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## President's Message

We had already determined that our big Sears tent was too difficult to set up and tear down every day. So when a friend loaned me his tent trailer, I jumped at the upgrade. But after spending the night in a leaky tent trailer during a storm of biblical proportions that echoed through Glenwood Canyon, we began to think that a hard-side RV might be a better idea. Not to mention the fact that nearly fifty years later, my daughter still has a faint scar from the winch that lifted and locked the sides and roof of the tent trailer we borrowed into place.

With Mary's family in Des Moines and mine in southwest Wisconsin, our infrequent vacation trips had been mostly endurance drives along scenic I-80 through beautiful Nebraska. But now we were planning to move off the beaten path and take our kids to Yellowstone. We had saved a few dollars and were looking through the classifieds for a used travel trailer we could afford to serve as a home during our upcoming Yellowstone to Salt Lake, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and home adventure.

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Suddenly a 15-foot 1969 Santa Fe single-axle trailer appeared in the Thrifty Nickel. It had propane lights, an ice box, and a porta-potty. It was perfect! We bought it on a Tuesday and left home on Thursday for a truly excellent "newbie" RV adventure. From Fishing Bridge to the Tabernacle Square to the Las Vegas Strip, to London Bridge and the Grand Canyon, we spent three weeks in the little Santa Fe. But alas, I had to admit that a porta-potty and no air conditioning wasn't exactly perfect for family vacation travel.

Over the next several years, we bought and sold two other SOB's (some other brand for our new members). The second one was very poorly constructed on a 1x1 soft pinewood frame and led me to conclude that the next one would have to be an Airstream.

## **AIRSTREAM**

Jack Hendon was president of the WBCCI Colorado Unit. He was almost a retired railroad signal engineer. He was a good 6 1/2 feet tall with an infectious smile and an even more infectious enthusiasm for life. He was selling his 1976 Airstream 25-foot twin because severe arthritis had made it difficult to hitch up. But he didn't really want to sell.

The trailer was immaculate. But there was one big problem; Jack wanted more money for his trailer than I had in the bank to spend. We parted ways, with Jack asking me to go home and talk it over with my wife to see if we could find any more money for the purchase. He was a big baseball fan and invited me to come back the next day and watch the World Series with him. More money never materialized. But my son and I wound up watching the entire series with Jack in the trailer.

When the last World Series game finished, Jack told me that he had decided to let me buy the Airstream for the money I had in hand. But there would be a few conditions on the sale. First, he would pay my first year's dues to Airstream Club. Second, I would become and remain active in the club, and third, I would always carry his BRN on the front of my trailer.

A few years later, I traded the 1976 for a new 1996 Excella. I brought it to a WBCCI reunion luncheon at a Colorado Springs park. Jack was there. He was beaming as we shook hands and pointed proudly to BRN 13495, his BRN, on the front of our new trailer.

I'm frequently asked by other RV owners, "what is so special about an Airstream." Of course, it's easy to ramble on about better handling, aerodynamics, durability, and classic styling but the answer I usually give them is much shorter, "the club."

Today I believe our biggest advantage and our biggest challenge are identical. As a big club, we have the advantages of statewide reach, nearly unlimited "in-house" talents, and wide-ranging interests. But as a big club, we also have challenges finding venues for bigger events, finding effective ways to maintain communications, and working to ensure that our newest members and our much more experienced members are engaged and find a true sense of community.

Toward those ends, we have fixed the issue that made it difficult to join our Facebook; search FB for Colorado Airstream Club, click on "join," and shortly, you will get confirmation that you have joined. Thanks to Chris Freeman, this is our second monthly newsletter of 2023. We've also increased the frequency of email blasts for registrations and updates.

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Be sure to keep checking our events page for the latest information. Bookmark it in your computer browser. Here it is:

<https://airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-event-information>

As always, if you're not getting the newsletter or missing email blasts, please reach out to any of your board members or officers, and we'll try to solve the problem.

Mary and I are hosting the March 4 luncheon in Colorado Springs. Hope to see you there!

