

The Tattler

Central Coast California Airstream Club (020), Region 12



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Quick News

- Welcome our new Executive Board for 2024. Our first President's Letter and the complete list of officers is on Page 2.
- The rally calendar for 2024 is complete but changes for various reasons throughout the year. Be sure to check CCC's website for the latest updates.

Upcoming Rallies

Mar 14-17 Refugio SB, Goleta

- Rally full
- See page 3 for waitlist info

April 25-29 Fernwood Campground, Big Sur

- Rally full
- See page 3 for waitlist info

June 20-23 El Chorro Campground, SLO

- Make your own reservation
- **Hosts needed!**

About Us

The Central Coast California Airstream Club (CCCAC) encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; but our members come from all around the area! We are an active, social group that participates in local, regional, and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."

President's Message

Greetings from Vail, Arizona!

Hoping this first "President's Message" finds you quite well and anxious to start filling in your calendar with a few rallies. We have some great campsites and events scheduled for 2024, starting with Pinnacles, moving into Refugio, and so on. It will all be wrapped up nicely at the year's end with a fall/ winter rally at Cava Robles in Paso Robles. Tracy Adams, our new VP, recently sent out a list of this year's rallies, so check your inbox, please!

Additionally, Tracy sent a survey via email asking members where they would like to adventure. Please take the time to respond to the survey. Remember, this is your club, and participation and involvement are what keeps the wheels rolling.

And speaking of involvement, please volunteer to be a host at any of the events. It really is not that difficult and is fun and rewarding. Especially when you buddy up with a member. One can make it grand or simple. Simple would be gathering a list of attendees and designating a spot to meet for happy hour. Grand would be however you want to create a weekend, either hosting a potluck, scheduling a tour, or booking a spot for lunch. Look for a list of rally ideas, which I will send out to the group in the near future. Meanwhile, please host a rally and join in on the fun!

CCCAC is a great club, and I am proud to serve as your President. Thank you for the honor. And thank you to all Board Members and those who assist to keep this club rockin' and rollin'. You are greatly appreciated and are a heck of a fun group to hang out with!

Cheers and see you down the road!

Yvonne Savage



2024 Officers:

- President: Yvonne Savage
- VP: Tracy Adams
- Secretary: Pam Lindsay
- Treasurer: Dave Temple
- Past. Pres: Bob Minder

Directors:

- One Year
Diane Ellis
Donna Gray
- Two Year
Mark Griffin
Cheryl Cline

Chairpersons:

- Membership: Jeanne Mitchell
- Webmaster: Walt Bremer
- Tattler: Jason Grendahl
- Facebook: Gary Mellinger
Jeanne Mitchell

To contact anyone on this list, please consult the CCCAC or ACI membership directory.

Rally Page

Gray-shaded entries are not CCC events but are of interest to CCC members.

Events with changed details since the last Tattler are shown in **GREEN**

Date	Location	Hosts	Notes
March 14-17	Refugio State Beach; Goleta	Jim & Diane Ellis, Yvonne Savage	Rally full. To get on the waitlist, send an email to happyglampergal@gmail.com
April 25-29	Fernwood Campground; Big Sur	Gary & Christa Mellinger, Rick & Cheryl Cline	Currently full. If you have registered with the campground or want on the waitlist, contact Garry Mellinger: garyjmellinger@icloud.com
June 20-23	El Chorro Campground, SLO	Hosts needed	Chumash or Romauldo loops preferred. Bishop is no hookups. Only 6 sites remain in Chumash as of Feb 25! Reserve your own site: https://reservations.slocountyparks.com/reservation/camping/index.asp
July 18-21	San Simeon State Beach; Cambria	Hosts needed	Make your own reservation at the WASHBURN campground of San Simeon SP. As of Feb 3, all sites were booked for the rally dates. Keep checking back for cancelled spots.
August 4-9 (weekday rally)	Waypoint Ventura Village Trailer Hotel and Campground; Ventura	Unhosted	Rally full. Contact the park for cancellations: https://waypointventura.com/
September 11-15	Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe, CA	Region 12	Region 12 rally. Info here: https://airstreamclub.org/region-12-2024-rally-save-date
October 4-11	Sedalia, Missouri	ACI	International Rally
October 18-21	Flag City RV Resort, Lodi	Jeanne and George Mitchell	Coupon/Jotform in process and will be emailed when ready for registration.
December 5-9	Cava Robles RV Resort; Paso Robles	Unhosted	Look for a coupon via email when registration is open.

