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

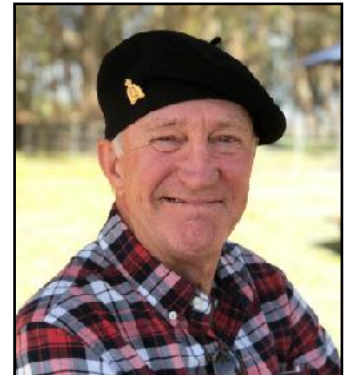
October 25-28 Region 12 Rally, Pismo Coast Village RV

President's Letter

Hello GLAACER'S,
I like calling all our loyal members by this moniker. I hope everyone survived the atmospheric rivers that we experienced. Although the Kenney Grove rally was rained out, the Palm Springs Modernism event was a huge success. The inclement weather presented some problems and the Kenney Grove rally has been rescheduled for the week before the V6 Bluegrass Rally on May 11-15. We have 30 rigs scheduled for the Bluegrass Rally, but there is still room for more campers if anyone is interested. Contact the Events Committee for more information.

The Chino Hills rally was fun and well attended. Look for photos in this edition. The International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming is creeping closer so get your cowboy gear dusted off and get ready to kick up your heels.

The rain has not stopped Nancy and I from getting our rig out for some fun times and I hope you are venturing out also. Making repairs and upgrades to our trailers is a fun and necessary task, and the only way to identify these issues is to use our rigs. The Events Committee is busy looking into the upcoming rare total solar eclipse in April 2024. This eclipse will pass over Mexico, North America and Canada and will be the last eclipse visible in our continent until 2044. Those of you who have experienced an eclipse can attest to what a special event it is.



More information to follow on a possible Solar Eclipse caravan to Texas. It will be right before the 2024 Cali Rally and you do not want to miss this event! After the eclipse we will have almost 12 days to return to California and the Cali Rally. Definitely enough time to get to the V6 Ranch in Parkfield, California for the special memories that will be made there.

My hope as President is that all of our newer members will attend an event and see how much fun there is to be had. Reach out to myself or any member of the GLAAC to get more information on our events. Our website is a great place to get valuable information on our club, all that we do, who we are and all things Airstream.

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

Until next time, safe travels and always flash those headlights.

Warmly,
Michael

2024 Events Survey Results

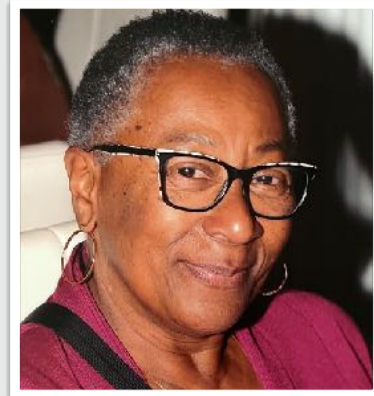
submitted by Linda Calderon

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN! The January survey was your opportunity to let the Events Committee know where you would like to explore in 2024. With 42 survey respondents:

- 65% retired
- 28% working full time
- 7% working part time

Club members shared their interest in going somewhere new with a high interest in Bishop, California's, Mule Days.

Members also expressed an interest in Lake Tahoe and a caravan for the Solar Eclipse. In addition, activities around hiking, golf, pickle ball, concerts, seminars and games were shared.



Linda Calderon, Events Chairperson

The committee is working to complete the 2024 calendar by returning to some of our favorite sites but adding a great selection of new venues.

Thank you to all who participated in the survey. I'll see you down the road!

Upcoming 2023 Events

May 11 - Bluegrass Festival at the V6 Ranch (8 sites still available!)

June 1 - El Chorro Park (5 sites still available!)

August 17 - Washburn Campground, San Simeon State Park (book your own site)

September 14 - Rancho Sedona RV Park, Sedona, AZ (book your own site)

DID YOU RECEIVE the email information on our club's photo directory? We're up and running and happy to have so many members participate in this useful directory. If you need information or wish to participate, please reach out to **Carolyn Tomlinson: cbtomlinson@cox.net**

Bolivia, finally!

submitted by Leslie Clark

I was packed and ready to leave first thing in the morning when Covid shut down the world. It was March 2020.

Finally, in February 2023, my journey to Bolivia was to become a reality. Organized by fellow desert loving friends I had taken to my favorite desert, the Sahara, we were finally on our way to South America and La Paz, Bolivia.



Leslie Clark

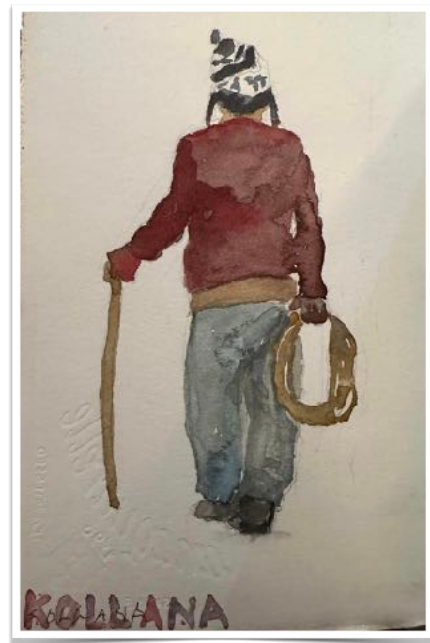


Our goal was to explore the Altiplano high in the Andes Mountains at a 15,000 foot elevation. For me, however, the main attraction was the Salar de Uyuni. This is the world's largest salt flat and after the rains, it is covered with three inches of water and is known as God's mirror as it perfectly reflects the sky. Here, you simply put on your rubber boots and walk on the clouds. It also happens to be one of the most spectacular night skies so you can also walk on the stars!

