

THE OREGON STREAMER

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In this issue: Hosting rallies, Harvest Hosts update, travel must-haves, recipes, and more!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2024 Rally Registration was a success! With many opportunities for MORE!
by Janet Schober

Another successful rally registration is in the rear-view mirror – there are 40 rallies scheduled and there is a lot to look forward to. Members of the Oregon Airstream Club are set for a great camping season! Special kudos to Mike Burnett and Bob Crummett for all they do for our club. None of this would happen without the dedication of everyone who serves the club in a formal or informal role: many hands make light work.

We have a few rallies with openings if you are still looking for something FUN to add to your calendar. If there is a rally you are interested in that is full, please contact the host to be added to the waitlist. You can find the Oregon Airstream Club calendar of events and the online version of the Rally Handbook here:
<https://airstreamclub.org/oregon/oac-rallies>

There are also options to camp outside of our more formal rallies, specifically No Host Rallies. Airstream clubs across the country organize and promote No Host Rallies as a way to bring club members together. The OAC board has approved a process for organizing No Host Rallies in three simple steps:

1. Confirm a location and set general dates to camp, best case is a campground where there are multiple unreserved sites. Each camper is responsible for choosing and booking their own site.
2. Email the OAC Board for approval (<https://airstreamclub.org/oregon/contact-us>)
3. Complete the template (as below) so all OAC members receive the invitation email (via Mail Chimp) for the No Host Rally.

You may be wondering why there is formal process for organizing a No Host Rally. By completing these steps, the No Host Rally is covered by the ACI liability insurance, and the invitation to camp can be distributed broadly.

A few key points about No Host Rallies:

- Intended to be camping invitations for members of Airstream Clubs International and are for Airstream owners (membership has its privileges!)



- Because this is an official (albeit informal) rally we can't invite friends who are camping enthusiasts who own a recreational vehicle that isn't an Airstream.
- Individuals make their own reservation with the campground, which means there is a lot of flexibility. The No Host "Host" will share that they will be at a campground for a set of dates. Invitees are able to come early, stay longer, camp for one night or whatever fits their schedule.
- There isn't a formal agenda, but often social hours or potlucks are organized. It's up to the group to plan or not plan. Low pressure, low expectations, and if you've never hosted a rally before, this is a great way to try it out – any member of OAC can organize a No Host Rally.

If you are planning a visit to a favorite campground and would enjoy some friendly company for the adventure, consider making it a No Host Rally. Looking forward to seeing you an upcoming rally where we truly do See More. Do More. Live More... & Laugh More!



[INSERT NO HOST NAMES] _____ invite you to join them at a No Host Rally at [INSERT LOCATION/VENUE AND DATE] _____.

This No Host Rally has no formal agenda, just Airstream friends inviting other Airstream friends to join them camping.

You'll make your own reservation by booking [INSERT RV PARK/CAMPGROUND WEBSITE LINK HERE] or calling [INSERT PHONE NUMBER (XXX) XXX-XXXX] to reach the RV park/campground directly to confirm your site.

Here are a few things that make this location special and are fun to do and see!

[INSERT BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA]

Officially Approved by OAC Board

Date _____

NOTES FROM YOUR OAC RALLY COORDINATOR

By Mike Burnett

Notes from Your Rally Coordinator:

The 2024 OAC Camping Season is officially underway! By the time you read this article, we will have successfully completed the first two rallies of the 2024 season Leak Test Rally and St. Patrick's Day Rally.

The **Leak Test Rally** was more of a challenge than normal this year. Snow and ice caused several participants to be late arriving and a few had to cancel because they couldn't get their rigs out of storage due to local hazardous road conditions. Never fear, a hearty group of OAC campers were able to make the Rally and had a great time. Shout out to the Mossmans, who readily assumed the role of Rally Host when the original Host was ice-bound. The Rally group joined together to improvise shelter from the (always to be expected) rain and had a warm, mostly dry, and enjoyable time in beautiful Canon Beach. No leaks were reported!

Next up is the **St. Patrick's Day Rally**, held this year at Stubb Stewart State Park. It is starting to feel like Spring with longer days and more "sunbreaks". With the "luck of the Irish" all but guaranteeing good weather, great Rally Hosts, and campers excited to enjoy the outdoors, this will be another great Rally. A little Irish Whisky and a green beer or two may also be involved. *"May the leprechauns be near you, To spread luck along your way, And may all the Irish angels, Smile upon you St. Patrick's Day."*



Following these two early season rallies, there is a very busy camping season ahead. There is an OAC Rally or another Region 10 event scheduled for virtually every week, beginning in April and continuing through early November.

