

# LAS VEGAS AIRSTREAM CLUB

## RALLY/EVENT CALENDAR

### **FEBRUARY 7TH-10TH**

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK  
Hosts -Dale and Cheryl  
musserfly@cox.net

### **MARCH 15TH-19TH**

CAVA ROBLES RV RESORT  
Paso Robles, CA  
Hosts - Bob and Diane  
discotties12@gmail.com

### **April 2nd Club Meeting**

2:00 pm - 4:00pm  
Stahlhut Residence  
See roster for address

### **MAY 11TH - 15TH**

RANCHO SEDONA RV  
RESORT, Sedona, AZ  
Hosts - Steve and Suzy  
suzanne.mellington@gmail.com

### **JULY 23rd - 29th**

65TH INTERNATIONAL  
RALLY  
Fryeburg, ME For Info go to  
<https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg>



## **Denver, CO and Cedar City, UT Rally & Mini-Caravan September 23rd - October 2nd**

Judy Elkins and Dave and Lin Stahlhut are hosting rallies in Denver and Cedar City combined with a beautiful fall drive through the Rockies.

In Denver, we'll have four nights and three full days at Cherry Creek State Park (9/25-29). This park is a very popular RV campground and has lots of walking and biking trails. It's a great location for the many Denver area POI's.

Cedar City is home to the Utah Shakespeare Festival and we've timed our stay (9/30-10/2) to give you the opportunity to see up to three plays: "Sound of Music", "The Tempest", and "Clue".

We plan on taking I-40/I-25 to Denver (overnight stops near Winslow and Santa Fe) and then I-70/I-15 back to Cedar City (overnight stop near Grand Junction) and Vegas – so we should see some

### **AUG - TBD**

Big Bear, CA  
Hosts - Needed

### **SEPT 15th - 19th**

#### **Region 12 Rally**

Information to be provided when it becomes available

### **SEPT 25TH - 29TH**

#### **COLORADO RALLY**

Host - Judy  
See page 1 for information

### **SEPT 30 - OCT 2ND**

#### **SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL RALLY**

Hosts - Dave and Lin  
See page 1 for information

### **NOV - TBD**

#### **TERRIBLE'S LAKESIDE RV RESORT**

Pahrump, NV  
Hosts - Jo and Ade  
Details to be provided as they become available.

### **DEC - TBD**

Rally information is updated regularly. For complete rally information, please go to the <https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas>

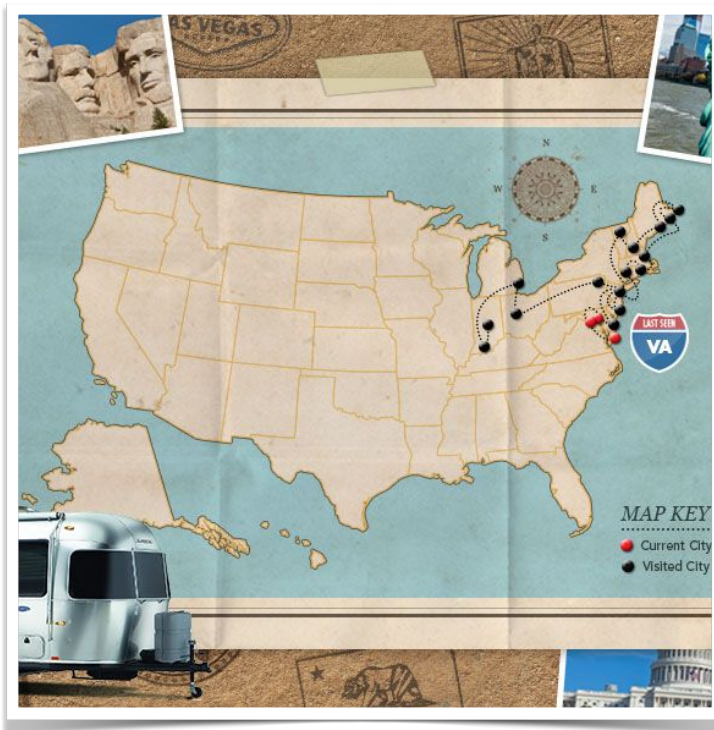
For information regarding a specific rally, please contact the host indicated.

beautiful Rocky Mountain fall scenery out and back.

We're flexible, so if you prefer to go to only one of the rally locations or if you prefer to make your own travel plans – no problem! Send a note describing what you'd like to do along with your registration form (attached) and **deposit by Feb 15** so we can get the show tickets and RV Park reservations. The hosts will buy the show tickets and make the campground reservations in Denver, Cedar City, and, if you are traveling with us, at en-route campgrounds.

