



The NorCal News

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President's Message

Saludos, mis amigos Airstreamers! It certainly has been hot these past two months. I hope you had an opportunity to escape to cooler weather locations. Soon we will have a chance to cool off in Pescadero during our August rally at the Costanoa KOA. Camp counselors, the Salingers and the Bartelts, will guide us on a very fun, un-hosted rally at this beautiful campground. Take advantage of the area's trails, coastal bluffs and proximity to Half Moon Bay. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Our hosts for the November rally have been busy planning a great event. Remember to make your reservation at the Dumbarton Quarry Campground on August 14. Information regarding registration appear in this edition of the newsletter.

In case you are wondering, the list of next year's rallies is being finalized and will soon will be announced in this newsletter. Rest assured that our 1st VP, Tary Salinger, and our Rally Chair, Juliet Scheuer, have put together a great lineup. Stay tuned.

It's too hot to get too verbose. Dr. Seuss was never short on words, so I will rely on him to close for me: "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" – Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Until next month.

Carmen Ortiz, NorCal President



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From the Editor

Welcome to the August Poppy, complete with information on a past NorCal rally (Quincy), a future NorCal rally (Dumbarton Quarry) and installment 2 of the Texas Six-Shooter Caravan of last April/May that several NorCalers attended including us, after which we took a two month hiatus from Airstreaming. OK- we did need a few repairs after we got back: (1) our shower door broke into a bazillion pieces somewhere between Terlingua and Lajitas Texas (about a 5 mile stretch of road). We decided to replace it once we returned home, but in the meantime, fellow caravaners lent us an extra shower curtain they had on hand and, with Cam Murray's tension rod, we had a wonderful shower enclosure that worked well the whole time we were on the road; and (2) on *the last day of our two month trip*, south of Modesto, Ed could not avoid running over some tire retread suddenly discharged by a truck in front of us, which squirted out from under the truck, right into the rock guard, denting the bottom of the guard and cracking the plastic piece attached below it. These hiccups, while annoying and somewhat costly, did not diminish the experience of our sojourn to and through Texas, and back. So we will back on the road in August, to Costa Noa and cooler temps without the worry of thunder, hail, and tornados, assuming the repairs are made in time.



There's a new national rally planned for California next Spring, with registration opening sometime this month. Check out page 8 for what little information is currently available on it.

Thanks to all the contributors this month. Yiu make this publication happen.

Remember, this is your Poppy, so contributions about Airstreaming are welcome. And congratulations to the Scheuers and their new grandbaby - photos on page 7.

Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor

2024 Rally Schedule

~~March 6 - 10~~

~~Buellton Flying Flags Resort, Buellton Ca
Hosts: Hurleys & Marsons~~

~~April 3 - 7~~

~~Napa
Hosts: Shackteford/Ogilvie & Fritz/Ames~~

~~April 18 - 21~~

~~Cali Rally, V-G Ranch
Hosts: Region 12
<https://form.jotform.com/232265371580152>~~

~~May 8 - 12~~

~~Vinnies Ranch, Wilton CA
Hosts: Williams & Crutchfields~~

~~June 12-16~~

~~Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, Ca
Hosts: Hollifields & Scheuers~~

August 7 - 12

Costa Noa Resort, Pescadero Ca
Counsellors: Salingers & Bartelts

September 4-8

McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA (joint rally) Hosts:
Ortizes, Goldsteins, Fitzgerald, Websters

September 11 - 15

Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe
Host: Region 12

October 5 -10

Sedalia, Missouri
Host: Airstream Club International
<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

October 9 -13

Pomo RV Park, Fort Bragg, Ca
unhosted

November 6-10

Dumbarton Quarry Campground, Fremont CA
Hosts: Bells & Minadeos

December 4 - 8

49er Rv Resort, Plymouth Ca
Hosts: Scheuers & Team Paz

The Fine Print

New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration Jotform and payment to the Club Registrar. If a rally is full, there is a wait list. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled.

Streamin' by the Bay



November 6-10, 2024

Dumbarton Quarry RV Park

9400 Quarry Road, Fremont, CA 94555

Join us by the Bay in Fremont, CA, at the Dumbarton Quarry RV Park, a new camping destination for NorCal.



Some of the amenities you will find here are full hookups, beautiful shower and laundry facilities, wood fire rings with an available firewood vending machine, and very ample sites. Adjacent to the RV park are the extensive hiking and biking trails of Coyote Hills Regional Park, home to 272 species of birds year-round and abundant wildlife: bring your "binnocs." It is also close to a multitude of nearby attractions. Arrival is 2:00 pm. For furry members, please take note that the grounds have potential for sharp sticky objects that love fur.

