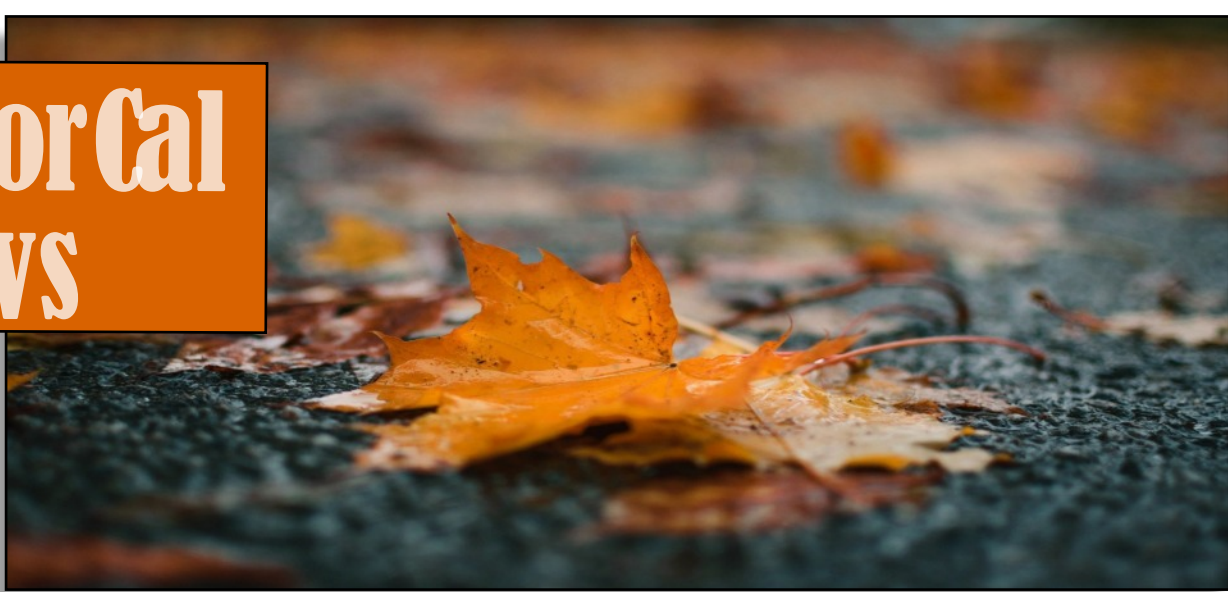


# The NorCal News



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## President's Message

It's amazing how fast this year has gone by. It is also amazing how many Airstreamers José and I have had an opportunity to spend time with at this year's rallies.

We just returned home from Fort Bragg where we had a lovely, laid-back rally. About fifteen rigs and their occupants showed up. The weather was much cooler than at home and we were able to enjoy outings to nearby coastal attractions.

We had a great potluck on Wednesday evening; very well attended. Perhaps, a highlight of the rally was our dinner at the North Coast Brewery's Pub in Fort Bragg. Libations and food arrived quickly. Everyone was happy.

We welcomed our new affiliates, Dennis and Sandra Weber of the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club. They are the proud owners of a beautiful, 1947 vintage Airstream and tow vehicle. They were very gracious to offer tours of their rig and vehicle and told the story of their renovation; truly, a labor of love. Thank you, Dennis and Sandra. We hope to see you at some of our future rallies.

This month we will hold our November Rally at Dumbarton Quarry Campground in Fremont, CA. The hosts, Phyllis and Mike Minadeo and Carrie and Ray Bell, have planned great activities, including a tour of the Filoli Estate and Gardens. We will also have our Annual Business Meeting when we will announce our new Executive Board for 2025.

There is still time to register for the December Holiday/Installation Rally at the 49er RV Park and Campground in Plymouth, CA. It will be a rally you do not want to miss, with always fun hosts Juliet & Brian Scheuer and Sharon & Tony Paz. To register, go to <https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-2024-installation-rally>.

And, since many of you love pink birds, here is a "turkey" joke: "Why did the turkey stand on stilts? Because nobody eats flamingoes for Thanksgiving dinner."

