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Nov 12 Member Appreciation Pizza Feast, Fallbrook

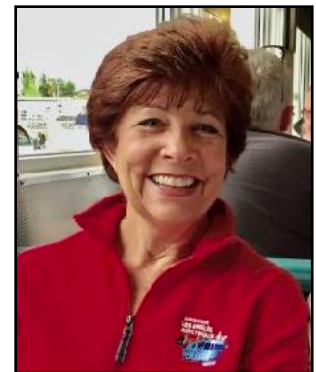
June 24-30, 2023 International Rally, Rock Springs, WY

President's Letter

Giving Thanks by Giving Back

With Thanksgiving less than a month away, it's nice to reflect on our blessings and give thanks for them - our health, family, friends, love, laughter, travel and Airstreams, to name a few. With this reflection comes the spirit of giving back both to our communities and to each other.

With this in mind, here are some ways that the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (GLAAC) is Giving Thanks by Giving Back.



To our Communities

In 2020 we donated over \$1,200 to the Wildland Firefighters Association, an organization which provides assistance to fallen and injured firefighters and their families; and this year we will present \$2,500 to the CalFire Foundation which provides support to victims, firefighters and communities affected by wildfire disaster throughout California. In addition, at the September Region 12 Rally in San Diego, we participated in the Region's silent auction where \$5,300 was raised for the Navy Special Operations Foundation which provides personnel and families with the tools necessary to overcome any challenges they may face.

To our Members & Affiliates

Over the past year many of us have participated in a variety of outstanding rallies that we held through California. These events do not just happen on their own, they happen because many of you volunteer your time and talent to create exciting and fun gatherings for all of us to enjoy. It is because of the generosity, creativity and volunteerism of our members and affiliates that our club is one of the most lively and adventurous Airstream clubs in the nation, in my humble opinion.

Did you know that the GLAAC provides two event-fee-free rallies (\$30/each) every year? This year our initial fee-free rally was held at Refugio Beach and the second will be held at our upcoming holiday event in December at Flying Flags, Buellton. We do this to encourage our members and affiliates to attend a rally and to experience how much fun they can be, how we can learn from each other, what sensational adventures are to be had, and what terrific friends can be made, many of which are lifelong.

In addition to this, the GLAAC Leadership Team hosts an annual complimentary Member & Affiliate Appreciation Party where we celebrate...YOU! This year our pizza party-themed event will be held on Saturday, November 12 at Paula & Steve's home in Fallbrook. The celebration begins at 1:00 p.m. and will include a variety of homemade pizzas, salads and desserts. So come join us for the festivities as we recognize and thank you for being members and affiliates of the club. Simply click this link and join us at the party: [2022 GLAAC Members & Affiliates Appreciation Pizza Party](#)

As you can see, our club definitely has the giving spirit so the question to be asked is, "How do you, as a member or affiliate, give back to our club?" The simple answer is to attend and participate in one of our amazing upcoming events and share with us your unique personality and creative ideas. As a member, step up and volunteer to host an event or take on a role in the club. This is what makes our club grow and thrive, we need you!

Region 12 Rally in Review

submitted by Michael Jackson

The recent Region 12 Rally held at Bayfair on Mission Bay in San Diego and hosted by San Diego Airstream Club was a huge success. The San Diego Club was outstanding in handling all the logistics, including meals and all the different events. The breakfast burritos and the paella dinner were delicious. The trailers lined Mission Bay as the hydroplanes roared past, creating many photo ops. The Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club stepped up big in helping volunteer time and energy for events under the party central tent. Liz Marks and Pamela Pall led the way with great enthusiasm. The silent auction gift baskets donated by the various clubs of Region 12 helped raise over \$5000 for the Navy Special Operations Foundation.



LaVerne McHenry, Region 12 President



Donated club gift baskets for silent auction

The cornhole tournament was won by GLACers Michael Jackson and Greg Landaker with Dennis Pall and Steve Hammer in 2nd and Las Vegas Airstream Club members Bob and Sandy Levan in 3rd. Kayaking and biking in the San Diego sun were a fun option for all. This was an outstanding Region 12 rally, with special thanks to all volunteers and especially Abe and Veronica Hernandez of the San Diego Airstream Club.



