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In this issue: travel tips, recipes, rally info, membership, vintage airstream intra-club, interviews, preventing propane tank theft, membership and badge info, airstream pinups, and more!



Janet Schober

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Janet Schober

Have you ever been curious about the Oregon Airstream Club Board of Directors or considered running for a board position?

The Oregon Airstream Club is a nonprofit organization with a member-led board of directors who have been elected to oversee our club operations. We are responsible for upholding the Airstream Club International constitution and our local club bylaws and policies.

Ultimately, our board of directors ensures our club is fulfilling our mission and promoting our love of all things Airstream so we can See More. Do More. Live More...and Laugh More.

The Oregon Airstream Club Board of Directors is made up of officers, directors and special committees – there are MANY ways to serve and volunteer.

Our board officers are **President** – held by Janet Schober, **First Vice President** – held by Rachel Collins, **Second Vice President** – currently vacant, **Treasurer** – held by Stacey Rovinelli, **Recording Secretary** – held by Gary Crumley, and **Past President** – held by Chris Wagner.

We have **four Director positions**, which are often filled by couples who share the Director role. Currently we have three Director positions who are serving as committee chairs, Mike Burnett serving as Director/Rally Coordinator, David and Linda Doughty serving as Director/Membership Coordinator and Cindy Muir serving as Director/Nominating Committee Chair. Bryan and Michelle Stewart are our longest serving Directors.

Officer and Director positions have voting responsibility on matters that impact our club operations.

Standing committees that support our club include **Caravan Coordinator** – held by Mark Babcock, **Newsletter Committee** – chaired by Norma Massier, **Social Media** – held by Amy D'Abbraccio and our **Webmaster** is Bob Crummett.

We elect members to officer and director positions to our board annually. President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Past President serve over four years, starting in the position of Second Vice President, serving in each position for one year then progressing to the next role – Second Vice President to First Vice President to President to Past President. Directors serve two-year terms, with the option to continue for a second term for a total of four years.

Each role on our board has defined responsibilities – officers, directors and special committees, outlined in our club bylaws which can be found [here](#). As a board we meet quarterly, with one of these meetings required in September or October to install new officers who have been voted on and elected by our membership.

The Oregon Airstream Board of Directors have a deep commitment to our mission and a willingness to devote time and energy to our success.

If you've ever thought about running for election to one of the Oregon Airstream Club board positions, consider these tips for being an effective nonprofit board member:

- **Understand the role and responsibilities.** It's important to understand the role of the board position you are interested in to be prepared to fulfill those responsibilities. Talk with current board members about their role and experiences. Read our club bylaws for the official job descriptions.
- **Attend meetings and events.** As a board member, you are committing to attending meetings and participating in club events (e.g. rallies, monthly breakfasts and coffees) during your term. Board members should come prepared to actively participate in board discussions and the decision-making process.
- **Engage with members of our club.** Board members should be willing to connect with club members by listening to concerns and feedback, while working to build relationships and partnerships that support our club mission.

The Oregon Airstream Club is always looking for individuals within our membership who have the passion and experience that align with our mission. Our **Nominating Committee, chaired by Cindy Muir is currently considering candidates to fill our open board position of Second Vice President** as well as positions that will open as current members transition off the board after serving their position term in October when we'll install new members to our board of directors at our Fall Bounty Rally.

If this article has piqued your interest, please reach out to any current member of our board of directors for more information.

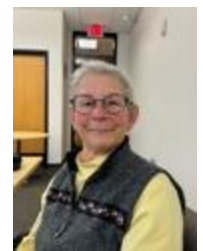
FROM THE EDITORS



Norma Massier

We want to thank all of the cub reporters and members of our Newsletter Committee for helping us continue to connect and inform our membership. We want to continue to encourage all Rally Hosts to submit their write-ups to us in e-mail format as soon as possible after their event.

We are always looking for new cub reporters with stories to tell... **COULD THAT BE YOU?** We are looking for Safety and/or Maintenance tips that you would like to share. Please send all submissions to Norma at nmassier@comcast.net



Rhonda Levine

Thank you from your Co-Editors,

Norma Massier and Rhonda Levine

NOTES FROM YOUR OAC RALLY COORDINATOR

By Mike Burnett

Believe it or not...we are now at the time of year where I have already started booking OAC Rallies for 2025!! I know this seems early, but things are very competitive out there. To reserve the Rally locations we want, some private facilities require booking more than a year in advance.

