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President's Message

The "Ouray for Fall Colors" rally was a spectacular way to wrap up our very busy 2023 Rally Season! Around multiple turns along the famous million-dollar highway from Ouray to Silverton, we found ourselves pulling over to take more pictures of the breathtaking fall colors and snowcapped San Juan mountains. Hosts Carolyn Beardshear and Mike Zimmerman had scheduled the rally nearly a year in advance.

They somehow managed to select dates that coincided perfectly with the very peak of fabulous fall colors. Carolyn and Mike have a beautiful home in the area, so they have plenty of first-hand experience timing the peak of fall colors, but still very impressive. Several of us have posted great pictures on the Colorado Airstream Club page on Facebook.



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The timing was also impeccable when we stopped along a county road to gaze over the fence at the old farmhouse that was used as Mattie's Farm in the making of the John Wayne classic movie "True Grit." Just as we got out of our cars, the realtor who was handling the sale of the property stopped by, opened the gates and invited our CAC group to come in for a closer look. Timing is everything!



Speaking of timing, now is the time to make your reservations for the CAC Holiday Luncheon. Von Campbell and Corrinne Bogert will be our hosts at the beautiful Ptarmigan Country Club in Fort Collins. With good food, a beautiful country club setting, and unbeatable camaraderie with friends, the Holiday Luncheon is a perfect opportunity to share our many memories from the 2023 rally season, install the Officers and Trustees who will guide our Club in 2024, and get a sneak peek of the rallies and events coming up next. To make your reservations for the luncheon, go to

<https://airstreamclub.org/colorado-2023-holiday-luncheon>

Speaking of reservations, here is a "heads up" for 2024. Next year, reservations for most rallies will be opening earlier than in the past, and many rallies will "sell out" earlier than ever before. Factors driving these changes is the post-pandemic reality that securing blocks of sites for our rallies is more difficult and expensive than in the past. Campgrounds have been requiring earlier reservations and bigger deposits.

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Despite these headwinds, our Club is wrapping up what can only be described as a “banner year.” Membership Chairman Scott Kunze, who is a bit of a techno-geek, generates our membership reports, welcomes new members, and monitors membership participation in rallies and events. Scott tells me that more than three hundred members participated in one or more CAC events this year. As we look ahead to the rallies and events planned for 2024, I believe we’ll meet and welcome even more of our fellow AS enthusiasts in the months ahead.

Don’t forget to make your reservations for the Holiday luncheon and submit your votes for incoming club leadership.

Dave Rose - CAC President
Lifetime BRN 13495



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New Club Members



Welcome new members!

Greg & Martha Darby - BRN 4893

John Douma & Lisa Wensley - BRN 29263

Nathan Gulash - BRN 5435

Terry & Sue Knapp- BRN 19670

Bill & Heidi Roth- BRN 5487

Maxine & Robert Schenfeld- BRN 3549

Cheryl & Fred Zeitz- BRN 31782



**"Memory is the best of all gardens.
Therein, winter and summer, the
seeds of the past lie dormant, ready to
spring into instant bloom at any
moment the mind wishes to bring
them to life."-Hal Boyle**

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!

Where is the annual Maintenance and New Member Rally being hosted in 2024?



Bookmark Your One Stop Resource for All CAC Events

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



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally - A National Rally Worthy of the Hype

Influencers do a great job of making travel look amazing. Those who travel know that there is much more than glitz and Instagram moments involved with our adventures.

We watched a series of Balloon Fiesta videos on YouTube and added the event to our bucket list.

When the National Rally lottery opened in January, we submitted our registration request, knowing that the Rally is extremely popular and many members try to get into the event several years before being selected.

The lottery process was a low-stress event, with a two-week window to submit an entry. This meant no made rush to reload a web page at exactly 8am, like so many other campsite reservations require.

Much to my surprise our entry was selected in the lottery and we purchased our tickets to the 2023 Balloon Fiesta Rally. I was a little worried about how the 2022 event turned out, just a few months before the lottery. The weather last year was awful and very few balloons were able to fly and almost all of the glows had to be cancelled.



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As we started our trek to Albuquerque, it seemed that the Fiesta would be blessed with good weather. We committed to making the best of the experience no matter what the weather brought, but the forecast gave us a moment to build the hype in our minds even more.

We spent a night at Trinidad Lake State Park and were blessed with a striking dark sky night, with the Milky Way on full display. This state park may not be on your radar, but if you are in the area, it's an excellent place for a quiet night under the stars.

As we rolled into the Rally, the great volunteers from the New Mexico club worked their magic. It's incredible to see how efficiently they guide 150 Airstreams into the Rally space.

The literature said the Rally site was right next to the Balloon Fiesta field. That information is no exaggeration. It's possible to have an excellent experience at the Fiesta without walking onto the field.

We spent the first morning on the field, surrounded by nearly 600 balloons heading into the sky. I felt sensory overload in a perfect way.

We heard that more balloons took the sky on that first morning than during the entire event the previous year. The weather continued to shine throughout the Rally. Each night, we watched the glows and enjoyed the morning launches.

The Albuquerque Box was in full effect. Many balloonists were able to take off from the field, travel south, then gain altitude, and travel north back to the field. Many pilots landed on the same field they took off from. The phenomenon is mind-blowing.

