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## President's Message

### "Freestyle Adventures While Waiting"

Some of the most memorable adventures Mary and I have experienced since retirement are the things we've been able to do and see in between scheduled Airstream club events. What follows is one example:

In 2019 the Colorado Airstream Club held a rally in Santa Fe just a couple of weeks ahead of a scheduled Region 11 Rally in Albuquerque.

We had registered for both rallies. Our own Patti Reed was Regional 11 President that year, and both rallies were a lot of fun. We had decided that we would just stay in the Albuquerque area for the ten days or so between the two Airstream Club events and find our own freestyle adventures while waiting.



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We toured the Petroglyphs National Monument, the Hispanic Heritage Center, the Native American Cultural Center, the Balloon Fiesta Museum, and the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. We found the "seniors discount buffet" at the Sandia Peak Casino and ate at Garduno's. Driving to and from our campground on Historic Route 66, we were on America's original "musical highway," a section of pavement that has your tires playing a catchy tune if you drive at the right speed.



But then we saw an unexpected opportunity while watching the local evening news. There was a story about a convention in town. It was a convention of the American Association of Private Railcar Owners (AAPRCO), and the news story said there would be a limited number of tickets sold for folks to tour a half dozen or so of these railroad land yachts the next day. Who knew?

We got to the Albuquerque train station early enough the next morning to get tickets for the railcars tour, beautiful historic railcars riding on modern mechanicals. Their owners schedule their travels through AAPRCO, which coordinates with AMTRAK, which serves as their TV. The cars are typically staffed with their own Chef and Concierge. They have sleeping, dining, and happy hour accommodations. And like private planes, many are available for charter. Who knew?

Our busy rally season is just around the corner, and I hope you are checking our events web page every day to keep up with registration openings and closings.

Be sure to bookmark this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/colorado-airstream-club-information>

Mary and I hope to see you at many of our CAC events this year – they're just down the road.

Dave Rose - CAC President  
Lifetime BRN 13495



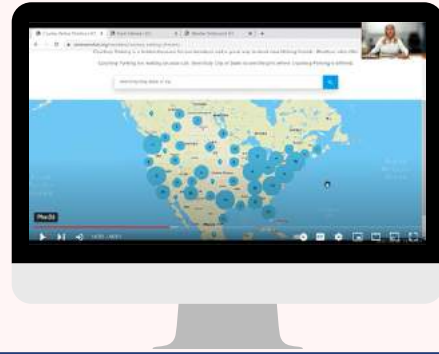
## Navigating the Airstream Club International Web Site

Did you miss session #1 of the ACI web site navigation webinar?

If so, you can catch the replay on [YouTube](#).

The session provides an overview of the site and how, how to find clubs and events, and more.

Watch your email for invitations from ACI HQ for additional session.



## Mods to Share Twin Bed Modification

Ross & Shirely Chessman joined CAC in 2022, after purchasing a Flying Cloud 25 FBT. The twin beds made the trailer feel spacious.

However, Ross observed that the mattresses did not have support on the edges. When sitting near the edge of the bed, he felt as if the mattress would fall off the platform.

Ross decided to make a modification that extended the platform and provided a space for airflow under the mattress. This would solve the stability issue and also help fight against moisture issues between the platform and mattress.

