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President's Message

As your NorCal President for 2022 (yes, for those who haven't guessed yet, I am the current President), it is time to announce the nominees for officers as well as the rallies and the tag along caravans slated for next year's International Rally in 2023. Both lists are included in this month's Poppy. Billie's article on our travels to and from Canada is also included, plus - a picture of Mike Minadeo as NorCal's delegate at International Rally in Maine. Mike and Phyllis are currently traveling but I look forward to hearing from Mike how it went as a delegate.

Paso Robles RV Ranch is up next for our club, and with light sign-ups it will be a more intimate rally for those of us in attendance. After the rally we will be traveling on to the Region 12 Rally in San Diego to watch the Bayfair Thunderbolt Races on Mission Bay with all the attendees having front row seats to watch the races.

We have heard raves about last month's Olema Rally from members that attended. Attendees commented that it was a lot of fun and they really enjoyed their time with fellow Airstreamers. Thanks to the hosts for planning an outstanding rally and a special thank you for including us in the incredible cast iron gift that each attendee received.

If you're planning to attend next year's International Rally it's time to start booking your sites for the caravan to Rock Springs, Wyoming. There will be two tag-along caravan options: a short or long version. Our rally chair Bob Vasser has provided us with the details in this edition.

Almond harvest has started on the ranch, which, if you do not know, first involves shaking them off the trees. They are now a'monds as our son, Josh, has shaken the L out of them. (See photo.) Almond facts: Almonds grow on the tree in three parts-the hulls, the shell and the kernel (nut). Nothing goes to waste once harvested. The hulls, soft outer cover, go to dairy farms to be used as feed for cattle. The shells are sold to co-generation plants as fuel or to farmers for livestock bedding. The nuts consumers purchase to eat as they are a healthy and tasty snack, and help pay for modifications/repairs our Airstream might need. Next time you see us, check out our new walnut table.

That's right, *walnut*, not almond. ;0) Shocking I know. Safe travels.

Bob Verdegaal

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



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From the Editor



Greetings from Petaluma, where we are Airstreaming in the back of the Petaluma Elks Lodge for a week. We have driven through and by Petaluma for years (the stay at the nearby KOA does not count), but have stayed here only once. So now we are visiting places we have seen driving by, but have never stopped to see or enjoy, including Dinucci's restaurant in Valley Forge, and Ernie's Tin Bar off Lakeville Highway,

in between me trying to finish The Poppy. Made it over to Dillion Beach and Lawson's Landing (note to self: check into this camping!) and to Sonoma where we enjoyed the Tuesday night market as well as strolling the shops in the center of town. You don't have to go far from home to enjoy your Airstream and what it lets you do.

In this issue we feature the upcoming November Napa Rally. Host Amy Webster designed a terrific graphic for the rally that you can see on page 3. **Please send your Napa Rally payments to NorCal Treasurer Jose Ortiz as Lori Bibby will still be on her caravan through the deadline.** His address will be provided after you register through the jotform, or contact him directly. Also, there are two types of sites at the Skyline RV park: full hookup for \$65/night on the upper tier and electric & water only for \$50/night on the lower tier. It is first come, first serve for the full-hookup sites so if you want one of those, be sure to register and get your payment to Jose ASAP. I have been asked to emphasize that your registration is not final until you both register and pay so do not wait to send your check to Jose. Any questions about registration - direct them to Carmen this month at Norcalnaparally2022@gmail.com.

The feedback on the Olema rally has been nothing but positive and host Tary Salinger has written a nice summary that starts on page 5. Thanks to everyone who supplied photos: Bob Echols, Bob Vasser, Gail Crutchfield and Marget Williams. I thought I would have none since I missed Olema, but you guys came through big time! I love Bob Vasser's pano photo of attendees on page 8 - like only he can do.

