



Happy New Years!

# The NorCal News

— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

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*Remember, "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known, ... so if you haven't you should"*

It was Fall and the colors were changing as Carrie and I returned home from the Newfoundland Caravan. The November rally gave us an opportunity to return to the club activities, see old friends, and finish eating the remaining frozen cod. It was nearly 5 months and we are very grateful to the club and its members who opened the doors to this opportunity. We hope you have all enjoyed the holidays and are as ready as we are for another year of adventure.

We have a great lineup of rallies and caravans beginning with Napa in March. Napa was the Bells' first ever rally back in 2014, and a favorite. Rally hosting is fun and rewarding, there are a few slots still available in 2020. Pat Lazzereschi is eager to hear from you if wish to host or cohost a rally. Pat has offered to run a class on "how to host a rally" to supplement the manual that can be found on the club's website.

Carmen Ortiz presented a new club decal design at the December board meeting. The design is delightful and is based on the club's badge design. After input from the board and others present, a slight change was initiated and approved by the board later in the day. The decals should become available sometime in 2020.

A note on Aluminum: Only two Isotopes occur naturally on earth, <sup>27</sup>AL and <sup>26</sup>AL. <sup>27</sup>AL is stable and represents >99.9% of all aluminum on earth. <sup>26</sup>AL is radioactive and is useful in dating geologic formations.

*Ray*

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## From the Editor



Greetings and Happy New Years to All! It is now a reality: I have received the Official List of Responsibilities of the Newsletter Editor, the Newsletter Editor Flag, the binder and flash-drive archive of all back issues, and Santa's blessings.

Steve Deiwert passed the torch to me at the December Rally and I hope to be able to fill his (award winning!) shoes, along with those of Cam Murray and Tom Smithson before him who have all set the bar high for this publication. Fortunately they stand ready to help as I get my sea legs in this position.

My initial goals are simple: to keep what is great about the Poppy while retooling and refreshing it. Should you have ideas or suggestions for articles or features, please let me know. I can be reached at norcaleditor01@gmail.com. And since I cannot attend every rally or Club event, I will be relying on those who do attend for photographs and reports. Don't be shy about helping out; this publication is by and for everyone in the Club.

The most obvious change is the new logo, which was approved by the Board at the December Rally just in time for this issue. Check out info on the graphic artist who also designed our badges (Pg. 20) With "next year" now here, we are in need of rally hosts for 2020 and beyond. Info on pg, 19.

So have a Happy New Year and may the next year supply many a successful Airstream road trip for us all!

## 2020 Rallies and Caravans

<b>3/4-8</b>	<b>Skyline RV Park</b>	<b>Napa</b>
HOSTS: Dave & Jill Wilson, and Greg & Janet Motta		
<b>4/1-5</b>	<b>Gilroy Garlic RV Park</b>	<b>Gilroy</b>
HOSTS: Bob & Carol Echols and Steve & Yoshi Deiwert		
<b>4/16-19</b>	<b>Cali Rally</b>	<b>Parkfield</b>
Region 12 Rally		
<b>5/6-10</b>	<b>Lassen RV Park</b>	<b>McArthur</b>
HOSTS: Tom & Hedda Smithson and Cam & Marsha Murray		
<b>6/3-7</b>	<b>Boulder Creek RV Park</b>	<b>Lone Pine</b>
HOSTS: <b>NEEDED</b>		
<b>6/20-27</b>	<b>International Rally</b>	<b>Loveland, CO</b>
WBBCI Rally		
<b>8/5-9</b>	<b>POMO RV Park</b>	<b>Fort Bragg</b>
HOSTS: Brian & Juliet Scheuer and Jodie Lee and Tim Kirk		
<b>9/9-13</b>	<b>Ancient Redwoods RV Park</b>	<b>Red Crest</b>
HOSTS: Marget & Dave Williams, Chris & Dean Davison		
<b>9/13-30</b>	<b>Oregon Coast Caravan</b>	<b>Oregon</b>
LEADERS: Carmen & Jose Ortez and Bob and Carole Echols		
<b>10/7-11</b>	<b>V6 Ranch**</b>	<b>Parkfield</b>
HOSTS: Pat Lazzereschi,		
<b>10/21-25</b>	<b>Emerald Desert RV Resort</b>	<b>Palm Desert</b>
Region 12 Rally		
<b>11/4-8</b>	<b>Pismo Coast Village Resort</b>	<b>Pismo Beach</b>
HOSTS: Blake & Dianne Nelson, Carmen and Jose Ortiz		
<b>12/2-6</b>	<b>Black Oak Casino RV Park</b>	<b>Sonora</b>
HOSTS: Billie and Bob Verdegaal, Elisa & Ed Ungerman		

