

# The NorCal News



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## President's Message



Last month, The President's Message was written from the sunny beaches of San Diego. But this month's Message was started while I was reclined in a hospital bed in Fremont, CA, waiting for my chicken dinner from the excellent chef at Washington Hospital. No, it really was good, no kidding. I don't remember having this much fun three years ago with my right knee replacement. It's one of those pay me now or pay me later deals you make with yourself.

The October Rally will hopefully have been fun for those who attended; it's always a good time being with friends no matter how small the group. Billie and I are looking forward to the rally at Skyline Wilderness Park and again, thank you to the hosts!

Everyone should have voted for the new NorCal officers and another thank you to those who volunteered to lead our club.

This is short since we haven't been anywhere lately, but I have included a picture taken while we were at the Paso Robles Rally. This building is now a winery but it was one of the original California Almond Growers Exchange buildings, formerly known as CAGE, and contains a little history about Blue Diamond Growers (BDG). Look at the photo carefully and you will see the original name across the front.

Now headquartered in Sacramento, BDG is the world's largest almond processing and marketing company. Founded in 1910, the cooperative is owned by half of the state's almond growers, who produce over 80% of the world's almond supply. In 1915, The Exchange adopted the blue diamond -the rarest in the world- as the symbol on its label, representing its high quality nuts and distinguishing them from Spanish and Italian imports. In 1980, the California Almond Growers Exchange officially becomes known as Blue Diamond Growers. In 1986, the marketing slogan "A can a week, that's all we ask" was launched. And that's the rest of the story!

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

*Recovering, Bob Verdegaal*

*Ed note: For a full view of the former CAGE Building and its location, click on: <https://www.derbywineestates.com/>*

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# From the Editor



Gosh – it is November already, and the final Poppy of the year. First, I want to thank everyone who makes the Poppy a success, and that includes each and every one of you who actually reads it! No point in spending time to create and publish if no one reads the darn thing. So Thank You! You rock!

You may not know, but there are many moving parts in getting the Poppy out. The several people who contribute their time and information each month, taking time out of their day or days to do so, are truly appreciated. This includes Marget Williams, who has been spot on in timely getting the membership information to me, Tom Smithson who provides the mailing list each month, Carmen Ortiz who is the laboring oar in creating the jotform for the virtual coupon and collaborating on coupon information, and of course the President who every month is expected to provide a message to us underlings. Bob Verdegaal wasn't sure he could do it, but he did a fine job. Another person to thank is my proof-reader Billie Verdegaal, who reads through the Poppy before publication to make sure the typos, etc. are caught. It is not an easy job.

A special thank-you goes to all the rally hosts who provided information and wrote about their rallies. Many hosts, especially the newer ones, did not think or know about writing a rally promotion, providing the coupon information, and writing an after rally summary, until I contacted them. Nonetheless, they all came through and did a great job. (Ask Tary Salinger who has covered three rallies this year – he is now a pro!) And of course, a big thank-you to all of those who contributed photos and additional articles to the Poppy, which increases the fun factor of the publication. You have made the publication better than it otherwise would be. I just wish more members would submit articles for us to read. Maybe next year ... In the meantime, thanks to intrepid reporter Juliet Scheuer for writing about the free wheeling Berry Creek Rally and highlighting the change of pace of an un-hosted rally.

There is no rally coupon this month since our next rally is not until March 2023 at Yanks RV Park in Greenfield.

Last month, I mentioned [Doug Ide](#) who helped us with our converter problems during the Region 12 Rally. If you clicked on his name - his information came up via hyperlink, but I neglected to say that he is in Sacramento, CA, off Fruitridge Road. He is a very competent option in the event you need to repair or wish to modify your Airstream.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of you. We will be back in January 2023 with a new volume of the Poppy - its 60<sup>th</sup> year!

*Editor Elisa Ungerman*

# 2022 Rally Schedule

<del>March 2-6</del>	<del>Lodi Grape Festival Grounds</del>	<del>Lodi</del>	<del>Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi, Mike &amp; Phyllis Minadeo</del>
<del>April 6-10</del>	<del>Gold Country Campground Pine Grove</del>	<del>Pine Grove</del>	<del>Hosts: Greg &amp; Janet Motta, Jill &amp; Dave Wilson</del>
<del>April 21-24</del>	<del>Region 12 Cali Rally</del>	<del>Parkfield</del>	<del>Hosts: Region 12: FULL</del>
<del>May 11-15</del>	<del>Journey KOA</del>	<del>Red Bluff</del>	<del>Hosts: Flisa &amp; Ed Ungerman, Bill &amp; Cathy Maffei</del>
<del>June 8-12</del>	<del>Emerald Forest RV Park</del>	<del>Trinidad</del>	<del>Hosts: Chris &amp; Dean Davison,</del>
<del>July 23-29</del>	<del>International Rally</del>	<del>Fryeburg, Maine</del>	<del>Hosts: Airstream Club International</del>
<del>July 27-31</del>	<del>Olema Campground</del>	<del>Olema</del>	<del>Hosts: Tary &amp; Janie Salinger, Paul &amp; Victoria Bartelts</del>
<del>Sept. 7-11</del>	<del>Paso Robles RV Ranch</del>	<del>Paso Robles</del>	<del>Unhosted</del>
<del>Sept. 15-19</del>	<del>Region 12 Rally</del>	<del>Mission Bay San Diego</del>	<del>Hosts: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-12-rally-0?fbclid=IwAR3zcO8zxsxTVDsTj33DFMYu96wqLrIW-W6pp68E0WH75EEVzC03q2A2y0g">https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-12-rally-0?fbclid=IwAR3zcO8zxsxTVDsTj33DFMYu96wqLrIW-W6pp68E0WH75EEVzC03q2A2y0g</a></del>
<del>Oct. 5-9</del>	<del>Berry Creek Rancheria</del>	<del>Oroville</del>	<del>Unhosted</del>
<del>Nov. 2-6</del>	<del>Skyline RV Park</del>	<del>Napa</del>	<del>Hosts: Amy &amp; Thomas Webster, Tary &amp; Janie Salinger, Steve &amp; Terri Hollifield</del>
<del>Dec. 7-11</del>	<del>Black Oak Casino</del>	<del>Tuolumne</del>	<del>Hosts: Winchells, Salingers &amp; Bartelts</del>

