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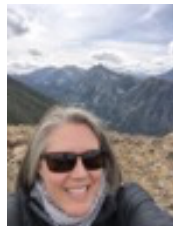
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President's Message

By Janet Schober



Article #1:

Benefits of Airstream Club International Membership

In a recent message from Airstream Club International President, Eric McHenry, you were informed about the decision by the International Board of Trustees to adjust the annual dues from \$75 to \$99. This increase is essential to ensuring that our Club continues to thrive for generations, covering a wide range of important items and services that contribute to its smooth operation.

While a \$24 increase may seem significant at first glance, it's helpful to break it down—it's only \$2 more per month. When you consider the tremendous value you receive as a member, this increase makes sense. For many, the greatest benefit of ACI membership is the sense of community. From rallies and caravans to luncheons and breakfasts, Airstream Club offers endless opportunities to gather with fellow owners. These events aren't just about travel; they're about forging lifelong friendships, sharing memorable experiences, and exchanging valuable knowledge about the care and enjoyment of your Airstream.

On the more tangible side, members also enjoy access to exclusive discounts and preferred partner programs. By logging into the member-only section of the ACI website, you can explore these benefits in greater detail. From the Blue Beret magazine to comprehensive overviews of discount programs, there's something for every member. Using just one of these programs can easily offset the cost of your annual dues. New partnerships and benefits are continually added, based on member feedback, to enhance your experience.

Article #2:

Seeking Candidates for Open Positions

As you read through this newsletter, you'll likely have received your ballot for the OAC Annual Board of Directors election. In addition to the Director position, we are actively seeking candidates for two key positions: Second Vice President and Treasurer. These roles are critical to the continued success of our club.

The Treasurer ensures that the financial aspects of all our rallies are managed efficiently, while the Second Vice President plays a pivotal role on the executive team, helping to oversee the operational details of one of the largest ACI clubs.

If you've ever considered joining the OAC Board, now is the time! Please feel free to reach out to our Nominating Committee Chair, Cindy Muir, or our incoming President, Rachel Collins, for more information.

We look forward to your continued involvement and the opportunity to serve our club together!

Notes from Your OAC Rally Coordinator

By Mike Burnett



Nancy & Mike Burnett

As we head into Fall, most of the 39 2024 Rallies organized for our club are now just pleasant memories. That said, we still have Rallies planned into November of this year so there is still plenty of camping fun to be had!!

After a brief pause over the Holidays, the 2025 OAC Rally Season will kick-off on January 23 at Cannon Beach for our Annual Leak Test Rally. As of this writing, we already have 36 OAC Rallies scheduled for our 2025 camping season, and a few more are in the works. The locations and dates of these 2025 Rallies will be announced in the coming weeks and will be detailed in the 2025 Oregon Airstream Club Rally Handbook.

As previously communicated, the key enabling element which allows us to enjoy this many rallies every year are OUR VOLUNTEER RALLY HOSTS!! Without your dedication and service to the club, our rally season would look much different. As a reminder of what is expected of a Rally Host, I am enclosing an excerpt from the OAC Rally Host Handbook, which can be found on the OAC website at <https://airstreamclub.org/oregon/host-rally>.

OAC Rally Host Handbook Excerpt

First, thank you for your interest in being a Rally Host for the Oregon Airstream Club. Rallies are the primary activity that brings us together as a club. Rallies enable us to build friendships and to enrich our lives by enjoying the great outdoors with a broad-based membership who share like interests and our love for everything Airstream. There are **two basic ways to become a Rally Host**: (1) ideally a year or more in advance, communicate with your OAC Rally Coordinator and indicate your desire to Host a Rally at a future time and location you prefer, or (2) respond to a request from your Rally Coordinator to Host a Rally that has been scheduled without a Host (or has had a Host cancellation).

Hosting a Rally is not intended to be a cumbersome task. As Rally Host there are a few basic things that you will be expected to do. Most of these tasks are centered around organization and communication. You will also not be alone. There are many experienced members who are more than happy to provide guidance and share their experience...all you need to do is ask! In addition, there will be Rally Host training, including JotForm protocols, offered on-line each year prior to our scheduled Rallies.

Co-Hosting a Rally is one of the best ways to gain experience and confidence while working under the mentorship of an experienced Rally Host. Working directly with the Rally Host, you will learn by contributing your efforts as agreed with your Rally Host. Everyone has something to contribute and being a Rally Co-Host is one of the best ways to learn while doing. If you have hosted a rally previously, why not ask a newer member to co-host with you.

No two Rallies need be alike. Make your Rally your own by planning, organizing, and proposing events and activities that match your personality and utilize the resources, activities, and attractions at or near your Rally location.

As a Host, assuring your Rally participants enjoy the opportunity to mingle, make new friends, and enrich existing friendships is a key responsibility. This begins with the very first communication (usually through email) with members who have signed up for your Rally. This welcoming message should include a brief overview of the Rally schedule, any guidance regarding arrival/departure times, an overview of meals (if offered), and a list of participants. Many Hosts provide a printed schedule, a printed listing of site assignments, and a printed reminder about meals, if planned, that can be distributed on day one of the Rally. Greeting each camper as they arrive at camp is also a great way for folks to feel welcome. In addition, saying goodbye at the end of the Rally is a great way for folks to let you know what they liked and how the Rally went for them. Facilitation of communications during your Rally is most often accomplished through arranging BYOB Happy Hours, with or without camper contributed appetizers. Communicate your intentions to your fellow campers. You may know of a fun ‘ice breaker’ game to start the conversation at a happy hour, you may choose to break a large group into smaller groups (rotated daily) for happy hours, the choice is yours.

