

THE OREGON STREAMER

The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

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In this issue: travel tips, recipes, Harvest Hosts + ACI news, and more!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Janet Schober

Know before you go

Pre-trip checklists and routines to prepare before heading out to camp take many forms. A very important and often overlooked item to review before leaving is the destination (and any stops along the way) RV park or campground policies.

As a club, broadly as the Airstream Club International and specifically the Oregon Airstream Club, the focus is on the **fun, social aspects of camping together**, and there are published rules of the road (<https://airstreamclub.org/rules-road>) to guide the journey.

Before registering for rallies or making reservations, be sure to read the policies posted on a campground or RV park website. What's expected can vary regarding vehicles allowed, use of tents/pop ups, visitors, pets, and use of facilities. Understand what's expected in advance to avoid surprises and uncomfortable situations at the campsite.

Here are three examples of how varied campsite policies can be from place to place.

Oregon State Parks (<https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=visit.faq>)

You'll want to check to see if there are specific rules for each state park, as there are a few exceptions.

- **How many people are allowed in a campsite?** Maximum of 8 people.
- **Where can I ride an Electric Assisted Bicycle (E-Bike)?** A person may operate an E-Bike on roads and trails eight feet (8') or wider unless otherwise posted.
- **Does my pet need to be on a leash?** Your pet needs to be physically restrained, meaning you must be holding them, holding onto their collar, or have them on a leash no longer than six feet. Exceptions: your pet is in a designated off-leash area; inside your vehicle, tent, or pet-friendly yurt or cabin.
- **Are pets allowed inside park buildings?** Unless otherwise specified, no with the exception of service animals.

Silver Cove (<https://silvercoveresort.com/policies/>)

- **Site cleanliness:** Your site must always be kept clean and neat. Only appropriate outdoor RV furniture is allowed. Outside animal feeders of any type including your own pets are prohibited due to the wild



animal pests in the area. No trailer, boat or dirt bike storage are allowed on the sites. Extra refrigerators, freezers, coolers, boxes, clothes lines, garbage cans or other debris are not allowed to be stored outside.

- **Visitors:** Your visitors are always welcome; they must register with the main office. Visitors are expected to read and adhere to all RV park policies. All your visitors must leave the campground by 10 p.m. Park occupants are responsible for the rule violations of family members and/or visitors.
- **Pets:** Pets are welcome! You may walk your pet throughout the park and in designated pet areas. Animal waste must be picked up immediately. Pets must always be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets may not be left unattended at any time, left alone in the RV, fenced, penned, chained or tethered on park property. Pet pens, cages, runs and kennels are not permitted. Pets are not allowed in any park facility, special exceptions for service dogs with appropriate paperwork are permitted. Aggressive or Barking dogs may lead to an eviction. No more than two (2) pets allowed per site unless approved by management.
- **Sewer hook-ups:** You must have a sewer line track underneath for proper flow, no leaks and cap is securely fitted.

Sea and Sand (<https://seaandsandrmpark.com/rates/>)

- **Campfires:** Are now only allowed in the forest sites only. However, you can still have a fire on the beach. We do allow propane fireplaces.
- **Tents** of any kind are not allowed
- **Maximum 2 vehicles per site:** one RV and one vehicle. Rates include (2) occupants per RV site. Each additional person is \$2.00 per day. Max 6 per RV site. All Visitors must check in at the office. Visitors staying over 1 hr. shall each pay a Visitor Fee of \$2.00 per day. No more than 6 people in each site.
- **Pets are required to always be on a leash.** Please pick up after pets and do not leave them unattended in your RV or vehicle. No more than 3 pets per vehicle. ABSOLUTELY NO PITBULLS, ROTTWIELERS OR MIXES OF THOSE BREEDS ARE ALLOWED.

We always want to leave places visited better than they were found and that goes beyond personal campsites. Leaving a good impression is especially important for group camping, so the Oregon Airstream Club is welcomed back year after year.

