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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.

Email the editor at:

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COMING IN NOVEMBER: BORREGO SPRINGS

The stars shine bright out in the Anza Borrego desert and our rally coincides with the Beaver moon. 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. Pictured at left is the Borrego Badlands at sunrise.

President's Corner

BY MIKE BIAGI

Hello fellow Airstreamers!

For those of you who had planned to attend our September rally at Temecula/Vail Lake KOA, it was the rally that almost was. Thanks to so many of you for your graciousness in understanding the need to cancel the rally. Please see the short article in the pages of this newsletter regarding the cancellation and the reasons for it.

It's membership renewal time in the Airstream community. You have probably received an email asking to renew your membership. New for this year is a chance to have your membership automatically renewed in subsequent years. Please make sure to check that box if you would like to have this feature enabled, saving you time going forward.

The Executive Board had a very productive meeting this month and lots of Club business was discussed. Of particular note is the following:

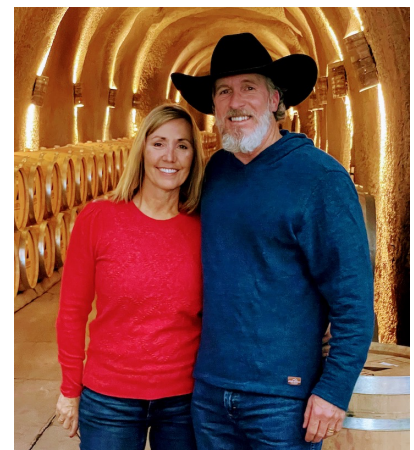
- We confirmed that Leann De La Cruz will be taking over as Treasurer at the beginning of the new year. Many thanks to Tom Kluzak for his faithful service in that role.
- Kathleen Romero will be taking over as Recording Secretary for Sandra Bangert. Sandra has served in the role for many years and we appreciate her dedicated service to the Club.
- Connie Brunn will be our Hosting Coordinator for 2023. Connie will need your help as she identifies and assigns hosts for each of our Club rallies next year. My personal thanks to Diane Sommerville who held the role this year and did a wonderful job.
- As part of her role as our New Member Coordinator, Carrie Suggett will send out cards to Club members due to significant injury or illness, loss of spouse or another major traumatic event. It will be important for our members to communicate these things with Carrie (or anyone on the Board) so we can be made aware of the need.

We are still looking for a Second Vice President, Third Vice President and another Trustee - a seasoned Club members that can assist the Executive Board with Club history, traditions, etc. If you fit any of these categories, please let me know.

If you are a coffee drinker, you might have noticed that our current coffee pot is on loan from the Smithsonian Historical Society! Tongue-in-cheek of course, but that pot has seen better days. At the Board meeting we discussed replacing the pot with something similar, so be on the lookout for a new pot at future rallies. Also, if you have a magic formula to make the coffee perfectly in a pot that size every time don't hesitate to chime in! We are always looking for better ideas on coffee perfection.

Marla and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the October rally in Buellton at the wonderful Flying Flags Resort! Until then, stay safe and keep those wheels rolling.

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
October 7-9	Flying Flags, Buellton featuring the chili cookoff	Gerry and Sandra Bangert with Jason and Lynn Stout
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	Mike and Marla Biagi with Gabriel and LeAnn De La Cruz
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 8 - 10	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
Dick James	1970	Mary Gough	1993
Mac McPeak	1971	Jack Engle	1994
David Hayes	1972	Howard Cram	1995
Roy Slate	1973	Les Chillcott	1996
John Riley	1974	Ralph Irwin	1997
Wesley Gough	1975	Dale Cram	1999 and 2000
Bill Williams	1976	Robert Kirksey	2002 and 2004
Jack Scott	1977	Susan Cram	2003 and 2012
Doug Gist	1978	Steve Carmichael	2005 and 2008
Walter Brooks	1979	Philip Terhorst	2006
John Ashe Everest	1980	Marshall McFie	2007
Bud Davis	1981	Robert Michler	2009
Harold Buck	1982	Lynda Terhorst	2010
David Fletcher	1983	Robert Smith	2011
Jack Ortberg	1984 and 2001	Scott Weddle	2013
Mac McCue	1985	Louise Weddle	2014
Don Conner	1986 and 1998	Bill Ball	2015 and 2016
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>

Vail Lake KOA Rally Recap

By: Mike Biagi



Image credit: nbcpalmsprings.com

Our September event at Temecula/Vail Lake KOA could be called “The rally that almost was!”

As the Fairview fire in Hemet grew in size, I kept a close eye on things and was in frequent contact with the Resort. In the days immediately prior to the rally it seemed like things would be fine; the wind was not a factor and the smoke had not drifted south over the campground.

However, on Thursday morning of the rally the conditions changed. The wind had picked up and the fire had grown significantly. I received a text message from the Resort indicating they were under a fire evacuation *warning*. Later that night this warning would turn into a fire evacuation *requirement*.

