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Save the Date

June 24-30 66th International Rally, Rock Springs, WY

October 25-28 Region 12 Rally, Pismo Coast Village RV

President's Letter

Happy Holidays, GLAAC!

There is nothing as constant as change! That said, with mixed emotions, it's time for me to step aside as your president. I must say that these past two years have been wonderful, yet challenging. When I first assumed my role in 2020, COVID-19 was just rearing its ugly head; and what changes it brought - events cancelled, masking, social distancing, hand sanitizer, no toilet paper, etc. Happily today the outlook is much brighter as we have learned how to better cope with the disease and to some degree we are back to a new normal, and how good that feels.



As I close out my term I want to say what an honor and privilege it has been to serve you in this position and how proud I am of our club. We have seen explosive growth since our club's founding eight short years ago. This is in part due to the spirit of our members, your volunteerism, your welcoming nature and our reputation for exciting adventures and exceptional rallies. I know I've said this many times, but Dennis and I feel that our best friends are right here in this club. We, like you, share the love of our Airstream, travel, friendship and fun.

I have no doubt that in the capable hands of Michael Jackson, whom I've know since the club's founding, and our newly elected board members, Ken Hoevel as treasurer, Glenn Stevens as First Vice President and Linda Calderon as Events Chairperson - along with our continuing board, Barbara Howard-Jones, Kay Hoevel, Carol Grisotti, Craig Schlecht, Lauretta Smith and Lynda Polk, the next few years are going to be even better.

Looking forward to great things in store for 2023, our rallies are sure to be both diverse and unique. Check out the GLAAC website to see all the events your team has arranged and all in one place: <https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles/glaac-events>. One huge event is the 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming in June. Of the 1,200 available sites (now sold out!) 231 of them will be filled with Airstreams from Region 12.

As Dennis and I continue to rally together with you at the many events slated next year and beyond, let me thank you once more for your support and for allowing me the privilege of service; doing so has provided me memories to last a lifetime!

Till we meet again down the road and share new adventures, warm campfires, a comforting meal or an amusing story, safe travels and Happy New Year! - Pam

Oh, the Places We'll Go in 2023!



Paula Hammer, Event Chairperson, and Steve

As 2022 comes to a close so does my term as the Events Chair. The timing is good since 2023 is all scheduled and Steve and I are hitting the road in January! First stop Texas, then onto Florida.

I extend a big *Thank You* to the Events Committee: Helen Perri, Linda Calderon, Carolyn Tomlinson, Michael Jackson, Marion Kuhns and Liana Schlecht. We have some exciting plans for 2023 including our first Joint Rally with the Las Vegas Airstream Club where we have room for 40 rigs at the V6 Ranch for the Bluegrass Festival. I don't think we have ventured to Sedona, Arizona before where we have 34 Airstreams registered and a waitlist! Crystal Cove State Park is a new location and it's going to be hard to beat the view. In November we'll be at 43 Ranch Olive Oil which is also a Harvest Host. We'll have a special camping area and a bonfire, a BBQ dinner, live music, a tour and olive oil tasting. In December we'll wrap the year up at Guajome Campground in Oceanside. We've booked the park with 30 full hook-up sites and use of the Pavilion.

I am happy and relieved that Linda Calderon raised her hand to fill the Events Committee Chair. I know she will do an awesome job. Thank you, Linda!

I hope to see you at a rally in 2023. Until then, safe travels!

- January 19-23** Death Valley, California
- February 23-27** Palm Springs Modernism Show, Palm Springs
- March 16-20** Kenny Grove Park, Fillmore, CA
- April 13-17** Chino Hills State Park, Chino Hills, CA
- May 11-15** Joint Rally - GLAAC and Las Vegas Airstream Club,
Bluegrass Festival, V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA
- June 1-5** El Chorro Park, San Luis Obispo, CA
- June 24-30** 66th International Rally, Rock Springs, WY
- August 17-21** Washburn Campground, San Simeon, CA
- September 14-18** Rancho Sedona Campground, Sedona, AZ
- October 12-16** Crystal Cove State Park/Moro Campground, Laguna
Beach, CA
- October 25-28** Region 12 Rally, Pismo Beach, CA
- November 10-13** Ranch Olive Oil, San Ardo, CA
- Nov 30 - Dec 4** Guajome County Park, Oceanside, CA

More information for each event here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles/glaac-events>

Buellton Holiday Bash in Review

submitted by Jo Salzer

Two of our most fun-loving couples hosted the Holiday rally at Flying Flags. Liz & Barry and Gregg & Catherine sure brought their sparkle to this event.