**ATTENTION: THE V6 RANCH IS A DRY CAMPING EXPERIENCE \*\***

Note: New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request a day-early arrival (usually Tues). Sign-ups are by submitting a completed Registration form by the due date. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts may be canceled;

## A Rally in the Valley Napa Valley that is...

**March 4 - March 8, 2020**

Skyline Wilderness RV Park  
2201 Imola Ave, Napa, CA  
707-252-0481

*Hosted by: Dave and Jill Wilson &  
Gregg and Janet Motta*

**Sign-Up Coupons due by  
Friday, January 31st**

Let's all get together for our first rally of the year in the Napa Wine Country. Skyline Wilderness RV Park is surrounded by numerous wineries in the beautiful Napa Valley. We hope to enjoy the many wild flowers that line the roads during this time of year. Multiple wineries, walking and bike trails, and a must to visit the quaint town of Napa and surrounding area.

Wednesday we will all gather for our Happy Hour with announcements of the upcoming tours. We will provide a delicious Welcome Dinner after Happy Hour.

Thursday begins the day with coffee, tea, and PB & J at the clubhouse. A guided tour of Historic Nichelini Winery TBA, and for those of you that would just like to relax and mingle; bring your own picnic lunch as there is a picnic area for our enjoyment. There's not a lot of parking so we will need to car pool. Later we meet for Happy Hour, followed by dinner on your own with many options in historic Napa Valley area.

Friday morning starts with coffee, tea and PB & J before our tour of Fairfield's Jelly Belly Factory (a wine tasting is offered at Jelly Belly if interested) and after Jelly Belly a tour of the Bay Area Airstream facility, both events are located about a 30 minute drive from Napa. Dinner will be on your own with many options in the surrounding areas.

Saturday morning starts with coffee, tea and PB & J. Things to do: 13<sup>th</sup> century style castle; Castello di Amorosa – Calistoga Winery, Bale Grist Mill, bike tails, hiking trails and a 16 mile walkable trail in the park. Lake Berryessa is within driving distance – bass fishing is excellent in March. Historic Napa Valley Olive Oil is located in St Helena and the famous scenic Silverado Trail. Our Happy hour at the usual time following with pizza dinner provided by a popular restaurant, salad and dessert at the Club House.

### Need to Know

Skyline Wilderness RV Park is a wilderness park offering hiking, biking, and 16 miles of walkable trails, & a native plant garden. The park location is close to Napa downtown. The RV Park has restrooms and showers. The RV Park offers 15 full hookup sties (first come, first serve) and 19 partial hookups (partial hookups have electricity and water), and most sites are back to back sites. Dump station and Wifi. Check in between 10:00 and 4:30. After 4:30 you would need to be escorted in by the RV Management.

**DIRECTIONS:** EAST – I 80 east, Exit Hwy 12 toward Napa, Napa Vallejo Highway 221, Right onto Imola Ave, Right into park. WEST – I 80 West. Exit Hwy 12 toward Napa, Napa Vallejo Highway 221, Right onto Imola Ave, Right into park.



# A Rally in the Valley

March 4-8, 2020  
 Skyline RV Park  
 2201 Imola Avenue  
 Napa, California 94559

## COUPON/REGISTRATION DUE JANUARY 31st, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Day: \_\_\_\_\_ RV length \_\_\_\_\_ T or MH \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Nights @ \$45 per night Parking Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending @ \$5 person Rally Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Welcome Dinner @ \$12/person Wed Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Pizza Dinner @ \$10 per person Saturday Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL RALLY FEE: TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Either register online at [northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net](http://northerncalifornia.airstreamclub.net) or send this form/information to the registrar at [Norcalreg22@gmail.com](mailto:Norcalreg22@gmail.com).
- Send your payment separately to the Registrar. Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal, and mail to: NorCal Registrar Gail Crutchfield, 12431 Alta Mesa Drive, Auburn, CA, 95603. Note: This page can be filled out on most computer platforms. You can then print the completed form (this page only) to a file on your computer and email it to the Registrar.
- Refunds are available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Please contact the Rally Chair if you have any changes to your reservation after the deadline or want to register after the deadline..
- Complete below only if this is your first NorCal rally or there are updates since your last event.

