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President's Message

Greetings from Glacier National Park! We have been on the Canadian Rockies Caravan and yesterday, July 11, we left Canada and arrived here. On our travels through Canada, we had pretty much no internet. We thought we had outsmarted the system about poor internet so planning ahead I purchased Starlink to use on our travels. Found out that you can change locations but you can't change countries so we carried it around for weeks not being able to use it. But now we are hooked up here at Saint Mary's, Montana.

June 7th, we left Ripon, traveling up to Port Angeles and staying at Olympic National Park for a few days. Later we caught the ferry in Port Angeles to Victoria where we stayed at the highly rated Salish Seaside Haven, recommended by Deanna. Next stop, ferry over to Vancouver. After a week traveling across Canada, we ended up in Drumheller for the start of our caravan. Billie will write an article later about some of the highlights of our trip.

On the Canadian Caravan you will probably see some of the most majestic scenery in North America. So, if you are interested in caravanning, this is a great one to try!

We'll be spending a week here and then will be heading home making a few stops along the way. Unfortunately, we will miss the Olema Rally but are confident that the hosts, Janie and Tary Salinger and Victoria and Paul Bartelts, have a great time planned for all! Many of you are traveling in other caravans and are attending the International Rally in Maine, I look

forward to hearing about your travels. See you in Paso Robles and then on to San Diego for the region 12 Rally!

In other news, it came to my attention that the NorCal policy regarding rally fees on unhosted rallies was vague. I recently received a message from Hedda Smithson, stating that she has added two sentences to the NEW, updated rally handbook that clarifies that there are no rally fees for no host rallies.

Bob Verdegaal

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."



Earlier Caravan stop: Calgary Stampede in Calgary, Canada

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From the Editor

We had never been to Trinidad. Easy to miss as you drive up 101 to Crescent City and beyond. But well worth the stop, not to mention the drive to get there. On a beautiful day, the coastal scenery is spectacular, and we were so lucky to get two beautiful days (without wind!) during the Trinidad rally. There are several State and county parks nearby with wonderful hiking, beach access, and even the occasional fauna sighting. The rain was welcome too, a good time to be cozy in the 'Stream. although by doing so we missed one of the finest farmers markets of the State in Arcata, as noted in the New York Times and confirmed by Brian Scheuer and Kent Schroeder. The Wells' property where we partied is gorgeous, not only because of the amazing view of the coast and ocean stretching out forever to the west, but the choice and expanse of flowers on their eight acres. Great job by hosts Chris and Dean Davison! You can read their report beginning on pg. 5. FYI, their full metal Margarita Machine is really heavy! A special thanks goes to Gosia Bocheńska for taking photos of the rally. A link to her entire chronology is on pg. 9.

This month there is no rally, since Olema was moved to the end of July. But we have the summary and coupon for the October Rally which will be at Berry Creek in Oroville. Like Paso Robles, this is an unhosted rally, so no rally program or rally fee. Please register using the jotform or coupon as usual, but this time: SEND YOUR RALLY PAYMENT TO JOSE ORTIZ. If you use the coupon, email Jose or Carmen separately for address (see page 5); if you register via jotform, the address will be provided to you. Lori Bibby will be gone on a caravan and will be unable to accept payments, although she will be able to do the rest of the job and can be reached via phone or email if necessary.

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. I am also hoping [hint hint!] we will get some articles or stories from those who made it to Fryeburg, Maine, for the International and are willing to share their adventures. Or were out and about on caravans, formal or informal. See you down the road. Elisa Ungerman



ocation: Wells' backyard Photo by Kent Schroeder

2022 Rally Schedule

March 2 6 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds

Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi, Mike & Phyllis Minadeo

10 Gold Country Camparound Pine

Gregg & Janet Motta, Jill & Dave Wilson

Region 12 Cali Rally Hosts: Region 12: FULL

Journey KOA Hosts: Elisa & Ed Ungerman, Bill & Kathy Maffei

June 8-12 Emerald Forest RV Park Hosts: Chris & Dean Davison,

International Rally Fryeburg, Maine Hosts: Airstream Club International

Olema Campground Olema Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Paul & Victoria Bartelts