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

*Carmen Ortiz, NorCal President*



*Rally goes at Happy Hour at Pomo RV Park in Fort Bragg - photo by Carmen*

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# From the Editor

Spent some time at the Jackson Rancheria RV park in October – a nice stay but for the sweltering heat. Fortunately we were down at the end of the old park with shade trees and that helped, as did the daily and mandatory afternoon dip in the pool, which was delightful! Had time to pull out our grill for the first time this year; we had fun cooking outdoors again and enjoying the grilled taste of turkey burgers. We tried out a 3Gen standard sized Starlink (due to sale Starlink was pushing) but in the end decided it was way too big for us to use just RVing. We will be opting for the mini once I return it to Home Depot where I got it.



Then we mosied up to Fort Bragg by way of the Napa Elks (that has a nice daily lunch) and Highway 128 through the Anderson Valley, where we met the sweet cool of the coast as we arrived at Highway 1. We enjoyed every minute; morning fog, cool afternoon temps with partial sun, and one early morning, the refreshing rain! The Mendocino Coast Botanic Garden was beautiful as always, the local sea food most tasty, Mendocino was fun to traverse and of course, so scenic, and did I mention the cool weather? Even slipped in a game of that Airstream mainstay, Jokers, a game we do not play often enough to be competitive, but we can dish out the ragging when called upon so to do. We travelled home by way of the Petaluma Elks, which was not open, but there is a really good restaurant nearby that we enjoyed. It was a fun two weeks.

There is no rally in January – so no summary or registration information this month. Also, since October's rally was officially unhosted, there is no separate rally report, although Carmen summarized it in her message. A pot luck, nightly happy hours and a meet-up at the Brewery were the optional activities. Look for next year's rally offerings on pg. 3 that now includes volunteer hosts. Hosts are still needed for a few rallies, so don't be shy. Or volunteer to apprentice if you have not hosted before.

This is the last issue of the Poppy in 2024, there being no Poppy in December, and I would like to thank a few people who make the job possible. First is my intrepid proof reader Billie Verdegaal who takes the time on every issue to catch my mistakes and make it better. Next are the reliable contributors who, without fail, timely submit their information to me, notably Membership Chair Marget Williams, but

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# 2024 Rally Schedule

- ~~March 6 - 10~~  
~~Buellton Flying Flags Resort, Buellton Ca~~  
~~Hosts: Hurleys & Marsons~~  
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- ~~April 3 - 7~~  
~~Napa~~  
~~Hosts: Shackteford/Ogilvie & Fritz/Ames~~  
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- ~~April 18 - 21~~  
~~Cali Rally, V-6 Ranch~~  
~~Hosts: Region 12~~  
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- ~~May 8 - 12~~  
~~Vinnies Ranch, Wilton CA~~  
~~Hosts: Williams & Crutchfields~~  
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- ~~June 12-16~~  
~~Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, Ca~~  
~~Hosts: Hollifields & Scheuers~~  
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- ~~August 7 - 12~~  
~~Gosta Noa Resort, Pescadero Ca~~  
~~Counsellors: Salingers & Bartelts~~  
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- ~~September 4-8~~  
~~McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA (joint rally) Hosts:~~  
~~Ortiz, Goldsteins, Fitzgerald, Websters~~  
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- ~~September 11 - 15~~  
~~Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe~~  
~~Host: Region 12~~  
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- ~~October 5 - 10~~  
~~Sedalia, Missouri~~  
~~Host: Airstream Club International~~  
~~<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>~~  
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- ~~October 9 - 13~~  
~~Pomo RV Park, Fort Bragg, Ca~~  
~~unhosted~~  
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- November 6-10**  
Dumbarton Quarry Campground, Fremont CA  
Hosts: Bells & Minadeos  
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- December 4 - 8**  
49er Rv Resort, Plymouth Ca  
Hosts: Scheuers & Team Paz

### The Fine Print

New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure for planned rally, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration Jotform and payment to the Club Registrar. If a rally is full, there is a wait list. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled.