If you are a 2024 OAC Rally Host/Co-host and would like to repeat your Rally in 2025, please send me an email to let me know.

Also, if you are OAC members who would like to Host/Co-host a 2025 Rally and have an idea for a new Rally location (or repeat of a favorite Rally not recently done), please let me know via email.

Your input helps me assure that I am booking Rally locations of interest to OAC members and including interesting Rally locations with named Hosts/Co-hosts.

For the 2025 OAC camping season, I am again planning on booking around 40 Rallies, beginning in January and continuing into November, with a "break for the Holidays". In fact, the following 2025 Rallies have already been booked, or will be very shortly: Leak Test (Cannon Beach), Elk Meadows, Howard Prairie Lake, Cascade Locks, Spring Fling (Newport Marina RV Park), Sea & Sand, Sea Perch #1, Sea Perch #2, and Newbie (Casey's).

If you are still looking for a 2024 Rally to attend, the following Rallies will likely still have openings by the time you are reading this newsletter: Newbie (and others) Rally, Olde World/New World Wine Rally, Friends Rally, Walla Walla Wine Rally, Wooden Boat Rally, BBQ Challenge Rally, Lake Simtustus Rally, Fall Bounty (Year End) Rally, and Friendsgiving Rally. Sign up now for these Rallies or get on a waitlist with the Rally Host for other 2024 Rallies.

Happy Camping and Safe Travels!

Mike Burnett

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Nancy & Mike Burnett



MEMBERSHIP

By Dave & Linda Doughty

Below are some membership numbers as of the end of April. Please note that some memberships have a member as well as a partner member.

New memberships this year (through April)

Member Name	Partner Member Name	BRN	State	Membership Type
Alan Mossman		08145	OR	Regular
Bill Dillhoefer	Wendy Randall	01403	OR	Regular
Dave Twyver	Gwen Twyver	06660	ID	Affiliate
David Ashley	Shelley Johannesen	01580	VA	Affiliate
Debra Gerdes	Glen Gerdes	29471	OR	Regular
Dennis Richardson	Karen Richardson	28210	CA	Affiliate
Doug Whiteside	Carol Whiteside	02061	Alberta	Affiliate
Erin Flasher		19004	OR	Regular
Fran Rattay	Yogi Rattay	07219	OR	Regular
Gary Allsup	Judy Allsup	16885	WA	Affiliate
Greg Dino		03657	OR	Regular
Joseph Kinder	Mona Kinder	09998	WA	Affiliate
Ken Hudson	Beverly Hudson	02857	OR	Affiliate
Lori Grassi	Bryan Grassi	15423	WA	Affiliate
Renaë Sudweeks	Michael Dunning	01562	OR	Regular
Richard Chen	Linhai Cao	06688	CA	Regular
Robert Hale	Denise Hoover	03327	OR	Regular
Robert Pease		03972	OR	Regular
Steve Aufhauser		25956	OR	Regular
Toni Young	Tim Young	25322	WA	Affiliate
Grand Total				20

Please note that expired memberships that are renewed are often listed as new memberships by Airstream Club International.

Memberships by Type

Membership Type	Count
Canada	8
Affiliate	5
Regular	3
United States	377
Affiliate	93
Regular	284
Grand Total	385

Membership Totals by Location

Locations	Members
Canada	8
Alberta	1
BC	7
United States	377
Az	4
CA	20
CO	2
ID	11
ME	1
MI	1
MT	2
NV	1
OR	226
TX	3
UT	1
VA	1
WA	102
WI	2
Grand Total	385

AIRSTREAM MAINTENANCE

Airstream ownership often involves servicing and repairing your trailer to keep it in tip-top shape. If you are having trouble finding repair shops, please feel free to contact us at air.john.37@gmail.com. We have compiled a list of some of the shops other members have used in the past.

DISCLAIMER: This list does not imply any endorsement or guarantee by the association. Members are responsible for verifying the qualifications, availability, and pricing of the service providers before hiring them. OAC is not liable for any damages or losses that may arise from the use of these service providers.

