

September 2022 Newsletter



President's Message from LaVerne McHenry



Hi there Region 12, here we are again I'm coming back from Jackson Center! This from another epic trip. We are at the Rock where our Airstream Club International next June. And speaking of international I mean seriously a fun time was had by all. we show up for everything, from the sewer pump outs, the shuttle services, line

sing? Our very own Denny Kennedy sang the Canadian National anthem, ah in French I might add, at the opening ceremony and wowza did she knock that one out of the park. I don't normally get emotional, but she got me big time. Our fellow airstreamers from Quebec who came in one of the larger caravans were delighted and loved Denny's singing, she was invited to a happy hour they hosted, a microphone and speakers were set up at their site and yes Denny gave them an encore performance, they were beyond thrilled. While all of this is happening our John Anker, after doing the sewer pump outs in the morning, his evening gig is driving the people mover tractor around and he decided it needed to be a party bus! Yes, there were lights, music, singing, pretending to be the backup beeper and even a fire drill. I'll tell ya this is a fun group and it's fun to volunteer!!

traveling while writing, and again time we are on the road traveling home Springs Sweetwater Events Center will hold its 66 th International rally rallies, Fryeburg was just too much fun, And Region 12 as always shows up, yes, parking setup and welcome to the dancing, and have you all heard Denny

On to other news, at our Delegates meeting held at the Fryeburg International rally both constitutional amendments passed as is. Amendment #1 passed by 77% and Amendment #2 passed by 71%. Region 12 had 10 of the 11 local clubs

represented, with each of those clubs announcing their roll call vote. Thank you, that is a great turnout. These amendments change up a few things, one being that we won't need to have delegate meetings and instead the votes will come directly from you the membership, so please make sure you have a valid email address in your ACI profile. And what this does is decouples the need for a summer (June/July) date international rally. So, look forward to our international rallies to maybe be in the southern states during cooler months or other change ups. As some of us know these international rallies have been super-hot, both Fryeburg and Lebanon had amazing heatwaves while we were there, temperatures reached the high nineties. And let's not forget Doswell, Doswell heat was ridiculous and in a world of its own! On a side note, our corporate office is taking on more of the rally planning, they'll be able to pick sites with dates further in advance so we'll be able to plan our region and local club rallies without conflict. Another change with the amendments is the reorganization of our Executive Committee and forming an Executive Counsel. More information will be coming out soon, I'm really hoping region 12 members are thinking about running for counsel positions and donating their time (2 year commitment) and talent. It's a great time for our club and exciting things are happening, and yes it's a great time to join our leadership team.

As we are heading back to California our next stop will be the Region 12 rally held at the BayFair Thunderboat races in San Diego. Our club has front row parking and I am looking forward to this event. Abe and his team have been working on so many fun activities, oh yes we will be having fun! I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. We won't be having a business meeting at the rally itself but instead will hold a zoom meeting in October, we'd like to have as many club presidents attend as we have much to discuss. Also we are still working on a location and date for next year's region rally, if you have any new suggestions please give us a message. We are looking for a venue with at least 120 sites available to us, but the more the better! I want to also mention as Eric and I travel across this beautiful country of ours we have been staying at as many Harvest Host stops as we can. I've lost track of how many but let's talk Alpaca farms, Blueberry farms, Peach farms, Strawberry farms, Distilleries???? We've done them all and honestly, we love them. Most do not have any type of hook ups at all, so it's parking in a field or designated area, our rigs are designed and made for this. And yes, sometimes it gets hot, we carry a generator but so far have not used it. If you haven't already, WBCCI offers discounts on Harvest Host memberships, please take advantage of these wonderful deals.

One more topic before I sign off, **#acirally2023**, Wyoming, Rock Springs, Sweetwater Events Center, WBCCI 66 th International Rally, June 24-30, 2023! We have over 1200, 50-amp full hookup sites ready for us! Yes, over 1200 of them! Sign-ups are online, you pick your entry date, and soon they'll be a link online for us to choose a Stay and Play package. The Stay and Play packages will allow you to stay after the rally, since the rally ends on 4 th of July weekend and the fireworks show will be set off from the facility. This place has it all, and they know how to do events here. The golf course is adjacent to the site and is pretty much walking distance, the park next door is ours to use, the town is ready for us! Our vintage rigs will continue their beautiful tradition of a parade for opening day, this time we'll actually parade through Rock Springs. Our amazing and talented band, well they'll be playing in town at the Bunning Park gazebo, yes a full on concert for not just us but the city of Rock Springs. There are two dog parks, two fishing ponds for the kids, several outdoor gathering areas with fire pits, and they are ready for us. So register soon, let's get this party started!

Register by clicking <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2023>

Meet Abe Hernandez R12 1st Vice President



Dear R12 members,

As I am writing these lines, the first thought I had was how did we get here? Veronica and I were introduced to the San Diego Airstream unit, this was the very first time we heard about the Airstream club. As an Airstream mechanic, having worked at an Airstream dealership in the past, I never knew of the Airstream club as a small Airstream Mobile mechanic starter business, then San Diego unit president Mr. Joe Thomas, welcomed us and looked me in the eye and said, "Welcome" with a smile, and a firm handshake, still shaking my hand, he says, "by the way, if you do good, you are in, and if you don't you are out." "Bring it on," I said.....Let me tell you this, after a few visits and having worked on some club Airstreams, Mr. Joe Thomas, became Joe, and he never shook hands anymore, from then on he embraced me like a big brother.

I mentioned to my wife, this is a community I want to be a part of, so I found an Airstream that we fixed up, and I guess it was meant to be! We went to our first Region Rally! The rest is history, it's been one of best things that has happened to us.

