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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

Where would you like to go? Suggest an event!
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

Do you need to **cancel a registration** for a rally?
Fill out the cancellation form.
<https://form.jotform.com/242958543155161>

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.

Welcome New Members!

Jim and Carre Warmer 08951
Harry and Phyllis Strozier 11344
Paul and Andrea McClung 07431
Dale Sanders and Mary Christensen 19630
Michael and Britti Chick 07477
Bob and Sue Moss 00342
Tom Bagli 07508
Mark Sharp 07163
John Schneider
Lauren Garner 30436
Ed & Kim Hash 05977
Denise & Chris White 13432
Willow Murphy 07113
Polly Pulver



Want to rally some more this winter?

Check out Airstream International Rallies at
www.airstreamclub.org/events

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.

Slack is a cloud-based messaging app that helps CAC members communicate during rallies and share tips. Sign up today!

Airstream Club International
www.airstream.com/academy





2025 Elected Officers

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www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorful-news-issues

President's Message

By Jeff Cross

Welcome to 2025

This year will be a busy one for the Colorado Airstream Club with a significant number of rallies throughout our region. I was fortunate to start the year at the Rose Bowl Parade International Rally in Pasadena where I met a number of people who have attended our rallies and their number one comment was they thought they were the best. And the reason they enjoyed them so much was our welcoming attitude and willingness to embrace new members and treat them as long-lost friends.

During the late fall and early winter, the leadership has had a number of conversations related to our rallies and our activities. You will see some changes as you sign up for rallies this year. The most important one is that you will see fewer "bundled" items in the rally sign up process.

In years past we have included breakfasts, dinners, potlucks and additional activities as part of the price for being part of the rally. There have been concerns that people are essentially being charged for things that they don't participate in or are not interested in.

Some of those activities will be broken out now for you to choose. Although, I encourage everyone to sign up for these additional breakfasts, dinners, or other activities. Our hosts are committed to making sure we accommodate dietary restrictions or other limits you may have. All we ask is that you indicate that on the registration form.

The other change we have made is for those included activities at a rally is that we will be charging per person. After looking at attendance of rallies over the last couple of years we found that nearly 10% of attendees come as single travelers. So, asking those people to pay for a happy hour or other activity where we assumed two people isn't consistent with our efforts to only pay for what you receive.

I look forward to the start of our camping season in May. Enjoy the journey and I hope to see you soon. 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 <https://airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information>.

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: Lisa & Larry Wilson

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

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

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-Hosts: Jim Doering, Rachel & Harald Gomez

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.

10th Annual Estes Park Wine Festival

Sat.-Sun., August 9-10, 2025

www.estesparkwinefestival.com

Purchase tickets online at

www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-estes-park-wine-festival-tickets-1098228594289?aff=oddtcreator

August 13-17 Ranch History Rally

Ridgeway, CO

Host: Carolyn Beardshear

Registration opens: January 18

We are dry camping on the grounds of the Ouray County Ranch History Museum in historic Ridgeway, at the foot of the San Juan Sneffels Range. The rally focus is on the old West in historic Ridgeway, but there will also be plenty of opportunities for jeeping, hot springs, good food, hiking, photography, True Grit and geology tours, and scenic drives in the area. This rally coincides with the Telluride Mushroom Festival, which features workshops, forays, lectures, culinary events, and celebrations centered around mushrooms and fungi culture. 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

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.

RALLY SIGN-UP TIP... if you're on the computer, with the CAC rally sign-up page open – when the time comes, the system won't let you sign in/sign up. The sign-up page needs to be **REFRESHED** after the open time for you to get in.



September 13-19 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

Hosts: Rob & Brenda Hughey

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.

Utah Loop Caravan

By Larry Granrud

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Day 1 - Check-in at Grand Junction, Colorado - Full hook-ups (5 hours from Ft. Collins)

- Welcome and Introduction to the Utah Loop Caravan
- Enjoy the riverside
- Walk/ride up the Colorado River trail to Edgewater Brewery or further into Downtown for a beverage/dinner

Day 2/3 - Explore Grand Junction Area

Suggestions:

- Bike the Colorado River Trail
- Wine tasting in the Grand Valley
- Tour/Hike Colorado National Monument
- Tour/Hike the Grand Mesa (fall colors)

- Golf Redlands Mesa or Devils Thumb
- Downtown restaurants and pubs

Day 4 - Travel to Monticello, UT - No hook-ups (3 hour drive)

