



## ***Greater Bay Area Airstream Club***

*June 2022*

### *President's Message*

The spring rally season is in full swing. Yanks, Napa, and Jackson were great successes. Coming about the same time as this newsletter's release will be the June rally at Pomo near Fort Bragg. This will be a northern trek for our club, but great that we are pushing the boundaries of where we camp and being inclusive to the large number of club members who are from the North Bay area. There is a waitlist running for the Pomo rally and attrition tends to happen as the date for the rally comes near. If you'd like to attend, please sign up on the waitlist.

The International rally is in Maine this year and despite gas prices and the distance, we have a few GBAAC members going. Some of those have arranged an informal caravan to International with other Region 12 members. It's great to see the enthusiasm for the International club events and participation from so far away. Next year will be in Wyoming, so maybe mark your calendars tentatively for that. It will be an easy drive from the Bay Area on I-80 to the rally site so we will probably organize an informal caravan for that, too.

For those not going to Maine and still wanting to camp locally, there is a rally planned by our sister club, Sacramento Valley, in July at Dumbarton Quarry in Fremont, CA. It is a reserve-your-own-site rally. Check the [GBAAC events page](#) near the bottom for a link to SVAC's rally event page.

Our newbie rally in October is rather unique and the new members are in focus so the invites for the rally are restricted. If you are a newbie, look for an email asking you to register in the coming weeks.

The Christmas rally at Jackson Rancheria is shaping up to be a special one. It is planned to have a dedicated shuttle from the park to go and see the Christmas decorations throughout the park and casino grounds. We will also have a "white elephant" gift exchange on Saturday evening. It's always a hilarious time and a new event for our club at a rally.

Soon you will receive an email asking you to vote for amendments to the WBCCI Constitution. The International Club has done a blitz of sharing info by email, Facebook, webinars, and personal visits to rallies. Once you have the voting Jotform, if you have any questions about the choice, then please reach out to me.




Thanks to everyone for being a member or affiliate of our great club. As always, contact me at any time regarding anything about the club.

Jason Grendahl, President of GBAAC

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## *Meet the Board of Directors*

			
<b>Jason Grendahl</b>	<b>Chris Martindill</b>	<b>Eleanor McFarlin</b>	<b>Johnni Hansen</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>First VP</b>	<b>Second VP</b>	<b>Third VP</b>

		
<b>Simon Yen</b>	<b>Serina Lopez</b>	<b>Dennis Shakespeare</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Immediate Past President</b>

## Welcome New GBAAC Members

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member	4632	Ingall	Bull	Galen	Gruman	4/27/2022
member	4064	Jerry	Zheng			4/21/2022
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**If we missed anyone, please let me know. I will make it right next edition. (J.Hansen)**

New GBAAC badges are now available. So are garden flags with the GBAAC logo and a customizable message.

The Zazzle store for both the badges and flags is here:

[https://www.zazzle.com/store/gbaac\\_members/products](https://www.zazzle.com/store/gbaac_members/products)

There are 3 badge templates. Choose the one that is appropriate for you and add your name and officer title if needed. **Check that your name appears as you want it on both sides of the badge before ordering.** An example of my badge is to the right.



For the flag, more customization is possible. You can change the background color (change both sides!) and move the message from the bottom to the top if you like as well as move/resize the logo.



For a flag holder, I recommend a base and pole from amazon and not the one optionally with the flag from Zazzle:

Base:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B078RRTBVF/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_asin\\_title\\_o00\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B078RRTBVF/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

Pole: [https://www.amazon.com/stores/page/DD540411-B6EA-43F6-A2E9-A6E3E209B7B9/search?ref=ast\\_bln&terms=stand](https://www.amazon.com/stores/page/DD540411-B6EA-43F6-A2E9-A6E3E209B7B9/search?ref=ast_bln&terms=stand)

If you have any issues with ordering, please contact Jason at [jasongrendahl@gmail.com](mailto:jasongrendahl@gmail.com) or 330-317-8026 and I will help you through it.

