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From the President

Spam Note

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from "President - South Coast CA Airstream Club":
019President@wbcci.net

Call for articles

Do you have something to say?

Please submit all articles of interest to our membership for publication. Ideas include news, travel, RV tips, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos.

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COMING IN DECEMBER: ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The annual club meeting and election for next year's slate of officers happens in December each year. This year it will be hosted at an Italian restaurant. The ornament exchange is always lots of fun, with limited stealing allowed. So, don your ugly sweaters and sign up for the evening of shenanigans.

President's Corner

BY MIKE BIAGI

Hi everyone!

The fall weather is finally upon us. With the cooler temperatures come more opportunities to explore all the beauty that Southern California has to offer, starting with our rally in Borrego Springs which will be held next weekend. This is always a popular destination, and it has proven to be so again this year.

November is also the time we start thinking about the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Our Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, December 4, in San Clemente. Additional details will be coming out shortly, but I am happy to report that this will be a fully hosted event. You won't need to bring anything except an ornament for our annual ornament exchange if you wish to participate.

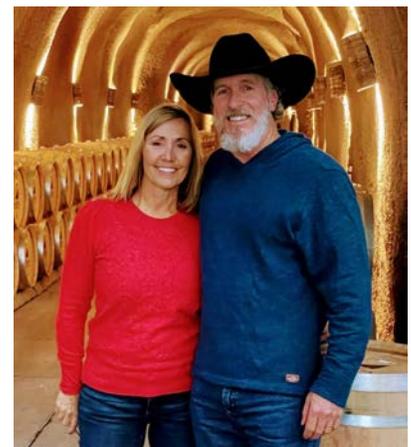
Also, very shortly our Nominating Committee will meet to formally present the slate of officers for a calendar year 2023. I'm excited that we have such a strong group of volunteers who are stepping in to lead the Club next year.

It has been a great honor for me to serve as your President over the last year. We have had a great year as we navigated the end of the pandemic, a wildfire that caused a last-second cancellation of a rally, and the growth of our club beyond what any of us could have imagined. We now have more than 120 rigs listed on our directory. I guess it's no wonder that our rallies sell out so quickly.

I hope the holidays treat you and your families very, very well and again, thank you to each one of you for your ongoing participation and involvement in this Club. You as members are the heart and soul of what makes this so much fun, and why we have seen the tremendous growth and the deep friendships that have resulted from our times together.

If I don't see you between now, and then, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Happy Streaming!
Mike Biagi (and First Lady Marla)



2022 Officers and Committee Chairs



Image credit: Andi Matsumoto

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2022 SOUTH COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS / CO-HOSTS
November 4-6	The Springs at Borrego, Borrego Springs	Larry and Carrie Suggett with Brad Berry and Mark and Connie Miller
December 4	Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers, San Clemente	Bob and Cathy Adams with Dale and Susan Cram

2023 DRAFT RALLY SCHEDULE

January 6 - 8	Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula	TBD
February 3 - 5	Rancho Jurupa Regional Park, Jurupa Valley	TBD
March 16 - 19	Trailer Village, Grand Canyon AZ	TBD
April 6 - 9	Flying Flags, Buellton	Larry and Carrie Suggett
May 5 - 7	Newport Dunes, Newport Beach	Mike and Marla Biagi with Gabriel and LeAnn De La Cruz
May 18 - 21	Brown's Town, Bishop	TBD
June 2 - 4	Golden Shore RV Park, Long Beach	TBD
June 24 - 30	International Rally, Rock Springs, WY	N/A
June 30 - July 7	Fishing Bridge, Yellowstone, WY	TBD
July 6 - 8	Ruby's RV Park, Bryce Canyon, UT	TBD
July 14 - 16	Skypark Camp RV Resort, Skyforest	TBD
August 6	President's BBQ	TBD
September 8 - 10	Vail Lake, Temecula	TBD
October 6 - 8	Costa Vista RV Resort - Sun Outdoors, Chula Vista	TBD
November 10 - 12	The Springs at Borrego, Borrego Springs	TBD
December TBD	Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers	TBD