Got a Little Help from Our Friends

from Mary and David Lawson

Saturday evening, November 11, 2023, at the Paso Robles Rally.

It took two retired fire fighters, an engineer, a cartographer, their collective tools, and one “high-wire gymnast” to rescue our two dogs accidentally locked inside our trailer. We hadn’t taken our keys with us to the potluck dinner because we didn’t lock the door as we left our unit . . .no worries, or so we thought.

But when we returned from the potluck, we discovered the door had locked itself! Once we realized our mistake, it took a lot of time (about two hours, in the dark), a lot of hands and hearts (four brave men working to open a side window and a mob of supportive folks keeping our spirits up), a lot of tools (too many to list), and a few tears (Mary couldn’t help herself).

Gary Mellinger, Paul Nelson, and Glenn Gray worked diligently to safely and carefully pry open the window latches so that Sweetie (our white dog with fluffy mohawk) could be rescued, and so Linda Dynes (aforementioned “gymnast”) could be hoisted in through the window to unlock the door from the inside. Cooper (our other dog) apparently slept through the whole thing. David and several other folks provided a light-source so the “men at work” wouldn’t cut off fingers or hands while they worked. Mary reported that it was the sight of Linda’s legs disappearing into the trailer that made her cry. Fortunately, Deborah was there to make her laugh.

LESSON LEARNED: Always have a set of trailer keys on your person when you close the trailer door because—what we didn’t know then but do know now is: the trailer latch can sneak its way over into locked position even when gently closing the door.

The other thing we learned (again) is that people (especially rally people) are wonderful and can be trusted to help and support us when we need help. Many, many thanks to all those kind souls who showed up with their skills and their positivity to rescue not only our dogs but us as well!



Has Anyone Heard of Firestone Walker Brewing?

Not sure if anyone knows this (tongue in cheek) but there's a brewery in Paso Robles called Firestone Walker. It tends to be visited by CCC rally goers when there is a rally in the area. It seems that a few people from the November 2023 business meeting/installation rally made it there during CCC's rally then. From the submitter of the photo, this was "breakfast" 😊. Left to right in the photo: Tracy and Scott Adams, Bruce Yeoman and brother-in-law Mark, Lenni and Dan Clardy, Christa Mellinger, Glenn and Deborah Gray, and Gary Mellinger in the way way back.



