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President's Column

Lori and I had a very enjoyable time at the Angels Camp rally. Yes, the weather was much, much hotter than expected! Our air conditioners and refrigerators certainly got a workout. But thanks to the hosts, the caterer, and all those who attended, it was another very successful NorCal rally. A small group of us with e-bikes went to the Calaveras Big Trees State Park for a really nice bike ride. We started at the visitor center parking lot, and rode down the canyon to the bridge that crosses the north fork of the Stanislaus River and back. It was an absolutely beautiful ride through the forest. Our picture this month was taken on the bridge, with the river in the background. (Photo credit to Bob Verdegaal).

This edition of the Poppy shows the proposed 2022 rally schedule. The rally locations can still change, but the schedule is provided to show what is planned so far, and allows us to mark our calendars for next year. It looks like a great lineup, with a good mix of new locations and familiar favorites. If you can possibly host one of these rallies, please contact our Rally Chair Pat L.

This month's edition also includes the slate of Officers for next year's Board. You will receive an email blast with JotForm link to the electronic ballot. If you don't receive the email blast, that means we don't have your email address. Due to recent change, our elections now have one vote per member rather than one vote per membership. It's therefore **very** important that we have an email address for each member. If you didn't receive the email blast, please send an email to our Directory Chair Tom Smithson tscats@mac.com with your Big Red Number and email address. This is also a great time to make sure your phone number and mailing address are correct in the directory as well. Oh, and if your picture is missing in the directory, please send that too!

The electronic ballot voting will occur from October 1st to 15th. We will finalize the election results at the November rally business meeting. New Officers will be installed at the December Rally.

We look forward to seeing some of you who have registered for the Oakhurst Rally, the Region 12 Rally in Paso Robles, and/or the November Rally at Jessie's Grove Winery. Until then, travel safely, and enjoy your Airstreams. See you down the road!



John Bibby

"Life is better with Airstreams, great adventures, and good friends"

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From The Editor

When starting this issue and looking for a color theme, I assumed that October must be Pumpkin Month, right? Wrong! Surprise! October is "National Pizza Month," among other things *not* pumpkin. The story goes that this designation began in October 1984, created by the publisher of Pizza Today magazine and pizzeria owner, Gerry Durnell, after realizing there was nothing to support his growing pizza business, or the pizza industry in general. He chose October because it's the month the first issue of Pizza Today debuted. In 2015, he sold Pizza Today, the digital version of which can be accessed at: <https://www.nxtbook.com/emerald/pizzatoday/202109/index.php#/p/CT1> and there is a thriving companion website at <https://pizzatoday.com>. It was a very interesting detour from pumpkin hunting to read the plethora of pizza-related information. Quite an education.

But back to pumpkins: pumpkin *day* is on October 26th and Pumpkin Cheesecake Day is October 21st. However, I was shocked to discover that pumpkin lattes debuted this year at the coffee shops on *August 24th*. Wow - so not ready for that in August. However, I thought by October, people might be in the mood. So I have included a recipe in this month's Poppy, which can be made or used in your Airstream. If it is still warm in October, iced lattes are always an option, even if October is not pumpkin month. And you can also use the pumpkin syrup over ice cream.

This issue includes a recap of the Angels Camp Rally, which was held at a beautiful location in the Central Valley, the heat notwithstanding. We have the Rally Summary and Coupon for the December Rally and Installation at Black Oak Casino in Sonora, southeast of Angel's Camp. **Note the Date Change!** A year ago we were set to co-host the Christmas rally there when it was cancelled due to Covid. We showed up anyway with a few other intrepid Airstreamers and can say that the area is great for exploring. Plus the campground is very nice and clean, close to a gas station/mini mart on the reservation. December is also a great time to visit Yosemite, a nice day trip from the RV Park.

This issue also lists the potential 2022 rally sites for planning purposes, as well as the 2022 Norcal officer slate proposed by this year's Nominating Committee. Pay attention to the voting requirements since all voting is online and only those with separate email addresses can vote. And don't forget to vote from October 1 - 15.