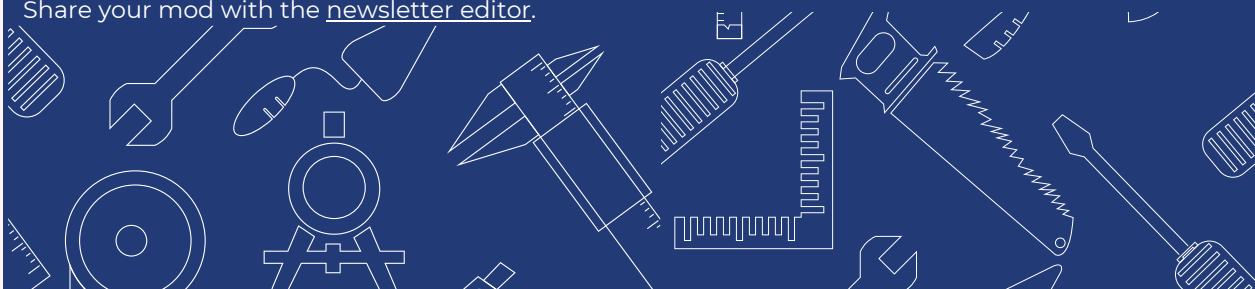
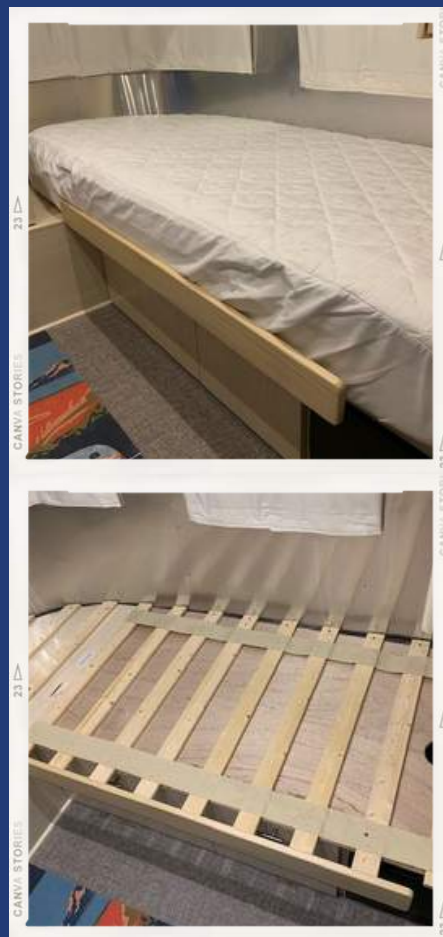
Twin bed slats from Amazon arrived in short order, and Ross used tools in his shop to custom fit them to the unique shape of the Airstream bedroom. He ensured that all of the compartments were still accessible, and even added a rail to top off the modification.

Now, the mattresses are solidly in place. No more concern of being dumped onto the floor.

This modification solved two issues for the Chessman's and was not expensive or time consuming.

Do you have a modification that improved your Airstream experience?

Share your mod with the [newsletter editor](#).





## CAC Officers

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## New Club Members



Welcome to the newest members of the Colorado Airstream Club!

- Mike & Jan Burgie BRN 1288
- Jim & Vicki Ocken BRN 6969
- Davona & Glen Roat BRN 6707
- Sue & Steve Shepherd BRN 25680
- Dominic & Jesse Spencer BRN 1314
- John & Sean Tarpey BRN 26907
- Dave & Tory Kouma BRN 1508
- Cindy & Jim Wolach BRN 2253
- Patty & Todd Eddington BRN 10499



**"It's better to wear out than to rust out." - Wally Byam**

## Meet a Member - Steve Libhart

By: Chris Freeman BRN# 2998

Steve Libhart is the 2nd Vice President for the Colorado Airstream Club, a co-host for the Carlsbad, NM Rally, and a host for the Meeker Rally. It's also tax season, his busiest time as an accountant.

I sat down with Steve one Saturday morning in February to learn more about his involvement in the Club. Steve was back in town after a trip to Reno to pick up his new 2016 International Serenity 23D.

Last fall, I met Steve at the Dabney Ranch near Creede, Colorado. He assisted the Rally hosts in getting rigs parked in the famous wagon wheel formation. Steve's energetic personality was recognizable immediately. I knew this was someone I'd like to get to know better.

The new 23D was top of mind as we sat down for our interview. This was Airstream number three for Steve. His most recent trailer was a 20-footer, which he picked about seven years ago.

Steve's Airstream adventures started in 2006 when, on a whim, he purchased a 1966 Safari from a seller in Illinois. He drove out from Colorado and pulled the trailer all the way home. The old Safari had been sitting for a long time and had a squeaky axle. On the way home, he was a bit concerned, but all went well.

The Vintage Airstream Club welcomed Steve and his partner Guillermo(Willie), and they had many great adventures in the classic trailer.

One of his most memorable rallies was in Laramie, Wyoming, where he met [Michael Depraida](#), an artist who sold everything and hit the road in his trailer, ArtStream, creating art across the country. Steve doesn't leave home without a framed piece of art he purchased during the Rally. The work has hung from a wall in every Airstream Steve has owned.



