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President's Letter

Hello fellow GLAAC'ers!

I hope all of your summer travels have been exciting, full of adventure and free of any major mishaps. Nancy and I recently traveled to Truckee, California for two reasons. Our son, Adam, lives in Truckee, so we were able to spend some time with him but the trip also gave us the opportunity to attend a rally hosted by the Greater Bay Area and Sacramento Valley Airstream Clubs. If you ever have the opportunity to join a rally hosted by another Airstream club, by all means do so. While we did not know anyone from either club, except hosts, Ken and Judy Bechtold, we had so much fun and made plenty of new friends.

GLAAC recently held a rally at Lake Casitas that was well attended with lots of activities and a 10 year celebration of our club, that decade went fast! Established in 2014 at the International Rally held in Gillette, Wyoming, we are looking ahead to more fun and adventures with the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club.

The Serrano Campground in Big Bear was recently enjoyed by our club and with a lot of summer left on the horizon, hook em' up and head out.

The Region 12 Rally at Tahoe Valley Campground is right around the corner, September 11-15. There will be something for everyone at the Region Rally at Lake Tahoe this time of year



including bike rides, fishing, happy hours, ice cream social and the always popular gift basket raffle! Get ready for a spectacular rally. A special thanks to all who have contributed to ensure this will be a rally to remember. For those of you that are rallying in Bridgeport prior to the Region Rally, have a great time and we will look for you in Tahoe. Heading to the International in Sedalia, Missouri October 5-12? Safe travels!

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of ACI's policy on politics and religion. "Politics are often divisive and polarizing, leading to potential conflicts and tensions within a group. Members should avoid public political discussions and the display of political paraphernalia like flags, hats and other apparel." That said, enjoy our club events, and as always, flash those headlights!

Respectfully, Michael

Meet a Member!

submitted by Cliff Uyeda

Cliff and Vanessa from Long Beach, California, started their journey into Airstreaming back in 2006 via vintage trailer and teardrop rallies in Pismo, Morro Bay, Buellton, the Spamboree, and the International Redwood Gatherings. They've acquired several vintage trailers including a 1947 Curtis Wright 22' waiting to be restored, and a beautiful 1957 canned ham Deville, which starred in a Quiksilver catalog with skateboard superstars Tony Hawk and Kelly Slater photographed sitting in it. Over the years, Cliff has taken thousands of vintage trailer photos and has enjoyed listening to people's stories about their trailer restorations. The stories and photos inspired Cliff and Vanessa about the possibilities in their future.

Cliff worked in both commercial and amateur radio at Kenwood Communications for over 20 years and holds an Extra Class Amateur Radio license, "KJ6HC". After leaving Kenwood, Mona Heath, now Mona Watts (2019 Airstream International President) asked him to join Airstream 2 Go to help manage the Los Angeles branch sending many guests out for adventures in rental Airstreams. The Uyeda's knew Mona long before they had anything to do with vintage rallies or Airstreams. Cliff then worked and retired from the Orange County District Attorney's Office in the Bureau of Investigations.





Cliff & Vanessa

Cliff and Vanessa have known Lynda and Jim Polk for years having met them at Airstream Los Angeles where Lynda asked us, "When will you join GLAAC?" Cliff recalls Lynda holding her very first batch of printed GLAAC info cards when the club kicked off in 2014. At that time, Cliff and Vanessa had high hopes of completing a couple of vintage Airstream trailer restoration projects and joining GLAAC.

Fast forward to 2022 when they purchased a 2018 Flying Cloud 20' and joined the Airstream Club. They believe in the iconic status of the Airstream and the idea of traveling with a neat group of fellow Airstreamers. Now retired, they have graduated from being weekend warriors.

As an avid astronomer, you may have seen some of Cliff's photos posted on the GLAAC Facebook page. Vanessa worked at Long Beach Unified School District for over 25 years and retired from the Finance department early this year. She enjoys creating and discovering new recipes, dancing, yoga, gardening, ukulele, and traveling.

Cliff and Vanessa's plans are to travel the USA and Canada in their Airstream, see all the National Parks, and enjoy friendships at Airstream rallies.

Our Favorite Campground!

We'd like to share one of the most memorable campgrounds we've visited so far (because picking only one favorite is so hard, right?). That campground is Schoodic Woods Campground in Acadia National Park. While the campground is far from GLAAC on the west coast, our adventuring fellow Airstreamers may find themselves in the Northeastern part of the country. If so, please consider Maine and especially Schoodic Woods Campground.

The campground is located in the Schoodic Peninsula, the quieter northern portion of Acadia National Park. This area is less visited than the busier area near Bar Harbor, which we love. The campground features some large (65 ft long), flat, and level gravel sites. The facility buildings are modern, "Down East" designs, and the camp is very well-maintained. One treat that you don't find at many NPS campgrounds: electricity and water in some sites, in open evergreen trees close to the granite shores along the Atlantic Coast.



