



Rallies

October 25 - 28

Region 12 Rally
Pismo Beach

Day passes available

Contact: Region 12 member by Sept 12. See event calendar on ACI website

October 29-Nov 1

Halloween Rally Morro Bay

Contact: Cheryl:
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December 8-10

LVAC Holiday Rally

Oasis RV Resort Las Vegas

Check the Las Vegas Airstream Club Event Calendar for current and future rallies

<https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas>



Planning for 2024

It has been a busy and hot summer for many of us, traveling or hanging out at home. The 2024 year is fast approaching, and with that in mind, there are some events that you may want to start planning for, or at least mark your calendars.

The Region 12 rally will be held in Bishop, Ca, at the Tricounty Fairgrounds September 11-15, 2024. More information and registration dates will be forthcoming from Region 12, and the ACI Website. Registration is open for the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia, Mo. October 5-10. Book early and perhaps consider volunteering at International. Some of our club members volunteered and arrived early in Rock Springs; others stayed additional days afterward. They said it was a great experience. Think of all the sites and beautiful things to do in Missouri when planning.

The LVAC club is planning for 2024 as well. Let us know if there is a spot you would like to go to, co-host, or host. We would love to have something each month as We love to rally together.

Finding My Tribe By Patricia Kim



When I purchased my trailer in 2019, I didn't really know what the WBCCI was but I became a member-at-large anyway. By Fall of 2022, the first rally was under my belt -- Newbie's Rally in Gilroy, CA with the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (GBAAC); who knew learning could be so much fun. After that experience and deciding where my home club would be, I found my answer in Las Vegas by spending months on email with Cheryl Musser! Thank you for the welcoming conversations and keeping me in the loop! I missed every meeting and camping activities in 2023 until June when a group of trailers were traveling together to the International Rally at Rock Springs, Wyoming.



I was so excited to join a caravan! I am now a member of a shiny group! It made me feel a part of something larger – with 5-6 trailers of different sizes and with people of varying backgrounds – and traveling together to one destination. The International Rally opened a doorway to learning and meeting people from all over the US and Canada sharing one common theme – Airstream Travel Trailers. To some, this is an ordinary occurrence with Rallies but for a first timer it's an eye opening experience. I couldn't have imagined a better group of people to have met at the Rally. The energy and knowledge that circulated throughout the buildings and fairgrounds laid way to one of the largest groups to convene.

The group of volunteers who gave us our welcome bags, parked us and provided information along the way – was incredibly organized and on schedule! My hat goes off to all those volunteers and the leadership of the International Club!

My tribal caravan didn't end there....

I followed a group into Jackson, Wyoming where I parted company with a few LVAC trailers. I will miss not being a part of their caravan. Where the road parted to Gros Ventre Campground (I stumbled on a few LVAC trailers among other rally goers) and was no longer alone.

Did I just find my tribe?

I think I did.....in Las Vegas...Thank you for welcoming me into the family! I look forward to hearing the stories from fellow travelers who went on to do the Alaska Caravan or took Glacier route and to those who traveled locally to get out of the heat!

My "Tribe" is a group of persons having a common character, occupation, or interests



The Las Vegas Airstream Club Rolling to and from Rock Springs

by Cheryl Musser

The 66th Annual Airstream Club International Rally was held in Rock Springs, Wyoming. A record 16 trailers from our Club signed up to attend. Okay, this may not be an actual record for our Club, but it is a record over the past 11 years that I've been a member. It is still a pretty impressive number for our little Club. As soon as the date and location were announced, members' thoughts turned to wanting to caravan up as a group. With so many different work and travel schedules, it ended up that five trailers met up to begin the journey to Utah. The five trailers overnighted in Utah, but when we woke up the next morning, there were six! Vic and Lynn caught up with us and followed us northwest to Green River, Wyoming. Their the group of six turned into an impressive 13 of the 16 Las Vegas Airstreams caravanning into the International Rally. What a great showing for our small but mighty Club!

The club members attended many informational seminars over the next seven days. From axles, solar and electric systems, RV fire and safety, RV tips, finding campsites, trailer backup classes, cooking, and so much more. There was a Vintage Airstream Club parade, an open house, and too many gatherings to mention. One evening, Richard and Janette Gomez hosted a Tequila Tasting for our Club at their trailer. Food and drink galore! Don't even get me started about the fun dice game we played. We had such a blast that evening. In the following few days, many Airstreamers that none of us knew came up and mentioned that we had quite a party. The Tequila tasting may have to become a yearly event at the International Rally for our Little Club.

Club President, Dale Musser, represented the Club in the Opening Ceremony by carrying our club flag. Lake Tahoe Airstream Club member Margaret Handshoe designed our club logo and flag. The Las Vegas Airstream Club (LVAC) flag was approved last year by the IBT (International Board of Trustees). So this was the first time our new LVAC flag was used in the Opening Ceremony at International. Another recent approval was our local club badge. Thanks to the combined efforts of the guidance of President Dale Musser and Jamie Peterson for her graphic artistry and vision with the badge. We had so many compliments. A few clubs were so inspired by our fun badges that they took pictures of our badges so they could come up with something fun for their Club.