Left: Michael Depraida print that started his Airstream art career



Right: Steve Libhart's 1966 Safari

Depraida's work can be seen at the Airstream Heritage Center and in the film [Alumination](#). Sadly, he passed away in 2019 after battling cancer.

Meeker, Colorado, holds a special place in Steve's heart. He grew up in this beautiful area. Although he lives in the Denver Metro area now, Meeker is still home to Steve.

Steve had to take some time away from the Airstream Club to care for his mother and rejoined a few years ago. In 2022, he volunteered to help the Club, and then president Rob Hughey took Steve up on the offer.

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Steve knew that Meeker was the place he wanted to host a Rally. He wanted to share this beautiful place with the rest of the Club. Soon, he, Rob, and Brenda Hughey took a trip to Meeker and met with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trails Rally was born. The 36th Annual Meeker Classic takes place September 6-10, 2023. Competitors from all around the world gather to test their skills and crown the champion sheepdog.

The town of Meeker created the event to draw tourists to the town after the mining industry shut down. Their efforts worked. The Meeker Classic draws big crowds each year and gives the townspeople an opportunity to let the community shine.



In addition to the Trials, the Meeker Rally will treat participants to another special place to Steve. Trappers Lake is 50 miles from Meeker and boasts fishing, kayaking, and hiking opportunities. When Steve was a kid, a hike of several miles was required to get to the lake. Today, you can drive to the lake and even enjoy a nice meal at Trappers Lake Lodge.

Camping has been a part of Steve's life since childhood. He grew up camping with family in everything from tents to pop-ups and 5th-wheel trailers. These days, you can find him at many Rallies with his trusty dog, Hector, by his side.

In addition to the Carlsbad and Meeker Rallies, Steve is working with TechnoRV on a presentation for the Maintenance Rally this May in Fort Collins.

When I asked Steve for advice for new members looking to get the most out of the Club, he suggested the following:

- Keep tapped into the CAC Events Website and the Facebook Group.
- Introduce yourself to a board member and ask what you can do to be more involved in the Club.
- Members of the Club are welcoming and want to get to know you. You will need to do some outreach on your own, however.

Whether you attend a luncheon or Rally, stop by to meet Steve. His energetic personality will undoubtedly rub off.

Would you like to be featured in an upcoming, Meet a Member, article?

Reach out to the Newsletter Editor. I want to get to know you and share your story with the Club.



## Facebook Group

You can find the group on Facebook and request access. This is a private group for CAC members only.  
The group is not a formal communication channel.

FB Group membership is not required. All CAC members receive formal email communications.

However, it is a great place to interact with fellow club members.

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/colorado.wbcci>

Or search for "Colorado Airstream Club" on Facebook to request access.



## Pop Quiz!

What's the lowest and highest **Big Red Number** in the Colorado Airstream Club?

- A) 501 & 31604
- B) 440 & 22996
- C) 250 & 31954
- D) 370 & 14561

(Answer Below)



Bookmark Your One Stop Resource for All CAC Events

<https://airstreamclub.org/colorado-airstream-club-information>





## Rally Recipe

Corn Casserole, via Carolyn Beardshear, by Barb Bergen

You can find this and other great recipes from rallies [here](#).

1 can cream style corn  
1 can whole kernel corn, drained  
2 eggs  
1 box jiffy corn muffin mix  
1 stick margarine, melted  
1 small sour cream  
2T sugar



Mix all ingredients together.

Bake at 375 degrees in a 9 x 13 UNGREASED pan for 45 minutes, or until golden brown.

Do you have a recipe to share with the club? Reach out to the [newsletter editor](#) and submit your great recipe!

## Joke Time

Why did the Colorado Airstream Club members have trouble sleeping during their camping trip?

Because they were too busy stream-ing about the beautiful colors of the Colorado sunset!