The best place to keep abreast of these scheduled events is the 2024 OAC Rally Handbook (Online Edition). This version of the OAC Handbook is kept fully up to date with any additions or modifications to our busy 2024 OAC Rally schedule. The online Rally Handbook can be found using the following link [OAC Rallies | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.airstreamclub.org/OAC-Rallies). This online version of the OAC Rally Handbook can also be downloaded and printed, if desired. (Remember that there may be updates after you download or print it out, so check online for the latest info).

Finally, with the 2024 Rally Season fully 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!

Safe and happy camping!

Mike Burnett
OAC Director & Rally Coordinator

AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL COURTESY PARKING POWERED BY HARVEST HOSTS – UPDATE!

by Kathy Geese

The January edition of the OAC Newsletter introduced the coming new Courtesy Parking partnership with Harvest Hosts. Just as a reminder, the ACI program is migrating to a user-friendly platform operated by Harvest Hosts. For those of you who have been hosts through the ACI Courtesy Parking program, you should have received an email from HQ asking for additional information as they begin adding sites to the new platform.

Several questions have been raised about this exciting new program. If your question(s) aren't answered below or you are interested in joining other Airstream members in becoming a Courtesy Parking host, contact me at kgeese@airstreamclub.org.

What is the new Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts program?

The **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** program is the newest benefit to ACI members and will offer a special app and website for ACI members to access overnight parking offered by other members on their property. The parking is no-charge; however, Hosts may make certain hook-ups available for a small fee.



Do I have to join Harvest Hosts? What will it cost to see the new Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts program on the Harvest Hosts website?

No, all current ACI members can use the **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** portion of the app and website at NO CHARGE.

I am currently a Harvest Hosts member. Will this replace that membership?

No, this ACI membership benefit will be exclusively for parking at **Airstream Courtesy Parking** sites. To continue to park at **Harvest Hosts'** wineries, farms, museums, etc., you will need a paid membership with **Harvest Hosts**. As an ACI member, you also receive a one-time 50% off the Harvest Hosts' Classic plan. Please log in to your ACI member account to access this and other benefits.

How will I be able to access the program?

All current ACI members will be given login information to join the **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** program.



I am a current Harvest Hosts member; will I need a separate login?

No. One login will access both your paid Harvest Hosts membership sites and the no-charge ACI sites.

What about insurance in case there is an accident while I am parking at the Courtesy Host property?

ACI members using this membership benefit will be required to advise they have liability insurance on their Airstreams when they join this program. **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** hosts are required to advise they have homeowner's insurance. If guests or hosts have coverage questions, they can contact their insurance agent.

What information can I expect on the Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts website?

Similar to the existing **Harvest Hosts'** website, ACI members will be able to plan travel by searching for courtesy parking along their route as they travel between destinations. Information will include the location, maximum length of trailer accepted, description of parking area, photos, map, etc.

Will paid members of Harvest Hosts who are not members of ACI be able to view and book Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts sites? No

If I am not a paid member of Harvest Hosts, can I book sites at the wineries, farms, etc. on their regular website?

No, you would need to purchase a Harvest Hosts membership. With a Harvest Hosts membership you would be

able to see all 5,000+ Harvest Hosts locations and ACI locations in one map, giving you even more locations to stay overnight. Not to mention the amazing experiences you would have access to like enjoying a wine tasting, a unique museum, or alpaca petting farm. You can also purchase an upgraded membership to include golf courses and/or Boondockers Welcome, offering an additional 3,500 peer-to-peer hosts.

*If I decide to join the full **Harvest Hosts** program for access to their unlimited stays at wineries, farms, etc., with no parking fees how do I do that?*

As an ACI member, you also receive a one-time 50% off the Harvest Hosts' Classic plan annual plan. Please log in to your ACI member account to access this and other benefits.

*How should I contact the **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** hosts to see if they have availability and to ask questions?*

Each Airstream Courtesy Parking host will have an information page on the website with how to reach them.

*Can I stay multiple nights at **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** sites?*

Similar to **Harvest Hosts**, the **Harvest Host Airstream Courtesy Parking** program is designed for one-night stays while traveling between destinations. If the host decides to allow multiple nights, that information will be on their listing.

*Will there be hookups at **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** sites?*

It is up to the ACI member and host offering the parking site as to what hookups, if any, they can offer. Members should be prepared for no hookups unless the host specifically offers water, electricity, and/or sewer. Any charge for hookups will be on the host's page and include a method of payment.

Can I use my generator?

