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The Newsletter for Washington Unit #112  
Airstream Club International

**ELECTION EDITION**

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## MANDA LYGHTS, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Airstream Club Member,

As we approach the time for our Board of Trustee elections, I wanted to take a moment to emphasize the importance of this process and encourage each of you to participate.

Our Board of Trustees plays a crucial role in guiding our club's future, making key decisions, and ensuring that we continue to thrive and achieve our goals. This is an opportunity for you to have a direct impact on the leadership and direction of our club.

In this newsletter, please find information for new and incumbent candidates and voting instructions.

If you aren't ready for a board position, please consider participating on one of our committees. We are currently searching for volunteers to fill a number of roles including, Caravans Committee Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Registrar. We can't thrive without our volunteers and there are plenty of ways to get involved!

Although this year started with an unfortunate change in leadership, we were able to pull together quickly and get our rallies posted for this year's camping season. As a Board, we recognize the ability to plan travel and rallies is important, and it is our priority to post rallies as close to the beginning of the year as possible.

Our rally planning committee has been hard at work finding new locations for the upcoming year. We've enjoyed seeing so many of you at our rallies this summer. The summer isn't over yet and there are still rallies that have space. Check out our [event page](#) to register.

As my time as President comes to an end, I want to thank our Board members for their dedication to our club, and the numerous other members who step in to help answer questions, assist with rallies and are a support to our Club. I look forward to more rallies in the coming year!

Happy Camping!

Manda Lyghts

President, Washington Airstream Club

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS 2024

## It's time to vote!

The following individuals have submitted their statements for your consideration as candidates for the Washington Airstream Club, Unit #112, Board of Trustees (BOT)\*. Candidates are listed by position for which they are running.

All regular members of the Washington Airstream Club are invited to vote. **All votes must be submitted by Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5:00pm. No ballots will be accepted after 5:00 pm.**

Online voting is preferred. You may cast your vote using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/242216397435156>.

For those who cannot vote online, you may fill out the ballot at the end of the newsletter.

Paper ballots can be mailed to the address below or deposited in the bright orange lock box at Unit 16 in the Washington Land Yacht Harbor. The only person with access to this box is Rex Thiessen, the Club Corresponding Secretary.

If you would like to mail your ballot, please address it to:

Rex Thiessen, Corresponding Secretary  
9101 Steilacoom Rd SE, Unit 16  
Olympia WA 98513

Your WVCCI/BRN number must be provided to verify membership, prevent duplicates, and validate ballot. Ballots without WBCCI number will not be counted.

Online votes are collected through Jotform. Paper ballots are collected by the Corresponding Secretary. All votes are verified and counted by non-board members.

*\*As an editorial policy, candidate statements are published as received without spelling, grammar, or fact checking. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure the accuracy and clarity of their submissions.*

## PRESIDENT – LORI WOehler

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Hello fellow Washington Airstream Club members! I am an Army veteran and former senior director of engineering for PNW-based international software manufacturer who grew up in an Airstream-loving family in Ohio.

I joined the Washington Airstream Club in 2018 when I purchased a 25-foot International Serenity while training to become a doctor of clinical psychology. Initially, I volunteered to help with updates for social media and served on the grievance committee.

Last year I was elected to the board in the 3rd VP role. In January after board changes, I moved into the first VP role and chaired the rally committee. Since January, I led the effort to expand 2024 rallies (+5) and set the groundwork for 2025. So far, we have 14 rallies in the 2025 plan to include new sites for our club at Crater Lake, Orcas Island, Leavenworth, and Cannon Beach.

As I prepare for the President role, my goal for 2025 is to serve the 500+ members of our club with opportunities to rally every weekend from May through September. I will also build on the value of our Washington club membership

and steward our 501c3 responsibilities for the growing new generation of Airstream owners who, like me, work full-time or have school-age children. Let's rally together to park as strangers but leave as friends!

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – LESA WELCKER

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Lesia is currently serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President role. She is a passionate Airstream owner with a strong commitment to the Airstream community. She and her husband have been active members of the club since the purchase of their first Airstream in 2021.

Lesia is involved with the club at the local, regional, and international levels. In addition to volunteering at club events, she has served over the last year as the Membership Chair for Region 10 and as the regional representative on the International Membership Committee. She enjoys working with others to enhance the membership experience, encouraging the sharing of ideas, and making it easier to connect with other members.