# Message from your Rally Chair

## 2024 Rally Wrap Up Giant “Thank You” to all of our 2024 Rally Hosts!

Greetings NorCal Airstreamer’s! What a fun and exciting year with so many interesting locations while we explored what Northern California has to offer! I would like to personally thank all of those who donated their time, talent and energy putting together amazing rallies throughout the 2024 rally year. From pig roasts in Buellton, Qigong and coffee cupping in Napa, live music and backing into a spot at Vinnie’s in Wilton, lumbermill tour and an extensive raffle in Quincy, Summer Camp with camp counselors complete with their whistles monitoring a tasty appetizer competition, biking, hiking or just enjoying the beautiful location in Costanoa, ham radio, fly fishing demo, wine tasting and campfires at McCloud’s Joint rally, Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden and hiking in Fort Bragg, Filoli and Fremont’s Niles District docent led Silent Film Museum and finally the Christmas



Rally with sugar and spice and everything nice from cookie exchanges, kitchen demonstrations, a Mexican dinner, a chili cookoff, karaoke, installation and of course not to be forgotten our annual silent auction and food drive. Wow, what a year! With that said, I truly hope that you had a chance to enjoy some of these eventful rallies.

What makes these rallies so remarkable are our amazing hosts, without them there would be no pig roast, Qigong, docent led silent film tours and such. It just makes our rallies so much MORE. Which brings me to our 2025 rally year, which looks like it’s going to be a great one! I’m looking for hosts. If you have not had an opportunity to host a rally, I’m telling you it’s so much fun and I will help guide you along the way. We have a Rally Planning guide which covers everything you need to know with hosting a rally. Please take a minute and look at our 2025 rally schedule and see if there’s a month that would work for you. You can go big or small, it doesn’t have to look like someone else’s rally. It’s good to have diversity and change it up, just volunteer and join in the fun. Remember, many hands make light work.

*Juliet Scheuer, Rally Chair*

## Tentative 2025 Rally Schedule

March 5-9	Paso Robles RV Rnch	Paso Robles	Doug Fritz, Debbie Ames & Tom & Amy Webster, apprentices Damien & Matteo Scaerou/Eydt
April 2-6	V-6 Ranch	Parkfield	Ed & Elisa Ungerman & Doug Fitzgerald & Jess Davvik ( <i>Dry Camping</i> )
May 7-11	Lassen RV Park	McCarthur	<b>HOSTS NEEDED</b>
June 4-8	Grass Valley RV Res.	Grass Valley	Gregg & Janet Motta & Bill & Kathy Maffei
Aug. 6-10	Schmooville	Fortuna	Brian & Juliet Scheuer, Pizza cooks: Tary & Janie Salinger
Aug. 23-28	International Rally	York, PA	Airstream Club International
Sept. 10-14	Clio RV Resort	Clio	Tary & Janie Salinger & Paul & Vicky Bartelt, CCs
Oct. 8-12	Tahoe Villy Cmpgrnd	S. Lake Tahoe	<b>HOSTS NEEDED</b>
Oct. 15-19	Bonelli Bluffs RV Park	San Dimas	Region 12
Nov. 5-9	Boulder Creek RV Park	Lone Pine	Bob & Carole Echols & Steve & Yoshi Deiwert, Apprentices Ken & Michele Dauber
Dec. 3-7	Black Oak Casino	Tuolumne	Damien & Matteo Scaerou/Eydt <b>CO-HOST NEEDED</b>

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## Editor Continued

also every rally host this year who did a write-up or a summary of their rally. It is probably the least likeable part of hosting but everyone did it on time, with a proverbial smile and for that I am grateful. Then we have the merry band of roving photographers who include: Marget Williams, Debi Ames, Bob Echols, the Salingers, Lori Bibby, and others who I can't remember or who send their photos anonymously. It has been expressed that everyone enjoys seeing the photos, so I try to use as many as possible, given space and time constraints, even if it is the most tedious part of the job. Thanks to all!

*Elisa Ungerman,  
Poppy Editor*

## Welcome New Affiliate Members

John Muff & Mary Jean  
Grass Valley, CA

Robert & Carol Lauderville  
Vacaville, CA 95687

Scott Patterson & Patty O'Keefe  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

## NorCal Membership Numbers

189 Unit/Life Memberships  
71 Affiliate Memberships  
 260 Total Memberships



### Airstream Club International on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

NorCal on the Web

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>

# New E-Bikes to Consider



The Vektron - folded and unfolded

Tern Electric Bikes unveiled their Limited Edition Airstream electric bikes last month at the International in Sedalia, Mo. While Tern has many models of E-bikes, (11 lines) the two it is touting as perfect for Airstreams are the HSD P51i and the Vektron S10, both utilizing Bosch motors and easily fold-up for carrying. They claim the compact Airstream e-bikes comfortably fit people from 4'-10" to 6'-5" "with power and range to spare." The HSD has a slightly bigger battery than the Vektron, and has a range of 32-76 miles while the Vektron's range is 34-68. It is also understandably heavier, able to support 396 pounds while the Vektra can support up to 275 lbs. Both the HSD and the Vektron can go a maximum of 20 mph. It appears the company was exclusively selling the Airstream bikes at the



The HSD

International, but you can purchase the unbranded version at a bike shop selling them.

