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Save the Date

Sept 11-15 Region 12 Rally, Lake Tahoe, CA

October 5-10 67th WBCCI International Rally, Sedalia, MO

President's Letter

Hello fellow GLAAC'ers!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Shawn Blom as the recently installed president of Region 12. Shawn and her husband, Mike, are members of Greater Bay Area Airstream Club. She is a wealth of enthusiasm and energy that will keep Region 12 one of the best Regions in our vast Airstream community and I look forward to working with her. If you attended the recent Cali Rally, you had the opportunity to meet Shawn where she shared news pertinent to our Region. Shawn also attends rallies around Region 12 so I'm certain you will have the opportunity to meet. We're happy to have you on board, Shawn!

Spring camping season has begun and our recent rally to Lost Dutchman State Park near Mesa, Arizona was a great adventure. Others were off to the 2024 Eclipse event at Lake Tawakoni near Greenville, Texas. Check out this great eclipse video produced by club member Mira Zimet:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y_zWFSeFAA



The summer schedule includes Canyon RV Park in Anaheim and Lake Casitas near Ojai where club members Leslie Clark and Michael Price extended an invitation to join them at their ranch for a studio tour and lunch.

Also on the schedule this summer is the Serrano Campground at Big Bear Lake followed by the Region 12 Rally at South Lake Tahoe in September. Lake Tahoe at this time of year is spectacular with endless possibilities for activities. Watch for registration to begin soon for the Region 12 Rally.

Be sure to check the online events calendar for upcoming dates and JotForm information.

We'll see you all soon at an upcoming rally, and as always, flash those headlights!

- Michael

Meet our Region 12 President!

Q&A with Shawn Blom, Region 12 President

Q: Who travels with you?

A: Duke and Cash, our black labs!

Q: How long have you been Airstreaming?

A: Happily since 2020!

Q: Where do you reside and what's your home club?

A: In Napa where we joined the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club.

Q: In addition to Airstreaming, what do you like to do?

A: We like to enjoy friendships combined with adventures to new places so Airstreaming is a perfect fit for us. Within the club we have met a whole new group of friends who like to share the outdoors and relax around the campfire. Celebrating this together brings us joy. My husband, Mike, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have joined Region 12 and the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club. We look forward to meeting you and enjoying many more rallies!



Not All Adventures Are In Our Airstreams!

submitted by Linda Calderon

How do you describe one of the most wonderful vacations...ever? In November we embarked on the National Geographic Endeavor II, a smaller ship which carries 82 passengers (including three GLAACers!) for a 10-day adventure from Ecuador where we visited multiple islands in the Galapagos!



Rudy & Linda with Kimberly Brink

We had the best farm fresh meals and local entertainment during our time just slightly south of the equator. Who could ask for more?

The naturalists on board educated us on the amazing wildlife and flora. Here we snorkeled, rode on zodiac boats, kayaked, swam from pristine beaches and learned the difference between a turtle and a tortoise. This tortoise spends most of his time on land vs. a turtle which is adapted for life spent in the water.



Lost Dutchman State Park Review

submitted by Denny & Stuebe

Take me out to the ball game,
 Take me out to Lost Dutchman State Park
 Find me a mountain with gold on top,
 I'll keep searching and I just won't stop
 But for jigsaw puzzles and happy hours,
 Friends around a warm fire...
 And it's one, two, three strikes you're out...



All right, you get the point! The two best clubs converged in Phoenix in March, GLAAC and the Dodgers. No denying GLAAC had the better time of it as the Dodgers lost. What a great week it was hanging with old and new friends. The group was small, but a good one at that. Due to the light GLAAC turn out, host Linda Calderon opened it up to friends and SOBs (Some Other Brands) where new faces added to the energy of the group. Happy hours were enjoyed under the beautiful setting sun as we enjoyed the chilly nights and warm days. There were fun things to experience in the area including a group of us jumping in our vehicles and making our way down America's Oldest Highway, the Apache



Denny Kennedy

Trail to Tortilla Flats. Here we grabbed a bite to eat, listened to live music and collected pop tops. Back at camp, we worked together on a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle brought by Linda who worked tirelessly with Jeri putting it together!



