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From the President

Spam Note

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from "President - South Coast CA Airstream Club":
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Call for articles

Do you have something to say?

Please submit all articles of interest to our membership for publication. Ideas include news, travel, RV tips, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos.

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COMING IN NOVEMBER: BORREGO SPRINGS

The stars shine bright out in the Anza Borrego desert. Hot springs beckon you to take a dip. A golf course at the campground makes you want to pick up those clubs again, as the weather cools off. We are going back to Borrego Springs in November. This is a fascinating location for those who love to explore geology and hike.

President's Corner

BY MIKE BIAGI

Hi everyone,

I hope you have all been enjoying the warm weather we are experiencing here in Sunny Southern California!

There have been a number of emails regarding the 2023 International Rally and our club attendance. Our First Vice President Mike Griswold is putting together a wonderful itinerary, so if you have not looked at your email lately, please have a look at what Mike is putting out. It's very exciting! It also sounds like the earlier we jump on these opportunities the better chance we have to actually secure our reservations, so if you have any questions about the International Rally or the associated events, please reach out to either Mike Griswold or myself.

It's that time of year when we start thinking about the composition of the Executive Board for 2023. If you are interested in serving, we would very much appreciate your help. We need someone to serve as Second Vice President. This position is primarily one of observing and learning the inner workings of the Executive Board and preparing to take the reins as President two years later. Without a strong slate of Board Members, the Club would cease to exist, so your volunteerism is much needed. If you are at all interested, please let myself or any of the current Board Members know and we would be happy to give you some further explanation.

If you will be attending the Vail Lake rally in Temecula and are arriving on Thursday, Bill and Joanne Fallon have graciously agreed to host an informal happy hour at their home not far from the resort. Emails regarding that have already gone out so if you didn't receive one, please let me know. Thanks to Bill & Joanne for their gracious offer!

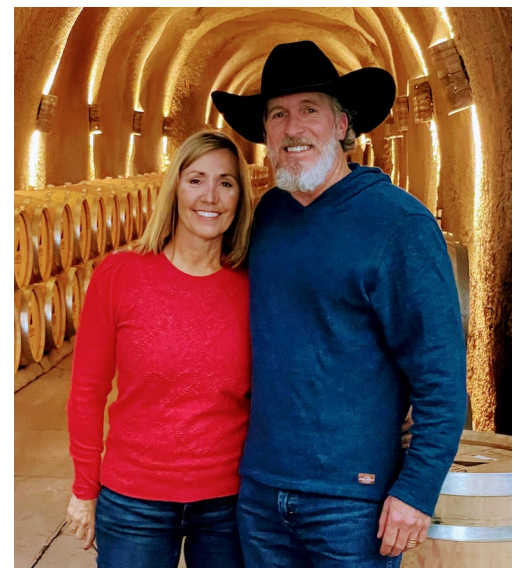
Everything is all set for our Flying Flags Rally and we have 29 rigs signed up for that one. Our final rally of the year will be in November at Borrego Springs. Information will be forthcoming as we get closer to that rally.

If anyone has questions about the club or would like any additional information on upcoming rallies, the 2023 International Rally, or serving on the Executive Board please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us on the current Board.

Finally, I want to personally thank all of you for being such excellent Club members! Seriously. It's not that often you can get so many folks together and have such harmony and see the formation of such strong relationships. I truly believe that is the greatest strength of our Club and I appreciate all your dedication to keep that spirit alive.

Happy Streaming!

Mike Biagi (and First Lady Marla)



2022 Officers and Committee Chairs



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2022 SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
September 9-11	Vail Lake, Temecula	Rudy and Linda Calderon with John and Deborah Eertwegh
September 15-19	2022 Region 12 Rally San Diego Bay	Region 12
October 7-9	Flying Flags, Buellton featuring the chili cookoff	Gerry and Sandra Bangert with TBD
November 4-6	The Springs at Borrego, Borrego Springs	Larry and Carrie Suggett with Brad Berry and Mark and Connie Miller
December 4	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, San Clemente	Bob and Cathy Adams with Dale and Susan Cram

