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From the President

Spam Note

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from "President - South Coast CA Airstream Club":
019President@wbcci.net

Call for articles

Do you have something to say?

Please submit any and all articles of interest to our membership for publication. Ideas include news, travel, RV tips, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos.

Email the editor at:

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COMING IN MARCH: EMERALD DESERT - PALM DESERT

Located in sunny Palm Desert, March is the perfect time of the year to visit. Emerald Desert is a five-star RV resort with a golf course, 2 pools, pickleball courts, a fitness center and lot of snowbirds! While in the area, you can pop out to Joshua Tree National Park or visit the Living Desert Zoo.

Photo credit: sunlandrvresorts.com

President's Corner

BY DIANE SOMMERVILLE

Hi everyone,

For those of you who attended the Annual Meeting and officer installation dinner the first Sunday in December, I just wanted to say “thank you” to all who attended. Not only did Fratello’s do a fabulous job of making our meal, but all the sides contributed by our members were equally delicious. It was a really fun day, the ornament exchange was hilarious, we made good money for the restaurant bar (no surprise here), and the passing of the baton was successful. Mike Biagi and his new Board will lead the way in 2022.

Our annual “photo” that was taken by Mark Miller (so how did he get into the picture?) is also included showing all our bright and shining faces.

Tim took the picture of Mike and me during the festivities, and I wanted to share that we will be working closely as a team to keep everything moving along, not that Mike needs any help. But you know me. Always sticking my nose into things!

Tim and I send our very best wishes to you, your families, and your friends for a successful 2022, filled with good health and lots of happiness.

Diane Sommerville
2021 President



January Birthdays

Mike Wood	1/3
Tom Kluzak	1/4
Jeri McGinty	1/5
Robert Yablonski	1/12
Rob Michler	1/12
Kristi Turner	1/16
Victor Kingsland	1/18
Clara Spence	1/21
Michael Hitchcock	1/29
Thomas Lee	1/19
John Baird	1/29

January Anniversaries

Phillip and Carol Grisotti 1/31

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2022 SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
January 7-9	Pala Casino RV Resort	Bill and Maureen Ball with Tim and Diane Sommerville
February 4-6	Golden Village Palms RV Resort (Hemet)	Gene and Connie Brunn with Tim and Diane Sommerville
March 4-6	Emerald Desert RV Resort	Hosts needed - please feel free to sign up!
April 1-3	Wine Country RV Resort (Paso Robles)	Phil and Lynda Terhorst with co-hosts
May 6-8	Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina	Mike and Marla Biagi with Gabriel and Leann De La Cruz
June 3-5	Chula Vista Sun Outdoors RV Resort	Mike and Mia Griswold with Kerry and Andi Matsumoto
July	No Rally	N/A
August 7	President's BBQ	TBD
September 9-11	Location TBD	Hosts needed - please feel free to sign up!
September 15-19	2022 Region 12 Rally Mission Bay, San Diego	Region 12
October 7-9	Vail Lake / Temecula KOA	Tom and Jeannie Alich with Richard and Stephanie Valorosi
November 4-6	The Springs at Borrego	Hosts needed - please feel free to sign up!
December 4	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Location San Clemente	Bob and Cathy Adams with Dale and Susan Cram



South Coast Past Presidents

Clarence Mason	1968	Wayne Sorenson	1991
Hank Sanford	1969	Dolores Irwin	1992 and 2002
Dick James	1970	Mary Gough	1993
Mac McPeak	1971	Jack Engle	1994
David Hayes	1972	Howard Cram	1995
Roy Slate	1973	Les Chillcott	1996
John Riley	1974	Ralph Irwin	1997
Wesley Gough	1975	Dale Cram	1999 and 2000
Bill Williams	1976	Robert Kirksey	2002 and 2004
Jack Scott	1977	Susan Cram	2003 and 2012
Doug Gist	1978	Steve Carmichael	2005 and 2008
Walter Brooks	1979	Philip Terhorst	2006
John Ashe Everest	1980	Marshall McFie	2007
Bud Davis	1981	Robert Michler	2009
Harold Buck	1982	Lynda Terhorst	2010
David Fletcher	1983	Robert Smith	2011
Jack Ortberg	1984 and 2001	Scott Weddle	2013
Mac McCue	1985	Louise Weddle	2014
Don Conner	1986 and 1998	Bill Ball	2015 and 2016
Lois Kloprien	1987	Robert Kirkpatrick	2017
Bob Barlow	1988	Bruce Barefoot	2018
Clara Buck	1989	Mark Miller	2019
Roberta Williams	1990	Marya Barefoot	2020

Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: www.campendium.com

Airstream Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

December Annual Meeting and Officer Installation Dinner

By Various Contributors



Ugly sweaters abounded on Sunday December 5th, the South Coast California Airstream Club held its annual meeting and installation of officers. The venue this year was Fratello's Restaurant in Laguna Niguel. About 36 people attended and enjoyed an Italian feast and ample libations. The poor wait staff were run off their feet fetching drinks. Mark Miller was good enough to gather everyone for a group photo. After a few glasses of wine, it was like herding cats, but he managed to get a decent shot of everyone with their eyes open.

