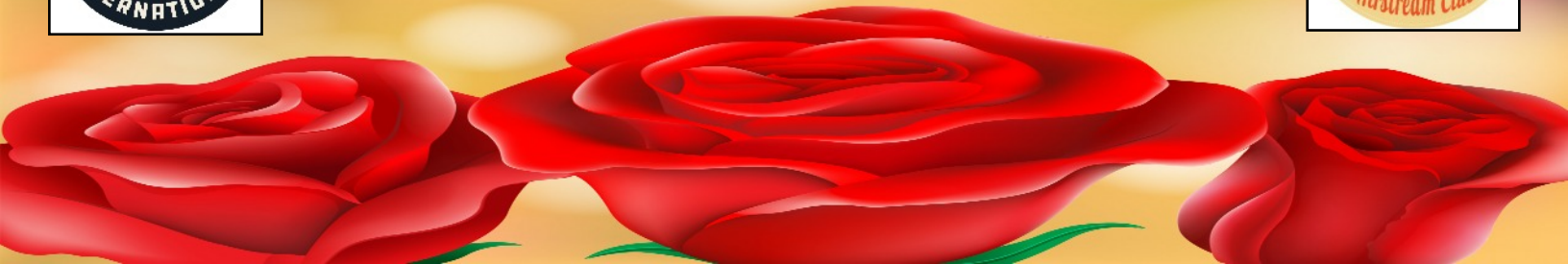


The NorCal News



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President's Message

Once again, greetings to you, our members. Can you all imagine that we are six months into 2023 already? As I write this, Deborah and I are packing our trailer to depart tomorrow, May 16th. We will be seeing many of you at Lassen RV Resort in McArthur for our first of two No Hosts Rallies. I am looking forward to an unstructured rally where the only planned event is a Board Meeting. Many have their own plans that include kayaking, bike riding, star gazing and BBQ dinners, either with others or just by themselves.

Deborah and I are also looking forward to our trip to the International in June. I hope that all of you travelling to Wyoming have done your homework and prepared your necessary equipment, done safety checks on your tow vehicles, made sure your trailer tires are in excellent condition, checked your propane tanks and triple-checked your packing lists. A safe and uneventful journey, to and from, is what we want for all of you. If you "think" everything is ready, check again. You will be ready when you "KNOW" you are ready. Always plan for the unexpected. Be sure to pack your medications, if you take medications. Forgetting them or running out of them is not an easy fix. If I sound like a "Father Rooster", it is because I care about your experience and, more importantly, I care about each of you. So, act like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, BE PREPARED!

Moving on to *your* travels, I trust many of you have been out and about, enjoying your Airstream and soaking in the beauty of our country. Deborah and I would love to hear about your travels, if you care to share. Elisa (Poppy Editor) is always looking for articles to share with our members in the Poppy. Submit your experience and

pictures to Elisa. I have enjoyed past submitted articles and photos and thank you all for sharing.

If you did not go to Lassen and are not attending International, our Rally Poster Board listing future rallies shows we still need hosts for River Run RV Park in Bakersfield, October 4th – 8th. This is a very nice RV Park, close to Hwy 99, Costco, many nearby restaurants and even Buck Owen's Crystal Palace, a fun place to visit with good country music and good food. Note: for the Crystal Palace, you will need to make reservations before you go.

Well enough from me. 'Till we see you this month or in the future, "Keep on Travelin'."

Jim Christie



Any guesses on where we are in photo?

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From the Editor

This month, The Poppy celebrates that June is National Rose Month. Take time to enjoy the roses in your areas. June is also National Celebrate the Outdoors Month, which Airstreamers do every time we travel in our Airstreams. I am writing this during



the May Rally at Lassen RV park, where there is certainly a lot of outdoors to celebrate, since Lassen National Park, Burney Falls State Park (our second oldest state park), a few National Forests, Crystal Lake fish hatchery, Baum Lake, Hat Creek, and more are nearby. No roses have been spotted, but the lilacs are in full bloom, along with Irises, Red Bud trees and

the tiny flowers that populate wetland areas that appear dried out. Summary and photos of the Lassen rally begins on page 7. All the rallies and caravans happening in June no doubt will give us more opportunity to celebrate the outdoors, and I for one am looking forward to it!