NOTES FROM YOUR OAC RALLY COORDINATOR

By Mike Burnett

Well, the last few weeks have been a blur:

- The 2024 Rally Handbook was finalized and mailed to all OAC Members.
- An online and printable version of this handbook was posted on the OAC website and will be updated periodically.
- Initial online registrations were held in January for the Leak Test Rally and the St. Patrick's Day Rally, our first two rallies of 2024.
- Online registrations for 32 additional 2024 Rallies (with park reservations in place and confirmed) were held the weekend of January 19.



- Work is underway to confirm park reservations for the remaining five rallies planned for 2024. These five rallies will be available for on-line registration on or before the end of March. We have a total of 39 rallies currently planned for 2024!

Additionally, with the 2024 Rally Season already underway, it is again appropriate to say a big “Thank You” to all our Hosts and Co-hosts who have stepped forward for 2024. Your volunteer spirit and willingness to organize and host your rallies is very much appreciated; you are the foundation of our 2024 Rally Season!

Finally, there will be Rally Host training sessions offered during February. All Hosts and Co-hosts will be invited to attend. These sessions will be conducted as Zoom meetings and will last no more than an hour. The intent is to schedule two separate sessions, one mid-morning and another mid-afternoon to accommodate varied schedules. Specific dates and times will be communicated soon.

Safe and happy camping!

RALLIES

As a mid-winter issue of the OAC Newsletter, there aren't many rallies to write up, but we've included two pieces on upcoming rallies as well as the always entertaining and eventful Annual Brunch!

OREGON AIRSTREAM CLUB ANNUAL BRUNCH

By Rhonda Levine

The Oregon Airstream Club held its annual brunch on January 6, 2024, at the Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby, OR. It's a great venue for this event. Approximately 90 people attended. There was a very nice buffet and many of the attendees brought amazing desserts for us all to share.

Terri Warren was the host extraordinaire. She's been with the Club for many years, in different Club roles, and is somewhat responsible for many of us becoming members and holding offices. Terri is welcoming, easy to talk to and eager to make this Club as good as it can be. She was joined by Kathy Geese, past Region 10 President, and by Florence Tramoni, current Region 10 President, in explaining the work they are doing on the International level. Florence also gave us some info about the upcoming Region 10 rally in Coeur d'Alene, ID in early May.



Mike Burnett, our rally coordinator, talked about all of the rallies our Club is offering this year. There are currently 39 which is the most EVER! And even more may be added. Mike does an excellent job of somehow coordinating all of the events, the campground reservations and the hosts. And then emails us all with info when necessary. Truly awesome!



Norma and I spoke about the newsletter and we thanked all of those folks who volunteer to host, serve on committees, be on the Board, contribute articles, maps, photos, and recipes to the newsletter and do so much behind the scenes to make all of our events pretty darned special. We asked the group how many read the OAC newsletter and got an impressive show of hands.

New members of the club who attended were welcomed and recognized. Please consider joining us at the next one in January 2025. Have a fine year of travel and camping!

Donations of both cash and food from Brunch attendees went to the Oregon Food Bank this year. We send A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated.

UPCOMING RALLIES

A NOTE FROM OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE (FAR) NORTH: NK'MIP RALLY

By Susan McPhee

What do you get when you combine Airstreamers, campfires, wine, golf, hiking and biking, indigenous culture, a big lake and a wonderful RV resort? An amazing rally that ends with great memories and new friends.

Just north across the US border, come and feel the real warmth of the South Okanagan in British Columbia. Perfectly situated on the shores of Osoyoos Lake with lots of lakefront access and tucked between lush working vineyards at the edge of the Sonora Desert you can explore new experiences until you run out of time. You don't have to say "eh!?!?" to fit in or feel welcomed, plus your dollar goes 30% farther!

In an effort to encourage more interaction between the clubs of Region 10 and especially the BC unit a joint rally between Oregon and BC has been planned at NK'MIP (say "ink-a-neeep") RV resort in Osoyoos, BC on May 3-6, 2024.

The timing of this rally also gives you a jump start to the Region 10 Rally in Idaho May 8-12 with a couple of relaxed days to travel from BC to Idaho. Or just go directly to Idaho as the resort has early spaces set aside.