As Host, reaching out to new people and introducing them to others sets an example of how we try to welcome everyone. We want everyone to feel they are part of the group.

Take a few photos during your Rally and, if you are so inclined, share the photos with captions and/or a small write-up with your OAC newsletter personnel. (Co-Editors’ note: We approve this message!) OAC members love to see themselves and others having a great time, and our newsletter is a great way to share.

Finally, as a Rally Host, **provision of meals during a Rally is completely voluntary.** Some Hosts find this to be an enjoyable activity while others do not.

- Potluck meals are a popular way to “provide meals” while sharing the meal preparation efforts with your fellow campers.
- Arranging a catered meal (Food Truck, etc.) has also been utilized to organize a meal without having to do it yourself. (Always check with the campground officials to be sure this option is permitted).

The Rally Host is never expected to bear the cost of meals; these costs should be apportioned to each Rally participant who elects to participate in Rally meals. Meal plans and costs should be communicated in detail and campers should be asked if they wish to participate several weeks prior to the Rally. This enables the Host to acquire the supplies and/or services needed. Participating campers should reimburse the Host in cash at the Rally.

Membership

By David Doughty

No article submitted by September 15 cutoff.



David & Linda Doughty

Rallies

By OAC Members

Friends Rally – July 2024 Friends Landing Campground, Montesano WA

By: Susannah Lints



Susannah Lints

Friends Landing fourth annual Rally at Friends Landing Campground was held July 11-14, 2024.



This campground is operated by the Port of Grays Harbor and is located between the Chehalis River and Lake Quigg in Montesano, WA. Thirteen trailers arrived on Thursday and we enjoyed a happy hour and sharing circle in the picnic shelter. This rally often attracts people who live north of the Columbia River and is an excellent opportunity to meet people who are affiliate members of the Oregon Airstream Club living in Washington and as far north as British Columbia.

Friday a group of 10 went to Westport Winery for lunch, wine tasting and a tour of their beautiful gardens. Others ventured to Olympic National Park and visited the historic Quinault Lodge. That evening the hosts sponsored a BBQ cookout. Due to a fire danger alert that popped up midday, we were unable to use the grill in

the picnic shelter as planned. Our troops rallied and burgers were farmed out to 4 locations to be cooked on propane. The dinner was a big success!

On Saturday many attended the opening of the Montesano Farmers Market and crafts fair while others enjoyed a leisurely day visiting in the shade at the campground or got their kayaks out into the lake. Sunday was departure day. Hosts Chris Wagner, Susannah Lints, and co-hosts Ray and Vicki Putnam, said farewell to new and old friends and another relaxing and rich adventure at Friends Landing. See you next year!

Richardson County Park Rally – July 2024 Richardson County Park, Junction City OR

By: Mary Kay Bash



Mary Kay & Jim Bash

Richardson County Park is located adjacent to Fern Ridge Reservoir, west of Eugene Oregon. Fern Ridge is a local hot spot for watercraft activities. It's a popular Lane County Park with tall fir trees and well-spaced sites. We settled in with 15 trailers for a four-day rally on Thursday July 18th.

The hosts provided coffee and breakfast for attendees who donated food/personal items to the Harrisburg Food Pantry. Friday, we ate biscuits /gravy, hashbrowns and breakfast casserole. Saturday featured a build-your-own breakfast burrito bar. Grab and go was sweet rolls and coffee on Sunday. These wonderful folks donated a total of 184 pounds of items/food to the pantry!



Several people drove to Brownsville to walk through the vintage trailers at the Rally On The River event. Kayaking on Fern Ridge and walking around the reservoir were some of the activities, as was sitting in our cool shaded spot catching up with folks. We met a couple who had just joined OAC and came by for happy hour. The manager of the Harrisburg Food Pantry also joined us. The highlight might be the epic squirt gun battle that took place one evening or perhaps it was the Lockmead ice cream provided by Amy and Stacey.

Elk Meadows Rally – July 2024

Elk Meadows RV Park, Trout Lake WA

By: Fabian Mills



Fabian Mills

Elk Meadows Rally was spent nestled among the trees in beautiful Trout Lake, right at the base of the scenic Mt. Adams. Elk Meadows RV Park is an inviting base with the helpful staff and so many activities and sights nearby to explore.

While the weather was a touch warm, we were afforded spectacular views of the mountain and so many of our participants took the opportunity to take up what the area offered - climb Mt. Adams, hike to lovely waterfalls, visit a Druid Sanctuary, Buddhist Temple and hit breweries in nearby Hood River and local farmers' markets. The area offers all this and so much more.



With 21 trailers present and accounted for, we kicked off with an inviting welcome white wine sangria Happy Hour with delicious appetizers everyone brought. Friday morning's menu included homemade mushroom, sausage and sage gravy with freshly baked biscuits and fresh fruit to lighten things up. Friday evening featured a pasta potluck and boy was that nicely appointed pavilion full of good smelling and better tasting dishes. A rousing game of cards, lots of conversation and laughs followed dinner. Everyone had something to offer - what amazing people came to this rally. Buttermilk pancakes, maple sausage and eggs started our morning on Saturday and the evening concluded with a hot dog (and bratwurst and cheese stuffed sausage) bar and potluck sides and desserts. Suffice it to say we all ate really well. Then the Christmas in July White Elephant gift exchange began. Great gifts and participants. Thieves and laughter abounded. But I do wonder, what am I ever going to do with a ceramic cat piggy bank??? Seriously though, it was funny but what am I ever going to do with it?