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Accommodation \_\_\_\_\_

# Welcome New Members

Bradburn, Teri & Greg #4957

Chiapetta, Mike & Gay #5579

Crocker/Mastrud, Kent/Diane #5446

Vanrosendale, Rick & Lisa #5315

Weber, Laurie Ann #11384

Webster, Thomas & Amy #7561

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**Region 12 on the Web**  
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**NorCal on the Web**  
[northerncalifornia.aristreamclub.net/](http://northerncalifornia.aristreamclub.net/)

**MEMBERSHIP TOTALS**

- Renewals for 2020 as of 12/09/19: 113 Unit/Life members, 17 Affiliates, for a total of 130



### From your Membership Chair

It's time for everyone to renew their membership with WBCCI if you have not done so yet. You know who you are! Go to [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org) Select the "Renew Online" button Fill in your membership #, etc. Select "Region 12, Unit 11" If you do not renew, this will be your last issue of The Poppy and you will be removed from the Membership rolls. Procrastination is not your friend.

# Welcome Transfers

Biggs, Bill & Carol #4485

Hiller, William & Mary #4806

Putt, Peter & Kerry #2223

# Change of Address

Gallagher, Jim & Vicki

Zimmerman/Beardshear, Mike & Carolyn  
(affiliates) #1023

Foster, Jim & Lynn #6620

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## January Birthdays

- 2 Leland Spence
- 3 Jose Ortiz
- 3 Bob Vasser
- 11 Deanna Bain
- 13 John White
- 14 Linda Minder
- 19 Stuart Lindsay
- 19 Juliet Scheuer
- 20 Bob Carl
- 23 Wayne Yee
- 28 Gail Hutto
- 28 Margaret Sharp
- 30 Roy Myers

## January Anniversaries

- 6 Glen/Jane Gold
- 10 Mike/Jane Malone

## February Birthdays

- 1 Allen Sickler
- 1 Bob Vasser
- 2 John Bibby
- 5 Elain White
- 7 Charlie Wright
- 12 Lynn Zankich Geach
- 14 George Paige
- 18 Zimm Udovich
- 19 Tom Reed
- 20 Mary Diamond
- 27 Sharon Lashar
- 28 Patti Reed
- 28 Kathy Warren

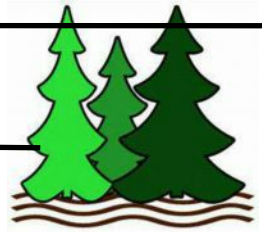
## February Anniversaries

- 12 Ken/Judy Bechthold
- 20 Gregg/Valri Ayer
- 24 JP and Claudia Sherry





# Flamingle in the Redwoods



November 6-10, 2019 - - - Felton, CA



NorCal's second to the last rally of the season, co-hosted by Ron and Gaby Bacurin, along with Kathy and Jim Aspinwall, was a relaxing "local culture" retreat amid the redwoods of Santa Cruz County. Weather was not too hot, not too cold, just about right!

Thursday morning they explored the tasty world of the Mutari Chocolate boutique in downtown Santa Cruz. Turns out chocolate can be as specialized as coffee and wine.



Learning the origins and quality of cocoa



Gorgeous morning view from the clubhouse deck, complete with flamingos!

On Wednesday night, rally-goers enjoyed a lovely catered Italian meal. The evening was capped by watching "The Long Long Trailer," the 1954 classic movie featuring Lucille Ball, Desie Arnez, and of course, their travel trailer.



Roasted and cleaned beans becoming delicious.

Friday began with the monthly Board and General Meetings, followed by mostly a free day, which led into an early social time at Kissed by an Angel Wines' tasting room in Scotts Valley. There, those present learned about the winery's very interesting legacy and mission being fulfilled by a 3rd-generation homebrew vintner. The consensus: Do check them out!



**Happy Hour at the Winery**

On Saturday, attendees visited the Wilder Ranch State Park just North of Santa Cruz on Hwy 1, for a tour of a mid-19th Century California dairy farm, complete with some amazing innovations and features amid a succession and progression of families and three eras of houses and facilities. Airstreamers explored an 1897 Victorian home, an 1859 Gothic Revival farmhouse, the 1896 water-powered machine shop, as well as the rodeo arena, barns and other historic buildings.



**The most recent Victorian on the property.**



**One of a couple well-preserved kitchens among the two later homes.**



**A quite impressive full-service wood and metal**

The rally closed with attendees serenaded with live ukulele music by fellow Airstreamers that put everyone into the mood for a lovely Hawaiian-style meal. After dinner, another movie, "Under the Tuscan Sun" was shown.

The co-hosts give a hearty thanks to all of their helpers and supporters who assisted them and say "We could not have pulled this off without you!" Bravo to all for another successful NorCal rally!

*Jim Aspinwall*

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# JUST ANOTHER HOLIDAY RALLY

PLYMOUTH - DECEMBER 11-15, 2019



The Just Another Holiday Rally came alive at the scenic 49er RV Park in Plymouth, California. This is the biggest rally of the year in terms of attendance, with over 40 trailers and 90 attendees. The most memorable thing about this rally was the food. In three words: really really good!