Your Poppy Editor.
Elisa Ungerman

2021 Rallies/Gatherings

~~4/7-11 Gilroy Garlic RV Park Gilroy
Hosts: Carole & Bob Echols
Steve & Yoshi Deiwert~~

~~4/22-25 Cali Rally-V6 Ranch Parkfield
POSTPONED TO NEXT YEAR~~

~~5/5-9 Lassen RV Resort McArthur
Hosts: Billie & Bob Verdegaal~~

~~6/9-13 McCloud RV Resort McCloud
Hosts: Dan & Gail Crutchfield,
Marget & Dave Williams~~

~~7/17-24 International Rally Lebanon, TN
<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally/lebanon-2021-registration>~~

~~8/4-8 Pioneer RV Park Quincy
CANCELLED~~

~~9/8-12 Angels Camp RV Resort Angels Camp
Hosts: Deb & Jim Christie
Gathy and Bill Maffei~~

~~9/29-10/3 High Sierra RV Park Oakhurst
UNHOSTED~~

~~10/6-10 Cava Robles Resort Paso Robles
<https://airstreamclub.org/2021-region-12-rally>~~

~~11/3-7 Jessie's Grove Winery Lodi
Hosts: Pat Lazzereschi, Mike & Jane Malone, Tary & Janie Salinger
DRY CAMPING~~

~~12/8-12 Black Oak Casino RV Park Sonora
Claudia & Barry Marson. Tom & Hedda Smithson, Cam & Marcia Murray~~

The Fine Print
New info shown in green. Dates are arrival and departure, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration form by the due date to the club Registrar. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols.



NORCAL OFFICERS

President	John Bibby
1 st Vice President	Bob Verdegaal
2 nd Vice President	Jim Christie
Secretary	Carrie Bell
Treasurer	Janet Motta
Senior Trustee	Dean Davison
Senior Trustee	Billie Verdegaal
Trustee	Carmen Ortiz
Trustee	Carole Echols
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Membership	Marget Williams
Newsletter Editor	Elisa Ungerman
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Webmaster	Carmen Ortiz
Registrar	Lori Bibby
Rally Chair	Pat Lazzereschi
Caravan Chair	Bob Vasser
Sunshine	Lori Bibby

New Members

- Richard Worrell
- Eric & Jennifer Weirich
- Mindy McGinnis
- New Affiliates**
- Laurie Hannan
- Tim & Linda Weller

Airstream Club International on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org>
Region 12 on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
NorCal on the Web
<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>

**NorCal
 Membership
 Snapshot**

172	Unit/Life Members
22	Affiliate Members
194	Total Members

Church Lady

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



I'm Streamin' of a Black Oak Christmas

Black Oak Casino
19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne, CA 95379
Arrive-December 8 Depart-December 12
Please Note Date Change

Our Christmas rally is taking shape. Although planning is still in the works, we can guarantee you a good time.

You won't need to cook much because we will provide three meals. On Wednesday night you will enjoy a welcome dinner. Our Thursday dinner will honor our outgoing president, John Bibby. The installation dinner on Saturday will honor our incoming president, Bob Verdegaal.

The installation rally is always a busy one, but we have included some additional activities to keep you on your toes. There will be a craft day as well as a visit to Indigeny Reserve, a producer of hard ciders.



*Indigeny
tasting
area*

Just to shake things up we are reviving the tradition of a Christmas cookie exchange so break out your

best recipes. However, we are eliminating the gift exchange this year. Alas, we will not have a contest for the most festive Airstream decorations, but we encourage you to show your Christmas spirit anyway. We know you will.