You'll find abundant things to see, do, and enjoy in the area. There are historic sites, breathtaking rocky Maine shorelines, and quaint fishing villages to visit. For those who love biking and hiking, opportunities abound for all skill levels. Kayaking and canoeing can be done on sheltered ocean bays and coves. And for sightseeing without needing to drive, a free shuttle bus loops around the Park and stops at peninsula towns.

submitted by Rose & Carlos Perez



Rose & Carlos

Fresh-caught Maine lobster and seafood can be bought directly from fishermen, and these are also proudly featured at local eateries and restaurants, many of which offer stunning views while you

enjoy lunch or dinner. Speaking of dinner, don't forget dessert! This is blueberry-and-ice cream country, and the pearl-sized Maine blueberries grow wild on this peninsula. You'll find blueberry baked goods as well as hard or soft ice cream (another Maine favorite) in the small towns of the Schoodic Peninsula area.



We hope you get a chance to journey to Maine. Getting a reservation can be challenging, but we were able to snag a cancellation just a week before our stay in mid-July, 2024. The availability alerts tool on <u>Recreation.gov</u> was essential to getting a camp spot.

Schoodic Woods is definitely one of our most memorable campgrounds, and we hope to visit it again in the future.



2025 Events!



- Jan 23-27 Pinnacles National Park Campground (reserve asap on <u>recreation.gov</u>)
- Feb 20-24 Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella
- March 13-17 El Chorro Regional Park (north of San Luis Obispo)
- April 24-27 Borrego Springs RV Park, Anza Borrego
- May 14-18 Pismo Beach State Park, Pismo Beach, CA (vintage rally at Pismo Coast Village RV)
- June 19-23 Sweetwater Summit Regional Park, near San Diego
- July No planned event

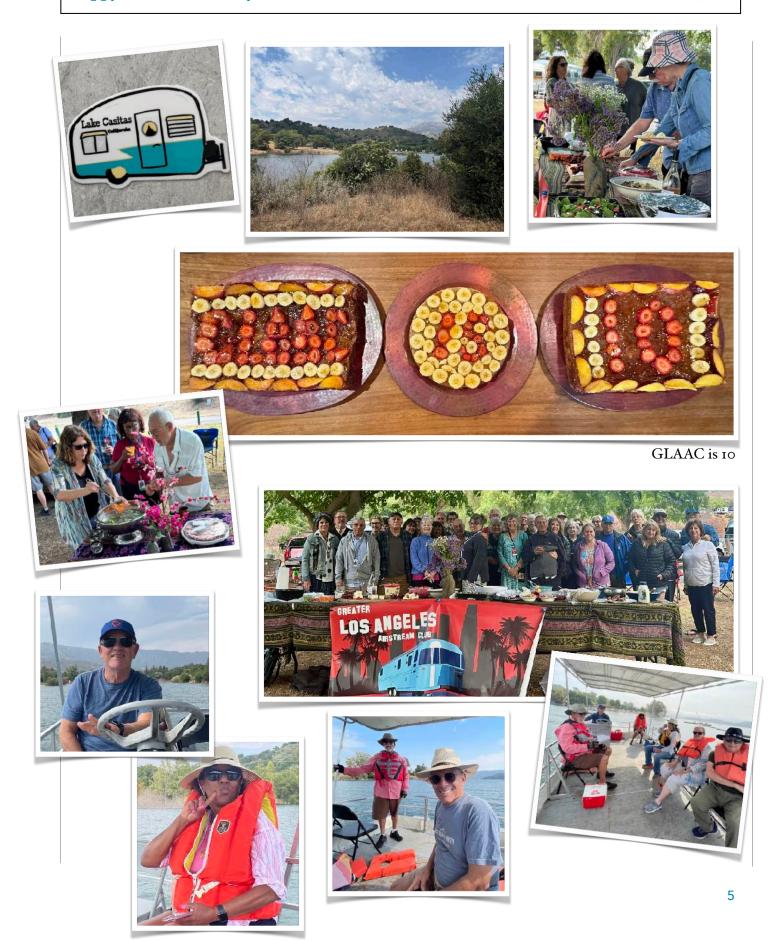
(tentative)

- Aug 7-11 SkyPark Camp and RV Resort, Lake Arrowhead
- Aug 23-28 International Rally (York, PA)
- Sept 11-14 Jackson Rancheria (near Sacramento)
- Oct 15-19 Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas (tied to Region 12 Rally)
- Oct 31 Nov 3 Newport Dunes, Newport Beach
- Dec 4-7 Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton

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Happy 10th Anniversary to the GLAAC!

Lake Casitas, Ojai



Grateful & Thankful for our Members and Affiliates



Putting pencil to paper to build a new club in 2014, dotting the multitude of i's and crossing a plethora of t's, and then with fingers-crossed hoping the club would attract like-minded travelers who enjoy '*Fun, Friendship & Adventure*'...

Whew! What a decade it's been!

We could only have imagined how welcomed a new club in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International/ACI would be. We are filled with gratitude and thankful to you, our members and affiliates, for making this happen. - Jim & Lynda



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GLAAC On the Go!



Maine



Colorado



Columbia River



Ventura



Oregon



Montana



Quebec, Canada

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Editor's Note

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

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

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

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

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

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