

THE OREGON STREAMER



The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

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In this issue: Rally write-ups, travelogues, delicious pumpkin squares, and more

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Carol Dion



Camping season is up and running strong with more than half of our rallies completed and enjoyed by many of you!

John and I are currently at the Friend's Rally – the weather is perfect, the lake and river are lovely and the company is, as always, a joy to meet and share stories. As we made introductions last night at happy hour, I was struck by the variety of people we have in our club. Visitors from AZ who have joined the OR club as affiliates, newer members that are enjoying their second rally, folks that have been members for more than 15 years, dog lovers, cat

lovers, and bird lovers. We have identified as farmers, doctors, executives, engineers, nurses, lawyers, artists, pilots....the list is long...but now, we all identify as Airstream owners and camping/outdoor enthusiasts. We share this common love and interest, as well as a desire to have fun gathering together.

Many, many thanks to our rally hosts - these volunteers plan, organize and ensure all feel welcome at their rally....we could not offer so many opportunities for camping without them.

I look forward to meeting many more of you this summer and fall! See you down the road!

Carol



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE



Notes from OAC Membership Chair

By John Roll

I am your volunteer OAC Membership Chair.

We have gone from unseasonably cool to a heat wave, but let's give a warm welcome to our 34 new regular and affiliate members.

As of the last Zoom OAC Board meeting, we had the following membership numbers:

Total members (Regular plus Affiliate): 624

Regular members: 518

Affiliate members: 106

Total trailer membership: 331

Current member location:

OR: 211

WA: 71

CA: 19

ID: 9

TX: 4

CO, AZ: 3 each

BC: 2

AK, IA, IL, KS, MT, NV,
NY, UT, Japan: 1 each

Your OAC Membership Chair,
John Roll

New Members or Affiliates

Micki & Daniel Goldstein

Gary & Vicki Kertz

Melissa Laney & Tim Elliott

Andrew & Sarah Leitz

Lori Lewis-Perkins & Michael Perkins

Annette & Brett Mickelson

Richard Moore & Susan Peterson

Leonard & Janet Mossman

Nicole Patching & Zachary Varner

Jason & Jil Patterson

Richard & Gail Schwartz

Liam Stephens & Samantha Adams

Eleanor & James Stoffo

Howard Wells

Dori & Chuck West

Karen Whisler & Steve Nunley

Ken Wilcox

Craig & Laurie Wilkey

City, State

Oregon City, OR

Salem, OR

Portland, OR

Portland, OR

Rome, NY

Placerville, CA

Bandon, OR

Warrenton, OR

Hermiston, OR

Milwaukie, OR

Creswell, OR

Hillsboro, OR

Estacada, OR

Trinidad, CA

Tempe, AZ

Sisters, OR

Hillsboro, OR

Poulsbo, WA

REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We on the Newsletter committee would like to reach out to the membership to see if one or more of you might be interested in joining us as contributors. We write travel articles, do rally write ups, interview folks, collect recipes to share, research interesting new RV products on the market, offer safety tips, and generally connect and inform our fellow travelers. We're in touch with one another about what would make for great reading.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me, Rhonda Levine, at rhondaxo@comcast.net. We've got room for anyone who is passionate about communicating.

RALLY COORDINATOR MESSAGE

Notes from OAC Rally Coordinator

By Mike Burnett

Well, it's now after the 5th of July, summer has arrived, and we are well into our 2022 OAC Rally schedule. Hopefully, all of you have had, or will soon have, the opportunity to enjoy summer camping in our incredible Pacific Northwest. Even though we are a hardy group and camp essentially year-round, camping without abundant falling moisture is a welcome treat! We still have about half of our 2022 Rally schedule remaining, and preparations for an active and varied 2023 Rally season are already well underway. Booking rallies into the future, sometimes more than a year out, is a challenge to be sure. With multiple actions necessary to successfully align locations, hosts, co-hosts, private



parks, state parks, dates, regional events, geography, and availability of enough camping sites to ensure everyone can find a rally (hopefully, several) that fits their individual schedules, interests, and budget... a large spreadsheet is the name of the game. That said, we are well on our way to our goal of being able to offer between 35 to 40 OAC rallies for 2023! The most significant contributions that can be made by you, our OAC membership, are to: (1) volunteer to host a rally, with a target location and dates in mind, (2) volunteer to co-host a rally under the guidance of a well-seasoned rally host (of which the OAC has many), or (3) simply suggest a rally location, with or without an associated event/festival, that you think would be well suited to the varied interests and preferences of our membership. Many of you have already stepped up in a big way in each of these areas, making planning for our 2023 rally season a joy rather than a chore. Many thanks for what you have done and will do!!