It started with Sutter Creek Gold Dust's Pizza, served during the Wednesday Welcome Dinner and for breakfast the following days (Yes, we over-ordered a bit but no one was complaining!), accompanied by a salad and followed by the best ice cream sandwiches. If you missed the Pizza, or just want more, be sure to visit the restaurant in Sutter Creek. (Or visit the Verdegaaals in Ripon and while there, stop by Pizza Plus, which is owned by the same family.) Prior to dinner, the masses were entertained by the Kitchen Store (a holiday tradition) and given 15% off coupons. Many an Airstreamer were later spotted at the

store in Jackson, including this writer who used it for sharpening her entire stock of kitchen knives. Best sharpening job ever!

Thursday evening featured the fabulous pork BBQ of WRP "We roast pigs" BBQ & Catering. Did I say it was fabulous? The meat was slow cooked on a spit all day, so it was incredibly tender and flavorful, needing no sauce. But more surprising were the incredibly amazing and tasty sides: mashed potatoes (oh my) and the best green beans this author has ever eaten.



Pat Lazzereschi spent the day creating from scratch and baking four large sheet cakes (she had someone bring their kitchen aid mixer for the job), two chocolate and two vanilla with butter-cream frosting, that were the perfect complement to the pork. (Leftovers also became breakfast fare for some.) *Continued on next page*



Prior to dinner, participating Airstreamers competed in the Ugly, Uglier and Ugliest Sweater contest, and the most festive Holiday Outfit contest. Winners were determined by audience voice vote. The competition was fierce, but eventually winners were determined.



The Ugly sweater award went to Leland Spence, Uglier to Juliet Scheuer (for her gluing the contents of her Welcome Bag to a Sweater), and Ugliest to Steve Deiwert (whose sweater was not holiday themed but certainly ugly!).

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Steve could be seen proudly wearing his first place medal all through out the Rally.



There was a tie for best Festive Holiday Outfit: The Davisons for their portrayal of Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Tim Kirk with his cool and modern take on the "Santa Suit." Jim Christie in his cool Holiday Lama coat came in runner-up.



Birthdays and Anniversaries followed the contests, with many Birthday Boys and Girls undergoing grilling by Deanna Bain. Best quote of the evening was by Tom Broad when asked what he wanted for his birthday: "I have an Airstream and a wife, that is all I need." (Ed.: Hopefully not in that order Tom.)



After dinner, Mike Mineado thanked various volunteers for their work on behalf of the club, and passed out small plaques to commemorate those efforts.



Friday was a busy day, what with a Board Meeting, a General Meeting, the set-up for the Silent Auction benefiting Fisher House (a charity to assist Veterans and their families with accommodations while receiving medical care), and the auction itself. Congratulations to all the winners and those who didn't win but up-bid the items so that more money was raised for the charity. And a special thanks to all those who donated – without you the auction would not have happened, let alone been successful. When the dust settled, Airstreamers contributed almost \$3,000 to Fisher House. And the club will add another \$500 to the donation. We can be proud that Airstreamers care and share!



People had dinner on their own - many opting for Taste in Plymouth or the Volcano Inn in Volcano, both lit up for the season and delicious choices.

At 8 p.m., the proverbial curtain rose on "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" for a group of Airstreamers that braved the roads in thickening fog to Volcano and The Cobblestone Theater, a very intimate playhouse. The actors were great; the play well-staged, and everyone seemed to have a good time despite the driving challenges.

Saturday evening we were treated to more good food at the Jackson Elks Lodge; a full traditional holiday meal of ham and turkey with all the fixings, plus cupcakes and ice cream for dessert.

The Lodge went all out to set-up (and clean-up), decorate, serve us, and provide us with whatever we needed, including Santa, who took time from his holiday duties to make an appearance for souvenir photos. First Vice President-elect John Bibby was our MC for the evening, and Pat Lazzereschi installed the new officers for 2020, including of course Ray Bell, NorCal's new President. (See photos on following pages)

Winners of the Trailer decorating contest were announced: Carmen and Jose Ortiz and Cam and Marcia Murray for best lit trailers, Ron and Linda Meyers and Bob and Carole Echols for best decorated, with honorable mentions to Kristine Carey, Kent and Mary Shroeder, and Jodie Lee.

The winners of the Dues Reimbursement Drawing are: The Bains, The Echols, and The Fredericks. "Checks are in the mail!" commented treasurer Phyllis Minadeo .

