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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 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 lots of snowbirds! While in the area, you can pop out to Joshua Tree National Park or visit the Living Desert Zoo.

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President's Corner

BY MIKE BIAGI

Hi everyone! I hope you have been enjoying our mild Southern California winter. We have had a couple of very successful rallies at Pala and Golden Village. We have welcomed some new members at those events and been able to reunite with many old friends.

As you know if you have attended the rallies, getting a site isn't easy. Typically, our rallies have been filling up within just a few hours of me sending out the sign-up announcement. As a reminder, going forward I will let everyone know via email when the sign-up sheet will be released. Also, for a few selected parks I have been able to secure additional sites above the 25 we had planned. That should provide additional capacity for folks who want to join.

From a financial perspective the club is in great shape. We continue to have adequate reserves which are necessary when advancing funds for rally reservations. You might not be aware that each rally is set up one year in advance. It is the job of the First Vice President to make the calls, place the deposits and secure all the details for the rally sites the group will visit the following year. This requires adequate funding because these monies are floated for a year prior to us attending. If you have questions about our balance sheets or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me directly and I would be happy to discuss the details with you.

Those of you who attended the Pala rally will remember Mike Griswold discussing alternative rally sites and approaches during our Saturday dinner. He has been hard at work coming up with some fantastic ideas for next year and I am excited to see those plans coming together. More details will be coming out as the schedule is finalized but I can tell you I'm looking forward to next year already!

Many of you have signed up for our April rally in Paso Robles. At press time we have a total of 30 rigs scheduled which is fantastic! During the Saturday dinner we will have a business meeting and vote on our new Constitution and Club By-Laws. In advance of that meeting, I will send an email out to all of you with a copy of the information for your review. If you are not planning to attend that rally you will have the opportunity to vote via email. Once those go out if you have any questions, please let me know and I'll do my best to answer them.

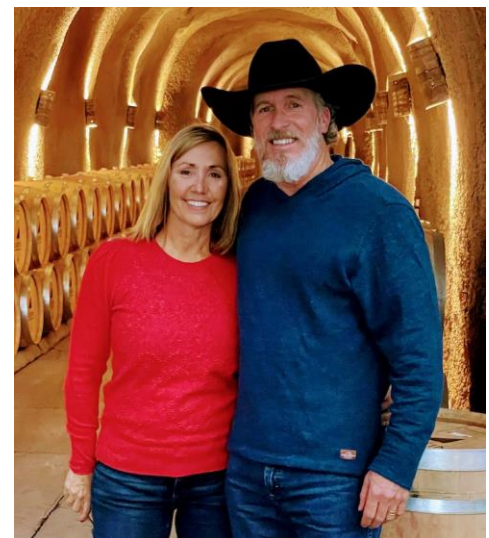
I think that's enough for this month's message but let me end by saying a heartfelt thanks once again to everyone in this group who volunteers their time, their talent, and their effort to make this club what it is. Y'all are very special people and I hope you realize how fortunate we are to live in this great country and be free to do something we enjoy so much.

Marla and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With gratitude,

Mike Biagi

2022 President



2022 Officers and Committee Chairs



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2022 SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
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	Tim and Diane Sommerville
September 9-11	Vail Lake, Temecula	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	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



Airstream at White Sands. Image credit: Mark Miller

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
		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>

February Rally Report: Golden Village Palms Resort

By Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: Sunland RV Resorts

Our club members enjoyed the second rally of the year at Golden Village Palms in Hemet. A bit of an oasis out in the San Jacinto Valley in western Riverside County. The resort had a mixture of 55+ year old residents and travelers and loads of activities such as pickleball, three pools and 3 hot tubs, a live band on Saturday night, two dog parks and a gym.



The resort management put up a nice tent for us to enjoy our Friday night gathering. As per usual, the night happy hour was well attended and had some tasty appetizers. Post-Covid, the club room facilities were reopened for us to enjoy Saturday dinner. The salsa contest was “hotly” contested, with the winners being Kookie Abad and Cindy Rapp.

Left: Is it an oasis, or is it Hemet?

Golden Village Palms Rally Report

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Coffee is served



Salsa contest winning trio: Kookie, Cindy and Marla



Announcing the salsa contest winners



Happy hour



Marla and Sharon at pickleball



Mike, Jude and Owen



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Golden Village Palms Rally Report

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Happy Hour bird's eye view



Row of shiny lovelies



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.

Frank Hein and April Sarani
WBCCI Big Red # 2893

2017 Flying Cloud 25'

Tamara Otero
WBCCI Big Red # 2389

2019 Bambi 16'

Dogs of Airstream

By: Andi Matsumoto

Welcome to the pack, Charli Bear (18-week-old Australian Labradoodle). She is giving Dempsey a run for his money!



