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August 23-28 68th WBCCI
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October 15-19 Region 12 Rally
Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas, CA

President's Letter

Well GLAAC'ers, it's one last time for my president's letter as my two-year term has come to an end. It's time to turn the reins over to my first VP, Glenn Stevens. My job as president over the last two years has been extremely rewarding. We have seen continued growth in membership along with new and ever expanding locations for our rallies. We saw a record setting number of members attend the International Rally in Rock Springs Wyoming with 35 Airstreams. Couple that with the once in a lifetime rally for the total solar eclipse in Texas and you get a feel for why our members are proud to be a part of GLAAC. And don't forget the best boondocking ever, the Cali Rally! All of this does not come easy. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Executive Board members for their incredible devotion to make GLAAC what it is today, the best Airstream club around. I am a little biased, but ask around and others will tell you the same thing.

Our officers and committee chairs Glenn Stevens, Barbara Howard-Jones, Linda Calderon, Kay Hoevel, Ken Hoevel, Carol Grisotti, Lauretta Smith, Craig Schlecht, and Lynda Polk have been the backbone of this club over the the past two years, and for all of their tireless efforts to make GLAAC run smoothly, I am humbled. Along with members Pamela Pall and Paula Hammer and Jim Polk's monumental knowledge of all things Airstream and C&BLs, my job as president was made extremely easy.



Let's not forget each and every member who stepped up to host a rally and volunteer throughout the year, take a bow. Your efforts are much appreciated.

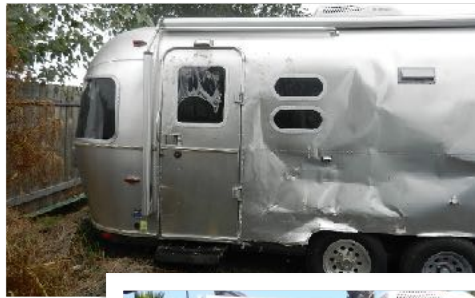
Our end of year holiday party was very special. Great food, friends, weather, new members, trailer pub crawl, where do I stop. The Induction of our new officers who will lead us forward for the next two years was amazing and I feel our club is in great hands. I am honored to have played a small part in this great group of people that Nancy and I proudly call "our family". Two more things and then I will fade into the background. Let us all keep Barbara Howard-Jones in our thoughts and prayers as she bravely battles leukemia. We look forward to her and Jeanette's return to our Airstream family. And finally a shout out to Jim and Lynda Polk for their shared vision of what this club could eventually become. Without this vision, and the participation of all our members who are the heart of this club, we would not be here today. As always, keep flashing those headlights.

Thankful and proud, your past president,
- Michael

Meet a Member!

submitted by Lori & Ken Rees

Ken and Lori Rees purchased their 2014 27FB in November of 2016 from a junkyard in Eugene, Oregon. It had been totaled in its first year on the road and sold at auction. After replacing the axels, it was towed to their driveway in Camarillo where Ken spent about 14 months rebuilding it. It was his first major project after retiring from over 30 years of Federal Service which included over six years in the US Navy. Their first camping trip was in March of 2018.



Ken was born in Washington but moved with his family to Sierra Madre in 1963 where he lived until joining the Navy. Lori was born in New Mexico and her family moved to San Diego in 1961. They both grew up camping, hiking and backpacking. Lori's dad was an avid outdoorsman and camper. Unfortunately, he believed that if you weren't somewhat physically uncomfortable, you weren't really camping. The family joke was that if there wasn't a rock under your sleeping bag, "Dad made you go get one." Lori vastly prefers the Airstream camping experience.

Ken and Lori met at a flying club in San Diego. They are both still active pilots and own a hangar at the Santa Paula Airport where they keep the airplane they've had for over 30 years.



Ken & Lori

While Ken was rebuilding the Airstream, Lori continued to work for a few years as a captain for a major airline. She's now retired and enjoying her other hobbies including quilting, music, writing and flying their little plane. Ken is now putting all of the skills he honed rebuilding the Airstream into building an aluminum airplane from kit parts and plans.

