

THE OREGON STREAMER



The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Carol Dion & John Dion

Welcome to a new year and lots of opportunities to go camping! By now, many of you have registered for the 36+ rallies that have been planned/published so far. More than 500 spaces have all been, or soon will be, reserved – no small task! I am so appreciative of the work of the many in this Club that have worked in the background to pull together and publish such a great list of rallies...and of the more than 25 hosts that will be welcoming you when you arrive at the campground.

This year will present new challenges to balancing a health risk of gathering together, and the desire to continue enjoying these beautiful trailers with friends. We are fortunate to live in a lovely part of the country that makes it possible to camp together safely year round – if we remain respectful of those of us that are immune-compromised, have family members that are fragile, or are just concerned about the general health

and safety of everyone.

This Club has a history of welcoming everyone – and I know that with some small changes in how we camp together, we can and will continue that tradition.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or any other board member or committee chair with questions, comments or the next great idea that will keep moving us forward.

Happy Camping!

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

OAC is using a New Email System for the Newsletter



John Dion
Membership Chair

OAC has recently started using Mailchimp for sending out emails to all our members. This Newsletter was sent using Mailchimp. We have heard that some of our club members have a difficult time finding the emails that have been sent using Mailchimp, and perhaps this brief explanation will help.

First, the email addresses we are using are what Airstream International has on file, so if your email was entered incorrectly, it will not find you. You might check your information on International's site to confirm all is correct.

Second, do a search of all your mailboxes. Your system probably has a way to search all emails for key words. Use a keyword like "Oregon Airstream Club" or "Streamer" (name of our newsletter). Hopefully the missing emails will appear in the search result.

-My email system (Gmail) has a few tabs, or folders, in the Inbox. These tabs are labeled 'Promotions', 'Updates', 'Spam', 'Primary', etc. The OAC emails may show up in one of these other tabs...Gmail thinks it knows how to sort incoming messages, and sometimes gets it wrong.

- Some email systems may think that anything sent from Mailchimp is a Spam email and direct these emails to 'Trash', 'Spam' or a similar location. If this happens then you may have to go into your email settings to allow emails from this sender.

We try to keep our communications with you informative and interesting, but If you prefer not to receive messages from us, let us know, and we will take you off the distribution list.

Notes from OAC Membership

I am sure we are all looking forward to another new year of camping. I want to remind everyone that if you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so. We understand that life sometimes gets in the way of camping. We have a lot of fun rallies scheduled and we don't want you to miss out on any of them. It has been a while since we have mentioned the new members and affiliates. If you see a new member at a rally please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

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If I missed you on this list – please accept my apologies...data base management can be a challenge!

Our new members and affiliates include:

Joy & Gregory Brown

Scott & Pam Biccum

Robert Wright

Tammy Flannigan & Ronald Christian

Becky & Brian Soth

William & Annie Sargent

David & Donna Gibler

Lin & Maryke Hines

William Meyer

Jon & Autumn Rucker

Todd & Patty Kimble

Eric & Shawna Self

Alan & Jean Amundsen

Patrick & Diane Mann

George & Teri Boehmer

Stacey & Dave Mayhem

Mark & Susan Kneeshaw

Mary & Robert Booher

Jeff & Lena Williams

Michael & Kathleen Archer

Bruce & Annette Baker

Carolyn & John Tomlinson

Rally News



Terri Warren
OAC Rally Coordinator

Rally registrations have begun. On January 15, registrations opened to the general public and boy, are people eager to camp! The following rallies are now full:

Crater Lake, Elk Meadows, Five Peaks, Friendsgiving, Go Fly a Kite, Grape Harvest, Harbor Vista, John Day, Painted Hills, Maryhill, North Whidbey, Olde Stone Village, Oceanside, Seafood Rally, Waldo Lake, Wallowa Lake, Wine Country, Umpqua Wine Rally

If you are interested in one of these rallies but couldn't get in PLEASE ask the host to put you on the waiting list. There are always cancellations for one reason or another and it is likely that at least some of those on the waiting list will get in.

But there are also many other great rallies to sign up for! How about Sea and Sand in February? The winter storms at the beach are amazing and there are so few tourists. Hal and I love to spend winters at our beach house, it's really quite special and in our opinion even better than summer at the beach.

Have you been to Timberlake in Stephenson, WA for the traditional St. Patrick's Day Rally? It's deep in the woods and a young couple have taken it over, working hard to make it a success. You can go into Stephenson for lunch at several fun places. Who knows, there might be some wearing of the green?

The Troncins and Susan McPhee are hosting the April Fools rally at Casey's RV Park -and who doesn't love Casey's? They have such fun planned. And it's a great time of the year to be up near the forest.