The friendship and unforgettable trips, caravans, international rallies, it's been a great ride!

After a few years as a member, it was only logical for me, stepping up to a roll where I could contribute to the club, and having interaction with the Region 12 leadership (I call them the Big Hitters) Stanbury x2, Polk, Smithson, Bechtold, McHenry, and at the local level, Thomas, Davison, Snyder, Lyon, Campanella, Blacklock and Smith.

Well, it was a no brainer, here we are, and still learning about club business, and how to better serve you our Membership, with a new EC structure, we can bring this club forward with long term planning, for new generations to come. Airstream is a piece of Americana, and we are proud to serve this unique community. Don't hesitate to reach out, we are here and we can help!

Yours truly,

Abe Hernandez

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WBCCI Rally Highlights From Freyburg, Maine

over 960 Airstreams

Photo image credit: Rachel Andrews Damon





R12 Member Summertime Adventure's!



“David, Ari, Max and their Beagle took a 2,800 mile road trip from Ventura, CA to Everett, WA and back in their 28' Flying Cloud. We visited with friends and family along the way enroute to visit our oldest son who is stationed in Everett with the Navy. We took the **Oregon Coast** on the way up which is stunning.” —The Neels, WBCCI #1863



Below at **Pomo Campground** (Fort Bragg/Mendocino) in June-Submitted by Rebecca Schapp (GBAAC)



Summertime Adventures Continue.....



Marlene Bowman (SDAC) flew to Buffalo, picked up her sister Norma, and drove to **Fryeburg, Maine.**



Catherine Landaker(GLAAC) and Nancy Jackson (GLAAC/CCCAC) having fun at **Sequoia RV Ranch!**

Where we were after Fryeburg-Hana Park in Jacksonville. Heavily wooded but walking distance to the sandy Jacksonville beaches. Neat place to stay, if Jacksonville is in your plans.



Submitted by Peter Denyer GBAAC-BRN #4314

Girls just want to have FUN!

This summer we did a girls trip up and down the west coast. My oldest daughter just turned 21, so this might be the last summer trip together for awhile. We spent July-August in Olema/Pt. Reyes at our first hosted rally making new Airstream friends, then onto Lake Siskiyou/Mt. Shasta and then lastly to Crater Lake, Oregon. 4 girls in a 19'...now that is a major feat! So I upgraded to a 25' as soon as I got back! Next trip we will have tons of room! Submitted by Rachel Powers-GBAAC/CCCAC/NorCal



Liz and Barry Marks (GLAAC/CCCAC) at a [Harvest Host](#) near Sun Valley, Idaho-beautiful sunset!



Jerry Balmoria (GBAAC) camping at Costanoa KOA near Santa Cruz!

Camping at the [Dumbarton Quarry Campground](#) with Greater Bay Airstream Rally in July-submitted by Mike Blom (GBAAC)



More camping adventures from Sierra Nevada Unit Members

[Sierra Nevada Unit Members Gail and Don Williams #14207](#) spent much of the summer on the Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan and their solo adventure to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. Don became the fireside storyteller at the Kootenay Plains Ecological Preserve, describing the history of Mary T.S. Schaffer's 1907 and)* exploration of the Rocky Mountains from Lake Louise north to Maligne Lake, Jasper and Mount Robson. The caravan's final stop at the Calgary Stampede incorporated the excitement of rodeo with the history and culture of the Canadian Rockies. More surprises awaited Don and Gail as they returned from their Yellowknife adventure and the far reaches of the Northwest Territories, (they were asleep and didn't see it). You can read more posts from their Canadian travelogue on the Sierra Nevada Unit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SierraNevadaUnit>



It's Not Too Late to Attend!



R12 Rally is just around the corner, and if you have had a change in plans and would like to join in-Contact Abe Today! r12vp@wbcci.net

Camping shore front, right in the middle of the [Bayfair Boat Races](#) on Mission Bay in San Diego. September 15-19, 2022



Image credit-Pam Pall GLAAC President

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July 4th Celebration



International Days



Attention-Read All About it!

New Airstream Club International/WBCCI Intra-Club Boondocking



Airstream Club International has a new Intra-club that was approved at the International Rally this year. It is the "Boondockers" intra-club. It is for, you guessed it, enthusiasts of boondock camping, AKA no-hookup camping. No rallies are planned (yet) as the club is just getting up and running. Resource links are below. (\$1 per year to join) It looks like Facebook will be the main discussion/repository of communications and info, so for the anti-Facebook people, it might be tough to interact initially. The webpage for Boondockers in the ACI structure is pretty uninformative at the moment, but once things get organized then we should see officers, rallies, etc. there, too.

<https://airstreamclub.org/boondockers>

<https://form.jotform.com/22093434177215>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/369034558492246> (private group-access needed)

Region 12 has many resources and Links at your fingertips!

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

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

[Region 12 Clubs | ACI](#) Members can be **affiliate members** to other clubs

[WBCCI Region 12 - Facebook](#) Bringing our Clubs together!

[WBCCI FOUNDATION](#) "Airstream owners giving back"

airstreamclub.org/region12 Officers and Contacts

"My Dreams Belong To You!"
Quoted from Wally Byam

Let's Dream Big! Volunteer to help our Clubs continue to grow and create adventures and longtime friends. Most importantly, to continue making a meaningful impact for all Airstream owners.



Editor's Note: Thank you Region 12 members who contributed to this newsletter. Your stories and pictures bring our clubs together. I will continue to reach out to hear from all of the clubs and I look forward to sharing your future stories and pictures of your Airstream Adventure's. In the next edition, I will be highlighting our traveling pet companions, and caravans.

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