Cornhole champs!

The Great River Road

submitted by Jean Amundsen

Blue Ridge, Overseas, Going to the Sun, Route 66. What do these terms conjure up? Road trips, of course. Add to the list the Great River Road (GRR), the focus of our latest adventure. It's a 3000-mile-long scenic highway that follows the length of the Mississippi River from Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana. Having cruised much of the Mississippi, we always wanted to return and revisit favorite stops at a more leisurely pace. And getting there turned out to be half the fun.



Jean with Paul Bunyan and Babe, the Blue Ox



Road trip!

Leaving on Labor Day, we headed north to Salt Lake where we picked up I-70E into Wyoming. Lots of history out there, from covered wagon days and Army forts to the Lincoln Highway and its motor courts for early 20th century roadtrippers. Yes, we passed right through Rock Springs on our way east to South Dakota. We checked Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument off the bucket list. Such a beautiful, forested part of our country. Also had time to enjoy a ride on a genuine old time steam train. Such fun! From there it was on to Badlands National Park. And bad lands they are, for sure, and a stark contrast to verdant western South Dakota.



Alan crossing the Mississippi River

The Great River Road...continued

Headed south on the Great River Road (or Highway 61 for Dylan Fans) through Red Wing, Minnesota (work boots, anyone?) and Dubuque, Iowa, which has a first-class Mississippi River museum and Aquarium that features the biodiversity of the river area. Being an old American Literature teacher, I was looking forward to getting into Mark Twain land - Missouri and Illinois from Hannibal to Cairo - and reliving the adventures of Tom and Becky and Huck and Jim. I even persuaded Alan to take a side trip over to Paducah, Kentucky to visit the National Quilt Museum, and Hancock's of Paducah - two shrines of the quilting world.



Red Wing, Minnesota

Add cotton to the corn and soybeans. Lots of cotton. We continued down the GRR to Rock Island, Illinois, just across the River from St. Louis. We went to the Cahokia Mounds State park in Illinois and in St. Louis we visited Whitehall, one of the homes of Ulysses S. Grant, where we refreshed ourselves on lessons of U.S. history.



Whitewashing Tom Sawyer and Aunt Polly's fence

Then it was on to Memphis, where we said goodbye to the Road and pointed our nose west —on Route 66, of course. Even though this last leg home to the barn has been a series of one-nighters, we have been able to take in quite a few of the attractions on the Mother Road. One last side trip today to Grand Canyon, and then it's home - where our hearts are.



Airstreams at the Price

submitted by Lynda Polk

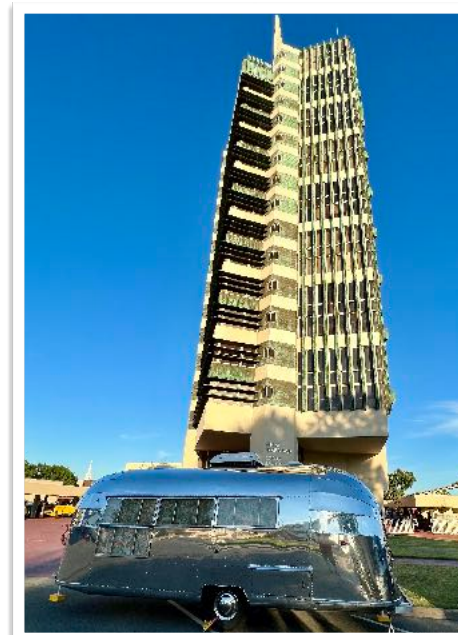
When the two worlds of iconic creators born in 19th century America collide as people come from across the United States to celebrate these two creative souls, we knew we were in for a fabulous event with over 50 Airstreams attending from around the United States.

The vibrant city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, home of the Phillips Petroleum Corporation, was where we gathered with our Airstreams, September 29 - October 2, to celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright and Wally Byam. It was here that Harold C. Price of Price Pipeline commissioned a three-story office building but eventually agreed to the 19-story structure which was completed in 1956. This is the only FLW skyscraper ever to be built and to this day it remains a viable commercial building with a restaurant, office space and hotel rooms.