Unless the **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** host advises it is okay, generators are not allowed. If the host approves, since the hosts generally live on the property, guests are advised to be courteous and considerate, and use generators minimally.

Do I need to reserve with the host or can I just show up?

Reservations are required via the online or in-app reservation system.

As a host, what if someone contacts me about a stay and I have other plans?

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.

What if I am running late or need to cancel my reservation?

Please cancel the request at least 24 hours prior to the stay via the app or online within your upcoming stays list online or in-app. Our courtesy parking hosts love to welcome you and are very disappointed if you cancel so minimize cancellations if at all possible.

Are pets allowed?

Your host can advise if their location can accommodate pets. Pets should be kept on a leash at all times when outside of the Airstream and please make sure the host has your contact information if you leave your pet alone inside the rig in case there is a problem.

*I am traveling with a friend and they don't have an Airstream. Can they camp with me at the **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** location in their non-Airstream trailer or RV?*

No, the program is only for owners of Airstreams and their guests staying in the same Airstream as the owner.

When will this new program be available to ACI members?

The goal is for ACI members to be able to access the **Airstream Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts** app and website and be able to make reservations by Late Summer/Early Fall 2024.

Thanks and see you on the road!

REGION 10 RALLY SILENT AUCTION

Want to help others while enjoying the Region 10 Rally this May?

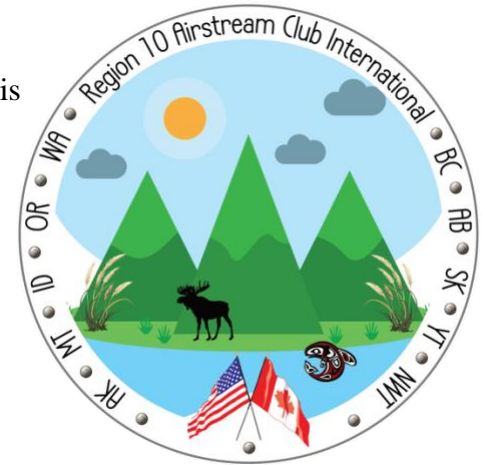
Consider donating an item for the Silent Auction benefitting the UGM Crisis Center for Women and Children in Coeur D’Alene.

Ideas for items to contribute

- Hand-crafted items
- Camping gadgets
- Baskets of local delicacies
- Gift certificates from suppliers local to your Airstream club
- Anything of value that people would want to bid on

Bring your donation(s) to the rally or call Janet Schober (503-803-7080) to coordinate transportation.

Thank you for your support!



LEAK TEST RALLY

Cannon Beach, OR

By Mike Burnett

The 2024 Leak Test Rally was a total success! Nine units in total, five from Oregon, three from Washington, and one from California. The Mossmans jumped right in as “volunteer hosts” when others could not make it due to snow and ice. A great time was had by all, and... no leaks!



Elk welcoming committee as we arrived.



All cleaned up, another great rally in the books.



Still no leaks!



Staying dry and having a great evening of friendshipping!



Those who chose to stay warm in the Clam shelter...



It WAS the place!!



Most of us at the beach in front of the place we had breakfast.



After everyone who could attend arrived. Nine units total. Sure missed those who couldn't make it!



Dinner was great. As usual, enough food for an army! Breakfast out at the Wayfarer. Yum! Great company.

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN SCHROCK

By Rhonda Levine

I FaceTimed recently with John Schrock who has been a member of the OAC since 2020 and has been a tour bus driver at Glacier National Park, which features those cool red buses. He shared some of his life with me.

John is a retired air traffic controller, and he was based out of the San Francisco area and also at PDX over his 30 year career. He grew up in the Bay Area camping with his family. His dad, who was from Ohio, always admired Airstreams and pointed them out as they traveled to places like Yosemite. John continued to camp and travel in a Class C as an adult, but he decided it was time for a trailer when he retired in 2010. Maybe a 5th wheel?

Then John and his wife saw an ad for a used Airstream in Colorado, and it all came together and they bought their 27' 2007 Classic, which is still their trailer today.



John regards himself as a National Park geek having visited 41 to date. He began his love affair with Glacier in 2003. That year had terrible wildfires that burned 10% of the park. John returned the next year and saw the red buses. All it took was a tour and he was hooked: He decided to be a bus driver during the summer, living in the



Airstream in an employee area with full hookups in either the East or West side of the Park. Glacier's 35 red buses were built by the White Motor Co from 1936-1939 and were painted a red color to match the ripe Mountain Ash berry growing in the area.