If you would like more information or have questions, call/text Dave Stahlhut @ 702-592-0581 or email to [stahlhutdp@gmail.com](mailto:stahlhutdp@gmail.com). Cheryl has already sent out an email with more detailed information – If you didn't receive it or would like it sent again, just call or text Dave Stahlhut.





## WANDERING WandA by Walter Carnwright

Three years ago, Ariel Feir decided to buy an airstream. He also decided to start a YouTube channel and document his journey from acquisition through learning about it all the way to eventual travel stories.

WandA is a contraction of our names. Walter (Ariel's husband) is the "W" and "A" is for Ariel.

In one early episode, we see Ariel buying everything he can think of from Amazon that he intends to put into WandA. Experienced owners can just look and laugh. In another early episode, Ariel don's a full and complete HazMat suit to empty black waste water for the first time. We are never afraid to laugh at ourselves and let you laugh with us.

On the more serious side there are episodes including information about how to do certain maintenance or repairs that thousands of people have found helpful. There is an episode showing our purchase of a Berkey water filter that has 18 thousand views!

One truly funny experience was arriving at a KOA campground and walking to the office. There was one man on the right of Ariel and another on the left. One stopped and said, "OMG – You're WandA" – the other said, "You're name is Wanda?" I told Ariel he should just say that is my "drag" name. Still laughing.

You can visit any time you like. Here is the YouTube link ["Wandering WandA"](#).





## Sin City Classic Trailers

A huge “Thank You” to Jason Skinner, owner of Sin City Classic Trailers, for coming out to our January meeting. At the meeting, Jason generously offered to host our club at his shop for a seminar or two in June. Among the possible topics are;

1. Solar, Inverters, and Battery Systems
2. General Maintenance
3. Entertainment systems; Satellite TV, WiFi systems, cell signal boosters
4. Understanding RV Electrical systems 12V DC and 120V AC.
5. How to winterize and de-winterize your trailer.

The date and time will be determined later this year. Please email Cheryl at [musserfly@cox.net](mailto:musserfly@cox.net) as soon as possible, to let her know which seminars you would be interested in or indicate the order of interest in each of the options.

## UPCOMING RALLIES

**February** 7th - 10th is our Valley of Fire Rally, which is nearly full.

**March** 15th - 19 is our St. Patrick's Day Paso Robles Rally. The sites we reserved have been taken. However, if you are interested in coming, please contact Cava Robles RV Resort directly. Hopefully, there are spaces available. Let them know you are with the Las Vegas Airstream Club. If you are able to get a reservation, please let Diane know. Her contact information is indicated below the rally information in the calendar on the first page of the newsletter.

As always, please see the newsletter or our website (<https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas>) for up to date rally information.



## NATIONAL PARKS near Southern Nevada pt 1

Adapted from the [National Park Experience](#) blog and website by Jo Salzer

We all know that Las Vegas is one of America's best places to visit - and live. It's an overlooked fact, but the numerous state and national parks near here make our city an ideal place to explore some of the top U.S. national parks and enjoy some of Mother Nature's best creations!

We're situated here in the southern tip of Nevada, squeezed between California, Utah and Arizona, one of America's most beautiful regions.

Home to spectacular nature, from endless deserts to massive canyons, red rock formations and mountain ranges, Las Vegas offers super-easy access to the best of the west. It's a great base for getting out there and using our Airstreams.

### **The Best State and National Parks Near Las Vegas, Nevada**

While there are several of the greatest U.S. national parks near Las Vegas, you'll notice that the nearest Las Vegas parks are state parks, conservation areas and other National Park Service (NPS) sites—not technically National Parks. But I'm including nearby National parks and encourage you to explore them – maybe for the first time, maybe for the tenth time. Rules at the National Parks are changing all the time. Be sure to go to the NPS website and check out the park you intend to visit. Reservations are often needed to visit. Also go online for camping resources inside or nearby the park.

### **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Nevada**

*20 miles / 30 minutes*

**Why go?** The nearest of all Las Vegas nature parks, Red Rock Canyon is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and offers a superb escape from the bustling city center. A short drive brings you to collections of huge rock formations, sandstone hills and cliffs—awesome nature near Las Vegas. It's a hotspot for bouldering and rock climbing. And biking and hiking, too.

