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## President's Message

Tempus fugit. It's one of a handful of Latin phrases most of us learned in middle school. The Roman poet Vergil used it in reference to the quickly passing days of summer. The more commonly used modern adaptation is, "Time flies when you're having fun," it surely fits for those of us who have enjoyed so many of our CAC rallies this year.



Our rally in Granby brought us together at a first-class resort in the Colorado mountains. We enjoyed the camaraderie, and there was no shortage of things to do at the resort, along the trails and lakes, and in Grand Lake and Rocky Mountain National Park. Mary and I had a schedule conflict and couldn't do the Carbondale Rally, but oh, those pictures on our CAC Facebook page tell it all. What a beautiful spot!

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*For us, excitement is building for the action-filled Sheepdog Trials Rally in Meeker next week. Others in CAC are looking forward to relaxation and recreation at Carter Lake. To be honest, Mary and I would participate in both rallies. We were disappointed when the schedule came together with two terrific but very different rallies on overlapping dates. Von Campbell has hosted the Carter Lake Rally for a number of years, and we owe many thanks to the relationships he and Susan built with county parks that resulted in the Colorado Airstream Club being the first group to occupy the newly created group camping area at Carter Lake.*



Second VP Steve Libhart has built valuable relationships with the folks putting on the Sheep Dog Trials in Meeker, and that has created a unique rally opportunity for CAC members to participate in a rapidly growing, fun-filled festival. We may even see the Sheep Dog Trials Rally grow into a Special Events Rally for Airstream Club International, bringing in fellow club members from all over.

The Sheep Dog competition is a festival we don't control, so I'm hoping we can move the Carter Lake rally to dates that don't conflict in 2024. We'd like to do both. On the other hand, I'm encouraged that despite the scheduling conflict, both rallies will be well attended, giving CAC members a choice between a longer rally in Meeker that is further away from most of our membership and a shorter more relaxed rally close to home and easier for our still-working members to enjoy.

Later this month and early next, our Circle the Wagons Rally in Creede and our Ouray for Fall Colors Rallies take advantage of Colorado's natural beauty. One is a dry camping experience, and the other is full hook-ups. We like both.

We are a big club and still growing. It's both our greatest challenge and biggest opportunity in the years ahead. Many of our members are still working and can only get a day or two off work. They bought their units to get away from town and enjoy the great outdoors. Others are retired, semi-retired, or mobile workers with more time to travel. Together, we can find rallies and events that give all our members many different kinds of opportunities to enjoy our Airstreams, build friendships, learn new things, and experience new and varied surroundings.

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Our rally schedule for 2024 is taking shape, but there is still plenty of flexibility to add more weekend rallies that are convenient for members south and west and take advantage of our Colorado mountains. You probably have an idea or two about places you've been or would like to visit. Shoot me an email or contact any of our club officers and trustees. It's easy to get the ball rolling. Public parks and other lower-cost venues tend to sell out fast, so we need to be putting these things together now. Tempus fugit!

Dave Rose - CAC President  
Lifetime BRN 13495



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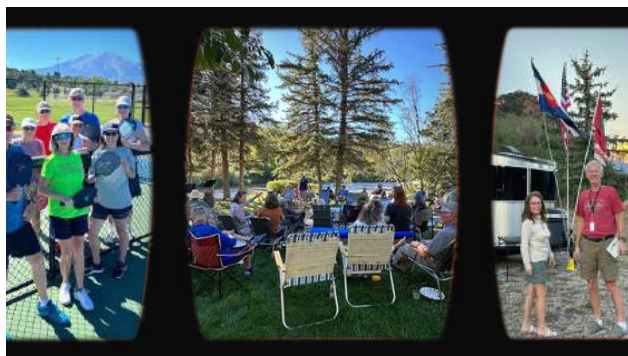
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## New Club Members



Welcome new members!