There is also information on now *two* NorCal tag-a-long rallies to the 2023 International Rally, plus information and links regarding the International Rally itself on pages 12 and 13. The result of voting on the Airstream Club International's Constitutional Amendments is included, along with a photo of our rep Mike Mineado getting ready

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2022 Rally Schedule

~~March 2-6 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds Lodi~~
Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi, Mike & Phyllis Minadeo

~~April 6-10 Gold Country Campground Pine Grove~~

~~Hosts: Greg & Janet Motta, Jill & Dave Wilson~~

~~April 21-24 Region 12 Cali Rally Parkfield~~
Hosts: Region 12: **FULL**

~~May 11-15 Journey KOA Red Bluff~~
Hosts: Elisa & Ed Ungerman, Bill & Cathy Maffei

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

~~July 23-29 International Rally Fryeburg, Maine~~
Hosts: Airstream Club International

~~July 27-31 Olema Campground Olema~~
Hosts: Tary & Janie Salinger, Paul & Victoria Bartels

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

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

Hosts: <https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-12-rally-0?fbclid=IwAR3zcO8zxsxTVDsTj33DFMYu96wqLrIW-W6pp68E0WH75EEVzC03q2A2y0g>

Oct. 5-9 Berry Creek Rancheria Oroville
Unhosted

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

Dec. 7-11 Black Oak Casino Tuolumne
Hosts: Winchells & Sallingers

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 cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols.



NorCal's November Rally

November 2-6, 2022



Are you ready for some Napa & Sonoma Valley fun? Please join us at our "Skyline's the Limit" Rally in Napa! Skyline Park is situated in South Napa and is a very convenient location to explore the Napa and Sonoma Valleys and

surrounding areas! In addition to the wine industry, both valleys boast some great hiking opportunities, bike riding, site seeing and shopping. Our adventure will start Wednesday evening in Skyline Park with a welcome potluck style dinner. Hosts will provide the main dish, coleslaw, and rolls. *Please sign up for an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.*

Thursday will start off with an educational event at the park's facility presented to us by Portocork America. Skyline Park has cork trees on the property that will be part of the demonstration. *There is no cost for this event, but please sign up so we can accommodate everyone.* The rest of the day you are on your own to explore. All of your hosts will have some great ideas for wine tasting in either Sonoma or Napa and will send out more information in advance of the rally. Thursday night we will meet back at the park facility for our usual cocktail time, but you're on your own for dinner.

If you've had enough wine, on Friday afternoon you may want to try out a tour and tasting at Napa Valley Distillery or visit the di Rosa Center for

Contemporary Art in Carneros. Friday night, Tary & Janie Salinger will host an extended "Happy Hour" at their home – featuring heavy appetizers and artisan pizzas thrown by the hosts. Don't worry, there will be enough food to count this as "dinner". We're hoping this will be an event to satisfy your tastebuds. Their home is a little more than 2 miles from Skyline Park. Service provided, but BYOB.

Saturday is another day to explore Napa and Sonoma. At 3 p.m. you are encouraged to join member Tony Paz at the Archery Range for an Archery Class. Saturday night, we have arranged for a catered Fiesta to be prepared by the La Condessa Taco Truck – one of Napa's best! Dinner will follow our normal cocktail time and you'll just need to bring table service and BYOB. At Saturday's dinner we will also pay tribute to past Presidents. We hope to see everyone there!

Notice: As you may know, Covid has affected all industries in different ways. The wine industry is no different. Costs have escalated over the past 2-3 years and wineries have changed the way they present their wines. With that said, we suggest that you make reservations well in advance for any wineries or restaurants that you would like to visit.

Further Notice: This RV park has 19 Full Hook up sites (\$65/night) and 16 with Water and Electrical only (\$50/night). Dump station is available. It is suggested that those with larger holding tanks may want to consider the W&E only sites. It is highly recommended that you send your payment to the Treasurer ASAP after registering to confirm your registration. Sites are first come, first serve to those who fully confirm their registration, regardless of site type.

Your Hosts: Amy & Thomas Webster, Tary & Janie Salinger, Steve & Terri Hollifield



Skyline's the Limit!

