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Rachel Collins

President's Message

By Rachel Collins

Hello Oregon Airstream Club Members!

Can you believe we are in the year 2025?!?! It seems like just yesterday we were so worried about Y2K! Well, here we are! And the upcoming camping season looks really good for our members. Thank you to all our volunteer hosts and to our Rally Coordinator for making this happen. I look forward to seeing all the fun write ups about the rallies as the year progresses.

Following up on the last newsletter with updates on our new Board Members, I'd like to welcome Dave Reed as our upcoming Rally coordinator for 2026. He will be working this year with Mike Burnett learning the ropes and booking our 2026 rallies. If you have any questions regarding the 2025 rallies, please contact Mike. If you have ideas/questions or would like to host a rally in 2026 let Dave Reed know, he will be working on those throughout the current year.

I would also like to welcome Sandra Johnson and Robert Kraft as our incoming treasurers. Sandra reached out after my plea in the last newsletter. Since this is a busy time to jump into this position with the upcoming rally registrations, Stacey has graciously agreed to help with the transition. Stacey will be handling the first wave of registrations and will be working closely with Sandra and Robert to make the transition flow smoothly. Be sure to thank our new volunteers when you see them out and about at rallies or events.

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO STACEY ROVINELLI FOR HER FOUR PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CLUB AS TREASURER! This is a very important job with the multitude of rallies and events that make our club what it is! Thank You Stacey!



Board Position Openings:

2nd VP: We are still searching for a 2nd VP to fill out our Executive Board Positions. This is a position that progressively moves up the tier each year to 1st VP, President, and then Past President. Skill set required; willingness to step in to help and learn the ropes of how our Executive Board works. Some technological abilities are helpful.

Nominating Committee Member: This is a committee position that would assist with recruitment for positions on the board as they come up. The committee chair is Cindy Muir and Rachel Brown is the other committee member. This would give some exposure to being on the Board and experiencing how our Club business runs. Skill set required; connecting with other members of the Club and sharing what positions we are searching for. Your commitment would include occasional meetings with the committee members to touch base with needs and progress. Quarterly Board Meeting attendance not required.

Thanks for listening! I'll see you down the road!

Notes from Your OAC Rally Coordinator

By Mike Burnett



Nancy & Mike Burnett

The New Year 2025 has arrived and another great year of rallies has been organized for the Oregon Airstream Club. Each of you have received (or will receive shortly) a copy of the 2025 Oregon Airstream Club Rally Handbook. In this handbook, you will find 40 rallies scheduled for the 2025 camping season. These rallies have been scheduled to provide something for everyone. Geographically, we have OAC rallies scheduled in OR, WA, and BC. There are rally options North, South, East and West. There are opportunities for boondocking or camping with full hookups. Rallies are also scheduled to coincide with several local events and festivals. Rallies are scheduled at our beaches, mountains, and everywhere in between. All of these camping opportunities are possible because of the many OAC volunteers who have agreed to host these rallies and, in several cases, also suggested new rally locations to explore.

2025 will also be a year of transition for the OAC Rally Coordinator position. Mike Burnett will continue as 2025 Rally Coordinator and continue to manage all aspects of the 2025 OAC rally season. All 2025 Rally Coordinator questions and input should be directed to Mike Burnett.

In preparing for transition of the Rally Coordinator role beginning in 2026, OAC member, David Reed, has volunteered to begin Rally planning activities for the 2026 camping season. During 2025, Mike Burnett will advise/assist David with these 2026 rally planning/booking activities to assure an orderly transition of the Rally Coordinator role. David will fully assume all Rally Coordinator responsibilities at the 2025 Harvest Bounty Installation Rally scheduled for 10/16/2025 - 10/19/2025.

If you have ideas regarding a **2026** OAC Rally location, please feel free to contact David Reed at dprvashon@comcast.net.

Mike Burnett
Oregon Airstream Club
Director/Rally Coordinator
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Membership

By David Doughty



Dave & Linda Doughty

Welcome to 2025– We hope your holiday season went well and that the upcoming year is full of promise, prosperity, and adventure.

“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t happened yet.” – [Anne Frank](#)

Membership information

The majority of memberships renew in January each year, so the records “skew” as membership expiration and renewal dates misalign making accurate reporting nearly impossible. We are most likely over 400 memberships comprised of over 725 individuals.

Airstream Club International is the longest-rolling, single-branded RV club in the world. It boasts a vibrant community of Airstream enthusiasts who share a passion for travel, exploration, and creating incredible memories. The club has over 31,000 memberships across 121 local clubs.

