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Welcome New Members!

Jeff & Barbara Engelmann BRN 4883



CAC Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 7

www.airstreamclub.org/cac-holiday-luncheon

Ptarmigan Country Club

5416 Vardon Way, Fort Collins, CO, 80528

The Holiday Luncheon at Beautiful Ptarmigan Country club in Fort Collins is the final CAC event of 2024. We will unveil our 2025 rally schedule and introduce our 2025 board members.

We encourage all members to join us.

We will gather from 11:00-11:30am and there will be an open bar where drinks can be purchased. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm.

The presentation will consist of 2024 in review, the plans for 2025 rallies and the induction of new board members.

Price: \$49 per person

There will be three meal choices:

1. Grilled Beef Medallions with Roasted Shallots, Garlic Whipped Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
2. Roasted Salmon with Lemon-Capers and Seasonal Rice Medley
3. Pasta with Marinara sauce and veggies (Vegetarian Option)

2025 Rally Events So Far

These 2025 events have been approved or are pending. If you have an interest in being involved with one, let the events team know by emailing events@coloradoac.org or send us your own rally vision via the proposal form: <https://form.jotform.com/240215249393152>

May: Maintenance and New Member Rally

June: Great Sand Dunes, Steamboat, Fort Robinson, Nebraska

July: Westcliffe Bluegrass Festival, Crested Butte Wildflower Festival

August: Salida

September: DuBois, WY (Yellowstone, Tetons), Creede, Utah Caravan

October: Monument Valley, Moab



THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING...

Join or become an affiliate of the Colorado Airstream Club. Come camp with us in **Colorful Colorado**.

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/cac-join-colorado



Airstream Courtesy Parking

Harvest Hosts is now powering **Airstream Club International's Courtesy Parking Program!**

This is an exciting time with a lot of changes, but first and foremost we want to reassure you that Courtesy Parking locations will remain exclusive to ACI Members.

At first, the new Courtesy Parking Program will only be available through the Harvest Hosts website. This means you must log in through

www.HarvestHosts.com in a web browser to access

ACI Courtesy Parking locations. For more details visit online.

<https://airstreamclub.org/newmembers/courtesy-parking-map>

To order a **Colorado Airstream Club Flag**, customize yours at: www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Colorado-Airstream-Club/7321844

Host a 2025 Rally

Where, how, and when do YOU want to rally?

We all receive surveys every time we make a purchase, book a room, buy a car, take a flight, etc., never knowing whether our opinions will improve the next experience. This questionnaire is different, because your answers will determine the CAC rally offerings for 2025. Please take a few minutes to tell us what appeals to you, or not, by clicking below.

2025 CAC Rally Questionnaire

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5-GJA9snHIF5A9a-3LC0P0ptppeN7BRw0B-PDnPFYxhjVf8w/viewform>

There's a question about becoming involved in club leadership. Please give it some consideration. Our club members have a myriad of skill sets that can make CAC rally offerings even better! We need you. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts.

Consider Hosting an Event

Hosts are the lifeblood of your Colorado Airstream Club because events are what we do; rallies and luncheons can't happen without hosts. Please consider hosting and an experienced mentor will help with you anything need. Invite a friend to be a co-host and create an event to share with your Airstream friends. You only need imagination, a can-do spirit, and a desire to learn.

Hosting is fun and rewarding, but as a "thank you," all hosts and co-hosts are able to register early for one event of their choice in the year their event is scheduled.

Contact events@coloradoac.org for more information about building one of these ideas into a rally.

Ridgway/Telluride Mushroom Festival
Mueller State Park
Dinosaur National Park
Indianola, Iowa, Balloon Fiesta

or send us your own rally vision via the proposal form:

<https://form.jotform.com/240215249393152>

President's Message

By Rich Howarth



The Evolution of Our Club

The Colorado Airstream Club has experienced significant growth over the past several years. We are one of the largest individual clubs with 345 trailers and 640 members – representing an almost 50% increase since 2017.

In 2024, we'll wrap up the year with 15 rallies, 1 caravan, and 4 luncheons. Our dedicated leadership and volunteers continually work to select engaging and enjoyable camping locations. However, securing access to quality campgrounds has become increasingly difficult and competitive due to the growing number of people taking up camping.

A few years ago, our club could reserve blocks of sites at campgrounds, with rally attendees directly handling their payments with the campground. This process involved minimal financial transactions through the club, allowing each camper to manage their own reservations and cancellations.

Today, working with popular campgrounds has become more challenging, especially during the summer months. These campgrounds now require us to pay substantial deposits upfront and commit to a set number of sites. If we cancel sites beyond the cancellation deadline, we risk losing that money. In cases where we need to cancel an entire rally – like we had to do in Estes Park this summer due to fires – the club absorbs the financial loss.