Robert & Tracy Capozzella - BRN 14286

Paige Anderson - BRN 6443

Barrett Edwards - BRN 8054

Harald & Rachel Gomez - BRN 4362

Connie Hard - BRN 18901

Samir & Kelsey Hasan - BRN 22889

Travis Hege - BRN 27277

Micheal & Tina Hopper - BRN 31774

David & Jill Hughes - BRN 4548

Bob & Teresa Lee - BRN 8380

Kaite Martinez - BRN 4264

Kelli & Ronaldo Araujo - BRN 12722



**"Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see if you can find out what's over the next hill, and the next one after that." - Wally Byam**

# From Little Gifts to Big Rewards: My Surprising Experience

by Chris Freeman BRN 2998

We didn't know what to expect from the Colorado Airstream Club when we joined in 2020. Our timing wasn't great for socializing, which was fine with me.

I am uncomfortable in most social situations where I don't know the people I'm with. I've always been that way.

We attended our first rally at Carter Lake in early fall 2021. The experience was pleasant, and we met some people during the weekend.

Our involvement was limited by scheduling challenges until the Wagon Wheel Rally at Creede the following fall. This rally was when my participation in the club began to change.

Amy couldn't make the rally due to a work commitment, and I set off for Creede alone. I parked beside some great people who made me feel welcome and comfortable. If you ever have the pleasure of parking next to Steve and Patti Hughes, you'll be in great company.

On the other side was the 2022 club president. Rob and Brenda Hughey made getting involved and helping with the event fun. I met many great people by chopping vegetables and shuttling people up to the ranch house.

By the end of the weekend, I felt pretty comfortable with the folks at the rally, and I knew that I wanted to do a little more than just attend future rallies.

At the end of 2022, I took on a small role as the CAC newsletter editor. Editing a newsletter isn't in my wheelhouse, but I decided to help where the club needed it.

The time commitment for the newsletter is minimal, and I've met even more great people through the role.

In 2023, we decided to attend a few more rallies than in previous years. Additionally, I volunteered to co-host the Chama Rally. This experience helped me meet even more people and learn how rallies work from the other side of the curtain.

Before the rally in Chama, I worked with the Chamber of Commerce to identify great activities for our attendees. Also, I worked with the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad to secure a discount code.

During the event, I helped welcome everyone and even did some problem-solving when we ran into a BBQ grill issue at a group meal. All of my co-hosting responsibilities were manageable. We had plenty of time to enjoy the rally, and as a HUGE bonus, I met even more great people.

I'm still uncomfortable in social situations. However, taking a step to do a bit more with the club introduced me to many people. It's much less awkward when you've met most of the people before.

My increased engagement in the club only required a little time in my schedule. In return, I've met great people I look forward to seeing again at future rallies.

If you want to get a bit more from the club, dip your toe in deeper. The experience is fun and rewarding.





## Facebook Group

You can find the group on Facebook and request access. This is a private group for CAC members only. The group is not a formal communication channel.

FB Group membership is not required. All CAC members receive formal email communications.

However, it is a great place to interact with fellow club members.

Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/colorado.wbcci>

Or search for "Colorado Airstream Club" on Facebook.



## Pop Quiz!

How many Airstream Club courtesy parking locations are listed in Colorado?



Bookmark Your One Stop Resource for All CAC Events

<https://airstreamclub.org/colorado-airstream-club-information>



## Help CAC Make an Impact on Meeker

The Meeker Rally happens in September and CAC is will be contributing to the Food Bank of Meeker, CO.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the club will be able to attend the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials. That doesn't mean you can't help us leave a lasting positive impact on the Meeker community.

Here is a link if you would like to make a monetary contribution to the [Food Bank of Meeker](#).



The food bank is administered by White River Methodist Church. Make sure you select the food bank as the fund to direct your donation. Thank you for helping us help a community we visit!!!!

A screenshot of a digital donation form. At the top, it says "Give to White River Methodist Church" and displays "\$ 0.00". Below this is a dropdown menu titled "Give to Food Bank" which is currently open, showing several options: "Give to AV/IT Upgrade", "Give to Food Bank" (highlighted in blue), "Give to General Fund", "Give to Missions", "Give to OneSeed Missions", and "Give to Pastor's Discretionary Fund". At the bottom of the form is a green button labeled "Continue".

