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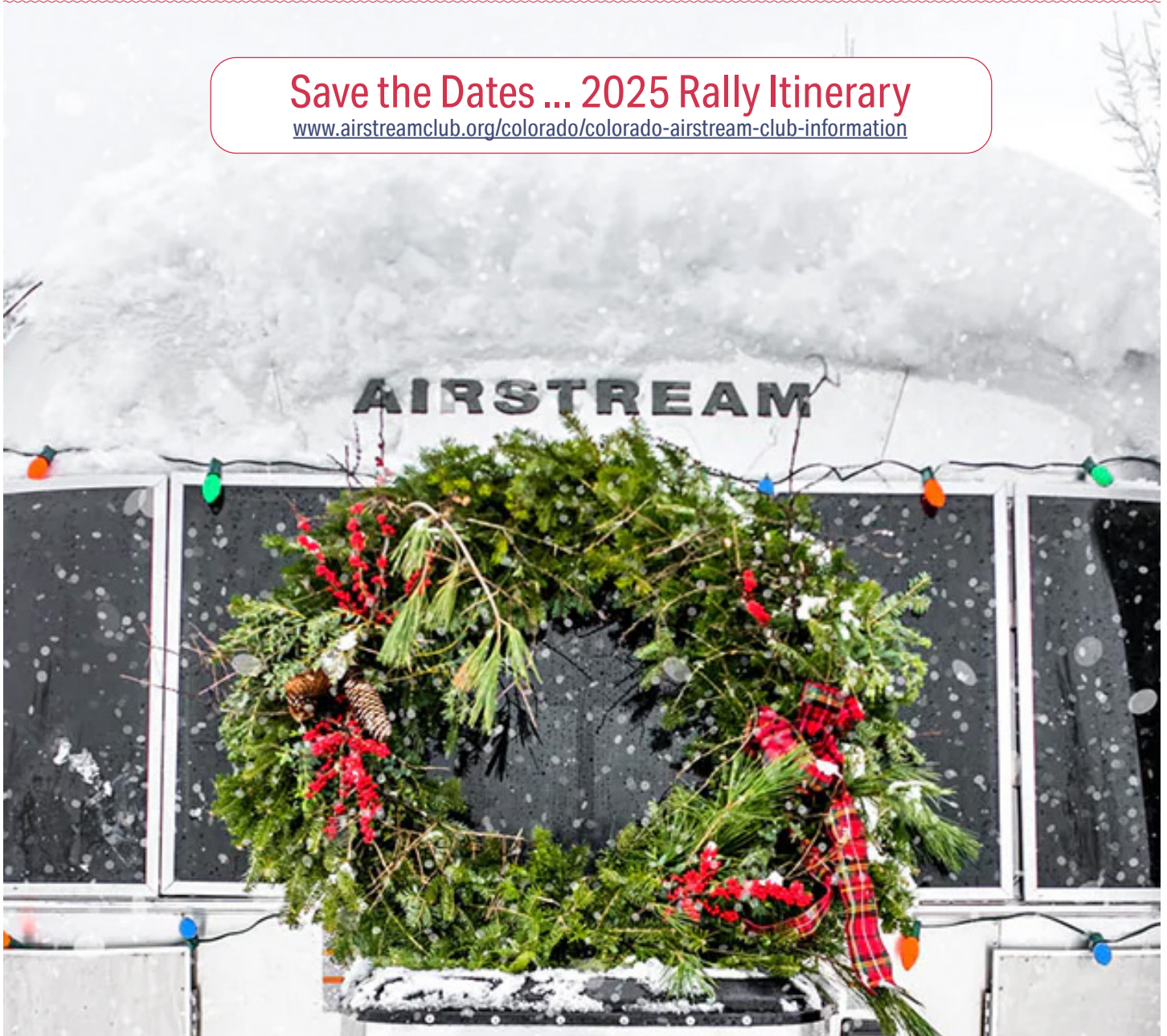
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## Want to rally some more this winter?