RV PARKS

Do you have a favorite RV Park or camping location and are willing to share that information with other members of the club. If so, we encourage you to send the information on it to us @ air.john.37@gmail.com. We are compiling a list.

RALLIES



Brad & Susan Taylor

ST. PATRICK'S DAY RALLY – MARCH 2024 STUBB STEWART STATE PARK, BUXTON OR

By Susan Taylor

The luck of the Irish was definitely shining down on the 17 Oregon Airstream Club rigs and their occupants at the St. Patrick's Day Rally in March. We had a dry weekend with beautiful blue skies and warmish weather! It's always nice to get a kickstart to the rally season with an early spring rally.

We (Brad and Susan Taylor) were thrilled to welcome the first club members we ever met back in 2007, newbies attending their first rally and everyone in between. Friday night started out with an appetizer potluck and a good dose of socializing. Saturday many participants ventured to nearby Vernonia. The combo hardware/liquor store is always fun to check out and you can get both types of screwdrivers in one stop. The Banks-



Vernonia trail also runs through the park and is good for both walking and biking. Saturday night we gathered for a host provided meal of taco soup. Sunday night was the St Patrick's Day Potluck and we heard it was great!



Unfortunately, late Saturday evening Brad experienced a medical emergency which turned into a trip to the emergency room and subsequent hospital admission. Test revealed some blood clots in his lungs, and was sent home a couple days later on blood thinners and oxygen.

This is where I get to express my sincere thanks to all those in attendance that stepped right in and kept the rally going. Everyone pitched in to pack up the meeting hall and our campsite. The Oregon Airstream Club truly is comprised of the most caring people that I am so proud to call friends.

One dilemma we faced was how to get our trailer home. We had many offers to drive it home for us, but I took the opportunity to face my fears and tow it home the two hours myself. With the help of Jim Bash and Jay Muir, they got me hooked up and escorted me most of the way.



Here is my public service announcement. Ladies, if you have been telling yourself you need to learn to tow in case an emergency comes up, Do It! It would be far better to be prepared ahead of time. Now that I know I can tow, I'm going to practice hooking up and backing up.



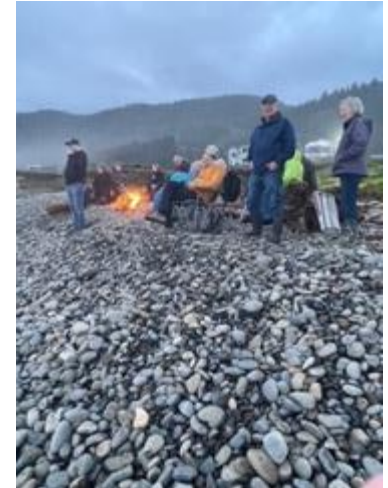
David & Kathy Geese

SEA PERCH RALLY #1 – APRIL 2024 SEA PERCH RV RESORT, YACHATS OR

By Kathy Geese

The village of Yachats is one of our favorites on the Oregon Coast! Sea Perch RV is definitely a member favorite. We co-hosted with our good friends, Mike and Nancy Burnett and this was our 2nd annual OAC Sea Perch rally (April 26-29).

For those not familiar with Sea Perch, there are 10 sites that back up to the ocean and pure bliss to sleep to the sounds of crashing surf. Mike was able to secure nine of those sites plus four others. One of the reasons for the popularity of Sea Perch, besides the wonderful staff, is the availability of the lovely clubhouse with seating for dinners. It is a guarantee that there will be lashing rain at least one or two days. And the rain delivered as promised but with some lovely breaks including the evening we had a beach fire. When we checked in, the front desk staff told me that someone in an Airstream had been there a few days earlier and left a package for me. It was Gillian Nelson. She knew the rally was coming in and had left for the attendees the cutest pink flamingo jam spoons with her “calling card”. I was gob smacked at the thoughtfulness.



Days were spent hiking, searching for agates on the beach, shopping, visiting nearby Florence, the Seal Caves, rowdy games of pool in the clubhouse, and a worthwhile trip to Pacific Sourdough Bakery in Waldport. The latter is only open Thursday thru Saturday and the line was out to the street! I picked up a lemon and rosemary sourdough boule to accompany Soup Supper night. Maybe some sticky buns for breakfast and ginger-molasses cookies found their way into my basket along with a lemon tart. So yummy.