South Coast Past Presidents

Clarence Mason	1968	Wayne Sorenson	1991
Hank Sanford	1969	Dolores Irwin	1992 and 2002
Dick James	1970	Mary Gough	1993
Mac McPeak	1971	Jack Engle	1994
David Hayes	1972	Howard Cram	1995
Roy Slate	1973	Les Chillcott	1996
John Riley	1974	Ralph Irwin	1997
Wesley Gough	1975	Dale Cram	1999 and 2000
Bill Williams	1976	Robert Kirksey	2002 and 2004
Jack Scott	1977	Susan Cram	2003 and 2012
Doug Gist	1978	Steve Carmichael	2005 and 2008
Walter Brooks	1979	Philip Terhorst	2006
John Ashe Everest	1980	Marshall McFie	2007
Bud Davis	1981	Robert Michler	2009
Harold Buck	1982	Lynda Terhorst	2010
David Fletcher	1983	Robert Smith	2011
Jack Ortberg	1984 and 2001	Scott Weddle	2013
Mac McCue	1985	Louise Weddle	2014
Don Conner	1986 and 1998	Bill Ball	2015 and 2016
Lois Kloprien	1987	Robert Kirkpatrick	2017
Bob Barlow	1988	Bruce Barefoot	2018
Clara Buck	1989	Mark Miller	2019
Roberta Williams	1990	Marya Barefoot	2020
		Diane Sommerville	2021

Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: www.campendium.com

Airstream Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

Flying Flags Rally Recap

By: Andi Matsumoto, Mike Biagi and Richard Fraenzimmer

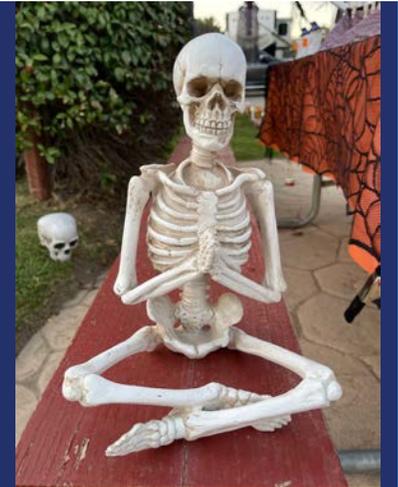


Image credit: Andi

Our Flying Flags, Buellton rally was hosted by Gerry & Sandra Bangert and Tim & Diane Sommerville. We had 24 rigs signed up. Everyone got into the fall and Halloween spirit. The rally organizers featured both a trailer decorating contest and a chili cookoff, so there were prizes flying around like nobody's business. The winning trailer decoration prize went to the Koblick's, with Matsumoto and Fraenzimmer taking the runner up spots. The chili contest was judged in earnest by four volunteer tasters. Although all the chili entries were nice and tasty, the winning chili was a vegan entry from Cindy Rapp. Perhaps she will share the recipe for a future newsletter?



Happy hour Jack Skellington



The lovely Sandra handing out prizes

Richard looking chuffed with his decorating prize



I think this is Richard's trailer underneath here.



Linda with her decorating prize.



Part of the winning decorations.



Eerie red lights light up trailers at night.



Secret chili contest judges doing their duty.



A few attendees took a trip to nearby Nojoqui Falls (pronounced "na-hoo-ee," not "no-joke-ee.")



Attendees enjoying sampling different chilis



Nojoqui Falls Note: Legend has it that during a furious wind and rainstorm, a group of Chumash took shelter in a cave. They heard cries for help coming from outside. Only a beautiful young maiden dared to go out to see if someone needed help. She rescued a warrior from another tribe who had been injured by a fallen tree. The warrior was taken back to the village, and while he was healing from his injuries, he and the maiden fell in love. The other members of the tribe did not permit this, and there were plots to kill the warrior. Hearing this, the young lovers ran away together. They were pursued and eventually trapped at the top of Nojoqui Falls. Rather than be captured and torn apart, they chose to die together and leaped over the falls to their death – a romantic legend indeed. (Source: Lompoc Record)

Welcome New Members

By: Carrie Suggett, Membership Chair



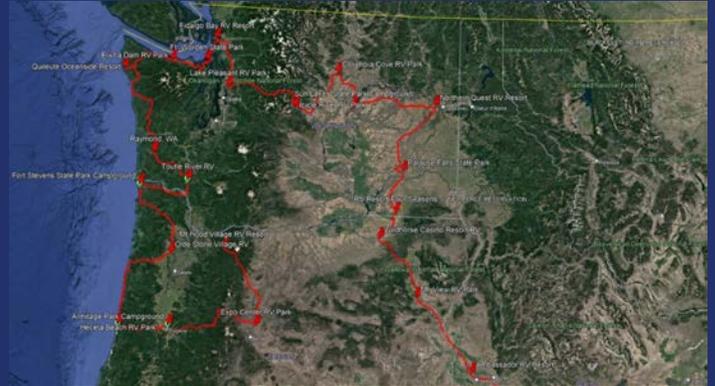
Please welcome the new member who was not previously recognized in the newsletter. We hope they will join us at a rally soon.