2023 Draft Rally Schedule

January 6 - 8	Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula	TBD
February 3 - 5	Cava Robles, Paso Robles	TBD
March 3 - 5	Rancho Jurupa Regional Park, Jurupa Valley	TBD
March 16 - 19	Trailer Village, Grand Canyon AZ	TBD
April 6 - 9	Flying Flags, Buellton	Larry and Carrie Suggett
May 5 - 7	Newport Dunes, Newport Beach	TBD
May 18 - 21	Brown's Town, Bishop	TBD
June 2 - 4	Golden Shore RV Park, Long Beach	TBD
June 24 - 30	International Rally, Rock Springs, WY	N/A
June 30 - July 7	Fishing Bridge, Yellowstone, WY	TBD
July 14 - 16	Skypark Camp RV Resort, Skyforest	TBD
August 4 - 6	Ocean Mesa, Goleta	TBD
September 1 - 3	Vail Lake, Temecula	TBD
October 6 - 8	Costa Vista RV Resort - Sun Outdoors, Chula Vista	TBD
November 10 - 12	The Springs at Borrego, Borrego Springs	TBD
December TBD	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers	TBD

South Coast Past Presidents

Clarence Mason	1968	Wayne Sorenson	1991
Hank Sanford	1969	Dolores Irwin	1992 and 2002
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David Fletcher	1983	Robert Smith	2011
Jack Ortberg	1984 and 2001	Scott Weddle	2013
Mac McCue	1985	Louise Weddle	2014
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Lois Kloprien	1987	Robert Kirkpatrick	2017
Bob Barlow	1988	Bruce Barefoot	2018
Clara Buck	1989	Mark Miller	2019
Roberta Williams	1990	Marya Barefoot	2020
		Diane Sommerville	2021

Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: www.campendium.com

Airstream Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

Many Airstreams in New England-MAINE!

By: Thierry and Julie Montoya, your “flag bearers” at the International Rally



We attended our first Airstream International Rally at the end of July. What a great experience! As new owners (we took possession of our 2022 Pottery Barn International in December), we were looking forward to spending time with other Airstream owners and learning all we could about our rig.

We signed up for the rally in early 2022. We had explored the coast of Maine and eastern New Hampshire during previous trips to New England. Maine is one of our favorite destinations, so we were thrilled to hear that the 2022 International Rally would be held in Fryeburg, in the western part of the state just over the border from New Hampshire. The timing was perfect because our son and daughter-in-law were expecting our first grandson, due July 11th. The plan was we would get to be in Massachusetts for his birth, and then travel to the rally a few weeks later.

We convinced our friends from Colorado, also new Airstream owners, to join us. So, the planning commenced! Once you sign up for the rally, you are added to an email list and begin to receive updates regarding schedules, events and opportunities for participating in “field trips”, seminars, playing in the Airstream Band, participating in focused groups (like quilting), etc. The organizing team did a fantastic job in keeping us up to date and helping us plan our week in Fryeburg.

Like our friends, we used RV Trip Wizard to plan our stays along our planned routes. We found this to be a valuable tool for vetting campgrounds, while cross checking other sites for information. If you have never used this tool, we would encourage you to give it a try when planning multi-stop trips. Due to the excessive heat this summer, we were grateful to have full hookups at almost all of our sites. We did stay at a Harvest Host in eastern Colorado, but our traveling companions (two dogs and a cat) need the air-conditioning, so we did not book others. We also used the RV routes navigation that is part of the RV Miles app. This gave us peace of mind that we would not end up in a location that was unsafe for towing. No navigation system is perfect, but this worked for us.



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Later in the spring, we received our email notification of our date to enter the fairground's camping area where we would camp during the rally. Luckily, our friends received the same entry date, Friday, July 29th, the day before the official rally started. In order to camp side by side, we would need to enter the fairgrounds together. So, we made camping reservations at a KOA about an hour away. We met there and spent the evening together. The following morning, we caravanned (Is two Airstreams a caravan?) to the fairgrounds, entering with hundreds of our new friends. It was so fun to be in the parade of Airstreams with license plates from across the country! The check point from the road was well marked (not to mention all the other silver rigs on the road!) and the volunteers guiding us down the path to the official start of our adventure were well organized. Once checked in, we continued on to our campsites, guided carefully into our spots by more volunteers. Considering that there were about 915 Airstreams at the rally, it was amazingly seamless!