Since Ed and I will be on the NorCal caravan to Wyoming, there is no Poppy in July, but keep an eye out for the July 1st blast regarding the Santa Cruz/Felton rally to be held in September.

In this issue, starting on pg. 3, we feature the coupon and summary for the August rally – which is being held at Dean and Chris Davison’s ranch in Fortuna, CA, truly “NorCal.” Please note that this is a dry camping event, although electricity and water will be available. Dumping tanks will not be available, but the hosts have located a gas station located close by that offers a free dump station. **There are only 23 available slots, so if you want to go, it is recommended you sign up soon and pay via Zelle to secure a spot. If you are sending a check, please send it Juliet Scheuer this month** as Lori Bibby and Jose Ortiz will be travelling when payments come in. See the coupon for the instructions and her address. **Note too that camping is only available Tuesday thru Sunday**, unlike the typical rally offering. We have been to Schmooville Ranch, and I can vouch that it is a wonderful location to kick back and relax, especially since it no doubt will be much cooler there than in most of the rest of California at that time. It is also a wonderful location to visit, with many interesting places relatively close by that you would not normally get to visit.

Highlighted on page 10 is now ongoing voting for the Airstream Club Executive Committee – a first time event. Typically people, for whatever reason, don’t vote, but it would be nice if much of the NorCal membership took some time to educate themselves as to the candidates and picked nine they think will do a good job. You might be glad you did sometime in the future.

I hope you can get out and about this month to celebrate Outdoor Month, whether with a group or on your own. Think about sharing your travels in The Poppy (send submissions to me). See you down the road. (Photo taken at outside sculpture display near McArthur.)

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,
Team Nathan & Ryan
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: The Ungermans & **Salingers****

- Nov. 29-Dec 3 Black Oak Casino Tuolumne
The Websters, Marsons, & Team Rappaport/Haymond**

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.



Summertime in Schmooville

Hosts: Brian and Juliet Scheuer, Tony and Sharon Paz and Apprentices Nate and Ryan , with special thanks to Dean and Chris Davison. Cell phone contacts: Brian 630-445-3818, Tony 910-849-9021, Dean 408-690-3739.

Welcome to the home and ranch of NorCal members Dean and Chris Davison (aka: "Schmooville Ranch"), located in Fortuna, CA, about 17 miles south of Eureka, CA.

August in Fortuna is generally cool and comfortable (2022 high was 73 Degrees)! The ranch features a large, freshly mowed, dog-friendly grass field with plenty of room for 23 Airstreams. This is a peaceful dry camping experience. To minimize the use of generators, we plan to "pass the extension cord," allowing for a recharge of each Airstream's battery system. To support your dry camping needs, there will be a hose chain for fresh water and we have identified a nearby location to empty your black and gray holding tanks upon departure.



We will host four social hours and two dinners from the large deck of the Davison home, where you can enjoy expansive views of the Ferndale Valley, with the Eel River in the foreground and the Pacific Ocean in the background. Hot coffee will be provided each morning on the deck, too! The Rally will start off on Wednesday with a social hour on the deck, including appetizers and \$1 Margaritas or slushies, followed by a dinner with Dean's pulled pork or a tasty

vegan alternative. Members are asked to bring a side-salad or dessert, potluck style. The evening will conclude with a gathering around a warm campfire or inside the Ranch house for Airstream games.

Thursday will start with hot coffee on the deck. We have an afternoon free-tour booked for 20 people at Lost Coast Brewery, about 17 miles away, in Eureka. Afterward there will be a social hour on the deck, again with appetizers and margaritas. Dinner is on your own, so bring your own item to grill on the Schmooville BBQ. The evening will conclude with another campfire and Airstream Games, of course!