It wouldn't be a Burnett-Geese rally without good food. We decided to do hybrid potlucks with the hosts providing the main dish and, as always, attendees delivered with delectable side dishes, salads, and desserts. Recipes were exchanged! I experimented with a dish I had in Mesa, AZ last winter called “Southern Sundae”. Served in a tall sundae cup, it was layered barbecue pulled pork (barbecue jackfruit for my vegetarian friends), elote corn, and Mexican slaw. The “cherry” on the top of the Sunday was a cherry tomato and garnish was a dill pickle spear. Sounds weird but tasted delicious!



We had new members in attendance, Dennis and Pamela Pall, who have bought a home in Lake Oswego and they were warmly welcomed. The days flew by with new friends made and many laughs with old friends. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did!



Danielle & Fabian Mills



Steve & Tina Holmes

**BAY POINT LANDING RALLY – MAY 2024
BAY POINT LANDING, COOS BAY OR**

By Fabian & Danielle Mills and Steve & Tina Holmes

Rain soaked fun on the Oregon coast!

This was our second year hosting a rally at Bay Point Landing and it was a success despite mother nature’s attempts to spoil the fun. With club members stretching from Olympia, WA to Trinidad, CA and everywhere in between, we had 16 Airstreams join in the rain soaked fun. Twelve of our Airstreams had sites that backed right up to the beach which afforded marvelous morning and evening views.



Nestled along the scenic coast of Coos Bay, Bay Point Landing is a stunning waterfront retreat. A modern and luxurious RV park that is designed with the Airstream enthusiast in mind, it offers a range of amenities and activities to make your stay unforgettable. The clubhouse is the perfect spot to socialize...complete with a heated salt water pool, fitness center and activity room filled with games like shuffleboard and giant scrabble. Bay Point also features Airstreams for rent for our non-Airstream friends who want to experience what we already know and enjoy.

Rally participants arrived on Thursday and were welcomed that evening with homemade margaritas. Who knew juicing 3lbs of limes in an Airstream would be so much work and such a mess? 6 liters of margaritas later, the welcome happy hour was in full swing!



Some took to exploring the area on Friday which featured the Coos Bay First Friday Wine Walk with proceeds benefiting downtown Coos Bay. While others visited Cape Arago or Shores Acres State Parks. A Cinco de Mayo themed dinner was served in the Pavilion, complete with nearly 20lbs of homemade carnitas, black beans, red rice and so much more. After dinner many stayed behind and exchanged stories in front of the fireplace, while contemplating if we preferred to swim back to our trailers or take a boat.

We were graced with a wonderful sunset and sunrise on Sunday before we all left for home or the next adventure. Let’s do this again next year!



Gayle McConnell & Steve Cunningham

UMPQUA WINE BOONDOCKING RALLY- APRIL 2024 - FREED ESTATE VINEYARD, WINSTON OR

By Steve Cunningham and Gayle McConnell

Wednesday, we arrived a day early at Freed Estate Vineyard in Winston, Oregon. The available camping space was a little tight. Luckily there were two last minute cancellations and we just barely fit in 13 rigs. Everyone arrived on Thursday and with lots of cooperation, they all fit. A few hours before happy hour, we started getting texts from Brian and Terri. They lost a trailer tire near Cottage Grove. A few hours later another text with another tire gone near Roseburg. They finally arrived to cheers by all near the end of happy hour with four new tires.



The following day a wine tasting was held at Freed Winery with a charcuterie board and snacks. Pam Freed, the original owner, gave a brief talk about coming from Hawaii and retiring in the Umpqua Valley. Her son Bryan, now oversees the winery.



Lesson learned: especially at the start of the season, assess all your tires. The 5-6 year tire life rule of thumb may be a little optimistic. Brian & Terri were only on year 4.



Freed's Matriarch, Pam

Saturday, we all went to Melrose Estate Winery for another group wine tasting. We all agreed that the little-known Umpqua Valley produces some very delicious quality wines at reasonable prices. The valley is especially known for their Tempranillo varietal. Later that evening we shared a delightful potluck dinner.



Gail 'splains something

Sunday, we said our farewells. Overall, we had good sun to keep our batteries charged and good time for all. Bryan Freed, our winery host, was a joy to work with and was very accommodating to all our requests.