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[www.airstream.com/academy](http://www.airstream.com/academy)



## Welcome New Members!

Karen Musser BRN 7224

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Dawn & Scott Zack BRN 20584

## Online Connections



Visit the **CAC EVENTS PAGE**  
[www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information](http://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](mailto:events@coloradoac.org)

## Where would you like to go? Suggest an event!

[www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/suggest-cac-event](http://www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/suggest-cac-event)

## Is the CAC rally you wanted full?

Check out the many surrounding events in Region 11.  
[www.airstreamclub.org/region-11/region-11-events](http://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>

Request to Join CAC Facebook!

[www.facebook.com/groups/colorado.wbcc](http://www.facebook.com/groups/colorado.wbcc)

*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](http://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**



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## President's Message

*By Jeff Cross*

### Looking Ahead to 2025

It has been a remarkable and industrious off-season for our club. While others might have considered it a time of rest, the groundwork for the 2025 camping season began as early as August of 2024. Thanks to the dedication and vision of our board, as well as the tireless efforts of our camping hosts, we have made tremendous progress. Let me take a moment to shine a spotlight on those who truly deserve our gratitude – our hosts, both seasoned and new. This year, we welcome eight fresh hosts who have stepped up to bring us innovative ideas and exciting new rally destinations.

As you review the lineup of rallies for the upcoming year, you'll notice a wonderful blend of the familiar and the novel. From cherished destinations such as Great Sand Dunes National Park, Steamboat, and Meeker, to thrilling new ventures like the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival, Fort Robinson, Dubois, Wyoming, and Monument Valley, there is something for everyone.

Of particular note is a historic first for our club: an 18-night caravan through Utah. This unparalleled journey promises adventure, camaraderie, and memories that will last a lifetime. We hope these thoughtfully curated events provide every member with an opportunity to join in the joy of exploration. We understand the importance of planning, which is why registrations have opened early. If your desired rally is full, I urge you to use the waitlist – experience tells us that spots often open up, making dreams of participation a reality.

This year, we've also addressed a long-standing request from our members: club merchandise. Thanks to the initiative of Janet Nummi, who identified three excellent vendors, you can now order Colorado Airstream Club swag with ease. From apparel to accessories, it's never been simpler to represent your membership in this great community – delivered straight to your doorstep.

Finally, let me express my heartfelt thanks to Rich Howarth, Steve Libhart, and Carolyn Beardshear for their vision and hard work throughout 2024. Their efforts have laid a strong foundation for what promises to be a truly memorable 2025.

Together, we forge ahead, united in our love for adventure and the spirit of the open road.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you out there under the stars.

Sincerely, Jeff



## 2025 Colorado Airstream Club Rallies ... Save the Dates

Please be aware that the registration dates are subject to change. You will be notified by email two weeks prior to the registration opening of each rally. Each rally opening date falls on a Saturday at 9am. Some rallies fill within minutes, in which case we strongly encourage you to sign up for the waiting list. Rally info is online at [www.airstreamclub.org/colorado](http://www.airstreamclub.org/colorado).

### January 25 Luncheon

Rock Bottom Brewery  
9627 E. County Lane Road  
Centennial, CO  
Host: John Eisemann

Registration opens: November 16, 2024

The cost of \$40/person will include vegetarian and non-vegetarian food from the locally famous Rock Bottom Brewery menu, non-alcoholic beverages (beer or spirits will be available for purchase), an overview of rallies scheduled or proposed for 2025, how to register or cancel registration for rallies and/or other events, CAC refund policies and procedures, and other events in the new online registration system and a brewery tour. We hope that southern Colorado CAC members that were unable to make the trek to Fort Collins for the 2024 Holiday Luncheon will be able to join us for this post-holiday event and preview of the exciting 2025 rally season!

### February 15 Airstream of Colorado Luncheon

Airstream of Colorado Facility  
6045 Lipan Street, Denver, CO  
Host: Rich Howarth

Registration opens: December 21, 2024

With a legacy going back over 60 years, Airstream of Colorado's new facility, opened November 2023, continues to strive for a 5-rivet experience for every customer. Airstream of Colorado welcomes our club for a casual lunch during which they will share their goals and ongoing vision of excellent customer relationship. We will have the opportunity to get inside some of the latest models to come out of Jackson Center. Whether you had the chance to visit the facility at last winter's lunch or not, this is a wonderful opportunity to familiarize yourself with our local Airstream resource.