As a result, managing our club's finances has become much more complex, and our exposure to financial risk has increased. This year alone, rally registration and campground fees flowed over \$120,000 through our accounts. Thanks to our hardworking board, everything has run smoothly.

We are always on the lookout for members with specific skills to lend a hand. Before I joined the board, I thoroughly enjoyed attending our fantastic rallies, where my main contribution was bringing a drink to happy hour. It wasn't until later that I realized the club wouldn't exist without the dedication and effort of our volunteer board members. Rob Hughey offered me the chance to join the board, and it's been a truly rewarding experience to give back.

If you're interested in volunteering with the club, please reach out to Rich Howarth, Steve Libhart, or Jeff Cross.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Sedalia at the International Rally!

Happy Camping and Caravanning!

Rich



Elected Officers

Please contact the club president with questions about contributing to the Colorado Airstream Club.

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Kindly use CAC NEWSLETTER in the email subject line.



Carter Lake Rally

By Sue Carter

"Cheeseburger in Paradise"

Hosts Sue and Doug Carter/co-hosts Sandy and Hal Harnagel lucked out with perfect weather and held a lovely

event near Loveland at beautiful Carter Lake. This economical Rally started off on Thursday with a great happy hour "Tiny Bubbles," where everyone got to know each other at "The Hut." Friday activities included a well attended lakeside bike ride (or car ride) to the nearby restaurant patio where we had delicious cheeseburgers. Later, at the "Parrot Heads Book Club," participants discussed Jimmy Buffett's New York Times best seller "A Pirate Looks at 50." A Caribbean happy hour was followed by an evening campfire under starry skies. On Saturday morning, bagels were served followed by a hike on the colorful Sundance Trail. That afternoon several kayakers enjoyed paddling and fishing. We enjoyed a beautiful Saturday evening with a raucous beach party "Margaritaville," where music and beverages flowed. Lots of new friendships were made, tall tales were spun, and Carter Lake offered a little something for everyone – whether it was just chilling or joining in on lots of activities. Fun was had by all!





Meeker Sheep Dog Trials Rally

By Steven Libhart,
1st VP & Host

Have you HERD?

The Meeker Sheepdog Trials is a celebration of working sheepdogs and the timeless bond between humans and their canine companions. Held annually in Meeker, Colorado, this prestigious event attracts top sheepdog handlers and their agile, intelligent dogs from around the world.

Over several days, spectators are treated to impressive displays of skill as these remarkable dogs navigate challenging courses, demonstrating their ability to herd and manage sheep with precision and grace. With a backdrop of stunning Rocky Mountain scenery, the event also features lively entertainment, local vendors, and opportunities to learn about the rich heritage of sheepdog work.

Whether you're a seasoned herding enthusiast or a first-time visitor, the Meeker Sheepdog Trials Rally offers a unique and captivating experience for all. The Colorado Airstream Club has held two rallies at the trials and has become one of the most popular rallies the club offers. In addition, we have donated to the Food Bank of Meeker and have been featured in the local newspaper for supporting the community.

The Airstream models were a contest coordinated by Willie Delgado, along with organizing the food bank drive. Contestants were asked to make Airstream models from things they had around the house. It was great fun and there several prizes.

www.facebook.com/MeekerClassic | www.meekersheepdog.com





Camp Cooking

By Amy & Chris Freeman



Corn & Edamame Salad

A super simple salad with the sweet crunch of corn, juicy tomatoes, and the protein-punch of edamame dressed in a simple white balsamic vinaigrette. This edamame salad is easy and hearty – plus, it’s an amazing meal-prep salad, awesome for making ahead of time.

www.kitchentreaty.com/summer-corn-edamame-salad



If you're a foodie, join the Slack channel **#foodie-2024** led by @Lynn Eubank. To share a recipe use this form: <https://form.jotform.com/241948434437161> or email it directly to lynneubank@yahoo.com in Word or Pages.

Awning Maintenance Tips

By Airstream Club International



Maintaining your Airstream's awning isn't just about functionality; it's about pride and peace of mind. After all, the road is full of surprises, and the last thing you need is your awning staging a mutiny when you're miles from civilization. Keep it clean, keep it patched, and keep it lubricated, and your Airstream will remain the envy of the campground, a shining example of mobile magnificence in the wilds of America.

1. Wash your awning at least twice per year.
2. Allow your awning to dry before storing it.
3. Lock your awning in place during travel.
4. Roll your awning up when it's not in use.
5. Make adjustments for inclement weather.
6. Consider using a stabilizer kit.
7. Inspect your awning twice each year.
8. Always put awning in when you leave the campsite.



