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President's Message

It's March as I write this, and we still have some almond trees blooming. The ground is white with almond blossoms so if you haven't signed up to host a rally, now is a great time to sign up. The hosts' names will be put into a drawing at the December rally and one will be drawn to spend a few days during almond blossom on our ranch in 2023.

The March Rally was a great success! Mike & Phyllis Minadeo and Pat Lazzereschi did an amazing job with planning a fun rally. Wednesday, we had a Taco Truck dinner and many games the members could play and win prizes. Thursday, we toured the Michael David Winery and several people enjoyed lunch in their restaurant after the tasting. Thursday afternoon we had Social Hour followed by more games and prizes. Friday morning, we

were treated to a breakfast of pancakes, sausages and fruit. John & Elaine White and Tom & Deanna Bain outdid themselves with a hearty breakfast along with their helpers Bob Vasser and Don & Carol Weaver. Friday Happy Hour was followed up with Bingo, called by former NorCal President Don Weaver and his lovely assistant, Carol. The cash prizes were a hit with the members that won a game. Saturday morning First Vice President Jim Christie, Second Vice President Carmen Ortiz, Treasurer Jose Ortiz, Tom Smithson, Pat Lazzereschi, First Lady Billie and myself cleaned out the storage shed at Pat's house. We eliminated a lot of old and unused items. A special thank you to Pat for allowing us to store our NorCal "stuff" at her place. Later in the Poppy is a listing of our current inventory.

Saturday evening, we had an excellent BBQ chicken dinner followed with a tasty dessert of Red Velvet cupcakes...courtesy of Pat. The crowd was entertained by comedian Morty Stein and then a raffle drawing. It was an outstanding rally seeing friends, socializing and laughing while watching/playing the nightly games.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, here's to you Ray Bell! Instead of aluminum it's going to be facts about almonds this year. First fact: is the "l" pronounced in almond? Is it or is it not pronounced? The "l" in "almond" was silent until very recently... More recent standard dictionaries say we can now properly pronounce "almond" either with or without the "l" sound.

Bob Verdegaal

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."



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From the Editor

Hello Everyone. It is spring and time to refresh the Ol' Airstream. We recently played host to an uninvited and unanticipated party of mice from our storage facility and now our rig has the strong odor of lavender *everywhere*. If it keeps the mice away, I can endure it. So far- so good.



Plus, we upgraded to a new mattress (which fyi, are now selling for about \$200 less than when we bought before Christmas) from Mattress Insider and it is very comfy! Perfect for back and side sleepers. We have a short queen and we had to purchase the 75" to get the radius corners and avoid custom building. I think if I had it to do over again, I would get the 74" without radius corners or custom build a 74" with radius corners. But again, I can live with the 75"er. Ed will just have to do the heavy lifting of the bed to access the storage.

Thank you to everyone who offered kind words and support about my fractured back. It is healing, slowly but surely, and I am looking forward to a procedure that will restore height and strength to my crushed vertebrae, and relieve the pain. No word yet on when it will happen. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Lodi Rally on Saturday night, and it appeared that everyone there was having a good time. Wish I had witnessed the games played earlier in the rally - the photos probably don't do them justice. See pages 5-6 for details on the March Lodi Rally. Thanks to Darlene Winchell, Bob Vasser and Jim Christie for the photos.

The June Rally summary is on page 3, and boy, it looks like a good one up in the Northwest corner of the State. Speaking of rallies, we are still looking for hosts for three of the rallies (see the box opposite), and Bob is looking for a delegate to the Airstream International Rally in Maine (see page 9). It sounds like fun and hey – you get a free dinner for your troubles. Eric McHenry from our Region will be installed as next year's President, so that should be fun as well.

The Maffei's, Ed and I will be hosting the May Rally in Red Bluff, so be sure to bring your western wear for our Saturday night barn dance. It will be my first NorCal rally of the year (hopefully)!!

Elisa Ungerman

2022 Rally Schedule

~~March 2-6 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds Lodi
Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi, Mike & Phyllis Minadeo~~

April 6-10 Gold Country Campground Pine Grove

Hosts: Greg & Janet Motta, Jill & Dave Wilson

April 21-24 Region 12 Cali Rally Parkfield
Hosts: Region 12: FULL

May 11-15 Journey KOA Red Bluff
Hosts: Elisa & Ed Ungerman, Bill & Kathy Maffei

June 8-12 Emerald Forest RV Park Trinidad
Hosts: Chris & Dean Davison, Carmen & Jose Ortiz

July 23-29 International Rally Fryeburg, Maine
Hosts: Airstream Club International

July 27-31 Olema Campground Olema
Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Paul & Victoria Bartelst

Sept. 7-11 Paso Robles RV Ranch Paso Robles
Hosts: **NEEDED**

Sept. 15-19 Region 12 Rally Mission Bay San Diego Dry Camping
Hosts: <https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-12-rally>

Oct. 5-9 Berry Creek Rancheria Oroville
Hosts: **NEEDED**

Nov. 2-6 Skyline RV Park Napa
Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Amy & Thomas Webster

Dec. 7-11 Black Oak Casino Tuolumne
Hosts: **NEEDED**

The Fine Print

New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration form and payment by the due date to the club Registrar. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols.