Charlie & Sharon Wieder

NK 'MIP OKANAGAN RALLY- MAY 2024 NK 'MIP CAMPGROUND AND RV RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA BC

By Sharon Wieder

Well, we combined Airstreamers, campfires, wine, golf, hiking and biking, indigenous culture, a big lake and a wonderful RV resort and by the end of the weekend we had fulfilled the four freedoms of Airstream Club International.



#1 the Freedom from Arrangements - this was clearly demonstrated through the value of a hosted, organized rally.

#2 the Freedom from Age Restrictions - the youngest attendee was one year old while the oldest was an octogenarian. We even had a three generation family in attendance!





#3 the Freedom to Explore and Learn - At least half of the people in our group were visiting Canada for the first time. Many were treated to a guided tour of the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre which is on the traditional Syilx land in the Okanagan. There was also wine tasting, bike riding and hiking enjoyed by the group.

#4 the Freedom to Have Fun - Yes we did and there are lots of photos to prove it!

Happy Hour was a superb opportunity to recap all the fun of the day. It was extremely well attended and definitely much longer than an hour.

REGION 10 RALLY IN PICTURES – MAY 2024 BLACKWELL ISLAND RV RESORT, COEUR D'ALENE ID



VINTAGE AIRSTREAM INTRA-CLUB

By Rob and Diane Nicol



Diane and I have been active in the Vintage Airstream Club since about 2011 when we first started camping in our 1968 Trade Wind. Since we were restoring it at the time, we learned to appreciate the expertise, encouragement, hard-to-find parts, and loaned tools that members of the VAC offered us. VAC members are a handy bunch, and many have performed major restorations and amazing makeovers on their Airstreams. We have toured a lot of unique and interesting trailers and a few rare motorhomes as well. Members often have more than one Airstream, being afflicted by Multiple Airstream Disorder (MAD). Others settle on one really nice trailer that does everything they need and are content.

A little about the club history and activities: The VAC is for Airstreams (and a few related brands) that are more than 25 years old. The club was formed in 1993 so our Tradewind was (barely) old enough to be vintage even



A Region 10 gathering in WA state

back then. I call this vintage vintage. The VAC Website (<https://vintageairstreamclub.com/>) has a rich trove of history plus loads of technical resources that we found vital when restoring our trailer. Well worth the \$20/year dues. There are around 600 members at last count and the club has caravans and rallies all over North America. It's a regional club which is great if you like meeting new people from different areas. Region 10 includes OR, WA, ID, MT, AL, and British Columbia. Pre-pandemic we regularly had many trailers from BC at regional rallies. Although Canadian travel is down, we do regularly see members from as far away as Montana and visitors from Southern CA.

Upcoming activities are mostly full, but I encourage anyone with a vintage rig (no, being "vintage" yourself does not qualify) to check out the website and start planning for next year.

Rob and Diane Nicol
VAC Region 10 Representatives
WBCCI 1816



FUTURE STREAMERS INTRA-CLUB

By Clinton Gauthier



Future Streamers Intra-Club is all about celebrating the Airstream lifestyle with kids. Our club is full of ACI members who travel with children, grand-children, or support the idea of doing so. Our goal is to develop memories with our youth that excite them about Airstreaming, provide life-skill opportunities, and build friendships through family friendly engagements and experiences. We hope to create a space where youth who build friendships with others at rallies, caravans, or camping can continue to grow those friendships by remaining in contact and planning future trips together.

We have two events coming up in the next year: Fun in the Sun Rally at the Minnesota Airstream Park (July 11-14, 2024) and Kids on the Blue Ridge Caravan (June 10-20, 2025), registration information can be found on the ACI website. In addition, we will have a bunch of activities and casual get-togethers for club members planned at International Rally this fall. We are preparing to launch a new campaign “Where’s Stella” where any Airstreamer can share a picture of their rig and a printout of the “Where’s Stella” logo with the group so we can share our travels and love of streaming with our kids! Be on the lookout for more information to come!

The Future Streamers Intra Club is collecting Aluminum Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Every year at the International Rally, we collect these tabs and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House in the hosting state. This year, we are donating to the Kansas City, MO RMHC. You can help us with this cause by saving your aluminum tabs and putting them in a zip-lock bag, cardboard box, coffee can or plastic trash bag - anything that is easy to empty. You can then bring your tabs to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. If you're not going to IR24, don't worry, ask a fellow Airstreamer to take them for you!

