



## Rallies

**October 25 - 28**  
**Region 12 Rally**  
 Pismo Beach, Calif

**October 29 - Nov 1**  
**Halloween Rally Morro Bay**  
 Contact: Cheryl:  
 muserfly@cox.net

**December 8 - 10**  
**LVAC Holiday Rally**  
 Oasis RV Resort Las Vegas  
 Contact: Cheryl:  
 musserfly@cox.net

**January 19 - 21 2024**  
**Tecopa Hot Springs Resort**  
 Tecopa Hot Springs, Calif  
 Contact: Jo:  
 jojos.mail@hotmail.com

**Valley of Fire**  
 Date to be announced

**March 1 -3**  
**Lake Havasu Bluegrass Festival**  
 Lake Havasu, Az

**March 7- 10**  
**Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina**  
 Searchlight, Nevada  
 Contact: Jo:  
 jojos.mail@hotmail.com

**April 5 - 8**  
**Pechanga RV Resort**  
 Temecula, Calif.  
 Contact: Cheryl:  
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Check the Las Vegas Airstream Club Event Calendar for current and future rallies  
<https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas>

## SPOTLIGHT UPCOMING RALLY 2024 TECOPA HOT SPRINGS RALLY

**JANUARY 19-21, 2024**  
**\$45 per night – Full hookups**



Start 2024 by treating yourself to a soak in a therapeutic hot spring. Join your Las Vegas Airstream Friends as we make the relatively short drive to Tecopa Hot Springs, California.

Located outside Death Valley National Park, this funky little town is a world away from the lights and excitement of Las Vegas. Tecopa Hot Springs Resort has a basic campground with full hookups. The resort has a lot to offer - incredible private soaking tubs, a labyrinth, beautiful desert vistas, dark skies, and Chef Eric Scott's onsite Steaks & Beer Restaurant.

Tecopa lies in a broad basin that is the watershed of the Amargosa River. This river still flows mainly underground on its spring-fed course out of the Nopah Range. It runs south through Tecopa. The best way to see the river is to make the easy three-mile hike that begins at [China Ranch Date Farm](#). The family-run farm sells wonderful dates, a selection of kitsch, and hike-fueling date-nut muffins and breads.

There are a few delicious restaurants and a brewery in town. The LA Times said that Tecopa is a surprising foodie find. To make reservations, call Tecopa Hot Springs Resort at 760-852-4420.

Genevieve and Amy are holding a block of adjoining sites for the next few days. After that, we may be more spread out. Tell them that you are with the Las Vegas Airstream Club. They will take a credit card number but will not run your card until a week before check-in. At that point, it will become non-refundable.

## Holiday Rally December 2023

**LAS VEGAS AIRSTREAM CLUB  
HOLIDAY RALLY 2023**

FRANK SINATRA  
DEAN MARTIN  
SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

**A RAT PACK  
CHRISTMAS**

LOCATION: OASIS LAS VEGAS RV RESORT  
DATES: DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH (DINNER FRIDAY)  
RALLY COST (INCL'S CAMPING & DINNER) :  
\$200/2 PEOPLE, \$180/1 PERSON  
DINNER ONLY (NO CAMPING): \$20  
GIFT EXCHANGE - FRIDAY (1/AIRSTREAM)  
TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE & BUSINESS  
MEETING- SATURDAY

The theme for this years Holiday party is the Rat Pack. I see a lot of Fedora hats and maybe a Marilyn Monroe or two showing up at dinner. Plan on fun games and great food.

Dinner is catered on Friday night and we are asking that you bring your favorite holiday cookies to share for desert. Installation of the 2024 officers and gift exchange will take place after dinner. Gift exchange is one gift per trailer.



### Local Camping Spot

**Valley of Fire**  
By Max Sterling

One of our favorite campsites is Atlatl, in the Valley of Fire. With the new Nevada State Parks Reservation have system for campgrounds we are able to camp at our favorite campground once again. Prior to being able to make reservations it would be an anxiety riddled drive out to the campground with fingers crossed. More times than not the campground would be full and we would have to move on.



### Nevada State Parks Reservations

There are many beautiful state parks in Nevada. How many parks have you visited? You no longer need to find a first come, first serve spot to stay in the Nevada State Parks. You are now able to reserve your favorite camping spot here in Nevada. Get out and explore our beautiful state with your Airstream.

<https://parks.nv.gov/>

## Local Camping Spots

Lake Mead RV Resort

By Rebecca Seibel

We spent the weekend at Lake Mead RV resort, enjoying the first weekend of fall. We had a fantastic sunset and as always, great food. This is pumpkin gnocchi with Italian sausage accompanied by Aperol Spritz.



