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## President's Message

Why we love Boondocking

Boondocking, which includes dry camping in primitive campgrounds, camping on remote BLM land, or just finding a convenient spot to spend the night, appeals to many but isn't as widely practiced among Airstreamers.

Several years ago, I was talking to a senior executive at Airstream and asked them why many of their ads showed trailers boondocking in remote locations. Still, none of their trailers were really designed for boondocking. His answer was, "That's just marketing – most of our owners only want to camp in RV parks." Since then, they have introduced some new models designed for boondocking, including the new Tradewind.



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We love going to Rallies and camping with our friends, but we don't enjoy paying \$100 a night to be packed into a rundown RV park with hundreds of people we don't know. We would always choose camping in a remote spot with no hookups or people.

We love the allure of adventure and exploration and find solace and exhilaration in wild natural areas. We prefer to be near hiking or biking trails and mountains we can explore. I also love photographing the night sky and seeking out dark skies without lights from other trailers.



Beyond the intangible joys of freedom, solitude, and beauty, boondocking also offers a host of practical benefits for Airstreamers. Foremost among these is the significant cost savings associated with off-grid camping. By eschewing traditional campgrounds with their nightly fees, boondockers can stretch their travel budget further and indulge in longer journeys without breaking the bank.

If you are interested in learning more about Boondocking and talking to people with a lot of experience, we recommend attending our Maintenance Rally in May. There is also an Intra-Club called the Boondockers Airstream Club (BAC) that brings together people, ideas, and places associated with boondocking. You can find them here: <https://airstreamclub.org/boondockers> . One of the exciting things they are doing is creating a crowdsourced map of boondocking locations for Airstreamers.

The Colorado Airstream Club is hosting two boondocking rallies in spectacular locations this year.

- Ghost Ranch in New Mexico on June 10th
- Westcliffe Bluegrass on July 11th

In conclusion, boondocking with your RV is more than just a mode of travel—it's a lifestyle that celebrates the joys of freedom, connection, and self-sufficiency. So pack your bags, hit the open road, and discover the untamed beauty of the great outdoors on your own terms.

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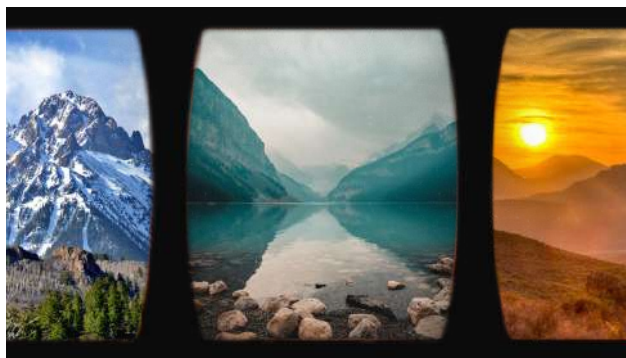
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## New Club Members



Welcome new members!

Peter Flynt & Janice Symchych - BRN 3251

Rebecca & Donald Wade - BRN 12121

Betty & Jeff Downes - - BRN BRN 31418

Bob & Judy Homburg - BRN 8777

Becky & Rick Lewis - BRN 17201

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## 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.wbccj>

Or search for "Colorado Airstream Club" on Facebook.



## Pop Quiz!

The CBS series, Tracker, follows an Airstream vagabond as he travels the country, helping people along the way. What job title does the main character (Colter Shaw) use to describe his work?



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



## New Rally Registration Information

by Steve Libhart

The Colorado Airstream Club has grown exponentially over the past few years to nearly 600 members...something to be very proud of!

Your board recognized the need to increase the number of rallies to give as many people the opportunity to attend rallies as possible. Also, campground fees have increased yearly, and many facilities now require full payment several months in advance. This causes an increased draw on the club's cash flow months before the actual rallies begin.



To help coordinate more rallies and increase cash flow for the club, it has become necessary to revamp our registration processes.

Formerly, when registering, the member would pay directly via the JotForm. While this served the club well for many years, problems began to present themselves, with slow payments from PayPal being made into our bank account and a considerable amount of time reconciling between our bank and PayPal every month.

The new registration flow is a two-step process, and our payments are made directly into the bank account within two business days. This helps create the cash flow to accommodate the increased fees and advanced payments to the various campgrounds.