If you're interested in joining Future Streamers or getting more information you can find us under the intracub tab on the ACI website or via this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/future-streamers-intra-club>.

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

RV PARKY



Carolyn Beardshear

By Carolyn Beardshear

RV Parky Trip Planner is my preferred software for assembling the route and campground details of long-trip planning because of the clear interface and campground database. The free version allows for only 3 stops. The Pro version (also available in a browser format) is a reasonable \$19.99 / year or \$4.99 / month.

My favorite features:

- As with all trip planners, your trip information is stored in one place, not spread out over emails or a spreadsheet and is available on your laptop or cell phone.
- It's very easy to set up a trip and edit your stops and campgrounds. I compare using new software to finding your friend's house in a large development. The first time there you have to feel your way; the second time is easier and the third time it's no problem. Don't hesitate to click a button to 'see what it does.' You'll be surprised how many features you'll discover that way.



- Editing one date alters future stops, unless you lock in the dates. If your route is planned (but not reserved), and you decide to stay somewhere an extra night, the app adjusts your dates. You can lock in dates for specific stops if your plans are not flexible.
- The listing of campgrounds with amenities, website, reviews, pictures, and prices is easily accessible and extensive. It's possible to filter the types of campgrounds displayed, so if you don't like KOAs or Walmarts, or if you do, just set the filter. Hint; The filter is behind the search button.
- Mileage and time between points are calculated. You enter how many miles per day you like to travel and the app indicates potential stopping points, which are easy to edit.
- At each "stop screen" there is a field for notes.
- The app suggests a route but there is a 'drag route' function so you can choose to get off, or on, the interstate.
- RV Parky calculates fuel costs based on your average mileage and the average fuel price you enter.
- Weather during your dates is forecasted. Of course, that's historical date, but it helps.
- There is a place for journal entries!

Here are some good resources for more information on RV Parky:

Online review and tips: <https://www.routetoretire.com/hwil-rv-parky/>

YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1ts5T6tU60&t=148s>

Carolyn Beardshear
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Oregon Airstream Club Affiliate
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INTERVIEW WITH REGION 10 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SUSAN MCPHEE



Susan McPhee

By Rhonda Levine

Region 10 First Vice President Susan McPhee and I sat down to chat today while we are at the NK MIP rally in Osoyoos, BC. Susan and hubby Tim are native Oregonians who live in Wilsonville on the south end of Portland.

About 10 years ago the McPhees started camping with a T@B. They had a boat and had sold it. Susan loved the T@B but Tim is about 20 feet tall and so he was very restricted in that small teardrop. They moved up to an RPOD, which was larger, but weren't crazy about the quality. They took it on a road trip to Napa, CA and once they got back they decided to take a peek at Airstreams. It was love at first peek.

They began with a 23' in 2018. An International Signature which they purchased in Portland. And then two footitis happened and they jumped to a 25'. It had better windows. And a floor they loved. They named it SeaBreeze and the trailer became their mini beach house.

They were told that buying an Airstream is buying a lifestyle. They turned to Brad and Susan Taylor for advice about where to go camping. Their first experience was at Armitage Park in Eugene and they had a terrible experience. They

attended no rallies for about two years and finally struck gold at Maryhill when Terri Warren and Hal Hendrix were hosting. They've been all in now for about three years.

They love to camp in the Lost Lake area near Mt Hood. Being near water is the best. And they are into exploring new places. Their longest trips have been two weeks in length. One thing coming up for them is the Balloon Rally in Albuquerque.

Susan and Tim have been together for about 15 years. They are both in Regional Sales Management and Susan knows how to be a team player and organize folks. She is eager to give back to the Airstream community and put those great skills to some use after she retires to take on Region 10.

The McPhees are seasoned travelers as is their three year old Merle Aussie Shepherd Riley.