Frank Lloyd Wright, born in 1867, became one of the most notable designers of homes beginning with his low and long Prairie style home; right through his more affordable, Usonian homes during the Great Depression.

Wallace Merle Byam, known as Wally, was born in 1896 and began publishing 'how to' plans for building travel trailers in Popular Mechanics magazine for 25 cents. In 1931 Wally began manufacturing and selling Airstream travel trailers in Los Angeles.

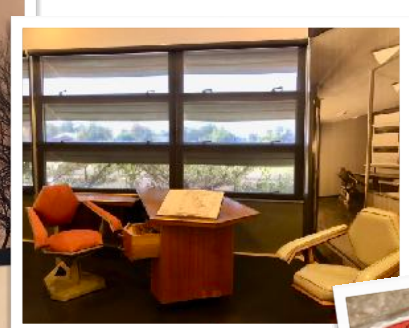
Here at the rally we enjoyed a panel discussion with experts from both camps who discussed the correlation between these two creative minds. In addition to their arrival in the mid-to-late 19th century, both men experienced hardships as youths.



Two beauties! Price Tower and '54 Caravanner

While FLW began creating small, useful homes with built-in furniture to ensure it couldn't be moved; Wally was working on an even smaller (and movable!) scale, with furniture placed, and not to be moved, in his Airstream travel trailers. Both men left indelible marks on American history and their legacies presented to the world remain iconic symbols to this day with many Wright homes still in existence; and it is estimated about 70% of all Airstreams ever manufactured are still in existence, including our 1954 Flying Cloud.

It's always such a treat while traveling full-time to spend time with friends along the way! Bruce & Denise and Mona (who hit the road prior to our photo), made our visit to the Price Tower heartwarming!



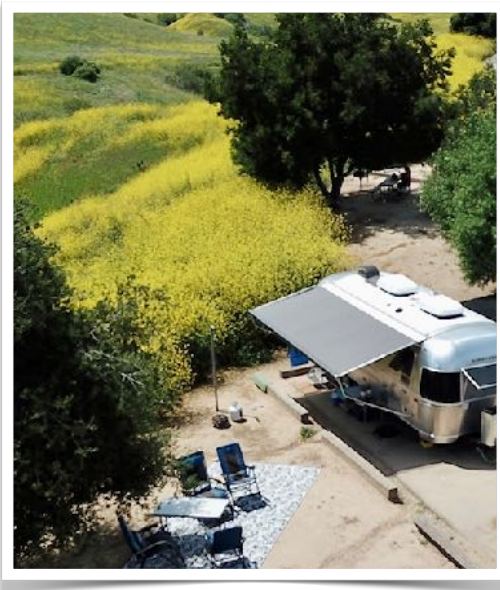
Meet a Member!

submitted by Zaynea Shamma-Niazi

Hello fellow Airstreamers and greetings from Rizwan & Zaynea!

As most know Rizwan and I came from different childhood backgrounds. Rizwan's childhood memories of camping were throwing a blanket down on the ground under the stars up on a desert hilltop or by a slow flowing river in Pakistan. My memories of camping are a little more luxury. I got to sleep on a queen bed in my grandparent's truck camper and traveled around the USA for two months in 1974. Either way this is how we came together to love camping. It doesn't really matter how or where you camp it is that one must DO IT!

After many years of venturing with our 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle we decided it was time for a new phase of adventures so we started searching for a travel trailer. After a year of research and investigating we finally agreed on an AIRSTREAM travel trailer! My thought was a 19' Bambi to start and Rizwan's thought was a 27' Globetrotter. Well, we met in the middle and chose a 25' Flying Cloud and today call our Airstream the "Silver Cloud".



Zaynea & Rizwan

Our philosophy was only buy if you plan to enjoy it every month. Even though we are 24/7 business owners of Electronic Security Services, an alarm security company for mega commercial/industrial clients, we kept our promise to each other. The good news is every month we camp since we became Airstreamers and are definitely "Happily Living the Airstream Life!"

We realized we wanted helping hands with us as we traveled, so we started to search for Airstream clubs in the area. And the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (GLAAC) stood out from all the rest. The International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico was slated on their calendar of events. That is how GLAAC won us over!