Location	Memberships	Partners	Total Individuals
Canada	9	8	17
AB	1	1	2
BC	8	7	15
USA	381	332	713
AZ	5	5	10
CA	22	18	40
CO	2	2	4
ID	13	12	25
ME	1	1	2
MS	1	1	2
MT	1	1	2
NV	3	3	6
OR	215	187	402
TN	1		1
TX	3	2	5
UT	3	3	6
WA	109	96	205
WI	1	1	2
WY	1		1
Grand Total	390	340	730

Membership Class			
Type	Lifetime	Regular	Grand Total
Affiliate	3	113	116
Regular	3	271	274
Grand Total	6	384	390

Membership Types			
Type	Canada	USA	Grand Total
Affiliate	7	109	116
Regular	2	272	274
Grand Total	9	381	390

Fun Facts - The founder of Airstream Club International, Wally Byam, was quite an interesting character. Here are some fun facts about him:

- 1. Early Life:** Wally Byam was born on July 4, 1896, in Baker City, Oregon. His grandparents traveled the Oregon Trail in a mule-drawn wagon, which inspired his love for travel.
 - 2. First Trailer:** Wally built his first travel trailer in 1929. It was inspired by the wooden wagon he lived in as a child while working on his uncle's sheep farm.
 - 3. Airstream Company:** He founded the Airstream company in 1931. The name "Airstream" came from the way the trailers moved "like a stream of air" down the road.
 - 4. Caravans:** Wally was a pioneer of the travel trailer caravan. In 1951, he led a group of 63 trailers on a trip to Central America, proving the concept of group travel via trailer caravan.
 - 5. Club Formation:** The Wally Byam Caravan Club was founded on August 3, 1955, during a caravan in Nova Scotia. The club introduced the concept of "Rallies," which are gatherings of Airstream enthusiasts.
 - 6. Global Adventures:** Wally led caravans to various exotic locations, including Europe, Africa, and even around the world. These adventures received national and international media attention.
- Wally Byam's adventurous spirit and innovative ideas have left a lasting legacy in the world of travel trailers and RV clubs. If you want to learn more, you can check out the [Airstream Heritage page](#).

[ACI Website](#) - As members, make sure to take advantage of all the news and information available at the [Airstream Club International Website](#).

One of our favorite pages on the website is [Airstream Academy](#) which contains a myriad of valuable information for Airstream owners in a very usable format.

For those of you who are prone to shopping online, the [Club Store](#) may be worth visiting. If nothing else seems appealing, there is always the [Classified Ads](#).

OAC Social Gatherings – If you reside close enough and you haven't already done so, you may want to take advantage of several Oregon Airstream Club informal monthly get togethers. Dates and times may occasionally vary, so please contact the [Membership Chair](#) to be put on individual mailing lists for any of these events.

1. Portland Breakfast – Held on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am at the **Old Market Pub and Brewery** located at 6959 SW Multnomah Blvd, Portland, OR 97223. The host of this event is [Micki Goldstein](#).

2. **Corvallis Coffee** – Held on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am on the second floor at the **Market of Choice Corvallis** located at 922 Northwest Circle Boulevard #110, Corvallis, OR 97330. The host of this event is [Norma Massier](#).

3. **Vancouver Breakfast** – New for 2025, it is held on the second Saturday of the month at 9am at **Al & Ernie’s Bakery Café** located at 802 E Main Street Battle Ground, WA 98604. The host of this event is [Ray Putnam](#).

Rallies

By OAC Members

OAC Annual Brunch – January 2025

Photos by Donna Thorson



Hail! Hail! The gang’s all here!



Another great buffet set up with bacon, O’Brien potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetable hash, scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese, and chef’s seasonal salad



Our delightful hostess, Terri Warren



Norma rallying the troops to sing Happy Birthday to Gary Thorson



Our new officers for 2025, left to right: Mike Burnett, Rally Coordinator; Gary Crumley, Secretary; David and Linda Doughty, Membership; Rachel Brown, Director; Rachel Collins, President; and Fabian Mills, First VP

David and Susan Reed, New OAC Rally Committee Members

By Rhonda Levine

I met Dave and Susan for the first time recently. We've been members of the same club, doing a lot of the same activities, going to the same places and



David & Susan Reed

having many of the same friends for 10 years, and yet had never crossed paths. Not an unusual scenario.

The two met in college in Chico, California. They were band nerds... Dave on drums and Susan played clarinet. They had friends in common and both suffered from hay fever. They married after one year. Just kids at 20. They first lived in Paradise, California. After daughter number one was born they moved to Tacoma where Dave got a job as a Respiratory Therapist. Susan worked as a pianist for a ballet school. Daughter number two arrived as they were building a home on Vashon Island. Then Dave went to work for Boeing which lasted for 21 years during which time he traveled extensively.