Christmas is traditionally a time of giving. In that vein, we are holding a silent auction for charity. President John Bibby has chosen Fisher House as the recipient of this year's proceeds. For more information on this worthwhile cause, check out: <https://fisherhouse.org/> There is also a Facebook Page for the Travis AFB in Fairfield: <https://www.facebook.com/Travis-afb-Fisher-House-102487100527110/>

We are proud of our past successful auctions. As always, we hope to improve upon our successes. You are being asked to contribute items for this auction. If you are a creator, bring one, or more, of your creations. Otherwise, the sky is the limit, whatever you think will be a money maker. Save the date. Look for an email blast with the coupon in the next two or three weeks.

*Your Hosts: Barry & Claudia
Marson, Cam & Marcia Murray, Tom
& Hedda Smithson*

I'm Streamin' of a Black Oak Christmas

Black Oak Casino
 19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne, CA 95379
December 8-12, 2021



Coupon Due November 30, 2021

Name: _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email: _____ WBCCI# _____

Arrival Day _____ Departure Day _____ RV length _____

Rally Nights _____ nights @ \$50 per night Parking Fee \$ _____

Rally Fee _____ persons @ \$5 pp (per person) Rally Fee \$ _____

Wednesday Welcome Dinner _____ persons @ \$10 pp Wed. Dinner \$ _____

Thursday Dinner _____ persons @ \$21 pp Thurs. Dinner \$ _____

Friday Cider Tasting _____ persons @ \$5 pp Cider Tasting \$ _____

Craft Fee _____ persons @ \$5 pp Craft Fee \$ _____

Saturday Dinner _____ persons @ \$24 pp Sat. Dinner \$ _____

TOTAL RALLY COST \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Directly register online using the jotform link [URL: https://form.jotform.com/212594640033147](https://form.jotform.com/212594640033147) , follow the 'Register for the December Rally' link on the webpage <https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-black-oak-rally-december-2021> or send this form to the registrar at norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com. It is preferred you register online, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer in keeping track of rally registrations.
- Send **ALL** payments directly to the Registrar. Make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal and mail to NorCal Registrar Lori Bibby, 3029 Black Hawk Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648-7716. **Note: All online payments have been suspended pending implementation of the new online payment system.**
- Refunds are available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Please contact the Rally Chair if you have any changes to your reservation after the deadline, or wish to register after the deadline.
- NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe, but the employees of the RV Parks and the communities we visit safe, which in turn allows us to continue to rally during the pandemic. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, please do not sign up for this rally. If you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.



Leap Frog To Angels Camp Recap

A horrific Northern California wild-fire season did not dampen the spirits of the NorCal Airstream Club which met from September 8 -12, 2021, at Angels Camp RV Resort, located in Angels Camp, California. Angels Camp is a small foothill community located in the heart of the historic Mother Lode Area of California. Steeped in Gold Rush Era history, this town and the surrounding communities provided a variety of opportunities for all attendees.



The first few days were frankly hot, but Airstreamers discovered the on-site pool that was clear, cold and very refreshing in the heat.



The rally was co-hosted by Deb and Jim Christie and Cathy and Bill Maffei, who provided their guests with two catered dinners and a

pancake breakfast. In the rally participants "goodie bags" which consisted of the rally agenda, brochures of activities, the campers were treated to a jar of delicious homemade jam, from the kitchen of Deb and Jim Christie.



The Wednesday Welcome Happy Hour, co-hosted by the Christies and the Maffeis, set the tone for the four-day event. Each happy hour, held at in a wonderful outside pavillion with sunshade, featured drawings for various prizes .



The Wednesday Welcome Dinner was catered by The Sierras Table. This mouthwatering meal consisted of smoked beef brisket, barrel-smoked barbeque chicken, two varieties of mac and cheese (one being jalapeno), American classic salad,

Linguica chili with beans, rolls and Texas sheet cake for dessert.



Thursday morning campers spent their time exploring the area, as most campers decided to attend the wine tasting event scheduled by the co-hosts at Ironstone Winery in the neighboring community of Murphys. This event commenced at 1:00 p.m. and consisted of three white and three red wines.



In addition to wine tasting and socializing, the participants were able to visit the Ironstone Museum, which features large gold nuggets, and shop at the gift store. This excursion was followed by the evening happy hour. Dinner was on-your own.