Thanks to the participants who made this a rally to remember - in a good way, really...!

Stargazing Rally – August 2024 Stargazers RV Resort, Goldendale WA

By: Angela & Michael Schock



Michael & Angela Schock

A total of 10 rigs (19 attendees) gathered at the Stargazers RV Resort in Goldendale, WA on August 1-4 for the second Stargazing Rally. This was a great weekend to hold the rally as it was a new moon weekend so the sky was particularly dark...well, except for the sky in the campground. Read on to find out why. :)

Stargazers RV Resort is a well-equipped campground with a friendly, helpful owner and staff. They gave our group exclusive use of the community center for the weekend and on this very hot weekend (100+ degrees), the air-conditioned comfort of the clubhouse was very much appreciated. Situated in Eastern Washington, the RV park has an open sky and would have been excellent for star viewing if not for being lit up like a stadium at night so the sky for us was not so dark! :) However, our determined and good-natured astronomy buffs made the best of it.

On Friday night our group attended the Night Sky Program at the Goldendale Observatory (just 3 miles from the campground).

The program was comprised of a presentation in the facility's 'classroom' and opportunities to see several celestial objects (including Saturn) through the observatory's telescope, which is one of the world's largest public viewing telescopes.

Two meteor showers occurring that evening also added to the viewing fun. The event ended late (12:30am) but what we saw and what we learned made it worth staying up. T

Tim Straub, co-host of the rally, captured an image of the North American Nebula on Friday night using his own equipment which he was able to set up on the property of the observatory.

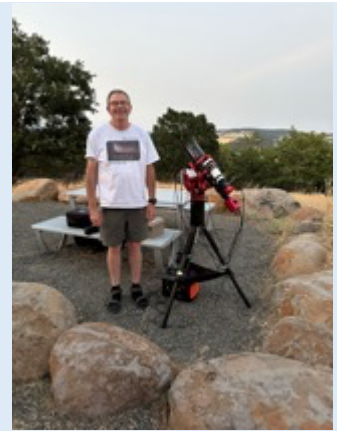
That beautiful image is captured in this article. Well done, Tim!!



North America Nebula



Goldendale Observatory



Tim Straub, Co-host



Happy Hour in the Clubhouse



Astronomy Buffs

Hot temperatures during the day (with places to visit in the area to cool off like the Maryhill Museum of Art) and comfortable night temps for stargazing with this group of new and old friends made it a fun weekend rally.

We're looking forward to hosting this one again with the Straubs in 2025.

Let's Go to the Movies! Rally – August 2024 Sutherlin RV Resort (KOA), Sutherlin OR

By: Kathy Geese



Want a unique rally? Line up a bunch of Airstreams at a Drive-In-Movie theatre, aka the KOA RV Park in Sutherlin, OR, just north of Roseburg. We had three full days that included a group wine tasting at Abacela Winery, a charcuterie potluck including wines paired with chocolate, and movies on the big screen from our lawn chairs under the stars after dark every evening! And, of course, the daily traditional Social Hour in the blessedly air-conditioned clubhouse. The weather was “toasty” but a nice breeze every afternoon which helped blow away the smoke from the forest fires east of Sutherlin. The RV park lights multiple firepits for the movies and provides popcorn. Everyone was grabbing blankets before the movies began as the evenings cooled off nicely. The hosts supplemented with movie candy to further authenticate a favorite 1960s experience.

Attendees explored the Umpqua Valley Farmer’s Market (tamales for breakfast, anyone?), enjoyed wine tastings at multiple wineries using the bargain Umpqua Valley Wine Tasting pass, shopped in Old Town Sutherlin for everything from quilt shops to Vintage Clothing, and there were even some brave Airstreamers that floated at the nearby reservoir. The Umpqua Valley is beautiful and dotted with winding roads, farms, wineries, and hazelnut farms. If you haven’t been, it should definitely be on your bucket list!

Hosted by Rachel Collins, Chuck Goss, and Kathy and David Geese

Seafood Rally – August 2024 Sun Outdoors Coos Bay, Coos Bay OR

By: Tina Holmes



Steve & Tina Holmes

The Seafood Rally was hosted by Steve & Tina Holmes and Ralond & Ruby Troncin. The weather was in the high 60's, the RV park amazing, the beach inviting and the camaraderie unforgettable. There were 62 attendees.

Friday evening, we enjoyed homemade New England clam chowder and yummy appetizers.



Saturday was spent visiting the local area, kayaking in the bay, enjoying the beach and dining at local restaurants for lunch. Dinner started in the afternoon with a number of members preparing the Alaskan cod, fresh tuna and oysters for the BBQ. Many volunteers brought their BBQ's and grills and cooked cod, tuna wrapped in bacon and BBQed oysters. Many people discovered oysters are not that bad. The potluck contributions were fantastic. New folks were welcomed and old friends enjoyed lively conversation.

Sunday was back to the beach and the local attractions followed by shrimp cocktails and potluck dinner of amazing and delicious salads, entrées and desserts.

Monday most attendees wanted the rally to continue... but we all said our good byes and hoped to see one another down the road.