Friday, after coffee on the deck, there is a special opportunity to participate in 1 of 2 Fermentation classes! Dean is a Master Food Preserver and will offer 2 classes: Pickle Fermentation, or Sauerkraut Fermentation (or both, if room is available). Each class is limited to 12 students. All ingredients and supplies are included in the class fee. You will take home your pickles or sauerkraut after the class. We have a mid-afternoon free tour scheduled at Forest Lakes Nursery, an easy walk from Schmooville. Forest Lakes Nursery specializes in Dwarf Conifers. Social

hour on the deck will be followed by a Pizza Party, with homemade pizza/flatbread and dips (vegan options, too!).



Again, the evening will conclude with an evening campfire and Airstream Games.

Saturday, after coffee on the deck, the schedule is open to explore the area. We can recommend a visit to Ferndale, Blue Ox Mill Works and Historic Village, Samoa Cookhouse, Clendenen's Cider Works, Humboldt Distillery, Fortuna Depot Museum, Carson Mansion, Eel River Brewing, Saturday Night Arts Alive in Eureka, and lots more! We will again host social hour on the deck, with dinner on your own, followed by a campfire.

Sunday it's time to hit the road! Stop in at the Shell Gas Station at 723 S Fortuna Blvd, Fortuna, CA 95540, where they have a complimentary RV dump station. Buy gas or pick up some snacks for the road as a courtesy to use the dump station. Finally, your hosts are teaming with ideas - so don't be surprised if



additional activities are added. Perhaps a Hay Ride? Blacklight Treasure Hunt? Lots of fun, for sure! Note, this rally is limited to 23 Airstreams, so don't delay!

Summertime in Schmooville!

Dean & Chris Davison's Ranch

Fortuna, CA

August 2-6, 2023

A Boondocking Event

A Boondocking Event

Name: _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

BRN # _____

Arrival Day _____

Departure Day _____

RV length _____

Rally Parking Fee _____ nights @ \$10 per night [Tues - Sunday available] Parking Fee \$ _____

Rally Fee _____ persons @ \$7.50 per person Rally Fee \$ _____

Wednesday Nite Dinner _____ persons @ \$7.50 pp Wed. Nite Dinner \$ _____

Check: one: Pork _____ Vegan _____

Bringing: Desert _____ Salad _____



Thursday: Lost Coast Brewery: _____ persons

Friday: Fermentation Class _____ person for pickle class @ \$15 pp
 _____ person for sauerkraut class @ \$15 pp Fermentation \$ _____

Friday Pizza Party _____ @ \$7.50 pp Fri. Nite Pizza Party \$ _____

TOTAL RALLY COST \$ _____

REVISED INSTRUCTIONS

- Either directly register online using the jotform link: <https://form.jotform.com/230640841758156> or follow the 'Register for the Rally' link on the webpage (<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california/rallies-and-events>), or send this form and payment to the registrar at norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com. **It is preferred you register online**, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer to keep track of rally registrations.
- **You can now choose to pay your rally fee online via Zelle if your bank participates (initiate through App or bank app) or send check directly to Juliet Scheuer this month. (See below)**
- If you pay by check, **make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal and mail to Interim NorCal Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer 1025 Pintail Circle, Folsom, CA 95630.**
- If you want to pay via Zelle but do not know how or if your bank participates, check out: <https://www.zellepay.com/>
- **Refund Policy:** Cancellations and/or changes to registration must be received no later than Wednesday of the week prior to the rally, in other words, a week before the start of the rally. Refunds will be available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Parking fees are refunded according to RV park cancellation policy. Meals, tours, rally fees, etc., are refunded if money has not been spent by the hosts.
- **Please contact the Rally Registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration**, or wish to register after the deadline. **973-270-4132. She will contact you as soon as she can.**
- **Under no circumstances are members to contact the RV Park with changes or cancellations.**
- NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe but also the employees of the RV Parks and the communities we visit safe, which in turn allows us to continue to rally during the pandemic. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, please do not sign up for this rally. If you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.
- Please inform the Registrar if you need a handicap accommodation, or if this is your first NorCal rally.
- Your registration is incomplete and not confirmed until we receive BOTH your registration and payment. Do not wait until the last minute to pay or you may not have a site regardless of when you initially apply.