To get the specs, go to the Tern website <https://www.ternbicycles.com/us> where you can find the same bikes albeit unbranded bikes and do a comparison on those and their other offerings. (Unbranded they are \$100 less) The website also lists the location of bike shops selling Tern Bikes, with many in the Bay Area, from Santa Rosa on down the coast to Carmel. Sorry, San Jose - no bike shops there carry Terns. The closest shop to Sacramento at this writing that carries Tern bikes is in Martinez.

Don't know anything about Tern? Click here: <https://discerningcyclist.com/tern-bikes-review/>

*Editor*

## December Rally Auction, Food Drive & More

This year's auction promises to be a winner! Janie Salinger has procured some excellent donations, you will not want to miss this! Our tentative plans include a silent auction Friday evening and a live auction on Friday or Saturday, depending upon the rally schedule. Don't forget to bring your "auctionable" items. Proceeds will go to the [Interfaith Food Bank Amador County](https://feedamador.org/) <https://feedamador.org/> In addition to the financial donation, we would like to host a food drive that culminates at the rally. The following is a list provided by them of items they seek:

- boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
- breakfast cereal
- canned chili, soups, stews, ravioli

- canned tuna, fruits, and vegetables
  - soups and sauces
  - infant formula and diapers
  - Rice
  - pet food
- ...and PAPER BAGS

This fantastic organization also runs a Thrift Shop. It would be wonderful if members would like to donate gently used or new household items and/or clothing which would also be collected at the rally.

Look for more details in a "rally blast" coming your way closer to the event.

*Cheers from your auction team:  
Janie Salinger, Chris Davison and  
Vicky Bartelt*



## Got Knives?

The Kitchen Store in Jackson will be at the December Rally on Wednesday Evening. One of the things they do is OUTSTANDING knife sharpening. I try to take all my knives to them every year or two - well worth the money as the sharpening lasts. And if you mention Airstream Group quietly, you will get a 10% discount.

You simply have to remember to pack your knives in your trailer so you can take them in. Also - be sure you bring them to the store asap as their knife sharpener does not work weekends.

*Editor*

# Message from your Outgoing Registrar

It's been a rewarding experience being your rally registrar for the past three years. However, it's time to pass the torch to someone else.

Three years ago I received a call from Gail Crutchfield asking me if I'd like to take over as registrar. She said, "You are perfect for it; you are detail oriented and would make a great registrar." It was the farthest thing from my mind at the time, but I said I would think about it.

I love helping where I can and volunteering is such a rewarding experience. But this would also be a serious commitment. Our club only exists because of people who are willing to give of their time and help the club. John, my husband, was president at the time, and I thought, Yes! I can do this. So I called Gail back and told her that I would give it a try.



Gail explained that I would receive information via paper coupons and/or the digital Jotform and then have to enter the information onto an Excel spreadsheet. She and Mike Minadeo worked together to create a spreadsheet specifically for each rally. I've done data entry and created a few very simple spreadsheets in the past but nothing with formulas in it. So as Mike helped Gail, John helped me by creating a spreadsheet specific to each rally. I could not have done this job without his help.

In addition to taking each member's registration information and entering it onto the spreadsheet, I would personally respond to each registrant, advising that I had received their registration and they were enrolled in the rally, or that they were on the dreaded waitlist. My...how things have changed. When I first started, I would receive registration requests over a period of days or weeks. Now, a rally can fill up in a matter of 12 minutes. YIKES! There are no more paper coupons; registration is all online via Jotform, which is helpful in keeping track of who registers when, but makes the spreadsheets and formulas more complicated. Plus, while all rally goers used to register solely through me since the Club held a block of reserved sites that were "resold" to members,

we have started rallying at parks that demand individual park registrations first, requiring us to adapt yet again. But we managed to figure it all out and make it workable for us and you.