After the Rally was over, many people chose to continue exploring the area on their own or in a small group with our Club caravan. The caravan was what we consider a "Hop On - Hop Off" caravan. Come and participate in whichever stops you want!

Our caravan said goodbye to our friends at the International Rally and headed north to spend a few nights near Jackson Hole, Wyoming: such a scenic area and an adorable downtown. The visit was incomplete without the requisite photo of the elk antler arches in the famous downtown square.

After Jackson, we pointed our trucks toward Glacier National Park. We stopped in Dillon, Montana, and Missoula, Montana. Jim and Mary's RV Park in Missoula is ADORABLE! So nicely landscaped with flowers and art. Roomy sites. Plenty of space for happy hour.

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We spent three days exploring the west side of Glacier NP hiking and checking out the beautiful lodges (and their food). We then relocated to the east side for another three days. More hiking, some members went on a tour of the park in historic touring cars. We covered the entire park!

From Glacier, we headed south towards Yellowstone National Park. Six nights in Yellowstone was perfect as this park is HUGE! From the moment we entered the park, the wildlife sightings were plentiful. Bison, elk, marmot, grizzly and black bear. Old Faithful was amazing! The historic lodge at Old Faithful was breathtaking. The scenery between the geothermal view points and the Yellowstone River meandering throughout the park with wildflowers everywhere was so beautiful. I haven't been to as many National Parks as some of our other members (you know who you are), but so far Yellowstone has to be my favorite. A special "Thank you!" to Gus and Terry Olivares. They made the coveted reservations for Fishing Bridge RV Park in Yellowstone. In April, health issues arose and they could not join the caravan. Though they weren't with us, they were always on our minds and with us on our adventures from Las Vegas all the way through Yellowstone National Park.

After Yellowstone, our caravan broke up with some members heading home, others going to explore Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Utah. While one couple headed to the east coast. After being in a group of Airstreams for almost a month, it was quite a shock being the only Airstream in an RV park. We missed our Aluminum friends! As always, the time we spend together is some of my most memorable times. I'm already looking forward to our next club rally.

Airstream Club International Rally

By Scott McDonald

To my brothers and sisters in the Las Vegas Airstream Club who attended the 66th Annual Airstream Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming this June.

On Wednesday June 28th at about 2 pm for about 45 minutes, you probably were frightened by a very alien condition that is unknown in Las Vegas.

You should not need to fear for your health as this is a normal event that regularly occurs in Wyoming.

Scientists refer to the clear things that fell from the sky as RAIN. It is composed of two chemicals known as hydrogen and oxygen (H₂O). During the warmer months when it only occurs for 5 minutes or less it is called a shower. For more than 5 minutes up to 2 hours it is called a rainstorm. Over 2 hours it is called a Flash Flood. During the colder months from October until the following March it still occurs, however, the cold makes it dryer and turns it to white. The names differ from those used in the warmer months. Depending upon the length of time that it falls and the wind speed it is a snow shower, a white out, or a blizzard. In any event it does not cause harm if it touches your skin.

In either form it is much like the water that you drink in Las Vegas. It just does not include the hundreds of other chemicals and minerals that are in Vegas water.

Scott McDonald- a brother member who spends his summers in Wyoming.

Meet Our members



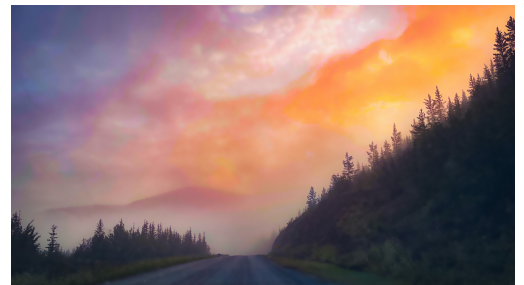
The Harbison's

Meet Alex and Amy, the adventurous couple from Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, Nevada, accompanied by their sweet Australian Shepherd, Roxy. Their journey began at an Airstream International rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where they found their love for exploration.

During the rally, Amy's photography skills shone, earning her third place in the Airstream print photo contest and capturing Roxy's essence in a stunning pet portrait.

Fueled by their passion for travel, they set off on a 2 1/2-month adventure to Alaska, making the most of their nomadic lifestyle by spending 5 to 6 months each year on the road in their Airstream.

With each escapade, Alex, Amy, and Roxy inspire us to embrace the wonders of the world and cherish life's unforgettable moments. Their story is a testament to the joy of exploration and the bond of a loving trio on the open road.



The Sterling's

My wife, Michele and I (Max) were not able to attend the International rally this year. We did however enjoy several trips to Mt Charleston, Zion River resort and Malibu beach Rv resort. Still getting to know our new to us 27FB International. Hope to go meet up with everyone again soon for a rally

THE 66TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL AIRSTREAM RALLY ROUNDUP

The official attendance tally 1,192 Airstreams. The populations consisted of:
Adults -2,262 and Kids 71. The youngest was 8 weeks old.