November 2 - 6, 2022

Skyline Wilderness RV Park

2201 Imola Ave

Napa, CA 94559

Coupon Due September 30, 2022

Name: _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Big Red Number _____

Arrival Day _____

Departure Day _____

RV length _____

Rally Nights _____ nights @ \$65 full hook-up or @ \$50 W&E only

Parking Fee \$ _____

Rally Fee _____ person @ \$7.50 pp (per person)

Rally Fee \$ _____

Wed. Night Potluck _____ person @ \$6.00 pp *
And item to share: Appetizer Side Dessert (circle one)

Wed. Potluck \$ _____

Thursday Portocork seminar _____ persons

Thurs. Seminar \$ ____0.00____

Friday Happy Hour @ Salingers _____ persons @ \$28 pp *

Friday HH \$ _____

Saturday Night Fiesta Dinner _____ persons @ \$23 pp *

Sat. Dinner \$ _____

TOTAL RALLY COST \$ _____

***No refunds for cancellations after October 15th.**

INSTRUCTIONS - READ AS THEY ARE DIFFERENT THIS MONTH

- Either directly register online using the Jotform link: <https://form.jotform.com/222413881029150> or follow the 'Register for the Rally' link on the webpage, or complete and email (or mail) this form to Carmen Ortiz at Norcalnaparally2022@gmail.com. **It is preferred you register online**, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer to keep track of rally registrations.
- **Send all payments directly to the Treasurer this month. Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal and mail to NORCAL TREASURER JOSE ORTIZ.** His address will be provided after you complete the Jotform, or contact him directly (see page 10). All online payments are still suspended pending implementation of the new online payment system.
- **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. See above for notice on deadline for dinners.
- **Please contact Webmaster Carmen Ortiz who is handling registrar duties this month if you have any questions or if you have ANY changes to your registration, or wish to register after the deadline.** Norcalnaparally2022@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **Your registration is incomplete and not confirmed until we receive BOTH your registration and payment. Do not wait until the last minute to pay or you may not have a site regardless of when you initially apply.**

~~Shakin'~~ Cookin' it up in Olema

Your Hosts: Paul and Vicky Bartelt, Tary and Janie Salinger



Although the Olema Rally was scheduled to start on Wednesday, six rigs arrived early on Tuesday. You could certainly tell who was there to escape the heat in their hometowns, as well as enjoy the festivities. They were the ones dressed in shorts all week – even with daytime temperatures in the low 60's and nighttime cloaking us with a misty fog.

The majority of remaining rigs flowed in like clockwork on Wednesday. All were welcomed by hosts Vicky and Paul Bartelt.



which they continued offering nightly. These campfires proved to be quite popular throughout the rally.

Thursday, we were welcomed with the same great weather that stayed with us all week. Our members had the morning and afternoon to explore the area, hike in Pt. Reyes National Seashore, bike the coast and shop in the cute town of Pt. Reyes Station.



The rally officially kicked-off with an awesome potluck that night. Everyone really put their best foot forward and the crowd was rewarded with some great food...and lots of it. Brian [Scheuer] and Dean [Davison] wrapped up the night with a roaring campfire in the same area as the clubhouse,



Some folks explored further north, with lunch in Bodega Bay. In the meantime, rally hosts Bartelts and Salingers prepared a hearty dinner of marinated Tri-tip, wonderful baked beans, three different salads and four freshly baked desserts to choose from.



We were very lucky to have not only our 2nd Vice President, Carmen Ortiz, in attendance, but also our Rally Chair, Pat Lazzereschi! Dinner was preceded by a short de-greening ceremony conducted by Carmen, as well as an introduction of new members. Pat presented a fantastic 2023 Rally Schedule and members are already enthusiastically signing up to host.



It was pretty clear after dinner that the theme of the rally was really “Cast Iron Cooking” – not the Epicenter of the '06 Earthquake as previously announced. Many dinner items were cooked and/or served in cast iron, which fit in well with our planned Saturday event as discussed below. We're sure that no one starved that night as there were plenty of leftovers and containers to share for some future lunches.



Our hosts were presented with a “Covid Curveball” just five days before the start of the rally. The Friday cheese tour and tasting at Cowgirl Creamery was cancelled due to a lack of labor. OK - not directly Covid related, but certainly a symptom of our current economic challenges.