The fun highlight was the Crazy Christmas ornament exchange. It was like a white elephant and most people brought ornaments or some Airstream related tchotchke and then the stealing began. All in good fun and hopefully everyone went home somewhat happy with their gift.

The serious business was the installation of the new slate of officers for 2022. Outgoing President, Diane Sommerville was presented with a lovely gift reflecting her year of hard work. A big shout out to our hosts for the event; Bob and Cathy Adams with Dale and Susan Cram.



Image credit: Mark Miller

Annual Meeting (continued from previous page)



The new lineup of officers for 2022
(Image credit: Richard Frauenzimmer)



Out with the old and in with the new (president that is).
(Image credit: Diane Sommerville)



Sandra and Connie



If you were good this year, you got a present in the gift exchange.



Ron and Lisa



Scene at Fratello's

Welcome New Members

By: Connie Miller, Membership Chair



Please welcome the new members who were not previously recognized in the newsletter. We hope they will join us at a rally soon.

Gilbert Bradshaw
Sid and Mar Tobiason

2017 30' Flying Cloud
2020 28' International Serenity

Special Notice - Your Airstream Club Needs You!

By: Mike Biagi

We still need a few rally hosts for 2022.

If you are interested, please reach out to me for additional information. I can be reached at mikebiagi@sbcglobal.net or at 714-392-8482.



“California is a place in which a boom mentality and a sense of Chekhovian loss meet in uneasy suspension; in which the mind is troubled by some buried but ineradicable suspicion that things better work here, because here, beneath the immense bleached sky, is where we run out of continent.” ~Joan Didion.

Dogs of Airstream

By: Andi Matsumoto

Who doesn't love to take their four-legged furry friend camping? Here are some pups that attended the recent rally in Borrego Springs. Below we have Phoebe the Boston Terrier, Tanner the poodle, Willow the yellow lab, Dempsey, the black lab. Does your pup love to camp? [Send](#) me a photo for a future edition.



Electric Trucks

By: Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: cars.com

Browsing the Wall Street Journal the other day, I read one of my favorite columns, The Rumble Seat. Author Dan Neil has the enviable job of test-driving new cars and writing about them. That week he wrote about the new Rivian R1T electric truck and it got me thinking about whether and when we would be ready to trade in our diesel RAM for one of these new toys for towing our Airstream.

The Rivian weighs over 7,000 pounds and has a range of about 280 miles. But if you are towing or it's cold out, that range could be half. It costs \$76,000 and has a tow rating of 11,000 pounds. The torque on an electric vehicle is part of what makes it fun (835 horsepower / 908 lb.-ft). Plus, it looks cool.

Ford has 200,000 reservations for its 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning (\$40,000 to \$90,000). The Ford's range is 240 to 300 miles and can tow up to 10,000 pounds. Tesla has over a million reservations for its Cybertruck, which has a boasted range of 500 miles (\$39,000 to \$69,900), and Rivian is booked out for the next 2 years with 55,000 orders. Chevy is planning a 2023 or 2024 electric Silverado, but orders are not being taken yet. Given these booking numbers, the consumer demand is clearly there. Another possible attraction for some electric trucks is that the Federal government offers \$7,500 federal tax credit and California offers \$5,000.

A huge potential downfall of choosing an electric truck would be the estimates that towing your Airstream might cut your range in half. So, Ford's truck might only get 100 miles range when pulling a trailer. Range anxiety is being addressed by projects to install electric charging stations at 50-mile intervals around the country, so you would never be further than a comparable gas station. But this effort is in its infancy. Perhaps it is wise to wait and see this new technology mature before making the leap.

Sources: Dan Neil, "Rivian R1T EV Truck: A Work in Progress - In High Demand", WSJ, December 11, 2021.

Dave Vanderwerp, "We Bet F-150 Lightning's Range Is Under 100 miles when Towing at the Max." Car and Driver, May 20, 2021.



Image credit: Ford.com