## Indoor Storage Special For CAC Members

MasterTech RV has a few indoor storage spots available. These spots are climate controlled, include electricity and valet service. If you store with MasterTech, repairs and maintenance are also a breeze. Units can be moved from storage to the repair facility easily.

Indoor storage is \$22/linear foot [toe to toe] and the first month is free for CAC members with a one year contract.

MasterTech RV has been trusted by many CAC members for service and they also share knowledge each spring at the Maintenance Rally. If you are looking for indoor storage and/or a great place for repairs and upgrades, please contact [MasterTech RV](#).



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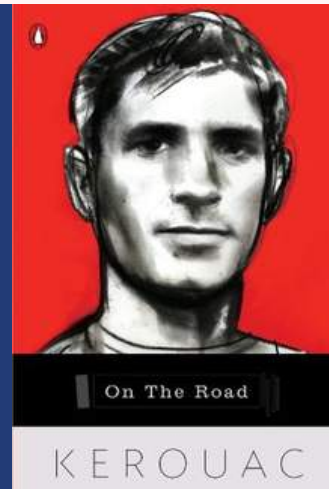

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## A Book for Your Shelf

[On the Road](#)

by Jack Kerouac

A quintessential novel of America & the Beat Generation *On the Road* chronicles Jack Kerouac's years traveling the North American continent with his friend Neal Cassady, "a sideburned hero of the snowy West." As "Sal Paradise" & "Dean Moriarty," the two roam the country in a quest for self-knowledge & experience. Kerouac's love of America, compassion for humanity & sense of language as jazz combine to make *On the Road* an inspirational work of lasting importance. This classic novel of freedom & longing defined what it meant to be "Beat" & has inspired every generation since its initial publication.





## 2023 Rally Schedule

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Date	Event	Description
September 7-11	<a href="#"><u>Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials Rally</u></a>	Join us in the beautiful and peaceful valley in Meeker Colorado for the 2023 Meeker Classic Sheep Dog Trials. These trials are the culmination of several competitions and the winner takes the grand prize.
September 7-10	<a href="#"><u>Carter Lake Rally</u></a>	Join us at beautiful Carter Lake. Carter Lake is easily accessible from the Front Range, about 1 hour north of Denver. There are great hiking trails around the lake which also offers bathing, boating and fishing. Campsites are situated along the lake and pull-throughs are plentiful.
September 18 - 22	<a href="#"><u>Wagon Wheel Rally</u></a>	Hosts: Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann, Michael and Becki Carmichael
October 2 - 6	<a href="#"><u>Ouray for Fall Colors</u></a>	Host: Carolyn Beardshear, Mike Zimmermann, Ian and Jeri Hasund

Always visit the [CAC Events Page](#) for registration dates and all the latest updates.

## Colorful News

Make this newsletter YOURS!

Send your articles to  
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 by the 15th of the month with the  
 subject line:  
**AIRSTREAM NEWSLETTER**

### Suggestions For Topics:

#### Trips and Adventures:

Include itinerary, photos, captions,  
 and websites of any important  
 destinations

#### Technology Tips:

Have a new Starlink setup? Lithium  
 and solar? Tell us about it!

#### Hacks and Upgrades:

Show us something you've done to  
 enhance your travel experience

#### Rally Recipes:

Let us know what's cooking in your  
 Airstream

#### Reading for the Road:

What are you reading that you  
 cannot put down?

#### Exterior Set-up:

Do you have an outside  
 arrangement that works well?

#### ...and more.

If it interests you, share it with the  
 club.

## 2024 Rally Planning

The CAC board is already working on Rally plans for 2024.

Do you have an idea for a rally?

Hosting a rally is a great way to meet members in the club and share a favorite destination of yours with your fellow Airstream friends.

Hosting is rewarding and can be a simple or involved as you would like. The CAC team also has lots of people to help you along the way.

Reach out to [Dave Rose](#) or any other member of the board to get started.



## Pop Quiz! Answer

Courtesy Parking is one of the most underutilized benefits of the Airstream Club. There are **46** listings in Colorado. Reach out to your fellow club member, stay a night and make a new friend. You can stay at many locations across the country also.



## Editorial Review

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