Airstream Club International:
Maintenance & Preventative Care
www.airstream.com/academy

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

- Battery** Clean, neutralize, and coat terminals with petroleum jelly.
- LPG (liquid propane gas) Tanks** Have been purged by a LPG supplier.
- Seams** Check and reseal exterior seams, windows, lights, and vents.
- Hitch Coupler and Ball** Ensure all parts operate freely. Replace any component if worn or damaged.
- Interior Cabinetry** Visual inspection of latches locks, hinges and slides. Silicone spray as needed.

www.support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/articles/14464916900500-Routine-Maintenance-Tasks-For-Your-Airstream



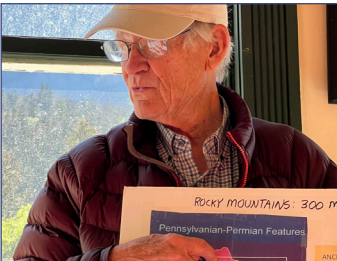
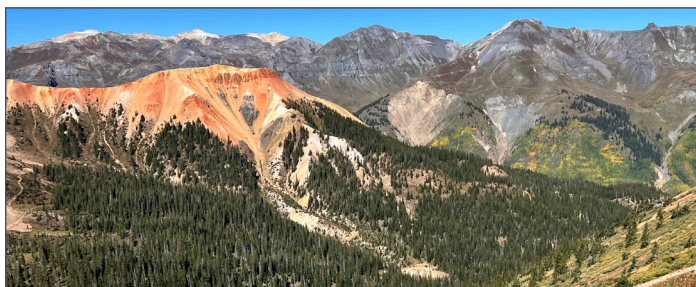
Splendor in the San Juans, Ouray Rally

By Carolyn Beardshear

The Splendor in the San Juans Rally in Ouray was a classic case of "the location IS the rally!" That being said, the rally built on the magnificent surroundings by providing options for attendees to experience the Red Mountains personally in a private half-day jeep tour. It was rough. It was high. It was amazing!

Everyone wonders "how did these mountains form?" so we arranged for Larry Meckel, an award-winning geology professor to give us a class in San Juan geology. We had hoped for 20 attendees. We had 36 in two sessions, culminating in the renovated Wright Opera House and a showing of the renowned film "A Brief History of Colorado Through Time." www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5QeyztII1T8&list=PLKDFm2-uZU192-c8fr3m-18N012mBsUF8U. Thank you to the participants who donated \$350 to the Ouray Parks Department children's programs.

The Ouray KOA graciously offered the indoor restaurant as a venue for happy hours and our potluck, catered by Blue Ribbon BBQ, and the final evening found most of us soaking in the 106 degree Ouray Hot Springs to wind down our San Juan experience. Thank you, Ouray. We'll be back!



Winter is Coming

By Richard Nummi

A Guide to Keeping Your Airstream Safe from Sauron



Ah, winter. The season when the sky gets moody, the temperatures drop like a bad poker hand, and every outdoor enthusiast's beloved Airstream suddenly looks less like a sleek silver spaceship and more like a giant, frozen popsicle. But before you let your shiny traveler succumb to the icy grips of winter, it's time for a little winterization magic. Fear not, fellow wanderers—this isn't rocket science, but it might just be as important as a well-stocked bar at a holiday party.

1. Bid Adieu to the Pipes

Let's face it, no one enjoys a surprise geyser in their Airstream. Before you hang up the "Gone South" sign, it's time to play a little game of "Will it Freeze?" Start by draining all your tanks—fresh, gray, and black. Don't skimp on this step. You wouldn't leave a keg of beer to freeze and explode, would you? Similarly, don't leave your precious plumbing to turn into a burst-and-burst catastrophe.

Once drained, give your pipes a good swish with RV antifreeze. Not the kind that smells like a dead skunk, but the RV-specific stuff designed to be kind to your system. Pour it into all the drains and let it slosh around like a festive cocktail.

2. Battery Bonanza

Your battery is like the heart of your Airstream, and you wouldn't want it to conk out mid-snowstorm. To keep it from shivering in the cold, disconnect the negative cable and store the battery in a warmer place. Don't tuck it under your grandmother's afghan; a dry, cool place will do. A little TLC here goes a long way.

3. Critter Control

Ever notice how Airstreams attract more critters than a free buffet? Those fuzzy little freeloaders would love nothing more than to make your trailer their winter haven. To prevent an invasion of vermin, seal all entry points. Yes, even the ones you think are too small to matter. Mice are like college students—they'll squeeze in anywhere they can.

4. Cover Up

If you're not planning to use your Airstream as an ice-fishing shanty, consider investing in a good-quality cover. Think of it as a cozy blanket for your trailer, protecting it from the harsh winter elements. Make sure it's breathable, so moisture doesn't get trapped and create its own ice rink inside.