If you are one of the many OAC members who have communicated an interest in co-hosting with a seasoned rally host, I have your name on a list and will play "matchmaker" to suggest opportunities where you can sign up to co-host a rally with a seasoned rally host. Hopefully, this will be someone you already know and may even live nearby. While the actual mechanism of this "matchmaking game" is still being worked out, rest assured that you have not been forgotten.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me (my email: jaembe123@comcast.net).

RALLY WRITE UPS

GRIFFIN COUNTY PARK RALLY

May 12–15, 2022

By Lana Russel

Griffin County Park is near Grants Pass, OR, right on the Rogue River. It's a smaller park with about 12 full hook-up spots and a few primitive tent sites.

We had eight Airstreams and their fun-loving owners and two sweet dogs at this rally. We had lunch at beautiful Tap Rock Northwest one day and took a 34-mile Hellgate Jet



Boat ride to Hell's Canyon and back the next day. Hydroplane boats were practicing each day right in front of us on the Rogue River for the upcoming race over Memorial Day weekend. Daily happy hours, a potluck, and nightly campfires completed each day.

We had two guest couples also join us. Darren and Mosh from Crescent City took up our offer on our OAC Facebook page after a last-minute cancellation. Ken and Dell from Grants Pass, who are close to finishing their 1978 Land Yacht, also joined us and are anxious to get it road ready to join us in the future.

Check out this park when you have the opportunity or join us next year!



RAMBLIN' REDWOODS RALLY

May 15–18, 2022

By Kathy Geese

David and I were asked to host this rally in the Redwoods outside of Crescent City and looking at the dates, sandwiched it in between the Griffin Park Rally outside Grants Pass and the Olde Stone Rally in McMinnville. We ended up with 17 rigs including several couples from California. Interestingly enough, four of the 17 rigs were OAC members from Bend. Sites varied from 30-50 amp and several people reported the electricity flipped off in their rigs. There had been lots of rain in the area and some truckloads of gravel are very much needed. So, the not-so-good is out of the way and now for the great things about this campground and rally! Mother Nature smiled on us, and the rains stopped after the first night.



We all met at 5:00 every evening for Social Hour which extended to three hours the first night. Stories were exchanged about how everyone had spent their day. Some hiked, some went to see local tourist sites, and others drove the spectacular coast. We spent several hours touring the Trees of Mystery which has been part of the Redwoods experience since 1946. We had driven by many times but thought it was just a huge tourist trap. Wrong! In the back of the gift shop is a museum with a very well curated display of Native American artifacts. No charge and some docents from the local reservation are there to answer questions and ring up any purchases of items sold by the tribe.



Outside the gift shop is a huge statue of Paul Bunyan and his blue ox, Babe. For the senior price of \$16, we took the walk along the canopy trail which included an aerial netted suspension ride that gave us a “downward perspective” from the tops of ancient redwood trees that stand hundreds of feet tall. From there, we took the gondola to the top where we had an expansive view to the Pacific Ocean. We all learned so much about redwoods. The day ended with a potluck and several rigs had campfires, which is usually a no-no in California, but with all the rain was approved by the staff.



Our second full day, we drove north on the famous Hwy 101 and pulled off at some of the famous views including Whaleshead Beach and Arch Rock. That evening, everyone pulled out the stops for Social Hour appetizers. One of the California couples travel with a pizza oven which was a treat and we invited them to become affiliates and join us any time at an OAC rally. We made new friends, got to see OAC members who we hadn't seen in a while, and all agreed we could have used at least two more days to explore the area.



Restrooms were clean, laundry facilities were inexpensive, and our site had strong enough Wi-Fi that I could do a zoom meeting. Others reported they had



to walk over close to the office to send and receive email, but no one felt like it was a hardship. The campground staff was so friendly and helpful and set up two huge tents for us in case there was rain. More camping than glamping but we wouldn't hesitate to stop here again to see more in this beautiful area.



OLDE STONE VILLAGE

May 19–22, 2022

By Janet Schober



The Olde Stone Village Wine Tasting Rally was a relaxed weekend before the official start of summer – perfect for a collection of friends, some vintage and others new, all with the common interest of our Airstreams and adventure that comes with them.