Friday morning the co-hosts provided a pumpkin pancake and turkey sausage breakfast. Orange juice and mimosas were also on the menu.

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LEAP FROG TO ANGELS CAMP CONTINUED

This breakfast provided energy for the campers to truly visit the beautiful surrounding areas. Among the activities, many went to Big Trees State Park to hike or bike ride; some wine tasted; others visited or shopped in Angels Camp, Murphys, and other neighboring Mother Lode sites such as the Glory Hole Recreation Area of New Melones Lake.



Friday evening at 4:30 was again happy hour where discussions centered around the day's events and the usual drawing for prizes took place.

Saturday morning the NorCal Leadership met, after which there was a membership meeting. Thereafter, the membership continued visiting each other and the sites and communities of the Mother Lode. Saturday evening during happy hour, the final drawings for prizes took place as well as the celebration of monthly anniversaries and birthdays. Bill Maffei, self professed "fifth string" MC. did the honors. President John Bibby "degreened" Scott & Patience Beck and Amy & Tom Webster.



The farewell dinner, also catered by The Sierra's Table, consisted of chicken marsala, butter garlic egg noodle with parmesan, a vegetable medley, pear gorgonzola salad and lemon bars for dessert.

After a fun-packed four days in California's Mother Lode, where all twenty-eight rigs had a great time, the extremely warm temperatures of the first two days notwithstanding, campers headed home, awaiting further NorCal adventures.

Bill Maffei



E-Biking: Billie & Bob Verdegaal, John & Lori Bibby, Gail and Dan Crutchfield, Darlene & Mark Winchell

Below: Ed Ungerman and Winter exploring New Melones Reservoir



Above: John Bibby and Ed Ungerman catch up while L: Lori Bibby enjoys more pool time



More Angels Camp Rally Photos

The hosts enjoy making and serving the Pancake Breakfast.



Seated below: L to R: Donna & Gary Rich, Elaine White, Jill & Dave Wilson



Left: Seen Wine Tasting at Ironstone Winery; Top to Bottom: Hedda & Tom Smithson, Jose Ortiz and Dean Davison, Amy & Thomas Webster, Mary & Mike Lingsch, Bob & Bille Verdegaaal, Darlene & Mark Winchell

NORCAL ANNUAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The NorCal Club will be holding its annual officers election during October. The election will be wholly electronic; there will be no paper ballots, so your only way to vote will be via computer or other electronic device. *Each* member of NorCal has a vote, whether you are single or part of a couple, but to vote, you must each have a

separate email address, and have submitted your email address to Tom Smithson.

On /about October 1st, you will receive an email with information on the election and a link to the ballot site. On the the ballot will be candidates for each office of the NorCal Board, - see below. The election (e.g. voting) will start on October 1, 2021 and end on October 15, 2021.

Please vote. You will also have the ability to write-in any candidate you feel is worthy. The results of the election will be shared at the November NorCal Board meeting. If you have any questions please contact Tom Smithson at tscats@mac.com.

NorCal 2022 Slate of Officers

The NorCal Nominating Committee (Chair Bob Verdegaal, Marget and Dave Williams) submitted to the Executive Board their 2021 NorCal Slate of Officers. Thus, the following will be on the upcoming officer election ballot this month:

President -	Bob Verdegaal
1st Vice President -	Jim Christie
2nd Vice President -	Carmen Ortiz
Trustee -	Tari Salinger
Trustee -	Mark Winchell
Recording Secretary -	Gail Crutchfield
Treasurer -	José Ortiz

Officers remaining in their positions are: Senior Trustees Dean Davison and Carole Echols. (Trustees serve a two-year term, so automatically advance to Senior Trustee. Dean is voluntarily extending his term as a Senior Trustee for one year so that we maintain the required number of four Trustees on the Board.) Also remaining is Hedda Smithson as Parliamentarian. There are no changes to the standing Committee Chairs at this time.