Check out:

<https://www.ebparcs.org/sites/default/files/DumbartonQuarry-Brochure-ActivityBrochure-202108.pdf> for more information and campground rules.

On Wednesday evening, for our Welcome Dinner, we are planning a potluck as the park lacks a clubhouse. On

Thursday, there will be a tour of the historic Filoli Estate and Gardens, across the Bay in nearby Woodside, a country house set in 16 acres of formal gardens surrounded by 654 acres and many trails to explore.



On one such trail, you can stand both on the North American and Pacific Tectonic plates (i.e. the San Andreas Fault!) For your dining pleasure, a tasty café is located on the grounds as are tables just in front of the café that are great for picnicking. Not to be missed are the bespoke popsicles at the Veggie Garden Bar.

Friday will find us taking a visit to Fremont's Niles District, an area famous for its historic shopping district (yes, there is shopping for all!), gourmet ice cream shops x2, an annual Antique Fair, the Niles Canyon



Railway, and the Niles Essanay Silent Film Festival and Museum.



We will have a special tour of the Museum, including a viewing of *The Tramp* (think Charlie Chaplin) and a walking docent tour of Niles. In 1912, Essanay Studios was at the height of its silent movie-making fame. The studio, owned by Gilbert M. "Bronco Billy" Anderson and George Spoor, made famous movies of the time starring Charlie Chaplin, Wallace Beery, and Ben Turpin. Many cowboy adventures were filmed through Niles Canyon and along the main streets of Niles.

Our yearly business meeting will take place on Saturday, with the remainder of the day free for exploring. We will have a list of local attractions and restaurants included in your welcome bag. A German sausage dinner (with vegan options) will be provided Saturday night.

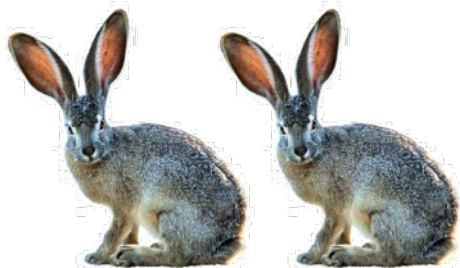
Your hosts: Carrie and Ray Bell, Mike and Phyllis Minadeo

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Registration Instructions for the November Dumbarton Quarry Rally

PLEASE READ

1. **All attendees must make their own reservations beginning 12 weeks in advance of the day you plan to arrive at the campground.** For example, if you plan to arrive to the rally on November 6th, then you may make your reservation beginning August 14. If you plan to arrive earlier, then you can make your reservation on an earlier date as long as it is 12 weeks out from your arrival date.
2. **You must make your own reservation through the ReserveAmerica.com website.** Here is the direct link: <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/dumbarton-quarry-campground-on-the-bay/EB/110750/overview> Follow the directions, choose your site from the available sites, and book it. Sites run about \$65 per night or \$455 per week.
3. **Once you have secured a site,** please click on the following jotform link and fill out the Jotform #1: <https://form.jotform.com/242015551931146> You will not receive the appropriate follow-up rally information if you fail to do so.
4. A second Jotform link from the hosts will be sent out via email on September 1st to all who have registered for the rally through Jotform link#1, with sign-up and payment information for the rally fee, tours and meals.
5. Check-in at the park is at 2 p.m. The Park Kiosk is open from 8 AM to 6 PM.
6. Note: this RV Park has a strict curfew of 10 PM at which time the main gates are locked to entry (one can leave but no re-entry between 10 PM and 8 AM).
7. **Cancellation policy:** If you need to cancel, you must cancel your site reservation through ReserveAmerica and their refund policy will apply to the site fees you paid. Refunds for other items will depend on whether funds have been spent by the hosts.
8. Finally, if you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.



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Welcome New Affiliate Members

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NorCal Membership Numbers	
193	Unit/Life Memberships
<u>68</u>	Affiliate Memberships
261	Total Memberships

Airstream Club International on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/>
Region 12 on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
NorCal on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/northern->

Quintessential Quincy Rally Report

June 12-16, 2024 at Pioneer RV Park, Quincy

We all rolled into hot summer days (90+ degrees) and warm summer nights with the June Rally in Quincy, CA.



The hosts (Juliet and Brian Scheuer and Terri and Steve Holifield) pulled together a fun and relaxed event for everyone to enjoy.



They couldn't control the weather, but fortunately the club house was air conditioned for meetings, games and gatherings. However, most Airstreamers preferred to assemble at the outdoor shade-covered picnic tables for happy hours and meals, and didn't experience the full woodland-designed-and-decorated club house.