A Bad Dad Joke for the Colorado Airstream Club  
Written by: ChatGTP

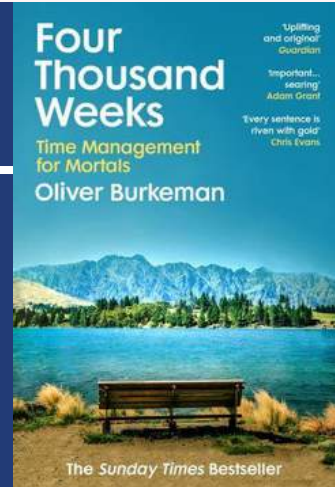




## Book Recommendation

Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals  
by Oliver Burkeman

This book focuses on managing your time effectively to lead a fulfilling life. The book argues that people have roughly 4000 weeks in their lifetime and offers strategies for making the most of that time. The author provides practical tips and techniques for managing your time, increasing productivity, and avoiding distractions. Burkeman encourages readers to identify their priorities, set goals, and create a plan for achieving them. Ultimately, the book aims to help readers live a more purposeful life by making the most of their limited time.



Do you have a great book to share with the club?  
Reach out to the [newsletter editor](#) with a recommendation.

## Quiz Answer

The lowest Big Red Number in the Colorado Airstream Club is **250** (Patti Reed). The highest number is **31954** (Mark & Jan Desanti).

### FUN FACT

Dale Schwamborn, nephew of Wally Byam, has BRN **2**. He spoke about the Capetown to Cairo Caravan at the January CAC luncheon.

You can look up members using the [Airstream Club Membership Directory](#).



## Perk for Event Hosts

As an event host, you have the option to register for one rally of your choice (other than your own) before the form opens to all members.

Hosting/co-hosting more than one event entitles hosts to only one (1) early registration per year, not multiple.

Your name will remain on the "early registration" list for each Rally until you exercise that option. Please note the opening dates of rallies and watch your mailbox for early access 2 days before. You will receive an email notification of the registration window for hosts.

Reach out to [Dave Rose](#) or any other member of the board to get started.



Date	Event	Description
March 4	<a href="#"><u>Everything Looks Better in Black and White Barbeque Luncheon</u></a>	Our program will take us further down memory lane with a look back on the early days of television including lots of clips from the days of black and white. Bird Dog Barbecue is a southern Colorado favorite with selections of beef, chicken or turkey with all the sides, soft drinks and coffee.
March 27-April 1	Palm Creek Resort <a href="#"><u>Casa Grande AZ</u></a>	Join fellow CAC members in the sun and warmth of Arizona at Palm Creek Resort, located forty minutes to an hour from Phoenix, Mesa, Chandler, Scottsdale and Tucson. Whatever you love to do--including kicking back and relaxing--it's waiting for you at Palm Creek.
April 24-29	<a href="#"><u>Carlsbad Caverns Rally</u></a>	It's time to put on your comfortable walking shoes and join us at Whites City RV Campground in Carlsbad, NM, in the spectacular Chihuahuan Desert. This is the closest campground to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park which offers both group Ranger-guided tours and self-guided tours daily.
May 18-21	<a href="#"><u>Maintenance and New Member Rally</u></a>	This rally is to welcome new members and learn more about your Airstream! Seminars will be presented on a variety of topics around your trailer as well as helpful hints for making camping trips fun, safe, and comfortable. This rally is also focused on welcoming new members!
June 2-4	<a href="#"><u>Airstream Amblin' at Rambler Ranch</u></a>	This is a dry-camping, no-host rally in beautiful Elizabeth, Colorado at the 160+ acre ranch of an internationally known private collector of over 250 AMC, Nash, Hudson, Jeep, other automobiles, plus Kelvinator appliances & more.

