Reed

January Anniversaries

- 6 Glen/Jane Gold
- 10 Mike/Jane Malone

February Anniversaries

- 12 Ken/Judy Bechthold
- 20 Gregg/Valri Ayer
- 24 JP and Claudia Sherry





COOKIE!



Toffee Graham Cracker Bars

Phyllis Minadeo made these for the Christmas Cookie Share at the December rally. They are incredibly delicious, and I may have to purchase a jelly roll pan to make them myself. However, they must be accompanied by a warning: You cannot eat just one piece! Just ask Dave Williams.

Editor

Ingredients:

20 graham crackers (individual squares), regular or chocolate
1 1/2 sticks butter (6 ounces)
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Line a jelly roll pan (10x15-inch) with foil; arrange graham crackers in the pan in a single layer. Combine butter and sugar in a heavy medium saucepan; bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Boil for 2 minutes; stir in vanilla and chopped pecans. Pour the hot mixture over crackers and spread evenly. Bake 10 minutes at 350°. Remove at once from pan to flat surface to cool. When cool, break into smaller pieces.



Salinger's Paleo Granola

Janie Salinger reports that she received many requests for her Paleo Granola recipe during the November rally. She states that for those who were at Jessie's Grove, she used walnuts and pecans and added dried cranberries to the granola, but she adds that "any nuts and dried fruit will work in this recipe."

Ingredients:

3 cups raw almonds, chopped
3 cups raw cashews, chopped
3/4 cup raw sunflower seeds (no shell)
3/4 cup raw pepitas*
1 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut flakes
3/4 cup coconut oil
1/2 cup coconut palm sugar
1/2 cup mild flavored honey
2 tsp vanilla
1/2 - 1 tsp sea salt
2 cup pitted dates, chopped

Mix everything in a large bowl except for the sea salt and chopped dates, stirring to coat evenly. If the mixture is too wet, add more chopped almonds and chopped cashews.

Spread evenly on a baking sheet and bake at 300 degrees until lightly golden. This may take 30-40 minutes.

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When the granola has cooled for 10 minutes, sprinkle on the sea salt and chopped dates. Let cool. This recipe keeps in the fridge for over a month.

*A specific type of hulled pumpkin seed

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	 <p>31 Compliment Day</p>					 <p>1 Happy New Year</p>
2	3	 <p>4 TRIVIA DAY ** January 4th</p>	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	 <p>15 Celebrate National Hat Day January 15 Every Year</p>
16	 <p>17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p>	18	 <p>19 NATIONAL POPCORN DAY</p>	20	 <p>21 INTERNATIONAL HUG DAY</p>	22
23	 <p>24 BEER DAY APPRECIATION DAY</p>	25	26	27	28	 <p>29 National Puzzle Day</p>

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