

## Region 12 Newsletter



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### What's Region 12 All About?

Region 12 comprises 11 Clubs across California and Nevada

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### **Meet your Region 12 President- LaVerne McHenry!**



Greetings Region 12!

I'm writing this cruising at about 33,000 feet. Eric and I are just flying home from the grand opening of the Heritage Center at the new Jackson Center Airstream factory. I scored and toured on their first Airstream factory tour since moving to the new site. Are we really getting out of COVID, I sure hope so! They hope to start up the factory tours again soon. The new building which is located about a mile or so away from the old

factory has been occupied since 2020 but this was the first time we've been able to see it.

If you ever get the chance to see the "Mothership" as the factory in Jackson Center Ohio is affectionately called please do it, this new factory which is just down the street from the original factory is just beautiful, plain and simple. We are talking about a 750,000 sq ft new factory equipped with state-of-the-art tools and layout, this new factory is dedicated to the completely hand-built travel trailers only. The old factory site now builds everything else and still houses the repair service center next to the terraport. In addition, the new factory has a second store, the original onsite store is still located at the repair service center, I now know the new store very well! Oh and they have a Starbucks in the lobby!!!!

Our region rally is finally ready for sign ups, if you haven't already, please get on it soon because it will fill up quickly! September 15 through the 19th, this will be a 4 day dry camping rally. We will be sending out more information as time comes. I'm looking forward to us all being up front on the shore watching the boat races. San Diego is the last race of the season for these thunderboats, so they will be going all out, and I can't wait! We plan to do this rally a bit differently this year and if each club took on a task/event of the rally then we won't be asking for one club to do all of it, this way we can all enjoy the rally. We'll be sending out a message to club presidents on the sign ups soon.

Switching gears, let's VOTE! We all have the opportunity to vote, it's a vote per member and not membership and it's actual votes and not an average so we need your votes. Your delegate will be representing you at the Delegates meeting in Fryeburg Maine. We have two amendments to vote on and if you haven't already and or have any questions, please check out the website:

[https://airstreamclub.org/EC\\_Restructure\\_Proposal](https://airstreamclub.org/EC_Restructure_Proposal) We haven't had amendments

this big in a while and as your region 12 president I'm excited and really hope both amendments pass. These amendments have been worked on by many, our very own Abe Hernandez was part of the first special committee that developed the restructure concept. They met weekly and put in hours and hours of work, together they developed a much more robust organization, and something each and every one of us would be able to volunteer our skills and time to. We need more representation from our diverse groups and this restructure enables us to do this. We will be able to put the right people in the right positions to help our club grow and thrive.



Will you be traveling to the International Rally in Maine? There will be a California Parking Area for those wanting to go in together. Contact Johnnie Hansen for more information:

<mailto:johnnie0923@gmail.com>

Thanks to those of you (42 Rigs) who will be representing Region 12 by attending the 2022 65th International Rally.



REGION 12 CALI RALLY  
V6 Parkfield Ranch  
April 20-24, 2022



YEE HAW! In cowboy attire or not, everyone seemed to have a great time! This rally meets up in Parkfield, the south eastern part of Monterey County known as the Cholame Valley, at the V-6 ranch. The V-6 Ranch is a working cattle ranch comprising 20,000 acres and Parkfield, an unincorporated community, is located a few miles from the camp. Parkfield, boasting itself as “the earthquake capital of

the world,” lies on the San Andreas Fault and is considered to be an ideal place to study the earthquake process. The Parkfield Café, a cool place to stop, embodies the cowboy culture, and has a great menu for lunch or dinner.

Thursday of the rally began with the greetings of friends while quickly making new ones and individual trailer sites were set up. As the rally pamphlet states, “we’ll be circling our aluminum wagons in the secluded Blue Oak Camp” and we were surrounded by many beautiful oaks, acres of grassy fields, horses and cattle, along with nature’s music of birds, crickets, and frogs. Our next days started early with delicious breakfasts, and nights with a yummy hamburger cook-out, a beef block/chicken BBQ dinner, social times in the evenings, and ending with events, including a non-stop campfire keeping everyone warm and cozy with the “just right” evening weather. It rained off and on one day, but just in time to wash-off the trail dust keeping the aluminum shining brightly.

Included in all the non-stop festivities were: beer/brew tasting, group bike rides – standard and electric bikes, guided trail horse rides, airstream maintenance and boondocking forums (solar & lithium batteries), creating craft party pennants, Airstream cooking, line dancing instruction and dancing, and fun live country music entertainment each night. There were starry nights to gaze upon as we talked and shared with so many wonderful participants from the Region 12 Clubs. Bay Area and South Bay Airstream generously donated items, and at the last evening dinner there was a fun raffle, for the many lucky winners. Of course, it wouldn’t be complete without mentioning Rally Sheriff Jim Polk to oversee everything, and the brains of the outfit, Lynda Polk, who both masterfully guided all 29 volunteers from the Region 12 Clubs, including our own Central Coast Airstream Club. Each person worked tirelessly for two-days, to set things up and make this event an arousing success and great-time for everyone who was lucky enough to attend. The last day while everyone was departing, the volunteer team got together to discuss what went well and how to improve (improving will be hard to do) for the next V6 Cali Rally in April, two years from now. CAN’T WAIT and hope y’all can attend the next one!

Submitted by: Brad and Linda Bailey California Central Coast AS Club



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## More Cali Rally Highlights!