This position was/is such a great way to get to know you all a little bit more personally, and probably the most rewarding part of the job. If you were on the waitlist, I'd let you know that you would have a great chance to get into a rally, as people are always cancelling. I'd say "good luck, I hope you make it to the rally." Unfortunately, that "luck" would require another call from someone else with sad news. Some of you had truck issues, health issues, accidents from falls, cancer, deaths in the family, graduations and simply "oopsies" (is that a word?), or another engagement on your calendar that you overlooked or you didn't know about because you forgot to check in with your spouse!

Additionally I made many emails and calls to verify your Jotform choices. Fun fact - the most commonly made mistake has been in choosing the wrong nights you wish to attend. If you are leaving on Sunday, do not check Sunday! If you check Sunday that means you are leaving on MONDAY! (Yes, I know this is different than most online RV reservation systems which ask the day you are leaving, NOT what days you are attending.) The second most commonly made mistake is when writing out your check. Make it out to WBCCI/NORCAL. Or better yet, pay by Zelle.

I still plan on making my pot holders for the hosts. I might start making zippered pouches as I think everyone has enough pot holders by now! And I still plan on making a blanket to raffle off to the hosts at the Installation rally in December.

I'm confident your new registrar, Victoria Bartelt will do a fantastic job in 2025. Over the past three years the rally spreadsheets spreadsheets have gotten very very complicated. Vicky is a whiz at spreadsheets and she is very detail oriented. Vicky and her husband, Paul, have hosted a few rallies and she knows the in's and out's of how rallies work, which will also be a big help to her. Vicky still works, so she's going to have to juggle her day job with this volunteer job. A big Thank you to Vicky for being willing to be our next registrar. She'll do a great job!

Thank you all for making my last 3 years so rewarding. See you at the December Rally.

*Lori Bibby*



- November Birthdays**
- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 15 John Diamond     | 17 Yoshiko Dewier   |
| 3 Pamela Lindsay    | 17 Gus Shubel       |
| 7 Margie Glasses    | 19 Carole Echols    |
| 7 Grover Sandy      | 20 Janet Margolis   |
| 7 Jane Wright       | 21 Lynn Foster      |
| 10 Ken Bechtold     | 22 Gail Crutchfield |
| 11 Karen Richardson | 28 John Roll        |
| 14 Gordon Krauter   |                     |



- December Birthdays**
- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 20 Susan Boeschen | 21 Judy Bechthold    |
| 3 Linda Riggs     | 24 Criss Gales       |
| 7 Angela Udovich  | 26 Tom Broad         |
| 8 Steve Dewiart   | 27 Billie Verdegaaal |
| 11 Linda Sickler  | 27 Don Weaver        |
| 12 Amy Levin      | 30 Gregg Ayer        |
| 13 Kent Schroeder | 31 Richard Kleiman   |
| 16 Matt Kurzrock  |                      |
| 18 Fredric Sloan  |                      |



- November Anniversaries**
- |                            |
|----------------------------|
| 26 Gregg/Janet Motta       |
| 5 Paul/Rosalie McKay       |
| 27 Ray/Carrie Bell         |
| 7 Ralph/Margaret Drew      |
| 29 Phil/Margie Glacé       |
| 10 Scott & Patience Beck   |
| 30 Paul & Vicky Bartlett   |
| 10 Dianne & Mike O'Donnell |
| 10 Rick/Margaret Sharp     |
| 16 Jim/Deborah Christie    |
| 18 Brett/Annette Mickelson |
| 20 Dave/Marget Williams    |
| 22 Mike & Phyllis Minadeo  |



- December Anniversaries**
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|---------------------------------|
| 6 Jim/Lynn Geach                |
| 17 Gordon & Polly Krauter       |
| 20 Larry/Linda Ackerman         |
| 25 Jim/Lynn Foster              |
| 31 Shirley Bollinger/John Lopez |

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Affiliates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an email with your Name (First and Last) and your

Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only). [norcalmembership@comcast.net](mailto:norcalmembership@comcast.net). We have noted that many attending rallies claim birthdays or anniversaries but are not on the list - so call or email Marget to check if you are!