Terri designed and hand-painted the 24 wooden tree decorations, which Dave

Williams (not in attendance), so generously cut out and assembled. (Thank you Dave!) And thank you Juliet for your custom stamped table runners!

Wednesday night's "Welcome" began with happy hour, raffle prizes and a bounty of Neapolitan style pizza, vegan pizza, salad and cookies for dessert. Thanks to Juliet, there was enough pizza, pizza, pizza for several more meals. And thanks to full hook ups, allowing A/C units to run all day, and an evening cool down, it was a pleasant night in the Sierras.

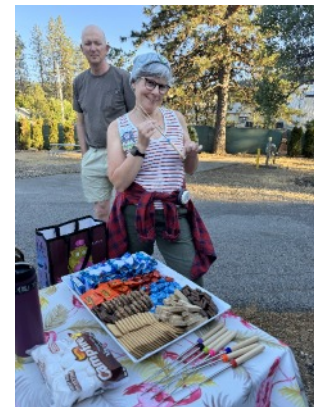
Thursday morning kicked off with the first of two tours of the Sierra Pacific Lumber Mill @ 9 AM. It was already warm, but worse due to the long pants and closed toe shoes that were required for the many stairs and catwalks. Before each tour, participants donned hard hats, fluorescent vests and pocketed earplugs for later use. Both tours were led by Dave Little, accountant for the company.



The process was fascinating as everyone watched whole trees debarked, sliced into boards, kiln dried and eventually smoothed for use as construction lumber, wood products (windows) and even pencils. A breeze blew in for the late

morning tour, which helped the second group survive the walk in the heat.

Thursday evening began with another happy hour and more raffle prizes. The hosts had a variety of items and something for everyone to take home by rally's end. Dinner was on your own, followed by a Club-sponsored S'mores night held at the campsite of Chris and Dean Davison. These were not your basic S'mores, of course, but gourmet style with Dove chocolate squares, peanut butter cups, gourmet marshmallows, caramel sauce and more!



Many campers brought their chairs over and flowed into the road as we all gathered to enjoy the evening.

Friday morning began with

"bring your own coffee" and a fabulous treat from Tami Hauck, of Bay Area Airstream: an array of amazing local pastries (not average, but over the top) and fresh fruit for everyone to enjoy. Jose Ortiz even came by to pick up a snack for Carmen and himself before their group bike ride.

Later, several couples made their way to Buck's Lake for lunch on the deck overlooking the beautiful lake at Lakeshore Resort. The burgers were pretty great!



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Others enjoyed hiking, kayaking and trips into town.



There were a couple of great restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, an art gallery and the very-well curated Plumas County Museum (according to the Holifields), but many of us found the Chamber of Commerce description of the town much more charming than it actually was in person. One local mentioned it was hit hard during the pandemic and hasn't quite recovered.



Back at Pioneer RV Park, Airstreamers gathered for another wonderful happy hour and MORE raffle prizes. This process seemed to go on forever, as our gift pool was enhanced with T-shirts, Magnets and other Airstream goodies donated by Tami Hauck. Many campers went home with 2 and 3 prizes.

Saturday was another beautiful day in the Lost Sierra, as temps dropped into the more comfortable 80s. Under clear blue skies, everyone went on their own for more exploration of the area, including The Brewing Lair in nearby Blairsden and the cute shops in Graeagle.



Saturday happy hour began with Tom Webster introducing the nine past presidents of NorCal who were in attendance. They each shared some



highlights and accomplishments from their reign, including the retiring of the red jacket. Ask Tom Smithson about that one! This was followed by Juliet jokes, and interviews of the birthday and anniversary members. Then it was time for the delicious farewell dinner, provided by Back



Door Catering. Owner Caron was a delight to work with and she provided a feast of citrus chicken, butter lettuce salad, fresh seasonal vegetables, rice and vegan falafel bowls. No one left hungry, especially after the Frisbee-sized cookies from Grandma Jane's Kitchen were served. Next came a rousing game of "Left, Right, Center," played in the club house, with the victory bowl of cash going to Joe Riggs!



Sunday, Father's Day, came far too soon. Many travelers had family plans at home, and hit the road by sunrise, while others took their time. Hopefully, everyone had a great time and an easy

ride home. Probably not so much for those of us who traveled West of Sacramento!

Terri Hollifield



P.S. Brian and Juliet were on pins and needles throughout the weekend, awaiting news of the birth of their first grandchild. Baby Oliver conveniently arrived on Sunday night, after the rally, June 16th, at 8:51PM. Congratulations to the new grandparents!



Take Notice!