When we arrived at the Salar de Uyuni, I found three Airstreams parked at the water's edge. While I didn't have the opportunity to meet the adventurous occupants, it did make me long for my vintage Airstream back home. After asking around, I found this excursion can be booked here. <https://www.scottdunn.com/us/bolivia>



Camping is a bit more challenging, but doable, without an Airstream. Here at Sud Lipis, my tent was perched at the edge of a stream and provided hours of inspiration to pull out my watercolors and recall the people we met, the colors of La Paz and this amazing journey!



Daytona 500...in our Airstream!

submitted by Paula Hammer

By the time you receive this issue of the Urban Update our trek to Florida and back will be complete! We've logged a lot of miles over the last four months and hopefully you have seen a few of our posts on the GLAAC Facebook page. While we had lots of adventures along the way, our #1 Bucket List item was attending the Daytona 500 and it did not disappoint!

We didn't know what to expect and I have to admit when we backed into our site I wondered how we were going to survive five days camping on the racetrack's infield. We secured a spot in the dry camping area as Newbies don't stand a chance of scoring a coveted power/water site. After several years of attendance we found out you might be able to "relocate." Our site was in the Green Lot off Turn 4 and I mean *right off* Turn 4 of the race.



We had almost a front row view of the cars flying by on the track which meant we could HEAR the cars! We were indoctrinated into track activities by the folks that paid and participated in the NASCAR Racing Experience. This Experience gives you the opportunity to actually drive a NASCAR. The race cars began whizzing by at 9:00 a.m. and I was especially concerned about how Finn would be with all the noise. As the days passed we all seemed to adjust to the noise, I think mostly because of temporary hearing loss. However, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds practice did get a rise out of Finn and as the trailer shook, he vigorously alerted us that they were coming through the skylight!

One thing that struck me as we set-up camp, why all the generators? The motorhome behind us had either their rig generator or a very loud Predator 9000 running the entire time and our request to have the beast generator moved away from our trailer door went unheeded. It appears the camping guidelines were merely suggestions and, unfortunately, those generators ran 24/7.



Steve & Paula Hammer

Why don't these rigs don't have solar? After all, Florida gets lots of sunshine. It seems the Daytona 500 fans are a very creative bunch. Little did we know that most of the campers don't buy seats but rather during the race, they spend most of the time on the roof of their rig. Steve and Finn took off several times during the day to check out the views from the other camping areas and found some of the setups were amazing! One guy had rented several U-Haul vans, parked them side by side and voilà, he created a platform viewing deck!



We went all out and had awesome seats just to the left of the Start/Finish line, but rooftop viewing was a part of the experience we missed. Equipped with headphones and a scanner we watched all four races. Attending the Daytona 500 was definitely a memorable experience, so much so that we have signed up for 2024 - tentatively! We are happy to share tips on how to book infield camping, care to join us?

Meet A Member

submitted by Mona Heath

“NICE AWNING!” It was a surreal moment - I was “trapped” in our newly renovated 1969 25’ Tradewind with a gracious crowd of people waiting outside to see the Airstream that floated in a flood. It’s true, I purchased this trailer after it floated in the Vernonia, Oregon flood and sat with a tub full of river water, mud and debris but hey, the marine battery worked which gave this rookie hope.

I was the typical new owner of an iconic Airstream who was enthralled with those “ghost” numbers. I found the Oregon Airstream Club and joined immediately. For the next two and a half years, I attended rallies without a trailer while devoting countless time and re\$ource\$ bringing her to life with a very mid-century modern vibe. Once completed, I breathlessly awaited a response from the Airstream Life team who, at that time, were producing the Modernism Week Vintage Trailer Show in Palm Springs. Not only was “Kalakala” accepted but she won the People’s Choice Award. AirForums and the Oregon club members were a huge resource with a dedicated group of members helping to polish her before the trip to California.



Tim & Mona with Izzy



That AirForums thread, and “the awning”, brought some of the most wonderful people I know into my life. After weaving my way through the people inside Kalakala, I asked the crowd who had commented on the awning with this smiling couple, Jim & Lynda Polk, responding “Silver Pal”. Shortly thereafter I met “Wakerfoot” aka Bill & Beth Kerfoot. Life and career changes brought me to Southern California where I expanded my Airstream family by joining Central Coast California and El Camino unit rallies. Memories of time spent with the Polks in Ojai ideating a new club with a vibrant, new logo with creative rallies and bucket-list caravans are forever etched in my mind and in my heart.

Fast forward to 2023 and I’m living in our new-to-us RV port home in Mission, Texas with my beloved fiancé Tim and our pup Izzy and loving our travels in our 30’ Classic named LoveShack. Over the past 15 years, I’ve owned seven Airstreams. For a while, I thought I needed to rescue cute vintage trailers!!

While I continue to remain a member of the Oregon Club and a charter affiliate member of GLAAC, Region 12 will always have a special place in my heart. Look forward to seeing many of you in Rock Springs this summer and wish you all happy & memorable travels.

April's Chino Hills event in photos!



From trail hikes, a guided tour, bike rides and visiting the nearby Swaminarayan Hindu temple; to good friends, delicious food and great times together, the Chino Hills event was another one for the books!

Our GLA Members Are On The Go!



Michael, Nancy, Yvonne and Stuebe - Jalama Beach



Steve, Dennis, Pam and Paula - Borrego Springs



Steve, Paula, Lynda and Jim - Fort Wilderness



Lauretta & Pierre, Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve



Glenn and Stella, Paso Robles



Marion, Linda, Jim and Don at Dodger Stadium



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's photo directory is on the website in the 'members only' section. We would love to include you in this directory. Please send your photo (jpeg format works best) to Carolyn at [cibtomlinson@cox.net](mailto: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!