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July 23-29 International Rally
Fryeburg, ME

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An Airstream Christmas

This year something different from our normal Christmas routine
We thought to camp in our trailer next to a lake, the beach or a stream

Instead of the old homestead busily decking the halls
We traded it for our Airstream encircled by it's shiny silver walls

Decorations to bring needed to be as small as could be
We kept the snowman, an ornament, and of course, a wee-tiny tree

Our first stop, an anticipated one—our club holiday event by the lake
We shared tasty meals, watched movies and a gift or two we did take

Our friends are like family; it's natural to share
Time at this season letting them know that we care

The beach, our final stop—being with family our goal
Taking hikes, attending recitals, and playing some corn hole

It's no longer about seeing Santa or receiving the presents that he gave
It's quality time spent with loved ones—those are the moments we save

So as this year comes to a close and 2022 begins anew
Remember that our most treasured memories are our times spent with you!

Events Update

submitted by Paula Hammer

Where have we been and where are we going? The year started a bit slow due to continued travel restrictions but a few of us made it to Death Valley National Park in February. Cancel March and April....The next event was at Pismo Beach State Park in May. On a roll, about a week later, the rally at Silver Lake greeted the group with a dusting of snow. Photos confirmed that the June rally at East Fork Campground was a great time. Bears, boats and a water gun fight! August was a perfect time for a few lucky GLAers to enjoy the cooler weather in Morro Bay.

Dawg Gone It! Fallen Leaf Lake State Park was cancelled - again - due to forest fires at South Lake Tahoe. The campground was spared but it was too close for comfort.

At the very end of September, the Monterey County Fairgrounds served as a great home base for exploring Monterey and Carmel, as well as serving as the starting point for an informal caravan down to the Region 12 Rally at Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles.

If the recent rally at Kenney Grove is an indicator, things are getting back to some semblance of normal! It was a blast – happy hour with lots of appetizers, Halloween costumes and the Members and Affiliates Appreciation BBQ. Bonelli Bluffs was the wrap for 2021 and it was unforgettable.

Make sure to check out the articles and photos in this edition from our hosts!

I'd like to thank the Events Committee: Linda Calderon, Barbara Howard-Jones, Helen Perri and Carolyn Tomlinson for all their help with the 2022 Events. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Pam Pall for all of her support and guidance.

In 2022 where are we going? Drumroll.....

SunOutdoors in San Diego; Anza Borrego Desert State Park; Refugio State Beach just north of Santa Barbara; a mini caravan to the Lost Coast; Sequoia RV Ranch; Barton Flats; Holloway's Marina in Big Bear; San Elijo State Beach; Guajome Regional Park in Oceanside; and Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton.



Event Chairperson, Paula Hammer

There may be a few more surprises! All details can be found at: Airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles/glaac-events. Andromeda Stevens sent me this cool QR Code. Give it a try!

Our events are special because members volunteer to host! Thank you to everyone that raised their hands in 2021. We are looking for HOSTS for 2022 so if you would like to volunteer, please drop me an email at Events.GLAAC@gmail.com.



Ghoulish Gala in the Grove

submitted by Helen Perri

Halloween at Kenney Grove Park in Fillmore was a Ghoulish Gala, for sure. We packed a lot of fun in a short 4-day stay.

On Thursday, 20 or so Airstreams were welcomed by hosts Pam & Dennis Pall and Ralph & Helen Perri. It was unseasonably warm, but those who were feeling it could use their ACs, as we had water and electric hookups. After making camp, heavy appetizers were served and we all relaxed as the sun set.

Friday cooled off and we enjoyed perfect fall weather. Many enjoyed breakfast beignets at Rabalais in Santa Paula. A large group of members were lucky enough to tour two custom trailer renovation companies in the area. Both these shops made our club very welcome and showed wonderful projects.

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Campers took in the scary holiday decorations at neighbor's Airstreams. The park was lush with succulents despite the drought, and sheltered by plenty of trees. It looked enchanting, spiked with so much silver, on several loops and levels. The group enjoyed another bonfire that evening.

Saturday started with a bike ride around the Fillmore orchard roads lead by Ralph. The day's special event was the Members/Affiliates Appreciation BBQ, hosted by Pam Pall and other officers of GLAAC. Grills were fired up and the surf & turf spread was stellar. It was Halloween Eve, and some very mysterious characters emerged from their silver sanctuaries with curious concoctions, crushing it at cornhole. Prizes were presented.

Sunday offered a 4x4 tour into Los Padres National Forest land and Condor country. It was a fun little caravan to surprising landscapes, snuggled up to some scary drop-offs. The day delivered yet-more Halloweenie festivities. Campsites were decked out in diabolical decor, while others were simply beautiful. More costume shenanigans, more prizes were presented, and more excellent food materialized. This writer counted two delicious mac & cheese offerings at the potluck. (Macaroni & cheese: Can you have too much? Answer: NO.)

Thanks to all attendees for joining in to produce an event that was fun, funny, relaxing, edifying, delicious and fun.

Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas

submitted by Andromeda Stevens

What an action packed holiday weekend! Perched on the bluffs overlooking the valley and hillsides we set up to have game night and happy hour on Thursday, where everyone had a blast playing Quiz Show, Jenga and catching up with each other.