Flying Flags RV Resort is spacious, we appreciated being parked close to one another. The California Prayer for rain was finally answered and although it curtailed some happy hours and the usual spontaneous outside gatherings it did not dampen anyone's spirit. We arrived over two days and the early noon check-in allowed lots of time to still explore the shops, wineries and restaurants in nearby Solvang, Los Olivos and Santa Ynez.

By Friday afternoon there were over 25 rigs and despite blustery conditions, we all made it to a fantastic Holiday Happy Hour at the Marks' site. Food tables kept being added because it was a feast. Everyone brought large platters of creative appetizers and we piled our plates high. Gregg and Barry had twinkle lights strung and fire pits set up to take the evening's chill off.

But wait, there was more! Our hosts arranged a tour of the Mendenhall Museum of Gasoline Pumps, just across the road from the RV Park. It's much more than gas pumps – it's cool, old cars and trucks and all manner of nostalgic memorabilia spread over many buildings. A focus was racing cars and we were all delighted to find clippings of Phil Grisotti's early racing days.



At the Mendenhall Museum

Saturday was the annual meeting and installation of new officers. It was well attended – we think the fresh Danish pastries that Pam arranged boosted attendance. GLAAC is truly the most dynamic and organized club in ACI and our officers have all done a top notch job. We are grateful for those who have served and those that stepped up to serve in 2023. The vintage pith helmet that the Grisotti's donated



Ade & Jo

was passed from President Pam to incoming President Michael Jackson. He will wear it well, as he does his familiar beret. With much laughter, Don Kuhns bestowed treasurer duties to Ken Hoevel in the form of a huge gold \$\$\$ necklace.

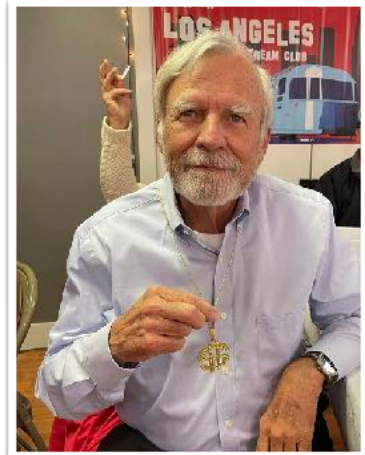
The Holiday party was Saturday night. The Landakers and Marks did an amazing job of transforming the little club room into a festive and glittering dinner house. A delicious dinner was catered by La Botte Italian Restaurant and served by Liz's darling granddaughter and friend.

President Pam emceed the annual GLAACademy Awards and presented her outgoing board and other volunteers with gifts and chocolate Oscars. Pam was surprised with a beautiful mid-century award designed and created by Pierre Bogros and received a standing ovation for the excellent job she did as president.

The rain stopped for a while and bikes and chairs came out. Denny arranged another wine tasting at a nearby winery. Too cold and damp for a happy hour or campfire, but a nice cozy night inside our beloved Airstreams. Monday morning was hugs and warm holiday wishes as we rolled out of Flying Flags RV Resort and onto our next



Buellton Holiday Bash Memories



Guajome & Member Appreciation Event in Review

submitted by Maggie Cummings

One thing we GLAACers all have in common is a childlike desire to keep having fun. Even if it means packing, prepping, and for some of us an attempt at being organized. But the hardest thing of all to overcome in our household is...(DUN, Dun, duuuun) manual labor! Plus, for those of us with no camping experience and absolutely no penchant for anything mechanical, the challenge of Airstreaming is REAL! It's enormous! But, knowing that when we get where we are going, no matter the hassle, the weather, the burst water pipes, or broken heater in freezing cold weather, we will be with people we love who really know how to have fun. That's truly what keeps Jim and I coming back. You. Yes, you. The person reading this article. Thank you for being fun and kind and helpful and tolerant and a joy to be with.

Our November adventure brought us all to Guajome Regional Park in Oceanside. The park itself was lovely. It had trees throughout the park, smooth rolling hills which were nice for riding bikes, a pretty lake, and hiking trails. Some very hardy GLAACers followed Ralph Perri as he led a stream of our members on a bike ride from Guajome to the beach in Oceanside. I am in awe of you all. That was a long ride. Good for you. We also had lots of hikers and bicyclists right in the park, and one morning I enjoyed watching a woman on horseback riding on the path outside our window. That was a beautiful sight.



Ready to ride!

Our evening co-op dinner was held inside a pavilion which was nice because the chill was definitely in the air. Some days we had colder temperatures than Chicago and New York City, so having the pavilion meant we could take our coats off, have a nice meal and chit chat to our hearts



Paula Hammer and Maggie Cummings

content. The indoor competition of monster Jenga made for a fun event for the kids attending. Rizwan had a lot of fun with it, too!