I might mention that if you live on Vashon Island you must take a ferry to go anywhere, which requires some advance planning. Especially when getting your Airstream onto the ferry. But they've been doing that for many years. Another interesting tidbit; Dave is a woodworker and has been making wooden cutting

boards designed to fit over Airstream sinks. He used to sell a lot of them. You may have one in fact. I will mention that he no longer does that but there are many of them out there.

Susan's family camped when she was a child. She was not eager to be doing it as an adult. Dave and Susan got into boating and had a few of them over several years. Upon retirement they decided to try camping, or glamping, as Susan says. It was the only way she was going to go along. They researched and decided to buy an Airstream using the rationale that if they didn't like it, they could get their money back out of the investment. In 2014 they bought a 19'. Their first rally was a Region 10 event in Hood River and they fell in love with glamping right there and then. They upgraded to a 25' FB in 2016.

They love Cape Disappointment. They've been to the Canadian Rockies on a caravan and love Kootenai Plains for boon dockers. They saw beautiful lakes that they raved about. Really like the Okanagan area and are wine lovers... especially from the Northwest. They enjoyed the Leavenworth rally last year and will be hosting at Elk Meadows in 2025.

When I asked about becoming the rally coordinators in 2026, an amazingly big and important job, they replied that they want to give back. To help out the club that's given them so much. They will have this next year to learn. In the meantime, they'll be camping and meeting folks, like me, who they haven't known but now will part of their camping family.

Upcoming Rallies; 2025 – Updates, if any, provided by OAC Rally Coordinator

- 1) Leak Test – January
- 2) Spring Fling at Newport Marina – April
- 3) Sea Perch #1 – April
- 4) Belknap Hot Springs – April
- 5) Bay Point Landing – May
- 6) Umpqua Wine Boondocking – May
- 7) NK 'MIP Osoyoos – May
- 8) Maryhill – May
- 9) Olde Stone Wine Tasting – May
- 10) Camp and Learn (fka Newbie) – May/June
- 11) Howard Prairie – June
- 12) Ashland – June

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13) Riffe Lake – June 14) Sea & Sand – June 15) Sandcastle – June 16) Family Fun – June 17) Friends – July 18) Elk Meadows – July 19) Beach Quilt Retreat – July 20) Richardson County Park – July/August 21) Seafood = August 22) Into the Woods – August 23) Crater Lake – August 24) Let's Go to the Movies – August 25) Go Fly a Kite – August 26) Pelton Park – September 27) Wooden Boat Festival – September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28) Pendleton Roundup (ACI National Rally) – September 29) Cascade Locks – September 30) Beach Cottage Tour – September 31) Joint OR/WA – September 32) Airshow – September 33) Riverbend County Park – September 34) Alpenfest – September 35) ELKAMP – October 36) Fall Festival – October 37) Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival – October 38) Fall Bounty (Year End Meeting) – October 39) Sea Perch #2 – October 40) Friendsgiving - November |
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Winter Camping Adventures in Pictures

Co-Editor Norma Massier sent out a request for photos of your winter camping adventures -- even if you purposely or accidentally camped in the snow or, if you are a snowbird, camped in a sunny spot. You all did not disappoint! Enjoy!



Walt Conley busting out the trailer to head south



Jennifer Dean Neuman at Harvest Host in Ben Wheeler TX



Rob Edgerton "dog house" camping



Jennifer Dean Neuman



Walt Conley at Bryce



Gordon Krauter at Cherry Lake CA



Tracy Baker



Gay Jensen Pinson



Cheryl Miller



Robert J DeVassie



Cheryl Miller



Jerry McBurney



Walt Conley – Snow Canyon State Park, Utah

Silver Dreams

Part 2 of Aluminum Dreams: Traveling with an Electric Truck

By Vicki Villaire

My journey traveling with an Airstream began in the summer of 1969 at the 12th International Rally in Laramie, Wyoming. Rolling across the American West in my grandparents' pristine 1966 Airstream Overlander, towed by their two-door blue 1967 Buick sedan, I witnessed first-hand the irresistible charm of the open road.



Today's Airstreams maintain their iconic silhouette and timeless appeal, but the way we tow them has undergone a transformation. I wonder what my grandfather, who expertly piloted that Buick across the western states, would think about my electric tow vehicle?