## Camping Opportunities

### 2022 Rally Schedule

1. Get complete event listing from WBCCI webpage-  
<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area/gbaac-events>
2. Some events are combined with Sacramento Valley Club
3. Watch emails for registration deadlines, fees and arrangements

Date	Location	Special Notes
June 9-13	<a href="#">Pomo RV in Fort Bragg</a>	waitlisted
July 20-30	65 <sup>th</sup> International Rally in Fryeburg, ME	WBCCI Event
Aug 18-22	<a href="#">Costanoa KOA Rally</a>	waitlisted
Sept 15-19	<a href="#">Region 12 Annual Rally - San Diego BayFair</a>	Region 12 rally
October 13-16	Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park	Newbie Rally
Nov 17-21	<a href="#">Bodega Bay (Installation of officers)</a>	Hosted by Sacramento Valley
Dec 15-18	<a href="#">Jackson Rancheria Christmas lights</a>	Not yet open for registration
April 13-1, 2023	Cassini Ranch	waitlisted

*Be sure to check the events page at our website often (<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-bay-area/gbaac-events>) for the latest and keep an eye out for our club's Google Groups email blasts letting members know when registration opens. If you want to be waitlisted, be sure the host is aware. We often get cancellations for filled up rallies.*

## *Recent Rally Reviews*

### **Yanks RV Resort in Greenfield, CA Rally from March 17-20**

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club hosted a rally from March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup> at Yanks RV Resort in Greenfield, CA. There were 17 RVs that attended. All campers had a great time visiting with old friends and meeting new friends. We were glad we had the use of the clubhouse since it got very windy in the afternoon, and it finally rained on Saturday for a little bit. On Friday, a hike was planned to Los Padres National Forest, the Arroyo Seco trailhead. Some of us walked a leisurely 2 miles and a group was adventurous and hiked a 6-mile loop. Beautiful wildflowers and weather were enjoyed. That evening a catered lasagna dinner was provided and enjoyed at the clubhouse. That evening Judy organized a game of chicken foot. Chris won. Saturday, a trip to Hahn winery was planned. Originally, they had us outside, but since it was going to rain, they said they would squeeze us inside. Many of us didn't want to be squeezed and it ended up only 10 people went but was enjoyed. That evening our host, Simon prepared oven baked ribs with a BBQ sauce, salad with fried rice and ice cream. Everything was delicious. That night a movie was shown. Thank you to Simon Yen and Chris Martindill for their hard work coordinating such a fun rally.

### **Simon Yen- Rally Host**

## Photos from Yanks Rally



















### **Jackson Rancheria Rally**

Our May Joint rally with Central Coast at Jackson Rancheria was hosted by Roger & Roberta Peeples of SVAC & Bob & Linda Minder of Central Coast. 34 rigs and 67 people! It was fun going around to the different rigs meeting lots of new people. On Friday morning, Roger had a good turnout for his Communications on the Road talk. We then, of course, had to visit the Biggest Little Kitchen Store in Jackson. Friday evening, we had a “burn your own meat” night with salads, rolls & dessert provided. The huge clubhouse was perfect for gathering & there was plenty of room on the surrounding patios for people to eat their meal outside. Saturday morning the Minders & Peeples cooked breakfast for the group. That stove & those griddles were really kept busy, and we had a wonderful volunteer clean-up crew afterwards!

After breakfast a large group of us took the Surface Tour of the Kennedy Mine. Our tour guide, Frank, was a retired Jr. High School teacher & was amazing! I learned so much. Saturday afternoon we had a Q. & A. discussion on the proposed constitutional amendments. We were lucky enough to have Eric & LaVerne McHenry come up to Jackson to join in. Good information! Saturday night we had a potluck dinner with a Chicken Foot tournament afterwards. Mark Evans was the big winner, Nancy Harrington came in second, and Bob Minder earned his money back. Sunday was a relaxed, kick back day with a burn your own meat and



leftovers dinner. A special thank you goes to those who pitched in to clean the clubhouse afterwards. Judy Bechthold was a wiz with that vacuum. After clean-up, we had a large Lunar Eclipse Watch party around 3 propane campfires and headed by Ken Bechthold. A perfect end to a fun event!

Roberta Peebles  
President, SVAC

















## Member's Corner



The WBCCI Foundation has recently approved a new mission, vision, and mantra. Additionally, they approved five non-profit organizations to partner with for the next year.

**Mantra:** Airstream Owners Give Back

**MISSION:** The WBCCI Foundation seeks to preserve and promote an outdoors-oriented lifestyle.

**VISION:** To support and protect the natural environment enjoyed by Airstream owners through partnership with other non-profit organizations that educate on best practices for individuals who enjoy outdoor activities.

