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**Dec 5-9** GLA Holiday/Annual Meeting, San Dimas, CA

**August 23-28** 68th WBCCI International Rally, York, PA

### President's Letter

Hello fellow GLAAC'ers!

Fall is in the air and if you are like me, our attention turns to getting our Airstream ready for a different season. I especially love this time of year for traveling. Nancy and I recently returned from the Region 12 Rally in Lake Tahoe where the weather and the event were awesome. Our GLAAC silent auction basket raised a lot of money for the Region 12 chosen charity, the Lake Tahoe Wildlife Rescue Foundation. In fact, over \$7,500 was raised by all Region 12 clubs participating. A special thank you to Alicia Andrews who assembled our National Park-themed basket.

Recently I received an email from the National Search Dog Foundation keeping us abreast of the good work they are doing. You will recall GLAAC has sponsored this worthwhile charitable foundation in this past. The Foundation recently sent 13 teams to the Hurricane Helene and Milton disasters and shared how grateful they are for our past donation. Way to go, GLAAC!

Our upcoming November rally is at Sun Outdoors Indian Wells located in Indio and sure to be a fun time with tons of activities and great desert weather. Our December annual business meeting and holiday rally will be held at Bonelli Bluffs in San Dimas and is always a great get-together.



The installation of our new officers and the always popular steal-a-gift will take place during this event along with voting on the updated Constitution & By Laws (C&BLs).

Our updated C&BLs, an important club document, are revisited every five years. The document will arrive in your inbox soon. Please take the time to read them to be prepared to vote.

As the holidays approach, I hope this letter finds you and those close to you in good health and spirit. I want to extend a gentle slap on the back to all our officers for their continued help in making my job as president, a job I relish, an easy one; and for their help in making our club the best!

Thank you all, and as always, flash those headlights at our fellow Streamers!

- Michael

**Meet a Member!**

submitted by Kimberly Brink

By the time Kimberly of Long Beach, California, retired in fall of 2022, her attic was already filled with items for her yet-to-be-purchased dream Airstream. She had seen the fun her friend and former colleague, Linda Calderon, was having with GLAAC and aspired to join the club upon retirement.

Kimberly was a Registered Nurse for almost 40 years, 32 of those as a Certified Nurse-Midwife. A sweet little 16' Bambi was in her future and she attended a GLAAC event the day after purchasing it. It has been adventure after adventure ever since. She crossed the country to the Carolinas and back this spring (stopping with GLAAC in Texas for the Solar Eclipse) and went on another 5,500 mile trip this fall to Minnesota and back. She enjoyed these epic adventures, finally, with her dear friends the Calderons, and reveled in meeting amazing people along the way.

GLAAC membership has been especially rewarding, the members so welcoming and helpful to a new Airstreamer. Their advice and support has been invaluable. She is excited that she will be more involved with the club as the recording secretary for the next biennium.



Kimberly

Kimberly has 26-year-old twins, Elizabeth, who lives and works in Tokyo, Japan; and Kaitlin, who is a Children's Librarian in Long Beach. They both grew up camping with her in a tent trailer and join her when they can.

Kimberly keeps busy in retirement volunteering with the American Red Cross and her sorority alumni, however, travel is her passion. Kimberly has been slowly completing a "bucket list" of visiting all 63 of the US National Parks. This has taken decades and she only has one park left, American Samoa.

Next year is a milestone birthday year and she will cruise to American Samoa in February to celebrate her birthday and complete the park list. It will then be time to find new experiences and the Bambi and GLAAC will be an integral part of that journey.

When you see her little 16' Bambi, please stop by to say hello and share your favorite places and adventures with her.



**The Katy Trail**

submitted by Rich Luhr

The moment we knew the International Rally was going to be held in Sedalia, we began planning a ride on the Katy Trail. For years the Katy was a "bucket list" ride for us, and now the club had provided the perfect opportunity.

The full trail is over 240 miles, plus many more miles if you do some of the major spurs, as it crosses most of Missouri. With our friends Susan and Adam Maffei, we left the Airstreams at the rally a few days early and began pedaling toward St. Charles - 209 miles east. Five days later, with somewhat sore butts and a lot of smiles, we pulled into the historic center of St. Charles.