5. Interior TLC

Inside your Airstream, take a good look around. Remove any perishables (because a can of beans left to its own devices in sub-zero temperatures might be an explosive surprise). Wipe down surfaces to prevent mold and mildew. And if you're feeling particularly festive, leave a few dehumidifiers running to keep things as dry as a martini.

6. Tire Tenderness

Tires left to the mercy of winter can develop flat spots and become as useful as a snowplow in the Sahara. Inflate your tires to the recommended pressure and consider using wheel covers to protect them from the elements. If you're really keen, you might even elevate the trailer on jacks to avoid tire deformation. It's like giving your wheels a spa day.

7. The Final Touch

Give your Airstream a final once-over. Check that all windows and doors are sealed tight, and perhaps leave a little note inside for the next unsuspecting traveler, saying, "Thanks for the adventure. Stay warm!"

And there you have it, folks. With a little bit of elbow grease and a splash of winter wizardry, your Airstream will be ready to hibernate until the snow melts and the sun returns. So pour yourself a hot cocoa, cozy up by the fire, and dream of all the fabulous road trips waiting just around the corner.

Because while the world outside might be frosty, your Airstream will be snug as a bug in a rug—well, if that rug were made of aluminum and had wheels.

Airstream Club International articles:

How to winterize your Airstream

Proper winterization involves flushing all the water out of your Airstream's plumbing system, and then removing batteries and cleaning out any food that might attract pests. Read on for the hows and whys of winterization, plus step-by-step instructions for doing it yourself.

<https://support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/articles/360030870191-Winterization-Guide-How-to-Winterize-an-Airstream-Travel-Trailer>

How to winterize your Airstream Blog

The real question is how much winterization do you want to do at one time? Many Airstreamers "winterize for use." They blow out all the water and cycling RV antifreeze through the system – and continue to use their Airstream throughout the colder months. Others, though, want to store their Airstream and not use it until spring. In that case, the full winterization regimen should be followed in order to prep for storage.

<https://www.airstream.com/blog/how-to-winterize-an-airstream-travel-trailer/>

How to de-winterize your Airstream

The steps to de-winterizing (dewinterization) your Airstream are basically the steps taken to winterize the RV but in reverse. Depending on the model you own and the method used to winterize, the action steps to de-winterize are going to be slightly different. If RV antifreeze was used in the tanks, it needs to be removed and flushed from the plumbing system with clean water.

<https://support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/articles/360042963292-How-to-de-winterize-Airstream>



Online Connections



Visit the **CAC EVENTS PAGE** www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information for registration dates and all the latest updates, including the tentative rally schedule and additions.

Contact our events team if you have an interest in helping out with CAC rallies. events@coloradoac.org

Is the CAC rally you wanted full? Check out the many surrounding events in Region 11. www.airstreamclub.org/region-11/region-11-events

Do you need to **cancel a registration** for a rally? Fill out the cancellation form. <https://form.jotform.com/240578552131151>

Where would you like to go? Suggest an event!
www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/suggest-cac-event

Request to Join CAC Facebook!
www.facebook.com/groups/colorado.wbcci
An admin will admit you within 48 hours. Maybe more when the camping season is in full swing.

Bookmark the CAC website at www.airstreamclub.org/colorado

For Sale @ Slack

If you have not used Slack before, start by downloading the app to your mobile phone. The channel is: <https://coloradoairstreamclub.slack.com/archives/C06QDTBGZSA>

Do you have something Airstream related for sale? Post it on the CAC Slack channel at <https://coloradoairstreamclub.slack.com/archives/C07DYEDPL83> a for sale channel

2024 Rally Schedule

April 22-25

Wine and Hike at Palisade
Robb State Park, Island Acres

May 9-13

Great Sand Dunes Rally
Oasis RV Park

May 16-19

Maintenance and New Member Rally
Jellystone RV Park, Larkspur

May 30 - June 2

Boyd Lake Rally
Boyd Lake State Park

June 10-14

Ghost Ranch Rally
Abiquiu, NM

June 24-28

Steamboat Rally
Steamboat Springs KOA

July 11-15

July in Salida
Salida RV Resort

July 11-15

Westcliff Bluegrass Festival
High Mountain Hay Fever
Bluegrass Festival Campground

July 18 - 21

Longmire Days Rally
Buffalo, WY

July 22-26

Black Hills Rally
Heartland RV Park, Hermosa SD

August 7-11

Estes Park Rally
Manor RV Park

August 21-26

Palisade Peach Rally
Palisade Basecamp RV Park

September 4-8

Meeker Sheep Dog Trials Rally
River Camp RV Park, Meeker

September 5-8

Carter Lake Rally
Carter Lake

September 16-20

Splendor in the San Juans (Ouray)
Ouray KOA

October 1-4

Caravan to Sedalia International Rally

October 5-11

International Rally
Sedalia, MO