## 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.



Let me first say, I absolutely love our NorCal rallies. With all the fun and interesting activities that typically come with them and our nightly social/happy hours, I love every bit of it. On the flip side, it was so nice to just relax and not have an agenda, to wake up whenever and just chill. Berry Creek was a great place to relax, enjoy the beautiful scenery and visit with fellow Airstreamers all at the same time.

Brian and I had a wonderful stay at Berry Creek RV Park which is part of the Gold Country Casino in Oroville. It's an appealing RV park with nice big sites and the best part was that our four Airstream attendees all had sites that backed up to a gorgeous nature area that included ideal paths for leisurely walks with great views of the area below and beyond. Most of us arrived on Friday afternoon October 7th. It was a bit warm at about 93 degrees, but thankfully they have an amazing pool that was perfect for cooling off.

After a nice soak, Brian and I had a chance to meet our other Airstream members and enjoyed hearing everyone's stories about their trailering adventures this past year. That evening, some of us went to the casino to try our luck with the generous \$10 that the park gave to each of us. Once we were able to comprehend the "gift card," we had lots of fun gambling with the casino's money. Plus, there was a live rock band playing while we were "attempting" to beat the house. Brian and I were very proud of ourselves for coming home with our \$16 each; maybe we should become professional gamblers? Hm-mm...

Saturday was a perfect morning to just relax and watch the birds while sipping coffee to get started in the morning. Glenn and Jane Gold went antiquing while Scott and Patience Beck and Margaret and Ralph Drew (with Goldens Taz and Billy) enjoyed their time relaxing at the park. Brian and I went into Chico in search of vegan fare, happening upon parent's weekend at the college. It was fun

# Free Wheeling at Berry Creek RV Park

watching all the hopeful youth and nervous parents interact. What a charming town with lots of things to do.

After our very satisfying vegan lunch, we walked and shopped. It was once again a hot day, so we made our way back to the park and went straight for the pool for a couple of hours with Scott and Patience joining us. That evening after meals we had an enjoyable campfire getting to know our fellow members. Taz was the entertainment for the evening.

Sunday it was another beautiful day and time to say goodbye. I believe everyone had a great time. Is it possible to not have a good time when you're in your Airstream? I think not! Happy camping!

*Juliet Scheuer*

**[Ed note:** Eileen and Robbie Jackson (and shelties) were also at Berry Creek, arriving earlier in the week. Unfortunately, an emergency caused them to leave Thursday before everyone else arrived.]



*Berry Creek RV Park*



Top L to R:  
 Glenn & Jane Gold next to their vintage trailer, Patience & Scott Beck (in new trailer), Juliet Scheuer, Glenn & Jane Gold, Margaret Drew, Brian Scheuer, & Ralph Drew, Margaret Drew with Taz and Billy, the Becks enjoying the campfire.

# NorCal Officers and Committee Chairs

President  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Senior Trustee  
 Senior Trustee  
 Trustee  
 Trustee  
 Imm. Past President  
 Parliamentarian  
 Constitution & Bylaws  
 Membership  
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 Rally Chair  
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 Jim Christie  
 Carmen Ortiz  
 Gail Crutchfield  
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 Dean Davison  
 Carol Echols  
 Tary Salinger  
 Mark Winchell  
 John Bibby  
 Hedda Smithson  
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 Marget Williams  
 Elisa Ungerman  
 Tom Smithson  
 Carmen Ortiz  
 Lori Bibby  
 Pat Lazzereschi  
 Bob Vasser  
 Cathy Maffei

## Welcome New Members

Anne & Michael Vazquez

Kathy & David Lowe

Elizabeth & Albert Moody

Janet & Daniel Margolis

Paul Tunison



**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>

### 2022 NorCal Membership Numbers

198	Unit/Life Members
<u>53</u>	Affiliate Members
251	Total Members



## Skillet Apple Pie

From Cook's Illustrated 9/2008 - Submitted by Tom Smithson at Editors request

### TOOLS

1 cast iron, 10" skillet (deep). Preheat oven to 400° and arrange rack in the center of the oven between 7 and 9 inches above the heating element. Use both sweet and tart apples.

### INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup fresh apple cider (No cider, reduce a cup of apple juice to about 1/2 cup.)  
 1/3 cup maple syrup  
 2 Tbs fresh lemon juice  
 2 tsp corn starch  
 1/8 tsp cinnamon  
 2 Tbs unsalted butter  
 2 1/2 lb sweet apples and tart apples (about 5 apples), peeled, cored, halved and cut into 1/2 inch wedges  
 1 box of Pillsbury frozen Pie crust (you can make your own crust)  
 1 egg white lightly beaten  
 2 tab sugar

### FOR THE FILLING

Whisk cider, syrup, lemon juice, corn starch, and cinnamon together in a medium bowl until smooth. Heat the butter in a the 12 inch skillet over medium high heat until the butter stops foaming. Add the apple slices and cook stirring 2-3 times until they start to caramelize, about 5 minutes (do not fully cook the apples). Remove the pan from the heat, add the cider mixture, and gently stir the apples until well coated. Set aside to cool slightly.

### TO ASSEMBLE

Using the frozen pie crust, prepared according to the box, Place the crust over the apples in the skillet. Brush the crust with the egg white and sprinkle the top with the sugar. With a very sharp knife gently cut the dough into 6 pieces by making 1 vertical cut followed by 2 evenly spaced cuts perpendicular to the first cut. Bake until the apples are tender and the crust is a deep golden brown, about 20 minutes. Let stand for 15 minutes to cool and serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. (Can also be reheated.)



# Don't Forget!

Don't forget to renew your membership in WBCCI/Airstream Club International and NorCal **by January 1, 2023** (for those who joined *before* 8/1/21) or your anniversary date of membership if you joined since 8/1/21. To renew, go to <https://airstreamclub.org/> and log in to your account, then follow the prompts. You do not want to miss an issue of the Poppy do you?

## 14 Day Caravan to International Update

Deanna Bain reports that the 14 Day Caravan to the International Rally in Rock Springs Wyoming in June 2023 is currently full, but she is starting a waitlist. Contact her to be on the waitlist.  
 Deanna Bain (209-256-3115).



## Welcome New Affiliates

Gary & Christa Mellinger

Walter & Judy Bremer

Loren & Mark Neumann

# 2023 Rally Information

The 2023 NorCal Rally dates and locations were formally approved by the Board in September. They are listed below. Hosts are needed for most rallies. **If you previously signed up to be a host - please confirm your selection ASAP with Rally Chair Pat Lazzereschi so that they can be posted in the January Poppy.** If you are interested in hosting a rally and have not yet

indicated your preference, please contact Pat ASAP to sign up so you too can be listed in the January Poppy.

Unsure what to do? Read the Rally Hosting manual located on the NorCal website, and/or contact anyone who has hosted a rally before and they will be glad to help you get started. Simply, you get to throw a party with Club money.

March 1-5	Yanks RV Resort (Greenfield)
April 5-9	Grass Valley Fairgrounds RV Park (Grass Valley)
May 3-7	Cassini Ranch Campground (Duncan Mills)
June 14-18	Sparks Marina Resort (Sparks, NV.)
August 2-6	Dean & Chris Davison's Property (Fortuna) dry camping
September 6-10	Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Park (Santa Cruz)
October 4-8	Bakersfield River Run RV Park (Bakersfield)
November 1-5	Pismo Coast Village RV Resort (Pismo Beach)
December 6-10	Jackson Rancheria RV Park (Jackson)



- 3 Pamela Lindsay
- 7 Margie Glasses
- 7 Grover Sandy
- 7 Jane Wright
- 10 Ken Bechthold
- 11 Karen Richardson
- 15 John Diamond
- 17 Yoshiko Deiwert
- 17 Gus Shubel
- 19 Carole Echols
- 21 Lynn Foster
- 22 Gail Crutchfield
- 28 John Roll



- 5 Paul/Rosalie McKay
- 7 Ralph/Margaret Drew
- 10 Rick/Margaret Sharp
- 16 Jim/Deborah Christie
- 18 Brett/Annette Mickelson
- 20 Dave/Marget Williams
- 22 Mike & Phyllis Minadeo
- 26 Gregg/Janet Motta
- 27 Ray/Carrie Bell
- 29 Phil/Margie Glassey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DAY OF THE DEAD 	2 Election Day 	3	4	5 
<b>Napa Rally</b>						
6	7 National Merlot Day	8	9	10 National Vanilla Cinnamon Day	11 Happy Veteran's Day!	12
13	14 NATIONAL PICKLE DAY	15 HAPPY NATIONAL CLEAN OUT YOUR REFRIGERATOR DAY	16	17	18	19
20	21 Happy Pumpkin Pie Day	22	23	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 DON'T BUY A THING DAY	26
27	28 French Toast Day	29	30			

You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser: <https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>

You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership. Also, now available is the five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle when you attend rally. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Be sure to request one from Marget.