Hey you Newbies out there – we have a special rally just for you and you need to get signed up! Again, it is at Casey's RV Park which is right on the river. There are workshops to help you get to know your Airstream – you just can't go wrong with this rally. We have some great experts working the rally to help you .

Rally News



Region 10 Airstream International Club Rally:

Four days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the Region 10 Airstream Club International Rally June 1 – 5, 2022. NW Washington Fairground and Event Center in Lynden, WA, is the site of our 2022 Rally. 1775 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264

Lynden is located north of Bellingham, just south of the US / Canada border, and is the home of Washington State's largest Dutch settlement. Conveniently located with easy access to Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands, British Columbia, Canada, the North Cascades, Whidbey Island, and the Olympic Peninsula. Hosted by the Washington and Idaho Airstream Clubs.

Registration Costs:

\$245 per trailer with 2 people (additional \$15 for each person 3 and over) and \$185 for a single attendee. Drive-in rate (those staying in hotels) will be \$165 for 2 people (plus \$15 for each additional person 3 and over)/\$105 for single. Please note that we have decided not to add cost of meals to registration fees so that those attendees with dietary restrictions can choose whether or not to participate. See separate charges as listed below.

Registration Includes:

Four nights of sites with 20 amp electricity, shared water (bring extension hoses), clean bathrooms and showers available on-site, and dumpsite available for \$5.

Deluxe goodie bag for each trailer upon arrival.

Ongoing educational seminars by the host Washington and Idaho Clubs. Hawaiian Shave Ice Truck with (1) shave ice for each paid attendee. Movie night with refreshments and a showing of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in *The Long, Long Trailer*. Tour of Trailers hosted by

Ultimate Airstream highlighting upgrades to member trailers and drawing for prizes. Social Hour refreshments will be hosted two evenings by the Washington and Idaho Clubs. Silent auction with donations by members and including gift baskets donated by each of the seven region clubs to raise money for local nonprofits who work with food insecurity and the elderly. Live entertainment one evening (bring your dancing shoes)!

Optional charge events selected at time of registration:

Five-hour Whale Watching Cruise with luncheon (vegetarian option available), regularly \$150 person but subsidized by Airstream Adventures Northwest with a reduced price of \$50 per person, limited by boat size to the first 100 attendees to register. PLEASE NOTE: Cruise requires proof of full vaccination and can be uploaded at the time of registration. Continental Breakfast Package \$32 including fresh Lynden Dutch Bakery items for four mornings, fresh fruit, coffee, etc. Dinner Package \$38 provided by Mi Pueblito, local Mexican Restaurant and Food Truck one evening and Burnt Ends Barbecue a second evening. Vegetarian options can be selected. Washington State Tax, gratuities, service fees, etc. included in all optional charge events pricing.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation/refund received by April 15th will be assessed a \$25 cancellation fee to cover non-cancellable expenses. Cancellation/refund requests after April 15th will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after May 15th. Parking Policy: Parking crews will assist in parking as trailers arrive. If you want to park with friends, please arrive with them at the fairground.

Vaccination Policy: As stated above, participation in the whale watching cruise and luncheon requires proof of full vaccination. The current policy for Airstream Club International events does not require vaccination unless required by a vendor or local governance but is subject to review. If that policy changes, all registrants will be

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notified and a full refund will be offered if the registrant is unable to provide either proof of vaccination or proof of a negative Covid test 24 hours prior to June 1.