# So What Do You Do at a Rally Anyway?

“So what do you do at a rally, anyway?” I was informed by our outgoing registrar Lori Bibby that this was a typical question by new members/first time rally goers. Having been with the Club for several years and to several rallies, I was initially taken aback by the question. I remembered back to our first rally at the KOA in Santa Cruz in April of 2017, and that I never questioned what one did as I assumed that you camped and met other Airstreamers, which is what I was interested in doing. It was our maiden voyage in our new- to-us 23-footer and I was a sponge for other people’s information. Once



we went to our first rally, I found out what one did at a rally (including spending time cleaning up the entire trailer after a bottle of Merlot that broke when it slid out of our oven while travelling), and there was no looking back. We were part of a Community.

But I had to agree that if simply meeting other Airstreamers was not a priority, then of course you very well may ask that question. So I thought an answer might be helpful.

First, please know that each rally is different, depending on the location and the hosts. However, the purpose is always the same: to provide a fun and/or relaxing time Wednesday to Sunday (or longer) for Club Members at a select location. Despite some beliefs to the contrary, there is no requirement to attend or do anything, or be social for that matter; the choice of what to do is up to you, although if you are anti-social, a group rally may not be for you.

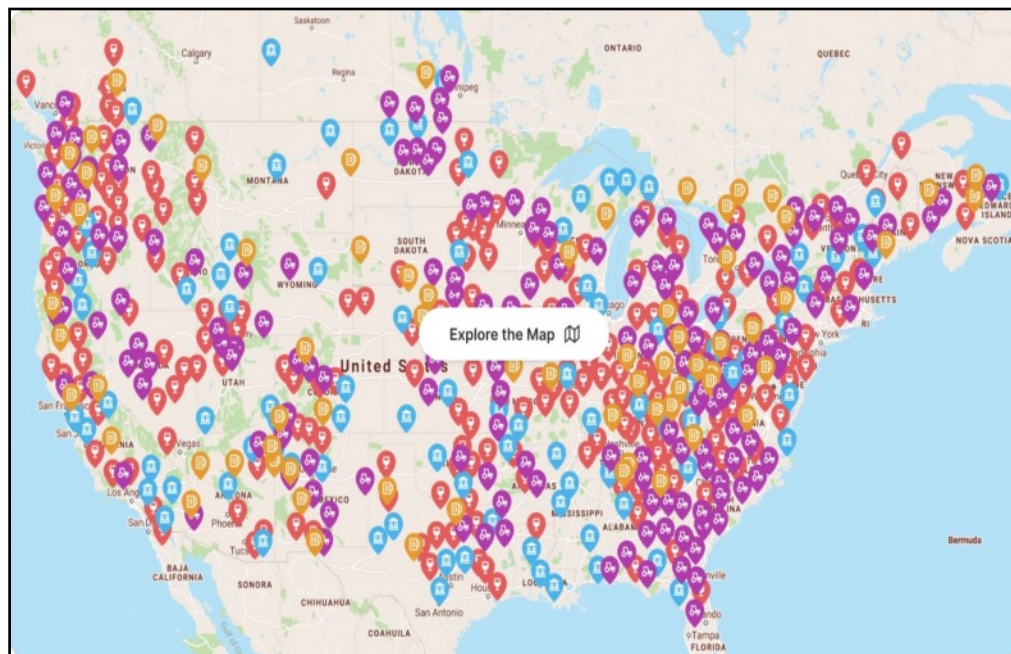
Beyond that, there are some common threads in Norcal rallies: (1) there are usually nightly “happy hours” where Club Members assemble and enjoy their BYO beverage of choice and potluck appetizers made by various members while mingling and sharing stories with each other. This is where announcements if any are made, introductions of new members, celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries, etc.; (2) there are typically one or two catered or prepared group meals that are prepaid through the registration process; and (3) there can be various activities with the logistics preplanned by the hosts. These have included group wine, cider, and coffee tastings, gold panning seminars, tours to local sites and museums, theatre outings, concerts, tech talks, cooking demonstrations, Manhattan tastings, campfires, games, contests, group hikes or bike rides; in short whatever the hosts think up or decide to offer that may be of interest to members. Having said that, some rallies have no preplanned activities since the locale lends itself to just exploring on your own. These activities or lack thereof are usually announced in the Rally Summary that accompanies the Rally Registration information printed in this newsletter, generally in the issue two months in advance of the rally. Take some time and peruse the back issues of the Poppy for past rally reports and photos of prior rallies. These will tell you and show you exactly what happened and what people did at any particular rally.