Veronica Hernandez welcomed members!  
(San Diego Club)

Our President, LaVerne, worked with the best organizing committee of the Cali Rally. Thank you to all who made this event successful!





**Past Region 12 Presidents:** (in no order) Judy Bechtold, Bob Stansbury, Tom Smithson, Cecelia Stansbury, Jim Polk, WBCCI 1st VP Eric McHenry (kneeling) and our Region 12 President LaVerne McHenry with her dog Louise.



**Cowgirls just having some fun!**

- \*Shawn Bloom-Region 12 Treasurer (Greater Bay Area)
- \*Veronica Hernandez Communications, and Newsletter Editor (San Diego) -standing
- \*LaVerne McHenry-Region 12 President (Greater Bay Area)

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# Club Events and Highlights from Rally's to Caravans

Central Coast California Airstream Club shared from the May 2022 newsletter



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## ***Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club goes Caravanning to the Lost Coast!***

In April 2022, a group of us continued north, after the Cali Rally, on a 10-day caravan to the Lost Coast. We camped in Benbow and made day trips into this remote lobe of the state.



Our first stop on the northward trek was Pinnacles NP, where we enjoyed hiking, condors, vistas. Then to the seashore at New Brighton in Capitola. We stayed two nights, and the group enjoyed a dinner out at the Shadowbrook Restaurant. The steep trolley ride down to the dining area was a highlight. Onward to Olema Campground at Point Reyes-- a great stop for coastal wonder, tule elk, old Marin County coastal charm. And great food! Stuebe and Denny treated the group to a

Cavalcade of Oysters. We enjoyed raw and BBQed, along with clams, and the bivalves just kept on coming.





Soon we arrived at our destination in Benbow. The dramatic, quiet beaches and cliffs were our reward. A few of us left on the Lost Coast caravan continued along the Oregon coast and Alaska, while Ralph

and I meandered down Highway 1 from Arcata through old stomping grounds, after a dousing in the famous Humboldt moisture. Lots of tea, soup and books were consumed. What a great group and fun springtime trip, sans crowds.

Submitted by: Helen and Ralph Perri  
(GLAAC members)



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## Joint Rally with Sacramento Valley, Central Coast and Greater Bay Area Clubs May 2022

Destination Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, Ca

Group tour to Kennedy Mine.

Viewing the Eclipse of the Blood Red Moon.

34 Rigs and 67 attendees made this collaboration a success!



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## **San Diego Airstream Club March New Member Rally-Vail Lake KOA**



The San Diego Airstream Club rally was held in March at Vail Lake KOA in Temecula, CA. The new member rally was Irish themed, and 9 of the 15 rigs were new members since 2020. For a number of new members this was their first rally and/or first time at Vail Lake Chardonnay Mesa Campground. Wonderful springtime flora and great views were enjoyed by all.



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## *It's all Rose's at the 2022 Rose Parade Rally*

Though not an event sponsored by the Lake Tahoe Airstream club, the Rose Parade Rally has long been hosted by 2 Northern California couples, The Stans-burys (LTAC, obviously) and the Smithsons (NorCal).



The Rose Parade Rally remains “The Original Urban Rally”, now entering its 41st year. After organizing this rally for so many years, both couples were looking to hand over the reins to someone new, and in case you missed it... The Handshoe Family has picked it up! We are, what you might call... Rose Parade Rally enthusiasts, attending 4 RPRs in the past 9 years.

Our family loves everything about this event, so we are thrilled to continue to be a part of the tradition. We will be co-hosting with the Vrielings, a couple from Orange County, with additional help from other Southern California Airstream Club members. If you have never attended this rally, consider making the trip to Pasadena the week after Christmas sometime and check it out! It's a beautiful area, packed with amazing activities, dining and shopping. Check out the WBCCI Rose Parade Rally page on Facebook, or check the Region 12 web page for updated sign up information when registration opens in April. (There is a wait list)

2022 Tournament of Roses® Parade theme, “**Dream. Believe. Achieve.**”  
— celebrating that childhood dreams can become careers that make the world a better place.

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R-12 Secretary/Lake Tahoe Airstream Club

## Get Ready, Get Set!

### Here comes the next Region 12 Rally

The 2022 Region Rally will be held at the San Diego Bayfair  
Super Boat Races.

**It's time to Register!**

There will be dry camping with a generator and solar section. Click  
the Registration link below to sign up!



<https://form.jotform.com/221448119361150>

**What:** Region 12 Rally San Diego Mission Bay  
Bayfair Hydroplane H1 Super Boat Racing

**When:** Check in Thursday, September 15th  
Check out Monday, September 19th

**Where:** Mission Bay San Diego @ Crown Point



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Johnni Hansen

WCBBI Foundation Vice President

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## Editor's message:

This is the first Region 12 newsletter to come out in awhile. As your new editor, I want to thank those of you who assisted me with this first issue for 2022. My goal was to educate and to bring forth highlights of both Region and Club events. It is also my goal to continue to highlight club activities. My intention is to not create a lengthy newsletter, as I won't be able to highlight all clubs in one newsletter. I will try my best to include as many clubs as I can to create interest and enthusiasm!

I am looking forward to working with all of our members and clubs! If anyone has suggestions or input, please reach out to me:

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## **Region 12 has many resources and Links at your fingertips!**

[Wally Byam Caravan Club International \(WBCCI\) - Airstream](#)

[Airstream Club International | We Rally Together](#)

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“To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end.....and thus make your travel dreams come true.”

Quoted from Wally Byam

Let's make more adventures!

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