



ARIZONA AIRSTREAM CLUB ROUNDUP **Rallies are Where It's At!**

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Shiny tiny homes at the Region 11 Rally in Casa Grande, AZ.

Arizona Airstream Club rallies are a great way to camp, get to know fellow Airstreamers, *and* see more of Arizona. If you're new to the club, we typically have at least one rally a month that spans Thursday thru Sunday. Most of the rallies are at parks with full or partial hookups, but we have some dry camping as well. We rally all over Arizona, chasing the good weather. Rallies are first come, first served, so sign up as quickly as possible to reserve your spot. Rallies often fill up fast!

There's something for everyone! Some rallies are unhosted, and it's up to members to find fun things to do and set up their own social hours. Others are hosted and feature group activities, meals, a hosted happy hour, and tours specific the area. For more information on upcoming rallies, go to <https://airstreamclub.org/arizona>.

Jan: Pilot Knob by Bob and MaryLou Doster

Pilot Knob is a long-term BLM (Bureau of Land Management) camping site in Winterhaven, CA—right next to Yuma, AZ.

You may have passed it by and never knew what you missed. Ed and Kimberley Hash and Bob and Mary Lou Doster know because

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Top Left: Spying on Bob and Mary Lou Doster's trailer at Pilot Knob with the drone.

Top Right: Airstream pup, Carly Hash, enjoying the sun at Pilot Knob.

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they went to the first Arizona Airstream Club Rally of 2022. It was cold, cloudy, and windy but a unique boondocking experience. We spotted a random Airstream trailer and asked if this was where the rally was located. While they were friends of Ed and Kimberley, they were not a part of the AAC, and we were told to just park anywhere and the Hash's would find us, which they did a short time later and our rally began.

Pilot Knob is very close to Algodones, Mexico. In fact, you can park on the American side and walk across the border to shop and eat! Just north of Pilot Knob, across Interstate 8 is Felicity, CA, a town with a population of two. This town was established by Jacques-Andre Istel and named after his wife, Felicia. It was designated as "The Center of the World" in 1985 and boasts a church and Museum of History cut in Granite. Mary Lou and I had seen that structure many times, so we checked it out. I encourage you to pay the \$5 admission to read *the history of the world on multiple long rows of granite!*

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Feb: Cave Creek by VP Sam Brandes

February turned out to be a great time to be part of the Arizona Airstream Club. The rally was held at Cave Creek Regional Park, and we had a good attendance from members and affiliates.



Heidi Vail's jambalaya!

This was supposed to be a no-host rally. But when Heidi and Troy Vail show up, good food, and a lot of it, seem to show up as well. This was definitely the case at Cave Creek. Heidi made a huge

pot of jambalaya and everyone else supplied the rest of the pot-luck to make this a feast. After dinner we sat around the campfire where Mark Kvidera broke out his guitar and sang. It was unplanned and awesome!



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Steve and Kristin Smith and John Holly enjoying a meal



Bill and Nancy White

Group photo on bottom right of page 2, L to R, Diane & Jim Rumbo, Kimberley & Ed Hash, Kathy and Sam Brandes,, Gabby & Jeff Gilbert.



AAC VP Sam and Kathy Brandes, and Maureen and Bill Ball

We also met new members Gabriela and Jeff Gilbert who are great additions to our club.

On Saturday, we all met for dinner at Harold's Corral in Cave Creek for good food and plenty of local entertainment.

Some members, who were not able to register for the rally, were still able to meet up with us at Harold's and enjoy the Airstreamers-meet-Harley-Davidson crowd.

Cave Creek never disappoints and that certainly was the case in February.



A beautiful sight in the morning skies over Cave Creek Regional Park

Mar: Coachella by Member Diane Rumbo

We were fortunate to be able to attend the Coachella Rally at the Shadow Hills RV Resort in March this year with our fellow "streamers". We couldn't attend all the many and varied activities available, but here are our reflections on the things we were able to do while at the Rally.