When you register, the first step is to complete a JotForm just as you have done in the past. You will no longer pay from within the JotForm and will receive an invoice from the Colorado Airstream Club shortly after submitting your Jotform registration.

The second step will be to watch your email for the invoice, click on view and pay, and fill in your payment information; it's that simple, and you will have an option of 5 ways to pay the invoice. After remitting your payment, you will receive a receipt via email.

We spent February and early March testing this new system and launched it recently with two rallies. Everything flowed seamlessly!

Here are some questions we received:

- Once I complete the first registration step, will I be registered before making the payment? Yes, once you register, your space at the rally will be reserved. However, you must watch for the invoice and pay it to complete your registration process.
- How long will it take for me to receive my invoice after registering? Usually, it takes only a few minutes, but the invoice could arrive a few hours later, depending on the time of day you register. As an example, if you were to register in the evening, your invoice would more than likely arrive in your mailbox by the next morning.
- Will I receive a receipt? A receipt will be emailed to you immediately after you pay your invoice.
- If I have any other questions regarding this new registration process, who can I contact? Contact Linda at [treasurer@coloradoac.org](mailto:treasurer@coloradoac.org). We are working hard behind the scenes to help you transition to the new registration process and are here to help!

## Fun in the Sun Rally

### Future Streamers

Join us for a Fun In The Sun Rally at the Minnesota Airstream Park! We are getting together for a fun-filled weekend of swimming, golfing, and bonfires. To book your spot, please visit the Minnesota Airstream Park [website](#) and make a reservation using the code FUTURE24. This code will only give you a 15% discount on the Rally Nights (July 11-14). Please note that the group rate for the weekend will expire on May 1. Please make your reservation before you sign up for the rally. The Fun In Sun Rally fee is \$60, which includes a pizza night, taco potluck, flamingo putting contest, glow golf, and many other exciting activities with prizes. This is an ideal opportunity to take your kids away for a fun weekend with other Airstreamers and their kids. Don't miss out on this amazing rally! Rally registration ends June 27th. Please reserve your campsite first and then register for the rally.

Host: Misti & Mark Roach (BRN 6912)

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## Pop Tab Fundraiser

### Future Streamers

Attention All Airstreamers! We are excited to announce that Future Streamers Intra-Club are collecting pop tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO. Please start collecting as many pop tabs as you can from rallies, home, work and even your neighbors. You can bring them to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and pop tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Let's show our love for aluminum and make a difference together!

Don't drink soda or have cans with tabs? No Worries here is a link dedicated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities-Kansas City where you can make monetary donations. See You In Sedalia.

If you have any questions please contact Misti Roach @ [futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com](mailto:futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com)



## 2024 Rally Schedule

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Date	Event	Description
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
June 10-14	<a href="#">Ghost Ranch Rally</a>	Abiquiu NM
June 24-28	<a href="#">Steamboat Rally</a>	Steamboat Springs KOA

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July 11-15	<a href="#">July in Salida Rally</a>	Salida RV Resort
July 11-15	<a href="#">Westcliff Bluegrass Festival</a>	High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival Campground
July 18 - 21	<a href="#">Lomg mire Days Rally</a>	Buffalo, WY
July 22-26	<a href="#">Black Hills Rally</a>	Heartland RV Park, Hermosa SD
August 7-11	Estes Park Rally	Manor RV Park
August 21-26	<a href="#">Palisade Peach Rally</a>	Palisade Basecamp RV Park
September 4-8	Meeker Sheep Dog Trials Rally	River Camp RV Park, Meeker
September 5-8	Carter Lake Rally	Carter Lake

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September 16-20	Ouray Rally	Ouray KOA
October 1-4	Caravan to Sedalia	Caravan to the International Rally
October 5-11	<a href="#">International Rally</a>	Sedalia, MO

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

Do you need to cancel a registration for a Rally?  
Fill out the [cancellation form](#).

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## Pop Quiz! **Answer**

The Tracker character, Colter Shaw, proclaims he is a **rewardist** when asked about his profession.

He lives in a 27ft Airstream with a hatch. In some episodes the trailer appears to be the Pendleton Special Edition and in others it may be a Flying Cloud.



## Editorial Review

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