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April Rally: Tombstone!

It's not too hard to imagine, as you walk down the dirty, dusty streets of old Tombstone, the way it was back in the wild west of the 1800s. Where shootouts at the OK Corral were real, and the bawdy saloon girls in tight bustier dresses were slinging beers and throwing back whiskey. Tombstone boasts a rich wild history, and it was where we held our April rally.

We had 16 trailers, and 30 people in attendance. As a no-host rally, it was up to each to find their own fun. But in a town of gun fight reenactments and more, we had no problem doing just that. Most arrived on Thursday, and the Airstream Club took up an entire row at the Wells Fargo RV park with the historic downtown within walking distance.

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Thursday night kicked off the rally with a great social hour where we gathered to share drinks, snacks, and got to know new AZ members Jacquelyn and Larry, and relatively new members Gabriela and Jeff Gilbert, in addition to catching up with other longtime members. Then several of us walked to Big Nose Kate's for dinner. When you're in downtown Tombstone, you truly feel like you're back in time, and Big Nose Kate's had that old-timey feel to it, that is until they pulled out the Karaoke machine! However most of the songs were performed by some pretty realistic-looking cowboys, desperados, and saloon girls!

Friday, most explored Tombstone, which you do on foot or by carriage. I have to admit, I thought it would be pretty cheesy, and it was, but it was also REALLY fun. We started with breakfast at the OK Cafe. Then several of us walked around town, shopped, hung out in the saloons, and took VERY bumpy stage coach rides. We capped off the night with an outdoor concert by The Band Wanted with Joshua and Candy Carpenter. Sadly it was incredibly windy and chilly that night!

Saturday started with a big impromptu group breakfast, and then several went wine tasting in Elgin, which is only about 45 minutes away. We started at Big Sky Vineyard, moved on to Autumn Sage Vineyard, and ended up at Twisted Union Wine Company.

If you've never been to Tombstone, you really should go. And staying at the Wells Fargo RV park made exploring really easy since it's just a short walk to all the fun!



One of the saloon girls at Big Nose Kate's where we enjoyed dinner and beers on Thursday



Sam Brandes, sporting his beret presented to him by club Prez Mike McBurney. He promises to wear it to International! 😊



[Bottom] Kimberley Hash, Diane and Jim Rumbo with Koda, and Kathy Brandes with Dutch on a stage coach ride.



You can't go to Tombstone and not go on a stage coach ride!

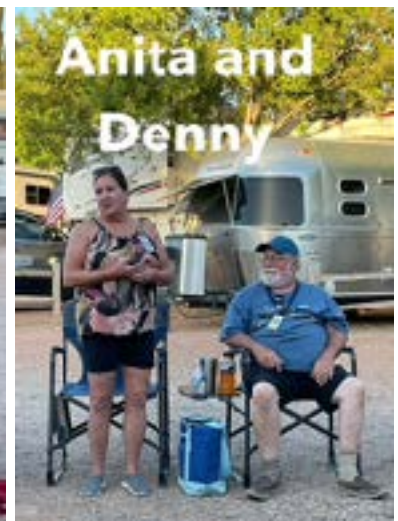
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We enjoyed wineries (pictured at top), great social hours (pictured below) where we got to know new and old members, and a concert (left) by The Band Wanted.



Pictured right: Gabby and Jeff at their Airstream. Their license plate is DCHOVEN, and their Airstream kinda looks like a dutch oven!



Social hour is great time to meet and get to know new members, semi-new members, and catch up with some not-so-new members.

May Rally: Roper Lake!

Roper Lake was our May rally. I have to admit, as we were driving out of the small town of Safford, Arizona, I wondered what kind of campground we were heading to. It really didn't look too promising. But then we drove into Roper Lake State Park, and I was pleasantly surprised! Roper Lake is a beautiful campground! We had sites near the water, covered picnic tables, and amid high temperatures and rattle snake warnings, we had a lot of fun!

The rally was hosted by Heidi and Troy Vail, and if you've ever been to a rally hosted by those two, you know how much fun they are and how good the food is! It was Cinco de Mayo, so, of course, we had a Mexican theme. Fiesta flags were strung across the group meeting area and there was lots of great Mexican food and fellowship.



This saucy señora was our host. Heidi Vail puts on a GREAT party!

Social hour is such a fun way to catch up with everyone and meet new members.



Our newbies to AZ Airstream Club...

Left: Jim and Angel Craig

Right: Affiliates Jill and Karl Thomson





[Left] an Airstream Cake donated by the Safford Chamber.

[Right] Ed Hash filling up on Margaritas

[Middle Left] Troy Vail and other men doing the cooking!



We started the fun with a salsa contest and there were several contestants. The winners, Kimberley Hash and Jim Craig were awarded a certificate decorated by Heidi and Troy's grandchildren and a sweet ball cap that had Salsa Guru printed on it. The Safford Chamber of Commerce provided a wonderful Margarita machine that made non-alcoholic

drinks, which we could (and did) spike with tequila. Affiliate member Corrine Bogert also brought delicious bottles of Coyote Gold pre-mixed Margaritas donated by Colorado Airstream Club member Randy Zwetzig. We REALLY appreciated that! The Chamber also brought a cake decorated like an Airstream by one of their local bakers. We ended the day with a piñata filled with lots of fun stuff (thanks to Trish Bigler) that our May and June birthday members busted open!!



[Right] Vice President, Sam Brandes receiving from Jerry Nelson an "official" flamingo jacket to wear to the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME.





More Pics and Final Reflections...

Okay, y'all, we have some amazing artists in our club. Kay Marchione of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce provided a day of painting with us. She provided the canvases, and drew the Airstream pic for us, and then set us loose to paint to our heart's content. And boy were some beautiful paintings made!