Lesia envisions a future for the Airstream Club that's built on solidarity, learning, progress, and fun. She is looking forward to contributing to the continued growth of the Washington Airstream Club.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - KELLI ZIELINSKI

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Kelli Zielinski has been an Airstreamer since 2016 and has enjoyed the fellowship and fun of many Airstream rallies, meeting many amazing people along the way while traveling with her husband and their Airstream, Zephyr.

Kelli is an engineering manager at Amazon and has many years of nonprofit experience. In addition to volunteering across several Seattle area community theaters, she served on the board of directors (5 years as president) at Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater. She developed a custom box office solution, redesigned the webpage, maintained social media accounts, and built up a well-rounded board to keep up with the complex needs of the organization. She has experience in event planning, technology, volunteer coordination, and more.

She is currently the chair of the Outreach Committee at Washington Land Yacht Harbor, bringing experience in communication, social media, and documentation for the benefit of this unique Airstreamer community. She is also a member of Grapes and Grains and Pride Streamers Intra-Clubs.

She plays drums, writes stories, crochets, plays video games, and spends time with friends and family.

Kelli looks forward to working with the Washington Airstream Club to foster positive connections between club members and contribute to an active and inclusive community

## TREASURER - MICHAEL SCHACK

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I would like to be considered for the open treasurer position on the Board of Trustees. In the past I have had numerous opportunities to participate in the leadership of non-profit organizations, including:

- President, Puyallup Lions Club
- Chapter President and Regional Director, Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters
- Treasurer, Pierce County Explorer Search and Rescue
- Treasurer, Red Hot Toastmasters Club
- President Parish Council, St. Martins of Tours in Fife

In my 44-year career in the insurance industry (retired in October 2023), my leadership positions included Casualty Manager, Branch Manager, Assistant Director, and Assistant Vice President. I had extensive

experience researching and interpreting state regulations, drafting legal agreements, and creating processes for more efficient and measurable operations.

My goal as a member of the BOT would be to bring more transparency to the activities of the BOT. I would also work to set timelines for BOT activities, for example reviewing and voting on lease applications at the next scheduled BOT meeting following the approval by the BOD.

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – REX THIESSEN**

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My name is Rex Thiessen. I am the current Corresponding Secretary for the Washington Airstream Club. Prior to taking on this role, I chaired the Grievance Committee for the Washington Airstream Club. I have been a member of the WAC since 2020, when I joined after purchasing our first Airstream trailer. Outside of the Club, I work full-time as the HR Manager at the Nisqually Red Wind Casino, so you may see me there from time to time, and I am a step-father and grandparent to two wonderful grandchildren.

## **RECORDING SECRETARY - BRUCE LEONARD**

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Bruce Leonard is a member of the Washington Airstream Club and WBCCI. The Washington Airstream Club is a fantastic organization. I've made many new friends while attending numerous rallies this past year with club members. My goal in applying for the position as Recording Secretary is to create a welcoming and supportive environment for the Washington Unit members. The club has so much potential and so much to offer every Airstream member. The comradery among Airstreamers' is phenomenal. As your Recording Secretary, I am willing to take on the responsibility of maintaining the records of the Board of Trustees such as the Bylaws, recording of the minutes of the Board meetings and other duties assigned in the Washington Unit WBCCI Bylaws.

I'm a retired nursing Professor from the University of Texas Medical Branch and a retired Naval Nurse Corps Officer with over 40 years of experience. My professional activities have afforded me many opportunities to work with organizations in grant writing, grant management, submissions of budgets, writing and publishing, teaching expertise for Family Nurse Practitioner and PhD nurse students, conference and research presentations for national professional organizations, and working with faculty organizations and university leadership positions.

## **TRUSTEE - TIM HALEY (2-year term)**

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I am a retired Army physician recently returned from a duty assignment in Germany. We live in unit 77 on D Street. We have been residents of the WLYH since July 2015. I served as past club president from 2016-2017. I have an appreciation for the club and an interest in its future, therefore I wish to be considered for a two-year term as a trustee.



