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## President's Message

Dear Colorado Airstream Club Members,

In Colorado, the winter season presents a striking contrast. Following a sunny and pleasant December, we have now transitioned to colder temperatures as winter takes hold. The CAC board, along with rally hosts and volunteers, are actively organizing an exciting year of Rallies.

Our first events are luncheons, which allow us to stay connected and socialize during the winter months. We will get together at Collision Brewing in Longmont on January 20th for some great beer and food and a presentation on front range biking and hiking trails. In February, we will host a free luncheon at the new Airstream of Colorado facility in Denver, where you can meet their new leadership.



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We've already had tremendous interest in the initial Rallies that have opened registration, including the April rally in Palisade and the May Maintenance Rally. I'm personally very excited about the Maintenance Rally this year. We are planning a broader set of activities and presentations, and I think everyone will love Jellystone RV Park in Larkspur. Please register early!

The Sand Dunes rally on May 9th should be open for registration around the time you read this. Jim Stahl has worked hard to make this an exciting Rally in a beautiful part of the state. Sand Dunes National Park is unique.

In June, we have a special rally planned at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. This will be a dry (no hookups) wagon-wheel style rally. Ghost Ranch is a 21,000-acre retreat and education center located near the village of Abiquiú in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. This historic and inspiring landscape, made famous by the renowned painter Georgia O'Keeffe, encompasses towering rock walls, vivid colors, and vast skies. There will be multiple activities and tours available. Thank you, Vicki Ottoson, for planning and organizing this Rally.



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On June 24th, we are at Steamboat Springs, where there are a wealth of activities, including golf, pickleball, tennis, hot springs, boating, hiking, and biking (I'm sure I left out at least a dozen other activities). Ursula Hermacinski, who lives in Steamboat, will be our local organizer and host for this Rally.



On July 11th, we will be in Salida at the beautiful Salida RV Resort. This is a small campground on the Saluda River with access to fishing, rafting, and incredible mountain biking and hiking.

On August 7th, we will be back at Manor RV Park in Estes Park, which provides easy access to Rocky Mountain National Park and the town of Estes Park.

On August 21st, we will be in Palisade for the 2nd time this year. This time, it will be at Palisade Basecamp RV Park just in time for some wonderful local peaches. Basecamp RV Park is located right on the beautiful Colorado River.

September is one of the nicest months to camp in Colorado, and we have three rallies planned.

On September 4th, we will be back at the Sheep Dog Festival in Meeker. This Rally was one of the highlights of last year. It is located near the Flattop Mountains in a beautiful Valley. If you haven't ever seen a Sheep Dog competition, I highly recommend you check this out. These dogs are amazing!



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On September 5th, we will have our long-standing Rally at Carter Lake. People love this rally because it is over a weekend and close to home. September is a great time to enjoy the lake and surrounding mountains.

The season closes with the 67th Annual International Rally from October 5- 11 in Sedalia, Missouri. Staci and I attended our first International Rally in Rocks Springs, Wyoming, last year, and we are looking forward to going to Sedalia. The International Rally has an incredible agenda with all kinds of sessions, but the best part is connecting with Airstreamers from all over the country.

Dave Rose is planning a Caravan to Sedalia, and more information will be posted on this in the Spring.



*I encourage each of you to mark your calendars and join us for these incredible events. The Colorado Airstream Club is all about coming together, forging new friendships, and creating unforgettable experiences. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new members to our close-knit community.*

*Here's to a year filled with adventure, laughter, and the open road. Wishing you all safe travels and memorable moments in your Airstream journeys.*

*Rich Howarth*

## CAC Officers

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## New Club Members



Welcome new members!

Guiseppe & Maureen Margiotta - BRN 1141

Melissa Phillips & Greg Woodruff - BRN 1219

Brent Johnson - BRN 1241

Cindy & Don Fendrick- BRN 1543

David Ashley & Shelley Johannesen - BRN 1580

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Juan & Nadine Echeverry - BRN 11547



## 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 would you like for CAC to have a rally? Doesn't have to be in Colorado.



Bookmark Your One Stop Resource for All CAC Events

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





## CAC Cyclists Featured

Vicki Ottson shared a piece that appeared in The Denver Bicycle Touring Club newsletter, featuring a ride from 2023 Granby Rally.