The evolution from gas to electric power has reshaped the travel experience. In 1969 as in today, fuel stops were plentiful. Not necessarily like the current EV charging landscape which presents different challenges. While the charging infrastructure grows steadily, careful planning remains essential. Our



towing range of 160-200 miles per charge with the Rivian R1T demands strategic thinking, especially when confronting rural areas with sparse EV charging stations, or with challenging terrain and strong headwinds that can dramatically reduce our range.

EV Airstream travelers navigate a complex network of charging options. The distinction between fast and slow chargers can mean the difference between a quick stop and a lengthy delay. We rely on an arsenal of apps to plan our routes: Rivian serves as our primary guide, supported by Electrify America, PlugShare, ChargePoint, and ChargeHub. Soon, we'll expand our options with a Tesla charging adapter.

Despite these technological shifts, the heart of Airstream travel beats unchanged. Whether powered by gasoline or electricity, these silver time capsules continue to deliver what they always have – the freedom to explore and the joy of discovery.

On the Road to Sedalia

By Michelle, Don and Mia Paris BRN 7121

Who's ready for a road trip? We love the chance to get out on the road and see new places. Most of us do, that's why we have Airstreams. Come along for the ride on our adventure to the International Rally in Sedalia and see the many places you can set up camp.

Stop 1 (360 miles, Estacada to near Huntington, OR, BLM camping along the Snake River, free)

We started September 24 for our trip to the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. A bit of a haul from the PNW because it's halfway across the country. We set out on this trip keeping in mind to try out as many kinds of camping locations we could. We loaded up and set out down I-84, looking for any Airstreams going in the same direction as us. Although we didn't expect to see to many because of the distance (around 2000 miles!).

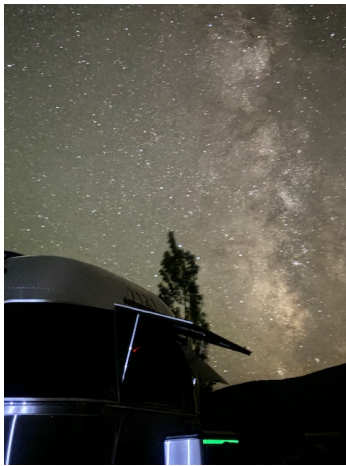


We pulled into the Boardman rest area and ran into Donna and Gary Thorson on their way to a fly-fishing rally in NE Washington! It's always fun to see people you know on the road. After a nice lunch and rest we made it to our first stop, a BLM site (44.2574970, -117.1666719, free, boondocking) along the Snake River near Huntington Oregon. We watched daylight disappear on the mountains and enjoyed a glass of wine mesmerized by the water's flow. The cars on the interstate made a faint noise in the background, but didn't disrupt the peaceful serenity we were enjoying. We planned to stay two nights here, but the next morning we decided to go somewhere we've never been because that what an adventure is for!

Stop 2 (280 miles, Huntington, OR to Almo, ID, City of Rocks RV Campground, \$)

The goal was to get to our friends' place in Salt Lake City but we decided to detour and check out City of Rocks National Reserve in Almo, Idaho. We had no idea what we were going to find. I booked us into a nice little campground with hookups, City of Rock RV (www.cityofrocksrvc.com). We pull into the place and see we're the first ones in the entire campground. Awesome. We got our pick of places, close to the bathroom. We agreed

this would be a great little campground to have a rally in, except it was too far away. We set off for the ranger station to get info on what to see in the reserve. We discovered City of Rocks is a designated International Dark Sky Park, which excited us the most. We also stood on the California Trail which was a major thoroughfare through the area back in the day. The reserve has lots of camping available inside although some of the spots were really tight or too difficult to get an Airstream through, even our tiny one! We did scope out an amazing hilltop site amongst the rocks with 3 sites and a wide-open sky, noting all of this camping would be boondocking. We got back to our campground and discovered we were the only ones there that night! What a treat, although the icing on the cake was clear skies and amazing stargazing and views of the Milky Way. Definitely a recommendation for a unique and interesting stop.



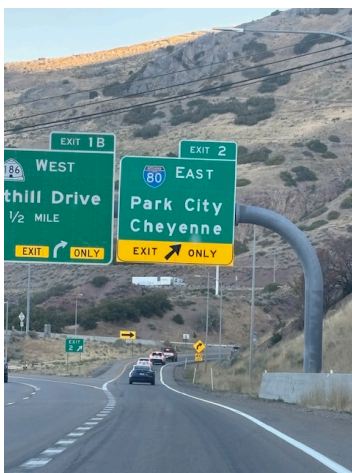
Stop 3 (194 miles, Almo, ID to Holladay, UT, mooch docking, free)

Time to meander to Salt Lake City. We backtracked to the town of Malta, Idaho and instead of a quick trip down I-84, which we've done so many times, we decided to take the road less traveled and drove south out of Malta, ID on ID-81 to Cedar Creek, Utah. A nice peaceful drive through farmland. We made the turn east to get back onto I-84 at Snowville, Utah for a last gas stop and roll into Salt Lake City. We set up camp on the street in front of our friends' house. This type of camping is called mooch docking. Those of you who know us know we've got a network of chef friends around the country so we see them as much as possible and enjoy amazing food and drink. After 2 nights here, we set back on the road again.