Our campsites had 30 amp electric and water. A "Honey Wagon" came by twice during our week stay. This was also manned by volunteers and they did such a great job. Thank goodness we could run our AC while in Fryeburg because even in the far north, temperatures were excessive, in the 90s and over 100 degrees during our stay. There were golf carts driven by volunteers, along with trolleys, to give rides to the seminars and activities which ended up being a blessing. We started out by walking everywhere, but by the end of the week, we took a couple of rides! Other amenities included food trucks, a beer garden, a fenced in dog park, and a small laundry facility. There was also a dump station available.

A vet was available onsite for the animals' needs. On a sad note, one dog died from heat exposure and a puppy became ill with Parvo (he has since recovered) during the rally. We mention this as a reminder of the importance of having your pets up to date on all vaccines when you travel, taking any medications they need, like flea and tick medication in tick prone areas, and having copies of their rabies certificates with you. Some RV parks require them. We found that having a cooling pad was important for our pug. The heat and humidity were too much for him and for our friend's Boston Terrier.

Our first official event was the "Opening Ceremony" complete with a parade of flags from all the Airstream Regions and Clubs in attendance. The Airstream Band, made up of attendees, played for us during this event. Thierry Montoya did a splendid job of carrying the South Coast Airstream flag during the ceremony. We flew it proudly over our campsite throughout the rally. We loved representing all of you! Thanks for the opportunity.

We spent the week attending some of the seminars offered to learn about taking care of our rig, products offered to make travel easier, opportunities for travel in Airstream groups, and the next International Rally (who's ready for Wyoming?!). We chatted with Airstreamers from all over the country, talked about our sets ups, and asked about products others were using. We walked our dogs and met so many dog owners and their pooches. We toured the many vintage Airstreams during an "open house" and watched the vintage Airstreams parade around the campground.

Special events included group dinners, a band with dancing (so fun!), and vendors to peruse. There were field trips to river rafting, a bus trip to the giant Land's End store in Freeport, Maine and blueberry picking at a local farm. Other than the dance, we did not participate in these. We did some exploring on our own, ate at a local restaurant, and just hung out with our friends. That's the great thing about the rally-you can participate as much or as little as you choose.

Our big take aways are that the Airstream community is awesome (South Coast being THE best of the best!). We will continue to learn about our rig and opportunities to gather with other Airstreamers. We will definitely go to more rallies and hope to participate in caravans down the road. There are a lot of wonderful people in our beautiful country and our neighbor to the north. Canada was well represented in Fryeburg! We have a lot more in common than we don't and this is evident when you travel and camp across America!

Finally, we traveled through 19 states, 12 twice and camped at 25 campgrounds (three twice) during our 67-day adventure. One of those campgrounds was our son's driveway in Massachusetts, where two days after we arrived on July 1st, on grandson Henry Peter Montoya was born! Well, he was actually born at the hospital but our timing was perfect!! He was eight days early and we are so thankful we were there for his arrival! And yes, he is beautiful, smart, and perfect!! We stayed in Massachusetts until we left for Fryeburg on July 28th. After Fryeburg, we spent a week visiting Boothbay, Maine and Wells/Olgunquit beach areas. If you plan to go to Maine, we'd love to share more with you! We hope to camp with all of you in Wyoming!

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Welcome New Members

By: Carrie Suggett, Membership Chair



Please welcome the new member who was not previously recognized in the newsletter. We hope they will join us at a rally soon.

- Suzann & Wallis Andelin of Carlsbad with their 2021 Flying Cloud, 28'
- Hugh Walker & Patricia Jackson of Highland in their 2017 Flying Cloud, 30'

President's BBQ

By: Mike Biagi

The President's barbecue was hosted by Tim and Diane Sommerville, with the help of co-hosts Paul and Gale Nelson, this year at their lovely home in Laguna Niguel. They pulled out all the stops to get things ready and served a wonderful meal featuring Tim's famous smoked tri-tip and chicken. The Traeger really outperformed!