## SALMON RALLY *at WA Land Yacht Harbor*

### A Celebration of Community and Adventure

The recent Salmon Rally at the WA Land Yacht Harbor was a resounding success, attracting 136 enthusiastic attendees and featuring a variety of activities that catered to all tastes and interests. This annual event, held at the picturesque Land Yacht Harbor, brought together Airstream enthusiasts, nature lovers, and those simply looking for a good time in the great outdoors. Guests came from close and far, including California, Texas, Arizona, Florida, and Delaware, to mention a few other states.

#### A Warm Welcome to All

With 24 trailers comfortably parked on the Terraport, the harbor was bustling with activity. Participants gathered to enjoy the camaraderie and the friendships that were generated at last year's Potlatch. The sense of community was palpable as new friendships were forged and old ones rekindled.



#### Alpaca Tour: A Unique Experience



One of the optional highlights of the rally was the alpaca tour, which offered attendees a chance to get up close and personal with these gentle and curious creatures. The tour provided educational insights into alpaca farming, their care, and their importance in sustainable agriculture. Attendees, both young and old, delighted in the opportunity to interact with the alpacas, making it a memorable experience for all.

#### Games and Entertainment

The rally also included games that kept everyone entertained throughout the event, and into the night. From friendly competitions to cooperative games, there was giggling and fun. The spirit of fun and friendly rivalry was in full swing, with laughter echoing across the harbor as regular bocce ball grew into glow in the dark bocce.

#### Exploring Olympia with Discounts

Participants were also treated to special discounts in the nearby city of Olympia. This added bonus allowed attendees to explore local shops, restaurants, and attractions, further enhancing their rally experience. The collaboration between the rally organizers and local businesses showcased the strong community ties and mutual support that make events like this so special.

#### Embracing the Outdoors

The beautiful weather was a perfect backdrop for the rally, and attendees took full advantage of being outside. Morning walks at the Billy Frank Wildlife Refuge offered great exercise in a beautiful location along with fabulous bird watching. While the Harbor residents are used to





attending these events in Harmony Hall, the open-air environment fostered a sense of freedom that rallies CAN be done outside, and offered a great amount of relaxation, which was appreciated by all.

**A Night to Remember: Live Band Celebration**

As the rally drew to a close on Saturday night, the festivities culminated in a lively celebration featuring the Wanderer’s Jam Session. The music brought everyone together, with singing creating an electric atmosphere. The sight of trailers illuminated under the starry sky, combined with the joyful sounds of the live band, made for a truly magical evening.

The Salmon Rally at the WA Land Yacht Harbor was more than just an event; it was a celebration of community, adventure, and the simple joys of life.



The success of this year's rally is a testament to the hard work of the organizers and the enthusiastic participation of the attendees. Events of this magnitude *cannot* happen without volunteers. There are SO many people who came together to make this event a success, including the WLYH Board of Directors who made sure we had supplies from Harmony Hall. More than 30 volunteers cooked, shopped, planned, served, cleaned, put up and took down tents and decorations and helped to make it happen. Residents were understanding of our parking limitations and for that, we are grateful.

As the trailers rolled out and the harbor returned to its tranquil state, everyone left with fond memories and the anticipation of next year's rally.



# RALLIES and EVENTS



## OKTOBERFEST CAMPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday, October 10 – Sunday, October 13

[Lakeshore RV Park](#), 619 Mason Hwy, Chelan, WA 98816

Rally Hosts: Corey & Manda Lyghts, [cmlyghts@gmail.com](mailto:cmlyghts@gmail.com)

Join Us for a Weekend of Fun, Beer, and Camping!

- **Authentic German Beer:** Taste a variety of traditional German beers, shared by your Hosts at Happy Hour
- **Delicious Food:** Savor bratwursts, pretzels, and other German delicacies. Please bring a German themed item to share for Potluck and Happy Hours!
- **Campfire Fun:** Gather around nightly campfires with your Airstreaming friends!
- **Games & Competitions:** Participate in Bocce Ball and Corn Hole

Register Here: <https://airstreamclub.org/wac-unit-112-2024-oktoberfest-camping-extravaganza>

## ELECTION & INSTALLATION RALLY @ WLYH (MEMBERSHIP MEETING)

Friday, September 6, 2024 - Sunday, September 8, 2024

<https://airstreamclub.org/wac-unit-112-2024-election-rally>

Registration deadline: 8-30-2024

Call the Gatehouse at 360-491-3750 to make your Terraport reservation

Name(s)	WBCCI/BRN#
Email(s)	Phone(s)
Rally Fee \$30 per person x _____	Total \$ _____

**Print this coupon and mail or deliver to:**

Registrar Cathy Powell, 9101 Steilacoom Road SE, #80, Lacey WA 98513

**Cancellation Policy:**

Rally and campsite fees are refundable, minus a 10% processing charge until 8-30-2024. After that date, all fees are non-refundable.