After dessert, the annual gift exchange took place and Merry Christmas's were exchanged as we returned to the 49er.



**Airstreamers literally filling the theater**

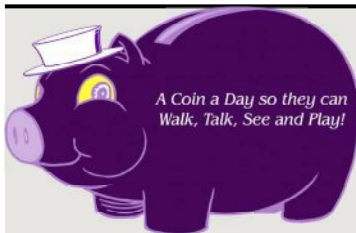
Sunday was the first sunny day in Plymouth since the Rally started, perfect for hitching up and getting on the road toward home. From your Just Another Holiday Rally hosts, thanks to everyone who made the Just Another Holiday Rally a success, and we hope to see you next year at Black Oak Casino for Just Another Holiday Rally Too.

*Elisa Ungerman*



**Your Just Another Holiday Rally Hosts: Bob & Billie Verdegaal and Ed & Elisa Ungerman**

**More photos follow**



**Of Special Note:** Not only did NorCal donate \$150 to the California-Hawaii Elk's State Charity (known as Major Project or The Purple Pig which provides therapy services to disabled children free of charge to them) but those present at the meal reached into their pockets and donated another \$140 to The Purple Pig to help those disabled kids. Way to go NorCalers!

# Dinner & Installation of Officers At Jackson Elks Lodge



The Lodge is ready for us!

Some of the presents brought for the Gift Exchange



Service with a smile. And great food!





Master of Ceremonies: First VP Mike Bibby



Dessert

2020 Officers

Drawing for Reimbursed Memberships



Pat honoring Outgoing President Mike Minadeo



A smattering of Santa Photos



Installation of Officers



New President Ray Bell speaks!



Bob Echols and his new Friend



Early Risers for Morning Coffee and Hanging Out with the Hosts



Plenty of Wreaths to be seen







# Looking for Rally Hosts!

## If Not You Then Who?

How would you like to host a party with other people's money? And be appreciated for it too. Then sign up to host a NorCal rally.

NorCal is a popular Airstream Club in part because it has a rally almost monthly at nearby but different venues, with a wide variety of activities. This gives members a chance to enjoy their Airstreams almost all year round, and to regularly visit with their Airstream friends that they otherwise would not see very often, if at all. But these rallies don't just happen. They are planned and executed by volunteers who (1) participate in and enjoy the rallies, (2) step up and host to express their appreciation to those other members who also host, thereby making the rallies possible, and (3) want to keep the different rallies going as a club amenity.

You see, for several reasons the Club cannot expect the same people to continually host rallies, nor does the Club want that. If there are no volunteer hosts for the rallies, they will be canceled. This will lead to no rallies, or to informal no-host rallies, which means everyone is on their own to reserve and pay for their own site (no more group rate), cook their own food and plan their own activities. Which is fine for the occasional flash rally, but is not healthy for the Club as a whole

that strives to be inclusive and provide a variety of experiences for all its Club members without the inevitable volunteer burn-out. That is why we need new blood to sign up and co-host our rallies.

### THE GOOD NEWS

As a rally host, you will not be involved in the registration hassles or collecting money, just the fun, party planning part. Most rallies are put on by co-hosts, so you will not be doing the whole thing by yourself. Tasks can be easily divided up and delegated, which makes the whole process easier. Additionally, there are plenty of people you can contact for any input or assistance you might need in planning and/or executing your rally that would be delighted to help, e.g., the Smithsons, Carole Echols, the Murrays, Jane Malone, the Davisons, the Christies, the Crutchfields, Pat L, the Bibbys, the Verdegaals, Carmen Ortiz, etc. Just ask! Finally, numerous people in the Club have special talents that can be tapped to facilitate your rally, such as cooking, craft making, music making, technical knowledge, or just great ideas.

### HOW TO GET STARTED

The easiest way to start is to pick a theme. Once you have a theme, the rest falls into place with some logistical planning.

Figure out the basics of the rally you are co-hosting and the per person costs of a site per night (get this information from Pat L.); the Welcome Dinner on Wednesday and the final Dinner on Saturday, both of which can be anything including catering by a local restaurant or caterer, pot luck, a steak burn, BBQ, group cooking, whatever, and the cost of any activity you think a group of Airstreamers would be interested in engaging.

Two months in advance of your rally provide a synopsis of your rally and coupon information to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the Newsletter and on the Website so that people can register to attend your rally. There are always examples of this in back issues of the Poppy. Then commence working on your rally: welcome bags, table décor, signing up caterers and coordinating activities, if any. Tip: keeping track of your expenses on a chart or spreadsheet and putting all receipts in an envelope or file scanned to your computer will keep everything handy when it comes time to submit your receipts for reimbursement after the rally. You will be reimbursed for any decorations, food costs, welcome bag items, door prizes, up front activity expenses and hospitality purchases.