All those in attendance enjoyed wonderful conversation and a very short speech by the Club President, which was much appreciated. Especially the brevity of it. 😊

The weather was perfect with a light breeze off the ocean and wonderful views from the Sommerville's backyard. Their garage had been converted into a warm and welcoming array of tables and chairs where club members could gather and reacquaint themselves with friends along with meeting some new folks.

Many thanks to Tim and Diane and Paul and Gale Nelson for all of their help with putting on this event!

Richland Rum, GA

By: Mark Miller



Mark and Connie Miller were on the “Georgia on My Mind” Rally in March and this article is extracted from their blog.

Richland Distilling Company began in 1999 on the farm at Richland Estate where sugarcane is grown for the sole purpose of making Richland Rum. Twenty years later, with two distilleries in Richland & Brunswick, Georgia, and multiple award-winning rum expressions, Richland Rum is setting the standard for top quality rum making around the world. There’s Connie above with T.J. behind the counter. T.J. was one heck of a nice man, enthusiastic, warm, and generous with his time. We were the only ones there and he showed us the entire facility and provided a few free tastings including a barrel tasting.



Antique 18th century cognac still from France



For Sale - 1965 Overlander

By Bob Pearce



Image credit: Bob Pearce

This Overlander was one of my greatest ambitions. After camping next to the Airstream Club Caravan, we knew we had to have one. We found a 1965 Overlander without body damage. We made it operational, with new tires and scheduled a Caravan rendezvous to the Lava Beds. That next morning, I was notified that Burney Mountain was on fire and I needed to respond as a part of a strike team. By the time the summer fires were done I lost track of the Caravans. To be better prepared for the next season, I contracted with California Trailer and RV Sales, in Redding, to upgrade the mechanical equipment. Needless to say, they held it for over a year. It included: CLY 2260BOB 22" Amana Oven, Hydro36542 Furnace, Atwood Gas/Electric Hot Water Heater G9Ext, Airxcel AC, Dometic RM2510 Refrigerator. Following that, a new water tubing and SHURflo pump was added, the toilet was replaced with a Thetford and electric brakes were installed.

Besides 4 trips to Hot August Nights in Reno, we really didn't have a chance to use it. We now have it at our home in Antioch and want to see it gets a nice new home. It has a lot of great features, but could use someone to love her. A place where it can become the coach we hoped it would be. The asking price \$27,000 and is negotiable for people truly interested in reinventing Airstreams.

If you are interested, Bob has loads more photos and he can be reached at silverbmyc@gmail.com.



Recipe: Dungeness Crab

By: Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: foodiecrush.com

We recently took a trip up to the San Juan Islands where we enjoyed a bounty of Salish Sea eats; oysters, clams, spot prawns, and of course, Dungeness crab. The California season won't open until November, but you can still buy Dungeness crab at your local seafood market. I enjoy visiting Pearson's Port in Newport. Anyway, what do you do with a Dungeness crab? Here is a simple idea from Foodie Crush.

What you need:

- 4 cooked Dungeness crabs, about 2 pounds each
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 16 tablespoons 1 cup or 2 sticks salted butter
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1-2 teaspoons prepared horseradish, to your taste
- Fresh dill and parsley for garnish
- Sliced lemon and limes



What you do:

1. Bring a large stockpot of water to a boil, season with 1 tablespoon kosher salt. Once the water comes to a boil, remove from heat. Immerse two of the crabs into the water for 5-10 minutes until the crabs are warmed through. Remove the crabs from the water and set aside to drain.
2. Bring the water to another boil and repeat with remaining crabs.
3. Clean the crabs while the other two crabs are warming in the hot water. Crack the legs with the back of a heavy knife. Serve on a platter with fresh dill leaves, parsley and sliced lemons and limes.
4. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter.
5. Reduce the heat to low and skim the foam from the butter.
6. Stir in the Old Bay Seasoning and the lemon juice.
7. In a small bowl, mix the ketchup with the prepared horseradish.
8. Serve the flavored butter and cocktail sauce alongside the crab.