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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 MIKE BIAGI

Hi everyone and welcome to the 2022 camping season!

The Executive Board and I have a number of excellent camping destinations lined up for you this year; we're excited and we hope you are, too.

For those of you who attended the January rally, I hope you noticed that we did everything possible to accommodate the varying levels of involvement related to Covid protocol. We offered the opportunity for participants to eat their meal with the group inside the dining room, to sit outside at tables, or return to their trailers with their plate. We also held our Friday night happy hour outside. As we go forward the Club will continue to be cognizant of the needs of our members and offer as many options as possible for the health and comfort of all involved.

Two of our first three rallies sold out in a matter of hours; a nice problem to have, I guess. When this occurs, I will work with the resort to see if additional sites might be available for us. As I mentioned in an earlier communication, I will also let everyone in the club know when the sign-up sheet will be available so that everyone is aware of the date. It is also important for you to email me to get on a waiting list if you're interested in attending a sold-out rally. There are usually cancellations, and those empty slots are filled by folks on the waiting list.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who pitched in during our January rally at Pala Casino. Because of several last-minute cancellations and illnesses, the hosting duties fell to Marla and me. It was also my first rally as your President. Because several people offered to help, everything came off without a hitch. Thanks so much for pitching in!

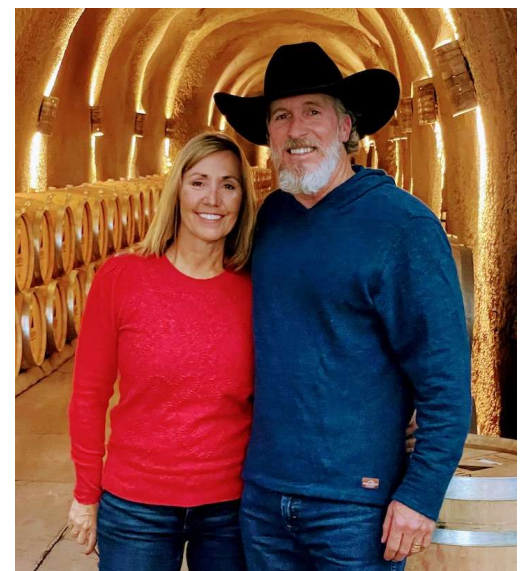
The club continues to grow, and we have several new members, some of whom have already joined us at a rally. Let me encourage you to introduce yourself to folks you may not recognize and get to know them as best you can. We have a great group of people in this Club and adding more folks makes it that much more fun.

I hope all of you are holding fast to your New Year's resolutions if you made them and I look forward to seeing many of you at a future rally!

With gratitude,

Mike Biagi

2022 President



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2022 SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
February 4-6	Golden Village Palms RV Resort (Hemet)	Tim and Diane Sommerville with Gene and Connie Brunn
March 4-6	Emerald Desert RV Resort	Phil and Lynda Terhorst with Bill and Joanne Fallon
April 1-3	Wine Country RV Resort (Paso Robles)	Gene and Connie Brunn with Todd and Cindy Rapp
May 6-8	Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina	Mike and Marla Biagi with Gabriel and LeAnn De La Cruz
June 3-5	Costa Vista Sun Outdoors RV Resort	Mike and Mia Griswold with Kerry and Andi Matsumoto
July	No Rally	N/A
August 7	President's BBQ, Laguna Niguel	TBD
September 9-11	Vail Lake, Temecula	Hosts Rudy and Linda Calderon with John and Deborah Eertwegh
September 15-19	2022 Region 12 Rally Mission Bay, San Diego	Region 12
October 7-9	TBD	Tom and Jeannie Alich with Richard and Stephanie Valorosi
November 5-7	The Springs at Borrego	Hosts Larry and Carrie Suggett with Brad Berry
December 4	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, 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
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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
		Diane Sommerville	2021

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>

January Rally Report: Pala RV Resort and Casino

By Andi Matsumoto



Our club enjoyed a quiet rally at Pala in January to bring in the new year. Normally quite crowded during the winter thanks to the top-rated park amenities and a casino next door, this year it was eerily empty as Omicron Covid made its way through California. Our 25 families had a great time and enjoyed fabulous weather though. There was a tasty potluck dinner on Saturday night and the new club cornhole game made an appearance. Thanks to the Biagi's for stepping in as hosts when the scheduled hosts were unable to attend.