Stop 4 (441 miles, Holladay, UT to Cheyenne, WY, Boondockers Welcome through Harvest Host, free)

A bit longer drive with unknown winds through Wyoming, so we set out early to get to our next evening stop. If you've ever driven this route, there isn't much to see but nature. We landed at our evening stop on the north side of Cheyenne at a Boondockers Welcome site. Boondockers Welcome is an add on to your Harvest Host membership. These locations are similar to Airstream Courtesy Parking in that you camp at a person's house not a business. We were the third campers to show up for the night so we found a level spot in the pasture with plenty of space away from the other guests. Another night of clear skies so stargazing and watching the ISS and Starlink fly over was fun.



Stop 5 (403 miles, Cheyenne, WY to Shickley, NE, ACI Courtesy Parking through Harvest Host, free)

Today we chose to stop an hour shy of my hometown to test out the new Courtesy Parking on Harvest Host. As we traveled east on I-80, we passed again many of the landmarks we've seen on our many travels on this road. One of the best museums to stop and tour is the Great Platte River Road Archway. You can miss it as it spans

over I-80 at Kearney, NE. A great museum talking about the Oregon and Mormon Trails and the expansion to the west. Shortly after passing under this museum, we again chose to take the road less traveled and turned south to Minden NE where you can find the Pioneer Village and see lots of historical items including a Pony Express Station and sod house. This was a field trip when I was in elementary school. Unfortunately, the museum was closed for the day when we passed through, so we continued on back roads to Shickley, NE where we stayed at a fellow Airstreamer's house. We enjoyed dinner together at a local brewery, sharing life in Nebraska and many Airstream stories. Airstream people are the best!



Stop 6 (69 miles, Shickley, NE to Concordia, KS, Airport Park Campground, \$)

Back to my hometown to see my mom. We stayed at the Airport Park Campground on the south side of town. Electric and water hookups, by donation, it's a busy stopover for anyone traveling north/south on US 81 through Kansas. Concordia is home to the National Orphan Train Museum and home of an old bar no longer around called The Oasis, mentioned in the song Friends in Low Places by Garth Brooks.



Stop 7 (335 miles, Concordia, KS to Warsaw, MO, Truman State Park, \$)

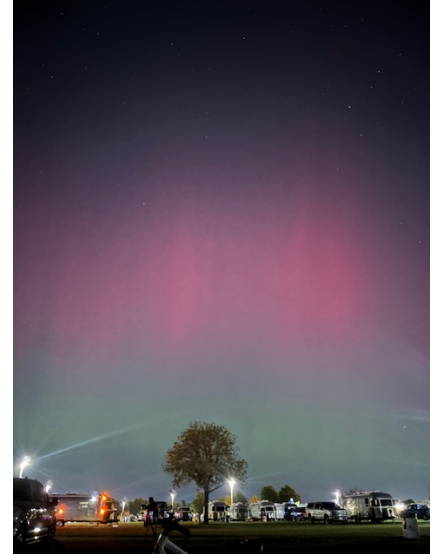
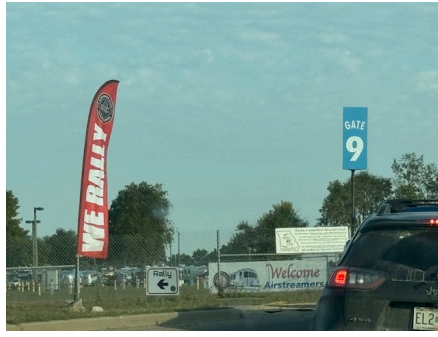
Getting closer to Sedalia! This day took us through the Flint Hills of Kansas. Our first stop was lunch in Salina, KS where we had front row parking in front of the Cozy Inn! Two icons in downtown Salina. After that quick break, we stopped at a rest area before the exit for Manhattan and met some fellow Airstreamers (finally!) from the Washington club headed to Sedalia who were not on the caravan but meeting up with them before rolling

into Sedalia. The road less traveled spoke to us again, so at the Manhattan exit we turned south to Council Grove and turned east on US 56. Goodbye any chance of meeting any other Airstreams on the road. Oh well. A little bob, a little weave through the small towns of Kansas and Missouri (Tightwad, what is the history of this?), we found our second wind as we got excited to meet up with Micki and Dan Goldstein and Kathy and David Geese at Truman State Park in Warsaw Missouri. As we rolled in, the Goldstein's made it before us and the party began! They had been driving Route 66 on their own and went through the town of Uranus, MO. Needless to say we couldn't get enough word playing about that stop. Geeses joined us the next day and we had a quick dinner and plans on when to roll into Sedalia.