Day 5 - Explore Natural Bridges National Monument area

Suggestions:

- Hikes to various natural bridges, or drive to bridge overlooks
- Mountain biking trails from the campground

Day 6 - Travel to Torrey, UT - Full hook-ups, (3.5 hour drive)

- Enjoy Utah Hwy 95 the Bicentennial Byway, one of the most beautiful drives in the US

Day 7/8 - Explore Capital Reef NP area

Suggestions:

- Scenic highway (new pavement this year)
- Hikes within the park
- Dinner at the Hunter Gatherer restaurant

Day 9 - Travel to Bryce City, UT - Full hook-ups, (2.5 hour drive)

Day 10/11 - Explore Bryce Canyon Area

Suggestions:

- Drive the scenic road to all the overlooks
- Bike on the new bike path from the CG to Inspiration Point in the park
- Bike on bike path from the CG to Bryce Canyon.
- Pines Restaurant for breakfast
- Try out some of the hikes in the park

Day 12 -

Travel to Page, AZ - Full hook-ups, (2.5 hour drive)

Day 13/14 -

Explore Page, AZ area

Suggestions:

- Antelope Canyon - All tours are by guide only. The Upper canyon is more expensive and requires a tour bus/truck ride to site
- The Lower canyon is walking distance from the tour office
- Horseshoe bend - City of Page, (AZ charges a fee to park and view the bend Boat rentals/tours on Lake Powell)

Day 15 - Travel to Monument Valley - Full hook-ups, (2.5 hour drive)

Day 16/17 - Explore Monument Valley

Suggestions:

- Guided tours
- Self-guided tours/hikes

Day 18 - Travel to Grand Junction - Full hook-ups (4.5 hour drive)

- Extra nights should be available if you want more rest before heading home

Day 19 - Goodbye and travel home

For more info, contact Larry at larry.granrud@gmail.com.



Larry & Beverly Granrud



Natural Bridges National Monument



Utah Highway 95 - Bicentennial Byway



Capitol Reef National Park



Monument Valley



Antelope Canyon (Can you see the seahorse?)



Bryce Canyon National Park



2025 National Rally Events

February 20-23 | **Streamin' on the Strand**
 2100 Strand Galveston, Galveston, Texas
 Bruce and Marya Barefoot, Host
 mombarefoot@gmail.com

April 24-29 | **Stitchin' and Fishin**
 Hillsboro Texas
 Anna Brandon, region9wbcci@gmail.com

April 27 - May 4, 2025 | **Wine Quest 2025**
 Lodi & Paso Robles, CA
 Wine Adventure in Central & Coastal California
 Co-Hosts: Ray Barger & Jeff Pincus
 Questions: aciwinequest@gmail.com

July 4-11, 2025 | **Silver on the Seas**
 Seattle, WA
 Alaskan Cruise departing from and returning to Seattle, WA.
 Hosts: Jason & Andrea Grendahl
 Questions: Jason Grendahl.jasongrendahl@gmail.com

July 5-10, 2025 | **Calgary Stampede**
 Calgary, Alberta CA
 Hosts: Mary Culshaw or Susan Huntley
 Questions: airstreamclub120@gmail.com

August 4 - 9, 2025 | **Old Fiddler's Convention**
 Host: Christina Baum
 Questions: baumic@gmail.com

September 9 - 14, 2025 | **Pendleton Round-Up**
 Host: Stacey Rovinelli
 Questions: icuffm@att.net

October 3-7, 2025 | **Balloon Fiesta**
 Host: Richard Girard
 Questions: balloonfiestarily@gmail.com

Colorful Colorado AIR NEWS

To order **Colorado Airstream Club** swag:

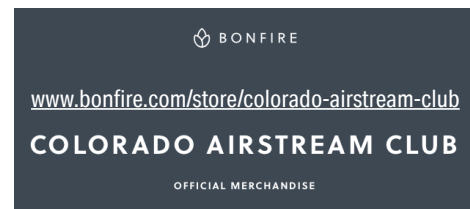
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 Use arrows on website to scroll right or left to see more selections.





Included on the website are:

Registration links when the event opens for registration, plus...