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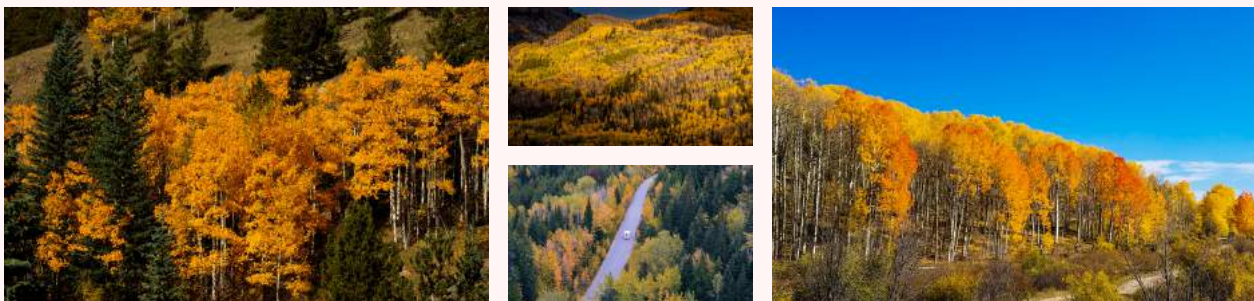
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Date	Event	Description
June 5-9	<a href="#">Chama New Mexico Rally</a>	The historic Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad steam trains leave the Chama depot daily from Memorial Day weekend to mid-October. Riding the railroad is a day trip of exhilarating rugged mountain views.
June 23 - 30	<a href="#">Rolling to Rock Springs 66th International Rally</a> <a href="#">Rock Springs, Wyoming</a>	 <p>International Rally Dry Camping Available Waitlist Registration for Full Hookup Sites Available</p>
July 13 - 15	<a href="#">Estes Park Rally</a>	Mid-July in Estes Park is teeming with fun things to do! We have 30 sites at Manor RV Park, in the heart of Estes Park.
July 31-Aug 4	<a href="#">Granby Rally at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mtn Resort</a>	Get out of the heat of the summer ! Discover the ultimate vacation experience at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains, in Granby, Colorado. Escape to where the sky meets the mountain.
August 27-31	<a href="#">Biking the Roaring Fork Valley at Carbondale</a>	Gateway RV Park sits next to the Roaring Fork River and the Rio Grande Bike Trail, We will organize some bike rides on the paved 40 mile bike trail that leads all the way to Aspen. Bring your water toys and fishing poles, and enjoy the gorgeous scenery and all the Roaring Fork Valley has to offer.
September 7-11	<a href="#">Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials Rally</a>	Join us in the beautiful and peaceful valley in Meeker Colorado for the 2023 Meeker Classic Sheep Dog Trials. These trials are the culmination of several competitions and the winner takes the grand prize.

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Date	Event	Description
September 7-10	<a href="#">Carter Lake Rally</a>	Join us at beautiful Carter Lake. Carter Lake is easily accessible from the Front Range, about 1 hour north of Denver. There are great hiking trails around the lake which also offers bathing, boating and fishing. Campsites are situated along the lake and pull-throughs are plentiful.
September 18 -22	<a href="#">Wagon Wheel Rally</a>	Registration Opens July 15 Registration Deadline: Sept. 15 Wait list to follow when rally fills Hosts: Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann, Michael and Becki Carmichael
October 2 - 6	<a href="#">Ouray for Fall Colors</a>	Registration Opens February 15 Prior campground reservations are required before registering with CAC. Registration Deadline: April 15 Wait list posted 9/11 Host: Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann. ISO "new" hosts to co-host.



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## Colorful News

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 by the 15th of the month with the  
 subject line:  
**AIRSTREAM NEWSLETTER**

### Suggestions For Topics:

#### Trips and Adventures:

Include itinerary, photos, captions,  
 and websites of any important  
 destinations

#### Technology Tips:

Have a new Starlink setup? Lithium  
 and solar? Tell us about it!

#### Hacks and Upgrades:

Show us something you've done to  
 enhance your travel experience

#### Rally Recipes:

Let us know what's cooking in your  
 Airstream

#### Reading for the Road:

What are you reading that you  
 cannot put down?

#### Exterior Set-up:

Do you have an outside  
 arrangement that works well?

#### ...and more.

If it interests you, share it with the  
 club.

## Need a Badge?



Have you misplaced your club badge? If so, you can  
 order a replacement badge from the Airstream Club  
 Store.

A name badge is a great way to meet fellow club  
 members.

Replacement badges are available with your choice of  
 logo.

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 Airstream Club



Visit the [Airstream Club Store](#) to order a replacement  
 badge. Badges are \$3.00, plus shipping.

## Caravan to Rock Springs

*The Colorado Airstream Club has nearly 70 rigs registered for the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, WY.*

If you are attending and have an interest in leading or joining a caravan to the rally, please send an email to [Dave Rose](#).

A group our size will need several leaders to keep the caravan sizes manageable.

A caravan is the best way to ensure you park near your Colorado club friends. All caravans MUST register with HQ by May 1, 2023.



## Master Tech RV

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Two 75 watt solar panels

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