When I received the text message from the Resort, I quickly contacted a couple of Board members, and we all agreed the best decision was to cancel the rally. Marla and I were halfway there, so we pulled off the road, hopped on our cell phones and started calling everyone who had signed up. We were able to reach many folks before they arrived and some before they had even begun to pack.

No matter where you were in the process of getting ready, I’m sure it was a disappointment to get the news that the rally had been canceled. For us too, it was a hard decision to make, but in hindsight it was certainly the best decision. With the campground closing Thursday night there would have been no way for all of us (along with all the other campers) to safely pack up in the dark and drive out of the canyon.

Thank you so much to those who had very kind things to say about the way the Club leadership handled this last-second cancellation. Your affirming words helped ease the sting of what we were required to do.

Let’s hope we don’t run into a situation like this again where we are driving into a wildfire on the way to a rally!!



Image credit: Cal Fire

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.

- Gregory & Laurajean Oelkers of Brea in their 2017 Flying Cloud, 23'
- Jim Sabatello and Tammy Stanaland of Laguna Niguel in their 2019 Tommy Bahama, 28'
- Kirt Smith & Shelley Alexander of Borrego Springs in their 2003 Classic, 25'
- Max Wheaton & Zulay Mann Wheaton of Temecula in their 2021 International, 28'

Element Fire Extinguisher

From: Airstream Life Store

Could you put out a fire in 11 seconds? That's all the time you've got with the 2-lb fire extinguisher that came with your Airstream. Because that's how long the 2-lb fire extinguisher in your Airstream will last. After that, it will sputter to a halt ... leaving a mess of white powder and maybe a fire still in progress.

There's a better solution: the [Element Fire Extinguisher](#).

- It's **longer lasting**: runs for 50 seconds or 100 seconds (4-9x longer!)
- **Easy to use** for anyone: super lightweight (less than a pound)
- Works on all major categories of fires, including grease fires
- Doesn't make a mess—**leaves no trace**
- **Safe** for people and animals to breathe
- Never needs maintenance and has **no expiration date**

Two versions are offered: a 50-second discharge, and 100-second discharge. Either is suitable for your Airstream, your truck, boat, and home. Buy 2 and get 10% off.



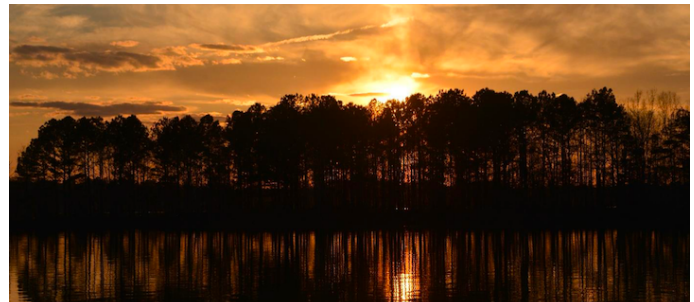
Dames Ferry State Park, Juliette, GA

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.

A few of us jumped the gun and went to the Whistle Stop Café in Juliette. This was the set of the iconic 1992 movie, Fried Green Tomatoes. I had the country fried steak and Connie had the catfish. Naturally, we had a generous helping of the fried green tomatoes. This is an absolute “must do” event in this part of Georgia. Plan on a long wait and huge helpings. We ate about half and the other half was dinner that night. Oh, wait, that’s “supper” down here. We walked around town and met some awfully nice folks who seemed to have nothing better to do than talk to you and be nice. Maybe the world needs more Juliettes.



The Road to Fryeburg

By Ross and Kristi Turner



Image credit: Ross Turner

Kristi and I have been Airstreaming for 6 years. Our recent retirement has allowed us more freedom to trek around the country. In 2018 we spent 3.5 months in Alaska as part of the North to Alaska Caravan. In 2020 we joined the Southwest Caravan touring the Four Corners. Both caravans were great, and we made many new friends. So, when we saw the announcement for the 2022 International Caravan in Fryeburg, Maine we were interested. Kristi and I worked at summer camps in Fryeburg in 1971 and 72 and were familiar with the area. A chance to visit our past was compelling.

Driving across America is a journey, we had originally planned to visit many friends along the way. Due to a variety of delays, we were a month late in starting and left on July 7th. Our entry day into the Rally was July 20th. We drove hard for several days (500- & 600-mile days) to Hale, Michigan where we visited a longtime friend. After a few days of rest, we were back on the road to meet up with another Airstream couple we had met on the Southwest Caravan and together we set off for Maine. Our first stop was Penn Wood Airstream Park in New Bethlehem PA (pictured on next page). This is a beautiful RV park with around 50 full time Airstream residents and a large grass field for transient Airstreamers. It has water and electric hookups but not sewer. This was a one night stop over and we highly recommend Penn Wood.