New National Rally in California!



Beginning in August, registration will open for Airstream Club International's newest National Event Rally, "Wine Quest 2025." The Rally will run from April 27 to May 4 in Paso Robles and Lodi, California. Co-hosted by Ray Barger and Jeff Pincus. Questions? Email aciwinequest@gmail.com. Check back on the Airstream Club website under Rallies for more information



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| 5 Larry Ackerman | 18 Steve Irey |
| 9 Darlene Winchell | 18 Brian Handshoe |
| 10 Elisa Ungerman | 18 Kirk Reistroffer |
| 13 Betty Sica | 24 Dann Boeschen |
| 14 Paul Bartlett | 26 Mike Zimmermann |
| 15 Marcia Murray | 28 Tom Webster |
| 16 Martha Jones | 30 Jane Malone |
| 16 Donna Rich | 31 Scott Beck |

Nothing to do? Check out the Airstream Utube channel. Become a subscriber.
<https://www.youtube.com/@airstreamclub>



August Anniversaries

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| 1 Matt/Carol Kurzrock | 12 Gus/Barbara Shubel |
| 1 Cam/Marcia Murray | 16 Bob/Joyce Tupy |
| 1 Tom/Hedda Smithson | 23 Bill/Cathy Maffei |
| 7 Brian/Margaret Handshake | 25 Donna/Gary Rich |
| 9 Brian/Juliet Scheuer | 26 Bob/Carole Echols |
| 12 Roy/Linda Myers | 27 Dann & Susan Boeschen |

Looking for a member?

Don't forget there is a Member Directory on Airstreamclub.org. Log in, then click on Member Resources on the top ribbon. From the Drop Down Menu -choose directory and follow the directions in the search box.

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Affiliates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an email with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only). norcalmembership@comcast.net. We have noted that many attending rallies claim birthdays or anniversaries but are not on the list - so call or email Marget to check if you are!



Second
Installment
by
Elisa
Ungerman

After almost a week in Terlingua/Lajitas (the Big Bend area), the caravan proceeded East along I-90 toward the Pecos River, once known as the border of "civilization" in South Texas due to its rugged isolation and status as a haven for outlaws after the Civil War, until the 1890s, when a railroad bridge was built across the Pecos Gorge linking San Antonio on the east with El Paso well to the West, bringing civilization with it.



Our next stop was Seminole Canyon State Park, located on the east side of the Pecos River, where camping is out in the desert above the canyon in well-spaced sites that fit with the rocky terrain.



It is a beautiful place, known for its interesting hikes, lovely sunsets, dark skies, and Indian pictographs some 7,000 years old. Unfortunately, the weather, which had been quite hot when we

arrived, turned windy, rainy, drizzly and downright cold while we were there, eliminating hiking opportunities due to slippery rocks, and putting a damper on most outdoor activities.



Seminole Canyon Park HQ

We managed a camp-cookout our first night before the weather got too bad, featuring grilled hot dogs from Eel River donated by our own Tom Broad.



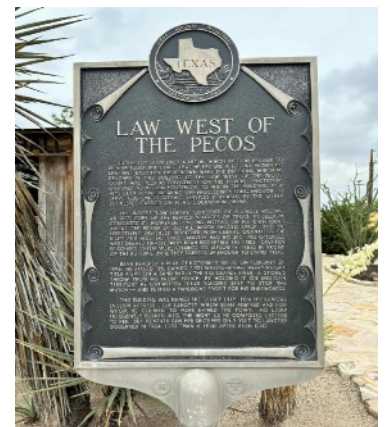
The next morning, the hosts cooked us a delicious outdoor Belgian waffle and bacon breakfast, after which we were on our own to check out the Pecos River,



that has been reduced to a relative trickle/stagnant pond due to drought and upstream dams (the Gorge is still very impressive); the iconic Pecos High Bridge, a marvel of engineering given its height of 273 feet above the river, where there is a lovely not-to-be-missed overlook;



and the "city" of Langtry on the West side of the Pecos River where, at the Judge Roy Bean Museum, we learned about the "West of the Pecos" culture and the salty history of Judge Roy Bean who, yes, was a real person and did name Langtry after Lilly Langtry, a glamorous actress of the time. His original buildings have been saved intact. All well worth seeing. (Is it my imagination or were people much smaller in those days?)





After two nights, we were on our way to The City of San Antonio, the second most populous city in Texas, after Houston, and it's oldest. Between the Pecos River and San Antonio were several Border Patrol Checkpoints we were required to drive through. Judging from the reaction of the Border Patrol Agents, they were quite surprised to be inundated with 25+ Airstreams coming through that day. As far as I know, no one's trailer was checked for passengers.