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## Rally Hosting Continued

When the time comes, execute and enjoy your rally. Afterwards, submit receipts and spreadsheet for reimbursement to the Treasurer, and send article and photos to the Newsletter Editor about your rally.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it work? Yes. But I would say most of the work is in the planning. The more you plan, the better the Rally. It is very helpful to research your rally location on the Internet and even visit the site of the Rally months ahead of time so that you can pick caterers and plan activities, etc. with enough advance time to be successful and not stressed.

Is it fun and gratifying? Oh yes! Most people are very appreciative that you hosted them. Plus, you can enjoy all the other rallies guilt free because you stepped up and volunteered to do your part to keep what sets NorCal apart from other Airstream Clubs. If enough people stepped up (after all we have well over 150 members) and volunteered to host the nine rallies a year that the Club hosts, the same people would only co-host every couple of years, if that, unless they want to do more.

### STILL ON THE FENCE?

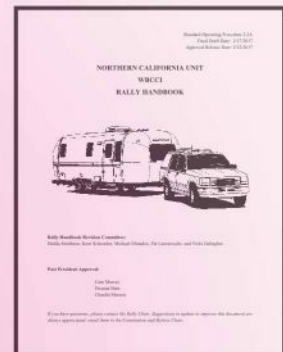
NorCal has published a booklet that helpfully and specifically sets forth what you need to do for a successful rally. Plus, our Rally Master

Pat L. will be hosting Rally Host Workshops at several upcoming Rallies for those of you still on the fence.

So C'mon, get involved and host a rally! The rewards are truly worth it. Call, email, or button-hole Pat Lazzereschi to sign up. We are looking forward to you joining the ranks of Rally Host!

*Elisa Ungerman*

The booklet on hosting NorCal rallies is available online at [www.northerncalifornia.arstreamclub.net/](http://www.northerncalifornia.arstreamclub.net/) Click on the Governance link and scroll down to "Documents" where you will see the link to the .pdf file. What you need to know is in there, and is very helpful. What you can do is limited only by your imagination, and your budget.



**Ed Note:** While most of the 2020 Rallies now have hosts, we still need hosts for Lone Pine, a lovely area of the State. Additionally, backups are always welcome. If not this year, start thinking about 2021. John Bibby will be selecting 2021 rally sites so check-in with him

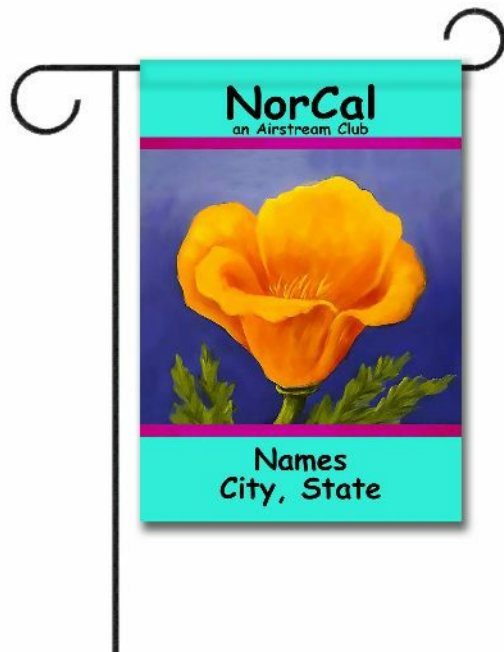
## Limmerick Laughs\*

A friendly young fellow named Chuck  
Pulled an Airstream around with his truck  
He partied his pals  
And romanced the gals  
And with rent he never got stuck

The campground was down by a lake  
And it may have been a mistake  
To back into the site  
In the dim evening light  
If he'd only remembered the brake!

(\*These limericks came from Air Forum submissions. Please submit your own Limericks for future inclusion in this Newsletter from time to time)

# Personalized NorCal Airstream Club – Garden Flag



The NorCal Airstream Club Personalized Garden Flag is now available directly from our vendor Flagology!

Flagology has created a private link that does not appear anywhere on their website for our members to order a garden flag. Click here to order: <https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>

Once at their web site, note of any discount code pop-ups. The standard price for the flag is \$19.99 plus shipping, however discount codes are almost always available. Write down the discount code to use at time of checkout to apply discount.

Click the “Customize Now” button to start your order.

Enter your personalization in the text editor on the left. You will see your personalized text appear on the flag to the right. Click the fonts button in text editor to view and select from available fonts.