### Pumpkin Gnocchi Ingredients

2 (17.5-oz.) packages gnocchi  
3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tbsp. tomato paste  
1 1/2 c. low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth  
3/4 c. pumpkin puree  
1 1/2 tsp. McCormick® Rubbed Sage  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
2 tbsp. heavy cream  
Freshly grated Parmesan, for serving  
Finely chopped chives, for serving

### Directions

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook gnocchi per package instructions until al dente. Drain.

In a high-sided large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add tomato paste and cook, stirring, 1 minute more.

Whisk in chicken broth, pumpkin puree, and sage and bring to a boil. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, until slightly thickened about 7 minutes.

Stir the gnocchi and heavy cream into the skillet and cook, tossing, until coated, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Remove from the heat and garnish with Parmesan, black pepper, and chives.



# Exploring the Open Road: Planning Your RV Trip with ChatGPT

Submitted by Gideon Hawley and ChatGPT

We just returned from our trip across the country and used Chatgpt to plan most of the trip. It would be very lengthy to post exactly how I did it but I had chatgpt write up a summary below to help get people started who are interested.

Are you ready to embark on a memorable RV adventure but feeling overwhelmed by the planning process? Look no further than ChatGPT, a powerful AI assistant, to help you craft the perfect road trip itinerary. With its vast knowledge and ability to provide personalized recommendations, ChatGPT can streamline the planning process and ensure your journey is filled with unforgettable experiences.

## 1. Setting Your Route:

Start by specifying your departure and destination points. Whether you're dreaming of a cross-country odyssey or a scenic drive through national parks, ChatGPT can suggest the best routes, taking into account your preferred stops and driving distances per day.

## 2. Choosing RV Parks:

Finding the ideal RV parks or campgrounds along your route is crucial. ChatGPT can recommend reputable parks, complete with amenities like full hookups, scenic views, and proximity to local attractions. It can also provide insights into booking availability and reservation tips.

## 3. Exploring Landmarks:

No road trip is complete without exploring landmarks and attractions. ChatGPT can suggest must-visit stops along your journey, from national parks and historical sites to quirky roadside attractions.

## 4. Dining Recommendations:

For culinary enthusiasts, ChatGPT can recommend restaurants, including James Beard Foundation-recognized establishments and those featured on Food Network. Savor local flavors and indulge in gastronomic delights.

## 5. Tailored Itinerary:

Customize your itinerary based on your interests, whether it's hiking in national parks, visiting museums, or relaxing by the campfire. ChatGPT can adjust the plan to align with your preferences.

## 6. Practical Tips:

ChatGPT can provide tips on RV maintenance, packing essentials, and even suggest pet-friendly stops along the way if you're traveling with your furry friend. By harnessing the power of ChatGPT, planning your RV trip becomes an enjoyable and stress-free experience. Say goodbye to the hassles of travel planning, and hello to a road trip filled with adventure, relaxation, and cherished memories. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or embarking on your first RV journey, ChatGPT is your trusted companion on the open road.





## Calling all Diesel Drivers By Patricia Kim

Some of you like challenges and who can blame you. Life is too short not to have them. If you like going into gas stations and maneuvering around the poles, pumps and cars, by all means skip this article. For those who don't mind an occasional challenge and would like the easy route to filling your diesel truck or RV, read on

**Open Roads** is a discount fuel program open to anyone who purchases diesel fuel, whether it be a diesel pickup truck, RV, or a semi-truck. By joining the program, you will have access to discount diesel prices at specified locations such as Love's, Travel Centers of America Current (T/A), Casey's among others, members are saving on average of 30 to 40 cents per gallon off the pump price. Open Roads are always adding new fueling stations – check them out on Facebook.

There are no signup fees or membership fees to join. There are no long-term contracts to sign and no hidden fees. There is a fee of 10% of the savings per gallon for personal vehicles. For example, if the retail cost is \$3.00 per gallon and our cost is \$2.50 per gallon, the fee will be 5 cents per gallon, or 10% of the 50 cents you saved at the pump. There is a transaction fee of 40 or 65 cents depending on the specified fueling location. This fee is required by Open Roads fuel partners and goes directly to that specific fuel merchant, not Open Roads. Your card is free, but if you should need an additional or replacement card, there is a cost of \$10.00

### The App

The Open Roads app will clearly show you all locations in the discount network. If you choose to fuel at a location that is not in-network, there will be a \$1.00 per transaction fee charged.