The Las Vegas Airstream Club had: 31 members (16 trailers) that attended this year's rally, it was the first International Rally for 19 of the members (10 trailers)

Charity totals

Blood Drive -126 pints

Donation to United Way - \$12,193

Diapers - More than 33,000

Aluminum soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House - More than 150 pounds

Miscellaneous

Watch your email for:

- Survey Monkey regarding camping spots for future rallies.
- What is in your tool box? Email Diane with your items Discotties@yahoo.com
- Region 12 Charity items needed
- Toys for Tots In December: buy early for our December Rally

Heat retreat from Las Vegas By Matthew McCarthy



As the summer approached, it was time to get out of the city known as "Boiling Water" (AKA: Palm Springs). But where to go? Friends told us they summer in Prescott and encouraged us to join them. We accepted their invitation and began our four hour journey to Prescott (pronounced PresKITT as the locals say it). Two memorable events occurred on the journey. First, we became immersed in the beautiful, yet fragile, Prescott National Forest - even though I saw very little as I battled the many 25MPH switchbacks (take Wickenburg exit next time). Second, we had the privilege of seeing the Granite Mountain Hotshot Memorial Park, dedicated to the 19 men who lost their lives on June 30, 2013 while battling the Granite Mountain fire (to protect Prescott). Now settled in our spot at Point of Rocks RV park, we took to the town. Natural Grocers became our favorite grocery store. BigA (pronounced Bee-ga) became our favorite restaurant (call two hours ahead for a party of 4 or less). We walked down Whiskey Row and stopped by Matt's Saloon where so many country music stars kicked off their careers. But the best part was sitting outside our 'Stream, awnings extended, cocktail in hand, watching the magical colors of sunset bathe on orange granite rocks surrounding a vista we called home for two months.

Have you checked your shock nuts lately?

By Neil Peterson

A month prior to the International Rally in Rock Springs we replaced one of our Airstream tires due to uneven wear. The cause of this uneven wear was unknown to us at the time...

Fast forward to the rally, during a random conversation with a stranger on the last day resulted in learning of a little known, yet relatively common issue with Airstream shock nuts. He told a tale of uneven tire wear on a 2022 Flying Cloud and the realization that he had a missing shock nut. He went on to tell all of his friends to check their nuts as well. In the end, it was found that 5 out of 6 trailers had at least one missing shock nut.

Upon our return home from an amazing trip to Wyoming, I finally climbed under our Airstream to check the shock nuts. Low and behold, the tire we replaced due to uneven wear, was in fact missing the upper shock nut. Further research on this topic resulted in the discovery of an AirForum thread in which people discuss the issue and the replacement of the nuts.

If interested, the AirForum thread may be found here:

<https://www.airforums.com/forums/f460/check-your-shock-nuts-235984.html>

Replacement stainless steel 1/2-13 thin lock-nuts can be found on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/1lrkcQE>

Long story short, no matter what year or model Airstream you have, it's highly recommended to check your Shock Nuts once in a while. It may not hurt to replace your shock nuts with nylon threaded lock nuts and a bit of Locktite for good measure.

If you have any questions regarding this topic, please feel free to reach out to me. -Neil Peterson - petersonscuba@gmail.com



Left image shows a missing shock nut, which is behind the wheel

Middle image shows upper shock nut is present

INTERNATIONAL RALLY PHOTOS



For more rally and caravan photos please go to

[International Rally Photos](#)



Instagram

The Las Vegas Airstream Club has an Instagram account which fills you in on the rally excitement. You can follow us on Instagram at [lasvegasairstreamclub](https://www.instagram.com/lasvegasairstreamclub).



Airstream Club International

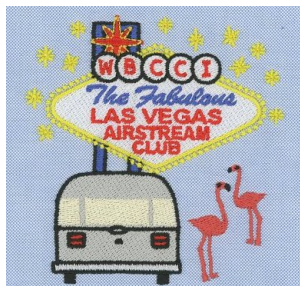
Check out the club's rally schedule, read our newsletters and find countless resources on the main airstreamclub.org website, as well.



Facebook

Check out The Las Vegas Airstream Club's Facebook page. It is private and for members only. No posts are seen by the general public. The purpose of this group is to share photos, Airstream tips, travel ideas, communication, and information. Here is a link to access the group site- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lvacmembersonly> or you can search under "Las Vegas Airstream Club Members Group".

Lands' End



Is your wardrobe in need of some fun Airstream clothing? Why not fix that by purchasing a shirt, jacket or fleece with the Las Vegas Airstream Club logo through Lands' End? You can do this by going to the Club's website, <https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas> .

There you will find information with a link to the Club's storefront and a "How To" guide to help you through the simple process.

Our club logo is a great way to identify yourself as a Las Vegas Airstream Club member or to just show your love of Airstreams.