In his summers of driving John has seen some 20 grizzlies and many mountain goats and bighorn sheep. He's also seen one of roughly 35 wolverines in the area. This coming summer he will be in Glacier on the West side driving bus #103 and taking folks on the Crown of the Continent tour, among others. In 2025, he and his gal will be doing the Alaskan Caravan. And

they look forward to heading to Yellowstone to ride the tour buses there, which are (not surprisingly) painted yellow.

THE WONDERS OF WANDERING

By Kelly King

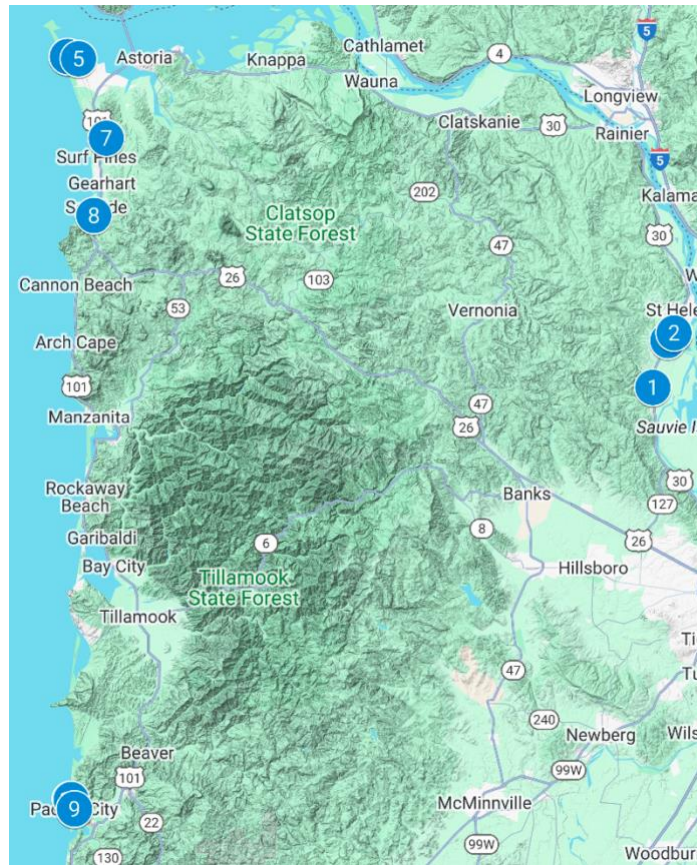
As we contemplate and plan for the great travels in this new year of 2024, I have to reflect back on a surprising and favorite trip we made in September of last year. The impetus for this particular trip was to travel to the Scappoose, Oregon area and support dear friends who were having a celebration of life. Losing loved ones is always difficult and I think I needed some time for quiet and reflection after learning of my friend's tragedy and feeling so helpless to ease the pain of people I love. Fortunately, we are able to travel with our Airstream and my goal was to transform this trip into something more than its original purpose.

Our first night of our trip was spent at Bayport RV Park and Campground ([link](#)) in Warren, Oregon. Just 25 miles from Portland, this small park sits adjacent to the Scappoose Bay Marine Park and offers ample spaces along with access to the marina. Next Adventure Scappoose Paddling Center is located on site at the marina and kayak or stand-up paddle boards are available for rent. There is also a paved nature trail that is accessible to the campground and the park is pet friendly. I have to add that the staff at Columbia County Parks were wonderful in accommodating us by making our spot available to us many hours before the check in time so that we could get the AS parked and set up and get ready for the service we were attending that day.



The next day, we traveled up to the Astoria area and we had a reservation at Astoria/Warrenton/Seaside Koa Resort ([link](#)) for a 3-night stay. This RV park is 3 miles west of Astoria and 13 miles north of Seaside and sits directly across the road from Ft. Stevens State Park. This location is really well appointed, with a year-round indoor pool and another outdoor pool open during the summer months. The office/lobby space is attached to an impressively stocked store with probably anything a camper would want or need without driving into Astoria. The sites were spacious and outfitted with a patio with a full-size gas barbecue, a patio table and chairs, a bench swing, and a permanent fire pit.

We met a couple from the Seattle area who had rented a 19' Airstream Basecamp and were pulling it with a new Rivian pickup. We visited, and they were anxious to show us the interior of their temporary home on wheels and talk about how they decided on the Rivian and its technology. For them, it was a "test drive" of how they envision their new outdoor adventures, and this was their first time camping in an Airstream. For those of us who have enjoyed the Airstream lifestyle for any time, it's always fun to answer the questions of those just beginning their journey and also share both our great stories and our suggestions for ease of operation or tips and tricks. I keep several copies of old Blue Berets in our AS to give to those wanting to learn more about the Airstream lifestyle, and it was a parting gift to this couple as they continue their exploration of the Airstream adventure they had begun.