When you are happy with the personalization, click the “love the design? Add to cart” button above the flag. You will see a pop-up screen to confirm the personalization is exactly how you

want it. If all is good, click the “YES my design is ready to fly” button.

Next you will see another pop-up screen to select your fabric. There are two options: Flagtastic and Flip-it. The Flagtastic fabric will have slightly more vibrant colors, however please note that the **TEXT WILL APPEAR BACKWARDS ON THE BACK OF THE FLAG**. The Flip-it fabric is \$5.00 more, but the personalization text will appear normal on both sides of the flag. Chose the fabric you prefer.

When you arrive at the shopping cart, enter your shipping preference (standard or priority) and remember to enter your discount code in the coupon box. before proceeding to checkout. At checkout you can pay by credit card or PayPal.

For any questions the NorCal Club contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Please remember the flag does not come with a garden flag stand. You can purchase a stand separately at almost any hardware store. I purchased one from Lowe’s for \$7.99 that is sturdy and breaks down for easy storage and transport.

*John Bibby*

**ED NOTE:** Many people clip their flags to the rock panels on the front of their trailer for ease of display. If you use the garden flag stands, be sure to place a binder clip or some other block at the end of the rod the flag sits on or it will fly off the stand at



Sample of other flags available at Flagology

## Have You Got Yours Yet?

Last year the Board and WBCCI approved an updated name badge for our Club members to wear, which has since gotten accolades from Airstreamers nationwide. It is very distinctive and sets Norcal apart from every other Airstream Club that only uses the badges supplied by WBCCI.

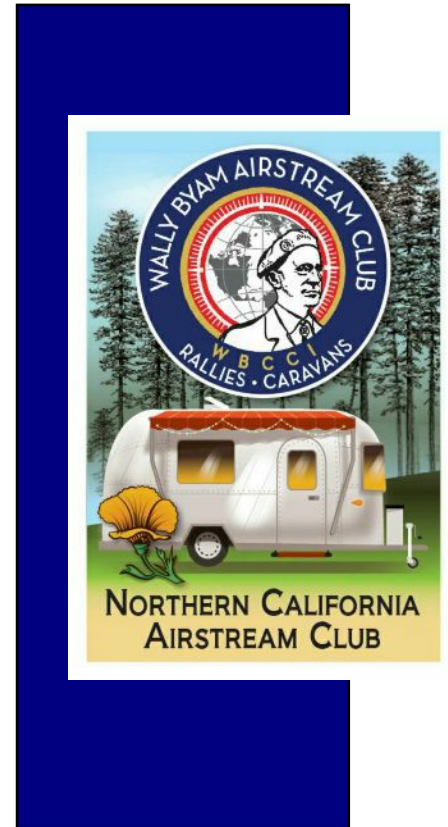
Our Badge was designed by Laura McAdams, a graphic artist, and facilitated (very quickly) by Carmen Ortiz. [Laura was later asked to design the new logo for The Poppy, and felt that keeping designs consistent would be best for the Club.]

The new name badges are free to all NorCal members. But there is a catch. They are only available to members when they attend a rally (thereby saving the Club money on shipping). If you

do not yet have a new badge, please attend a rally, and seek out the membership chair or her designee for your new name badge. When you attend your first Norcal rally, make sure to designate such on the coupon so we will know to have your badge ready for you when you come to the rally.

While some people cringe at wearing name badges, the truth is that they are very helpful for everyone else in getting to know you and your name. At times they are also helpful in letting vendors know that you are part of our group and not some interloper or outsider. So when at a rally or rally event, try to remember to wear your name badges so we all can get to know you!