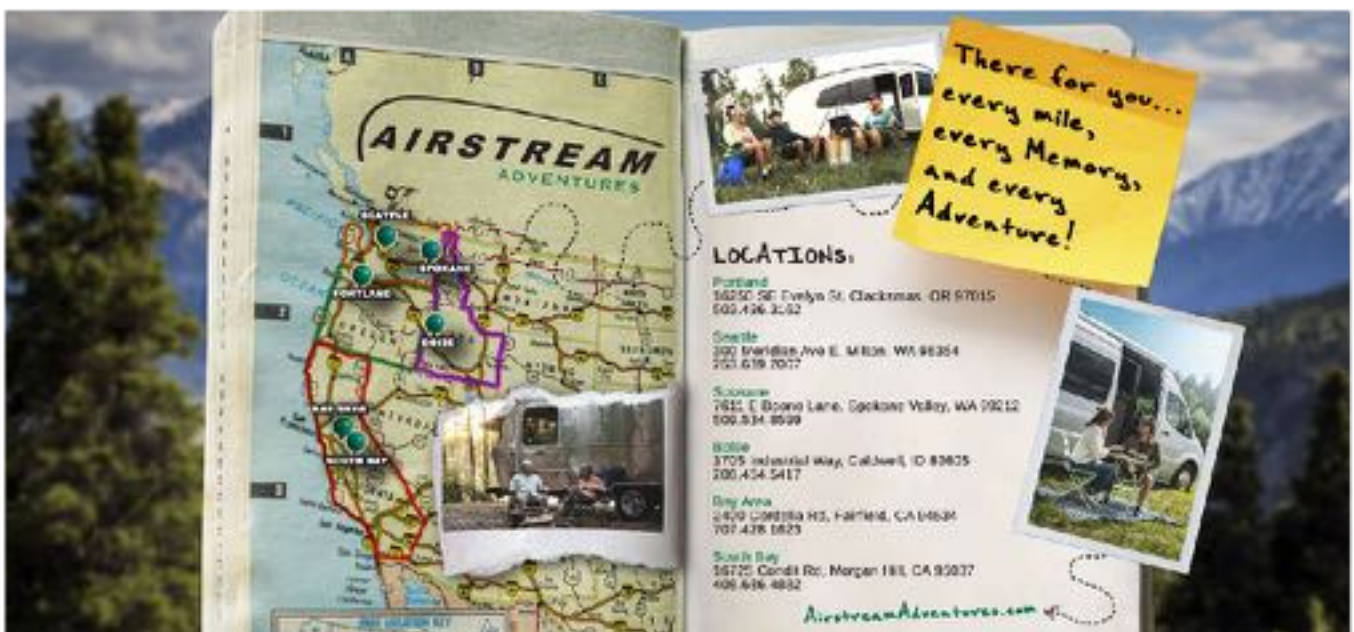
Rally Full?

Contact kathygeese@gmail.com to be placed on the wait list. You will be notified in case of a cancellation.

Lynden was heavily impacted by the closure of the border and loss of Canadian tourism due to COVID, and by the winter's devastating flooding in the region impacting homeowners, businesses, and farms. We are encouraging attendees to Support Lynden Small Business by shopping, perhaps dining out locally on the evenings where the optional dinners are not offered, etc. Airstreamers are known to be generous to those in need and thank you for supporting the local community.

Late breaking news...the rally is full but don't be discouraged if you'd like to attend. Get your name on the wait list as spots may open up!

The Oregon Airstream Club would like to thank Airstream Adventures for the generous support for this year's Region 10 Rally.



MEET A NEW BOARD MEMBER



Janet Schober
Second Vice President

Interview by: Rhonda Levine

It is my pleasure to introduce Janet Schober, our new second Vice President of the Oregon unit, to you all. She is from Portland and has a 16' foot Bambi which was her birthday present to herself a few years ago. Although Janet spent her first several years in Laramie and Casper Wyoming, she considers herself to be made in Oregon. It is the home of her parents and she has lived here since 1978. Janet attended UO in Eugene and graduated with a BA in Journalism with emphasis on advertising and marketing. And she is a rabid Duck football fan!

She has a taste for adventure and travel and has visited South Africa, including a week-long safari, Israel, most of Western Europe and some of Eastern Europe. She loves to connect with folks and travel in her Airstream provides just that. You might find her sitting outside by her fire at Beverly Beach sipping a glass of Oregon wine. Having the comforts of home with you makes it easy and enjoyable.

In her working life Janet does marketing, event planning and advertising. We have called on her to help with assorted projects and be an officer in the club. She is our newly-elected second Vice President, the Region 10 rally coordinator, a contributor to the newsletter and she put together the silent auction held at the Year End rally 2021. This year she will be hosting or co-hosting some rallies. She's a people person and is eager to meet members. If you are camping and Janet is there, you are welcome you to pull up a chair and join her.

Welcome to the club and to being a part of all of us! And thanks for making it a better place!

AIRSTREAM MAINTENANCE & SAFETY TIPS



Florence Tramoni

Fun facts with Florence:

I was asked to write a little article on tire safety. Spoiler alert: if you are seasoned Airstreamer, it may be pretty boring. I am a solo long-distance traveler and do all I can to avoid mishaps. The only things between the road and my trailer are my tires. I got an earful about tires (I was an Airstream rookie at the 2018 International Rally in Salem) from the then author of the Tech Help columns in the Blue Beret. All of this also applies to the tires on the tow vehicle.

The leading causes of premature tire failure are improper inflation, excessive heat, overloading and speeding (which leads to heat). Improper inflation is so easy to correct, and you'll avoid irregular wear, poor handling, and reduced gas mileage. Buy a high-quality gauge (avoid gas station gauges) and check the pressure on cold tires (at least 3 hours of rest). Don't forget to check the spare. Under inflated tires can also reduce fuel economy by 2% for every pound of air pressure below the recommended inflation.

