

The NorCal News



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President's Message

Greetings to all our members! I am quite happy we are heading into Spring. Our 1st rally at Yank's RV resort was a great success, with different activities well attended by our participating members. Brian & Juliet Scheuer along with Tony and Sharon Paz did an outstanding job as our Hosts.

By the time you read this, many Airstreamers will have gathered at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley for our 2nd Rally of 2023. "Thank You" to Dan & Gail Crutchfield, Dave & Marget Williams and Doug Fritz & Debbie Ames (Apprentices) for hosting.

It is important to note that the number of available sites at our rallies appear to fill up very quickly, with members registering and paying all their fees soon after the Jotform/Coupon is published in the Poppy. I recommend that if you wish to attend a rally and ensure you have an assigned site, please fill out *and* submit your Jotform/Coupon and payment (either via Zelle or check) early in the month. Once you have done that, you are a registered attendee/unit. Should you delay, you will probably be informed that all available sites for a rally are filled. In the event a rally is filled, your name will be added to a waiting list. If there are sufficient cancellations to reach your number (name) on the waiting list, you will be notified. Only then (with submitted Jotform and payment) can you participate in the rally. Your name is then removed from the waiting list and added to the registered participant spreadsheet. The one exception to this ritual is the rally in Sparks, Nevada, this June. See the inside of the Poppy for details on how to register for this rally.

Our 3rd and 4th rallies will be at the Lassen RV Park in McArthur, CA (May 17-21) and Sparks Marina RV Park in Sparks, NV (JUNE 14-18). They are both No Host rallies.

No matter if you are attending a rally or travelling independently to other locations in our beautiful country, we wish you safe travels. Stay healthy, stay happy and "keep on traveling!"

Jim Christie

(Photo taken during bike ride at Yanks Rally)



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From the Editor

It is now officially rally season, and of course we have coverage of NorCal's first rally of 2023 beginning on page 7. Reservations for the May rally at Lassen RV Park have closed, but this month we feature the unhosted Sparks, Nevada, rally that is set for June 14-18. If you are heading east to Rock Springs, Wyoming for the 2023 International Airstream Rally, this would be a good rally to attend since it is on the most direct route to Rock Springs. But if not, it is still worth attending for all the area has to offer. Check it out on page 3. **Please note that for the Sparks rally (only), you will be making and paying for your own reservations** directly through the park. So pay attention to the instructions on page 4 and call the Park directly to register.

This month, we are reporting some new changes to the rally schedule. The venue for the December Rally has been changed to Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne where we have had the Christmas rally for several years. I am told Jackson will not have its new RV area completed in time for our rally as they originally thought, due to weather delays, so some scrambling occurred behind the scenes to find another suitable site. Due to the change in location, the dates of the rally were also changed. The December Rally will now be a week earlier: November 29 - December 3. *Hosts are still needed*, so please contact Pat Lazzereschi if you are interested in hosting our most popular rally.

And speaking of Pat, she has a message for everyone on page 6.

Since it has been reported that some members are confused about how Zelle works, or how to get started, see page 6 for information that hopefully will help. And yes, I am one of you... Getting the Zelle App on my phone was the very helpful first step.

In the begging category... If you are a newer member or associate member, please consider sending me a profile of you (and if applicable your spouse) and a picture so that you can be introduced to the membership. We are interested in your background, what you do now, how you came into Airstreaming, and what kind/type of Airstream you own. Nothing lengthy is required. You can send it to me at

Ungerman72@gmail.com. Just because you introduced yourself at a rally does not mean that the rest of the club knows of you.

As always, if you have a suggestion for content, or wish to submit something for The Poppy, please let me know or submit to Ungerman72@gmail.com and I'll take a look at it.

*Elisa Ungerman
Poppy Editor*

2023 Rally Schedule

~~March 1 - 5 Yanks RV Park, Greenfield~~

~~Hosts: The Scheuers, Team Paz~~

**March 29 - April 2 Nevada County Fairgrounds,
Grass Valley**

Hosts: The Crutchfields and Williams

**May 17-21 Lassen RV Park McArthur
UNHOSTED**

**June 14-18 Sparks Marina RV Park Sparks Nev.
UNHOSTED**

**June 24-July 1 International Rally
Rock Springs, Wyo.**

Hosts: Airstream Club International

August 2 -6 Chris & Dean Davison's Fortuna

Co-Hosts: The Scheuers, Team Paz

Boondocking

Sept. 6-10 Santa Cruz RV Resort Felton

Hosts: The Echols, Roblee/Valerio, Becks

October 4-8 River Run RV Park Bakersfield

Hosts: NEEDED

October 25-28 Region 12 Rally Pismo Beach

Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 8-12 Pismo Coast RV Park Pismo Beach

Hosts: Ungermans & Garcias

Nov. 29-Dec 3 Black Oak Casino Tuolumne

Hosts: NEEDED

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 deadline to the Club Registrar. If a rally is full, there is a wait list. "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 and any refunds are covered by Club policies as shown on the rally coupon.