My husband, Jim, attended the tour at the Palm Springs Air Museum with many others from our rally. Being an aeronautical engineer, this was a real treat for him. There were two great volunteer guides who led the group through amazing military displays from World War II through the present. There were some

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very rare planes that are normally difficult to find at air museums. Although they offered rides on a P51 Mustang plane; Jim didn't take advantage of the low price of \$2,000!

Diane went with friends (Kathy Brandes and Kathleen Landis) to a local outdoor craft fair where there were lots and lots of vendors selling fancy hats, interesting décor, many handmade items, and of course, food. It was a fun time walking through all of the booths and talking with the owners.

We had the chance to drive through Joshua Tree National Park and get our stamp in our National Park Book. We checked out the campgrounds while there. The scenery was really one of a kind and not to be missed!

Hosts Steve and Kristin Smith planned great potlucks and breakfasts where we met up with the group and enjoyed the interesting conversations. There were fun evenings around the pool while some swam or in a circle at the Nixon's campsite where we shared lots of laughs and got to know other members. As always, it was wonderful to share good times with the club members!



Top: First-time AZ Airstream 'ralliers' Mike Johnson and Julie Goldammer



Left: Apple pie with an Airstream baked into the top crust, by baker Mike Johnson

Right: One of the many events, a ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Photo by Julie Goldammer.



Bottom: Dinner at La Quinta Cliffhouse. Picture from L to R: Mike Johnson, Troy & Heidi Vail, Kristin Smith, and Julie Goldammer.



Club News



President's News

by Mike McBurney

I can't believe it's been 5 months already that I have been your president. It has been an adventure. I'm really proud to represent the finest local Airstream Club. So far, we have 22 new members and five new affiliate members this year, we have become popular because we rally. Other clubs are now attempting to copy us, but they have their work cutout if they want to catch us.

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Vice President's News

By Sam Brandes

We are off to a great 2022 with the cadence of having at least one rally per month. The Region 11 rally in Casa Grande was a blast and extremely well organized. We had an excellent turnout from the Arizona Club. The fun continued in March at the Coachella Rally with members and affiliate members from all over the country in attendance. Mike, and the

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Newsletter Editor's News

by Kimberley Hash

Hi everyone! I'm happy to serve as your newsletter editor. I apologize for how long it's taken to get this first newsletter out. Unfortunately in January we had a family tragedy. My mother had a massive stroke that left her with a lot of needs. But as things settle down, and she begins the long journey of healing, I'm finally able to settle in and get this done!

My husband, Ed, and I travel in a 2017 27' International Signature FB. We attend almost every AAC rally, and a few others as affiliates of other clubs

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Membership Chair

By Kathy Brandes

We had the pleasure of welcoming some new members at the Coachella Rally. Scott and Beth Madson joined us for a great time at the rally. They travel in a 25-foot Flying Cloud and were planning on camping in the future at the Grand Canyon. We hope to see them at the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. We also were excited to get to know Julie Goldammer and Mike Johnson. Julie just moved to Cave Creek and is a realtor. If you were one of the lucky ones at the Rally, you were able to enjoy a piece of Mike's amazing apple pie – with an Airstream image baked into the top crust! The name of their Airstream is "Melina Mercury".



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We've had a couple of great rallies this year, Cave Creek and Coachella. Thank you, Troy and Heidi Vail, for stepping up and organizing meals and such in Cave Creek and a very BIG thank you to Steve and Kristin Smith for an awesome job as first-time hosts for a very difficult rally. A wonderful time was had by all participants.

We have more rallies to come so make sure you check the sites, and if the rally is full get on the waiting list. Chances are you'll get picked up.

I'm going to start begging again, so PLEASE volunteer to participate in your club. We need to fill the nominating committee, officers and executive Board positions, and rally hosts/co-hosts. Please contact me, Sam Brandes, or Jerry Nelson if interested. Remember, this is YOUR CLUB, get involved.