Our trailers are often factory equipped with parts that could be upgraded. My guru was clear: replace the valves and caps with stainless steel. If you want to go all the way, replace the stock aluminum wheels with steel wheels and lugs, which do not have the expansion and contraction of

aluminum. This is not a cheap endeavor. Caps and stems are a no brainer. If you are real nerdy you can monitor tire temperature and make sure you are staying below the recommended 180°F with a no contact laser thermometer (like item 64847 at Harbor Freight). Slowing down 8 mph from 70 to 62 can reduce tire temperature from 180°F to 172 °F. A tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) is a relatively inexpensive and valuable add on.

Next points of discussion are the tires themselves. This is a great one for around the campfire (I *actually do* find this entertaining) as there are as many opinions as chairs in the circle. Just like some folks are Ram only, and others are Ford only. Just no two ways about it. Once again, I draw from the teachings I was groomed on from my tech guru: the stock Goodyear Endurance ST225/75R15 is a good tire, yes, but it is a trailer tire (ST stands for special trailer). The Endurance tires that came on my 2019 International are 8 ply, load range D (1220 pounds capacity), inflation to 80 psi. My 2016 Flying Cloud came with Goodyear Marathon tires rated to max 65 mph at 65 psi. Heard horror stories about these... A "better" tire is the Michelin LTX/85R 16E M/S2. These are 10 ply, load range E (1520 lbs capacity), 80 psi max. Again, this is not a cheap endeavor as this light truck tire (LT) only comes on 16" rims. So when you get your stainless rims you can upgrade to 16" wheels, assuming of course they will fit in the wheel well of your coach. If you don't have room for a 16" wheel, just shop for an all-season tire with the most plies that will fit. I'm waiting for my Goodyears to fulfill their lifespan and do this upgrade. It'll be pretty cool to be towing all season, mud and snow light truck tires on my trailer.

I'd be remiss to leave and not mention a couple more safety issues. Have your wheel bearings and brakes inspected every year (or 10K miles). You might have nev-r-lube sealed bearings on the newer rigs, but it's still good to take a look. The first tool I bought after the earful on tire safety at that Salem rally was a torque wrench. Don't skimp on this. Get a mechanical clicker 1/2" drive torque wrench, something like a CDI 1503MFRMH. I think I paid about \$150 for it. **It takes 5 minutes to check all 4 wheels.** The spec for stock Airstream 15" wheels is 115 ft/lbs. Remember to store it in its case with the tension turned to zero. Especially with aluminum wheels and lugs, it is wise to check every 500 miles or so. The attorneys who collaborated on your Airstream manual say whenever a tire is removed to check the torque after 25 miles, after 50 miles, after 100 miles, and every 200 miles thereafter. Better safe than sorry ☺

OAC TRAVEL JOURNALS

31 Days Exploring Washington State Parks: Story by Kathy Geese Trip Map Courtesy of Buzz Blick

Chapter 1

David and I had international travel plans for October 2021 but were not quite comfortable traveling internationally with COVID flareups where we were heading. We decided to stay closer to home and bought the off-season Washington State Senior camping pass, sat down with a map of the Washington State Parks, booked 31 nights at six different parks, and decided there are some age benefits. A priority stop was to tour the site of the 2022 Region 10 Rally in Lynden to assist the host Washington and Idaho Airstream Clubs in their planning of this much-anticipated



event that was postponed in both 2020 and 2021. At the suggestion of our formidable editor and her right-hand guy, Norma and Bill Massier, I will do a series of articles and hope that other OAC members will explore some of these areas.

We left our home in Olympia on a Monday in early October and headed to Grayland Beach State Park. (Insert Photo 1)

Only 90 miles and a good start to a long trip. We had camped at Grayland Beach several years ago and the mosquitoes were fierce due to all of the ponds and water-filled ditches at the campground. With an average temperature in the mid-50s this trip, mosquitoes were not a problem. Our site was level and with the senior pass price of \$10 a night for full hookups, we had no complaints. Campground showers were clean and a 3-minute shower was a 50 cent token bought through a vending machine when we checked in.