The Puzzlers



Tortilla Flats

Lost Dutchman State Park Review.....continued

submitted by Denny & Stuebe

Our group attended the Dodger vs. Mariner game and were joined by celebrity super Dodger Fan, Kevin Wallace, what a wonderful surprise! We also had the excitement of seeing the two new additions to the Dodger lineup, Ohtani and Yamamoto.



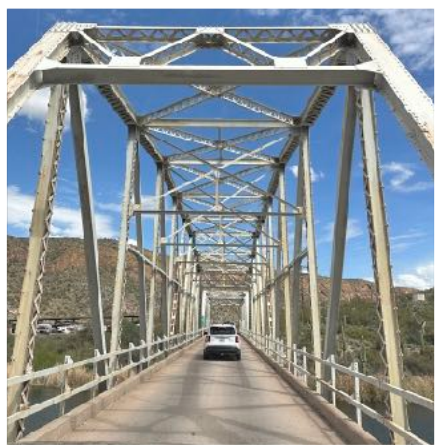
At Lost Dutchman State Park there was plenty of hiking and biking where we gathered beneath the beautiful Superstition Mountains, however, no one found 'The Lost Dutchman Treasure', or no one that we know of...wink, wink. On our way home from a wonderful week, a small group of us decided to stay in Quartzsite as we were all first timers there.

We had a beautiful night under the star filled sky after the rain subsided. In all it was a great road trip and much fun was had by all. Side note: For those who plan to visit Los Dutchman, our club president rates the showers a 10!

While at the game, Carolyn, Nancy and I continued with the collection of pop tops for the Future Airstreamers and needless to say, we left quite an impression with the baseball fans in Phoenix. Following the game, we did the post-game walk around the bases which was a first for most of us!



Lost Dutchman State Park Review.....continued

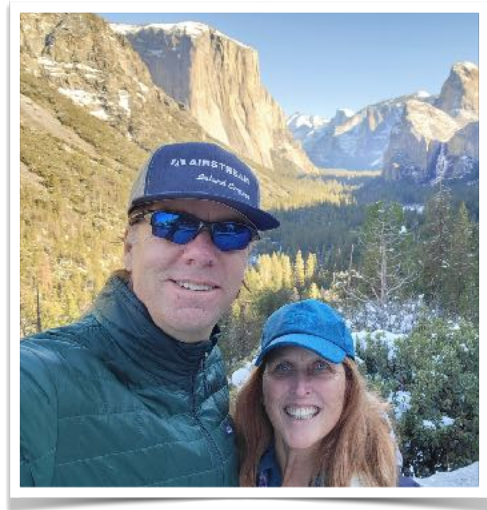


Meet a Member!

submitted by Laurie & Dwayne Brummett

Once upon a time, there was the beginning of an obsession with Airstream trailers. It was 2012, and after attending multiple vintage trailer shows in Pismo Beach, Dwayne and Laurie’s Airstream adventure began. The Brummett’s fractured fairy tale, akin to Goldilocks and the Three Bears, involved the search for the most perfect bed and floor plan that would best fit Dwayne’s 6’ 4” frame; including several purchases and sales along the way, even sending one Airstream to a lucky buyer in Japan!

The story opens with the first trailer, a 2008 Safari Sport 17. That bed was much too much trouble to set up and make up every day and encroached upon the front door. Soon after, came the second trailer, the 2007 16’ Bambi that Laurie thought was juuust right. Alas, the bed was too short for the oversized Dwayne. The third Airstream to come home with us was the 2011 Sport 22. While the bed was long enough to ensure no one’s feet would hang over the edge, the middle of the night “climb over your partner” setup just wouldn’t do. Fourth (yes, 4th!) came the 23’ Flying Cloud. This was supposed to be the last stop for this tale of searching for the ideal sleeping situation and floor plan. Instead, it was the 2007 International 25’ Ocean Breeze which finally checked all of the boxes for the ideal layout, including a bed fit for a king. So it goes with the Brummett’s finally arriving at a happy ending to the Goldilocks saga of the perfect bed. Thus, the story ends with Dwayne and Laurie as happy owners of the 25’ collectible Ocean Breeze model.