NorCal Club Contacts 2023

Jim Christie	President
Carmen Ortiz	1st Vice President
Tary Salinger	2nd Vice President
Amy Webster	Secretary
José Ortiz	Treasurer
Carole Echols	Senior Trustee
Mark Winchell	Senior Trustee
Tom Webster	Trustee
Bill Maffei	Trustee
Bob Verdegaal	Immediate Past President
Hedda Smithson	Parliamentarian
Hedda Smithson	Constitution & Bylaws
Marget Williams	Membership
Elisa Ungerman	Poppy Editor & BB Reporter
Tom Smithson	Directory & Audio/Visual
Carmen Ortiz	Webmaster
John Bibby	Assistant Webmaster
Pat Lazzereschi	Rally Chair
Lori Bibby	Registrar
Bob Vasser	Caravan Chair
Cathy Maffei	Sunshine

**Welcome New
Members**

**Welcome New
Affiliate Members**

Brian Moss

Dennis Coles

Nikki & Bob Robertson

Ola & Bruce How

Joanne Bowsman & Shing Kong

John Rosica & Christine Wilkinson

Liz & Marc DesJardins

NorCal Membership Numbers

189 Unit/Life Members
58 Affiliate Members
247 Total Members



June Birthdays

- 1 Mike Minadeo
- 3 Cathy Sandy
- 7 David Kirstien
- 11 Lori Bibby
- 13 Gregg Motta
- 17 Beverley Wainwright
- 17 Mark Winchell
- 22 Tom Bain
- 25 Carol Kurzrock
- 27 Phyllis Minadeo

July Birthdays

- 3 Audrey Langstroth
- 5 Jill Wilson
- 10 Bob Echols
- 13 Margaret Handshoe
- 15 Dan Crutchfield
- 21 Alan Aguilar
- 24 Brian Scheur
- 31 Maureen Delorefice
- 31 Bob Minder
- 31 Melody Rasco



June Anniversaries

- 1 Tom & Amy Webster
- 3 John/Dace Roll
- 4 Kit & Audrey Langstroth
- 5 Dan/Gail Crutchfield
- 6 Larry/Maureen Delorefice
- 9 Larry/Kathy Warren
- 13 Charlie/Jane Wright
- 15 Bev Wainwright/Fredric Sloan
- 19 Steve/Yoshiko Deiwert

July Anniversaries

- 1 John/Elain White
- 2 Tom/Lora Broad
- 2 Mark/Darlene Winchell
- 6 Tony/Betty Sica
- 7 John/Mary Diamond
- 7 Ronald/Luann Hollis
- 11 Barry/Claudia Marson
- 13 Dave/Jill Wilson
- 22 Tom/Patti Reed
- 27 James/Sarah Curl
- 29 Steve/Leslie Irey

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES



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>



Lounging at Lassen RV Park

Unhosted Rally May 17 -21, 2023



The scenery of the Burney/Falls River Mills/McArthur area and the weather did not disappoint those who attended the May Rally at Lassen RV Campground. Indeed, they were the stars of the show. Although unhosted, the roughly 50 attendees found plenty of things to do at the rally, including hiking in the woods surrounding the campground, visiting Burney Falls State Park, Lassen National Park, the Crystal Lake Fish Hatchery and adjacent Baum lake, kayaking or hiking at Big Lake adjacent to Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park, fishing, bicycle riding, eating at local restaurants, enjoying 4 p.m. happy hours in the picnic area, nightly campfires at various trailers, playing board games and more, such as just reading at the campsite or quietly visiting with others. A fun find was

an art display of characters made from discarded metal objects, some 25 feet high!