Traveling and camping in the Airstream has been even more fun than Ken and Lori imagined all those months working on it in their driveway. They've spent about 190 nights in the Airstream at 45 places. But the most unexpected bonus has been getting to know all of the wonderful and interesting people they have met through GLAAC. Making so many new friends has been a tremendous boon and they really appreciate the warm welcome they received as new members.



Chasing the Aurora & Harvest Host Camping

submitted by Mira Zimet

I caught the Northern Lights fever and knew this year promised to be one of the more spectacular ones. It was October and my husband, Stewart, agreed to taking our 25' Flying Cloud north to Glacier National Park in Montana. Even if we didn't see the lights, this national park had also been on our bucket list. While Glacier was spectacular, the aurora, unfortunately, didn't appear until after we left. Heading south, space weather predictions kept coming in and keeping me, and my hopes, up at night. The predictions were for a big storm and the possibility that the lights could be seen in the northern US states.

At this point we were moving through cities, so the chance of spotting the Northern Lights decreased. Our next planned stop was to be an RV park in Idaho Falls, Idaho, but we decided to divert and I'm glad we did. Using the Harvest Host app, I found Black Canyon Ranch, an amazing alpaca ranch in Howe, Idaho, just a few hours away from the city. This Harvest Host site provided electricity, an added bonus.



With dark skies, a wonderful host and alpacas right outside our rig, it was idyllic. We stayed an extra night, and the host taught me how to felt alpaca wool into scarves, but still no Northern Lights.



A few days later the aurora predictions continued, along with my pleading to stay longer, and we pulled into another Harvest Host, the Zion Vineyards, in Utah. Here, while we waited for dusk in another dark sky area, we took advantage of wine tasting and purchasing! About 15 minutes after the sun went down, we saw faint dancing waves in the sky where I was able to pick up the colors with my camera.

Overall, we had two great experiences with Harvest Hosts which provided the opportunity to get out of the city and look up at the stars; and the chance to finally catch the elusive Northern Lights!



2025 Events!



Jan 23-27	Pinnacles National Park Campground (reserve asap on recreation.gov)
Feb 20-24	Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella
March 13-17	El Chorro Regional Park (north of San Luis Obispo)
April 24-27	Borrego Springs RV Park, Anza Borrego
May 14-18	Pismo Beach State Park, Pismo Beach, CA (vintage rally at Pismo Coast Village RV)
June 19-23 (tentative)	Sweetwater Summit Regional Park, near San Diego
July	No planned event
Aug 7-11	SkyPark Camp and RV Resort, Lake Arrowhead
Aug 23-28	International Rally (York, PA)
Sept 11-14	Jackson Rancheria (near Sacramento)
Oct 15-19	Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas (tied to Region 12 Rally)
Oct 31 - Nov 3	Newport Dunes, Newport Beach
Dec 4-7	Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton

December Holiday Event & Officer Installation

submitted by Lynda & Jim Polk

We gathered at Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground in San Dimas, California to celebrate the holidays, conduct the club's annual business meeting, express our thanks to our outgoing officers and committee chairs and welcomed the 2025-27 officers and chairs.

President Michael Jackson presided over the meeting where our club's Constitution & By Laws were overwhelming approved by members along with donations to two worthwhile charitable foundations.

Close to our hearts this year and at the top of our list is the City of Hope Cancer Treatment Center where our 1st vice president, Barbara Howard-Jones, is undergoing treatment in Los Angeles. We've missed Barbara & Jeanette's beautiful smiles and positive vibes and look forward to their return to club activities. Until then, we continue to keep them both in our thoughts and prayers.

Bishop Mule Days, a non-profit organization was also included this year. In past years, GLAAC has enjoyed the annual week-long equestrian event celebrated annually in Bishop, California.

Many thanks go to our departing board members including President Michael Jackson; Treasurer, Ken Hoevel; Secretary Kay Hoevel; Membership Chairperson Carol Grisotti; and Events Chairperson, Linda Calderon. Your efforts over the past years are very much appreciated by our members.

Our incoming board includes President Glenn Stevens; 1st Vice President, Barbara Howard-Jones; 2nd Vice President Charlie Andrews; Treasurer, Dwayne Brummet; Secretary, Kimberly Brink; Membership Chairperson, Alicia Andrews; Event Chairpersons, Mira Zimet and Marion Kuhns. Returning positions include Webmaster, Craig Schlecht; Social Media Chairperson, Laurreta Smith; and Urban Update Editor, Lynda Polk. Congratulations to all, we look forward to working with you.