Dwayne & Laurie

Dwayne and Laurie have been active with GLAAC since 2015 and have loved every minute of the fellowship and good times! They have attended as many events as their busy lives could accommodate and have really enjoyed the interesting and unique experiences of traveling with such a wonderful group of people.

Now that Dwayne retired (well, sort of) from Cal Poly SLO, the plan is to tag along with fellow GLAAC members on more amazing outings. The “sort of” retired essentially boils down to a part time faculty role at the university which affords 4-day weekends during the academic year. For Laurie, she is semi-retired and living the dream working 2-½ days at Hancock College doing what she loves as a nurse which is educating and caring for the students at the college. With their two school schedules synced up, they now have more time for travel related shenanigans.

Their travels always involve some level of adventure and trying out new activities. From bike and barge trips in Europe, to hiking and exploring our national parks from California to Utah. When the couple is not traveling and/or camping in their silver bullet, you will likely find them on the pickleball court, out riding their bikes, playing in the surf, spending time with family and friends, wine tasting, attending trivia nights, skiing in winter and swimming in summer, or simply slowing things down while playing games or streaming and watching the most recent binge worthy shows. Fun, friends, family, and adventure is their motto. They can always be found hanging out with their two sweet dogs, Otter and Hattie. Those canine girls love people, so please say hello to them when you have a chance.



Dwayne with Hattie & Otter

Our Favorite Campground

submitted by Rich Watkins

When asked to put together our "favorite campground", we scoured our mental data base of all the places we have camped since starting our Airstream journey in 2012 and determined it was just not possible to pick one favorite. Our travel log says that with multiple trailers, we have visited 90+ campgrounds and have traveled over 100k miles. Certainly we could come up with a Top 10, but beyond that, it is tough as each memorable campground has its own unique attributes most owing to location, campground infrastructure and ambience. With that aside, we can share a unique camping trip we took recently to Mercy Hot Springs which has a 1960s/70s throwback feel to it.



Rich & Ursula



In terms of RV capacity is it is not a large park with only 10 full hookup spaces available. They also have a large parking area which I think may be used for dry camping. They do have three Airstreams permanently on site that can be rented. There are two hot springs tub areas, one clothing optional. Each area is fed from the underground hot springs, as well as the pool, which is kept at around 85 degrees. The surrounding area is almost treeless, but in the spring when the hills are green, it is beautiful. Nearby you'll find a BLM trailhead which is a nice 6+ mile hike with beautiful vistas along the way. This layback campground can get busy on the weekends, however, the weekdays are perfect. Note: temperatures are too hot in the summer and dogs are not permitted.

First, a little background on the Hot Springs. It is located in the northwest corner of Fresno County, approximately 13 miles west of I-5 on Little Panoche Road, aka J1. This road was originally a stage coach route used by many of the early California pioneers, in particular those people doing business with the nearby new Idria (Quicksilver) mine. The Hot Springs was known by native Indians and was shown to a man named John N. Merci who acquired the land for the purpose of raising sheep. Merci, who changed the spelling to Mercy, to be more Americanized, sold the property in 1912 to Frederick Bourn, a San Francisco-based real estate developer who is responsible for the construction of many of the buildings which still exist today. The buildings included a hotel, which burned down in the mid-1930s, and seven cabins. An annex built to the hotel included soaking tubs which were moved into the bath house. Later, the south end of the hotel was modified to have a restaurant, swimming pool and an RV park. The total park size is 144 acres.



GLAAC Does the Solar Eclipse!

Members of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club traveled to Lake Tawakoni near Greenville, Texas to take in the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse.

With scopes in tow, it's off we go!