The five organizations WBCCI Foundation approved to partner with are:

- 4Ocean.org
- TreadLightly.org
- Sierra Club
- National Park Foundation
- National Forest Foundation

Watch for recent articles in the [Blue Beret](#) describing these organizations and their national benefits.

The WBCCI Foundation now has a passive way for you to contribute via Amazon.com. You just need to log on to [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com) and designate WBCCI Foundation as your designated non-profit. A contribution of .05% of your sale is sent electronically to the Foundation.

**Below is a simple 1-2-3 description of how to start this.**

Thank you in advance for your support! Any questions call Johnni Hansen, WBCCI Foundation Vice President, (562) 506-8602.

## How to set up Amazon Smile on your computer- it's as easy as 1-2-3.

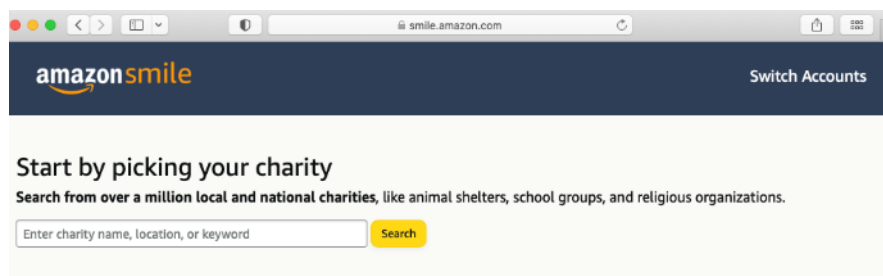
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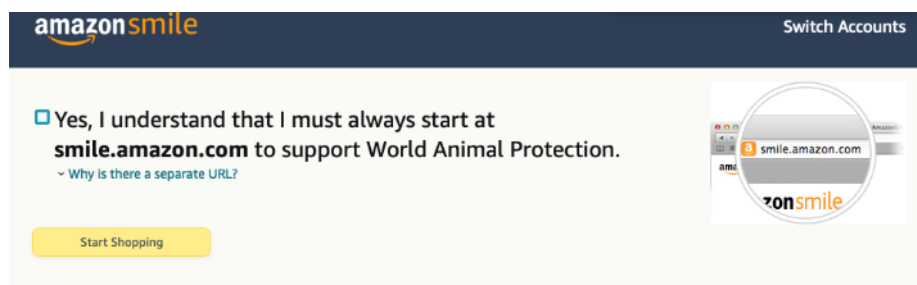
#2 Enter the name of WBCCI Foundation

**Click Search**



#3 Each time you make a purchase from Amazon you must always start at smile.amazon.com to support WBCCI Foundation. Set that up as a bookmark or favorite in your computer system

**Click on the check box**



Or you can use this link to bring up a new window in Amazon.com. This will allow you to switch your smile account or turn it on to make contributions to the WBCCI Foundation.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-0630458>

**Our blood runs silver- please consider contributing in 2022.**



## **REGION 12 NEWS**

Watch for your newsletter from Region 12. Editor Liz Marks tells me it is coming out very soon. And did you receive the announcement of the Region 12 Rally in San Diego? Make reservations early to get a confirmed camping site.

## **WBCCI NEWS**

By the time this newsletter has reached your inbox you should have received a number of communications and a ballot to vote regarding the two constitutional amendments. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Johnni Hansen or Eric McHenry. We worked on the special committee's recommendations for these changes. **Remember- most important, VOTE.** The delegates will bring the GBAAC vote to the International Rally this summer in Fryeburg. Each member has one vote. If you are a couple/partnership, then there are two votes collected for each member of the GBAAC.

*Here is an excerpt of one of Eric's open message as seen in Facebook.*

I've been asked many times about our upcoming Airstream Club International Constitutional items; now that sufficient information has been shared to all our members, I wanted to share my personal thoughts on this (and why) ...

I strongly support constitutional amendment #2 (Restructure Executive Committee into an Executive Council), coming before our membership this year.

This amendment if voted in, will change the structure of our WBCCI Executive Committee into a modern governing structure used by most non-profit, for-profit and government agencies. It's a structure that came directly out of the recommendations from the WBCCI Special Committees that kicked off last summer, followed by many meetings, tweaks and updates by our full International Board of Trustees and Region VPs.

Please read the communications material on the upcoming constitutional amendment, and most importantly, VOTE, regardless of if you're in favor or not. Be aware the barrier is high: two-thirds of votes cast are required to pass constitutional amendments. We need your votes, whichever direction they are...

