



Rallies for 2024

May 16 -19
Kaibab Paiute RV Park
Fredonia, Az
Contact: Diane

June 13 -16
Williams Circle Pines KOA
Williams, Az
Contact: Diane

July 17 - 21
Malibu Beach RV Park
Malibu Beach, Calif.
Contact: Max and Jo

September 11 - 15 Region
12 Rally Lake Tahoe, Calif.
Save the date and location

Airstream Club
International
Rally
October 5 - 10 Sedalia, MO

Check the Las Vegas
Airstream Club Event
Calendar for current and
future rallies
[https://airstreamclub.org/
 las-vegas](https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas)

Presidents Message by Jo Salzer

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying your beautiful Airstream. Don't you just love preparing for a trip, provisioning, loading her up – maybe even giving her a bath so she's shiny and shows well on the highway. I am so excited when we get a beep and a thumbs up from other drivers. It has also been a trip to see Airstreams featured in movies, commercials, and TV shows. Apparently, we're all pretty cool these days.

We have had a marvelous winter camping with members of our club in locations close to Las Vegas. Weather has been a bit of an issue at all of them, and everyone adapted to the ever-changing conditions.

Ade and I have really enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with members we did not know well. We have such an interesting and diverse club. Some are new to Airstreaming, while others have been lifelong outdoor enthusiasts and campers. Did you know that Annie McDonald was a National Park Ranger? After her career in Tech, she followed her heart and went to work for the NPS. She and Scott escape the heat and spend every summer at their cabin in Wyoming.

We have never tried dispersed camping and really did not understand how it worked. Linda and Doug White do it all the time and regaled us with places they have camped. We learn something new at each rally. Dutch Oven cooking was the featured at Valley of Fire. Thank you to our excellent cooks who brought cast iron pots and prepared incredible meals.

President's message con't.

As ACI members we can sign up for rallies with any of the over 100 Airstream clubs across the world. It's all on the ACI website. [ACI webpage](#). Members of other clubs have joined our rallies this season. They bring innovative ideas and shared experiences.

Spring and Summer rallies are planned. There is a list in this newsletter, and of course on our website. [LVAC webpage](#). This week we will explore the Southern California Wine Country around Temecula. Next month there is an opportunity to visit the Kaibab Paiute RV Park near Kanab, Utah. In June, it's Williams, Arizona. All aboard! You can take the scenic rail to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Our members escape the scorching mid-summer heat to take to the road and explore for weeks in their airstreams. Ariel and Walter usually participate in months long caravans through the USA and Canada. Those who do not have the summer off usually plan a few shorter holidays. Some head to the beach, many escape to the mountains, and we have several members who disappear to family summer cabins. For that reason, we do not host many summer rallies

However, we have the ultimate summer destination booked for July. LVAC is going to Malibu. This RV Park sits atop a bluff overlooking the gorgeous Pacific, and just steps from the beaches. We hope you can join us for this rally. There is still space available.

Looks like many of us plan to go to Lake Tahoe for the Region 12 Rally. It is September 11-15. Late summer is beautiful. The nights are cool, and the leaves are just starting to turn.

Registration for that rally opens in the next few weeks. It comes directly from Region 12 to your inbox. You will not want to miss it. We always extend our visits when we get to Lake Tahoe. Ade and I will be staying at delightful Zephyr Cove for a few days before the rally.

So happy that you are part of our club. I hope to see you soon at an upcoming rally.

Cheers, Jo

Dispersed camping By Doug White

Being relatively new to Airstreaming, Linda and I would like to identify a few campsites we have experienced that are basic and somewhat local (using a Nevada standard of measure) while enjoyable. We prefer National Forests Service-designated dispersed campgrounds that balance basic needs: relaxation, nature, wildlife activities like hiking and fishing, and, usually, surprisingly good neighbors. One thing to note within Nevada is to have a senior pass for camping in state parks that offers free camping unless you have electric hookups at the site; then, it is \$10 a night, a great deal. Nevada has implemented their new campsite reservation system, which has become a bit complicated, but that should be another article. Here is our list:

Dispersed camping **By Doug White**

Fletcher's Campground at Mount Charleston

National Forest Service operated with full hookups. It is a small campground with 11 sites; some are reserved, and others on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some forty minutes from Las Vegas, it has high altitude, cool temperatures, and hiking trails. It is a great getaway any month other than summer when site availability can be challenging.

McWilliams Campground at Mount Charleston

If Fletchers is full, McWilliams has 75 designated dispersed sites available. Again, it is a short drive from home.

Arch Rock at Valley of Fire

Designated dispersed camping in the park among the vast rock formations. Water is available at the campground and vaulted toilets. Lots of sightseeing, hiking, and wildlife available, and a lot quieter and more relaxing than Atlatl

Echo Canyon Reservoir State Park

It is our first state park visit, and we still plan to spend a few days or a week there, enjoying the quiet and some limited hiking. Three hours from Las Vegas, full hookups are placed above the reservoir and designated to be dispersed on the other side of the reservoir. There is lots of wildlife and fishing for trout and smallmouth bass.

Cathedral Gorge State Park

Three hours north on Route 93, this park has full hookup sites and plenty of hiking. It's not our favorite park, but we made a mandatory stay to experience it.

Kershaw Ryan State Park

Located in Caliente, Nevada, this is a small campsite with 16 sites, some with full hookups. Above the campground is a beautiful scenic canyon with flora, fauna, and hiking.