- Tony & Danna Phalen of Garden Grove in their 2023 Flying Cloud 30'
- Hakan and Norma Wahlstrom of Dana Point in their 2019 23FB 23'



'Discovering Cascadia' Caravan to Idaho, Washington, and Oregon

By: Mark Miller



Mark and Connie Miller were on the "Cascadia" Rally from August to October and this article is extracted from their blog.

Once we get to Boise, Idaho (actually Caldwell), here is a map of our trip and the campsites along the way. We'll have 21 stops in the 70-day caravan and none of them are two days. On average we stay three nights at each spot. Most of the caravan is in Washington state. We start out with two spots in Oregon, then 13 in Washington and finish with 5 more in Oregon. Our final night will be at the Timberline Lodge at Mt. Hood. We begin the caravan with 100°+ and end with sub- freezing temperatures. Pack well or plan on eight layers of summer clothes at the end!

Now onto what I recommend for a vacation. Drive Highway 93 in eastern Nevada at least once in your life. Go in August. It's darned hot in Las Vegas, of course, and then gets cooler as you approach Ely, Nevada. It's monsoon season so you'll see beautiful cloud formations, lightning, rain, and lots of green. No, the desert isn't all brown. Eastern Nevada plants love sun, warmth, and rain and it shows. If you want to experience the United States before cities, freeways, people, buildings, drive Highway 93. It's spacious and BIG. Really BIG. The roads go on forever.



Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge

A First Timer at the 65th International Rally

By Ross and Kristi Turner



Image credit: Alamy

Kristi and I came into Fryeburg, MI from New Hampshire. This is beautiful country with all backroads driving. The closer we came to Fryeburg, the more Airstreams joined this informal convoy. It was July 20, the first entry day for the rally which kicked off on July 23rd. We have participated in local rallies and national caravans where groups of 15 to 30 Airstreams all in a row is impressive. This was at all new level at the International Rally with nearly 1000 rigs. They were everywhere.

We chose to attend the Rally this year because Kristi and I worked at a brother-sister summer camp in Fryeburg over 50 years ago, in 1971 and 72. This was a great way to be part of the Airstream Community and visit our past at the same time.

The Airstream Club goes out of its way to welcome First Timers. You are issued a First Timers yellow ribbon for you name tag. The yellow ribbon invites people to introduce themselves and welcoming you to the rally then ask the inevitable question, "So, where are you from?" By the end of the first few days, you will have made many new friends.

The International Rally is a national conference. It is well organized with professionally printed programs and planned events. On Saturday, July 23, we attended the First Timers GAM (Get Acquainted Meeting) and received information and hints on how to get the most from the Rally.

Each day you plan your schedule and will attend workshops, presentations, social events and evening programs. The Exhibition Hall has many vendors selling their products. This is a great place to learn about and purchase many of the "after-market" items we all use on our trailers. Many of the workshops were presented by the vendors who shared information on their products. As an example, we had Easy Starts installed in our AC units and purchased our new Hughes surge protector. We had a great session from RV Trip Wizard that improved my usage of their trip planning tool. The Equal-izer hitch representatives even came to your trailer to inspect your hitch and help with making adjustments. Of course, the other hitch manufactures were there, and you could purchase a new hitch and it would be installed at the rally.

Flamingoes



Kristi and Willow at the rally



Nearly 50% of the attendees brought pets, mostly dogs. There was a very large dog run area, and the fairgrounds was adjacent to the Saco River, where our lab, Willow, loved to swim.

In the evenings we attended opening ceremonies, installation of new club officers, enjoyed a band concert from the official Airstream all-volunteer band and choir.

The workshops and presentations were on many different topics from “How To’s” for your rig, to cooking tips with Instant Pot and Dutch ovens. There was daily line dancing and nature presentations like “walk with a lama” or birdwatching. It was certainly possible to be busy from early morning to late at night.