Sept. 7-11 Paso Robles RV Ranch Paso Robles Unhosted

REGISTERING NOW! Sept. 15-19 Region Region 12 Rally Mission Bay San Diego

https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-12-rally-0?fbclid=lwAR3zcO8zxsxTVDsTj33DFMYu96wqLrlW-W6pp68E0WH75EEVzC03q2A2v0q

Oct. 5-9 **Berry Creek Rancheria** Oroville **Unhosted**

Nov. 2-6 **Skyline RV Park** Napa Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Amy & Thomas Webster

Dec. 7-11 **Black Oak Casino Tuolumne** Hosts: Winchells, Salingers

The Fine Print

New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration form and payment by the due date to the club Registrar. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be be cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and prótocols.



Rally at Berry Creek Rancheria

October 5-9, 2022

NorCal's October Rally is at Berry Creek Rancheria RV Park, the RV Park associated with the Maidu Tribe's Gold Country Casino Resort. It is similar to Jackson Rancheria's RV park in that there are wide cement parking pads with surrounding grass, and regular shuttle busses that will take you to the Casino and back.



There is a pool and spa, along with a communal fire pit. It is located near Oroville, which is the county seat of Butte County.



This is an unhosted, i.e. "create your own adventure" rally. If one casino is not enough, Feather River Casino is a 10 minute drive away.

However, the area is best known for its outdoor recreation possibilities since it is the gateway to Lake Oroville and the Feather River recreational areas. You may want to visit Lake Oroville and see the Oroville dam, the tallest dam in the US and one of the 20 largest dams in the world. There is a visitor center, home to a museum with interpretive displays, the history of the dam and the State Water Project. A 47-foot viewing tower allows visitors the opportunity to have a panoramic view of the lake and surrounding areas.

Riverbend Park is a 210-acre park on the Feather River established in 2006. The river features boat access and fishing. Other available activities include disc golf, running and walking trails, a river beach, and water fountains to play in on hot days. For bike riders, there is the Brad Freeman Bike Trail - a 41-mile (66 km) bike trail running along the Feather River up to the dam, down through the city then out to the Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay. In town, there is the Oroville Chinese Temple - built in 1863 by members of the Chinese Popular Religion.

NOTE: CHANGE IN REGISTRATION RULES FOR THIS RALLY ONLY: While the jotform sign up process remains the same, all coupons and payments must be sent to Jose' Ortiz - address supplied after registration or contact Carmen or Jose directly.

Lori Bibby is unavailable to accept payments this month. If you have any questions concerning registration, you should still contact Lori Bibby via her NorCal Registrar email or via phone.

Berry Creek Rancheria Rally

Berry Creek Rancheria RV Park 3900 Olive Hwy, Oroville, CA 95966

October 5-9, 2022

Coupon Due August 31, 2022

Since this a no-host rally, there is no rally fee.

Name:	Ce	ell Phone	
Email:		BRN#	
Arrival Day	Departure Day	R	V length
Rally Nights nights	@ \$57 per night	Parking Fee	\$
	TO	OTAL RALLY COST	\$