NorCal's June Rally is set at the Sparks Marina RV Resort, a nice park in the sprawling urban area that is Sparks, Nevada, the fifth largest city in Nevada. It is unhosted, so you are on your own to choose your own adventure.

The RV park is located within walking distance of Sparks Marina Park, which

was established on a naturally occurring aquifer. Aquatic activities include windsurfing, sailing, swimming, scuba diving, fishing and boating. The surrounding park includes walking paths, a dog park, volleyball courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, showers, and a concession stand.



Sparks tourist attractions include the Great Basin Brewing Company, Nugget Casino Resort, and Scheels, "The World's Largest All-Sports Store"; featuring multiple indoor displays and exhibits, including an indoor ferris wheel, two giant aquariums one can walk through/under. (Think Bass Pro Shop of Cabellas on steroids.) There is also Wild Island Family Adventure Park that boasts a multitude of year-round family fun including 36 holes of beautifully themed and landscaped miniature golf, a game arcade and redemption center, Sprint and Indy go kart raceways, a water park, and the Coconut Bowl that includes 40 lanes of bowling, among other attractions.

The Sparks Heritage Museum is also a draw, with 4000 square feet of indoor exhibit space and an outdoor train exhibit consisting of a Steam Locomotive, a Caboose and a Pullman Business Car. "Using artifacts to tell the story, the exhibits give a sense of the rapid changes northern Nevada has undergone, from ranching and

mining to the introduction of the railroad and into modern times. Tours can be arranged by appointment," according to their website.



The attractions of Reno (about 5 miles away) and Carson City, the capital of Nevada, (about 25 miles away) are nearby, making it easy to spend a day in either location. And you will only be about an hour and a half from Lake Tahoe, so even visiting the Lake is doable.



For several of you, this may be the launching pad for the trip to the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. But even if you are not attending the International Rally, this area is worth a visit to see some different sights and experience some new adventures.

Please read the instructions on registering for this rally on the following page, for they differ greatly from our usual routine. Be sure to let us know if you are coming via the jotform so we can let all attendees know.

Editor

Streaming In Sparks

Sparks Marina RV Park

1200 E Lincoln Way Sparks, NV 89434

(775) 851-8888

June 14-18, 2023

Name: _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

BRN # _____

Are you going on to the International Rally in Rock Springs? _____ Yes _____ No

When you registered with the RV Park, did they give you a site number? If so, what is it: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

For the Sparks Rally - you must make and pay for your own reservations. Please call the Park at 775-851-8888 to do so. It is recommended that you treat this like any other rally and sign up ASAP, albeit with the park.

Site cost is \$78.32 per night. You will be responsible for paying for your reservation when you make it. As this is an unhosted rally, there is no rally fee or any other associated fees.

When you call the Park, tell them you are with the Northern California Airstream Club and you will be parked together with other Club Members.

The Park says to make your reservations ASAP as it reports it fills up fast in the summer.

After you register with the Park, fill out the jotform so we can let those attending what Club Members will be joining them: <https://form.jotform.com/230787465822162>

Or send this form to NorCal Registrar Lori Bibby, 3029 Black Hawk Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648-7716.

NorCal Club Contacts 2023

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| 1 Tom Smithson | 16 Dace Roll |
| 3 Mike Malone | 18 Annie Barlow |
| 6 Harold Higgins | 20 Amy Webster |
| 7 Fred Lyon | 24 Fran Angerer |
| 11 Bill Maffei | 29 Phil Glassen |
| 11 Peggy Spence | 30 Vicki DeSmet |
| 11 Terry Totten | 30 Bob Totten |
| 14 Jim Gallagher | |

NorCal Membership Numbers	
169	Unit/Life Members
<u>49</u>	<u>Affiliate Members</u>
210	Total Members



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| 6 | Greg & JoAnn Kemist |
| 11 | Bob & Billie Verdegaal |
| 25 | Roy/Gail Hutto |

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Associates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an e-mail with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only).
norcalmembership@comcast.net.



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>

From the Rally Chair

I purchased my Airstream in 2014 without prior knowledge of the Airstream club and when I found out about the club I thought I'd check it out, nothing ventured nothing gained. Well I instantly loved it and have since remarked many times that it was the best thing about Airstream!



As many of you know, I jump into the deep end, and I got involved in coming to and hosting rallies. In 2015, I was asked to become the Rally Chair for 2016 and I accepted. It's now been my 8th year as Rally Chair; where did the time go?

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the club in this position even though it has been time consuming and challenging at times. It's time for me to step down and focus my energy in another direction. I will finish out this year and starting in January, Juliet Scheuer will take over as Rally Chair. I have every confidence that she will do an outstanding job! I'm not leaving the club. I will continue to host rallies and help the club in anyway I can.

Pat Lazzereschi

Help With Zelle

It has been reported that some members are confused about Zelle. I confess that when it came time to actually use Zelle, I was in the dark. This should help.