Unfortunately, Cowgirl Creamery is planning to close their very popular store as a result. Regardless, Vicky [Bartlett] was relentless and convinced Cowgirl Creamery to step up due to their impromptu cancellation. As

a result, they provided the rally with a great selection of cheeses, free of charge. Vicky quickly organized and hosted our own cheese tasting Friday afternoon prior to and during our scheduled cocktail hour. No rally dinners were planned for Friday.

With no meetings scheduled, Saturday was a busy day in/around Olema, with many members taking in the Lighthouse tour and Lens Room visit, with a few folks venturing over for the Drake's Beach "Walk 'n Talk" with a Ranger. At 3 p.m., host Paul Bartelt conducted a very well attended seminar on Cooking with Cast Iron – including how to care for, restore and season your collections.



He also tied in his presentation with that night's dinner by outlining the basics of "Black Pot Cooking" – leaving attendees the chance to migrate to the Clubhouse area and watch, in real time, Caterer Brenda Isaac cook Saturday's meal entirely using the Black Pot method. Brenda's husband Mark supported Brenda as the evening's "Coal Boy." The troops were treated to a wonderful chicken with mushroom sauce and polenta main course, accompanied by cornbread, salads and two different fresh fruit crisps and ice cream for dessert.



Also on Saturday, Juliet Scheuer entertained everyone as only she can in presenting the birthday and anniversary announcements. This took awhile due to the amount of people attending the rally who had birthdays and

anniversaries both in July and August.

Although many of the rally goers had been to Olema before, the energy for this rally was wonderful. The hosts very much appreciated everyone who helped lend a hand during the rally—whether with setting up, breaking down, cleaning, etc. (you know who you are!) Thanks again to everyone!



Tary Salinger and hosts

More Scenes from Olema



Results of Airstream International Constitutional Amendments



At the Delegate's Meeting during the International Rally in Fryeberg Maine, two amendments to the Airstream Club International's Constitution as previously discussed in the May and June issues of the Poppy were at issue. The Northern California Airstream Club had a total of 313 possible votes. This reflects the number of people who, at the time of voting in June, were members of NorCal and had provided Airstream International with a valid email address. Just twenty-five percent of NorCal's members eligible to vote did so. Our Club vote on the issues was as follows:

Amendment 1	Yes - 79	No - 2	Abstain - 2
Amendment 2	Yes - 77	No - 4	Abstain - 2

Mike Mineado served as NorCal's delegate at the Delegate's Meeting and tendered those votes. When the dust settled and all the votes from each participating Club had been counted, both motions passed by comfortable margins. Below is a recap on items voted on at the Airstream Club International Delegates' Meeting on July 27, 2022, as disclosed by Airstream International Headquarters:

Results for Constitutional Amendments 1 & 2:

- 99 of 104 local clubs participated in the vote
- Members-at-Large from 12 regions voted
- Amendment #1 passed with 77% "yes" vote
- Amendment #2 passed with 71% "yes" vote

What does this mean moving forward? Airstream International tells us that "more information coming soon, but no major changes in this first transitional

year. But get ready for an election in the spring of 2023 where members will, for the first time ever, get the opportunity to vote for a full slate of Executive Council (EC) members." Then the full International Board of Trustees (IBT), consisting of Region Presidents and EC Members, will select the International Officers (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) from the people within the IBT already elected the members.

Region Presidents are expected to reach out to us in the spring for our thoughts and preferences. "They'll add your feedback to what they've personally observed within the IBT to identify the people with the best leadership, communication and demonstrated collaboration skills" said Airstream Headquarters.

We have also been told that a Special Committee has been formed to look at the Executive Council nominations process, and that more details will be coming in the fall of 2023 about the application process for anyone interested in applying for a seat on the Executive Council. Executive Council positions will be for two years.

Finally, we also know that from now on, there will be no longer be any business meetings at the International Rally. For some people, that is the best news.

Editor - compiled from Airstream International sources



Mike Mineado, NorCal's Delegate to the 2022 International Rally, prepares to carry Norcal's Flag during opening ceremonies at the Rally with the other Club Representatives of Region 12.