John Bibby

If You Have Not Heard ...

Move over Pendleton and Tommy Bahama. There is a new Special Edition Airstream in town. Pottery Barn, the store of upscale home furnishings, textiles and décor, did not settle for merely creating a product line for Airstreams. It went a step further and helped create an entire special edition Airstream. Airstream and Pottery Barn took a 28 foot layout and transformed it into a Pottery Barn-style environment. If you are familiar with the Pottery Barn esthetic, you will probably like it, with its dark oak wood table based on a Pottery Barn furniture collection, the Pottery Barn fabrics, and the finishes like the white wood cabinet covers, dark kitchen faucets, wrought iron wall sconces, etc. There are lots of Pottery Barn accessories included. I do like the cute shelf or "table" that attaches to the side

window even if it is a gimmick. Totally skeptical of the white fabric upholstery holding up to any camping. In my opinion it is pretty, if not practical. Comes with a hefty \$149,700 price tag though, and with add-ons, more like \$155,000. (A 28 foot Flying Cloud starts at \$104,000, an International at \$118,000.) Evidently its price tag is not stopping sales.

-Editor

<https://www.airstream.com/travel-trailers/pottery-barn-special-edition/>

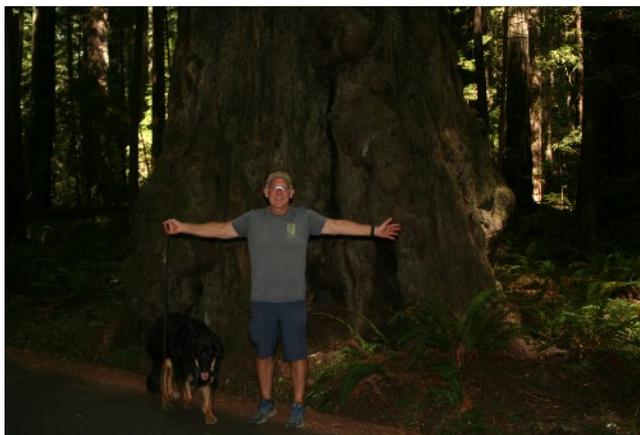


Quincy Rally Alternative

We weren't totally surprised to get the call from John announcing the cancellation of the Quincy rally in August, but we were certainly very disappointed. Our club rallies have meant a lot to us, we are starting to make some great friends and we look forward to seeing everyone.

The Quincy rally was to be our 3rd Rally and our chance to shed the bright green ribbons adorning our name tags. Alas, we'll have to wait for Oakhurst for that privilege.

We both agreed that we really wanted to go somewhere. We have the "Airstream Bug" and wanted to get away. We just needed to find a place away from the fires that would accommodate a weekend scheduling. A quick text to our fellow Napaites and NorCal members Vickie and Paul Bartelt, and we landed at The Giant Redwood RV Park in Myers Flat – just north of Garberville (<https://www.giantredwoodsrv.com/>). We were able to keep the same itinerary as the Quincy trip and spent a lovely few days exploring the small towns in the area, hiking through some amazing giant redwoods and of course eating some great food.



We met many wonderful folks, many from Bend, Oregon, as well as a couple of Airstreamers, who we (of course) tried to recruit to join our club.

We would highly recommend this area and park. It's extremely clean and well managed. The spaces are fairly large and well outfitted. The Park neighbors the beautiful Eel River and under normal circumstances would be a great place to swim, kayak and fish, but unfortunately, due to the drought and a poorly timed red algae bloom, we never were able to test the waters.

Can't wait to see everyone at the Oakhurst Rally and shed the green ribbons!
Janie with Tary Salinger

Tentative 2022 NorCal Rally Schedule

Rally Chair Pat Lazzereschi and First Vice-President Bob Verdegaal have tentatively unveiled their picks for NorCal Rally locations for next year. This list is tentative, subject to change, but it will give you an idea of their plans. Specific dates to be determined.