Going to a “national rally” can be daunting, but the unique Airstream community welcomes everyone and makes “First-Timers” feel right at home. We plan on attending the 2023 Rally in Rock Springs Wyoming. Of course, we will not be First-Timer, but we learned that being a volunteer at the rally is another great way to get involved. You should consider attending in 2023 when it is in our back yard. If you are a First-Timer, you will experience the power of the Yellow Ribbon.

Eric McHenry, the new International Club President



The Shuttle!



Recipe: Instant Pot Butternut Squash Soup

By: Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: nomnompaleo.com

With the fall weather bringing a welcome respite from the summer heat, my thoughts this month turned to soup. We have recently been eating more Paleo style to get healthier. This coincides with the appearance of pumpkins and squash in the produce department. So, one of my favorites soups pops into mind. This recipe, from Nom Nom Paleo, suggests using an Instant Pot, allowing you to speed up the cooking process and concentrate the flavor of the butternut squash. This means you can skip the extra step of roasting the squash that many recipes call for. You can make this soup in a Crock-Pot: dump all the ingredients (except for the bacon and balsamic vinegar) into a slow cooker and cook on low for about 6 hours. Crisp up the bacon on the stovetop or in the oven and add the bacon bits and a drizzle on the balsamic vinegar when you ladle it up.

One interesting thing to note: Butternut squash and Acorn squash have been known to cause an allergic reaction in many individuals, especially in food preparation where the squash skin is cut and exposed to the epidermis. Food handlers often take precautions to wear rubber or latex gloves when peeling butternut and acorn squash to avoid temporary Butternut squash (*Cucurbita moschata*) dermatitis. A contact dermatitis reaction to butternut or acorn squash may result in orange and cracked skin, a sensation of "tightness", "roughness" or "rawness".

What you need:

- ¼ pound bacon cut crosswise into ¼ inch strips
- 1 large onion diced
- 6 garlic cloves smashed and peeled
- 3 pounds butternut squash peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 cups bone broth or chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- aged balsamic vinegar

What you do:

1. Turn on the sauté function on the Instant Pot and drop in the bacon bits when the metal insert is hot.
2. Cook the bacon for about 10 minutes or until crispy, stirring every few minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the bacon bits to a paper towel-lined plate.
3. Add onions and garlic to the bacon drippings and cook for 1 to 2 minutes.
4. Stir in the cubed squash, broth, and Magic Mushroom Powder.
5. Lock the lid on the Instant Pot and program it to cook for 7 minutes under high pressure.
6. When the soup has finished cooking, release the pressure manually.
7. Taste the soup for seasoning and adjust if necessary. Then, grab an immersion blender to purée the soup until smooth and silky!
8. Ladle the soup into bowls and drizzle aged balsamic vinegar and crispy bacon bits on top.
9. You can keep the soup in a sealed container in the fridge for up to 4 days or in the freezer for up to 4 months.

Holiday Toy Ideas

By: Andi Matsumoto



Image credit: evh.org.uk

The holidays are fast approaching and if you have little ones to buy gifts for, there are a couple of cool camping trailer toys out this year.

If you want to go big and have a play structure that will last a few years, Step 2 released a super cute Airstream lookalike camper. Retailing for \$349, the Adventure Camper is loaded with engaging pretend play activities, perfect for social development. It has a kitchen area with large sink, stovetop with clicker knobs, and plenty of storage space. Other realistic features include a skylight, doorbell and decorative wheel. In the box: Camper base with grill space, kitchenette with large storage bin, and accessory set including play food and utensils. Best of all, it is made in the USA.

For a more modest gift, Mattel has on offer the Fisher-Price Little People Light-Up Learning Camper. It retails for \$32.99 but I have seen it at Walmart for \$23 and Sam's Club had a similar one with a tent. Kids can explore the great outdoors and act out their own fun camping stories. Little campers can get the adventure started by packing up the figures into the car, attaching the RV, and rolling both vehicles along. Once parked, they can open up the RV to reveal a full playset packed with pretend camping fun, including 2 figures and 4 play pieces. The buttons on top of the RV activate lights, music, songs and phrases. It comes in three languages: English, German, or French.



Step 2 Adventure Camper

<https://www.step2.com/adventure-camper>



Fisher Price Light Up Learning Camper

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