Due to all the rain this year, the area was green and lush, with plenty of wildlife viewing (the pelicans were huge) and a low fire danger. The water level in the creeks and lakes was at a high-high. Burney Falls was just awash, with so much water falling over the top from the river you could barely see the underground flows as they spilled out the rock underneath.

The RV park has a scenic viewpoint of Mount Shasta – whose mantle of snow was spectacular (as was Mount Lassen’s). Many attendees made a point to watch the sun slip behind Shasta as it set. Simply stunning. Several new members attended this rally and were introduced during the evening happy hour.

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Even without rally hosts, NorCalers gather for their nightly Happy Hour(s). 1. A group of Happy NorCalers with a local pink flamingo; 2. Nathan Ogilvie and Ryan Shackelford are “degreened” by President Jim Christie; 3.&4. NorCalers in the picnic house; 5. New Members Barry and Holly Baskin; 6. New Members Janet and Dan Margolis; 7. New Members: Judy & Walt Bremer; 8. Deb Christie, Doug Fritz and Debbie Ames; 9. New Members: Skip & Jan Munsee; 10. Doug Fitzgerald & friend Jesse Doornik.

Lassen Continued ...

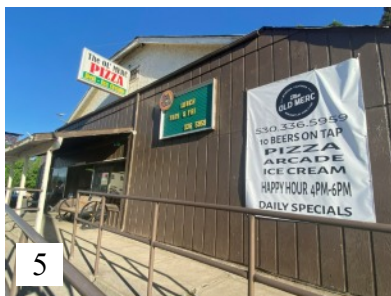
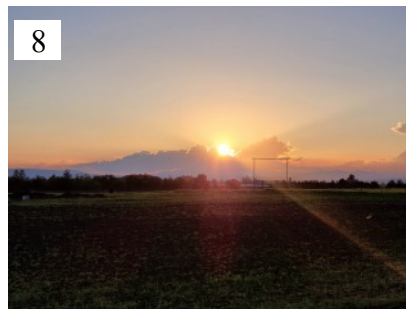
All seemed to enjoy themselves, especially on Saturday evening when Juliet Scheuer filled in for Deanna Bain on Birthdays and Anniversaries, the “Redding Guys” Nathan and Ryan were “degreened,” then First VP Carmen Ortiz and incoming Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer gave a presentation on the tentative rallies for 2024, which was very interesting and exciting since several new potential rally sites were announced. More information to come as they work out the schedule over the next few months. Plus they discussed the flash rally to Death Valley next February, with campsite sign ups thru [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) on August 7th. (See May Poppy

for May details and be prepared when you sign up.) There will be some changes to the current registration process with which we are familiar, due to how parks are now handling groups, and if they handle groups. So we were instructed to be patient, pay attention and go with the flow as the Club feels its way through this “new world” of rally registration.

President Jim Christie bid us all a fond farewell, and we were off on our own, to cook dinner, or visit with friends, or prepare to leave the next day or all of the above. Once again, fond memories were created at Lassen RV Park.

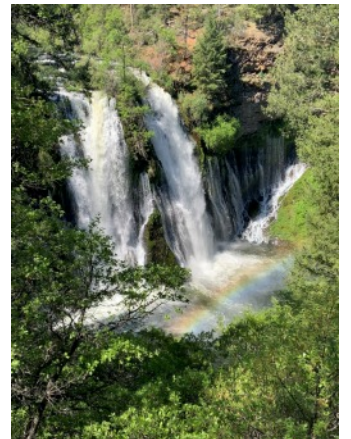
-Editor

1&2: Juliet Scheuer celebrates May and June Birthdays and Anniversaries; 3,4&5: Notable restaurants in McArthur: Crumbs (for lunch/dinner - 5 star!; Anni's Rendezvous Cafe (for excellent breakfast/lunch) and OI Merc Pizza (lunch/dinner - always packed); 6&7: Airstreamers at Crumbs, a popular place! 8: sunset by the RV park; 9: Brian Scheuer, Mark Winchell & Ed Ungerman; 10: Nathan&Ryan; 11: Relaxing at the RV Park; 12: Blooming Lilacs; 13: More nearby sculpture



Thanks to Holly Baskin and Marget Williams for submitting additional photos

Some of the scenery and recreation around McArthur, CA



ACI Executive Council Election is NOW.