### On the Road....

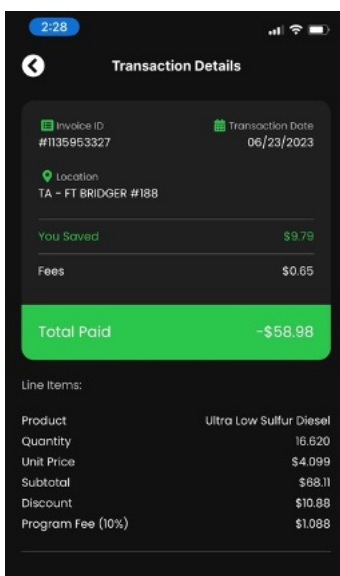
- Fueling at a truck stop – follow the signs for Truckers.
- Pull up to the truck bay.
- Slide your card. Note: some stations may require you to go into the store to slide your card.
- Enter your code (last 4 of your SSN). Enter your fueling station member number if you have one.
- Hit Tractor
- DEF yes or no, it will process and allow you to pump your fuel.
- CAUTION The nozzles pump very quickly – so be aware and don't leave your vehicle.
- Once complete, pull your rig forward to the line – this allows the trucker behind you to pull in and start filling. You have about 15 minutes to run into the store, use their bathroom, etc.
- Pull out and be on your way.

### Are you a Business Owner?

If you are a business looking for a commercial account for your fleet, go to the "Commercial Application" page and you will find the application for that program on there. There is a one-time signup fee for the Commercial Program of \$125.00.

Ready to save money on fuel costs:

<https://myopenroads.com/rv%2Fpersonal-application>



## Officer Elections

Fall is the time of year for elections of our officers in the Las Vegas Airstream Club. Board positions will be installed at our Holiday party in December. If you are interested in any volunteer position in our club please reach out and let a board member know by NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

Remember, The Las Vegas Airstream Club is YOUR club and cannot function without the participation of you, our members. One of the ways to participate is to host a rally or serve on the Board as an officer. Listed below is a description of the positions in our club. Current members filling positions and the positions that are vacant.

**President - JO SALZER** (1 hr/month) Presides over any meetings, assists in creating the rally calendar. Sends International and Regional club information to members.

**1st Vice President - LYNN MATE** (1 hr/month) Assists the President. Preside over meetings in the President's absence.

**2nd Vice President - VACANT** (1 hr/month) Assists the President and 1st VP. Preside over meetings in the President or 1st VP's absence.

**Treasurer - VACANT** (1 hr/month) Maintain the financial records of the club. Receive money for rally fees and disburses money as needed. Inform Membership Chair of unpaid member dues, in order to keep an accurate membership roster.

**Secretary - VACANT** (1 hr/month) Takes and prepares the minutes of meetings. Assists in the emailing out club notifications and information.

**Membership Chair - NEIL PETERSON** (2 hrs/month) Contacts new and prospective members. Coordinate with Treasurer to ensure an accurate membership roster.

**Newsletter - DIANE HANCOCK** (2 hrs/month) Preparation of the Club newsletter.

**Social Media Coordinator/Webmaster - VACANT** (1/2 hr/month) Create social media posts for the clubs Instagram and other social media accounts.

## Membership Badges



Here is a picture of our new badges. I have to say we received numerous compliments about them at the International Rally by all who saw them. A huge thank you to Jamie Peterson, Dale and Cheryl Musser for these wonderful badges.

The cost for your new badge, if you choose to purchase one is \$8.00. A steal of a price to display our new look. Contact Cheryl at [musserfly@cox.net](mailto:musserfly@cox.net) to purchase your badge.

## **Toolboxes**

By Diane Hancock

After all these years traveling in our Airstream, I did not think about items we may need to fix or repair the Airstream while on the road. The thought was to call AAA or Good Sam for help; however, that is not always the best or even a choice if you are in the middle of nowhere. Recently, we had a tire issue in Glacier National Park, in the middle of nowhere. A huge thank you to my fellow Airstreamers, Dale and Steve, who changed my trailer tire, for we were hours from the nearest tire dealer or repair shop.

They reminded me to retorque my tires in a few hundred miles. I found out our toolbox did not have one anymore. There is always the thought that if something happens, flat tire or toolbox, I am learning about items to keep in our toolbox. Some I knew about, and some I did not. I have put together a little list that is not inclusive but may help.

- Ladder
- Tape- scotch, duct, electric, alien, painter
- Zip ties
- Extension cords
- Sealer
- Generic toolbox items- hammer, wrench, screwdrivers
- Hitch grease
- Headlamp
- Measuring tape
- Bubble levels
- Tire changing gear, including Torque wrench (110 psi) for trailer tires
- Air compressor
- Silicone spray
- Rubber sealer and conditioner



I would love to hear what you keep in your toolbox. It would be nice to put a comprehensive list of suggestive items to have on hand for new members.

### **The medical toolbox**

On our last trip, we needed to obtain medical care while out of state. I have a relatively decent first-aid kit—items like gauze, band-aids, medical glue for cuts, etc. When we sought medical care, we were asked for a list of current medications, current and past medical conditions, i.e., diabetes or COPD, surgeries, and emergency contacts.

While all of this information is on my phone, reading it to medical personnel each time became cumbersome. From now on, I will have a few paper copies of:

- Medication list
- Current physician progress note from the primary care physician
- Current physician note from a specialist
- Emergency contact information
- Copies of medical insurance cards

## Social Media Pages



### 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](http://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.