"To travel is to live." ~ Hans Christian Anderson

Meet the 2nd Vice President

By: Sharon Ticer

I was surprised and hesitant when asked to be 2nd Vice President. I can't say that I don't have the time, because I do, but the commitment was a big question for me. The people in this club have been very nice to Lowell and me from the beginning starting with Bob Kirkpatrick, so I knew that I needed to show that same kindness and commitment as well. Lowell and I were in the medical field for 45 years and have been retired for 6 years. Lowell grew up trailering with his family, but I was new to it. He wanted to do it again so he coerced me into it, by saying that I could keep the dogs with us and still go travel to other places. I don't regret it at all, but the learning curve was somewhat steep since we had some major mechanical problems from the very beginning.

Lowell and I grew up in Fullerton and we both went to a Seventh Day Adventist school in Orange County and then to Loma Linda University where I received my nursing degree, and he received a biology degree. He wasn't my first love but after he and I dated around, I eventually chased him down to go down that aisle of no return. He went on to receive a Masters in Laboratory Science and MBA from Pepperdine. We have lived in Corona for approximately 33 years.

We have a son and daughter and 5 grandchildren. Beth and Scott live in Corona with our 3 grandchildren. She is a teacher and Scott works for a computer software firm. Russ, his wife and 2 boys live in Maryland. Russ just retired from 22 years in the Air Force and Katie, his wife, is still in it. He is now working for a satellite firm that has contracts with the military.

I hope this helps you in getting to know us a little better and we continue to look forward to getting to know everyone as we attend the rallies. All the best, Sharon and Lowell Ticer



Making Airstreaming Better - Upgrades and Add-Ons / Tow Vehicle

By: Mark Speros



Image credit: dieselpowerproducts.com

It's happened to all of us at one time or another - encountering massive head winds, a Gas Buddy Recommendation gone wrong, suddenly you NEED fuel while in-route at a very inconvenient place (horrible access for your truck + trailer), or time (a "Gotcha!" \$6.99/gallon for diesel). It happened to us when we were forced to fuel and were directed to a station that A) Had only 1 diesel pump, B) Was super crowded with cars, C) Access had our trailer hanging out in the traffic lane for 5 minutes while waiting for a spot to open up (too late to do anything once you're committed!) and D) The only way to exit was making a 28 point U-turn inside the station's tiny lot, then clearing all the vehicles in a fuel lane...and scraping the bottom of the coach on a steep exit ramp. My heart still races at memories of that experience - enough was enough!

Owners of diesel trucks have an incredible option - extended fuel tanks! We have a short bed, so I wasn't willing to give up any space there, but through Keep Your Daydream's YouTube video I learned about S&B's replacement tank that took our 36-gallon standard tank and replaced it with a 60 gallon "drop in" tank - completely fitting within the original tanks location and still works with our FX4 underbody guards.

We just returned from a 3,700-mile trip through Oregon this Christmas (complete with a snowstorm - ON THE BEACH!) and the tank upgrade was a game changer! We can't believe it's not offered as a regular option.

The Good

- It upped our range to nearly 1,000 miles - with the trailer.
- It's made from the same plastic material as the original tank, minimizing weight. And it includes internal baffles to avoid sudden weight transfer during turns.
- It takes all the original parts (fuel pump, filters, etc.) and re-uses them in the new tank.
- They provided a "free/loaner" electronic device that upgraded our trucks on-board system to recognize the new fuel capacity and reflect the new range - super easy to do!
- Didn't void our factory warranty.
- They offer tanks for all manufacturers of trucks and years.
- Allowed us to "pick and choose" when and where we filled up. In this trip alone we saved a lot of money filling up at inexpensive stations (Hello \$3.26/gallon at 7 Feather's Resort!) and minimize having to fuel while pulling the trailer.

The Bad

- It's only offered for diesel trucks (due to gasoline's higher flammability - sorry!)
- It's not cheap - Our tank cost \$1,249 (free shipping), plus it cost us another \$570 for installation. (Reflecting five hours of labor - your price may be different!)
- Payload reduction - adding those 24 gallons adds almost 171 lbs. of additional payload you're adding
- Pump Shock - Yes! Filling this tank from empty will require you to do TWO credit card transactions, as you'll certainly exceed most stations \$150 limit per transaction. (But to date we've saved more than \$100 in fuel savings!)

For us, this was a game changing addition! Highly recommended!

Diamond Valley Lake

By: Andi Matsumoto

Having never been to Hemet, at the February rally, I was wondering what we could do to entertain the kids. Never fear, Hemet features a fantastic lake that is open for fishing and boating (but not swimming, as it is a reservoir). Diamond Valley Lake is Southern California's largest human-made reservoir covering 4500 acres. We packed a picnic and rented a pontoon boat, trying our luck at fishing for trout and catfish. We didn't actually catch anything. I tried telling my kid that fish don't like gummy worms, but what do I know? There are also bass for the more skilled fishers. Another option for seeing the lake is a 22-mile bike and hiking trail that goes around the lake. The shop offers electric bike rentals also. It was a fun day out.

Next time, we will check out the Western Science Center. When Diamond Valley Lake was excavated in 1995, the site revealed a treasure trove of extinct mammoths, mastodons, camels, sloth, and bison, as well as Native American artifacts. The museum is located on the road to the lake and is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm. The price is \$9 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and \$6 for youth. Military and children under 4 are free.