[Editor's note: This rally is currently full, but like all rallies, if you're interested, contact the host to get on the waiting list. Spaces often open up.]

SIP OF OREGON

By Kathy Geese

Grapes and Grains (the largest WBCCI intraclub) and Oregon members will be hosting *Sip of Oregon*, September 3-8, 2024, in McMinnville, OR. Grapes and Grains members enjoy sharing their passion for, interest in, and knowledge of beverages made with grapes and grains. The Rally Registration fee will include a Signature Welcome Cocktail or glass of wine, special hors-d'oeuvres, and a souvenir glass. Optional winery, distillery, and brewery tours will be available as well as



gourmet Wine Matching dinners and a tour of Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum (home of the Spruce Goose).

For those of you who are members, watch your email from Grapes and Grains in mid-January for information about the RV Park and rally reservations. We only have 25 sites which will go quickly so don't delay registration! For those of you who aren't members, here is more information [Join WBCCI Grapes and Grains group](#). Membership is only \$10 annually and check out their Facebook Page. [Facebook Grapes and Grains Group](#). Some fabulous cocktail recipes in that group!

Going to Sedalia, Missouri for the International Rally? Many of the Region 10 clubs will be offering caravans and a great way to start the adventure by signing up for this rally and then joining a caravan! Grapes and Grains will once again host a special event for Grapes and Grains members in Sedalia. If you miss *Sip of Oregon* registration and want on the wait list or have questions, contact kgeese@airstreamclub.org.

TIPS, TRICKS, INTERVIEWS, RECIPES, AND MORE USEFUL TRAVEL APPS

By Rhonda Levine

We here at the newsletter thought it might be a good idea to share some info about apps that can help you with trips and travel. Some we have used personally and some have been suggested by others. Remember that all states have DOT sites that are updated regularly with road conditions. These sites list things like road closures due to inclement weather, fires and construction. It's always good to check those before you go and as you travel.

We also want folks to know about Harvest Hosts and Boondockers Welcome, which you can join for a fee. Worth noting that the fees don't increase as long as you're a member. Both occasionally run specials for new members as well and may offer specials for referrals. Both services can be a great way to fill in empty days on your itinerary or serve as bridges between reservations elsewhere.

Harvest Hosts is a network of places that offer campers free camping at spots like wineries and farms. Usually there's a maximum of a 1-2 night stay with no hookups on land that these businesses are not using near or at their locations. Since the stay is free, it's understood that campers should purchase something from the host, such as a tour, wine tasting, or something from the gift shop. This means that it's often a good deal for the host and the camper. Pre-planning is best for these, and there are reviews of the different hosts. Boondockers Welcome is a directory of people who offer their land or driveway for people to boondock. Unlike Harvest Host, which is made up of businesses, Boondockers Welcome is largely private residences and the like.

Trip planning:

Roadtrippers (<https://roadtrippers.com>)
 Good Sams (<https://www.goodsam.com/club>)
 Truck Maps (<https://truckmap.com>)
 The NPS (National Park Service) app
 (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/digital/nps-apps.htm>)

Road conditions:

Waze (<https://www.waze.com>)
 Sigalert (<https://www.sigalert.com>)
 DOT by state for road conditions

Finding places to stay:

ACI Courtesy Parking for us Airstreamers (see Kathy Geese's article below).
 (<https://airstreamclub.org/members/courtesy-parking-directory>)
 Allstays (<https://www.allstays.com>)
 Boondockers Welcome
 (<https://www.boondockerswelcome.com>)
 Harvest Hosts (<https://harvesthosts.com>, see below for discount link)
 Hipcamp (<https://www.hipcamp.com>)

Places to hike:

AllTrails

These are just some of the resources out there. Please let us know here at the OAC Newsletter if you have a favorite site for planning trips or stays that you'd like to share. Do your homework before you go and be prepared to be flexible and change your plans, if necessary. It's the nature of travel.

Enjoy and be safe out there!

AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL COURTESY PARKING POWERED BY HARVEST HOSTS (COMING SOON)

by Kathy Geese

When I was asked to write about my favorite travel app, the first thing that popped into my mind was Harvest Hosts! For those unfamiliar with Harvest Hosts, (HH) they operate a membership program with a network of more than 4,000 wineries, farms, museums, and other interesting and unique attractions that invite self-contained RVers to visit and stay overnight. While there is no charge for Harvest Host members to park overnight, members are encouraged to support these (mostly) small businesses with a purchase or donation.



David and I have purchased rice from a HH rice farm, alpaca socks from an alpaca farm, wine from wineries, and had delicious breakfasts at golf course restaurants.

My second favorite program (not an app but on the ACI website) is ACI Courtesy Parking. We currently have approximately 800 ACI members across the US and Canada who offer free overnight parking on their property for other ACI members. It may be the most underutilized benefit we have as members. As your ACI board compared our Courtesy Parking program to that of Harvest Host, it became very apparent why! The Harvest Host app has an interactive map of locations, photos of the parking area, and a description of the site including if any hookups are available. The ACI Executive Council decided to see if we could bring those features to our current ACI website and we were

advised it was just too expensive. Instead, we approached HH with the concept of a private platform on their website for ACI members and Courtesy Parking hosts ONLY. As the saying goes, why reinvent the wheel? HH loved the idea of a partnership with ACI and work has now begun to build *Airstream Club International Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts* website as a free benefit to both ACI guests and ACI courtesy parking hosts!

This program has an **ETA of late summer 2024**, and watch for emails from Lori Plummer and our club headquarters team in Jackson Center over the next few months. In the meantime, if you have considered becoming a Courtesy Parking host, this would be a great time to sign up as information seminars will begin soon! Hosts will have **100% control** over accepting reservations from other ACI members and no information on location will be shared until the reservation is confirmed by the host. ACI does not sell our membership lists so both Host and Guest information will be uploaded to the website by our ACI headquarters team. Our current courtesy parking hosts report they love meeting other ACI members and the only disappointment is that they don't get enough requests to stay!

In addition to the no-charge to Airstream Club International Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest membership offered by Harvest Host, they will offer a 50% discount to **new** members who want to add the traditional membership with access to small businesses like wineries, farms, etc. even more options for finding campsites as we travel. Not a member of HH and want to join? Log in to [Harvest Host Discount Membership](#).

Questions about how the program will work? Click here [Courtesy Parking Guests FAQs](#)

If you are currently a host or want to become a host and have questions, click here for some FAQs for you!

[Courtesy Parking Host FAQs](#)

Still have questions? Contact kgeese@airstreamclub.org

THE YEAR 2019

Dear Everybody,

Way back in pre-pandemic 2019, Gary and I bandied about attending the international rally in Doswell, Virginia. This would be a massive undertaking, since it's all the way on other side of country! Also, we needed to account for side trips, since this Midwest farmer's daughter had friends and relatives in Illinois who were "getting up there in years" and I didn't know when I'd be back.

We brought out the map for potential routes, checked the WBCCI website for events and rallies to see if there were any on our way (there were!), created a spreadsheet for tracking anything and everything, marked up the calendar, signed up for Campendium and where there were military campgrounds and binge watched Long, Long Honeymoon (LoLoHo) on YouTube (link: <https://www.youtube.com/@LongLongHoneymoon>). Sean and Kristy covered every topic and assured us things would go wrong or break, but most importantly you need to maintain your sense of humor.

This trip lasted almost seven weeks. I did visit my 95-year-old uncle and brother-in-law for the last time 🙏 while they were still healthy.

2019 was such a big year for us. We attended the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, Jazz Festival in Sun Valley, Idaho, Folklarama 50 and Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg, Lincoln Home and Museum in Springfield, Illinois, Gettysburg National Park and surrounding battlefields, and much more.

And it all leads back to if we hadn't "discovered" WBCCI in 2018, none of these adventures would have happened. Now I can't imagine not being a member of such a wonderful organization and the efforts of everyone who make it the success it is today.