This rally could not have happened without the help of many, many willing hands and their grills, smokers and BBQ's. Many thanks!

Go Fly a Kite Rally – August 2024 The Lamp Camp, Long Beach WA

By: No article submitted by September 15 cutoff.

Crater Lake Rally – August 2024

Diamond Lake RV Park, Diamond Lake OR



Karen & Gary Ferguson

By: Karen Ferguson

Hosts: Gary & Karen Ferguson, Richard Moore and Susan Peterson

Crater Lake is the ninth deepest lake in the world at 1,943 ft. A Russian lake got first place as the deepest in the world at over 5,000 ft and Lake Tahoe is the 10th deepest lake in the world! However, Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the US. Water so blue from natural rainwater, it is shocking on a clear, sunny, summer day. That is not what we saw in the middle of summer! Rain, rain and more rain, and snow at the rim of Crater Lake! I told Gary, we should come to Crater Lake on a warm sunny clear day in the middle of August....NOT!



Pat Brooks

Crater Lake Rally 2024 was for all ages! We all met sweet little Myra, age 4, to sweet little Pat Brooks, age 96! Myra ate marshmallows raw, but Pat showed us all up, and got down on her knees and roasted her marshmallows to perfection! We had 23 Adventurous Airstreamers who weathered the rain storms that poured at our happy hour get togethers! This made a "challenge met" to have everyone be warm and dry under the awnings or canopy warmed by our shared fire rings or space heaters and lanterns! From as far as Seattle to Crescent City, CA we all got to know each other, even on a first name basis. E-bikes were shared to try for a spin and a wonderful Starlink Internet WIFI password was shared! Password,



you guessed it ...airstream!

Before the rally, the concern was SMOKE! But the clouds brought wonderful rain that really took care of the wild fires that were so close. Fog was the next concern

as we wanted to see Crater Lake. This year seven of us had tickets to board the Crater Lake Boat Tour! But just as three of us stepped foot on the boat, floating on top of the Crater Lake, we were told it was canceled due to snow at the south end and frost bite winds for two hours! The boat has no protection from the wind or rain. As we sat there, it did not take long to agree, ok, we will take the refund! I can now say I have floated on Crater Lake! I also know it takes an easy half hour to walk down the wide switchback trail of sand to the boat launch. Yes, there is a restroom porta potty literally hanging over the lake. If it were a hot day, you would need to have a water bottle, a hat for shade, and snacks in your pockets.



We spent a leisurely hour coming back which included a snack break with lots of shade and tree stumps to catch your breath. I also now know that the boat holds about 30 people. The reserved online tickets are for half the boat, and the other half is for first come first serve at the Cleetwood Cove at the north end of Crater Lake. The north entrance road was closed due to forest cleaning before the fire, so that added another hour to our drive time. In the future, you can take a chance when the north entrance is open to see if tickets are still available. You can call for updates at [541-314-9777](tel:541-314-9777) for the Harborfare in charge of the boats. Driving from the South

Entrance allowed many to visit the beautiful Cascade Gorge and the Natural Bridge and get lunch or ice cream at Beckies Cafe in Union Creek!



Diamond Lake met all expectations with many E-bike enthusiasts circling the whole lake on the wonderful paved Dellenback bike path! Jim and Cheryl loved it so much three years ago that they came back just for the bike path! Gary and Karen ventured up the Silent Creek flowing into Diamond Lake by the Broken Arrow boat launch in their Hobie peddle kayaks to find the clearest water, quietest....and abundant wildlife. They peddled up to the bridge of the bike path....a close fisherman in a boat, yelled, "Are you going up a creek without a paddle?"



Our Saturday night dinner was the delicious South Shore Pizza with pizza names of "Mosquito Repellent" or "Snow Coaster", "Hot Springs" and "Woodsy Owl".... Yum!



As we left that Sunday morning, the sun shone brightly for a gorgeous, clear day as we headed for home. Put in your calendar for next year that we have reserved 18 spaces from August 14-17. All the sites are on the flat side of the RV park and are close together! We'll be almost as close as we were in Mossmon's warm and toasty clamshell during the rain!

Happy Airstreaming!

Thunderbirds Airshow Rally – August / September 2024 Dundee Hills RV Park, Dundee OR



Fabian Mills

By: Fabian Mills

****Dundee Hills Airstream Rally: A Memorable Weekend****

Fabian & Danielle Mills hosted an engaging Airstream rally at Dundee Hills RV Park, drawing enthusiasts for a weekend packed with socializing, local flavors, and fun activities.

The rally kicked off on Thursday evening with a Meet and Greet Happy Hour featuring Paper Plane Spritzers and a potluck appetizer spread, setting a friendly tone for the weekend.

Friday began with a breakfast of homemade biscuits and gravy, followed by a wine tasting at Purple Hands Urban Tasting Room. Lunch at Red Hills Market, an afternoon tasting at Archer Winery, then attendees enjoyed mini-golf and zip-lining at Teresa and Brad NY dahls. The day ended with a Grill/Griddle Night potluck dinner, featuring a variety of grilled proteins and sides.



Saturday started with buttermilk pancakes was followed by Oregon International Airshow, after a day full of spectacular flight we returned to enjoy a Pasta Night potluck dinner, with an array of pasta dishes and sides shared among the group.