Olde Stone Village is a well-appointed RV park, with great amenities and lots of pull through spaces. We had 15 Airstreams parked down a central road. The park is tucked next door to the [Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum](#), easy walking distance along a paved path. Many took advantage of the walking trail to the museum to visit the impressive exhibits and collections of airplanes.

As the rally name implied, there was plenty of opportunity to sip wine and our activities took full advantage of being in the heart of the Dundee Hills AVA in the Willamette Valley. There were a few planned activities and plenty of time to explore McMinnville, Dundee and the surrounding area.



Wings and wine...well, wings and vine

Friday was a private wine tasting event at [The Eyrie Vineyards](#). Winemaker Jason Lett provided a behind the scenes look at wine making, he even got out the wine thief for a barrel tasting before tasting a flight of recent vintages.

On Saturday, we had the opportunity to visit [Durant at Red Ridge Farms](#), where we explored the grounds, visited the gift shop and plant nursery, tasted olive oils and vinegars, and enjoyed a flight of wine.



Exploring the wine shop at The Eyrie Vineyards ...so many amazing wines and vintages to choose from.

We had so much fun that we've booked the location to repeat the rally again in 2023! Hope to see you there!



A perfect day to taste at Durant at Red Ridge Farms, spectacular views for miles!

MILLSITE RALLY

June 9–12, 2022

By Mike and Nancy Burnett



As Airstreams began to arrive on Thursday at scenic Millsite City Park in Myrtle Creek, OR, the weather forecast was not promising. However, this did not dampen the spirits of our hearty Airstream Campers! We came prepared and determined to have a great time...and we did. Although we had no park shelter to rely on, we made our own with portable canopies.

Each morning we gathered under our improvised shelter to enjoy coffee and local pastries. Not a bad way to start the day! Each evening we gathered for Happy Hour where we got to know each other a little better and listen to some tall tales, some of which were even true.

On Friday, we set off to enjoy the area; local wineries, including Freed Estate, Girardet, and Abacela; covered bridges, walking in the park, and the Douglas County Museum. All

examples of what the area has to offer. In the evening we gathered for a "Bring Your Own Picnic" event which was enjoyed by all...and, of course, we lingered for more shared conversation.

Saturday was busy with local Farmer's Markets (Myrtle Creek and Roseberg) followed by the First Annual Myrtle Creek Bear Fest which was within walking distance of our camping location. Yes, you guessed it, we had a conversation filled Happy Hour after which many of us sampled the local eateries.



Sunday was departure day in the rain, typical for our Spring weather this year!



TRAVELOGUE

By Rhonda Levine

Our US/Canadian adventure

We recently returned from an 8000-mile trip to the East Coast of the US in our 19' Airstream, joined by our friends Mo and Jim Ableman in their 27' trailer. My partner Judy did most of the route and campground planning. One unexpected challenge: In the province of Quebec, the signage is almost all in French, which makes some of the driving a bit tricky. Most folks we encountered speak at least some English. The other provinces have road signs in both French and English.

We stayed in Maine for a few days before heading west along the Trans Canadian Highway. It took about a month to get there. One of the places we enjoyed the most was Winnipeg, which is the capital of the province Manitoba. It's pretty large...750,000 people. And there's a lot there to offer travelers.



Our time was limited... we had one full day and decided to pack it full of whatever sounded interesting. The day began with breakfast at Juneberry. It's a great spot with an eclectic and unusual menu. I would totally recommend it. Then we headed to The Forks Market downtown. The area has loads of great shops and restaurants that feature local items. It was raining like crazy, so we had to dash from place to place.



In the early afternoon, we made our way to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, which was awesome. We did not have enough time to take in all of the stories there, but we did see enough to get a sense of the place. And there is a wonderful gift shop, which we enjoyed a lot. By late afternoon we had arranged for a tour of the Mint. It was great! We had a very knowledgeable young guide who took us through the facility, and we learned how coins are minted, including the Canadian *Loonie* and *Toonie*.

If you are traveling through this area, there is plenty going on. We would be happy to offer any info about routing and campgrounds if anyone is interested. Any of the spots we enjoyed would be great to check out. You will be pleased – I promise!