### March 15 Luncheon

Collision Brewery  
1436 Skyway Drive  
Longmont, CO  
Hosts: Linda & James Schisler  
Registration opens: February 1

Our last lunch of the winter season is a great time to connect with friends and lay down summer camping plans. The Collision Brewery provides a warm and inviting atmosphere for a lovely afternoon full of good food and great cheer.

### May 15-18 Maintenance & New Member Rally

Jellystone Park, Larkspur, CO  
Hosts: Karen & Jeff Cross,  
Co-Host: Ursula Hermacinski  
Registration opens: January 11  
Considered the official start of the Colorado Airstream Club 2025 rally season, the Maintenance Rally is a must-attend event. Once again this year at Jellystone Park just off I-25 in Larkspur, the campground offers spacious full hook-up campsites along with tremendous amenities. You'll meet new friends and hang out with old. The schedule is jammed packed with informative lectures, and the cumulative experience of club members, all generous with their knowledge, should provide answers to any of your Airstreaming questions. We squeeze a lot into the two full days! This rally is all about fun and camaraderie. We've got a continental breakfast for you each morning, and a group Mexican dinner fiesta on Saturday night. And if you haven't yet experienced the Barstream, you need to come to check it out. This is truly the best way to start your summer camping adventures.



### June 5-9 Sand Dunes National Park Rally

Mosca, CO  
Host: Jim Stahl  
Co-Host: Steve Libhart

Registration opens: February 15

Discover Great Sand Dunes National Park and surrounding mountains near the park. We will enjoy riding the Cumbres Toltec Historic Railway. Hike a trail up to Zapata Falls walking in the stream the last few steps to the falls. We will have 2 meals together, a dinner and a breakfast. If weather allows an outdoor movie with all the popcorn you can eat. A rally full of fun and relaxation.

### June 16-20 Steamboat Springs Rally

Steamboat Springs, CO  
Hosts: Shirley & Ross Chessman  
Co-Hosts: Valerie & Kirk McVay  
Registration opens: March 15

The Steamboat Rally has become a popular annual event. For 2025, we have reserved almost all the sites on the "island" for our club (25 of 26), which will make our social gatherings very easy! The Steamboat KOA provides full hookups. Activities may include kayaking, paddle boarding, a fun 9 hole golf tournament, hiking, biking, pickleball, Strawberry Park Hot Springs, Yoga in the Park along with the many other things to see and do in the Steamboat area.

### June 25-29 Fort Robinson State Park Nebraska Rally

Crawford, NE  
Hosts: Vicki Whipple-Mueller & Craig Mueller  
Co-Hosts: Rich & Carol Johnson  
Registration opens: March 1

Stunning Fort Robinson State Park comprises more than 22,000 acres of exquisite Pine Ridge scenery, compelling Old West history, scenic camping and the park's own bison and Longhorn herds. Fort Robinson was operating as a military fort from the early days of the old west until after WWII. Many historical events occurred at the Fort, including the tragic Cheyenne Breakout in 1879 and the death of the famous Sioux Chief, Crazy Horse. Over the years, the Fort served as Red Cloud Indian agency, Calvary remount station, K-9



training center and a POW camp. It became a State Park in 1962. Camping will be in the full hook up Red Cloud campground. Scheduled group events will include: Steak dinner cookout, A play at Post Playhouse repertory theater, Bike ride to nearby town of Crawford for ice cream. Other activity possibilities include: Jeep rides, horseback riding, many hiking trails, golf, and historical tours.

### **July 10-13 Westcliffe Bluegrass Festival Rally**

Westcliffe, CO

Hosts: Karen Vance & John Ashton

**Registration opens: February 22**

Westcliffe enjoys a vista view of the Sangre de Cristos and boasts hundreds of trail miles for hiking and biking. This dry camp rally is during the annual High Mountain Hay Fever Bluegrass Festival. Organized by a member of the Bluegrass Hall of Fame, HMHF draws over 1,000 toe-tappers and pickers each year with this spectacular backdrop. Music lover or not, this is a very popular rally.

### **July 18-22 Crested Butte Wildflower Festival Rally**

Gunnison, CO

Hosts: Janet & Richard Nummi

Co-Hosts: Stacey & Winston Schultz

**Registration opens: March 29**

Let's gather at the wildflower capital of Colorado during the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival for festival activities, mountain hikes, whitewater rafting, exploring Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, and more! Limited spots available, so sign up quickly and register early for festival events of interest.