Sunday offered a casual morning get together and officially concluded our rally. The Dundee Hills Airstream Rally was a hit, filled with delightful food, wine, and activities. Here's to more fantastic gatherings in the future!

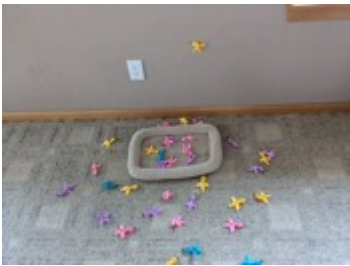
Walla Walla Wine Rally – September 2024 Four Seasons RV Resort, Walla Walla WA

By: Matt Driggers



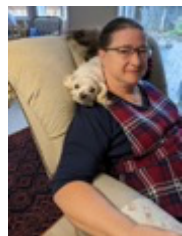
It's not hot, it's just 'Walla Walla Warm'! Steve Burrows offered this tidbit during our first social hour gathering with that bit of insight as the thermometer taped to a pop-up awning showed 97 degrees. We agreed that Walla Walla hot did not begin until there were three digits in the temperature. So, the temperature stayed acceptable and never became an excessive 'Walla Walla Hot' but remained on the pleasant to warm side for the duration of the rally with the peak moving slowly downward each day.

Thursday was a settling in day and had just a social hour. Some California Airstreamers on a summer-long loop trip joined us. We learned that the couple was on the inward portion of their loop and were planning on capping off the trip with their regional rally that was being held near Lake Tahoe.



Friday was wine tasting on your own if you did not head off to visit the Nobel Prize winning Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO). Those on the LIGO trip saw a Nobel Prize medal in the lobby of the “Exploratorium” and learned about gravitational (not gravity) waves. Friday’s social hour was capped by an enthusiastic game of Flamingo Fling. After four elimination rounds there was still a tie and a special tie breaker round was held. The suspense was tangible when this also ended in a tie! There was a

sudden death round to break this repeated tie. The “mediocre grand prize” was finally claimed by Victoria’s guess of blue eventually matching the color of the flamingo drawn. After the vigorous competition was concluded, a potluck dinner was held in the usual Airstream style of having an abundance of food that was very tasty.



Lisa Driggers

Saturday was another day on your own with many people wandering the wine tasting shops and gazing upon an enormous number of cars on display on Main Street. Our rally happened to coincide with the 28th annual Wheelin’ Walla Walla car show. There were twelve long city blocks of cars backed against the curb on both sides of the street and several side streets were used for special categories such as motorcycles. There was even a vintage shiny trailer on display!

Lise and Matt Driggers were on their first solo rally hosting adventure and the awesome rally attendees made it an easy event for them. One couple noted that it was the best rally they have ever attended, although they later confided that it was their first rally.

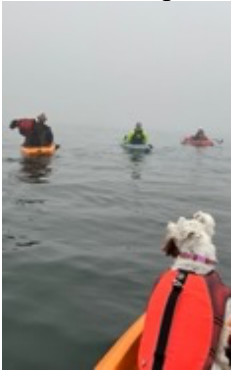
Wooden Boat Festival Rally – September 2024 Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend WA

By: Rachel Collins



What a great Rally we had up in Port Townsend for the Wooden Boat Show. The weather was beautiful the first few days with some fog rolling in on Sunday.

As to be expected, the Wooden Boat Festival was fabulous. We even had a member purchase a boat! Other activities we enjoyed were biking around Fort Wordon exploring all that was there, including checking out the Lighthouse, and Kayaking along the shore in the fog, even seeing a whale! The Marine Science Center aquarium had a 12 pound, two-year-old Giant Pacific Octopus that was fascinating to learn about. He will get to be around 40 pounds before he is ready to be released to mate.



There was another surprise for all the birders in the area, as a young Red Footed Booby was hanging out at the pier by the aquarium. A very rare sight for the PNW. Port Townsend Farmers Market and the Dockside Craft Fair are hosted on the Saturday of the Boat Show, both were worth checking out! After the fog cleared on Sunday, we went to Wilderbeef farm and participated in a Mead tasting, followed by harvesting several bouquets. Such a lovely farm.

Back at camp in the Fairgrounds we had plenty of food and libations, along with great conversations with new friends. We had a split representation of the Oregon club and the Washington club as well as a trailer from New Hampshire; totaling 22 trailers. What a great group of folks we had. A special guest came to the rally that George served with in the Reserves, so he and Dave had a good time reconnecting. A big **Thank You** to Karen Ver Burg for representing the Wooden Boat Festival using sketches and watercolors, and allowing us to share here. What a treat! We highly recommend a visit to Port Townsend if you haven't been up there yet, it is a lovely place.



Christine and George Tucker
Rachel Collins and Chuck Goss
hosts for The Wooden Boat Rally 2024

Upcoming Rallies – Updates, if any, will be provided by your OAC Rally Coordinator.

- 1) Pendleton Roundup (ACI National Event) – September
- 2) BBQ Challenge – September
- 3) Cascade Locks – September – **CANCELLED**
- 4) Lake Simtustus – September
- 5) Riverbend County Park – September
- 6) Alpenfest – September
- 7) Elkamp – October
- 8) 2024 International Rally – October
- 9) Octoberfest in Leavenworth – October
- 10) Fall Bounty – October
- 11) Sea Perch #2 – October
- 12) Friendsgiving – November

Tips, Tricks, Interviews, Recipes, and More Useful Travel Apps

By OAC Members

Interview: Janet Humphrey

By: Rhonda Levine



Janet Humphrey

While attending the Friends Landing rally recently, I met Janet Humphrey who is the Director of Community Operations for RV Life Magazine. She has been an Airstreamer for many years and is very familiar with and knowledgeable about lots of Airstream forums. Here is her story...