Jeff Krinsky participated in the ride and put together the photos for the club's newsletter.

You can view the article at this [link](#).

Many thanks to Vicki for sharing this story and for leading the 15 mile ride for the CAC. You can often see Vicki at rallies riding her e-bike and leading book club discussions. In addition to hosting Rallies, Vicki also helps other hosts create Rally packets for the participants.

If you have a story to share, please reach out to the newsletter editor. We love to share your stories with our club members.



## A Book for Your Shelf

That Wild Country: An Epic Journey through the Past, Present, and Future of America's Public Lands

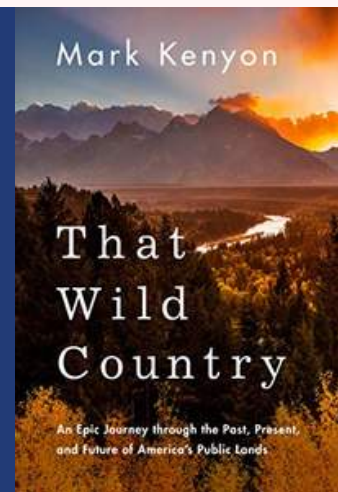
by Mark Kenyon

From prominent outdoorsman and nature writer Mark Kenyon comes an engrossing reflection on the past and future battles over our most revered landscapes—America's public lands.

Every American is a public-land owner, inheritor to the largest public-land trust in the world. These vast expanses provide a home to wildlife populations, a vital source of clean air and water, and a haven for recreation.

Since its inception, however, America's public land system has been embroiled in controversy—caught in the push and pull between the desire to develop the valuable resources the land holds or conserve them. Alarmed by rising tensions over the use of these lands, hunter, angler, and outdoor enthusiast Mark Kenyon set out to explore the spaces involved in this heated debate, and learn firsthand how they came to be and what their future might hold.

Part travelogue and part historical examination, *That Wild Country* invites readers on an intimate tour of the wondrous wild and public places that are a uniquely profound and endangered part of the American landscape.



## 2024 Rally Schedule

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Date	Event	Description
February 24	<a href="#">Luncheon</a>	Airstream of Colorado
March 2	<a href="#">Luncheon</a>	Airstream of Colorado
March 23	<a href="#">Luncheon</a>	Cinzetti's, Northglenn
April 22-25	<a href="#">Wine and Hike at Palisade, Robb State Park, Island Acres</a>	Come out of the cold and join us at Palisade to start the 2024 camping season. Weather averages 46 degrees at night and 67 during the day. Drive the Colorado National Monument, hike the Palisade Rim trail, take the wine tour at Red Fox Cellars or just relax next to the Colorado River.
May 9-13	<a href="#">Great Sand Dunes Rally</a>	Oasis RV Park
May 16-19	<a href="#">Maintenance and New Member Rally</a>	Jellystone RV Park, Larkspur
May 30 - June 2	<a href="#">Boyd Lake Rally</a>	Boyd Lake State Park

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June 10-14	<a href="#"><u>Ghost Ranch Rally</u></a>	Abiquiu NM
June 24-28	<a href="#"><u>Steamboat Rally</u></a>	Steamboat Springs KOA
July 11-15	<a href="#"><u>July in Salida Rally</u></a>	Salida RV Resort
July 15 - August 15 (specific dates TBD)	<a href="#"><u>Lomgmire Days Rally</u></a>	Buffalo, WY
July 22-26	<a href="#"><u>Black Hills Rally</u></a>	Heartland RV Park, Hermosa SD
August 7-11	Estes Park Rally	Manor RV Park
August 21-26	Palisade Peach Rally	Palisade Basecamp RV Park
September 4-8	Meeker Sheep Dog Trials Rally	River Camp RV Park, Meeker

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September 5-8	Carter Lake Rally	Carter Lake
September 16-20	Ouray Rally	Ouray KOA
October 1-4	Caravan to Sedalia	Caravan to the International Rally
October 5-11	<u>International Rally</u>	Sedalia, MO

Is the CAC Rally you wanted full?  
[Check out the many surrounding events in Region 11.](#)

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## Pop Quiz! **Answer**

Let us know where you would love to Rally.

Send us an email to:

[chris.freeman+CACNews@gmail.com](mailto:chris.freeman+CACNews@gmail.com)



## Editorial Review

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