- Dates
- Location
- Venue contact information
- Registration Link (if open) – All registration is online.
- Wait List Link (if the event has filled)
- Registration deadline
- Event details (overview, menus, activities, etc.)
- Host contact information

All events open for registration at 9 a.m. on a Saturday. Some events fill in weeks, some in hours or even minutes. Note: If you are poised to hit the "register" button at 9 a.m. you will need to refresh your page in order to see the yellow registration button appear.



How to Register for a Rally or Luncheon

CAC is growing rapidly, with new members joining every week, so here's a guide to help you get into the rally of your choice.

In almost all cases, CAC purchases all the campsites for rallies so members just register for the rally. Members do not have to make their own reservations and managing a wait list is much easier for hosts.

Notification of Rally Openings

All CAC members and affiliates are notified via email, Facebook, and Slack of rally registration openings and closings, ideally 2 weeks in advance. To ensure that emails land in your inbox, not spam/junk/promotions folders, please add mailings@coloradoac.org to your contact list.

In appreciation of their time and efforts, hosts and co-hosts are given an opportunity to register for ONE event before registration opens to all members.

Where to find event information and register for events:

The following event information is included in all "event posts," which are accessible via www.airstreamclub.org/colorado (scroll to the bottom of the page) or via links at www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information

FAQ:

Q: Why not just include the links to the event posts in the email, instead of on the Event Information page? That would be one less click for the user.

A: Since we send to 700 email addresses, we have to use a mailing server. Experience has shown that the more links and images contained in an email, the greater the likelihood that it will be marked as spam. By having a simpler email appear to be a personal email, we have had much better results getting our information to all our members.

Q: When I tried to register for a rally it was filled!

A: If an event fills up before you try to register, please add your name to the waitlist. There are always cancellations and those on the waitlist very often get to attend.

This year we have added several events and are offering 400 rally spots to members, but it's still not enough. We need more hosts in order to have more rallies. How about designating a favorite campsite, call to see what dates are available, and host a rally with your friends? Contact president Jeff Cross jeffcross1@mac.com and he'll tell you about all the support you'll get from our rally team, from budgeting to advertising to managing your event. We'll make it fun for you!

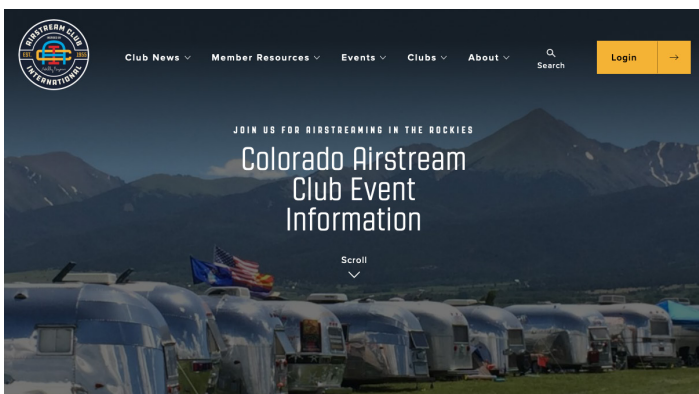
Again, for current event information, visit the CAC Event information page any time. It's always accessible!

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information

We hope this helps everyone, especially new members, get registered for the rallies of your choice.

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/how-register-rally

If you have questions, contact events@coloradoac.org.



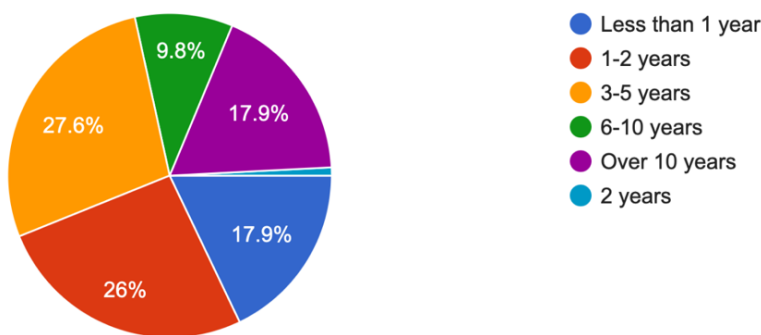
CAC Rally Survey Summary

In August 2024, the club sent out a survey to get a better idea of what members wanted to experience with the club rallies. Of 702 members and affiliates, we received 125 responses (18%). As you read through the results, please keep that in mind - and not all survey respondents responded to every question. Thank you to those who took the time to respond.