Janet is a reformed tent camper. As she aged it got too hard to sleep on the ground. She also plays guitar for her band, Trillium-239, and often camps out while playing gigs. In 2000 she decided it was time for an RV. She was far from excited about shopping though. The first of 3 that she and her hubby purchased was a 19' 1977 Argosy Minuet. It needed work and they did that. But camping with a child and 2 dogs meant they needed more room. So they bought a 26' Overlander in California. It needed even more work which they did. Camped in it for years. Eventually it felt too big and they wanted smaller. So they moved on to a 19' 1974 Globetrotter. They found that in a field in terrible shape about the time Covid hit. So they had plenty of time and parts and tools to do the work.

In 2003 Janet had an issue with her Airstream and realized that there was nowhere to go for answers except dealers. And if you had a vintage trailer the dealers weren't much help. She and others decided to create Airstreamers Forums where folks could come together online and discuss issues. She became the moderator of the site meaning she would monitor content. Over time it grew and more staff was needed. And more was being discussed. The group started to acquire other RV related businesses like Campground Reviews, Trip Wizard and RV Life. Revenue from ads is how they earned money and gradually the business became RV Life Network. It's important to note that Airstream Forums is not a part of Airstream Inc. it is a separate entity.

They now have a full staff and there are 3 million users. And it's growing. They cater to new trailer owners, vintage trailer owners and folks who are shopping and need help deciding what will be best for them. You can go to rvlife.com and see what they are all about.

Automatic Pop-Up Countertop Outlet

By George Tucker



George (& Theo) Tucker

Automatic pop-up countertop outlet, pop out outlet station with 15-amp receptacle outlet, splash resistant, pop-up outlet for kitchen countertop, conference table power hub.



A person interested in this gadget will need some DIY experience and a 3.15 inch/80mm hole saw to cut the hole in your dinette table. But when done, there's no more bending over to try to plug something in under your table. I installed this in our airstream and it works fantastic.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B5JMXNFC?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details&th=1

Smart Applications (Apps) for Smart Travelers Presentation (#2) from the Region 10 Rally 2024, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Editors' note: Used with permission. More useful information from this presentation will be in future newsletters.

*Airstream Club International Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Hosts – coming late summer 2024!

This new benefit will be available only to ACI members. Hosts are all ACI members and offer their property to other members for camping overnight at no charge. Like Harvest Host, stays are generally for one night and for self-contained rigs only.



The website will show general location on the map along with details about the location i.e., length of trailer accommodated, and pictures of the parking site. Already a Harvest Host member? You will be able to log-in with one username and password to see both Airstream Courtesy Parking and Harvest Host parking locations. F

or ACI members who would like to add the parking at wineries, museums, etc. that Harvest Host offers, there will be a 50% discount for the first year of membership. Want to join the fun of meeting other members and become a host? FAQs on the ACI website. Select Member Resources, then Courtesy Parking or if you have questions, contact kgeese@airstreamclub.org. Interested in becoming a host? All you need is a place where members can park overnight, no hookups are needed.

Once you've decided to join your fellow hosts, contact HQ at (937) 596-5211 and they will email a form where you can advise length of trailer you can accommodate, if you allow pets, etc. Training webinars on how the website works and how to upload photos will be available soon.

Recipes

Baked Mediterranean Shrimp

Submitted by Christine Tucker



Christine Tucker

Ingredients:

- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 fresh tomatoes, cut into large chunks
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350F
- In a small greased baking dish, layer shrimp, feta, tomatoes and olives
- Mix together oil, parsley, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper
- Pour over shrimp
- Bake uncovered for 30-35 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked through and sauce is bubbly
- Serve with crusty bread, pasta or yellow rice

OAC Corvallis Coffee Notes (July 2024)

By Norma Massier

There were approximately 16 of us at the Corvallis coffee this morning (July 13). In the crowd there were three potential newbies who haven't actually joined the club, they asked for information on how to. Both Cindy Muir and I had forgotten to have any of those business cards about the Oregon Airstream Club with us or we would've handed them out.

After an hour of kibitzing one of the attendees asked if we were going to have a meeting? We did the usual intro with a get to know you question about what is the reason you stay in the Oregon Airstream Club. There were two major things that people mentioned. The most common reason was related to the friendships and the people that they

have met while they've been in the club. They also frequently mentioned that it is a very welcoming club to new people. Other reasons in no particular order:

- (1) Going to rallies helped me learn how to maintain the Airstream.

(2) We like the Rallies and International Caravans.

(3) We learned about campgrounds that we didn't know about.

Cindy asked people to consider running for vacant board positions, including the vacant second vice president position and upcoming Director positions. Cindy and Jay invited the potential newbies to stop by their rally this weekend at Richardson County Park.

Corvallis Coffee Notes (August 2024)

By Rhonda Levine

Today 13 of us met in Corvallis for our monthly Airstream get together.

We chatted and then introduced ourselves and shared adventures we have had so far this summer.

Here are some of the things we discussed...

Assorted Board positions that are/were open including 2nd VP which we learned from Cindy Muir is going to be taken by Fabian Mills.