Our next stop, Cayuga Ridge Estate Winery overlooking Lake Cayuga, one of the finger lakes in upstate New York. This is a Harvest Host member, and we had a beautiful afternoon and evening. We camped on a large grassy knoll surrounded by the grape vines. The custom when using a Harvest Host is to shop or participate in the attraction of the host. We bought a few nice gifts and items in the store during our stop. The large grass field allowed Willow, our young Labrador puppy, to play fetch all afternoon and the following morning.

The next destination was Lake Placid, the site for the 1934 and 1980 Winter Olympics and nestled in the Adirondack Mountains. Our home for the next 4 nights was the Wilmington/North KOA Holiday, a short 20-minute drive from Lake Placid Village. This was a great central RV park and we will use it again on another trip. This KOA is a pleasant park with full hook-ups, laundry and large sites nestled among tall trees.

Kristi and I were amazed at the beauty of the Adirondacks with the lush forest the myriad of small lakes, rivers and streams. It seems that almost every car sports a kayak, canoe or SUP. Outdoor adventures are plentiful, and we could have easily spent a month in the area. Boating, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, mountain biking and flyfishing are around every turn. We enjoyed our evening meals around a real wood burning campfire and discovered the Dairy just down the road, a local's favorite for soft serve ice cream. We discovered a beautiful fun destination and plan to revisit on future trips.



Now it was time to make the short 250-mile drive to Fryeburg, Maine by way of the many beautiful small towns, villages, farms and lakes of New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. On the trip we drove through Syracuse, NY and took time to have dinner with our oldest son, Doug. He is working on a movie at a studio in Syracuse and it was a great reunion and always great to catch up on his latest movie and all that goes into planning and shooting the script.

Fryeburg is a very small town with a huge Fair Grounds. The closest town for shopping and supplies is North Conway, NH. There is an REI, LL Bean Outlet Store, Lowes, Home Depot, Camping World, laundromats, and Kelly's Nails for Kristi. Camping can be tough on the hands.

We were assigned entry dates into the International Rally and our day was July 20th. The rally opened on July 23. Parking was well organized by the hundreds of club volunteers. The RV spots were small but had water and 30-amp Electric which was important for the AC required with the 90-degree weather we experienced. With a few days to burn before the opening of the Rally, what would we do?

Mt. Washington Cog Railway was our first choice (pictured above). For 150 years, this unique train (one of 4 in the world) makes the 45-minute climb up the 6288' Mt Washington using steel "cogs" to drive and hold the train on the very steep climb up the mountain. Weather is extreme from the bottom to the top of the mountain. Hikers must go prepared for all kinds of weather including freezing fog, rain and even snow in the summer. It was a hot beautiful sunny day at the beginning of the climb but 60 MPH winds and 40-degree temperatures at the top. What a unique trip. Ross had climbed Mt. Washington 50 years ago with a group of his campers from Indian Acres and Kristi joined him on top with her young campers from Forest Acres. This was a great day and should not be missed on a visit to this part of the country.

Our Next choice was a drive to the LL Bean Flagship stores in Freeport, Maine (pictured right). This is 2-hour backroad drive through beautiful country from Fryeburg. A fun adventure (although expensive) and with plenty of seafood at local restaurants.

We were now settled into our "spot" and meeting our new neighbors from all over the country, anticipating the opening of the rally. The morning of July 23rd arrived, a beautiful, hot day as we planned our days of workshops, vendors, ceremonies and evening entertainment. Nearly 1000 Airstreams were scattered over the hundreds of acres of the fair grounds. It was easy to get 10,000 steps each day, although many people brought bikes of all shapes and sizes to make the ride from their trailer to the hub of the rally.

What is like to be a "first timer" at an International Rally? Read our article in next month's newsletter!



Recipe: Vegetarian Chili

By: Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: goya.com

At the October Flying Flags rally, we will have the annual chili cookoff competition. I know there will be a lot of meat chilis entered, but for those of you who prefer a vegetarian version, this one from my kitchen bible, *The Joy of Cooking*, will be a hearty alternative.

What you need:

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup carrots, chopped
- 1 cup red bell peppers, chopped
- 1 cup green bell peppers, chopped
- 1 cup onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno peppers or other green chili peppers, seeded and finely chopped, or 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 1 tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tbsp ground cumin
- 28 oz. tomatoes, canned, coarsely chopped, with their juice
- 1 1/2 cups kidney beans, cooked (about 1/2 cup dried)
- 1 1/2 cups cannellini beans, cooked
- 1 1/2 cups black beans, cooked (about 1/2 cup dried)
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 1 salt to taste

What you do:

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
2. Add carrots, red bell peppers, green bell peppers, onions, and garlic.
3. Cook, stirring, until the onions are golden, 12 to 15 minutes.
4. Add jalapeno pepper(s), chili powder, and cumin.
5. Cook, stirring for 2 minutes.
6. Stir in tomatoes, kidney beans, cannellini beans, black beans, tomato juice, and salt.
7. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally and adding more tomato juice or water as needed, until the flavors are blended, about 45 minutes.
8. Taste and adjust the seasonings.
9. Ladle into bowls and serve with sour cream, salsa fresca, and/or chopped cilantro.