As we drove, it was very evident when we left the desert behind and entered the South Texas Plains: we finally saw green grass and fields of corn (due to Texas' love affair with ethanol gas.) This was a very nice change of scenery.



Within a few hours of starting, we spotted our flagger and were pulling into the San Antonio KOA, a wonderful tree-filled park on the East side of San Antonio that was perfect for our stay. It is located across the street from a city bus stop with buses that took us downtown in about 20 minutes, dropping us close to The Alamo, The River Walk, The Downtown Loop, and The Trolley, a hop-on-hop-off tour bus that could take you to the Zoo, the Botanical Garden, several museums, The Pearl District (reminiscent of Napa's Oxbow Public Market only much bigger), Market Place (San Antonio's version of Seattle' Pike Place Market), the Japanese Tea Garden (built in an old quarry), and several other places. A week-long bus pass was included in our caravan fee, along with a two-day Trolley pass, and we were free most days to do and see as we pleased.



Taking the bus to the Alamo and Downtown

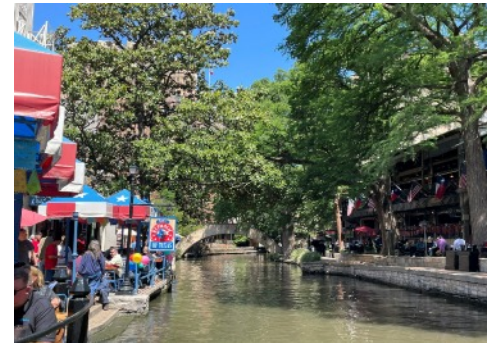


Group in front of the Alamo Mission

There is so much to see in San Antonio, especially if you have never been there before, that we were unable to see it all in the five days we were there. Plus, we were there during Fiesta week, San Antonio's annual cultural celebration, where so

much more is happening. We did make it to the Tower of the Americas, which is very similar inside to the Seattle Space Needle (it was built a mere four years after the Needle for the 1968 World's Fair), and retains the revolving restaurant (currently a Chart House) that was eliminated from the Space Needle during a recent renovation. There were very nice views of the area from up high.

In addition to all the above, the hosts worked in an ice cream social, a margarita contest, a cookout, campfires, and a tour of the remaining Texas missions (besides the Alamo) that were nearby. There was an afternoon boat cruise on the San Antonio River and a Country Line BBQ dinner off the Riverwalk where all the caravaners managed to fit at a very long table. In summary, we experienced a jam-packed week of sight-seeing.



Part of The River Walk along the San Antonio River.



Boat Cruise/Tour on the San Antonio River



The Pearl District with the former Pearl Brewery at rear - now the very swanky Hotel Emma after a 20 year-long remodel



Japanese Garden



San Antonio Market Place



Base of the Tower - old World's Fairgrounds



View from the Restaurant atop the Tower
Fortunately, the weather cooperated with us for most of the week, allowing us to maximize our sightseeing since there was plenty of walking.

One thing not on the list of things to do, but should have been for us non-Texans, was a visit to Texas' own **What-A-Burger** which in Texas has similar cult status held by In-N-Out here in California. They are ubiquitous in the more populated

areas of Texas and finally, Ed and I had to try one. Frankly, for a fast food burger, they were pretty good, certainly big enough to hold in two hands, and say "whataburger!,"the originator's goal.



Ed at the San Antonio Whataburger where we were initiated into the cult.

Being so impressed, Ed had a few more during the course of our trip. And after that we tried to visit Texas grown businesses with similar status, such as the HEB grocery store and Buc-ees. More on those later.

Too soon, we were at a driver's meeting, plotting our escape from San Antonio to the next destination: the Texas Hill Country north of us. We first drove West to go North in order to avoid the dreaded I-35 and Austin traffic as per our "traffic guy's" directions (he is a native Texan.) While San Antonio freeway traffic is not for the faint of heart, with all the construction, confusing signage, and sheer amount of cars, the Saturday morning roundabout drive to Fredericksburg, where we would stay the next four nights, was smooth and uneventful, enabling us to see more of the Texas landscape while safely navigating to our next destination.

Next Leg: Fredericksburg and surrounding areas in the Hill Country



Misc Photos



Drivers Meeting at Seminole Canyon



Friendly Parkers at the San Antonio KOA



Fiesta Crowd Control at the Alamo



Getting ready for the boat tour.



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			Costa Noa KOA Rally				
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			Self-Registration Begins For Fremont Rally				
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You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser: <https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>



You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Also available is the five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership when you attend a rally.