Check out club member, Mira Zimet's, well done video here which captured the fun!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y_zWfSefAA



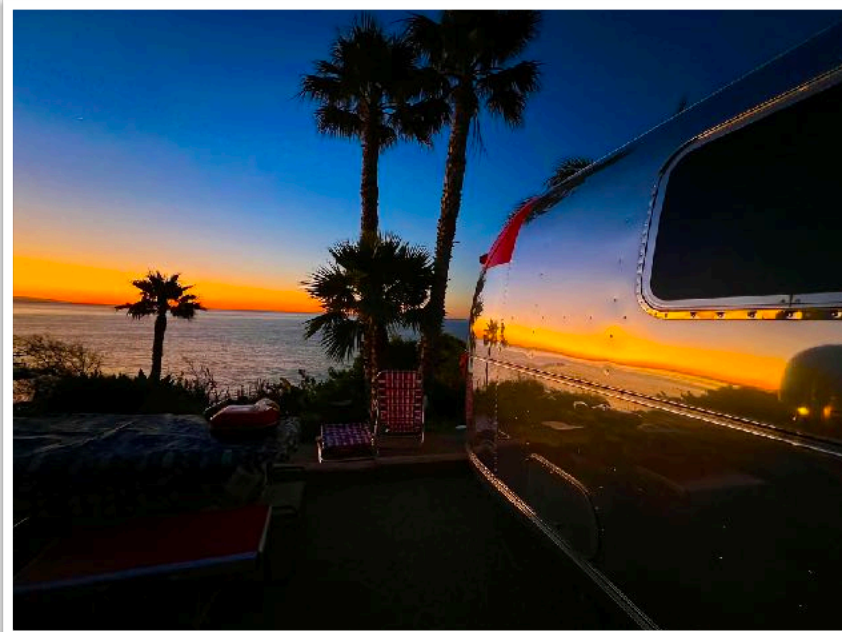
GLAAC Social Media

submitted by **Lauretta Smith, Chairperson**

Did you know we have a Facebook page that is available to share your travels stories and photos? Do you have a question about your Airstream or a campground recommendation to share?

Our active Facebook page with 104 participating members is open only to GLAAC members and affiliates. Please reach out, we would love to have you participate.

Email: MissMoorea@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS to Gregg & Catherine Landaker whose stunningly beautiful Malibu photo of their 1976 Argosy, AnniRose, was voted #1 by fellow Airstreamers and is now proudly displayed at Vinnie’s Northbay Airstream Repair near Sacramento, California

GLAAC Events & Club Website!

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club
website with events:

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles>



Linda Calderon, Events Chairperson

Jun 13-18 Canyon RV Park, Anaheim. Enjoy the hiking, biking trails along the Santa Ana River and the many activity options in the Fullerton/Anaheim area.
Hosts needed. Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/240916064539157>

July 11-15 Lake Casitas Campground, Ojai. Book your own site. Hosts Leslie Clark & Michael Price.

Aug 15-19 Serrano Campground, Big Bear. This is a book your own site on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) which opened on Feb 15. Hosts Ade and Jo Salzer.

Sept 6-11 Bridgeport Shores Campground, Lakes, hiking, lakes, fishing, hot springs, horseback riding and lakes! Registration will open in July. Hosts needed.

Sept 11-15 Region 12 Rally, Tahoe Valley Campground (Registration opening soon)

Oct 5-11 67th Airstream Club International Rally, Sedalia, MO

Nov 7-11 Sun Outdoors Indian Wells, Indio (more info soon)

Dec 5-19 Annual meeting and holiday celebration. San Dimas, Bonelli Bluffs

The Future Streamers Need Your Assistance!

If you are heading to the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri, save those pop tops and bring 'em along OR hand off to a club member who will be traveling to the International Rally!

This small effort on our part supports the Ronald McDonald House which provides care and support for families with sick children.

Look for the Future Streamers at the International Rally!



Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

- 1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Club Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!
- 2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground* where you simply share a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our membership photo directory is now available online. For help accessing the directory, please reach out to Carolyn Keep via email at: KeepRLN@icloud.com

Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!