The Crested Butte Wildflower Festival is an annual 10-day festival offering over 200 workshops in wildflower expertise each July – painting, pollination, photography, culinary arts, and guided hikes. Festival events sell out well before July, so register well in advance.

[www.crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.org](http://www.crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.org)

Registration for festival activities opens to the public in April 2025 (date TBD). The 2025 Festival Program Guide will be released around February 2025 (date TBD).

### **July 23-27 Region 11 Granby Rally**

Granby, CO

Host: John Holly

**Registration: see the website for more info**

[www.airstreamclub.org/region-11-rally-2025-detail-page](http://www.airstreamclub.org/region-11-rally-2025-detail-page)

Granby has it all - hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, shops, museums, restaurants. This rally is open to all members of the International Airstream Club's Region 11 and is a wonderful opportunity to meet even more Airstreamers. Follow this link about to book your own campsite and start your Granby adventure.

### **July 29-August 2 Salida Adventure Rally**

Salida, CO

Hosts: Mary Lou & Tim Carter

Co-Host: Jim Doering

**Registration opens: April 26**

Come join us in Salida Colorado where life is worth rallying. Spend 5 memorable days meeting new and/or old friends while exploring local outdoor activities of your choosing that may include white water rafting, fishing a few steps away from your campsite, hiking, biking, hot springs, and exploring the town of Salida (approx. 5,000 population). Also nearby is Buena Vista (34 min away), The Great Sand Dunes National Park (1 1/2hr away). It's all available and more in Salida, Colorado.

### **August 7-10 Estes Park Rally**

Estes Park, CO

Hosts: Janet & Richard Nummi, Jeff Cross

**Registration opens: May 3**

Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park offer an unforgettable experience of natural beauty and adventure. Nestled in the mountains, Estes Park serves as the gateway to the awe-inspiring landscapes of Rocky Mountain National Park, where snow-capped peaks, dense forests, and alpine lakes await. The town itself is charming, with cozy shops,

local eateries, and breathtaking views around every corner. Once inside the park, visitors can enjoy a variety of activities, from scenic drives along Trail Ridge Road, which takes you to over 12,000 feet in elevation, to hiking trails that weave through vibrant wildflower meadows, peaceful lakes, and towering peaks. Wildlife spotting is a thrill, with elk, bighorn sheep, and moose often visible along trails and meadows.

### **August 13-17 Telluride Mushroom Festival**

Ridgeway, CO

Host: Carolyn Beardshear

**Registration opens: January 18**

We'll be parking in the iconic "Wagon Wheel" at the Ouray County Ranch History Museum in Ridgeway. The rally activities are in conjunction with the Telluride Mushroom Festival, but will include jeeping, hiking, scenic drives, an Airstream open house for the public, and everything you ever wanted to know about those marvelous mushrooms. This is a dry camping rally with no hookups and spectacular views of the majestic San Juans.

[www.tellurideinstitute.org/telluride-mushroom-festival](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org/telluride-mushroom-festival)

### **August 18-21 Palisade Rally**

Palisade, CO

Hosts: Michelle & Ken Christensen

Co-Hosts: Pam & John Webber

**Registration opens: January 18**

Join us in the heart of Colorado's Wine Country at the peak of the Palisade peach season. Get ready to taste the wines at your choice of 30+ wineries in the Grand Valley AVA, trek with an Alpaca, kayak the Colorado River, bike through the vineyards and orchards, pick/purchase a lug of peaches, golf, or just relax and take-in the spectacular views. More information on area activities will be available at registration. Consider adding the Mushroom Festival Rally immediately preceding the Palisade Peach Rally to complete your Western Slope adventure.





## Mid-August Opportunity Consider organizing CAC Caravan to the International Rally

Consider taking on the role of planning out a caravan of your fellow CAC members to travel together to the International Rally in York, PA. Pick your distances, find campgrounds, and let each trailer make their own reservations. We will take care of getting the word out to anyone who wishes to join. It's a fantastic way to get the party started, and most importantly, assures that you are parked with your fellow CAC members AT THE RALLY.