[Top left] Gabby Gilbert is truly a wonderful artist. She is a perfectionist who worked hard to create the beautiful sunset behind the mountains, and figured out how to make the windows in her Airstream look real!

[Middle Left] Sherri Ewing did an amazing job on her painting too! Just look at the artistry and her gazelle-like intensity!

[Bottom Right] Maureen Ball and Teresa Voss create their works of art, even though it was 100,000° outside! The gazebo brought some welcome shade!

[Top right] What do you do when it's super hot outside? Well if you're Belle, Heidi and Troy's puppy, you sit on the ice, cold cooler! Smart and cute!!

[Bottom left] **A grim reminder.** This guy was out during our star gazing night. Sadly he was run over by a car. But he was a grim reminder to step carefully!



Fun Fact:

Jerry and Candace Nelson named their Airstream, Belle Argent. In French it means good money (which we all know the value of an Airstream! But in French, Belle Argent *translates* to "Beautiful Silver." What a great name for an Airstream!

Club News



President's News

by Mike McBurney

Summer is upon us, so looking forward to the Delores rally to get out of this heat. We were not able to attend the Roper Lake rally, but I received many notices that it was fantastic! Thank you, Heidi and Troy Vail.

We are going to be sending out ballots to vote for the amendments to the constitution or International, please take a moment and vote. Typically, we only get a small number of members voting, please remember that each member has one vote. Exercise your right.

This is your club so please volunteer to host a rally or take an officer position. (Begging again).

Safe travels.



Vice President's News

By Sam Brandes

The planning for our 2023 rallies is in full swing, and I could not be more excited. Even though the Arizona State Parks have put a small hurdle in our way by pausing the reservation system until they are finished upgrading their software, we are finding ways to overcome. January 19-22, 2023 is fully booked with a wait list for Organ Pipe National Monument. Do we need a second rally in January? February 16-20 will be a four day, dry camping, rally during Presidents Weekend at White Tanks Regional Park which Jim and Diane Rumbo have just volunteered to host. This park is filled with great hiking trails and dark skies, not to mention being close to downtown Phoenix. Be on the look out for this rally opening for registration in September. In March 16-19, we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day during the three day rally at a brand new, full hookup, RV resort along the Colorado River. There are still a few sites available for this rally, so be sure to register.

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Membership Chair

By Kathy Brandes

The Tombstone and Roper Lake Rallies gave us the great opportunity to meet some new Airstream members.

Jacquelyn and Larry Curran attended their first rally at Tombstone. Their Airstream is decorated with a beach theme and they reside in Phoenix. They have two dogs, Nala, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and Bentley, a Golden Mountain Doodle. They also own a second home in Grand Lake, Colorado. We look forward to seeing Jacquelyn and Larry in Dolores!

Angel and Jim Craig were "first-timers" at Roper Lake. Their rig is named Tumbleweed and they bought her in Nov 2021 and have already had so much fun with her. They are looking forward to many more rallies in the future.

We also met **Michelle and Bernie Meeks** and their dog

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For all of you kayakers and hikers, we have booked the group sites for April 10-13 at Utery Mountain Regional Park in Mesa for a three night mid-week, dry camping, rally. We will be kayaking the Lower Salt River before the crowds of tubers start for the summer. And, with the Saguaro Lake close by, there will be fishing and more kayaking opportunities available. Registration for this rally will open in the fall. In May 4-8, we will be at the beautiful Point of Rocks RV Campground celebrating the Kentucky Derby. Bill and Debbie Nixon will be hosting this party, and they have great ideas for making this rally exciting and memorable. We will be able to watch the race together on a TV so that you can cheer on your favorite horse. Kimberley Hash will serve race themed cocktails, and there will surely be a derby hat contest. Of course, you can't miss the great kayaking and hiking that will also be available at Watson Lake and other parts of Prescott. There are still sites available of this rally, so be sure to get online and register. I am now working on the June rally with my sights on cooler temperatures and trees!! Be on the lookout for that rally to be scheduled in the next few weeks. Let me know if you would like to host a 2023 rally. I promise that there are people available to help. Thank you all for

Flynn at Roper Lake. They loved the rally and the fact that they could participate in the events of their choosing, with no pressure and also enjoyed the connections made with the local community. Even more awesome is that they've registered for two more events!

Rob and Linda Ross joined us at Roper Lake for their fourth rally and expressed their thanks for the welcome our club gave to Rob's father and his wife, who are now asking about Bambi's! Rob and Linda said they all enjoyed the excellent food and fun.

Roper Lake was the first rally for **Jill and Karl Thompson** and their dog Winston. They purchased their 27' Globetrotter, "Veronica", roughly one year ago. They are long-time time car club members and thought it made sense to dive head-first into the Airstream world – and the Roper Lake Rally seemed like a great opportunity to both attend their first rally and visit a new part of Arizona. They really enjoyed the salsa tasting, live music, hiking, checking out the stars and satellites in the incredible night sky, and connecting with fellow attendees amongst "a beautiful collection of Airstreams".

One common theme among our new members: Kudos to Heidi and Troy for a wonderfully planned event at Roper Lake! Another common sentiment was the wonderful welcome and great conversations the club extended to them. We are so glad to have so many new members and that they enjoyed the rallies. This is what makes us such a great club! See you down the road!

Upcoming Rallies

Rallies sometimes fill up fast, but don't let that discourage you. Get on the wait list. Register for 2022 and 2023 rallies [here](#).

September 8 - 11, 2022

Williams Rally

Railside RV Ranch

877 E. Redondo Rd

Williams, AZ

September 15 - 18, 2022

Flagstaff Rally 2022

Woody Mountain CG

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