Stop 8 (42 miles, Warsaw, MO to Sedalia, MO, Missouri State Fairgrounds)

The key when arriving at International...go in early to beat the crowds and caravans coming in. This was a short drive and we were super excited to roll into Sedalia and meet up with all of our Airstream friends, old and new. We got set up in a pinwheel formation in the middle of the camping area. Our 4th, from Alabama, became our newest friends.



The entire trip was a relaxing 11 days, off the beaten path a few times and took us to new places we've never seen. In all we camped via BLM, private campground, moochdocking, Boondockers Welcome, Courtesy Parking, city campground, state park and finally state fairgrounds. The kinds of camping you can do is endless and we have so many unique and interesting historical and natural places to see and explore. As we get ready to go full time (end of January!), we look forward to exploring and staying in as many camping places as possible. See you down the road!

Tips, Tricks, Interviews, Recipes, and More Useful Travel Apps

By OAC Members

Cabinet Knobs (for an International)

by George Tucker

Upgrade your International Airstream with a touch of style and functionality by adding cabinet knobs to your overhead slider storage cabinets! Many Airstream owners find that knobs not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of their interiors but also make opening and closing cabinets easier and more convenient. Whether you choose sleek modern designs or classic finishes, the addition of knobs can help protect your cabinet surfaces from smudges and scratches, while offering a more user-friendly experience. It's a simple upgrade that makes a big difference!

Here is a link on Amazon to help with your search: <https://a.co/d/dNU9Lg2>

You will also need to go to a hardware store and buy the large washers with a quarter inch hole for backing over the large hole in your slider.



Smart Applications (Apps) for Smart Travelers Presentation – Navigation (#4)

from the Region 10 Rally 2024, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Co-Editors' note: Used with permission. More useful information from this presentation will be in future newsletters.

ROAD TRIP PLANNERS



Rv Trip Wizard \$65 per year. Many features listed at <https://www.rvtripwizard.com/>

Customizes to your RV. Points of interest, Trip Cost wizard, and more.



Road Trip Planner \$4.99

Create, edit, and view Road Trip Planner files on your Apple devices. Place pins on a worldwide map for each location you want to visit, then see your route. Enter trip details for each location and create a complete trip itinerary. Unlike other trip planning apps, this app has NO SUBSCRIPTION FEES.



<https://adventuregenie.com/>

Adventure Genie isn't an app; it's a website, powered (quite powerfully by AI). The trip planning functions and suggested trips are extraordinary. Free version. There is a free one-week trial for the PRO version, after which it's \$35.00 per year: Includes adding dates to your stops, printing trips, printing a calendar, exporting trips to a spreadsheet, exporting trips to a GPS device, and unlimited personalized itineraries. Is it worth the money? Try the free week and decide for yourself.

GENERAL TRAVEL You can also Google “....near me.”



Trip Advisor Hotels, Restaurants, **Things to Do** (ranked according to popularity), Flights, Nearby Attractions.

***Around Me** – Free. Banks, Bars, Coffee Shops, Concerts, Gas Stations, Hospitals, Hotels, Movie Theatres, Movies (Fandango is better), Nearby Sights, Parking, Pharmacies, Pubs, Restaurants, Supermarkets, Taxis, Theaters, etc.



***iExit Interstate Exit Guide Free**

iExit helps you find the best exit ahead on the highway for all your travel needs. The app automatically locates you on a highway and lets you look hundreds of miles ahead to **discover services at upcoming exits**. It can be quite frustrating to depend on highway signs to find your next stop. This app will help plan ahead, whether it's finding somewhere for gas, food or even free WiFi. Good results for gas stations and filters for type of fuel.