## August 23-28 68th ACI International Rally

York, PA

"The epic event where Airstream owners rally together to celebrate a shared passion for adventure, exploration and the iconic Airstream lifestyle."

[www.airstreamclub.org/rally2025](http://www.airstreamclub.org/rally2025)

## September 3-7 Meeker Sheepdog Trials Rally

Meeker, CO

Host: Steve Libhart

Registration opens: April 5

Join us in the beautiful town of Meeker for the Meeker Classic Sheep Dog Trials. The Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials offers five days of sheepdog herding competition for a purse and added money totaling \$27,000. The Meeker Classic intertwines sheepdog trials, education, culture and history into a week-long showcase of sportsmanship, volunteerism and friendship. Even more so significant is the true sense of community it elicits for all those involved.

## September 13-18 Dubois/Yellowstone Rally

Dubois, WY

Hosts: Dimmie & Greg Ziegler

Registration opens: April 26

Why Dubois? Because this authentic small western town sits on the scenic Wind River, and between the spectacular Wind River Range (including Wyoming's highest peak) and the fascinating red rock Bad Lands. But that is just the beginning. Dubois is a gateway to the Yellowstone Ecosystem. We will explore Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Activities will include optional river rafting on the Snake River, optional horseback rides, naturalist led hikes, shopping in Jackson, museums and a ranch dinner. The CAC Dubois/ Yellowstone event is dedicated to the memory of Grizzly Bear 399 – The Queen of the Tetons.

## September 19-October 7 Utah Loop Caravan

Various campgrounds

Depart and return Grand Junction, CO

Hosts: Beverly & Larry Granrud

Registration opens: January 18

Do you have a few weeks this fall to get away with your airstream and explore Utah? If so, consider the "Utah Loop Caravan" beginning September 19th through October 7th (18 nights). This is the first Colorado Airstream Club caravan and will be the ultimate Airstream western adventure.

The Utah Loop Caravan begins and ends in Grand Junction, Colorado. This caravan will take 15 Airstreams beyond Grand Junction to Natural Bridges National Monument, through Utah's Bicentennial Highway to Capitol Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Lake Powell, Antelope Canyon, and Monument Valley. We'll have 2 nights of dry camping, the remaining nights will all have full hookups.

## September 23-27 Creede Wagon Wheel Rally

Creede, CO

Host: Mike Carmichael

Registration opens: May 24

The Creede Rally takes place on the spectacular 165-acre Dabney Ranch, owned by CAC members Michael and Becki Carmichael. Always a favorite, this event fills very quickly due to the location, fall colors, Wagon Wheel formation and traditional cast iron cooking. It's dry camping, with a small cabin and kitchen on site.

## October 6-10 Monument Valley

Monument Valley, UT

Hosts: Harald & Rachel Gomez

Co-Hosts: Mary Staby & Miles Porter

Registration opens: May 31

The Monument Valley Rally takes place at the iconic breathtaking Navajo Nation Tribal Park. This is a photographer's, painter's and stargazer's delight. An easy day hike along Wildcat trail plus a day tour to Upper Antelope canyon and Horseshoe Bend in Page, AZ, and a guided tour into the Valley with a native tour guide are planned. A welcome dinner at the Stagecoach Cafe and a final dinner at the View restaurant are planned. John Wayne's cabin and trading post museum are nearby. On the way to Monument Valley there is a very scenic road, about 15 miles round trip, which is called Valley of the Gods, and 35 miles from Monument Valley, well worth the visit.

## October 13-17 Moab Rally

Moab, UT

Hosts: Dana Capozzella & Rob Utter

Co-Hosts: Tracy & Rob Capozzella

Registration: May 31

Moab is stunning. The mighty Colorado river cuts through spectacular red rock formations. People come from all over the world to hike, bike, float and recreate in Moab's unique location. October is the perfect month to spend time amidst Mother Nature's splendors. The temperatures are near perfect – "sunny and seventy" – and the crowds are gone. Between visits to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks you will experience a variety of outdoor recreation possibilities. If you are in the end-of-the-season mode, take an afternoon to stroll Moab's Main Street, or bring a chair and find a space in the silent red rocks and just sit.





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CAC SWAG

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