Article References (in sequence)

- 1 Scappoose
- 2 Bayport RV Park and Campground
- 3 Warren
- 4 Next Adventure Scappoose Bay Paddle Sports Center
- 5 Astoria / Warrenton / Seaside KOA Resort
- 6 Fort Stevens State Park
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- 8 Bell Buoy of Seaside
- 9 Pacific City
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During our stay in the Astoria area, we spent our time exploring the town and Ft. Stevens. We also made a trip down the coast to Cullaby Lake where my husband, Don, lived for almost 4 years. We went to Don's favorite fish monger, Bell Buoy, and bought fresh halibut, which we made that night for dinner. You can't be on that part of the Oregon coast and not go into Seaside and Cannon Beach to experience those lovely towns. The local art and food scenes are wonderful, but the beach strolls and tide pools are the real draw for me. We went for a walk on Cannon Beach with our dog, Maggie Mae, an 8 month old Jack Russel and Yorkshire Terrier mix and were surprised by an apparent flash mob of dogs and their owners... probably about a dozen or more small and medium sized dogs with their owners that they took for a stroll on the beach. It's amazing what happens when people who don't know each other come together rather serendipitously. Everyone spent about 30 minutes introducing themselves and their dogs, and we all laughed at the dogs and their antics and playfulness before we all headed down the beach in different directions.



From Astoria, we traveled down 101 to Pacific City. On our way, we stopped at the north end of Garibaldi at a food truck location with ample long parking across the highway. There we found the best Thai food truck, and it was some of the best Thai food we've ever had. (I have to admit that I was hungry for some noodles, protein, and veggies at that point.) Large tables were there to enjoy our food in the lovely sun on the coast, as we admired our old truck and trailer across the highway.



We continued on our trek down to Pacific City, where we had reservations at Cape Kiwanda RV Resort ([link](#)). Among the amenities, this resort has Airstreams installed for rent. The park is clean and has a fabulous camp store on site as well as a pizzeria attached (which we saw MANY people using), but the spaces might feel a little tight compared to other resorts. Still, it sits across the highway (easy dash) from a GREAT beach and a bonus attraction of a Pelican Brewing Restaurant with a fantastic outdoor patio with a great view of the ocean. When we were there (early September) Pacific City was preparing

for an annual surf contest, and all the stages, sound equipment, and tents were being erected. It was quite the attraction even before the event started. In our campground, there were many surfers (with their campers and tents) preparing for the events. I wish we could have stayed a few more days to experience the excitement of the competition. During our stay we met an amazing couple from British Columbia traveling in an Airstream who we just felt instant friendship with. We ran into them continually during our time outside and they gave us fresh crab, which were caught the day before we were to leave.



Ultimately, it was time for us to return home and unpack and settle back into life on a farm in the Willamette Valley and in a stick-built home with acres to mow and a vegetable garden to tend and wild birds to feed. We love our home-home, but we love-love our “on the road” home. Our Airstream is a joy and we enjoy all the great people we meet along the way.

I feel quite blessed to just be able to travel like we do with our 2012 28' International CCD, but it's meeting wonderful people that really defines for me the wonders of wandering with our Airstream. We have met so many wonderful people traveling with all types of trailers and motor coaches, and there is a common happiness that I detect in all of us. Perhaps we leave behind the burdens of everyday life when we hook up to our tow vehicles or maybe we experience the child-like anticipation of seeking out our next adventure and meeting new people.

However it happens for you, we look forward to seeing you and best wishes for your 2024 travels.

TIPS, TRICKS, INTERVIEWS, RECIPES, AND MORE THINGS WE DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT

By Rachel Collins and Chuck Goss

We have been camping together ever since we first met in 1980. Chuck is the “always be prepared” person, I am all about being comfortable! So, between the two of us we have had to learn to pare down our ‘needs’ list. Our camping styles have evolved from back packing to car/tent camping, to a tent trailer, to a hard sided ‘SOB’ trailer and now the Airstream (our favorite!).

I think every time we go to a rally, we learn something new. There is such a wealth of information/expertise among this group, and we love learning from all of you!

This is our current **list of essentials**, but it is always evolving.