Dave Rose - CAC President  
Lifetime BRN 13495

## Carter Lake Partnership Featured in Blue Beret

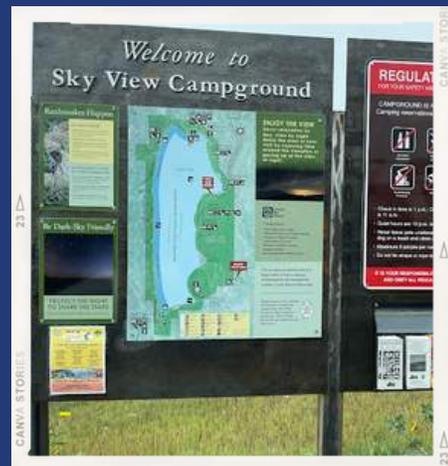
An article by Tom Balchak is featured in the January 2023 edition of the Blue Beret (pg 40). The story highlights the work of Susan and Von Campbell with Larimer County to open a new \$1.9 million accessible group campground.

The story is a tribute to Susan Campbell, who passed away last fall.

You can read the story in your print edition of the Blue Beret or click [here](#) for the online version.

### Save the Date

Celebration of Life for Susan Campbell  
Saturday, April 8  
Ptarmigan Country Club, Windsor, CO  
Details to Follow



## CAC Officers

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Von Campbell

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Carolyn Beardshear

## New Club Members



Welcome to the newest members of the Colorado Airstream Club!

- Peter & Christy Geyer BRN **7593**
- David & Natalie Sharka BRN **5203**
- Davona & Glen Roat BRN **6707**
- Scott & Kristin Poteet BRN **11599**
- Dale & Rhonda Ulmer BRN **2022**
- Greg & Elizabeth Garner BRN **9567**
- David & Sherry Haeusler BRN **1092**
- Brent & Paula Burger BRN **24983**
- Gordon & Dianne Patrick BRN **1154**
- Ian & Jeri Hasund BRN **1184**



**We Rally Together**  
**It's not where you are, but who you are**  
**there with.**

# January Luncheon Recap

By: Chris Freeman BRN# 2998

The Colorado Airstream Club January luncheon took place at Cinnzetti's in Northglenn, CO, on January 28. Hosts Rich Howarth and Staci McDaniel treated 55 members to a program featuring a remastered version of the film *Africa! Capetown to Cairo*. Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn joined the group via Facetime for a Q&A session following the film.

Cinnzetti's was also the venue for a luncheon in the fall of 2022. Once again, the restaurant was excellent. The food options were tremendous, and no one went away hungry. Even those of us with dietary restrictions had a fantastic meal.

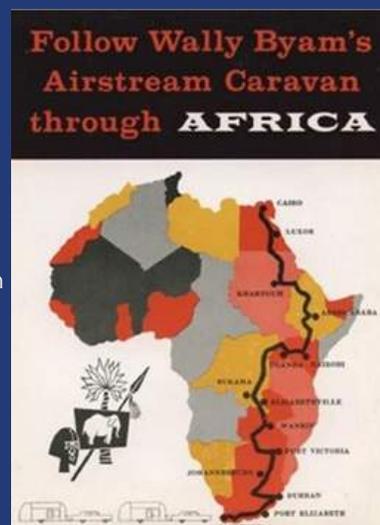
Rich Howarth worked with the [Airstream Heritage Center](#) to get permission to present the remastered version of the film, which captures the 1959 caravan from Capetown, South Africa, to Cairo, Egypt. While this amazingly updated version is not available to the public, ACI has links to an [older version of the film](#).

The caravan took eight months and members traveled through some areas that didn't have roads. Flat tires and digging stuck rigs out was common occurrence. The group concluded the trip by camping next to the great pyramids.

Dale Schwamborn, a nephew of Wally Byam, was an advance scout on the caravan. His mother, Helen Byam Schwamborn, began leading caravans in 1955 and organized the Wally Byam Caravan Club.

The Q&A session provided behind-the-scenes insight into this fantastic journey through Africa. Dale noted that his most memorable experience was the opportunity to shake the hand of the [Lion of Judah](#), Emperor of Ethiopia and direct descendent of the Queen of Sheeba.

If you missed this event and will be attending the [International Rally in Rock Springs](#), don't miss an opportunity to meet Dale "Pee-Wee" Schwamborn in person.