Ward Mountain Campground

In Ruth, Nevada, about four hours north toward Ely, this is a National Forest-designated dispersed campground where some sites are reservable and others on a first come, first served basis. At 7400 ft elevation, it's cool within a pine forest. You have water available, but not at your site, reasonably good privacy, incredible star gazing at night, and some hiking.

Thomas Canyon Campground

It is a good six-hour trip in Lamoille Canyon just south of Elko, Nevada, but if you haven't been, it's a great outing. You can reserve a National Forest Service reservation for the limited number of sites that accommodate rigs over 20 feet. At nearly 7,500 feet elevation, we stayed here in August for a week and enjoyed the chilly nights, dark skies, beautiful scenery of the canyon, and cliff divers. Above the park, fishing is done in the multiple beaver dams, and there is a hike-in high altitude lake, which has really small trout but is fun.

Valley of Fire Rally By Suzy Mellington

Las Vegas Airstream Club's Valentine's Rally was held at the majestic Valley of Fire State Park from February 1 to 4, 2004. Located about an hour north of Las Vegas, this park is known for its 46,000 acres of bright red Aztec sandstone, which contains ancient petrified trees and petroglyphs dating back more than 2,000 years.

Steve and Suzy Mellington hosted the rally, and the rally participants were welcomed with rain, wind, and sightings of Bighorn Sheep! Fortunately for us, the weather began cooperating on Friday, and we were able to enjoy the beautiful park and catch up with our friends old and new.

Now, the fantastic bit about this rally, besides the gorgeous surrounding area and the attendees, was the fabulous food and spirits! We are talking about Dutch Oven masterpieces and Whiskey Tasting!

A big thank you to Dale Musser, Diane Hancock, Max Sterling, and Linda White for their amazing Dutch Oven meals and desserts. They made sure to keep the masses well-fed!

It was a wonderful rally, and we were so happy to host all of these Happy Glampers at Vally of Fire State Park.



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March rallies on the Colorado

By Jo Salzer

In March, we had back-to-back rallies at the lakes along the Colorado River. The environments were quite different, but both involved camping near the water.

Bluegrass on the Beach is an annual three-day event held at Lake Havasu State Park. Dozens of top-notch Bluegrass and Country artists perform on an open-air stage on the lake's shores.

Sandy and Bob LeVan again arranged for us to camp in the parking lot adjoining the festival grounds. It's then a short stroll to the concert venue, where we find a spot to set up our camp chairs on the concert's lawn. Food trucks and beverage booths line the perimeter. Vendors sell everything from Arts and Crafts to T-shirts, hats, music, and even vitamins.

Lake Havasu has grown in recent years. It's now a proper resort town with great restaurants and lots to see and do. Most of us spent the days at the concert enjoying the music and visiting the vendor booths. The food trucks offered an excellent choice for lunch. It's always lovely to come together again each evening back in camp for Sunset Happy Hour.

Ade and I took the opportunity to move to Crazy Hours Campground on Lake Havasu for the week between rallies. It's so much fun to camp right on the beach and be able to launch our kayaks into the lake from the vicinity of our Airstream.

Next, we moved up the Colorado River to Cottonwood Resort and Marina on Lake Mojave to welcome another wave of LVAC members. It was quiet this week before Spring Break, and we felt like we had this remote oasis all to ourselves. It's too bad the winds kicked up, and we were not able to investigate renting a boat or two to explore this long, narrow reservoir/river between Davis and Hoover Dams. A big marina with a large fleet of pontoon, fishing, and houseboats is available for hire.

Annie and Scott took the road less traveled to visit the Petroglyphs of Christmas Tree Pass. There are over 700 petroglyphs in this area, aka Grapevine Canyon. The rest of us relaxed in camp and discussed the other resorts we would like to visit on this amazing river. We have a good list already going for rallies in 2025.

Saturday night was Chili with "all the Fix-in's" night and beer tasting. Our potlucks are always different and so tasty. There were three pots of Chili, all unique and delicious. We also had nibbles, salads, hot dogs with sauerkraut, and cornbread too. Terry Olivares made her incredible Bundt cakes and brought a different one to our daily gatherings. On Saturday' we were treated to rum cake, So moist and luscious.

Thanks to all our talented and generous cooks.

MARCH RALLY photos





Membership Badges

The cost for your new badge, if you choose to purchase one is \$8.00. A steal of a price to display our new look. Contact Neil at petersonscuba@gmail.com to purchase your badge.

Social Media

Instagram

The Las Vegas Airstream Club has an Instagram account which fills you in on the rally excitement. You can follow us on Instagram at [lasvegasairstreamclub](https://www.instagram.com/lasvegasairstreamclub).



Airstream Club International

Browse the club's rally schedule for future events, read our newsletters and find countless resources on the main airstreamclub.org website, as well.



Facebook

Check out The Las Vegas Airstream Club's Facebook page. It is private and for members only. No posts are seen by the general public. The purpose of this group is to share photos, Airstream tips, travel ideas, communication, and information.

Here is a link to access the group site- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lvacmembersonly> or you can search under "Las Vegas Airstream Club Members Group".



Lands' End

Is your wardrobe in need of some fun Airstream clothing? Why not fix that by purchasing a shirt, jacket or fleece with the Las Vegas Airstream Club logo through Lands' End? You can do this by going to the Club's website, <https://airstreamclub.org/las-vegas>.

There you will find information with a link to the Club's storefront and a "How To" guide to help you through the simple process.

Our club logo is a great way to identify yourself as a Las Vegas Airstream Club member or to just show your love of Airstreams.