### JOIN THE WAITLIST

**COME FLY A KITE AT THE BEACH RALLY @ THE LAMP CAMP**

Friday, August 16, 2024 - Sunday, August 18, 2024

This rally is full. Join the waitlist: <https://www.jotform.com/240547141142143>

**OAK HARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL RALLY @ OAK HARBOR**

Thursday, August 29, 2024 - Monday, September 2, 2024

This rally is full. Join the waitlist: <https://form.jotform.com/241748040410143>

**AUGUST 2024 — WA AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLIES AND EVENTS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			<b>AUGUST 1</b>  Washington Airstream Club Board of Trustee Meeting 6:30pm <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7835753065">https://zoom.us/j/7835753065</a>	2  SALMON RALLY @ WLYH	3  Washington Airstream Club Membership Meeting 9:30am <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7835753065">https://zoom.us/j/7835753065</a>	4
5	6	7	8	9  MORTON LAND JUBILEE SOLD OUT	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17  COME FLY A KITE RALLY	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>SEPTEMBER 1</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

WASHINGTON LAND YACHT HARBOR [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)



SEPTEMBER 2024 — WA AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLIES AND EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			AUGUST 29	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1
			OAK HARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL			
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OAK HARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL				ELECTION AND INSTALLATION RALLY @WLYH		
				★ Last Day to Vote! Voting ends 5:00 PM	Washington Airstream Club Membership Meeting 9:30am <a href="https://zoom.us/j/78357530657">https://zoom.us/j/78357530657</a>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			CARAVAN TO SEDALIA			SOLD OUT
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		CARAVAN TO SEDALIA			SOLD OUT	
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## WASHINGTON AIRSTREAM CLUB MEETINGS

DATES	LOCATION	HOST / COORDINATOR
September 5	Board of Trustee Meeting (Zoom) at 6:30 pm <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7835753065">https://zoom.us/j/7835753065</a>	Manda Lyghts
September 7 (ELECTION RALLY)	Board of Trustee Meeting (Zoom) at 9:30am <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7835753065">https://zoom.us/j/7835753065</a>	Manda Lyghts

## RESOURCES

WA Unit Home Page	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org/washington">https://airstreamclub.org/washington</a>
WA Unit Events	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org/washington/club-events">https://airstreamclub.org/washington/club-events</a>
WA Unit Newsletters	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org/washington/newsletters">https://airstreamclub.org/washington/newsletters</a>
WA Unit Facebook Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/719828284785692">https://www.facebook.com/groups/719828284785692</a>
WA Unit Zoom Meetings	Online attendance: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/7835753065">https://zoom.us/j/7835753065</a> Telephone attendance: 253-215-8782 -or- 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 783 575 3065#
WA Land Yacht Harbor Reservations	<a href="https://wlyhpark.com/">https://wlyhpark.com/</a> 360-491-3750
Airstream Region 10 Home Page	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-10">https://airstreamclub.org/region-10</a>
Airstream Club International Home Page	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org">https://airstreamclub.org</a> 937-596-5211

# Washington Airstream Club Board of Trustees Election Ballot September 7, 2024

**NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

**WBCCI/Big Red Number (BRN\*)** \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

\*Your Name(s) and BRN number must be provided to verify membership, prevent duplicates, and validate ballot. Ballots without WBCCI number will not be counted.

Even though candidates are running unopposed, your vote is still important as it counts toward the quorum required for the membership meeting.

Separate ballots may be submitted by Primary and Secondary members.

Position	Candidate	Primary Member	Secondary Member
President	Lori Woehler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Lesa Welcker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Kelli Zielinski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Michael Schack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corresponding Secretary	Rex Thiessen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recording Secretary	Bruce Leonard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee (2-year term)	Tim Haley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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