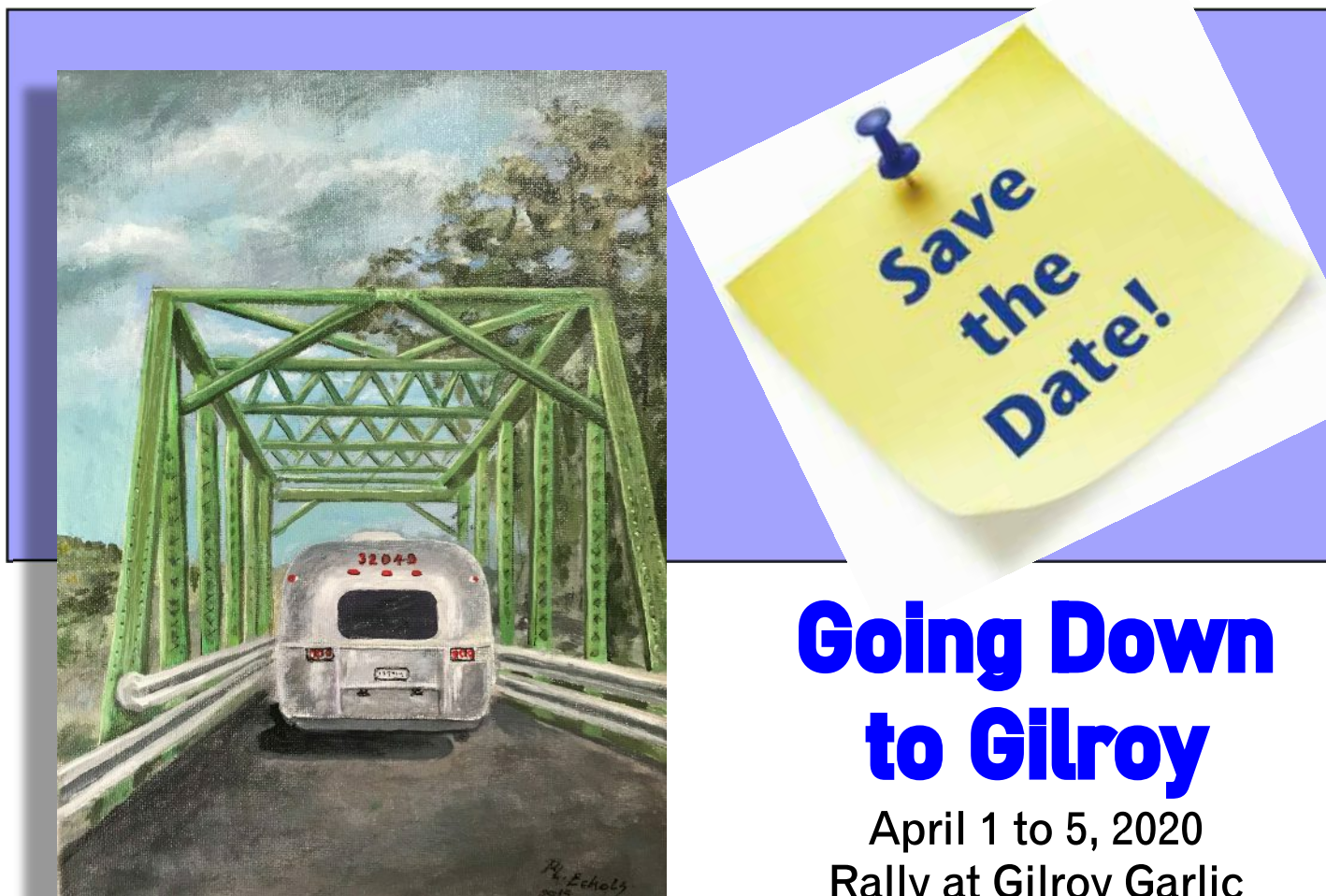
*Elisa Ungerman*



Meet our Logo designer: Laurie McAdam. A few years ago, after a 37 year career as an Editorial Artist for the Modesto Bee, she retired. However she continues to freelance and teach Adobe Illustrator, a graphics computer class at Modesto Junior College, which she has been doing for 10 years now. She still has a couple more years to teach before she can leave. She was a member of NorCal in 2018, and is looking forward to rejoining the club once she has fully retired. Meanwhile she is willing to do any sort of art work for the club as needed. "I'm still camping in my tiny Airstream (named Christmas Morning). I just cannot seem to make any of the monthly rallies because of work constraints," says Laurie. "I've met some of you but not all and I look forward to that in the near future."

### Church Bulletin

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



## Going Down to Gilroy

April 1 to 5, 2020

Rally at Gilroy Garlic  
RV Park

### Planned Activities:

1. Catered welcome dinner featuring a Taste of Garlic
2. Tours of Christopher's Ranch Garlic Farm
3. San Juan Bautista Mission and Town. Lunch on your own in town or picnic
4. By popular demand: Tour of the Winchester Mystery House Mansion  
Lunch on your own at Santana Row (across the street from Winchester House)
5. Grill your own meat potluck dinner
6. Movie Nights featuring "Vertigo" and "Winchester"
7. Games and Prizes

### On Your Own:

1. Shopping at nearby Gilroy Outlets, Harbor Freight, etc.
2. Nearby farm stands and garlic shops
3. Gilroy Gardens with heritage "Circus Trees"
4. Visit Camping World and/or Bay Area Airstream – Morgan Hill
5. Wings of History Museum – Morgan Hill (across from Camping World)
6. Wine Tasting – Hecker Pass wineries and others
7. Weigh your trailer and tow vehicle at Cat Scale (next to RV park)

Watch for announcement and registration information in a special blast, Feb. 1