- Either directly register online using the jotform link: https://form.jotform.com/221979166557168
 or follow the 'Register for the Rally' link on the webpage, or email this completed form (or a photo of it) to the registrar at norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com. It is preferred you register online, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer to keep track of rally registrations. You are not fully registered until you pay though.
- THIS RALLY: Send all payments directly to the Treasurer. Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal and mail to: Jose Ortiz, whose address will be provided after completion of the jotform or contact him directly. (If you send it to Lori she will not get it in time) Note: All online payments have been suspended pending implementation of the new online payment system.
- Please pay by the due date.
- Refund Policy: Cancellations and/or changes to registration must be received no later than Wednesday
 of the week prior to the rally, in other words, a week before the start of the rally. Refunds will be
 available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Parking fees are refunded according to RV
 park cancellation policy. Meals, tours, rally fees, etc., are refunded if money has not been spent by the
 hosts.
- Please contact the <u>Rally Registrar</u> if you have ANY changes to your registration, or wish to register after the deadline. 973-270-4132.
- Under no circumstances are members to contact the RV Park with changes or cancellations.
- NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe but
 also the employees of the RV Parks and the communities we visit safe, which in turn allows us to
 continue to rally during the pandemic. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, please do not sign up for
 this rally. If you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy
 in this regard.
- Please inform the Registrar if you need a handicap accommodation, or if this is your first NorCal rally.

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Mark Winchell

John Bibby

Hedda Smithson

Hedda Smithson

Marget Williams

Elisa Ungerman

Tom Smithson

Carmen Ortiz

Lori Bibby

Pat Lazzereschi

Bob Vasser

Cathy Maffei

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Airstream Club International on the Web

https://airstreamclub.org/

Region 12 on the Web

https://airstreamclub.org/region12

NorCal on the Web

https://airstreamclub.org/northerncalifornia

NorCal Membership Numbers

179 Unit/Life Members

45 Affiliate Members

224 Total Members

Silver and Gold in the Emerald Forest NorCal visits *Northern* California



Trinidad, CA, is home to some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in California.



In June of 2022, around 25 Airstreams rendezvoused in a small campground known as "The Emerald Forest," located just north of the City of Trinidad.



We [Chris & Dean] arrived early on Tuesday to set up and prepare "Celebration Hall" (the name for the clubhouse) for the week's festivities. It was sad that Jose' and Carmen Ortiz – our Co-Hosts for this Rally – were unable to attend the rally due to health issues. However, Ed and Elisa Ungerman also arrived on Tuesday and helped out, including helping to lift our large Margarita Machine up the stairs and into place. It had been raining all day so things were a bit muddy but that did not stop the "Margarita Tasting" party around our campfire that lasted till 11:00 PM. This set the tone and pace for the rest of the event.

Many travelers took two days to get to Trinidad so for most, Tuesday evening was spent on the road. Wednesday morning was a glorious day – the kind Trinidad is famous for after a spring rain. Road weary travelers began to arrive sometime after noon. Along with Brian and Juliet Scheuer, we formed a welcome committee and greeted as many Airstreamers as possible. The Emerald Forest is an old

school style of campground where the camp sites are all arranged according to the natural terrain and Redwood trees.



Once folks got settled, it was time to meet at "Celebration Hall". The caterer that evening was "Uniquely Yours". Man did they deliver: appetizers, vegetarian lasagnas (2 different kinds), salads, and deserts. That evening we had a community bonfire that was well attended with Brian acting as Fire Marshall.







The burning question the following day, Thursday, was: "Is this perfect 10 day, or is it only a 9.5?" I said it was only a 9.5 because I had seen bluer skies in Trinidad, but others who do not live in the area could not make the comparison. With lots of available activities in the area, the day went by quickly.



We had an early "Happy Hour" starting at 3 p.m. at the nearby property of Howard and Pat Wells – two of NorCal's newest members. This consisted of a wine/sparkling cider and food pairing, with several flights. I had planned ahead and recruited Brian and Juliet as well as Tari and Janie Salinger to assist at the event. The rally goers engaged in a treasure hunt throughout the various gardens as they sipped wine and enjoyed the food. For those of you who missed this, the Well's property sits off the Trinidad coast and is a private Botanical Garden of sorts, with fantastic views. With Brian and Juliet serving wine and sparkling ciders, Tari and Janie running the pizza oven and Chris (Davison) coordinating everything, I was free to mingle, play music and play MC – I AM that good!









That evening, we had another community bonfire that was well attended with Brian and Juliet acting as Fire Marshalls.