Stacey Rovinelli will be leaving the position of Treasurer after this year.

Mike Burnett will be leaving the position of Rally Coordinator after 2025.

We discussed finding new options for the Fall Bounty Rally (previously Year End) location. Silver Falls State Park was suggested but there is no shelter area there. In some places we may be able to assemble tents or shelters to create a space but it's much easier when one is provided.

Cancellations of rally attendees has gotten to be an increasing problem. We discussed making sure all know that there will be charges when there are cancellations. If someone on a waitlist can take a cancelled spot there would be a small refund. If no replacement is found the refund would be much less or perhaps no refund at all. We need to send out an email to everyone with specifics.

The name of the Newbie Rally will be changed to more accurately reflect the flavor of that rally. No name yet.

We shared stories and talked about what's next for everyone.

Thanks to all!

Airstream Artists

By Rhonda Levine



and a seed was planted. They started with a T@B but it was too small for two. They really loved it but needed more and in 2018 they bought a 2017 Airstream.

Karen was a stay-at-home Mom for her three kids and loved doing that. She's always been creative with sewing projects. She was interested in technical drawing but thought of that as a career for men and didn't see herself pursuing it at the time. She learned drafting and worked in an engineering firm. After the kids were grown she decided that graphic arts would be a wonderful career for her. That was in

At a recent rally I saw a woman sketching and walked over to see what she was drawing. That led to a delightful conversation with Karen VerBurg from Bellingham, WA who was at the rally with hubby Ken.

They first started Airstreaming when her in-laws began refurbishing an old trailer



2003 and she learned to paint using acrylics and water color.

In about 2014 she quit her job and began to focus on drawing and urban sketching. She had art shows, was featured in galleries and on art walks and painted for commissions. She and others in her area developed the Bellingham Sketchers, which began in Seattle, where folks could go online to see their work. Karen was kind enough to allow me to look through her sketchbook and I picked 3 of her small paintings to share with you. She explained that she has learned to paint what she actually sees and not what she thinks she sees when she works. It's made a big difference.



Karen and Ken are planning to attend more rallies so if you meet her, you can feel free to ask her about her work. I could personally watch her sketch for hours!

Airstream Pinups

Submitted by our amazing OAC members



Sunset at Emigrant Lake

From the Editors

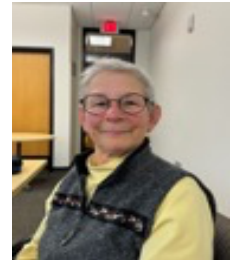


*Norma Massier,
Co-Editor*

Margaret Saylor, Airstream Club International's Publications Committee Chair, recently requested information from all local clubs' newsletter committees regarding how often they publish and the resources they use. We thought it would be interesting to share our response with all of you.

We publish every other month and depend on a group of club reporters to supply us with all of our pieces. Our main goals are to inform and connect the entire membership. Each issue contains:

- 1) President's Message
- 2) Rally Coordinator Message
- 3) Membership Coordinator Message
- 4) Rally Write Ups from recent rallies which also includes a map of where the rally took place.
- 5) A roster of Officers/Committee Members.



*Rhonda Levine, Co-
editor*

We frequently include interviews with specific club members, recipes, a gadget and gizmo piece, an article about safety or maintenance of the Airstream, a recommendation for a route/museum/restaurant etc. that a member would like to share, and an Airstream Photo Pin-up section where members can share photos they have taken of their Airstream on one of their travels.

We also have a Newsletter Committee that typically meets prior to the deadline of each issue. The committee includes our President (ex-official), Publisher, Co-Editors, Cartographer, and often two volunteers. The Co-Editors have regular contact with our Publisher (Donna Thorson) who formats all the articles and photos we receive. She then sends the finished product to our Membership Coordinator who sends it out to the entire membership via Mailchimp.

Norma Massier and Rhonda Levine

Newsletter Committee Report

By: Norma Massier

Nothing to report.

Submissions to the OAC Streamer, how to

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 up to six times per year, so there are many opportunities.

Submissions for the newsletter (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to Norma (nmassier@comcast.net) **no later than the 15th of the month before publication** (deadline for next issue: November 15, 2024).

Pieces received after that date will be included in the next (or future) newsletter.



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

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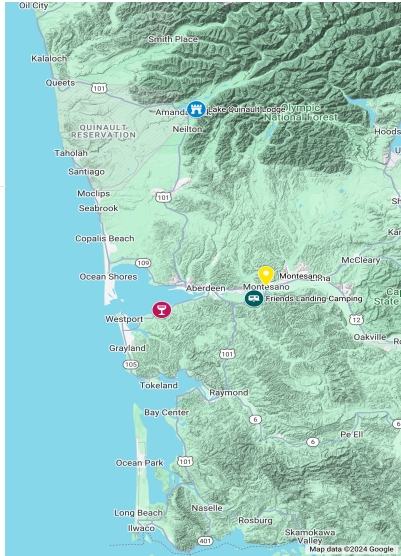
The Oregon Airstream Board Minutes are posted on the Oregon Airstream Club website once approved. The Board meets approximately four times per year. Check it out!