**Don't miss!** The 13-mile one-way loop road takes you to many of the park's main sights.

### **Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, Nevada**

*20 miles / 30 minutes*

**Why go?** Located just north of Las Vegas, Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument protects an important collection of Ice Age fossils. According to the National Park Service, it contains “the single largest and most diverse open-site assemblage of vertebrate fossils from the end of the Pleistocene Epoch in the Mojave Desert and southern Great Basin.”

A great day trip more than a camping destination, this national monument is where the fossilized remains of many iconic Ice Age mammals were found, from Columbian mammoths, camels, and bison to ground sloths and giant American lions.

This is also the site where scientists used radiocarbon dating for the first time ever in the United States.

**Don't miss!** You can hike near the so-called “Big Dig” in the southern part of Tule Springs Fossil Beds. These long trenches excavated in 1962 contain a rich collection of large animal fossils.

### **Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada**

*30 miles / 40 minutes*

**Why go?** A man-made lake created by the huge Hoover Dam, Lake Mead is America's most diverse national recreation area, according to the National Park Service. It's the largest freshwater reservoir in the county, extending from Nevada into Arizona.

The area encompasses two enormous lakes, but also mountains, canyons, and valleys. There are no fewer than nine wilderness areas, too.

There's a wide variety of fun things to do at Lake Mead, but not surprisingly the most popular activity is boating. Other water-related activities include fishing, swimming, water skiing, canoeing and even scuba diving. There are many good camping areas, and the club usually has a yearly rally.

**Don't miss!** Visit the famous Hoover Dam and spend the rest of the day cruising across Lake Mead on a boat. Boat rentals are available at the marinas.

### **Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada**

*50 miles / 1 hour*

**Why go?** Many a photographer relishes the opportunity to visit Valley of Fire State Park, an hour northeast of the city. Although this is one of the smaller parks near Las Vegas, it's wonderful! [CHECK OUT OUR RALLY 2/7-10/2022](#)

The park gets its name from the bright red Aztec sandstone formations, which are its centerpiece attraction. At sunrise and sunset, the rocks seem to glow as if they were on fire. Various hiking trails meander through this glorious landscape, offering some of the best hiking near Las Vegas. The night sky is breathtaking!

**Don't miss!** Photographing the road snaking through red rock scenery is arguably the top thing to do in this excellent destination, one of the best state parks near Las Vegas. Instagram selfie ops are superb here.

### **Mojave National Preserve, California**

*60 miles / 1 hour*

**Why go?** Worthy of its own national park designation, Mojave National Preserve has basically everything that nearby Joshua Tree and Death Valley also have.

There are Joshua tree forests, abundant spring wildflowers, sand dunes and even cinder cone volcanoes. Canyons, mesas, and mountains make up a landscape that's as "Wild West" as they come, especially when considering that abandoned mines, homesteads, and old military outposts dot the area, too.

This underrated park is one of the greatest National Park Service sites. It's quiet and peaceful, stunning, and unique.

**Don't miss!** If you're looking for quiet desert campgrounds near Las Vegas, few places are better than Mojave National Preserve. The night sky is nothing short of epic, while attractions like the Lava Tube and Kelso Dunes are super-fun to explore.

### **Death Valley National Park, California**

*125 miles / 2 hours*

**Why go?** So many reasons! First of all, Death Valley National Park is the closest national park to Las Vegas. The largest national park in the contiguous U.S., it holds various records. Death Valley is home to the lowest point in North America and is the driest and hottest place on the continent.

While the park's name might make you think that there's only scorching hot desert plains here, that couldn't be further from the truth.

Death Valley is exceptionally diverse. Home to huge sand dunes, multi-colored badlands, snow-capped mountains, hidden canyons and even a couple of (seasonal) waterfalls, it's one of the absolute top destinations near Las Vegas. It is also a Dark Sky Park. Check out the Las Vegas Astronomical Society, they sponsor free events.

**Don't miss!** Badwater Basin is the lowest point in North America and one of the top attractions in Death Valley.

Other highlights include the views from Zabriskie Point and Dante's View, sunrise hikes in the Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes and Artist's Drive.

### **CHECK OUT NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER FOR PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE!**

*This article was adapted for the LVAC members newsletter. You can find the original article with beautiful photos at [www.travel-experience-live.com](http://www.travel-experience-live.com)*

## **EXTRA! EXTRA!**



Can't make it to a rally? Feel like you are missing out on all of the fun? Don't worry. The Las Vegas Airstream Club has an Instagram account which fills you in on the rally excitement. You can follow us on Instagram at *lasvegasairstreamclub*.



You can also, check out the club's rally schedule and read our newsletters on our website at [airstreamclub.org/las-vegas](http://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas) . Don't forget there are countless resources on the main [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) website, as well.