

## **1. What is a rally and what should I expect at a rally?**

A rally is a short way of saying the club is camping together as a group. What happens at a rally is very much dependent on the location, campground layout, and the hosts. There is no cookie-cutter plan for a rally. Formally planned rallies typically have one or two hosts who will plan activities and meals for the group. As well, the hosts are usually familiar with the campground and/or the area and will advise on things to do. Typically, there is a social hour just prior to a group gathering for dinner at the campground. A plan is usually given at the time of registration so you know what you're getting and perhaps paying a rally fee for.

## **2. What is a "buddy rally"?**

A rally designated as "buddy" is where club members can invite non-Airstream RVs to join our rally. **Guests who do not own an Airstream product can ONLY attend buddy rallies.** Please do not invite your friends to join just any rally with the WBCCI or GBAAC. The purpose of a buddy rally is to expose these people to the WBCCI and Airstream experience, of course in hopes that they will purchase an Airstream product and join us in the future. Club bylaws allow for two buddy rallies per calendar year. This is an effort to maintain that our members get to enjoy the purpose of the club that they joined, which is to camp and enjoy time with other Airstream owners.

## **3. What happens in the case of an accident at an event (insurance-wise)?**

The WBCCI carries a liability insurance policy that covers all WBCCI events. This covers pretty much anyone involved in a WBCCI event, even if they happen to stop by and compliment someone on their shiny camper and trip and fall walking across your campsite. Note that this is not carte blanche to be reckless. Good planning should be completed and safety measures should always be taken at an event to the best of one's abilities.

## **4. What is a "flash" or "just camping" rally?**

This is a short notice rally (thus "flash") that was not planned by the rally committee as part of the rally calendar. The name "just camping" is because these short notice rallies are often a result of one of the members going camping on their own and inviting the club members to join them. Such a rally is usually very informal and may not have any planned group meals or events at the rally site. This often brings about spontaneous things and great memories.

## **5. How do I register for a rally?**

It varies! Every campground has different rules and processes and the rally host(s) are responsible to plan with those. The key is GBAAC's website for events (<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area/gbaac-events>). Check the instructions for the specific event that you are interested in. If you have any questions, contact the listed host(s).

## **6. What is a “coupon” rally**

For most rallies, the club reserves a block of sites as a group with the campground. The sites are held with a deposit from the club’s treasury. Club members register for the rally with the host of the rally and not directly with the campground. This is sometimes called a coupon rally because when things used to be all on paper, the rally host would send out a “coupon” in which registrants filled out their information and returned it with a check. Very often today though, an online form is used to collect the needed data, and any money needed is collected via PayPal.

## **7. I see that a rally I want to attend is full and a waitlist is started. What should I do?**

First, add yourself to the waitlist! Plans change and people need to cancel, so having your name on the waitlist is the best way to let the host(s) know that you want to attend. It is also advisable to email the host(s) shown on the event’s webpage if you have any questions or want to know how many people there are on the waitlist ahead of you so that you can gauge the likelihood of getting into the rally.

## **8. The GBAAC is having a rally that I want to attend but it’s already full. How do I make sure that I know as soon as registration is open so this doesn’t happen again?**

Make sure to join the GBAAC! Notice of rally registration opening goes out via email to all members and affiliates before the registration info is added to the webpage for the rally. This way, members and affiliates get a chance to register before the general membership of WBCCI.

## **9. The GBAAC has a lot of popular and full rallies. Why don’t you reserve more sites or plan more rallies?**

Basically, it’s manageable size and host availability. 20 rigs at a rally is a comfortable size for the host(s) and also for most campgrounds. Hosts are hard to come by. More volunteers to host mean more rallies.

## **10. What does a rally host do?**

They plan all aspects of a rally. The rally calendar and campgrounds for a given year are planned by the rally committee, but the execution of the rally at that site is done by the host, who is often referred to as “the wagonmaster”. The host plans all events for the rally. This may include decorating the meeting room (if available), setting the schedule, asking for specific assistance where needed, and determining if meals will be catered, potluck, etc. There is a help sheet available and a veteran co-host will always be on hand to work with any new volunteers for hosting.

## **11. Cancellation policy at rallies**

A rally's cancellation policy is mostly determined by the policy of the individual campground and is sometimes different for groups versus an individual. The registration form for a rally will give the cancellation policy for that rally. If the cancellation policy is not suitable, then contact the rally host(s) for clarification before registering.

## **12. What is an affiliate?**

Each member of WBCCI must have a "home club" and there can only be one of those. An affiliate is someone who already has a home club, but wants to be directly included in the activities and communication of another club. This way, they receive timely communications about many clubs' activities.