November was the month set aside for the Member Appreciation Party, hosted by the GLAAC Leadership Team, for all members and affiliates. It was great to meet several of our affiliates, including Abe Hernandez, Region 12 1st Vice President. This year it was held near Guajome Regional Park at the home of Steve and Paula Hammer. No one was prepared for the eye feast that awaited us at Hammer's house. Walt Disney would be jealous of their backyard. Don't get me wrong, their house was beautiful. It's such a great party house and they have their own pizza oven right outside their kitchen door. It just so happens that their daughter, Stephanie, owns TJ Wood-fired Pizza in San Clemente. She and her family brought several of their specialties. Marc Bill was the pizzaiolo and pizzas were cooked faster than we could eat them. Who am I kidding? We gobbled them up in record time because they were so delicious and ended with a wide assortment of desserts provided by GLAAC members.

There we sat. A beautiful sunny day. A gorgeous home. Being fed yummy pizzas fresh out of the oven. Chatting up a storm with all of our peeps. What could top that? Well, to put it succinctly, the Hammers backyard, that's what! I could hardly sit still looking out at it from the covered patio. (continued next page)

Guajome & Member Appreciation Event in Review (continued)

I grabbed my handy cell phone, revved up the video camera and started filming in their backyard. (The movies are on my Instagram and on GLAAC's Facebook page.) I felt like Steven Spielberg as a kid (can't wait to see The Fableman's) if he'd been so lucky as to have Steve and Paula as his next door neighbors. This large yard had train tracks swirling through the green grass, and dodging around the huge succulent plants and palm trees. They erected an amazing teepee complete with beautiful Native American artwork. Then there was the miniature coal mine and a miniature lumberyard with figurines, trucks and people. On top of it they built a large shed that housed all their various trains and had a big electronic board (sorry, don't know the technical term for it) that ran the whole thing and it was decorated like a train station. In fact the sign on the building read "Los Angeles San Gabriel Railroad." I'm telling you Walt Disney would've been green with envy.

The following day our amazing hosts, Steve & Paula Hammer and Dennis & Pam Pall planned an outing for us at the Monserate Vineyards and Winery. Neither Jim nor I are big wine drinkers but I enjoyed my glass of wine very much and I loved their pizza as well. The grounds were beautiful. They have a lovely pond with a large fountain that produced beautiful rainbows as you walked on the pathway surrounding the pond. The band played some great music which added to the lovely stroll over to the vineyards. It was simply a gorgeous day spent with really great people. We are a lucky (aka smart/adventurous/kind/fun) group of Airstreamers and I believe I speak for all of us who attended when I say Steve, Paula, Pam and Dennis created a spectacular Members Appreciation weekend at Guajome Regional Park. Thank you so much for all the hard work that went into preparing everything for us. Everyone had such a great time.

Jim and I wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season filled with lots of love, comfort and joy. We'll see you on the road again in 2023.



Meet a Member!

submitted by Craig Schlecht

Liana and I grew up in Washington State. While Liana spent her childhood camping in a Shasta with her family, I was a tent camper. We moved to Orange County in 1986 and had been tent camping for several years when we became tired of sleeping on the ground and decided to make a change. We looked at every trailer brand in the market and always kept coming back to Airstreams. We started our Airstream life in September 2017 when we purchased our 2018 Bambi Sport. Little did we know at the time how our shiny companion would change our lives. We joined the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (GLAAC) as an aside thinking we might learn something and go to a couple events.

Five years have passed since then and what a time we have had. During that time, we have attended 20+ GLAAC events, made many new friends, and heard, and told, quite a few stories. We have camped in more beautiful county, state, and national parks than we could have imagined and have come to enjoy the incredible RV parks that our club frequents.



Airstreaming has enriched our lives in so many ways. We usually go on one trip each month, some with the club, others on our own and most often pick county, state, and national parks. Along the way we have picked up new hobbies like birding, hiking, and chasing wildflower super blooms.



Liana & Craig

We have really gotten to know California and the surrounding states in a new light. We have breathed in the natural beauty of our park system and experienced the small towns like never before. GLAAC has been the driving force behind our Airstream journey. It has enabled our adventures and our GLAAC friends have taught us and inspired us. We decided we should help, so Liana joined the Event Committee, and I became the Webmaster in 2022.

In 2021 we decided we needed a bigger Airstream with a different layout and ordered a Flying Cloud in October of 2021. In October of 2022, we finally picked up our 2023 Flying Cloud 25FBT with the desk and hatch options. We took our first trip in it to southeast Arizona and camped at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Patagonia Lake State Park, and Saguaro National Park. It was a gorgeous trip. We look forward to many more in the months and years to come.

A Serendipitous Journey

submitted by Nancy Murphy

SERENDIPITY

(Ser-en-dip-i-ty: The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way)

In early October, Tim and I headed out on a much-anticipated adventure across country to see our grandson, Sam, who is currently serving in Newport News, Virginia as a Machinist's Mate Nuclear aboard the USS George Washington.