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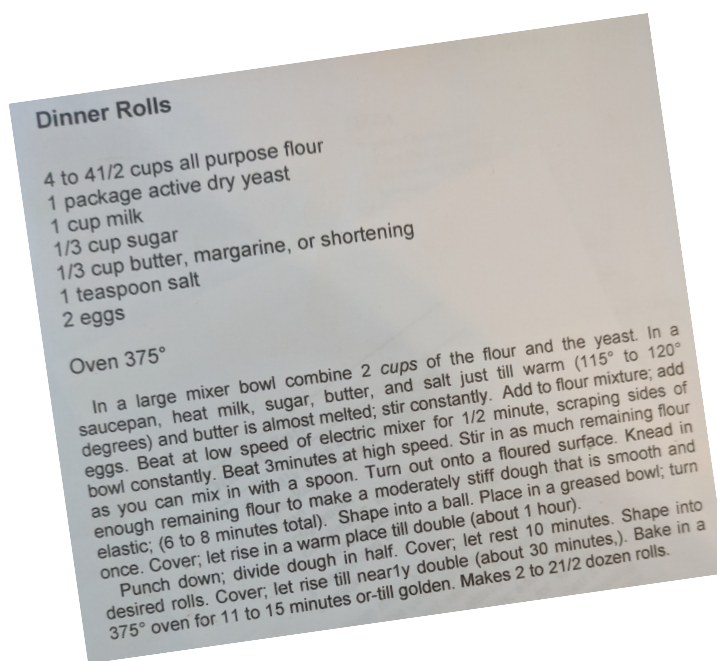
***GAS BUDDY** Free. lets you search for gas prices by city, state, zip code, with listings for all cities in the USA and Canada. The prices are updated in real time and show the time it was located, allowing you to fill up on the cheapest gas near you with ease. Filters for type of fuel – gas, diesel. There's only one listed because, well, Gas Buddy is the best.

***LOVE'S and Flying J/Pilot apps FREE**

Get detailed info you need – directions, maps, prices of all grades, addresses, time of last gas price update, and more. Both apps offer discounts varying from \$.05 to \$.10 a gallon as well as loyalty freebies like free coffee after x number of purchases. In general, RV accessible with easy access next to freeway.

Recipes

by Lisa Driggers



Airstream Q&As

By WBAC #7007

1. What are the pros and cons of composting toilets?

Composting toilets are an option. You can read up on their features versus the toilet in your AS. Personally, I have upgraded to a porcelain toilet and I follow the processes listed below for care of the black and grey tank (#5 below).

2. We have a new 2024 Airstream. We found that in order to take a shower (even with full hook-ups) we have to turn on the water pump. Why is this happening?

This is a good one! I wonder if your check valve is allowing water to only go to the fresh water tank and thereby only allowing water to flow to the shower when the pump is on. Do your faucets work with the pump off? Something is amiss!

3. I see people pulling trailers with SUVs. What is the right kind of tow vehicle I need for a 20 ft.? 25 feet? 30 feet? Airstream? I don't trust the dealers anymore.

Tow vehicles have a GVW rating. I suggest that you try to get a 2:1 ratio with tow vehicle and weight of towed vehicle. This formula works and allows the tow vehicle to not have to overwork. For instance: I have a 6500 # AS and the truck is rated at 14,000 #GVW.

4. How often should I take my trailer to an RV shop to do general maintenance; i.e., check my axles, check for leaks, protect the outside, etc.?

This mostly depends upon the frequency of use. I recommend at least a two-year checkup of brakes and bearings. Checking for leaks, etc. is mostly noted during use outside of any storage area you might be in. As far as RV shops, don't think that you have to go to AS for service. Everything in your AS is typical of any other RV and you can go to any good (as established by checking and following-up with those RV shops near you).

5. What are the basic requirements for black tank maintenance?

Please see the article (to be) published in December 2024. (Co-editors' note: Region 10 December 2024 newsletter)

6. How do I change a water pump in my 2012 Airstream? I think it's under my fridge, but how do I get to it.?

It is always interesting to find and fix a water pump. When you find it and get access to it, it is a pretty straightforward process to replace it. I personally go further with the process by adding an accumulator tank in the system (if you don't have one) and going one step further by adding a device, called the intelligent water pump, that totally smooths out the water delivery at any faucet or shower head you have. The IRVWPC is sourced in Canada. The installation and operating manual listed two contact points: irvwpc@gmail.com; and WWW.irvwpc.com. Contact me if you at BRN #7007 if you have additional related questions.

7. What are the spare parts I should carry in case something fails while on a trip?

Quite frankly there is a trial-and-error process for detailing the need for spare parts. There are lists that others have made too. Look them up (Google might work) and see what others have already done, then, make your own. Most lists have some nuances.