NorCal Club Contacts

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Senior Trustee
Senior Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Imm. Past President
Parliamentarian
Constitution & Bylaws
Membership
Newsletter Editor
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Carmen Ortiz
Gail Crutchfield
Jose Ortiz
Dean Davison
Carole Echols
Tary Salinger
Mark Winchell
John Bibby
Hedda Smithson
Hedda Smithson
Marget Williams
Elisa Ungerman
Tom Smithson
Carmen Ortiz
Lori Bibby
Pat Lazzereschi
Bob Vasser
Cathy Maffei

Welcome New Members

Christina Skow & Rex Gardner

Nancy & Bryan Heath

Robyn Mitchell & Del Norby

Debbie & Bob Fish

Paul Fulton & Cristin Reichmuth

Welcome New Affiliates

Michele Ruiz

Robert & Joyce Tupy



**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/northern-california>

NorCal Membership Numbers

184 Unit/Life Memberships

47 Affiliate Memberships

231 Total Memberships

2023 NorCal Officer Slate

NorCal's Nominating Committee, consisting of Jim Christie, Lori Bibi and Deborah Christie, will be presenting the following slate of nominees for 2023 Officers and Committee Chairs during the Board Meeting at the September Rally in Paso Robles:

Board Members - elected

President: James Christie
 1st Vice President: Carmen Ortiz
 2nd Vice President: Tary Salinger
 Secretary: **OPEN** (contact Jim Christie to apply)
 Treasurer: Jose Ortiz
 Senior Trustee: Mark Winchell
 Senior Trustee: Carole Echols
 Trustee: Bill Maffei
 Trustee: Tom Webster
 Imm. Past President: Bob Verdegaal

Non-Board Members/Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian: Hedda Smithson
 Constitution & Bylaws: Hedda Smithson
 Membership: Marget Williams
 Newsletter Editor: Elisa Ungerman
 Directory/Audio Visual: Tom Smithson
 Webmaster: Carmen Ortiz
 Registrar: Lori Bibby
 Rally Chair: Pat Lazzereschi
 Caravan Chair: Bob Vasser
 Sunshine: Cathy Maffei

If you are interested in becoming NorCal's Board Secretary, a position that remains unfilled for 2023, please contact Jim Christie. Voting on elected positions will occur in October.

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to carry NorCal's flag in the opening ceremonies of the International Rally on page 9.

Thanks to Billie Verdegaal for submitting an article and photos on their recent trip including the Canadian Rockies Caravan. Sounds like it was a great trip! While Bob called it "scenery overload," I'm thinking it is better than the back of the Petaluma Elks Lodge. Ha ha.

Remember – anyone who has gone on an Airstream trip or caravan is encouraged to submit an article and photos for the rest of us to enjoy. It is called sharing.

See you down the road!

Editor Elisa Ungerman

Meet Some New Members

Membership Chair Marget Williams caught up with some new members attending the Olema Rally. We hope to see them around at other rallies.



Vicki and Gary DeSmet



Debbie Ames & Doug Fitz



Rachel Powers



Caravanning to the 2023 International Rally

Take Your Pick from two Tag-A-Long Caravans to Rock Springs, Wyoming, next June

What are Tag-A-Longs? Caravaners make their own reservations at the designated RV parks and pay for their own meals and entertainment activities along the way.

Two tag-a-long caravans to next year's International are being planned to better meet the interests of Nor Cal members. Both are pet friendly. As previously announced, Pat Lazzereschi has planned a four stop, six day caravan for those who want to get to the International quickly. In addition, Deanna Bain and Bob Vasser have planned a six stop, thirteen day caravan. Deanna is the point person. The caravan routes are entirely different from each other. However, the two caravans are planning to enter the International at the same time in order for the caravaners to park together at the rally site. Both caravans are expected to be authorized by the Board of Trustees at the upcoming Paso Robles rally.