Tim and Sam

Along the way, we took things as they came and once we had Sam's schedule, we were able to plan a stop to tour the new Airstream factory and check out the recently completed historical museum in Jackson Center, Ohio. The museum was all that we had expected and the restorations were stunning. There was even a one-of-a-kind Airstream motorhome hearse.

Continuing on through the states of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, the riot of color that entertained and amazed us along the way was an unexpected bonus.

Finally, we arrived in Hampton, Virginia where opportunities to enjoy our nation's history abound. There are many places to visit nearby but we especially enjoyed Fort Monroe National Monument. We learned that the fort was a refuge for escaped slaves during the Civil War.

We always enjoy staying in touch with friends from our club. As we were planning to mosey home, I received a text from Lynda Polk explaining that we were only 384 miles away from Marion, North Carolina; that they were already parked for Alupalina; and there was a space right next to them



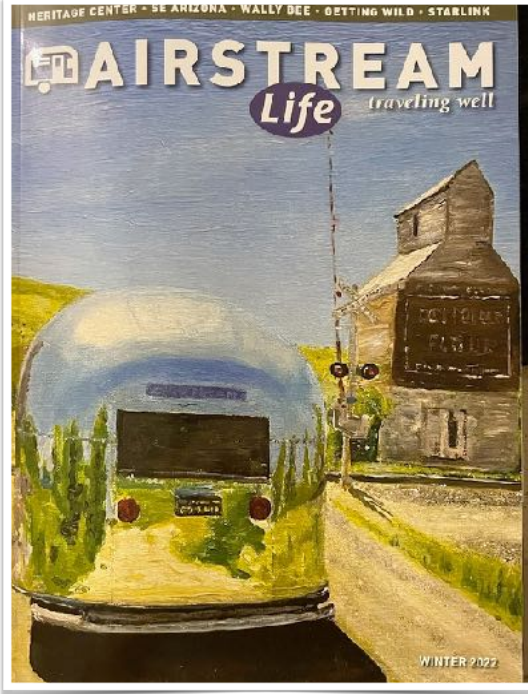
Jim, Lynda, Nancy & Tim

they would make unattractive if anyone else tried to park there. *Only 384 miles*, huh? Well, being the road warriors that we are, we headed out Monday morning and landed right about dinnertime. Lynda had her delicious chili ready and we spent five great days catching up, walking the beautiful trail behind the park, and enjoying the vibrant fall colors...now, that's serendipity, is it not?

In 2011, John Leake created Alupalina, a Carolina Buddy Rally that started with 22 rigs. This year there were over 300 rigs. To attend, you don't have to be a member of WBCCI, just an Airstream enthusiast who enjoys meeting like-minded people. We were parked with some very fun people from Georgia and they didn't fail to disappoint with their "southern hospitality." It was great to catch up with special Airstream friends we haven't seen in awhile and make new friends we hope to see again. Parting ways, we encouraged new friends to head west where we might be able to extend some of our own California hospitality.



Congratulations to our amazing members!



Jim Cahill's beautiful art graced the cover of the winter edition of Airstream Life Magazine!



Our newest American citizen, Denny Kennedy (with flag) and Stuebe, surrounded by club members Jim Cummings, Marion & Don Kuhns, Zaynea & Rizwan Niazi.



Gregg Landaker's Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta photo took 1st Place in the AfterGlow category at this year's 50th Balloon Fiesta celebration!

Social Media Update

We have a club Facebook Page! Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's member-only page is for current members and affiliates only. We currently have 91 members/affiliates participating. Any requests will be quickly approved using the most current membership roster. Please let us know via Facebook Messenger if your Facebook name is different when submitting a request. Do not hesitate to join to see what fun adventures members are doing, to post your own adventures or ask any questions pertaining to your Airstream or destinations traveled by other members.



Laretta Smith, Social Media Chairperson



OUR CLUB continues to grow and retain current members and affiliates. *Thank you* to all who have joined and renewed. We'll look for you at an event down the road!

Questions regarding membership? Please contact Membership Chairperson, Carol Grisotti. CarolGrisotti@yahoo.com

Registration is Wait List only at this time for Rock Springs, Wyoming 2023, and just announced....Sedalia, Missouri in '24!

<https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>



Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

- 1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Club Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!
- 2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground* where you simply write a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our club is in the process of assembling its first ever membership photo directory and we need your help! This directory, when completed, will be posted on our Members Only website and will be helpful in putting a face to a name. To date we have about 1/3 of our membership participating, but of course we would like to have a 100% response rate! Please send your photo (jpeg format works best) to Carolyn at cbtomlinson@cox.net.

Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!