Rich, Tothie, Susan and Adam

We'd recommend the trail to any avid cyclist. It's beautiful, flat, peaceful, and shady. Mostly following the Missouri River, the trail is dotted with tiny railroad towns and historical markers about the Lewis & Clark expedition. Logistics (such as finding places to stay and eat) can be a little challenging, but it's well worth the effort. And we would never have attempted it without the advantage of our Airstreams, which made the ideal launching point for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Susan, Adam and Tothie



Rich & Tothie

**2025 Events!**



- Jan 23-27 Pinnacles National Park Campground (reserve asap on [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov))
- 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 (tentative) Sweetwater Summit Regional Park, near San Diego
- July No planned event
- 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

67th International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri!

submitted by Lynda Polk

Once again our aluminum city rose, this time in Sedalia, Missouri for the 67th Wally Byam Caravan Club International Rally, aka Airstream Club International. Just shy of 1,300 Airstreams gathered in the rail town of Sedalia with a population of 22,000. Here we settled in for a week of friendship, frivolity and a bit of goodwill, too! The fairgrounds, smothered in green grass, had full hookups (50 amp/water/sewer) for all attendees with an option for golf cart rental which made getting around the expansive grounds more easily.

Week-long activities included the opportunity to attend the Opening Ceremonies with over 100 clubs present with flags held high and wildly waved; gathering with our friends in the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club; attending several informative seminars and the vendor exhibits, and enjoying music provided by the all-volunteer International band along with jam sessions that would pop up around the grounds. Jim and I even took a short spin on the Katy Trail, a 240-miles former rail line converted to an adventurous bike path.

The charity and goodwill this year included the Bothwell Foundation which received funds to refurbish two hospital rooms and contributions to Breast Cancer Awareness Month via the sale of pink tee shirts. There were a total of 210 pounds of aluminum pop tops and \$230 collected for the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas city by the Future Streamers intra-club comprised of young Streamers. In addition, funds were collected for Hurricane Helene and Milton relief.

We always leave this event on a high with the friends we reconnect with from around the country; thankful for the amazing talents of the staff and volunteers who work together to bring this annual rally to our members; and the positive energy we project, together, as an International club. Next year's International Rally is scheduled for York, Pennsylvania in August. We'll look for you down the road!



Sedalia Fairgrounds



Arrival day



Pirates Stuebe & Denny with their pop top booty



International President & First Lady, Eric & LaVerne

Sedalia, MO International continued



GLAers Christopher & Miriela



Fernando & Donita with their chip clip!



Airstreams aglow!



Charlie, Alicia, Denny & Stuebe



The Lost Lug Nuts

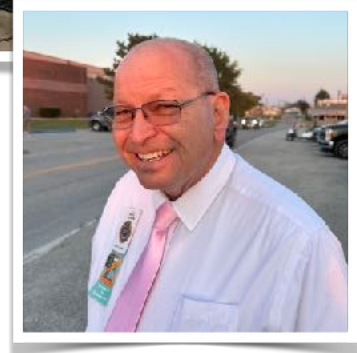


Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club is in the house!

Sedalia, MO International continued



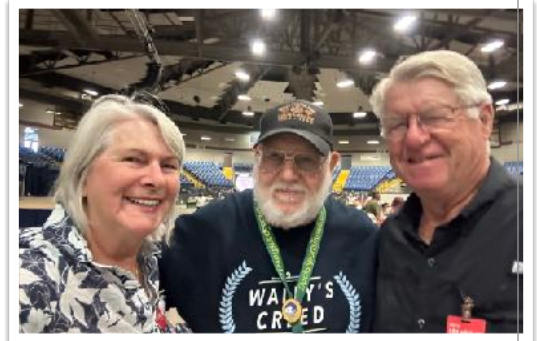
International Club's all-volunteer band



GLA bandman, Bruce



Region 12 dinner



Lynda, Pee Wee, Jim



Multi-talented Rich Luhr



Region 12 President, Shawn, and husband, Mike



Jim representing GLAAC & Region 12

GLAAC On the Go!



Bridgeport



Minden, NV



Alabama Hills



Lake Tahoe



Albuquerque



Buellton



Telluride



San Diego



**GLAAC On the Go!**



Glacier Natl Park



Croatia



Buellton



Jackson Center, OH



Long Beach



Monument Valley



Pala, CA



Little Rock, AR



### 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.

1) 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 Events

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles>

### 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: [KeepRLN@icloud.com](mailto:KeepRLN@icloud.com)

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!