Six Days Four Stops Caravan:

June 18 - Rendezvous at New Frontier RV Park, Winnemucca, NV
 June 19 - West Wendover KOA, NV
 June 20-21 - Salt Lake City KOA, UT
 June 22-23 - Phillips RV Park, Evanston, WY
 June 24th - Arrive at Sweetwater Events Center, Rock Springs, WY

Thirteen Days Six Stops Caravan:

June 11-13 - Rendezvous at Memmaloose State Park, Mosier, OR (On the Columbia River)
 June 14 - Coulee Playland RV Park, Electric City, WA
 June 15-16 - Wolf Lodge Campground, Coeur D'Alene, ID
 June 17 - Jim and Mary's RV Park, Missoula, MT
 June 18-19 - Bozeman Trail Campground, Bozeman, MT
 June 20-21 - Ponderosa RV Park, Cody, WY
 June 22-23 - Fort Casper State Park, Casper, WY
 June 24th - Arrive at Sweetwater Events Center, Rock Springs, WY

Next Steps?

If the six day caravan best meets your interests, call Pat Lazzereschi (209-712-5884) to sign up for her caravan. If the thirteen day caravan best meets your interests, call Deanna Bain (209-256-3115) to sign up for that caravan.

Start making your reservations **only after** speaking with Pat or Deanna. Then don't forget to register for the 2023 International Rally. See next page for more information on that.

Bob Vasser, Caravan Chair



Registration information for the 2023 International

*Compiled from Airstream International
Information*

The Airstream Club International is excited to invite you to the **66th Annual Airstream Club International Rally, June 24-30, 2023 in Rock Springs, Wyoming!** Airstreamers from all over will be rallying together, enjoying another great week of seminars, exhibits, socials and entertainment at the [Sweetwater Events Complex](#).

Rock Springs is within a couple hundred miles of attractions like the Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, so save the date for an unforgettable rally coupled with an amazing destination!

Online registration opened Thursday, July 28th and is ongoing. Registration information as provided by HQ and the 2023 International Planning Committee is listed below. *[Ed. note: It appears that at the RV on site is the parking fee and the per person cost is the rally fee. So cost for one person in an Airstream parked onsite is \$500, for two its \$625.]*

REGISTRATION FEES RATE

*RV on Site – Arrival Saturday, June 24
\$375

Arrive 1 day EARLY – Friday, June 23
\$50.00

Arrival 2 days EARLY – Thursday, June 22
\$100.00

Arrival 3 days EARLY – Wednesday, June 21
\$150.00

Adult (18 and over) per person
\$125.00

Youth (13 and up) per person

\$75.00

Children (4 to 12) per person

\$50.00

Children 3 and under FREE

\$0.00

Lifetime Member Discount

\$20.00

RV AMENITIES: All RV spaces are full-service camping spaces with water, 50-amp electricity and sewer.

***RV ON SITE:** This is only for RV on site; no humans included.

CONFIRMATION & PARKING

INFORMATION: will be emailed after registration is completed.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refund requests are to be submitted in writing to rally@airstreamclub.org. Requests received on or before April 28, 2023, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests on or after April 29, 2023 will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after June 10, 2023. **If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.**

Check out for more information and the link to register:

<https://www.sweetwaterevents.com/events/2023/airstream#:~:text=Airstream%202023%20International%20Rally%20Date%3A%20June%2024%20-%20the%20fifth%20one%20in%20the%20state%20of%20Wyoming.>



Canadian Rocky Mountains Caravan

Our adventure to Canada began June 7th as we headed to Railroad Park RV in Dunsmuir, a beautiful place to stay for our first stop. A few days later we arrived at Heart of the Hills campground in Olympic National Park. Fortunately, as it was early June, the Park was not crowded and we enjoyed hiking in the area. In higher elevations there was still snow on the ground. It drizzled off and on while we were there and we saw little sun but it was a nice change from the dry and heat of the Valley.

On June 13th, we boarded the ferry at Port Angeles for our trip to Salish Seaside Haven in Victoria, BC. Haven is the perfect word to describe Salish Seaside Haven RV Park. We were parked right on the edge of the bay and enjoyed watching the seaplanes taking off and landing daily. Riding our ebikes into the city each day was relatively easy; once in town we had numerous bike lanes to get around the city.