Friday was another gorgeous day, and many campers set off to explore the area. I managed to get the Margarita Machine set up with frozen margaritas on the left and frozen green apple slushies on the right. Campers were encouraged to bring hors devours to Happy Hour. It has been a while since we did member appetizers and the pent up demand showed. We had an appetizer FEAST. Juliet roasted – I mean hosted the Birthdays and Anniversaries in her usual style.



"Who's Who in Trinidad" game winners were announced and prizes awarded. I had meant for this to be an "Ice Breaker" game where people would talk to one another. It ended up being a guessing game or trivia game where the person who already knew the most won. Next time, I guess I need to be clearer. Once again, that evening, we had another community bonfire that was well attended with Brian and Juliet again





acting as Fire Marshalls.

Well, all good things must end and so it was that we woke up Saturday to overcast skies and the threat of rain, which turned into sporadic showers. Chris re-arranged the tables in the Celebration Hall and I set up the "Clam" out on the back porch deck. That evening, with the Margarita Machine once again running in the background, we all managed to find room indoors around the various tables – including the 8 – 10 that dined by candle light in the Clam on the back porch.



Appetizers and food was catered by "Kabab Café" a local Mediterranean Restaurant. Many folks were introduced to new foods that evening including Humus, *Baba ghanoush*, Falafels

and Gyros. If you left hungry it was your own fault because there was sooo much food. Chris thought ahead and picked up Haagen-Dazs ice-cream bars for desert. "Trinidad Trivia" game winners were announced and prizes awarded.





After dinner, with the help of many of the attendees, we got the Celebration Hall back to the way we found it and folks retired to their own Airstreams for the evening. So for me, the rally ended the way it started, drinking with friends under the awning of our airstream with a camp fire in the rain.



By: Dean Davison (with Chris)

But wait ... There's more ... photos!

Many thanks to Gosia Bocheńska for attending the rally and taking some wonderful photos that she graciously shared via Google Docs: https://photos.app.goo.gl/FrkghwAaGn7XMQNZA. There are many more that were not reprinted, including many of the Wells' property. She also has other link you may be interested in: https://www.instagram.com/airstreamingwithtesla/. Photos also provided by Marget Williams and your Editor.



Chris checks us in.



Juliet wins an award.



New affiliates: Gosia Bochenska and Mike Kowal



Chris gives evening announcements day 1



Pat L. & The Whites



Janie S. & The Crutchfields



The Holifields & the Hurleys



The Ireys, Gail C., Marget W., & Mary S. grazing



Listening to Dean's announcements day 2



Maureen D. & Ed U. with the Margarita Machine



The Boeshens & friends

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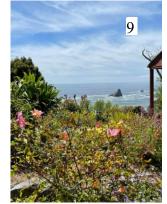
























1. Our garden party hosts: the Wells; 2. Enjoying the Wells' homesite during the afternoon garden party; 3. New members Marcy & Rocky Shone; 4. Utilizing the shade at the garden party, 5. Portrait of flowers on the Wells' property; 6. Kent Schroeder, Lynn Hurley, Kristine Carey, & the Holifields; 7. Another flower portrait; 8. The Whites and Scheuers; 9. View from the Wells' property; 10. More shade lovers during the garden party; 11. The Websters, Kristine Carey & Friend; 12. The Ireys; 13. Being cozy in the Airstream during the rain; 14. Dave Williams with Cooper; 15. Ed Ungerman enjoying his ice cream.