Two sets of keys for both trailer and tow vehicle

Tool bags: one for the Trailer and one for the truck

- rivets and rivet tool
- ratchet set
- extra water heater parts/hose fittings/ clamps, fuses, etc. Including duct Tape and wire of various sizes (for Chuck to do his MacGyver repairs)
- cordless drill set (We've had to screw a cabinet back on before it fell off! It's a good idea to periodically check the screws that hold up your cabinets. They do get shaken loose occasionally.)
- hand tools for small fixes

Tire repair kit:

- tire compressor and flat fix
- also have Tire Pressure Gages for safety while pulling

First aid kits:

- (humans) including splints, gauze wrap, butterfly band-aids etc. as well as meds for "just in case" scenarios personalized for our needs
- (dogs) We have a hunting dog that is prone to "overdoing"

Extra water:

- We bring 1-2 gallons of filtered water in addition to our water filter system, which we use for drinking water
- Extra filter for the hose line (once we had brown water come out of our hook up source! Always test before hooking up to your trailer!)

Extra power cord:

- I have heard of some folks having their power cords stolen when they were hooked up (!). We have also had a long reach to the power source at times, so an extra cord is helpful there.

Flashlight (in addition to phones)

Fire extinguisher under sink

Lithium battery power bank

- This has come in very handy when off grid, but also to just have a backup power source for lights, charging devices, my instant pot, plus various other uses.

Solar suitcase

- We use this for boondocking. It is light weight and keeps the trailer charged.

Generator

- if we are going for an extended period of off grid time and when weather might be iffy for solar.

Features we've added:

- Gas stop valve for propane tanks. (We have had a propane leak before, so this was an easy justification!)
- Tire pressure monitors. (We had known about these for a while but learned more about them at the International Rally, and we purchased some while we were there.)
- Back-up camera (We purchased our 2015 Airstream used, and it did not have one of these.)
- A Water Bandit (for connecting water hose to an unthreaded faucet). Thanks to Hal Hendrix for turning us on to this little gadget!

Rachel Collins and Chuck Goss

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GUEST ARTICLE: RALLY 'ROUND!

John and Susan Leake are active in the Palmetto State Airstream Club and wanted to share some info on how their club handles rallies while also encouraging everyone to rally together, as participants and as hosts. If you're interested in hosting, please see Janet's article at the start of this issue for more info.

By John and Susan Leake

Let's talk about rallies

Just what are they, how do they work, why are they important, and how can you help?

First, the back story: Rallies are not unique to the Airstream Club, but they just may have originated here. The Airstream Club International (ACI) was founded in 1955 as a Caravan Club by friends of Wally Byam, founder of the Airstream we all know today. Wally led caravans of Airstreams all over the globe, with most lasting weeks and many lasting months. Lifelong friendships were formed by the participants, and they became a second family to each other. As the Airstream Club grew, members soon realized there was a need for another method of gathering on a regular basis, but for shorter periods of time and at different locations so more people could participate. Thus the "rally" concept was born.



Just what is a rally?

A rally is not so different from a Smith or Jones family reunion – but with your Airstream family. Rallies provide the opportunity to gather with this extended Airstream family to catch up, to share stories, ideas, memories, troubleshoot technical issues, but most of all, to enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people. Rallies range in size from just a few rigs to hundreds of rigs. They often offer the opportunity for travel across a state, a region, or across the country.

How does a rally work?

While there are no guidelines or set procedures, most rallies have a host (or hosts) that make and coordinate a plan. The plan may include provided meals or potlucks, seminars, crafts, games, contests, and, of course, group therapy (aka happy hours). Some may be no host rallies, where the plan develops as things unfold and are more spontaneous: Having fun is the number one priority. In the Palmetto State Airstream Club, with many folks still working, the "official" start of a monthly rally usually begins on Friday, although many drift in on Thursday. The rally typically ends on Sunday. The rally might be held in a state park, private RV park, fairgrounds, a city street, or someone's back yard. Remember..... it is not WHERE you park, but WHO you park with.

Why are rallies so important?

For the very same reason family reunions are so important: They provide that opportunity to gather, support each other, and stay connected. Just like your family, Airstream rallies are critical to the health and well-being of our Club and the members in the club. Airstreamers are naturally a very social group. We enjoy getting together at campgrounds, restaurants, or at someone's home. Did you know that the Airstream Club International is officially chartered in the State of Ohio as a social club? Yep, emphasis on "social."

Who can host a rally?

ANYONE can host! There is no seniority or pecking order, and no experience is necessary. You may not know it, you are probably already an experienced rally host: Have you ever hosted a bridal shower or birthday party? How about a Christmas party or a Thanksgiving dinner? A luncheon, your book club, or a graduation party; a retirement party, project completion party, or a dinner party? How about a study group? No doubt, everyone has hosted some type of "rally" many times. You took a head count, developed a plan, likely enlisted the help of a friend or two, made a few arrangements, and pulled it off like a pro.