Safe travels and we will see you down the road

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We read about Arizona's history and found it to be very complete. We noted a reference to a petroglyph found at Painted Rock that dated back to 7500BC. We did not read the rest of the world's history, but we will return another time.

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I'm the one who LOVES to make the lemon drop martinis (seriously, I'm famous for them), so come on by let me make you one!

Now, on to newsletter editor business. I need your help. I can't be in all places at all times at each rally. I need your insights, your photos, or short write-ups of fun experiences you've had at our rallies. Otherwise, this newsletter will be pretty boring. I would also love to include your favorite camp recipes or cocktails. Just send them to me a tg4jc@mac.com, and I'll include them in our upcoming newsletters.

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If you are interested in science, you might be able to figure out why... the BRN is 20059, the atomic weight of Mercury (200.59). Additionally, we got to know Teresa Voss at the rally. Teresa's rig is named "Spin Strangeness Charm". She grew up in the Midwest and currently works in the government. She rides horses when she's not "streaming". Welcome to all! We are happy that you were able to join us and look forward to seeing you down the road!

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more fun times planned for the rest of 2022, and we are all looking forward to seeing both new and long-time Airstreamers.

As the VP, my focus is on planning for 2023, and my goal is to continue to have at least one rally per month. We have seen an uptick in members registering for rallies. So, for 2023, we are trying to reserve more sites and also offer rallies on the weekdays and weekends. Additionally, there is some initial discussion with some of the other surrounding units to coordinate our calendars so that we can have rallies at times that will allow members to attend both. So far, we have a few rallies planned for 2023 including a kick-off rally at Organ Pipe National Monument in January, White Tanks County Park group site during President's Weekend in February, and a St Patrick's Day Weekend Rally at a brand new campground on the Colorado River in Ehrenberg in March. Those have already been posted on the AAC website. Look for the May 2023 Kentucky Derby Rally to be posted. It will take place at the Point of Rocks

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Campground in Prescott. We will have festivities related to the derby and will watch the race as a group. Debbie and Bill Nixon have graciously volunteered to host his event, and I'm sure it will be a fun party.

Finally, we have a good number of members planning to attend the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. Look for upcoming information about an AAC event at that rally where we can all have some happy hour time together as a club. Keep traveling, and see you soon at an upcoming AAC event!

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We decided to go to Picacho State Park, in Winterhaven, on Saturday, which is located between two rock peaks north of I-8. Gold mining started in that area in the 1850s and continued sporadically until the 1980s. We found the town's relocated graveyard—relocated to make room for Imperial Dam. The townsite now rests under water behind the dam. We also saw wild burros which were descendants from the gold mining days. The campgrounds were also located along the road as it winds around the bottom of the two peaks, and there was a boat launching ramp with access to the Colorado River.

Saturday evening ended the cloudy, cool days. We said our goodbyes to the Hash's who were heading home on Sunday, and we were heading to Painted Rock.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the newsletter. Photos really make the newsletter. I appreciate any and all photos you take and share with me at each rally. I also appreciate the membership articles.

Upcoming Rallies

AZ Airstream Rallies sometimes fill up fast, but don't let that discourage you. Get on the wait list. Register for rallies [here](#).

June 2 - 5, 2022

Dolores River Rally

18680 Hwy 145
Dolores, CO 81323

September 8 - 11, 2022

Williams Rally

Railside RV Ranch
877 E. Redondo Rd
Williams, AZ

September 15 - 18, 2022

Flagstaff Rally 2022

Woody Mountain Campground
2727 W. Route 66
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

October 13 - 16, 2022

Ajo Rally

Shadow Ridge RV Resort
431 N. 2nd Ave
Ajo, AZ 85321

November 3 - 6, 2022

Catalina Rally

Catalina State Park
11570 N. Oracle Rd
Tucson, AZ 85737