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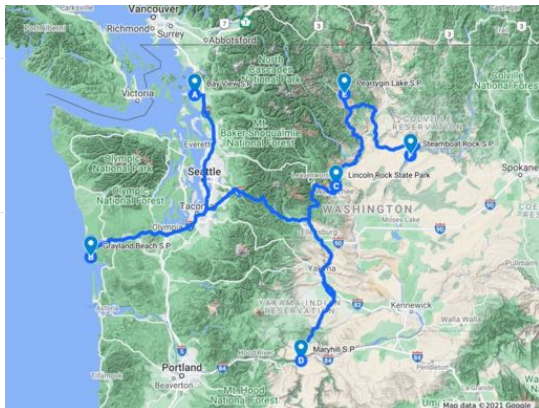
State Parks for Kathy Geese - WITH topography

State Parks article

All items

Directions from Bay View S.P. to Steamboat Rock S.P.

- Bay View S.P.
- Grayland Beach S.P.
- Lincoln Rock State Park
- Maryhill S.P.
- Pearrygin Lake S.P.
- Steamboat Rock S.P.



The weather was crisp and it rained all night so we slept like babies to the sound of rain on aluminum. Tuesday morning, some continuing rain so we caught up on emails and returned a couple of phone calls. Surprisingly, we had 2 bars of T-Mobile cell service and could hotspot to our laptops. One of my favorite stops in this area is a home accessories store called Pomegranate which had been closed our last trip through due to Covid. A quick shopping trip

netted us some great stocking hats with LED lights. (Insert Photo 2) We made the obligatory stop at the historical Tokeland Hotel's bakery and picked up an oatmeal cookie with toffee and dried cherries and, for dessert with dinner, a sour cherry hand pie with sugar crystals. Yummy. The Tokeland Hotel was built in the late 1800s by the daughter of pioneers who settled among the Shoalwater tribe led by Chief Toke. In the coming years, the family bought additional land, developed a golf course, gun club, dairy, and post office. Tokeland was an important social center for the Pacific Northwest until a violent storm in 1932 destroyed many of the facilities. This, combined with the depression, marked the end of an era. Next stop, Brady's Oysters where we considered picking up cooked crabs for dinner until we figured out they were \$20 a pound which would have been \$40 each. We decided to wait until they are in season in a couple of months. Grayland is famous for its cranberries and Ocean Spray contracts with many of the local farms.



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David & Kathy Geese

Fascinating to watch the fields being flooded and then the cranberries skimmed off during the harvest. We were fortunate to be here this time of year to watch the process.

Wednesday dawned sunny but cold and we headed out for a beach walk after a leisurely morning of coffee and yep, more emails and phone calls. Off to nearby Westport and the docks to talk to the fisherman about what they were catching. Westport has several charter fishing companies and I caught a huge king salmon there several summers ago but just a little brisk and windy for me to fish this time of year. (Insert photo 3)

Back to the Airstream to pull out maps and start our trip planning to the Airstream International Board of Trustees meeting in Savannah in January of 2022. From start to finish, we plan on four months so a lot of planning is yet to do.

At 5:00, we put up the maps and headed back to the Tokeland Hotel for a rare dinner out. After many years of travel for work and having to eat out three meals a day, I usually cook both at home and out camping. We were so glad we decided to treat ourselves to dinner. In 2018, the owners of the famous Wandering Goose restaurant on Capitol Hill in Seattle (they made our daughter's wedding cakes) moved with their five children to Tokeland and the hotel has become a foodie's destination. One of my favorite cheeses is fresh burrata and very few restaurants go to the trouble to make it. I tried making it once and ended up dumping the entire mess out for the birds. On the evening specials list



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was a fresh burrata on arugula with grilled peaches, fresh figs, blueberries, and Marcona almonds with a balsamic vinaigrette. We decided to split and it was a good choice as the salad was huge.

David ordered the highly recommended salt and pepper fried chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy, collard greens, and a biscuit the size of a dessert plate. I ordered the shrimp and stone-ground grits and at the first bite, was transported to New Orleans. Every bite of both of our meals was amazing and we had to box half of it to take home as servings were massive.

After a deep sleep on full stomachs, we woke up Thursday morning to another cold but sunny morning. Today's destination was a secret beach that I overheard had sea glass. Alas, high tide and a rookie mistake so we moved on down the road to the Tokeland Hotel Bakery (third trip but who's counting) and picked up a slice of Hummingbird Cake to share. According to Southern Living magazine, the cake is their most requested recipe and is made with

banana, crushed pineapple, and coconut, then topped with cream cheese and toasted pecan frosting. Upon our return to the campground, we headed to the beach for sunset and an amazing sight. Over 200 cars parked on the beach and hundreds of people digging razor clams. It was the opening day of razor clam season and people came from all over as a perfect low tide at 6:00 pm. We ended the evening around the campfire with a cup of decaf coffee and a slice of cake and it did not disappoint.

A fitting end to a wonderful visit to this Southwest corner of the Washington Coast. Next stop – Bayview State Park outside of La Conner, Washington.



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