Next stop was Vancouver. Again, getting around Vancouver on e-bikes was easy due to the numerous bike trails. Bob met a couple of his Canadian cousins while in Vancouver. We ventured to Olympic City and had lunch at Stinky's Café. Excellent food and Stinky was a hoot!



It was now time to start heading to Drumheller, the starting point of our Canadian Rockies Caravan.

Canada has had a great deal of flooding this past year, which washed out a section of Highway One. Fortunately, a two-lane road was open so we got through without detouring. To see the enormous engineering task in rebuilding the road was amazing. Additionally, one of our planned stops was

flooded and we had to scramble to find another place to stay for the night in Kamloops, BC.

So far we had rain off and on most days, never interfering with our activities but cool enough to be chilly most of the time.

When we checked the weather before our trip, it was supposed to be in the low 80s most days. But this was grossly inaccurate, and after two weeks of being chilled, we stopped at a Bass Pro Shop to purchase a few more long-sleeved shirts. This proved to be an excellent idea since it remained cool and damp on most days until about July 8th. I was determined NOT to over-pack for this trip so I included as few clothes as possible (in my opinion). Yet I still had a tub of short sleeve tops that were never used..... so much for planning.

Before we arrived at Dinosaur Trail RV Resort in Drumheller we found a truck wash as our truck and trailer were filthy due to driving in the rain for so many days.



On June 21, we met our caravan leaders, Deane and Judy Collinson and the rest of our group. The next 23 days were filled with seeing new sites and fun activities.



There were so many beautiful sites, too many to list, but some of my favorites were: camping at Lake Louise National Park, where we rode our bikes and saw so many unbelievably beautiful lakes and mountains; hiking to the Lake Agnes Tea House for spectacular views; seeing Kootney Plains Provincial Park, near the Columbia Icefield, that was green, scenic and somewhat isolated. We also went out onto The Glacier Skywalk (a glass vista over the river) and walked on the Athabasca Glacier.



Visiting Banff was a highlight for me as 41 years ago we honeymooned there and stayed at the Banff Springs Hotel, now named The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, where we had a great lunch. Then it was time to move on to Calgary, our last stop. While there, we went to The Calgary Stampede, which was fun, but the best time we had in Calgary was taking an Uber to Ranchman's



Cookhouse and Dance Hall where we met some of the nicest people with which to hang out. Bob and I were drinking Molten Beer, a Canadian beer, and they asked why we were drinking that terrible beer. We looked around

and almost everyone in the bar was drinking Bud Lite.



Once the caravan ended, we traveled to St. Mary's, Montana, to visit Glacier National Park. The Going to the Sun Road wasn't yet opened, but bicycles were allowed past the closed road area.

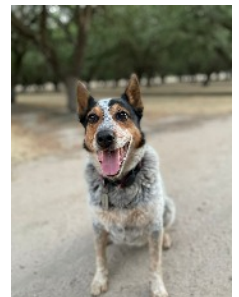


It was a beautiful bike ride and no cars since the road was closed. When the road opened the following day, the Park and Road were packed. We drove West on The Going to the Sun Road and ran into some of our fellow caravan members doing the same.

Next stop was West Glacier for a couple more days before we started home. It was definitely getting warmer, with many more people. Time to get home to see the grandkids and Dumas.

On our return trip we stopped in Pendleton, Oregon, to visit with friends. We finally made it home after seven weeks away and Dumas was very happy to see Bob. As much as we enjoy travelling in our Airstream, "there is no place like home."

Billie Verdegaaal



Dumas awaits

Birthdays

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| 1 Shirley Bollinger | 22 Ed Ungerman |
| 2 Rick Sharp | 27 Ronald Hollis |
| 6 Dave Williams | 28 Jan French |
| 18 Carmen Ortiz | 28 Barry Marson |
| 20 Rosalie McKay | 28 Johnny Lopez |
| 20 Hedda Smithson | |

Anniversaries

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| 2 Harold/Sandy Higgins |
| 3 Allan Haley/Bobbie Rowlands |
| 12 Eric/Jan French |
| 26 Gary & Vicki DeSmet |



						
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