We need you!

Please consider hosting a rally sometime, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Keep things simple. Meals of soups and stews, sandwiches, hotdogs, loaded baked potatoes, tacos, or a pancake supper are just a few examples of quick and easy potlucks to share the love. Or, if there are restaurants nearby, folks can simply go out to eat. Coffee, juice, and pastries at breakfast are always good, with lunch on your own.

Please come join us at the next rally. We will be thrilled to see you, and you will be glad you came. And when the time is right, grab a partner and host your own party!

See ya there!

COMING SOON: SEATAC AIRPORT'S OWN AIRSTREAM EATERY

By Geoff Cox

Rhonda Levine snapped this photo on a recent trip through SeaTac Airport. It's another example of how Airstreams keep popping up all over popular culture: on TV, in ads, with celebrities ("How do you feel about your Airstream, Mr. McConaughey?" "Alright, alright, alright."), and now at airports.

Personally, no matter how much I love eating in an Airstream, I'm not sure it'd be my first choice for dining before being stuck in a long metal tube for hours. Of course, we wish them the best of luck and will likely stop in before our next flight... even if only to offer our in-depth Airstream expertise to the unsuspecting wait staff: about the layout, ways they can improve their "rig," tips on repairing rivets, maximizing storage space, or recommendations for some great, authentic Airstream recipes (see below). On second thought, maybe we'll just pop our heads in.



RECIPES

GREEN ENCHILADA CHICKEN AND CAULIFLOWER

By Michelle Paris

This is a modification of an easy green chili chicken enchilada recipe when I didn't have any tortillas left.

- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 large can green enchilada sauce
- 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 2 cups shredded cheddar
- 1 cup sliced black olives
- 1 cup diced tomato for garnish
- 2-3 sliced green onions or 1/2 cup small dice red onion for garnish
- 1 small dice jalapeno for garnish
- cilantro for garnish
- sour cream and guacamole for garnish
- tortilla chips



1. Set the oven at 375°F. Bring a pot of water to a boil.
2. Break the cauliflower into small florets. Par boil in water for about 2-3 minutes. Drain.
3. In a baking pan (9x13 or 9x9) sprayed with pan spray, layer cauliflower and chicken. Cover in enchilada sauce (make it saucy not dry). Top with cheddar and olives. Cover in foil and bake for 20-30 min until the cheese mostly melts. Remove foil and bake for another 5-10 minutes until cheese starts to brown and is melted.
4. Remove from the oven and top with tomato, green/red onion, cilantro, guacamole and sour cream. Serve chips with on the side.

HALIBUT WITH SALMORIGLIO

By Craig Brown

Salmoriglio is a southern Italian herb and lemon sauce. There are many variations, but this is ours. We put it on halibut or salmon. It's sooo good and easy to make while camping. It can also be refrigerated, then brought to room temperature before serving. This recipe will probably serve 4, but we like to pile it on!

- 2 garlic cloves mashed to a paste with a pinch of salt
- 1 large lemon zested, then squeezed for at least 3 T of juice
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 cup raw almonds, toasted
- Coarse black pepper
- 1/2 cup of very good extra virgin olive oil
- 2 5 to 8 oz halibut or salmon fillets pan seared.

Preheat oven to 400°. Put the almonds on a baking sheet or pan and toast them in the oven until lightly browned, about 4-5 minutes. When done, transfer to a cool plate until they reach room temperature.

Lightly crush the toasted almonds a few at a time with the flat side of a chef's knife to break into small pieces. Put the crushed almonds in a medium bowl along with the garlic paste, lemon juice and zest, parsley, cilantro and several grinds of black pepper.

Slowly add the olive oil in a thin stream while mixing with a fork or whisk until blended. Set aside.

Season the fish fillets with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 T of olive oil in a frying pan on med-high until shimmering. Gently shake the hot pan while setting the fillets in it. (Don't splash oil on yourself!) This will help prevent sticking. Let sear undisturbed for about 2 minutes until they are golden brown and are easy to turn. Flip them over and finish on lower heat for 4-7 minutes, or transfer to the oven finish at 375° for about the same time, depending on how thick they are.

Serve with roasted potatoes or brown rice, and broccolini or asparagus, and lots of Salmoriglio!

Buon appetito!