The next step is to secure hosts for the rallies. If you are interested in hosting a rally, please contact Pat Lazzereschi at plazzereschi@gmail.com to express your interest.

Don't know what to do? Contact any member who has hosted a rally (note the rally schedule on page 2) for the how-tos. Typically hosting is done in pairs so no one does it alone. The January 2021 Poppy has a full article on "normal" rally hosting, and a manual can be found on the Norcal website, along with the January Poppy. It is fun to host, so don't be shy!

March	Cal Expo Fairgrounds RV Park (Sacramento)
April	Gold Country RV Park (Pine Grove)
May	Red Bluff KOA Journey (formerly Durango) Red Bluff
June	Emerald Forest RV Park, (Trinidad)
August	Santa Cruz KOA (Santa Cruz)
September	Coleville KOA (Coleville)
October	Lazy Arrow Guest Ranch (Santa Margarita) DRY CAMPING
November	Skyline RV Park (Napa)
December	Black Oak Casino RV Park (Tuolumne)

Affiliated:

April 21-24	Region 12 Cali Rally at Parkfield Ranch
July 23-29	International Rally at Fryeburg Maine



- 8 Bob & Linda Minder
- 18 Kirk/Joanne Reistroffer/Hilliard

Happy Birthday!



- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Jim Christie | 26 Linda Ackerman |
| 1 Linda Myers | 26 Larry Warren |
| 8 Scott Leaman | 31 Leslie Irey |
| 14 Sandy Higgins | 31 Julia Lyon |
| 22 Sarah Curl | |



Pumpkin Spice Latte` Recipe

By Carolyn Menyes

<https://www.thedailymeal.com/drink/pumpkin-spice-latte-at-home>

For the Pumpkin Pie Syrup:

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cup water
- 1 1/2 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1 to 2 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

Directions:

Step 1: In 2-quart saucepan, stir together 1 1/2 cups sugar and 1 1/2 cups water. Cook until sugar is dissolved (do not boil).

Step 2: Beat in 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin and 1-2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice with whisk. Cook (do not boil) 5 minutes longer.

Step 3: Remove from heat. Cool at least 30 minutes. Pour syrup into bottle, jar or storage container. Store in refrigerator for up to two weeks.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 to 2 tablespoon pumpkin pie syrup (above)
- 1 to 2 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice, plus more to garnish
- 1 to 2 shots espresso, or 1/2 cup of strong black coffee
- Whipped cream, to garnish

Directions:

Step 1: In a saucepan, whisk together 2 cups milk, 1-2 tablespoons pumpkin pie syrup, and 1-2 tablespoons brown sugar and cook on medium heat, stirring, until steaming. Remove from heat, stir in 1 tablespoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice, and whisk well until slightly frothy. You can use a blender if you prefer.

Step 2: Add mixture to a mug and top with 1/2 cup coffee. Garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle of pumpkin pie spice.

For the Pumpkin Spice Latte:



Twilight at Angels Camp

By Elisa Ungerman

Source: <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Halloween			29	30	1 INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY	2
	National Golf Day		Oakhurst Rally			
			Region 12 Rally - Paso Robles			
Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day				National Dessert Day		DICTIONARY DAY
	Meatloaf Appreciation Day			Pumpkin Cheesecake Day OCTOBER 21		
		NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY!!!	BLACK CAT DAY			

Garden Flag Information

You can order your NorCal Garden Flag directly from Flagology. Complete instructions are in the January Poppy issue. For any questions, the NorCal contact is John Bibby (707) 592-4891. The Flagology contact is Connor Young (855) 347-4922. Click here to order, or copy and paste in your browser: <https://www.flagology.com/product/personalized-norcal-airstream-club-garden-flag-12-5-x-18/>



Badge and Logo Sticker Info

You can obtain your colorful NorCal Membership Badge whenever you attend a rally. Contact Marget Williams to get yours for free, a perk of membership. Also, now available is the NEW five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle when you attend rally. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Be sure to request one from Marget.