You may (or may not) recall that last year, the Airstream Club International voted to reorganize its governing structure, with a 22-person International Board of Trustees (IBT) overseeing the affairs of the Club and choosing International Officers. This IBT will consist of a nine-person Executive Council, elected at large from the entire Airstream Club membership, plus all the Region Presidents who were previously elected by their region members.

This month (June) is the election for the nine-member Executive Council. As of June 1, every member who has submitted an email address to HQ should receive an email with voting instructions from the International Airstream Club. Voting will end June 15th, so you have two weeks in which to cast your ballot. Repeating - every member, not just unit, will have the opportunity to vote as long as each person affiliated with an Airstream product has provided HQ with a separate email address. The electronic voting

platform is secure and confidential. However, should you wish to vote using a paper ballot, please contact Club HQ at 937-596-5211 by no later than June 1, 2023. All completed paper ballots must be postmarked by no later than June 15, 2023.

There are 30 candidates for the nine positions. Who are they? A many-varied group of people from across the U.S. and Canada who, for a variety of reasons, are interested in participating in the management level of the Club. Most have posted a 2 minute UTube video on why they deserve your vote. Frankly, I was dreading watching the videos, but I started and it became a binge-worthy endeavor. You will be surprised, I think. Click here: [Get to know the 2023-2025 Executive Council Candidates - YouTube](#) to watch.

The May issue of the Blue Beret also contains information regarding the election. Plus, each candidate has submitted a statement that can be accessed on the ACI website.

<https://airstreamclub.org/members/login?destination=/member-only-section> Enter your log-in information, find the election info from the menu, click the candidate's name and, when you've finished reviewing the Statement of Candidacy, use the "back" arrow of your browser and move on to the next. To make it easier, Region 12 has sent every member a "cheat sheet" spread sheet with everyone and their basic information listed and links to videos. Check your email.

Yes, some effort is involved to make an informed decision but it may be worth it down the road.












Why should you care? These people are important because they (not the membership) will select the next President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from the Executive Council (who will serve for two years) and they will be running the Club. So they will have a big

-Editor

TOO LATE

This in from Deanna Bane. If you were thinking about joining the NorCal Caravan in Rock Springs at the community college there in order to roll with it into the Sweetwater Event Center in Wyoming for the International Caravan and did not inform Deanna or Bob Vasser by May 10th, it is now too late to do so. International set a deadline for providing the names of all those entering with the Caravan and is no longer allowing additions to the list. You will receive an email for International with the time you can enter. Thus, do not show up to the community college. The NorCal Caravan should be entering the grounds around 12:30ish pm on June 24th, so you may be parked nearby Caravan-goers if you arrive in/around that time, but there are no guarantees as people are parked in whatever areas as they arrive, with different areas set aside for caravans. In any event, with a cell phone and various Apps, you should be able to find whomever you wish once inside the Event Center.

-Editor

							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 NATIONAL GROUCH DAY 	2 NATIONAL ROCKY ROAD DAY 	3 HAPPY NATIONAL DONUT DAY 	
4 HUG YOUR CAT DAY 	5	6	7	8	9 	10	
11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY 	Sparks Nevada Rally			17
NorCal Caravan to International							
18 HAPPY Father's DAY 	19	20	21 SUMMER SOLSTICE 	22	23	24 Rolling To ROCK SPRINGS WY 66th Airstream Club International Rally June 24-30 2023 	
NorCal Caravan to International							
25	26	27	28	29	30 NATIONAL HANDSHAKE DAY 		
International Rally: Rock Springs, Wyoming							

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.