When this club gathers magical things happen including the unwrapped toys you provided to Spark of Love delivered to the local fire house arranged by Linda Calderon; the personal tour with Steve Hammer of the nearby Pomona Fairplex Garden Railroad; and the creative and festive clothing choices spotted around the campground. Activities headed up by Andromeda Stevens was fun along with morning yoga lead by newbie, Suzanne Watts. And, once again, the Steal-a-Gift portion of the evening was a hit along with Ron's Rockin' Tacos, the fresh, made-to-order dinner options on Saturday evening. GLAAC simply rocks!

To all our members and affiliates who have renewed, **thank you!**, as there is no club without you and the energy you bring to the best Airstream club ever, the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. To those new to the club, we extend a warm **welcome!**, and be sure to jump in. We know you're going to have a great time!!

Enjoy the final event of 2024 in pictures and we'll see you down the road!



GLAAC 2024 Bonelli Bluffs

Bonelli Bluffs...continued



President-elect Glenn with President Michael



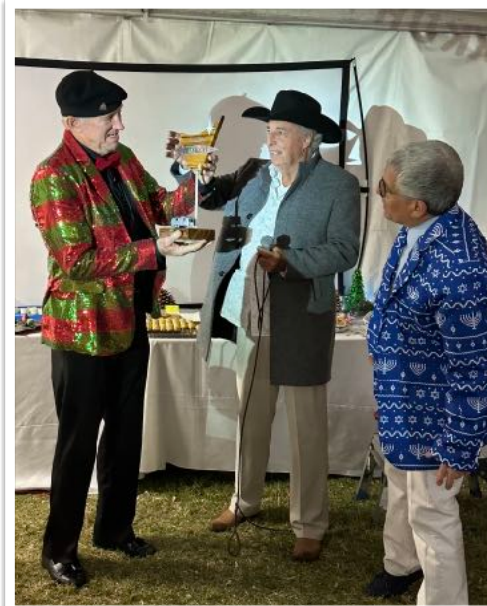
Linda and Sandra delivering Spark of Love gifts



Officers Barbara, Glenn, Ken, Michael, Kay, Linda



Officers Barbara, Glenn, Michael and Ken



Pierre and Glenn presenting Michael with president's gift

Bonelli Bluffs...continued



Pomona Fairplex Garden Railroad



Activities in the tent



Bonelli Bluffs....continued



Bonelli Bluffs....continued



GLAAC On the Go!



Morro Bay



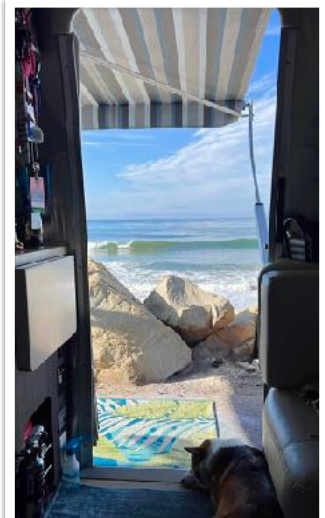
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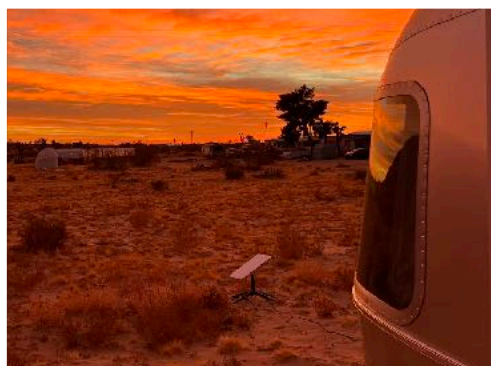
Indian Wells



Ventura



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Landers



Morro Bay



Bonelli Bluffs



Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!

2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground and Harvest Host* locations where you simply share a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our membership photo directory is now available online. For help accessing the directory, please reach out to Carolyn Keep via email at: KeepRLN@icloud.com

Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!