8. Is it really necessary to winterize your trailer in Oregon?

Yes and No. Depending upon where and how you store your AS you need to calculate what you need to do related to winterization. There is an excellent article in the Blue Beret (no more articles now) detailing how to winterize your AS. If you contact me at BRN 7007, I will send you the article.

If you park the trailer inside and drain all the fresh water you can from your trailer. Then either putting antifreeze in the "P" traps, (no heat in the trailer) and/or opening the cabinets with "P" traps (there is one in the shower too) and heating the trailer to a temperature that will prevent inside freezing. You might be all-right. You should NOT have to blow out the lines with air pressure. If you park where you have power use an electric heater. If not, then you might have to use the trailer propane heater. That might require extra propane.

9. What resources do you recommend for the newbie Airstreamers' owner?

The best resource you have if you are a newbie is your club members. Next best is the articles written in the Blue Beret (no longer written) that you might be able to access in the AS IT files (historical data) in the Blue Beret. And/or the information in the AS Forums. (Co-editors' note: Also, you can sign up for the Camp and Learn (fka Newbie Rally) Rally in May.)

OAC Corvallis Coffee Notes (December 2024)

By Norma Massier

It was a large group that showed up last weekend (12/14/24) - 22 Airstreamers. We sat around two long smooshed together tables to accommodate everyone in a more compact space. There were several people from the Eugene area and also a couple from the coast who joined us, and we welcomed a couple who have been members of the club for way longer than many of us who came for the first time.



Announcements:

1 Registration for Leak Test is opening soon. Two of our attendees were hosts for the very first Leak Test rally the club had. Yay for all Rally Hosts!

2 Registration is still open for the Holiday Brunch.

3 Cindy M informed everyone that the club is still in search of a 2nd VP and Treasurer. There is one potential treasurer candidate who is considering the position.

The majority of the meeting, as always, was just kibbitzing with whomever is next to or across from you.

The rest of the meeting is always devoted to getting to know one another and connecting people during “low” camping season. We all participated in answering the Question of the Day It was amazing how this question generated so much laughter!

What is the one thing that you forgot to bring camping that you would turn around and go back for?

Answers:

Medication
Coffee
Clothing
Underwear
Bottle of Scotch
Never leave home without a prayer for a good attitude
Spare trailer keys

What have you ever accidentally left behind in a campground?

Answers:

The dog rope
The crank to collapse the trailer (before the Airstream)
Water pressure regulator
Camping chair
Campground rug

Other comments I heard:

A suggestion that the Board consider paying for the dessert at the Holiday Brunch.
An idea for a boondocking rally at one member's small vineyard.
An idea for a pop-up rally next December near Shore Acres to enjoy the Christmas lights and king tides.

The coffee always serves to enjoy the company of several people that you might not see camping at a rally

Airstream Pinups

Submitted by our amazing OAC members



Ft. Warden - Buzz Blick

From Your Co-Editors



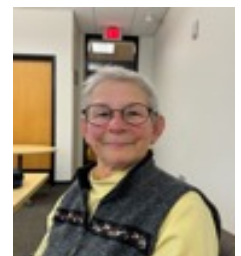
*Norma Massier,
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As we begin another year, we want to acknowledge all of the amazing volunteers who submit pieces for inclusion in The Oregon Streamer.

Requests are rarely turned down for rally write-ups, safety / maintenance tips, recipes, membership updates, rally updates, interviews, gadgets / gizmos, maps, new technology and more.

We know it takes our ‘cub reporters’ time to write entertaining and thoughtful pieces but the success of our newsletter is due to their efforts.

We are already hard at work to meet our March 15 deadline for our next issue.



*Rhonda Levine, Co-
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Norma Massier and Rhonda Levine

Submissions to the OAC Streamer, how to

Do you have an idea for an article, interview, or something else you'd like to share with the club? We'd love to hear it! Our newsletter staff are all volunteers, and the articles are all written by OAC members... like you!

***NOTE:** The products and services mentioned in this issue are not necessarily promoted or endorsed by the Oregon Airstream Club. You should do your own research to discover what works best for you.*

The newsletter is published up to six times per year, so there are many opportunities.

Submissions for the newsletter (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to Norma (nmassier@comcast.net) **no later than the 15th of the month before publication** (deadline for next issue: **March 15, 2025**).

2025 cut off dates for remaining newsletter submissions: 5/15; 7/15; 9/15; 11/15. Pieces received after that date will be included in the next (or future) newsletter.



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Club Policies will also be posted on the website for all to review.

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www.region10.airstreamclub.net

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Maps (courtesy of Buzz Blink)

Annual Brunch

Oregon Airstream Club Brunch



Willamette Valley Country Club

Sunday, January 12th, 11AM