Survey Results Below

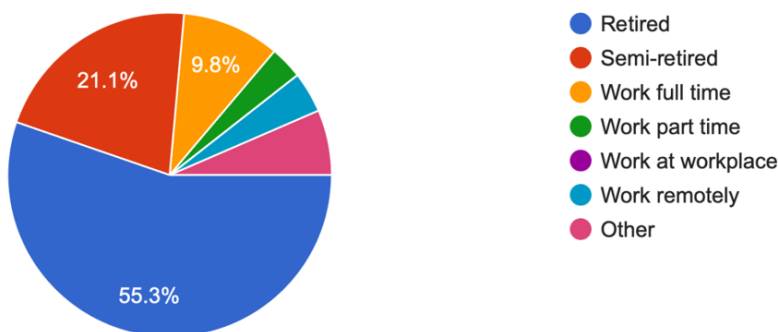
How long have you been a member of CAC?

123 responses



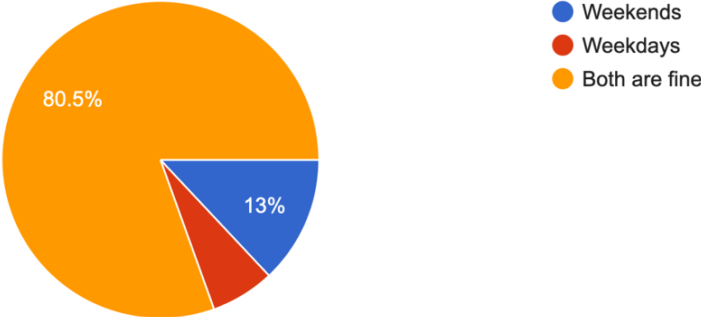
Considering your lifestyle, what are your time constraints on camping?

123 responses



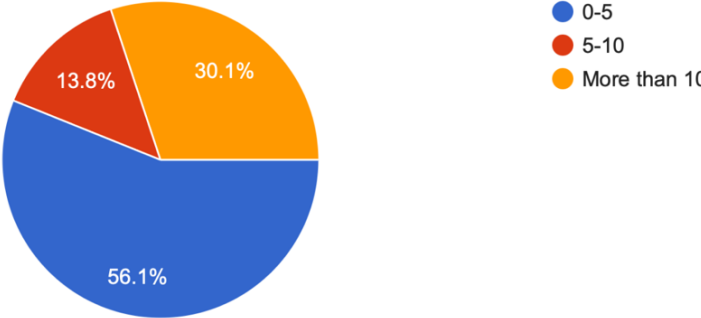
Do you prefer weekday or weekend rallies?

123 responses



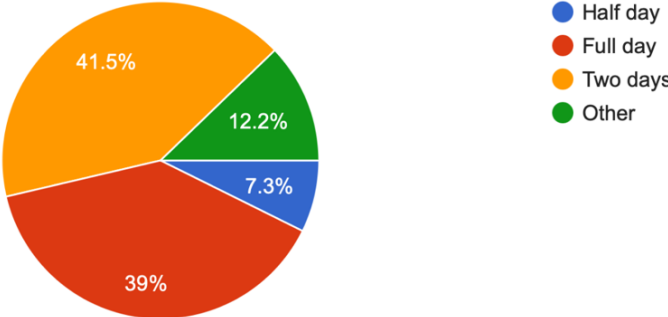
Approximately how many club rallies have you attended?

123 responses



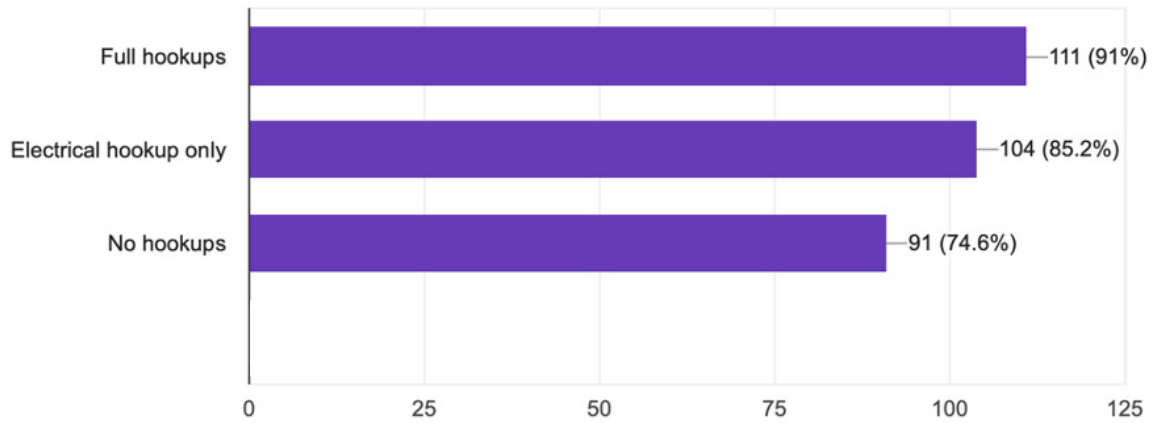
How far would you be willing to travel from your home to a rally?