Cheers,

Donna Thorson
#3880

RANDOM GADGET REVIEW: ROLL-UP DISH DRAINER

By Geoff Cox

While we're talking about cooking with the great recipes on the next page, we also need to acknowledge the less fun part: clean up. Personally, I never look forward to doing the dishes, especially in the cozy confines of our 16' Bambi. One (maybe obvious) gadget is a small, roll-up dish drainer that goes over the sink. You can do the dishes, and they magically dry overnight. Kind of like that fairy tale with the shoemaker and the elves. But with dishes. And no elves. (Pray that you never get an elf infestation in your trailer; they're nearly impossible to get rid of and cause all sorts of mischief). We found that the 17.5" x 11.8" rack fits well over our sink (we turn it 90° from the stock photo above) and easily rolls up for storage. Well worth the \$8 or so (on [Amazon](#)). Now if only we could find a good way to hang the dish towel without it constantly getting caught in the cabinet door...



SEARED STEELHEAD / SALMON

By Amy Dabbraccio

Here is a recipe that I have made for rallies that everyone has loved. Funny thing is... I told everyone it was salmon, but it wasn't until Pendleton that I learned that steelhead is not salmon. LOL. So, I make this recipe with steelhead, and it's fantastic.

Ingredients

6 salmon filets – my pieces were about 6 ounces each
 1 teaspoon canola oil
 4 tablespoons Asian sweet chili sauce
 4 tablespoons hoisin sauce
 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 2 tablespoons lite soy sauce
 Red and green chili peppers sliced thinly (if desired)
 Cilantro chopped (if desired)

Directions

Rub the salmon with the canola oil.
 Heat a grill pan or cast iron skillet on high heat and sear on each side for 3 minutes.
 In a small bowl, add the sweet chili sauce, hoisin sauce, rice wine vinegar, brown sugar, and soy sauce, and mix.
 Pour the sauce around the salmon and cook for 15 seconds, then spoon over the salmon and serve.
 Top with hot chili peppers and cilantro, if desired.

MUSHROOM SPAGHETTI

By Michelle Paris

A quick, come together meal that you can easily change some ingredients or add others. Fantastic as a first night camping meal around a campfire with a nice glass of wine.

2 Servings

PREP: 20 mins

COOK: 30 mins

Pasta, Vegetarian

Ingredients

1/2 cup Onion, small diced
 Salt, to taste
 2 cloves Garlic, minced
 Black pepper, to taste
 1-2 Tbl Olive oil
 2 tsp Vegetable base concentrate
 8 oz Mushrooms, sliced
 8 oz Spaghetti noodles, broken in half
 2-4 Tbl Butter, divided
 1 cup Cheese parmesan, grated

Directions

Sauté onions and garlic in olive oil 2-3 mins. Add half of the butter to melt. Add mushrooms and season with salt and pepper. Add more butter if needed while cooking. When mushrooms are cooked add the vegetable base and mix in. Add broken noodles to mushroom mix and cover with water. Bring to a boil/hard simmer and gently stir noodles so they don't stick. Add water in batches until it's absorbed and noodles are al dente. Mix in parmesan cheese and serve.

Notes

Variations: Steak, chicken or shrimp can be added. Chicken base/stock, beef base/stock can be used in place of vegetable base. Add in 2 Tbl Dijon mustard and 1/2 cup sour cream, and it's like stroganoff, nice and creamy.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE OAC STREAMER

Do you have an idea for an article, interview, or something else you'd like to share with the club? We'd love to hear it! Our newsletter staff are all volunteers, and the articles are all written by OAC members... like you! The newsletter is published six times a year, so there are lots of opportunities. Submissions for the newsletter (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to Rhonda (rhondaxo@comcast.net) **no later than the 15th of the month before publication** (deadline for next issue: March 15, 2024). Pieces received after that date will be included in the next newsletter.

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The Oregon Airstream Board Minutes are posted on the Oregon Airstream Club website once approved. The Board meets approximately four times per year. Check it out!

Club Policies will also be posted on the website for all to review.