Silver & Gold in the Emerald Forest

Along the extensive California North Coast lies what is one of the smallest cities in the state: Trinidad. The spectacular coastline and the ten public beaches and ocean rocks make up for the smallness of the town. All this is part of the California Coastal National Monument, of which Trinidad is a Gateway City.

There is plenty to do in the area, from watching the amazing sunsets to walking among some of the tallest, most ancient trees in California. There's fishing, hiking, kayaking, farmers markets and great restaurants.

We will camp at the Emerald Forest RV Park, aka Deer Lodge in the 1930's. The park is situated on twelve acres. Still remaining is the original Celebration Hall which was used as the mess hall for loggers during that time. Some of the existing cabins and buildings date back to that era.

To welcome you on Wednesday, we will have happy hour complete with appetizers of local cheeses served with roasted garlic, grapes, baguette and crackers; and a charcuterie platter with a selection of cured meats & cheeses accented with fresh and dried fruit, olives, nuts, jam, spreads, crackers, and bread. Please bring the drink of your choice.

The buffet dinner will consist of a selection of house breads; spinach and mixed garden salad; rice pilaf (vegan); roasted potato medley (vegan); fresh mushroom lasagna (vegetarian); butternut squash lasagna (vegetarian); and assorted cookies, brownies and lemon bars for dessert. All this fun will be at Celebration Hall.



On Thursday, we will host an exclusive Pacific North Coast event at the private gardens of Howard and Pat Wells (NorCal members): Eight acres of coastal property that are a must see! Decades ago, the Pat and Howard Wells Garden was known as the Sea Knoll Flower Farm. Come spend the day exploring eight acres of woodland, ponds, sea stack rock garden, meadow, orchard, berry and vegetable gardens. We will hunt for "gold nuggets" and prizes will be awarded. For happy hour at the Wells', we will have wine and sparkling juices, paired with various cheeses, chocolates, crackers, fruit and other small bites. (A port-a-potty will be available for everyone's comfort.)



Count on happy hour at Celebration Hall at the RV Park on Friday.



For Saturday's farewell dinner, we will serve appetizers that include a selection of baba ganoush and hummus, with pita bread. Dinner will include a choice of either a gyro platter or a falafel platter, both served with pita bread, rice, fresh cut veggies, Tzatziki and hot sauce.

In addition to the wonderful food, we will have games to keep you engaged and having fun. And of course, there will be great prizes. Remember that you can't win if you don't play!

We will have a group campfire going on every night just outside the Celebration Hall. The hall will be open for members to play games. You can bring whatever s'mores fixings you desire to the nightly group campfire.

Make sure you check out things to do in the area to take full advantage of your time in Trinidad.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g33188-Activities-Trinidad_Humboldt_County_California.html.

"101 things to do in Humboldt County" at <http://101things.com/humboldt/>

As always, remember that the weather on the coast can change drastically and quickly, so plan your wardrobe accordingly. We hope to see you there!

—Your hosts: Dean and Chris Davison & José and Carmen Ortiz

Silver & Gold in the Emerald Forest

Emerald Forest RV Park
 753 Patricks Point Dr, Trinidad, CA 95570
June 8-12, 2022

Coupon Due April 30, 2022



Name: _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Big Red Number _____

Arrival Day _____

Departure Day _____

RV length _____

Rally Nights _____ nights @ \$50 per night

Parking Fee \$ _____

Rally Fee _____ persons @ \$7.50 pp (per person)

Rally Fee \$ _____

Wed. Welcome Dinner _____ persons @ \$35 pp

Wed. Dinner \$ _____

Thursday Happy Hour: _____ persons @ \$15 pp

Thurs. Happy Hour \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner _____ persons @ \$31.00 pp

Sat. Dinner \$ _____

TOTAL RALLY COST \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS

• Either directly register online using the jotform link: <https://form.jotform.com/220754833371153> or follow the 'Register for the Rally' link on the webpage, or send this form and payment to the registrar at norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com. **It is preferred you register online**, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer to keep track of rally registrations.

• **Send all payments directly to the Registrar. Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal** and mail to NorCal Registrar Lori Bibby, 3029 Black Hawk Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648-7716. Note: All online payments have been suspended pending implementation of the new online payment system.