In the end, it is hoped you invest a bit of time and of yourself in the process of connecting with the Airstream Community, meeting new friends and having new experiences that you otherwise might not have had, making the trip worthwhile. Once you do, you will no longer be asking the question about what one does at a rally, but enjoying them.

*Editor*

Don't forget: Airstream Courtesy Parking is now powered by Harvest Hosts - accessible via App or through the Airstream Club website. Click on <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/how-to-use-aci-courtesy-parking-powered-by-harvest-hosts-hosts-and-members-edition/> for complete instructions on how to access.

If interested in joining the broader community of Harvest Host, there are membership discounts available. Click on membership benefits in the top ribbon on the Airstream Club website to obtain information.





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## Reports From Members:

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“Trisha and I were camping up at Angels Camp this weekend. On Friday night, the Aurora Borealis was reaching far into the southern sky’s of California.

Thought I’d share an image from that night. Not sure if you have a way to share with the club.

See you in December!”  
Dwain (BRN- 10519)

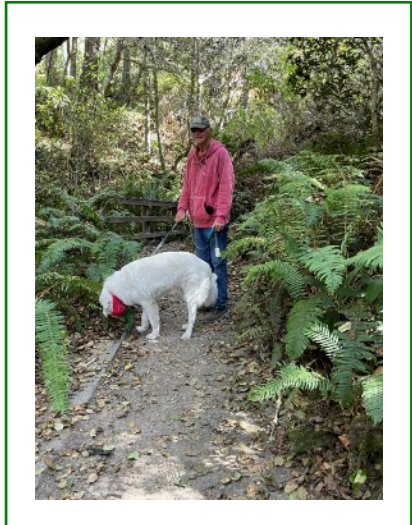
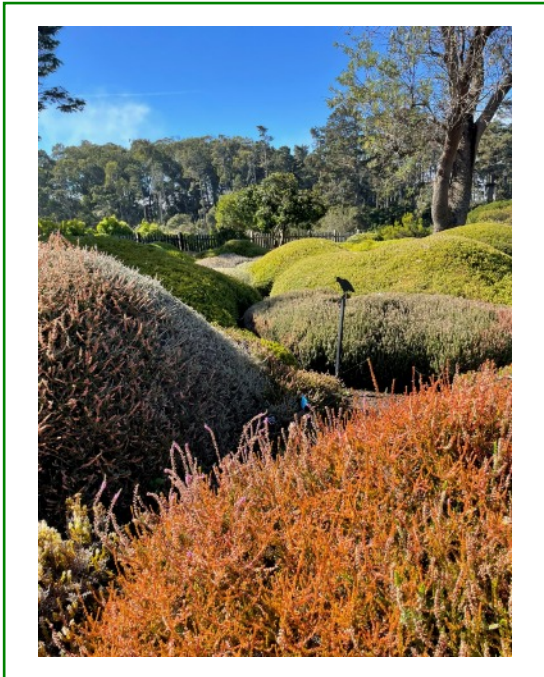
*Ed note: Oh but there is  
Dwain!*



Bob and Billie Verdegaal reported that on their cross-country trip to visit their daughter in Washington D.C., they encountered Buc-ees in Tennessee and, after the article in last month’s Poppy, had to experience the store for themselves. They too were amazed by the size of the place and the “crazy crowds” in the store(s.) They visited two as they travelled across the state, snagging dinner in one and breakfast in the other. (Note: Do you see the crowded parking lot? Typical.) No photos with Buc-ee though.

# Scenes of Fort Bragg Area

(1) Rally-attendees at North Coast Brewery;(2) Dennis & Sandra Weber, their '47 Airstream and Woody car; Rest: Mendocino Coast Botanic Gardens



# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			<b>Dumbarton Rally</b>			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			<b>Christmas Rally 49er</b>			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						
29	30	31				
						

Members: You can obtain your own colorful NorCal Membership Badge to replace your dull WBCCI badge after you have attended three Norcal Rallies. After you have been "degreened," you will receive your badge, along with a five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact NorCal's Membership Chair or Rally Registrar to get yours for no cost to you when you are eligible. Affiliates are eligible to purchase badges after their third NorCal Rally.



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