I agree with the Special Committees that while not fully broken, our current 50+ year old governing structure needs revamping to meet the needs of our current membership. This is what this constitutional amendment is designed to address; putting in a governing structure that is truly open to more of our members who have busy schedules, overlapping commitments and active family lifestyles. They are less likely to volunteer to "climb the ladder" but ARE very engaged in our club and willing to help without necessarily committing to a path to WBCCI president.

Note: Nothing in this constitutional amendment changes how our WBCCI Regions, or Local Club/Units are operated. It does not change the roles of the Region Presidents on the IBT. It's narrowly focused on the Executive Committee (President, VPs, Treasurer and Secretary).

My wife LaVerne and I have traveled extensively over the last two years, exclusively to WBCCI events. At each event, we've been approached by members asking, "How can I help the Club?" If passed, the constitutional amendment provides a NEW path for these members to serve on the International Board for a two-year term, then make the personal decision if a potential path to VP or President is right for them and their families. As it is now (and has been for the last 50+

years), the 3rd VP slot and a seat on the Board is generally restricted to past Region officers who implicitly agree to be president in three years regardless of how the 3rd VP, 2nd VP and 1st VP perform in their roles or how their life events and priorities change.

Don't get me wrong; we've had some outstanding, innovative, and collaborative presidents over the years (and I've had the honor to work with several of them). But for the last four years, and probably more, we've only had one person volunteer to run for the position of 3rd VP, and ultimately president. Sure, we've been fortunate to have good folks, but what if we switched to a structure that brings in more talented people who after two years get to decide if they wish to run again as a general board member or run for an Officer position? What if those people got two-year terms, rather than one-year highly ceremonial terms? What if a few more slots were open to our newer members, who may not have spent 10+ years in the club climbing the leadership ranks? Wouldn't it be great to have a mix of backgrounds and lengths of membership in our governing board?

The good news is that we have enthusiastic volunteers at all leadership level in our Club who want to help us be more vibrant as a club. Because of that, I strongly agree with the Special Committees that a change in our governance structure would position us be more efficient, consistent, and frankly ensure our long-term relevancy and growth.

As our founder Wally Byam said, "Let's not make changes, let's only make improvements." He demonstrated this in the evolution of our Airstreams from the wooden framed innovations of the 1950s to the remarkable world-leading trailers produced today. Similarly, I view this constitutional amendment to be critical to our Clubs' future ability to understand and react to the desires of our growing and diverse membership base.

Yes, we've got lots to do to implement the new governing structure. We acknowledge concerns raised by some members about moving too fast, questions about additional costs, the new process for how members are involved in electing officers, understanding what's "broken", etc. The Club addresses these issues in prior official communications and FAQs posted on the Club's helpful webpage.

I am pleased to be joined in this open letter by the majority of your incoming leadership team of nominated International officers, plus leaders and members of the WBCCI Special Committees assigned to research this topic:

- \* Eric McHenry, International President nominee
- \* Per Hamnqvist, International 1st VP nominee
- \* Millie O'Donnell, International 3rd VP nominee
- \* Terri Warren, International Recording Secretary nominee

Members of the Special Committees:

- \* Jim Cocke, International Past President
- \* Barb Derian (Past President, Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club)
- \* Abe Hernandez (Region 12 VP)
- \* Michael Shelley (Arkansas Razorbacks Airstream Club President)
- \* Kate Coast (Arkansas Razorbacks Airstream Club)
- \* Jenifer Schnettler (Akron Ohio Airstream Club)
- \* Johnni Hansen (Greater Bay Area Airstream Club VP)
- \* Bill Wild (Region 3 President)
- \* Brad Briggs (Region 4 President)
- \* Bard Fuller (Region 1 VP)
- \* Tom Smithson (WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair)
- \* Kathy Geese (Region 10 President)
- \* Christopher Seplak (Region 5 President)

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## Cooking Ideas



*Air Fryer Potato Chips*

Nothing beats homemade Air Fryer Potato Chips and snacking on its salty crispy caramelized edges.

Recipe: <https://dailyyum.com/air-fryer-potato-chips/>

I love that it uses less oil than regular or fast-food fries. Seasoned w/ s&p and fry seasoning blend, air fry mode 380F-400F 8 min flipping/shaking halfway or until golden brown edges and caramelized liking. Served with sauce of your choice.