Buzz Blick

PREVENTING PROPANE TANK THEFT – A CAUTIONARY TALE

By Buzz Blick

Sometime in March, the two polished aluminum propane tanks on our vintage Airstream were stolen from our trailer storage lot. Before and after pictures are below. Further, the lot is gated, locked and monitored with closed-circuit T.V. The tanks were secured together, and to the trailer tongue, with a Master Lock Python cable lock. None of those safeguards prevented the theft. I have belatedly learned that this type of theft is fairly common, especially with high value items, like large polished aluminum tanks with gauges. The cost of the loss and replacement (with lower-cost gauged steel tanks) was approximately \$1,500. Insurance replacement was not a good option, since the lot was not technically negligent, and I didn't want to risk a higher premium on our coverage by filing a claim with my insurance company.



Now you see them...

I'd like to pass on several lessons I've learned from this loss and the subsequent replacement. First, no locking system will totally protect against a determined and knowledgeable thief. The most common tools of the trade for thieves are cable/bolt cutters and/or a battery-powered reciprocating saw. These are used to cut through cables and exposed lock shackles on common padlocks. It takes mere seconds. Of course, removing and storing high-value propane tanks between outings is always a sure-fire way to prevent theft.



Now you don't

However, there are ways to make such thefts more difficult and time-consuming, thus less likely. First, use a locking system that is very difficult to cut through. The lock I chose as a replacement for my Master brand cable lock is a "circle" shackle lock, that secures the metal butterfly tie-down between the tanks. Pictured below. They cost \$30-50 through Amazon, and are available with keyed or combination locks. I chose the combination type. I don't need another key to lug around, and potentially lose. The hardened circular steel shackle on that type of lock is very difficult and time-consuming for a thief to cut through with a reciprocating saw. Another option that secures the tanks to the center hold-down is a keyed "spin" lock, like the Durasafe brand, costing \$45-50.



I covered the new tanks with a lockable plastic enclosure. Spin-off port covers provide access to both tank shut-off valves, the regulator and the tank gauges. Flame King is the brand for the enclosure (\$35), as well as both of the new gauged 7 gallon propane tanks (\$80 each). Pictured above.

As you can also see above, I've started consistently using a duel lock system on the trailer tongue coupler itself - a pass-through lock and a ball-cover lock. Neither are the "best" prevention of whole-trailer theft, but the combination is better than I see on most trailers.



All of these measures can be defeated by a determined thief, but they will slow him/her down and hopefully encourage looking elsewhere for easier targets.

I'm sorry that we had to learn this lesson the hard way. I miss the "vintage" look of the polished tanks as much as I regret the financial loss and hassle of replacement. That said, I hope that the theft deterrence steps described above work for us, and possible help others in the future.

MEMBERSHIP AND BADGE INFORMATION

By Lesa Welcker, Region 10 Membership Chair

Memberships: Local Club Member? Affiliate? What's the difference between the membership types?

Are you new to the club or just want to understand the difference between the various memberships: Member At Large, Local Club Member, Affiliate Member or Intra-Club Member? Follow [this link](#) to a document on the club website that will help you understand the differences.

If you are a Member at Large and would like to join a local club, please email assist@airstreamclub.org to let them know you would like to switch your membership from a Member at Large to a local club. Visit the Region 10 [website](#) for a list of [clubs](#) in our Region.

Need a new name badge to replace your old one?

Want to update your name badge? This can be done online through the Airstream Club Store – the place to purchase all kinds of club merchandise to equip your rig and yourself! For badges, just click [here](#) to reach the order page. You can choose between three Airstream Club logo styles (see the images below). Single sided badges are just \$3.00 each, two-sided badges are \$5.00 each and all badges come with a badge clip. Note that taxes and shipping charges apply.



OAC STREAMER NEWSLETTER NEWS FLASH!

by Norma Massier

Hey Streamers! Your newsletter will be adding new sections to keep you even more entertained, connected and informed. We want to include a photo of YOUR Airstream as it travels across the miles, along a river, beside a mirrored lake, with a gorgeous sunrise or sunset, quiet boondocking etc. You get the idea. Please send a photo of your Airstream and include where or when the photo was taken. You can be in it, too. We eagerly await your submissions. Please send to Norma Massier at nmassier@comcast.net. See upcoming issues for more pictures.

(OUR VERY FIRST!) AIRSTREAM PIN UPS

Geeses - Somewhere Along the Pacific



Janet Shrober – Beverly Beach



Marilyn Usselman - Rock Springs



Sea Perch - Steve Foltz

RECIPES

RECIPE: AIR FRYER ELOTE-STYLE CHICKEN WINGS



Submitted by Kathy Geese

Note:

You can do this same method in an oven if you do not have an air fryer.