## Facebook Group Fixed!!!

Have you tried to join the [CAC Facebook group](#) only to encounter an error message?!?

We have great news! The issue has been resolved. You can now find the group in Facebook and request access. This is a private group for CAC members only. The group is not a formal communications channel, however it is a great place to interact with your fellow club members.



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

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



## Pop Quiz!

Which city has the most members in the Colorado Airstream Club?

- A) Boulder
- B) Colorado Springs
- C) Denver
- D) Fort Collins

(Answer Below)



Bookmark Your One Stop Resource for All CAC Events

<https://airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-event-information>



## Rally Recipe

Brenda's Baked Beans

This recipe was a hit at the 2022 Wagon Wheel Rally. You can find this and other great recipes from rallies [here](#).

1 pound of bacon, diced  
 4 large onions, diced  
 1 cup of sugar  
 1 teaspoon dry mustard  
 ½ teaspoon garlic salt  
 ½ cup vinegar  
 2 -15-ounce cans butter beans  
 1-16 ounce can green lima beans  
 1-15 ounce can of dark kidney beans  
 2-14-ounce cans of New England style baked beans (small type)



Fry onions with bacon and add all other ingredients, except beans

Cook 20 minutes

Drain all beans except the baked beans and add to cooked mixture

Bake uncovered 1 hour at 350 degrees

Fits into a 4-quart casserole. Serves 12

## Poetry for the Road

Airstreams gleam, shine  
 Rally with friends, new places  
 find  
 On the road, we're free.

A Haiku for the Colorado Airstream Club  
 Written by: ChatGTP

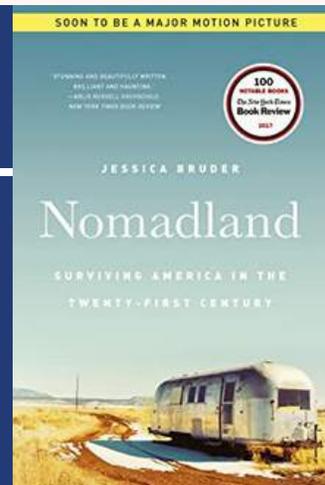


## Book Recommendation

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century  
by Jessica Bruder

Jessica Bruder follows several people, including Linda, an RV and van-dwelling migrant laborer, as she travels between physically taxing seasonal jobs and reunions of her new van-dweller family, or "vanily". Bruder tells a compelling, eye-opening tale of the economy's dark underbelly and the resilience and hope of these hardworking Americans who have traded rootedness for the dream of a better life.

The story became a motion picture in 2020 and won three Oscars, including Best Motion Picture of the Year. The big screen could not capture all of the brilliance of Bruder's writing. This book will make you think about the harsh economic realities in our society.

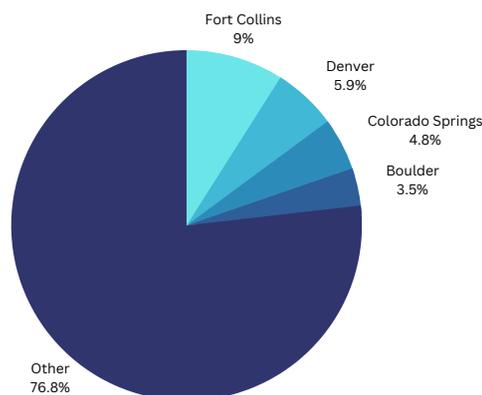


## Quiz Answer

The Colorado Airstream Club has 26 Airstreams registered from the city of **Fort Collins**. Denver is second with 17 Airstreams. Many Airstreams have two club members.

CAC also has seven Airstreams registered as Affiliates from **Albuquerque, NM**, making the city the most popular for affiliate members!

Learn more about Affiliate memberships and benefits, [here](#).