CORVALLIS COFFEE MEET-UP

By Rhonda Levine

Each second Saturday of the month there is a gathering in Corvallis for all Airstreamers living south of the Salem area. There is also another such gathering in Portland each month for those living in that part of the state. In Corvallis, it is held upstairs at Market of Choice on Circle Dr at 9 a.m. It is often loosely hosted by Norma and Bill Massier and/or Judy Mitchell and I when we are in town. If we are not in the area, we very much hope you'll gather and enjoy the company of one another. This event is intended to keep us connected and share all things Airstream.

RECIPE PUMPKIN SQUARES

By Nancy Burnett

(Recipe originally from a dear friend in Georgia)

Makes 20 or more squares (and freezes well)

1 cup vegetable oil

4 eggs

2 cups sugar

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups Pumpkin (16 oz. Can)

2 tsp baking soda

2 tsp baking powder

½ tsp salt

2 tsp cinnamon

mix all ingredients together and pour into a greased and floured jelly roll pan (43.8cm x 29.2cm x 2.54cm).

Bake for 20–25 minutes in 350° oven.

After pan is cool, spread with frosting (see below).



*We tried out the recipe in the OAC Newsletter Test Kitchen.
The verdict: delicious!*

Cream Cheese Frosting

1 8 oz. cream cheese (softened)

2 cups of 10x confectioner's sugar

1 tbsp (or more) of milk

2 tsp vanilla extract

Dash of salt

Mix above ingredients until smooth.

You can also add ½ cup of chopped pecans.

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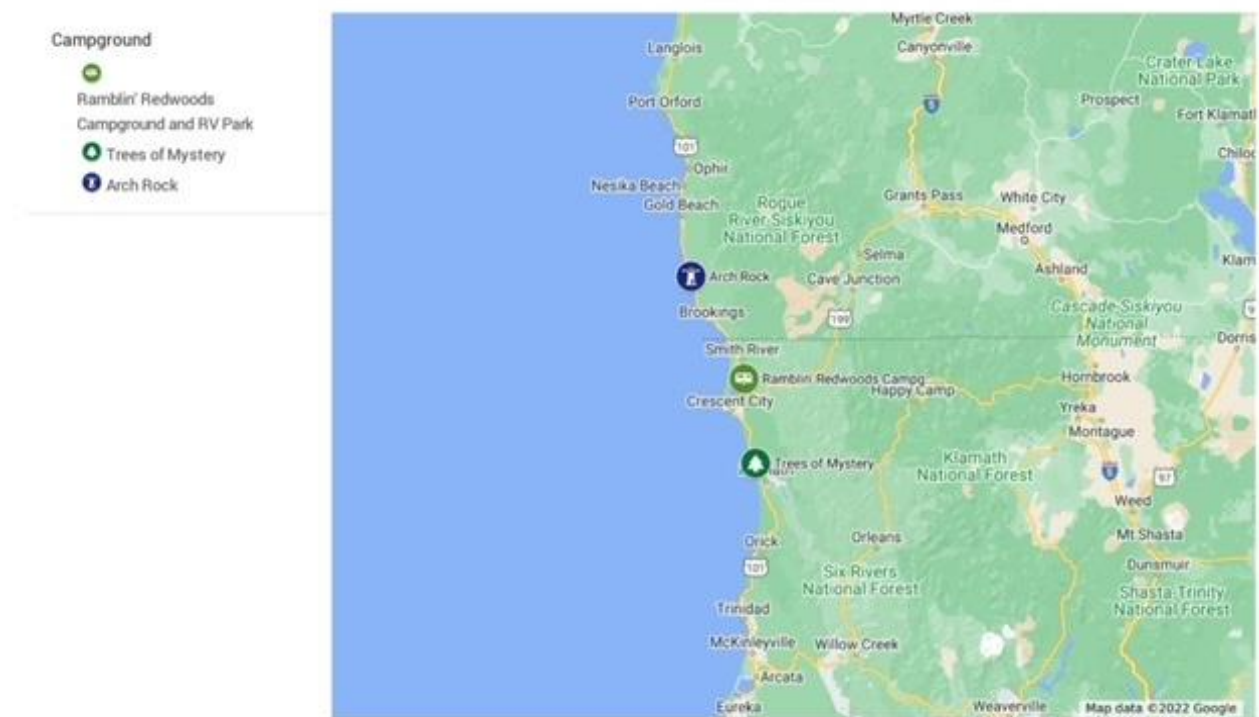
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MAPS FOR RALLY WRITEUPS

By Buzz Blick

Ramblin' Redwoods Norcal Joint Rally



The Millsite Rally