Source: <https://carnaldish.com/recipes/elote-style-chicken-wings/>

Prep Time: 10 | Cook Time: 45 | Servings: Yield: 3 servings

Ingredients:

2 pounds chicken wings, flats and drums

Olive oil

Flaky kosher salt

ELOTE MIXTURE

1/4 cup mayo (or Kewpie), plus more if needed

1/4 cup grated cotija cheese, plus more if needed

Zest and juice from 1 lime

Chili powder

Tajin (chili lime flavor), optional

Fresh cilantro, finely chopped

Jalapeños, very thinly sliced or minced

Directions:

☞ Pat the wings dry of any excess moisture with paper towels.

☞ Place the wings in a medium bowl and drizzle with about 2 tablespoons of olive oil.

☞ Season with a large pinch of flaky kosher salt, and toss to coat.

☞ Make sure each wing is properly seasoned and coated with the oil.

☞ Line the chicken in an even layer on the rack or basket of your air-fryer.

☞ Air-fry for 40-45 minutes at 435 degrees, or until your wings are golden brown and crispy — registering 170 degrees internally. Depending on your air fryer, you may have to flip the wings half-way during cooking.

☞ When the wings are done and crisp, remove them from the air fryer and place them into a medium bowl.

☞ Add in the mayo and lime juice, and toss to coat.

☞ If you need a little more mayo, add it in. You are looking for each wing to be coated just enough for the remaining ingredients to stick to it.

☞ Sprinkle in the cotija cheese.

☞ Toss until the wings are evenly coated with cheese, adding more if needed. ☞ Finally, sprinkle in a desired amount of chili powder, Tajin (if using), jalapeños, cilantro, and the zest of the lime. Feel free to add more lime juice if your wings are too pasty — the extra lime juice will make it a smoother coating.

Serve and enjoy!



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

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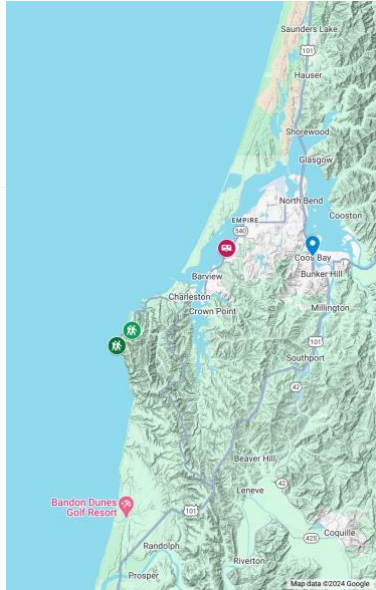


MAPS

Bay Point Landing Rally



Locations named in the article

-  Bay Point Landing
-  Coos Bay
-  Cape Arago State Park
-  Shore Acres State Park



Nk'Mip Okanogan Rally 2024






Locations mentioned in the article

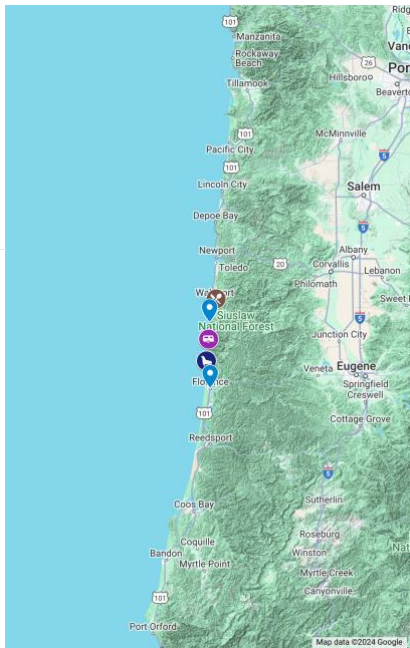
-  Nk'mip Campgrounds
-  Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre



SeaPerch Rally




Locations in the article

-  Yachats
-  Sea Perch RV Resort
-  Florence
-  Sea Lion Caves
-  Pacific Sourdough



Umpqua Wine Boon Docking Rally

Locations in the article

-  Freed Estate Vineyards
-  Carlos Restaurante
-  Melrose Vineyards