Our first GLAAC event was April 2019 at Chino Hills State Park. Yellow and orange flowers were blooming all around us. A perfect backdrop as we met several fellow Airstreamers and can honestly say, with confidence, we are all friends and enjoy their company and love continuously.

Keep the shiny side up until the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's next rally!

My Favorite Campground!

submitted by Carolyn Tomlinson

This past summer, my granddaughter and I spent five nights in Silver Falls State Park, forty-five miles east of Salem, Oregon. At over 9,000 acres, it is the largest of the Oregon State Parks, and it will become abundantly clear while visiting this beautiful park as to why it is referred to as the "Crown Jewel" of the Oregon parks. Many of the beautiful stone buildings were constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, part of the Works Progress Administration. It had been over thirty years since I had tent-camped in the park with my son, and I found it was even more beautiful than I remembered. Our grassy, private campsite was one of the forty-eight sites that have water and electrical hook-ups.

We took some beautiful hikes, enjoyed our s'mores and hot dogs over the open fire, played games, learned about the Douglas firs at a ranger-led talk in the amphitheater, and explored the surrounding area.



Carolyn & Coco

Our favorite hike was a five-mile hike that began at the 177' tall South Falls, and continued down into the canyon where we saw seven more of the ten breathtaking waterfalls, many of which have pathways that take you behind the falls. After our hike, we enjoyed visiting the nature store and having lunch at the café complete with a delicious locally-made ice cream bar.

This is definitely not a "one and done" location (or "two and done" in my case), and I hope to return many more times. Plan ahead if you want to visit this popular park as it is usually filled with happy campers all summer long. There are 18 sites that are open all year. Reservations can be made six months ahead at: www.OregonStateParks.reserveamerica.com



Evelyn & Coco

My Favorite Campground!

submitted by Marion & Don Kuhns

In August this year we were anxious to escape the heat and congestion of Los Angeles and decided to take the Airstream and head for Oregon. We stayed in several nice campgrounds along the California coast, finally stopping in Coos Bay, Oregon.

We spent several days at Bay Point Landing, a relatively new RV park on the water on the edge of town. Many of the sites were back-in spots right on the water while most of the remaining spots were good-sized pull-throughs. It was great walking on the water's edge at sunset, entertained by various waterfowl.



Marion, Don and Eddie

The park was only a couple of miles from downtown where we enjoyed walking the streets and eating seafood at bay front restaurants. It's also only twenty miles from the quaint town of Florence, and about 30 miles from Heceta Head historic lighthouse, which has amazing views of the Pacific from a breathtaking cliff top. We'll return soon!



OUR CLUB continues to grow and retain current members and affiliates. *Thank you* to all who have joined and renewed. We'll look for you at an event down the road!

Questions regarding membership? Please contact Membership Chairperson, Carol Grisotti. CarolGrisotti@yahoo.com

Registration is open and we will see you in Rock Springs, Wyoming 2023, and just announced....Sedalia, Missouri in '24!

<https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>

2022 Events....and a '23 peek!

submitted by Paula Hammer, Events Chairperson

Our October Rally at Avila Beach Flying Flags has just wrapped up and it was a blast! Every site had an ocean view and our hosts, Stuebe & Denny and Maggie & Jim, packed the three days with lots of fun including a Gilligan's Island theme!

We have two more scheduled events for 2022. November will be held at Guajome Park in Oceanside and our December end-of-the-year event will be held at Flying Flags in Buellton where we will close the year in style and then onto 2023. Check the website for information on what's scheduled so far. <https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles/glaac-events>

A spoiler alert for May 2023! We will be hosting a joint rally with the Las Vegas Airstream Club at V6 Ranch in Parkfield, California (site of the Cali Rally). The rally dates are May 11-14 during the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival. You will not want to miss this event, more information coming soon!



Hosts, Stuebe & Denny and Maggie & Jim





Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

- 1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Club Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!
- 2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground* where you simply write a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our club is in the process of assembling its first ever membership photo directory and we need your help! This directory, when completed, will be posted on our Members Only website and will be helpful in putting a face to a name. To date we have about 1/3 of our membership participating, but of course we would like to have a 100% response rate! Please send your photo (jpeg format works best) to Carolyn at cbtomlinson@cox.net.

Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!