AIR FRYING AND AIRSTREAMING

Dear Everybody,

My innocent post on the OAC FB page about finally using the oven in our Airstream morphed into Becky South and Amy D'Abbraccio sharing how much they loooooove their air fryers. They even posted pictures of their beloved (and compact and cute) appliance. Fast forward, my new air fryer (the exact same model) is waiting for me at home, where we are returning later today from our last campout of the year, the OAC Friendsgiving Rally. My desperate call for air fryer recipes was answered by Kathy Geese and she shared these two recipes. I can't wait to give them a try! – Donna Thorson

CRISPY AIR FRYER CHICKEN WINGS

Prep Time: 5 minutes | Cook Time: 35 minutes | (Scaled 3/4x)

Ingredients:

1 1/2 lb. chicken wings (flats and drumettes, either fresh or thawed from frozen)
1 1/2 tsp gluten-free baking powder
9/16 tsp sea salt
3/16 tsp black pepper

Directions:

In a large bowl, toss the wings with baking powder, sea salt and black pepper.
Grease 2 racks for the air fryer oven. (If your air fryer only has a basket, grease that instead.)
Place the wings onto the greased racks, or place only enough wings into the basket to be in a single layer. (You may need to cook in 2 batches if using a basket.)
Place the racks or basket into the air fryer and cook for 15 minutes at 250°.
Flip the wings over and switch the trays, so that the top is on the bottom and vice versa.
Increase temperature to 430° (or the highest your air fryer goes).
Air fry for about 15 to 20 minutes, until chicken wings are done and crispy.
Nutrition info: Calories 275 kcal

Source: <https://www.wholesomeyum.com/crispy-air-fryer-chicken-wings-recipe/>

AIR FRYER BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH GARLIC PARMESAN

Prep Time: 10 mins | Cook Time: 20 mins | Servings: 6

Ingredients:

1 lb. Brussels sprouts
3 tbsp butter melted
3 cloves garlic minced
1 ounce freshly grated Parmesan divided
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes

Directions:

Wash and trim the Brussels sprouts and pat them very dry.
Cut each in half, or if they are very large, cut into quarters.
In a large bowl, toss the sprouts with the butter, garlic, about 3/4 of the Parmesan, the salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes.
Air fry at 400° for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring a few times during cooking, until tender and crisped to your liking.

Return to the bowl to toss in any remaining butter, and sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan. Add additional seasonings to taste.

Nutrition info: Calories: 103 kcal. Carbohydrates 7.4g. Fiber 3g. Protein 4.4g

Source: <https://alldayidreamaboutfood.com/air-fryer-brussels-sprouts/>

SOME CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

As the saying goes, the only constant is change. The OAC Newsletter is no exception. We have some exciting changes coming in the next issue:

Norma Massier will be taking on the lead role in the OAC Newsletter, which includes being the point person for incoming articles, working with the OAC Board, and coordinating the Newsletter. Rhonda Levine will continue working in a collaborative role with Norma as co-editor, along with our dedicated and intrepid Newsletter team.

Norma and Rhonda have been active in the Newsletter for about four years. The Newsletter's mission remains to "inform and connect" the Club (as first suggested by Jeanean and Ray Craig, who sadly passed recently). We would like to continue to reach out to you, our fellow members of the Club, to be involved in that goal. We welcome contributions and articles from everyone in the Club.

We are sad to announce that Geoff Cox, our newsletter editor/publisher for the past two years, will be stepping back from that position after this issue. He has done a wonderful job of taking our articles, rally write ups, interviews, recipes, adventures, tips, gadgets and ramblings and skillfully polishing and assembling them all into something you, the reader, would like. We are so grateful... without a publisher there is no newsletter. Geoff will still remain on the newsletter team, making contributions where he can (such as a sly joke or random aside here or there).

We would like to welcome Donna Thorson as our new publisher. Donna will train a bit with Geoff and then begin her own publishing empire. She and her hubby Gary are regular contributors to the Newsletter and she has experience as a newsletter editor. We look forward to sharing more about Donna down the road.

The Oregon Airstream Club is one of the most active in the country, and we take pride in the community we have all built together. This Newsletter is a way for the entire club to learn about events, hear about rallies, get to know the dedicated volunteers serving in club leadership, learn some tips and tricks about Airstreaming and camping, meet up over coffee, and maybe even get inspired to camp and connect more.

We enjoy bringing the publication to you every two months and are always looking for your contributions. We'd love to hear from you.

Thanks and we're looking forward to another fab year of camping and travel.

Your Newsletter team

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 Norma (nmassier@comcast.net) **no later than the 15th of the month before publication** (deadline for next issue: May 15, 2024). Pieces received after that date will be included in the next newsletter.

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