Cindy Rapp showed off her sewing skills with some lovely Airstream themed masks and tote bags for sale (see model photos on the next page). She sells these via PayPal or Venmo if you would like to get your own at the next rally. They are very reasonably priced and well-made, featuring designs from Spoonflower fabrics.

Image credit: Mark Miller



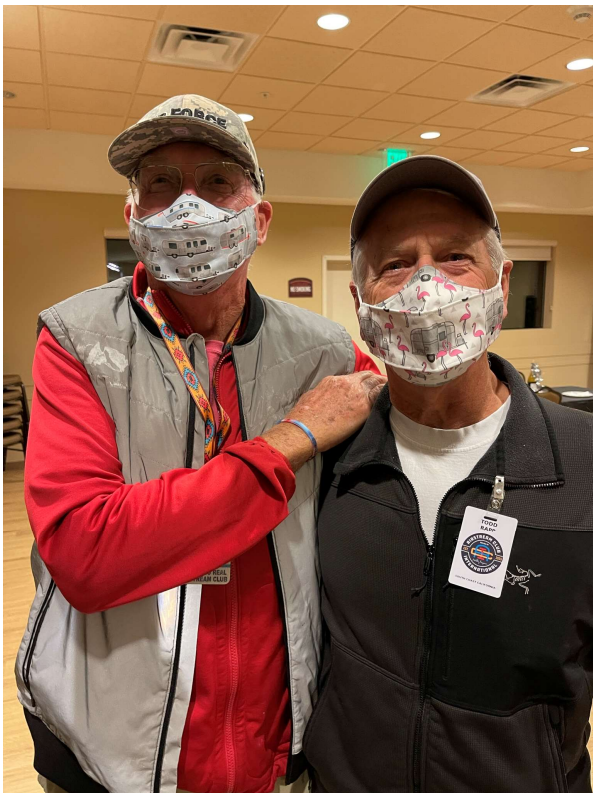
Pala Rally Report (continued from previous page)



Howdy from happy hour.



Our fearless President in action.



Mask up! Masks by Cindy Rapp.



Welcome to the Abads!

Welcome New Members

By: Carrie Suggett, 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.

Donald and Stephanie Basden

2022 28' Pottery Barn Edition

Thierry and Julie Montoya

2022 28' International

Dogs of Airstream

By: Sid Tobiason

Jasper, our 6-month-old Goldendoodle, sitting on our Airstream steps.



"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt." ~ John Muir

Meet the President and First Lady

By: Mike Biagi



Greetings fellow members of Unit 19! As we kick off a new year Marla and I thought it would be fun to tell you a little bit about ourselves. The most exciting thing is that we are brand new grandparents. Our granddaughter Summer Lee Biagi was born December 17. We get to see Summer often and she already has me completely wrapped around her finger.

We have owned our Airstream for six years now and have really enjoyed it. Because I'm still a full-time workin' man we haven't been able to roam farther than Colorado, Arizona, and Northern California. But over the years I'm sure that will change, and we'll be able to go on caravans, etc.

Marla and I are very outdoors minded people. Last May we completed a backpacking trip of the Trans-Catalina Trail, a five-night, 40-mile trek from the southern tip of Catalina Island to the north. It was a memory for a lifetime complete with a bison sighting that was much too close! A couple of years ago we took our Airstream to the South Rim of Grand Canyon over New Year's Eve weekend. We hiked to the bottom of the Canyon and spent the night at Phantom Ranch, then hiked back out the next day. The temperatures were very chilly with lots of snow on the ground, but the hike was amazing!

We will celebrate our 25th year of marriage in May and are excited to reach the quarter century mark! We have been tossing around a few ideas on how to celebrate this special occasion but haven't come up with a winner just yet.

We are very excited to be serving as President and First Lady and believe me, Marla will be very involved. She'll be the one handing out all the candy at the rallies, doing all the behind-the-scenes work to identify things of interest for each site we visit and otherwise using her gift of hospitality and kindness when introducing new members to our club. Thanks to so many of you who have made us feel welcome over the years. We look forward to exciting times ahead!