• **Refund Policy:** Cancellations and/or changes to registration must be received no later than Wednesday of the week prior to the rally, in other words, a week before the start of the rally. Refunds will be available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Parking fees are refunded according to RV park cancellation policy. Meals, tours, rally fees, etc., are refunded if money has not been spent by the hosts.

• **Please contact the Rally Registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration**, or wish to register after the deadline. **973-270-4132**.

• **Under no circumstances are members to contact the RV Park with changes or cancellations.**

• NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe but also the employees of the RV Parks and the communities we visit safe, which in turn allows us to continue to rally during the pandemic. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, please do not sign up for this rally. If you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.

• Please inform the Registrar if you need a handicap accommodation, or if this is your first NorCal rally.



“Stuck in Lodi Again” Rally Summary

March 2-6, 2022

Mike Minadeo

The 2022 NorCal rally season was kicked off at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds with laughs and great prizes by hosts Pat Lazzereschi and side-kicks, Mike and Phyllis Minadeo.



Wednesday parking was a bit of a challenge to get everyone into their site with power and water, reminiscent of rallies in the past where staying in fairgrounds was the norm. That night we were served a taco dinner (by Carlos) with all the trimmings. Quite delicious!

Games and more games were held most nights. The brave (and highly skilled) up for the challenge, were rewarded with some very nice prizes. Many of us were left wondering where and how Pat came up with these games. Some were hilarious.

We woke on Thursday to the sound of livestock. An event created by the San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office brings government, resource agencies and private organizations together to demonstrate the importance and sustainability of agriculture in the



region and how each participating agency plays a role. Live animals, insects, fresh produce, electricity and gas were some of the educational topics being explained to some 3,000 third graders from the Lodi, Linden, New Hope and Oakview Unified school districts during the annual AgVenture Field Day. AgVenture’s goal is to help local youth better understand the importance of agriculture and potentially inspire future farmers.

While the third graders were learning about agriculture, we Airstreamers were learning about and tasting wine at Michael David Vineyards.



Some of the group enjoyed breakfast in their café, while others stayed for lunch. The winery started as a produce stand, and you can still buy produce there as well as baked goods from their bakery.

Friday morning we were all treated to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast cooked on the club’s historic grill. The crew, John and Elaine White, Tom and Deanna Bain, Don and Carol Weaver, Bob Vasser, and Pat Lazzereschi did a great job. Don and Carol were kept busy that night calling Bingo with a full house turnout. Winners were rewarded with cash prizes.

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Since the rally was held in Lodi and was close to Pat's house, Board members took the opportunity to clean out the storage shed that she has allowed the Club to use and inventoried the contents. [Ed. Note: See page 8] It looks great now and you can actually find things. Thank you to all that helped.

After a free day to check out the area, we enjoyed a farewell dinner of barbequed chicken, mashed potatoes, and roasted vegetables, followed by Pat's homemade cupcakes. The rally closed with a comedy act performed by comedian Morty Stein.



1. Jim Christie, Carmen Ortiz, Pat Lazzereschi, Billie Verdegaal, Jose Ortiz, Tom Smithson and Bob Verdegaal clean out the shed; 2. Tary Salinger heads up the taco line; 3. Steve Irey wraps up Leslie during a game; 4-9 more games played by NorCalers; 10. Morty Stein entertains; 11. Tour at Micheal David Winery; 12. Audrey and Kit Langstroth grab Saturday night dinner with Jim Christie, Bob Vasser and Mark Winchell (L-R).

Norcal Club Contacts

President	Bob Verdegaal
1 st Vice President	Jim Christie
2 nd Vice President	Carmen Ortiz
Secretary	Gail Crutchfield
Treasurer	Jose Ortiz
Senior Trustee	Dean Davison
Senior Trustee	Carol Echols
Trustee	Tary Salinger
Trustee	Mark Winchell
Imm. Past President	John Bibby
Parliamentarian	Hedda Smithson
Constitution & Bylaws	Hedda Smithson
Membership	Marget Williams
Newsletter Editor	Elisa Ungerman
Directory/Audio Visual	Tom Smithson
Webmaster	Carmen Ortiz
Registrar	Lori Bibby
Rally Chair	Pat Lazzereschi
Caravan Chair	Bob Vasser
Sunshine	Cathy Maffei

Welcome New Members

Tore & Sunday Pearson

Todd & Jayme Bottke

James Baskin & Julia Green

Tom & Birgit Stephens

Hugo Piccin

Welcome New Affiliates

Mike Kowal & Gosia Bochenska

**Airstream Club International
on the Web**
<https://airstreamclub.org/>
Region 12 on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
NorCal on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>



NorCal Membership Numbers

161 Unit/Life Members

41 Affiliate Members

202 Total Members



WBCCI NorCal Inventory: March 2022
All items are in storage shed unless noted

Rally Equipment

- 1 Flag Set: USA, CA, Unit w. poles and stands – taken to each rally
- 1 Welcome sign, stand and base
- 1 Amplifier & Speaker combo, Realistic AC/DC, 16-watt, Poppy logo
- 1 Microphone, wireless
- 1 Projection Screen (Note: Property of Tom Smithson)

Hospitality / Decorations / Misc.