## 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.



## 2023 Rally Schedule (1 of 3)

Date	Event	Description
March 4	<a href="#"><u>Everything Looks Better in Black and White Barbeque Luncheon</u></a>	Registration is <b>OPEN</b> Host: Dave Rose \$18 per person
March 27-April 1	Palm Creek Resort <a href="#"><u>Casa Grande AZ</u></a>	Prior campground reservations are required before registering with CAC. Registration Deadline: Feb. 15 Wait list posted Mar. 6 Host: Dave Rose, Rob Hughey
April 24-29	<a href="#"><u>Carlsbad Caverns Rally</u></a>	Registration Opens Feb. 15 - Prior campground reservations are required before registering with CAC. Registration Deadline: March 15 Wait list posted April 3 Host: Jim and Dawn Stahl
May 18-21	<a href="#"><u>Maintenance and New Member Rally</u></a>	New member registration (2022-2023) opens on February 1. General registration opens in February 8. Registration Deadline April 20 Wait list to follow when rally fills Fort Collins, Lakeside RV Park Registration Deadline: April 20 Host: Dave Rose
June 2-4	<a href="#"><u>Airstream Amblin' at Rambler Ranch</u></a>	Registration opens April 2 Prior campground reservations are required before registering with CAC. Registration Deadline: May 2 Hosts; Will Sander, Luke Bernander
June 5-9	<a href="#"><u>Chama New Mexico Rally</u></a>	Registration is <b>OPEN</b> Prior campground reservations are required before registering with CAC. Registration Deadline: Feb 15 Wait list posted May 13 Host: Rob Hughey Co-Host: Chris Freeman

Rally registration opens at 9am Mountain on the release date.  
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## 2023 Rally Schedule (2 of 3)

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June 23 - 30	<a href="#"><u>Rolling to Rock Springs 66th International Rally</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Rock Springs, Wyoming</u></a>	 <p style="text-align: right;">International Rally Waitlist Registration Available</p>
July 13 - 15	<a href="#"><u>Estes Park Rally</u></a>	<p>Registration Opens: March 13 Registration Deadline: May 13 Wait list posted 6/29 Co-Host: Scott and Nina Kunze, Jack and Karen Meyer</p>
July 31-Aug 4	<a href="#"><u>Granby Rally at Sun Outdoors Rocky Mtn Resort</u></a>	<p>Registration Opens: April 1 Prior campground reservations are required before registering with CAC. Registration Deadline: June 1 Wait list posted: July 10 Host: Rob Hughey, Vicki Ottoson</p>
August 27-31	<a href="#"><u>Biking the Roaring Fork Valley at Carbondale</u></a>	<p>Registration Opens: June 27 Registration Deadline August 15 Wait list posted: August 6 Co-Hosts: Scott and Nina Kunze, Elliot and Barb Actor</p>
September 7-11	<a href="#"><u>Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials Rally</u></a>	<p>Registration Opens April 30 Registration Deadline: June 30 Wait list posted August 17 Co-Hosts: Steve Libhart, Rob Hughey</p>
September 7-10	<a href="#"><u>Carter Lake Rally</u></a>	<p>Registration Opens May 10 Registration Deadline: July 10 Wait list posted: August 17 Hosts: Von Campbell, Jim &amp; Rhonda Cooper</p>

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Date	Event	Description
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

Make this newsletter YOURS!

Send your articles to  
[chris.freeman+cacnews@gmail.com](mailto:chris.freeman+cacnews@gmail.com)  
 by the 15th of the month with the  
 subject line:  
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### 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.

## Airstream For Sale!



### 2006 Airstream 75th Special Edition 30' Classic

Extra clearance lights, badges and accessories  
 Maple cabinets  
 Queen rear bed  
 Two leather front recliners  
 Two 75 watt solar panels  
 Two gel cell batteries  
 Pressure Pro tire monitor  
 Hensley Hitch  
 New tires and water heater  
 Original owner--no smoking or pets  
 \$76K  
 Photos at 719-251-0416 or [lcoveredwagon@gmail.com](mailto:lcoveredwagon@gmail.com)  
 BRN 1330

### Do you have an Airstream for sale?

Club members can submit a listing for an  
 Airstream. The Colorado Airstream Club is  
 one of the largest units in the country and  
 your listing will reach many members.

Send an email to the [newsletter editor](#) to  
 submit your Airstream listing.

**FOR SALE**



## 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](mailto:dave.rose@coloradoairstreamclub.com).

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.



## Editorial Review

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