Friday morning the continental breakfast was held under our beautiful circus tent where we struggled to stay warm in the foggy, cool mornings! The sun came out to provide beautiful afternoons for relaxation and visiting. People took bike rides and enjoyed the downtime before movie night began in earnest!

We cuddled around the outdoor heaters to watch the big screen under our blankets while cradling our cocktails and popcorn. We enjoyed the Robin Williams movie, RV! Hilarious! It was something all of us could relate to in every single scene.

Saturday morning we gathered together for our annual meeting to learn all about 2022, our new website, and to install our 1st VP Michael Jackson.

After the obligatory AMAZING Bloody Marys at the Landaker's Airstream, everybody went on to enjoy another beautiful day on Bonelli Bluffs.

Following our disco naps, we all got together for an impromptu whiskey tasting just to get us all geared up for the Saturday night fiesta dinner which was absolutely delicious!



Andromeda & Glenn

The evening's dessert contest had some winners, some disqualifications lol, and we enjoyed every morsel. Not to mention the amazing performance by Denny and Stuebe who stole the show with the yellow snow dessert from Canada. The gift exchange game was off the hook this year! The clamoring, belly laughs, hollering and stealing went on for God knows how long! Everybody rolled away happy and fell to bed or stayed up around their fire pits to revel in the weekend.

Sunday morning the Hammers provided some kind of amazing breakfast of breakfast burritos and waffles. What a blast! More Bloody Marys anyone??? Of course!

And off we went shiny side up until we all meet again!



Lebanon's Aluminum City 2021

Want to join the fun at an International Rally? Registration is now open for the 2022 Fryeburg, Maine event.

Click the link to register today!

www.airstreamclub.org/fryeburg

Social Media Update

Thank you to everyone who participated this year in our club's Facebook page, open to members and affiliates. It's great to see favorite campsites shared, fun photos and helpful tips.

Our club membership is currently at a total of 97 member families and 11 affiliate member families for a total of 206 people. Of that number, 80 members participate in the Facebook page.

If you are interested in signing onto the Greater Los Airstream Club's Facebook page, drop me an email at: MissMoorea@gmail.com and we'll get you in on the action!



Laretta Smith, Social Media Chairperson

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Meet a Member!

We joined the WBCCI in 2002 and have called Ventura home since 1995 where I am a business owner and my wife, Ariadna (Ari) is a school teacher.

I had always admired the Airstream trailers when I was a kid. My parents were school teachers so we had the summers off and would tent camp around the Great American West and I would see the Airstreams and think how cool to be in one of those pretty trailers and to not sleep on the ground.

Fast forward to 2002, my wife, and two-year-old son, William, and I were shopping for a travel trailer and we found a used, 1997 Airstream Safari. We bought it, took our first trip to San Diego straight from the dealership in Anaheim, and came home to store it in Santa Paula (Far West Resorts, now a KOA). A few weeks later, the local Airstream Club was camping there and saw our trailer in storage; they called the office to see who it belonged to and with permission, I had the office give them my number. We drove down to join them in an evening potluck that weekend and signed up for membership! We are now 19 years and counting as members of WBCCI and long standing members of Central Coast California Airstream Club (formerly Tri County), and charter affiliates of Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club since its founding in 2014.

Since then, we have held officer positions in the Central Coast California Airstream Club and hosted many rallies. Somewhere along the way, Aluminitus really bit and we got a newer, bigger Airstream (don't we all), then the vintage Airstream bug took a big bite and we have two more; a 1962 Globetrotter and a 1948 Wee Wind. We are currently a three Airstream family.

What we enjoy most about Airstreaming is the lifestyle and independence. Although we both still work full time, we enjoy taking summer vacations



William, Max, David & Ari Neel

and long weekend holidays in our big Airstream for far away trips to Scottsdale, Tucson, northern California and southern Nevada as the big, modern Airstream has lots of creature comforts. Our two vintage ones are cute and easy to tow so we use those for any number of vintage trailer rallies that happen throughout the year in California; that's where you will see us most often...at a vintage trailer show with all our vintage accessories, and a vintage tow vehicle.

Our favorite camping destination (so far) is Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Beautiful views, lots of outdoor day trips and in the winter months, beautiful weather.

In 2011, we had our son, Max, and now he enjoys going with us everywhere in our Airstreams.

Best advice for Airstreaming? Watch out for early 'retirement'; keep the air pressure in check on your Airstream tires, pack the bearings annually and safety check at every stop. We have had major structure damage from two different episodes where a tire decided that it didn't want to make the trip with us ...while at speed on the freeway. Invest in tires and tire maintenance!

KENNEY GROVE'S GHOULISH GALA IN PHOTOS



DECEMBER'S 'GLAACADEMY' AWARDS



Installing 1st Vice President, Michael Jackson







Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

- 1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Club Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!
- 2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground* where you simply write a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our club is in the process of assembling its first ever membership photo directory and we need your help! This directory, when completed, will be posted on our Members Only website and will be helpful in putting a face to a name. To date we have about 1/3 of our membership participating, but of course we would like to have a 100% response rate! Please send your photo (jpeg format works best) to Carolyn at cbtomlinson@cox.net.

The Club is looking for a creative person to take on the Google account where event photos are stored. This involves an email sent to members following an event requesting photos along with providing the link where photos can be downloaded. At the end of the year, putting together a photo montage for the December event would be enjoyed by everyone attending! Who is interested in this fun and creative position? Please send an email to Jean Amundsen

jean.amundsen@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!