- 1 Coffee Maker, Keurig
- 1 Tub: centerpieces, sparkly
- 1 Banner, WBCCI NorCal Airstream
- 1 Banner, NorCal Poppy
- 1 Pop up canopy, large, 12 x 12
- 1 Pop up canopy, small
- 4 Brown plastic tarps, 4 x 10
- 1 Griddle (hot cake) plus 1 hose and I regulator
- 1 Tub: Grilling stuff
- 1 Tub: dish towels

Games

- 1 Set large Jenga
- 1 Corn Hole set
- 1 Set Bult Bucket
- 1 Bingo machine and Numbered Balls
- 1 Tub: Bingo Sheets
- 1 Horseshoe set -2 pegs, 4 shoes
- 1 Tub: Game stuff

Records/Historical Documents

- 3 Tubs: photo albums and historical documents
- 2 Tubs: Club Records

Flags in Tub

- 1 2nd VP flag 3x5 new
- 1 2nd VP flag 2x3 new
- 1 International flag 3x5 new
- 1 US flag 3x5 new
- 2 CA flags 3x5 new
- 2 CA flags 2x3 new
- 1 US Flag used
- 1 CA Flag used

Public Address System (Extra)

- 1 Gray wooden box w/ 2 speakers inside
- 1 Amplifier Realistic 20-watt AC *
- 1 Battery Charger, Microphone
- Microphone cordless *
- 1 Electrical Cord, 25 ft.
- 1 Microphone cords (+/-10')
- 1 Surge Protector
- 2 Speakers, Audiotronic, model 1516#328737
- 1 Amplifier Peavy, 60 watt 04-SN07728779
- 2 Speakers, Peavy model 110DI-SN 07566100-06950882
- 2 Speaker stands, Ultimate, carry bags
- 3 Cords, microphone 50 ft. w/ XLR connectors *
- 2 Speaker cords, 100 ft. w/ connectors *
- 2 Microphone stands w/base

April Birthdays

- 1 Tom Smithson
- 3 Mike Malone
- 6 Harold Higgins
- 7 Fred Lyon
- 11 Bill Maffei
- 16 Dace Roll
- 24 Fran Angerer
- 29 Phil Glassey

April Anniversaries

- 11 Bob & Billie Verdegaaal

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NorCal would like to recognize the Birthdays and Anniversaries of **all** our Members and Associates. NorCal was previously able obtain this information when it directly handled membership applications. But now, application forms are processed through the International Club, not NorCal. Their form does not ask for this information. Therefore, if you have joined within the past year, our Club records do not include your Birthday and Anniversary. To ensure you are included in the Newsletter, please send Marget Williams (our Membership Chair) an e-mail with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary **(Month and Day only)**.
norcalmembership@comcast.net

Misc

- Empty Boxes / Tubs
- 2 Wooden boxes w/lids
- 2 Wooden box/ no lid
- 3+ empty tubs

*Not 100% sure if these are what we think they are, going off old inventory from 2016



Attention Rally Hosts And Would-Be Rally Hosts

Our Club President Bob Verdegaal and his First Lady Billie Verdegaal are offering a wonderful prize to anyone who hosts a Club Rally during 2022: a three-night stay on their farm during Almond blossom time in 2023. They own several almond orchards in Ripon, California (South of Manteca) and when the almond blossoms are in full bloom in February, the sight is stunning. Plus the Verdegaal's farm is quite nice too, while Billie and Bob are the most gracious of hosts. **So for those not yet hosting, check out page 2; there are still rallies without hosts, and sign up!** The winner will be announced at the December Rally. *Editor*

NorCal Needs a Delegate/Flag Carrier for the International Rally

Bob Verdegaal

Going to Maine this summer? First Lady Billie and I will be on The Canadian Rockies Caravan and will not be able to attend The International Rally in Maine this year. NorCal needs a representative to carry the NorCal flag. Listed below are the duties of the delegate. This is a summary of the responsibilities ; more details will be given at a later date. If interested please contact me at my email.

Duties:

- Carry the necessary paperwork to the rally. I will have them filled out.
- You may need to attend a Delegate Meeting.
- Report to the Credential Chair to receive the Official Credential.
- Attend a dinner honoring club presidents with your significant other.
- Attend the Delegate Forum.
- Bring the bottom of the pole for the flag practice.
- Carry the flag at the opening ceremony.
- Attend the Delegate Seminar/Meeting.



You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser: <https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>



You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership. Also, now available is the five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle when you attend rally. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Be sure to request one from Marget.