123 responses



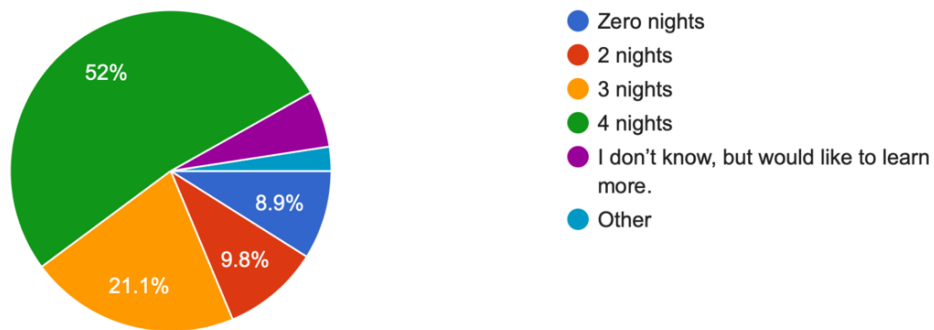
Would you attend any of the above rallies if these hookup options are available? (Check all that apply)

122 responses



How long would you be comfortable dry camping (no hookups)?

123 responses



"If you've never attended a rally, what are the reasons?" (22 responses)

Here's a summary of the key reasons mentioned:

The primary reasons for not attending rallies include **schedule conflicts**, **health issues**, **financial constraints**, **distance**, and being a **new member** with plans to attend in the future. Many respondents are still interested in participating when their circumstances allow.

"Of the rallies you've attended, which rally would you say is your favorite, and why?" (93 responses)

Overall, the most favored rallies were those that offered a combination of beautiful locations, fun outdoor activities, meaningful social interactions, and educational or unique experiences.

"Are you interested in rallies associated with an event? And if so, what kind of event most interests you?" (83 responses)

- Music festivals were the most popular event type, followed by the Meeker sheepdog trials, and general festivals (balloon, peach, etc.).
- Cultural, outdoor, and special interest events also attracted some interest, but not as strongly as music and animal-related activities.
- A small portion of respondents were either indifferent to events or preferred non-event-based rallies with more focus on the outdoors or activities.

"Are you interested in rallies associated with an activit(ies)? And if so, what kind of activity(ies) most interests you. (87 responses)

In summary, the majority of responses are focused on outdoor and nature-related activities (hiking, biking, kayaking, etc.), followed by social events and cultural exploration. Family activities, food and drink, and fitness opportunities are also popular, while creative hobbies have a smaller but dedicated following.

"What would you like to see more of in our rallies? (66 responses)

In summary:

Participants want **more variety in rally locations, flexible formats** that combine **planned activities** and **free time**, and **increased social interactions** such as **happy hours, potlucks, and outdoor adventures**. They also seek **learning opportunities, family-friendly events, and dog-friendly rallies**. Some members prefer **traditional camping** experiences over resort-style venues, while others emphasize the importance of creating a welcoming atmosphere for **new members**.

"What do you like least about a rally? (70 responses)

In summary:

Participants generally dislike **overcrowded or poorly organized rallies, lack of food diversity** (especially for those with dietary restrictions), and **over-scheduling** that limits free time. **Cliques and exclusionary behavior** also detract from the social experience. **Expensive venues, organizational issues, and behavioral concerns** (e.g., excessive drinking) were additional negatives.

In Closing: The board wants to thank those of you who responded to the survey. We have a large membership and the variety of rally experiences that people want is vast. We will study the details of your submissions carefully, respond to those who requested a contact, and take what actions we can towards offering rallies that appeal to the broadest section of our membership.

This is your club. Your feedback and input are valued.