There were at least a half-dozen Airstreams from Colorado at this year's Rally, many of whom were people we'd met at previous Colorado events. It was nice to see people we knew and to meet our neighbors who'd traveled across the country to attend the Balloon Fiesta Rally.

Our time in Albuquerque flew by, and the Rally exceeded my expectations. By definition, a bucket list item has very high expectations. We couldn't believe how incredible this event was. It all started with the low-stress lottery process and the amazing volunteer team that organized the Rally.

The weather is always a wild card, and in 2023, we were dealt a pat hand. Your mileage may vary, but if you dream about attending the Balloon Fiesta, the Airstream Club National Rally is a fantastic way to experience the spectacle.

We took a detour through Chama, NM, for some leaf peeping on the way home. Wow! Icing on the cake!

-- Chris Freeman BRN 2998



Recipes to Share

Captain Rodney's Cheese Dip

Steven Hughes shared this crowd-pleaser with the club. If you make this dish at a potluck, you won't come home with leftovers, or wine :)

Ingredients:

- 8-oz package of cream cheese
- 1/2 cup of mayonaisse
- 2 chopped green onions (I use a bit more)
- 1 cup of grated sharp cheddar cheese (original recipe on the glaze calls for 2 cups)
- 6 Ritz crackers (crushed)
- 1/2 cup of real bacon bits
- 1/2 cup of Captain Rodney's Boucan Pepper Glaze (available on Amazon)

Directions:

1. Open a bottle of wine and **pour yourself a glass.**
2. In a bowl use a mixer to combine the cream cheese, mayonaisse, onions, and cheddar cheese. Mix until it is somewhat smooth. **Congratulate yourself with a swig of wine!**
3. Spread the mixture into an 8"x8" cooking dish. This is a horizontal area of 64 in², so an equivalent circular dish having the same area would have a diameter of 9.0270 inches!
4. Sprinkle the crushed Ritz crackers evenly over the top surface.
5. Bake at 350 degF for about 15 to 20 minutes or until the mixture is bubbly. **Be sure to work on your wine during this time.**
6. Remove from the oven (remembering to turn off the oven), and top the dip with the bacon bits and then the Captain Rodney's glaze. **Finish off the wine!**
7. Serve with Ritz crackers or your favorite alternative.



A Book for Your Shelf

Lands of Lost Borders: A Journey on the Silk Road

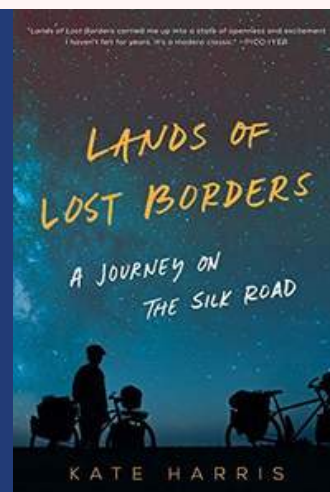
by Kate Harris

The book chronicles the author's adventurous 10,000-kilometer bicycle journey along the Silk Road, retracing the ancient trade route that connected Europe and Asia.

Harris, a scientist with a deep fascination for exploration, embarks on this epic expedition with her childhood friend Mel, and together they traverse diverse landscapes and cultures, from the steppes of Central Asia to the deserts of the Middle East.

Throughout the journey, Harris weaves together her personal experiences with historical insights and reflections on the significance of borders, both physical and metaphorical. The book explores themes of freedom, identity, and the human desire to explore the unknown.

Harris's eloquent writing and the vivid descriptions of the places and people she encounters make "Lands of Lost Borders" a captivating and thought-provoking exploration of adventure, curiosity, and the enduring spirit of exploration.



2023 Rally Schedule

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Date	Event	Description
December 2nd	Holiday Luncheon	<p>Join us for our biggest luncheon of the year to celebrate the holidays. A bountiful buffet will be served.</p> <p>Ptarmigan Country Club 5416 Vardon Way Fort Collins, CO, 80528</p>



Always visit the [CAC Events Page](#) for registration dates and all the latest updates, including the tentative 2024 Rally schedule.

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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.

Airstream, 2017 Flying Cloud 28'
 \$78,000

**FOR
 SALE**



This highly desirable 28' airstream has only had one owner and was well taken care of since it was purchased. Our family has enjoyed many adventures and now it is ready to have more with a new owner. Everything has been well maintained and all appliances are in excellent working condition. The interior is in pristine condition and exterior is in great shape. Included in the the airstream is a heavy-duty hensley sway reduction hitch. Four new tires and two new batteries that were purchased 10 months ago. All accessories to get you on the road and power hookup cords will be included in the purchase price. Sleeps up to 6 people comfortably. You will get a good night's sleep on the queen bed and the couch has a slide-out to accommodate more sleeping space along with a fold-down kitchen table. There are privacy curtains as well to divide the main living room from the bedroom and bathroom. Two solar panels are installed on the roof to supply off-grid power for boondocking. The unit features a 6-gallon lp/electric water heater and a separate bathroom for toilet and sink. Please contact me to schedule a time to take a tour of this great airstream. Call either Chris Rockvam 970-691-5608 or Janice Rockvam 970-484-9705.



Pop Quiz! **Answer**

The 2024 Maintenance and New Member Rally will be hosted at Jellystone Park at Larkspur (May 16 - 19)

See the tentative list of 2024 rallies [here](#).



Editorial Review

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