The first thing you need to understand is that **you** originate the payment, whether through your online bank portal or phone app, or through the Zelle phone app. The second thing is that each bank and platform may have a different way of doing things, so what specifically works for one may be different for another. I found using the Zelle phone app made things simple. If you download and use the Zelle app, you will be asked to identify your bank, and if your bank has affiliated with Zelle, you will be redirected to your bank's mobile app. Typically, there will be a menu on your banking app that will include a heading along the lines of "Transfers and Payments." Tap on that, and options such as transfers, bill pay, and "Send money with Zelle" will appear. Tap the Zelle option, and you will get redirected to Zelle, with a lengthy list of "Terms & Conditions," to which you will need to agree. Then you choose how you want your transactions conveyed to you (email or mobile number) and confirm the information. You will then get to the green "send or receive money" box. Tap on it to start the process of sending money.

You will be asked to choose a recipient. First time, you will need to add "a new recipient." If you tap on the wording, you will be on the "Add New Contact" page. Check the "Business" circle, enter WBCCI/Norcal in the Business Name area, and provide the information given to you in your rally registration confirmation on the next line, and denote whether it is an email or mobile number. Tap "save" and you are ready to indicate that the recipient is WBCCI/Norcal along with the amount you are transferring. Continue to follow the prompts.

Once you are done with the process and money has been sent, you will receive confirmation by email or text message depending on which you chose. The registrar will subsequently let you know when the money was received by NorCal and that you are registered for the rally.

If your bank is not affiliated with Zelle, you will be given the option to use a debit card. Provide the debit card information and follow the prompts which are similar to the above. This should get you started. For more information, see the article in the Jan/Feb 2023 Poppy, which is archived online on the Norcal web page. https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/NorCal-Zelle-Explained_0.pdf

-Editor



Spring Into Greenfield Rally

March 1 - 5, 2023

Given all the storms soaking Northern California this year, we feel very lucky with the good weather we had for the March Rally. On Tuesday, early arrivals drove through some moderate rain. But the majority of the rally attendees arrived at Yanks RV Resort on Wednesday, with blue skies!

On Wednesday, we kicked off the 2023 Rally season with the return of the NorCal tradition of Social Hour Appetizers supplied by designated members. This tradition of sharing appetizers was suspended in 2020, due to pandemic protocols, so we were happy to bring it back! We had members draw door prizes during social hour, with a fun variety of prizes to choose from. Dinner was a Potato Bake prepared by the hosts: Brian and Juliet Scheuer, and Tony and Sharon Paz. Participants enjoyed an abundance of freshly baked potatoes, with chili, salads, fresh cooked bacon and all the other accoutrements! Dessert was gourmet quality cookies provided by our very own Vicki DeSmet – yummy! After dinner we had a competitive game of Pub Trivia, with prizes for the winners.

On Thursday we all met up at Creekside Farms, in Greenfield, for an interesting tour of a farm business who hand-creates high quality floral wreaths. A number of us took advantage of a special discount that included a free wreath delivery to Yanks. The weather was



perfect for an outdoor farm tour: no wind and warm blue sky.

In preparation for our upcoming visit to Pinnacles, there was An Introduction to Nature Journaling class in the clubroom, which had a large turnout. Social hour included more appetizers and more door prizes. We then had a quick fun round of Bingo (more prizes), before dispersing on our own for dinner.

On Friday we had the best weather yet! We met at the visitor center at Pinnacles National Park. We then moved on over to the picnic area, where dogs are welcome.



Airstreamers then went hiking and we saw people wearing shorts and short sleeves!

The Condor viewing was the best this author has ever experienced. What a majestic bird, and what a successful endangered species recovery program. We met back at Yanks for appetizers and door prizes.



To cap off the day, 30 members partook in a rousing game of the dice game Left-Right-Center, with the big pot of winnings going to Amy Webster!



Saturday started with Board and General Meetings. Everyone then drove about two miles to Roy's Swiss Sausage Factory, for a complimentary full lunch! Happy carnivores later

purchased gourmet meats at the butchery.

Social hour included more door prizes, with all members receiving at least one prize. Dinner was catered by a local Mexican restaurant. Dessert was a special celebration of Past President Dennis Richardson's 80th birthday, with brownie cupcakes.

The rain showed up Saturday evening, just in time to serenade all 30 Airstreams and occupants to sleep in their warm, dry, beds, while they rested up for the drive home.

Brian Scheuer

Photos continued next page



Gabriella Rappaport and Paula Hammond are "degreened" by Jim Christie



The DeSmets too.



Happy Hostesses with their host gifts from our President



New Members Holly and Berry Baskin



The Browns getting closer to being "degreened."



Dave Kirsten, NorCal's "Best Kept Secret," a member for 15 years who lives in Alaska but came to this rally.



At Pinnacles



Bike riding 17 Mile Drive



30 plus playing Left-Right-Center



Welcome in NorCal Airstream Club! Thanks for coming!

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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. Also available is the five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership when you attend a rally.