CCC at Region 12 Rally in Pismo 2023



The Smiths' Fall Trip

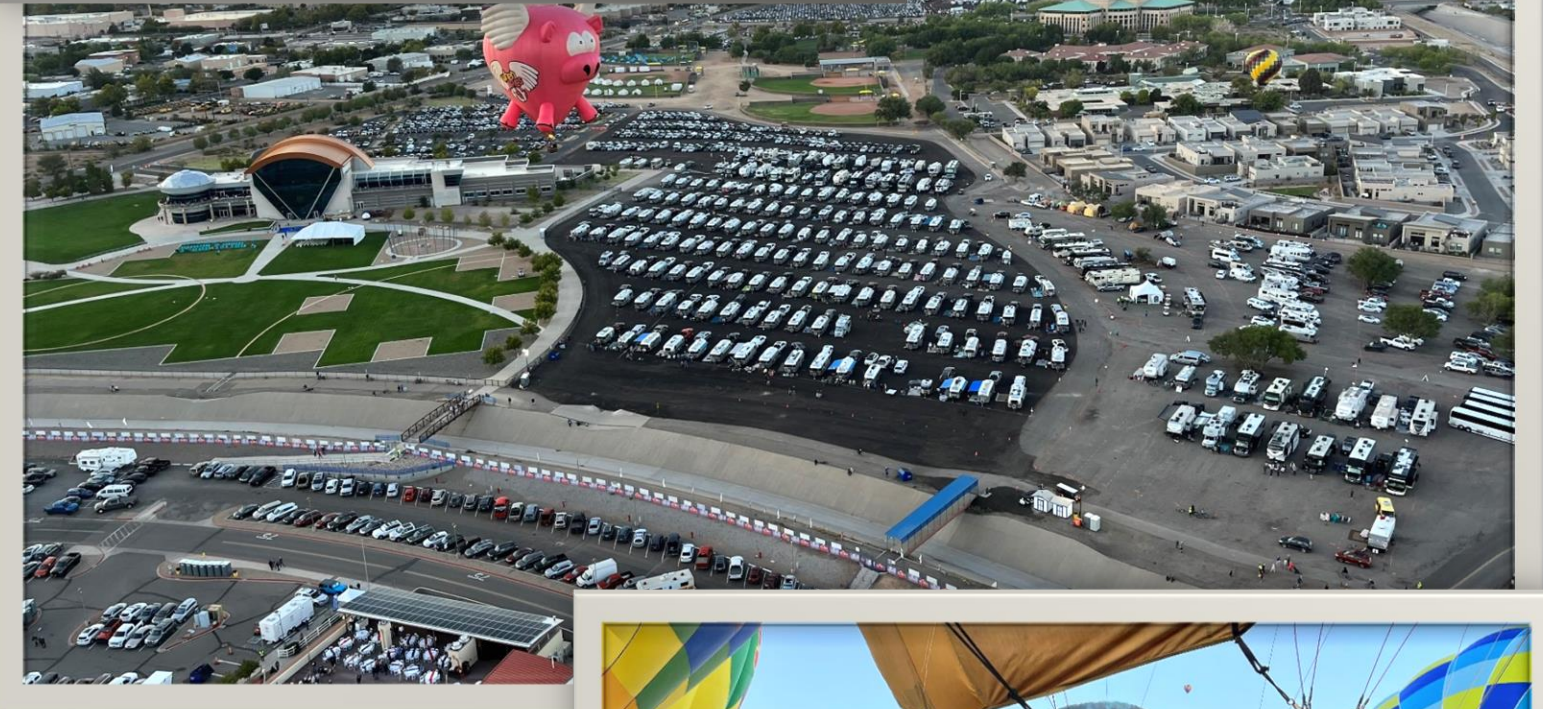
from Jan Smith

After spending 4½ months touring the Pacific Northwest and Arizona, we embarked on a third long trip in our Airstream. We spent six weeks during the fall trip traveling through Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. Our former neighbors joined us for three weeks. We visited Bryce Canyon NP, Zion NP, Colorado NM, and Mesa Verde NP before we headed to the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. We got to see the fall colors in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado and abundance of colors at the balloon fiesta. Oh my gosh, what a wonderful experience. It was such an incredible visual feast. If you ever get the chance to attend the Airstream rally there, do it. Watching hundreds of balloons fly over the 150 Airstreams was wonderful. Our special treat was to go up in a balloon during mass ascension. It has to be one of the best experiences we have ever had; well worth getting up at 4:00 am. After leaving Albuquerque we headed to Monument Valley to see the eclipse. We stayed in the Navajo park and had a spectacular setting to watch the eclipse unfold. We ended our trip at the Region 12 rally in Pismo. Here we finally got to meet other Central Coast Airstreamers!

We finally attended the local rally at Lake Casitas where we met even more new Central Coast Airstreamers. We had a great time chatting around the campfire and tooling around the lake in a pontoon boat. We will end our year at the Rose Parade rally.

We have had our Airstream and truck since March 2022. So far, we have put 35,000 miles on the trailer and almost 50,000 on the truck. We have definitely taken to the Airstream life.





Birthdays

Don't see your birthday here but it should be? Let the CCC know by emailing the [Membership Chair](#) or the [Treasurer](#).

January

Linda Minder	14 th
Jim Savage	14 th
Jeanne Mitchell	26 th
Christa Mellinger	30 th
Ruth Coffin	31 st

February

Tracy Adams	12 th
Doug Dynes	16 th
Bruce Yeoman	16 th
David Lawson	27 th

March

Mary Lawson	6 th
David Neel	15 th
George Mitchell	28 th
Terri Reay	30 th

April

Joel Mattsson	1 st
Tom Smithson	1 st
Mason Grendahl	16 th



New Members



Welcome these new members and affiliates since the last Tattler!

- Brian and Patricia Poole #8986
- Helen Banks #11457
- Melissa Phillips & Greg Woodrugg #1219
- Brad and Christina Gibford #1105
- Stuart and Heidi Krantz #22794
- Thurman and Linda Dalrymple #7417
- Rob Brinkman..... #8404

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- [Airstream service and owner's manuals](#)

X (Twitter):

- [Airstream Club Int'l / WBCCI](#)
- [Airstream, Inc.](#)

Club Resources and Links

- Many member resources are now found online at the WBCCI International website. Login to your WBCCI account here: <https://airstreamclub.org/members/login?destination=/members/dashboard>
 - Membership roster (search, filter, and sort)
 - Renew your membership, international or affiliate
- Read past issues of *The Tattler* newsletters
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