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



Maps (courtesy of Buzz Blick)

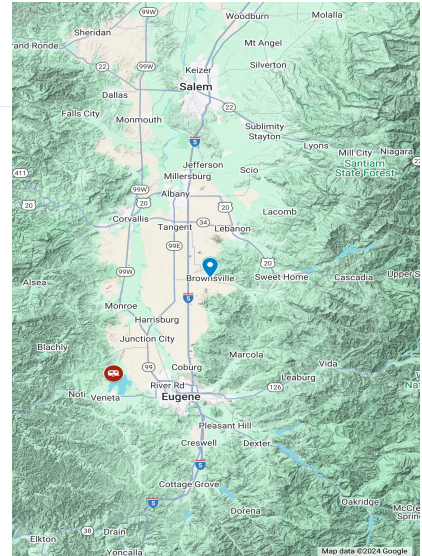
Friends Rally 2024

- Locations**
-  Friends Landing-Camping
 -  Westport Winery Garden Resort
 -  Lake Quinault Lodge
 -  Montesano











Richardson County Park Rally 2024

- Locations**
-  Richardson Park Campground
 -  Brownsville







Elk Meadows Rally 2024

- Article Locations**
-  Elk Meadows RV Park
 -  Trout Lake
 -  Mount Adams
 -  Sleeping Beauty Peak
 -  Natural Bridges
 -  Guler Ice Caves
 -  Hood River
 -  White Mountain Druid Sanctuary

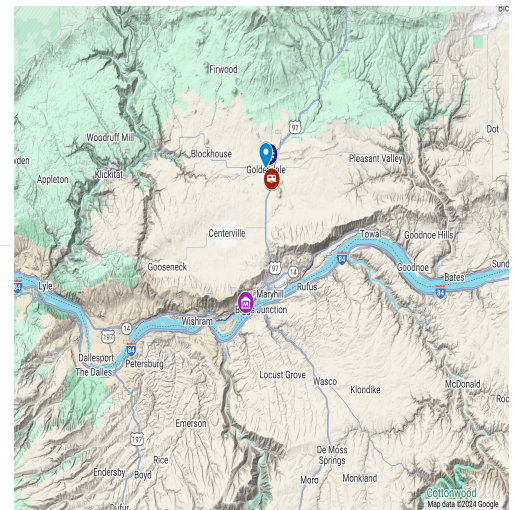
Trout Lake, WA



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
- Locations**
-  Goldendale
 -  Stargazers RV Resort
 -  Goldendale Observatory State Park
 -  Maryhill Museum of Art

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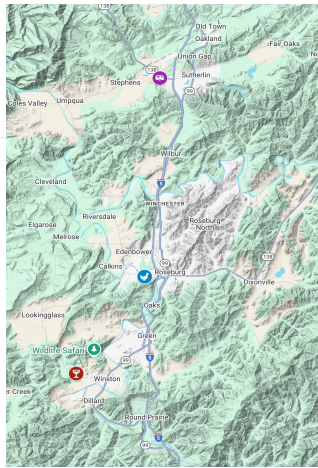


"Let's Go To The Movies" Rally

Locations

-  Sutherlin / Umpqua Valley KDA Holiday
-  Abasco Winery
-  Umpqua Valley Farmers' Market

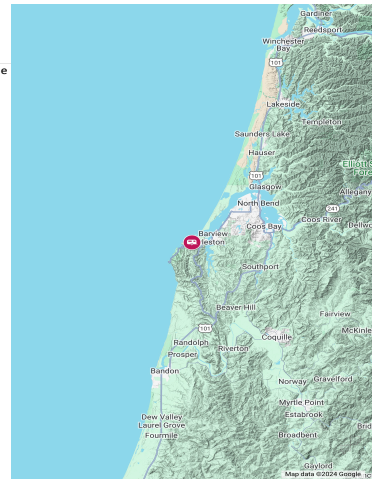
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Seafood Rally, 2024







-  Campground
-  Sun Outdoors Coos Bay

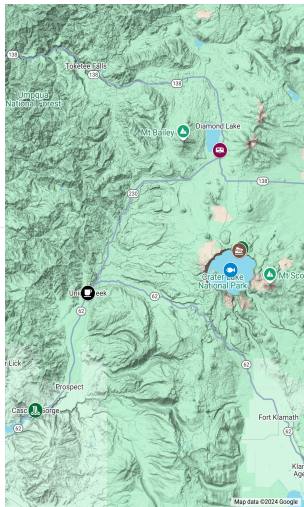
Sun Outdoors, Coos Bay on the Cape Arago Highway



Crater Lake Rally - 2024




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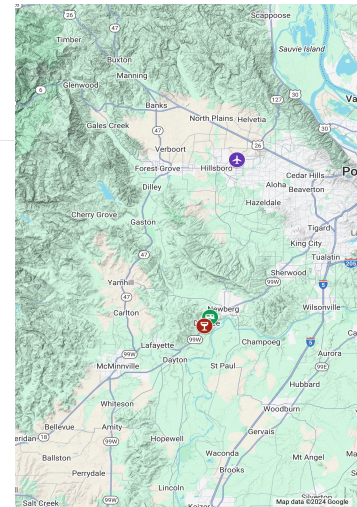
-  Crater Lake
-  Wizard Island Boat Tour Dock
-  Clewwood Cove Trail
-  Cascade Gorge
-  Beckie's Cafe
-  Diamond Lake RV Park



Dundee Hills Rally

Locations in the article

-  Dundee Hills Resort
-  Purple Hands Winery and Urban Tasting Room
-  Oregon International Air Show



Walla Walla Wine Tasting Rally 2024

Locations from the article

-  Walla Walla
-  LUGO Hanford Observatory

