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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": 019President@wbcci.net

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.

Email the editor at: socalairstreamnewsletter@gmail.com



COMING IN AUGUST: PRESIDENT'S BBQ

We take a break from rallying in July and then get together during summer for an August President's BBQ. Details to come...

President's Corner

BY MIKE BIAGI

Greetings fellow Airstreamers! I hope all of you are well and enjoying this wonderful weather we are experiencing.

By the time you read this Memorial Day will be in the rearview mirror. As we reflect on Memorial Day let us not forget the sacrifices made by those who paid the ultimate price. And to our veterans who so proudly served us, we owe you all a large debt of gratitude. While it might be relatively easy to complain about the price of fuel, the cost of camping, baby food shortages and other things, I thank God every day that we live in a country where we have the freedom to do the things we enjoy. What a different place this would be if not for the sacrifices of so many generations who have gone before us.

As usual, we will take a break from our rally schedule in July and August. There will be no rally in July for some of our members to participate in the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. In August we will have a President's barbecue. More details on the barbecue will be provided in upcoming newsletters and emails.

Finally, this month I want to introduce all of you to Leann De La Cruz who has graciously volunteered to be our new Treasurer. She will step into the shoes currently occupied by Tom Kluzak who has been doing a wonderful job for the last few years. I am grateful Leann has agreed to step up and take over this important responsibility and I'm sure she will do a great job in keeping our finances in tiptop shape.

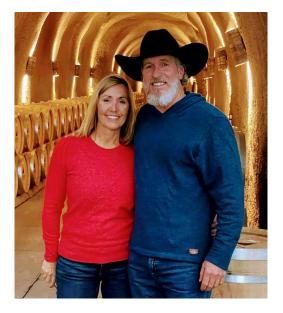
And if she ever needs a break from the numbers, she can head out to Gabriel's keg trailer and take a draw to calm her nerves! I'm just kidding of course, but if you were at the Newport Dunes Rally, I hope you had the pleasure of seeing, photographing, and drinking from this little invention. It sure was a hit!

Until I see you again, I wish you well and I hope sometime this summer you get out to do the things you enjoy.

Mike Biagi

2022 President

PS: Sign-ups for the Region 12 Rally at Bayfair are now available on the Region 12 website at this link: 2022 Region 12 Rally | ACI (airstreamclub.org)



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2022 Officers and Committee

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2022 SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
June 3-5	Costa Vista Sun Outdoors RV Resort, Chula Vista	Mike and Mia Griswold with Andi Matsumoto
July	No Rally	N/A
August 7	President's BBQ, Laguna Niguel	Tim and Diane Sommerville
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	Hosts needed
November 5-7	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	TBD
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	TBD
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

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

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May Rally Report: Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina

By: Andi Matsumoto

The South Coast California Airstream Club held its annual Cinco de Mayo themed rally in May. The hosts, the Biagi and the De La Cruz families, did a wonderful job of decorating for the theme and putting on a Mexican fiesta dinner. No doubt the star of the weekend was the keg trailer designed and built by Gabriel De La Cruz himself. The tiny marvel featured 6 taps with beer and cider on offer. The way it lit up at night made everyone want to hitch it up and take it home.





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Newport Dunes Rally



Jovial De La Cruz co-hosts

Happy hour and admiring the keg trailer





Flamingo Fitzpatrick



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.

Alice Houseworth of Tustin in her 2022 Caravel 16'

Dogs of Airstream

At the May Rally the dogs were out in force. Here are a few. Left to right, Harrison the Golden Doodle, Dempsey the Black Lab, Coco the Great Dane and Lily the Bernadoodle.





Carlsbad Caverns By: Mark Miller

Mark and Connie Miller visited Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico enroute to the Georgia On My Mind Caravan in February this year. These are his musings.

Some tips on if and when you go:

- 1. Plan ahead. Make reservations online.
- 2. Try to go when there are not tons of tourists. Midweek in February was great.
- 3. Dress warmly, but don't go crazy. It is 56 degrees down there year-round and 90% humidity.
- 4. Wear comfortable shoes. Not hiking shoes. It is very good pavement and handrails throughout.
- 5. Restrooms are available at the cave entrance and again when you get to the Big Room.
- 6. It is not a guided tour. Take your time. Soak it all in or at least as much as you can fathom.
- 7. Realize on a geologic scale how insignificant we all are.
- 8. Don't stay at the RV park in White City. IT's funky. Stay in town where we did at the Carlsbad RV Park.
- 9. Take someone with you that has never been . It is such a thrill.

Right: Most of the way down I had fun telling Connie we were still at the entrance. It goes on forever until you reach the Big Room.

Below: Inside the Big Room.





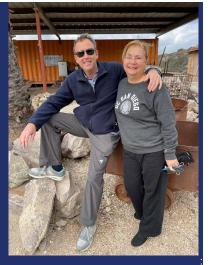
Meet the 1st Vice President

By: Mike Griswold

Hello fellow campers, this is Mike and Mia Griswold with a few words to let you know about us. Mia and I have been married for thirty-two years now. I grew up in Indiana and attended Purdue University while she grew up in Panama City, Panama and attended Loyola University. We met in West Virginia, moved to Massachusetts, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas before moving to California. We have two grown sons (26 and 29) who are the center of our world. If you want to have an overly proud parent drone on and on about their kid, just ask me about them sometime. We are both very proud! No grandkids yet, but we nag them every chance we get. Taking our grandkids camping is on the top of my bucket list.

We have owned our Airstream two years now and it is our first trailer. I grew up tent camping and always expected it to be a big part of my life. As a matter of fact, Mia and I went camping out in the middle of the West Virginia foothills shortly after we met some 35 years ago. I'll tell you a funny story about a long walk in the dark on that trip some time over a glass of wine if you remind me. Mia didn't grow up camping and didn't care much for tent camping, so the kids and I did all the camping when they were young. As a matter of fact, I had given up all hope of camping once our children grew up and it was just Mia and me. And then as often happens, Mia threw me a curve ball. She went to a Rally with Andi Matsumoto two years ago and called me from Flying Flags to tell me that we were buying a camper. She didn't have to tell me twice!! We purchased the Miller's old 27' International Serenity when they purchased their current trailer early in the pandemic and have been loving the Airstream life ever since.

I want to thank everyone for being so kind and welcoming as we joined the club Being newbies, we had a ton to learn and have really enjoyed learning from those who have done this for years. You really can't beat the knowledge and kindness of the people in this club! I also want to thank you for your support as I have fumbled through becoming Vice President. All the kind words and good suggestions have made the role very rewarding. Getting to know fellow club members has been a ton of fun. Mia and I look forward to getting to know everyone more in one of the upcoming rallies!



Waypoint RV Review

By: Mia Griswold



Mike and Mia Griswold took Mark's advice and decided to check out Waypoint RV Resort in Ventura.

The website, https://waypointventura.com/, describes the resort as 'the vintage trailer hotel by the sea'. It is a small resort tucked in a semiindustrial area near the pedestrian bridge to the beach right off the 101. (There was no activity there the weekend we stayed.)

The reviews made it seem like it was hard to find but it wasn't. There is a train that runs near the resort but not a whole lot of times. There were several charming trailers from 1940's to the 1970's that had been restored and were available to rent as hotel rooms. In addition, there are 20 full hookup spots to bring your own rig, limited to Airstreams, vintage or retro travel trailers up to 31 foot in length.

They offer bikes at no cost, morning orange juice or coffee and a light bite. There is a communal area with a fire pit and corn hole game. It was a super cute place to stay. Close to the beach and several restaurants. It offered us a great base from which to explore that area.