Making Airstreaming Better - Upgrades and Add-Ons / Trailer

By: Mark Speros



Image credit:mopeka.com

If these last two years have taught us anything, it's the freedom to travel (especially in safety and comfort) is invaluable. But it's those "little things" that can cast a dark shadow on an otherwise great trip.

Regardless of the time of year, we've had two "operator errors" that had consequences we didn't consider:

- Dry camping on a hot day, our fridge suddenly decided, "I'm now an oven" and proceeded to warm up all our perishable food - while we were out!
- While winter camping with full hook ups, in the middle of a 14F night, our furnace just stopped heating. While the electric space heaters saved our butts (the AC heat pump does nothing at those temps) the water tanks lost all protection - we were lucky only the dump valves froze!

The cause of both issues? We'd run out of propane!

Now it's easy and simple to take those 5-gallon tanks and pick them up to see how full they are (Tip - Costco currently offers them with an exterior gauge!!!). But the two in out trailer are HUGE...and under a cover....and bolted down.

Well, we discovered there really is "an app for that" - in this case a device that works with your phone! [Mopeka Tank Check](#), offers you a simple magnetic "reader" disk you put on the bottom of each tank. We named ours "Curb Side" & "Driver Side". After setting up the app, just opening it up told us:

- What percentage of "full" each tank was.
- How recently that reading had been taken.
- The condition of the small watch size battery.
- How strong the signal was for determining the tank volume.

The Good

- No need to pick up, shake or otherwise move your tank.
- You can now check your tanks from the trailer or your truck - while moving!
- The system is "always on" - so long as you are within range of the sensors. Just open the app!
- You can monitor multiple tanks - so your BBQ, fire pit or any other - home or Airstream, can be added!

The Bad

- Yes, you'll have to pay around \$100 for the sensors depending on if your tanks are steel or aluminum.
- The batteries at some point will have to be replaced (ours lasted about a year and a half).
- The sensors are only held on by their magnetic connection, so you could accidentally knock one off if you are moving your tanks around.
- It further cements the fact your cell phone is now a part of your everyday life!

We've personally tested this out for over a year, and it works flawlessly!

Modernism Week

By: Andi Matsumoto

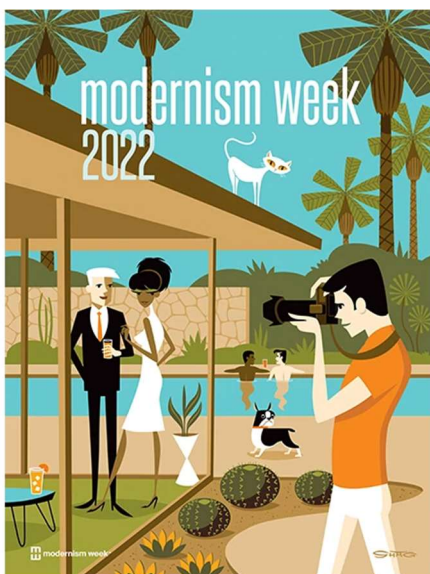


Image credit: modernismweek.com

Thank you to Chris and Stephanie Simpson for reminding us that Modernism Week is coming up in Palm Springs from February 17 - 27. From their website, modernismweek.com, Modernism Week's annual 11-day festival will feature more than 350 events including the Palm Springs Modernism Show & Sale, tours of iconic homes in more than 30 neighborhoods, and the popular Signature Home Tour on both weekends. Also offered are architectural walking, biking and double-decker bus tours, tours of the historic Annenberg Estate at Sunnylands, a classic car show, garden tours, nightly parties, and a special series of compelling and informative talks. All events are open to the public, and many events are free or low cost. Tickets are on sale now.

Modernism Week is also a California 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization, providing scholarships to local students pursuing college educations in the fields of architecture and design, as well as supporting local and state preservation organizations and neighborhood groups in their efforts to preserve modernist architecture throughout the state of California.

Of particular interest to Airstreamers, the festival will feature another chance to see the documentary, *Alumination*, on February 20 at 5:30pm. A deep dive into how Airstream became a legendary American brand, with extensive archival footage, interwoven with modern-day Airstream events and narrated by Kate Pierson of rock band The B-52s. (\$15)



2022 Modernism Week Poster by Shag (\$25)

Own the official 2022 Modernism Week commemorative poster, created by the artist Shag. See the Modernism Week website to buy yours. This is the 5th poster in a set of five.