- 3 Audrey Langstroth
- 5 Jill Wilson
- 10 Bob Echols
- 13 Margaret Hand-shoe
- 15 Dan Crutchfield
- 21 Alan Aguilar
- 24 Brian Scheuer
- 31 Maureeen Delorefice
- 31 Bob Minder
- 31 Melody Rasco



- 5 Larry Ackerman
- 9 Darlene Winchell
- 10 Elisa Ungerman
- 13 Betty Sica
- 15 Marcia Murray
- 16 Martha Jones
- 16 Donna Rich
- 18 Steve Irey
- 18 Brian Handshoe
- 18 Kirk Reistroffer
- 24 Dann Boeschen
- 26 Mike Zimmermann
- 28 Tom Webster
- 29 Ray Burmaster
- 30 Jane Malone

Welcome **New Affiliates**

Suzan & Clay Harvey

July & August **Anniversaries**

July Anniversaries

- 1 John/Elain White
- 2 Mark/Darlene Winchell
- 2 Tom/Lora Broad
- 6 Tony/Betty Sica
- 7 John/Mary Diamond
- 7 Ronald/Luann Hollis
- 11 Barry/Claudia Marson
- 13 Dave/Jill Wilson
- 22 Tom/Patti Reed
- 27 James/Sarah Curl
- 29 Steve/Leslie Irev

August Anniversaries

- 1 Matt/Carol Kurzrock
- 1 Cam/Marcia Murray
- 1 Tom/Hedda Smithson
- 7 Brian/Margaret

Handshoe

- 9 Brian/Juliet Scheuer
- 12 Roy/Linda Myers
- 12 Gus/Barbara Shubel
- 23 Bill/Cathy Maffei
- 25 Donna/Gary Rich
- 26 Bob/Carole Echols
- 27 Dann & Susan

Boeschen

"Don't see your birthday or anniversary here but you'd like to be included in future issues? Then please send Marget Williams

norcalmembership@comcast.net an e-mail with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and/or: Anniversary (Month and Day only).

Welcome New Members Con't

Clarice Turner & Robert Cherry

Melton & Carolyn Brown

Paula Haymond & Gabriella Rappaport

Doug Scott

2023 Tentative Rally Schedule

Rally Chair Pat Lazzereschi has provided the following schedule for next year's rallies:

March 1-5 Yanks RV Resort (Greenfield)

April 5-9 Grass Valley Fairgrounds RV Park (Grass Valley)

May 3-7 Casini Ranch Campground (Duncan Mills)

June 14-18 Sparks Marina Resort (Sparks, NV.)***

August 2-6 Dean & Chris Davison's Property (Fortuna)** dry camping

September 6-10 Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Park (Santa Cruz)
October 4-8 Bakersfield River Run RV Park (Bakersfield)
November 1-5 Pismo Coast Village RV Resort (Pismo Beach)

December 6-10 Jackson Rancheria RV Park (Jackson)

***Tag-a-long Caravan to 63rd International Rally In Wyoming

June 14-18	Sparks Marina Resort	775-851-8888
June 18	New Frontier RV Park, NV	775-621-5272
June 19	West Wendover KOA, NV	800-562-8552
June 20 & 21	Salt Lake City KOA, UT	800-562-9510
June 22 & 23	Phillips RV Park, Evanston WY	307-789-3805

June 24 – 30 Sweetwater Events Complex, Rock Springs, WY – site of 2023

International Rally

She hopes that by giving you plenty of notice, members will find it easier to sign up to host a rally. Plus she wanted to provide you with information for planning purposes, especially about the planned tag-a-long caravan to the 2023 International Rally in Rick Springs, Wyoming. Pat's advice regarding the tag-a-long-caravan: "If we want to be parked together at the [international] rally we must go in at the same time. If you would like to join the group that is going together anywhere along the route you may. **Everyone needs to make their own reservations for this caravan.** All members will be also be making their own reservations for the first park on the journey, Sparks Marina RV Resort, regardless of whether they will be participating in the caravan. After the June rally, anyone going to the International Rally will continue on. More information will be given out about all of this at a later date."

You can register for the International Rally here: https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023.

The rallies unrelated to the caravan will be handled in NorCal "normal" fashion, with the posting of a rally summary and coupon/jotform for registration.

If you have any questions, or want to sign up to host, please call Pat at 209-712-5884 or email her.





You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser: https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/



You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership. Also, now available is the five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle when you attend rally. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Be sure to request one from Marget.

