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President's Message

When Janie and I came down from the Plymouth Rally "High," our minds immediately began to wander about what our next Airstream outing would be. Would it be our first rally in March in Paso Robles, or would we carve out some time and take a few days somewhere new? Then, Christmas hit us with a bang: our family invaded Napa Valley for 3 days of events – each event ranging from 18-30 people.



The local houses, including ours, began to fill up with siblings, children and cousins, and the positioning for space began. As beds and couches got snatched up, we both immediately thought: we can sleep in the Airstream! In the end, we didn't need the extra bed, but we love our Airstream and would have enjoyed our stay, regardless of where it is parked.

We're not alone in these thoughts, and as much as we love our family, we also love our cozy, warm bed in

our rig. As this message is being written, we finally reacquainted ourselves with the Airstream and are in Isleton, sitting right on the Delta, watching the water rise, the bird life and enjoying the sun.

The January 1st sign-up for the Paso Robles Rally showed a strong demand - with a long waiting list. A big thank you goes to Juliet, who immediately jumped in and secured 10 more spots and our hosts (Teams Fritz/Ames, Websters and Matteo) who graciously agreed to expand the rally size to 40 rigs. What a great way to start the year!

One of my goals is to have as few meetings as possible this year so that we can all enjoy our rallies and explore their locations. I'm hoping to operate with a max of 3-4 regular meetings and attempt to cover the balance, if needed, electronically. With that said, we will be having our first "in person" meeting of the year on Saturday, March 8th, with a Board Meeting at 9 am followed by a General Meeting at 10 am. Hope you can make it.

The V-6 Ranch Rally quickly follows Paso Robles in April and we are looking forward to it. We appear to have over the minimum number of participants but we still have plenty of room for more at this time. The V-6 ranch is a beautiful location and a wonderful environment to unwind. Janie and I plan on attending, and don't forget, this is a great event to bring a friend as this is a "Buddy Rally". We can accommodate up to 40 rigs at the V6 Ranch Rally. So if you have not signed up yet - contact the registrar via email ASAP to secure your spot. As of March 1, the Jotform link to the V6 rally has been decommissioned, but you can still register through the registrar. Info about the rally was posted in the January Poppy and through an email blast send out prior to February 1st.

In the meantime, travel safe wherever your adventures lead you and we can't wait to see everyone soon!

NorCal President Tary Salinger

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From the Editor

— Greetings all. Ed and I have not seen our Airstream for four and a half months, and speaking for myself, I have missed it! So I am enjoying being back in the saddle so to speak for a get-away to Borrego Springs, a visit to family in Dana Point, then a swing up the California coast to the Paso Robles Rally this month where I hope to see many of you. Ed is excited to try out our new truck that we purchased when our former F150

developed some expensive issues (never good when the check engine light appears!) on the day we were getting our Airstream for the November rally, causing us to miss that rally unexpectedly. But the upside is that we purchased a hybrid with great gas mileage and a built-in generator, and secured a cool new camper top that may allow for bike transport, maybe.



Due to our rally season starting this month, this issue is a bit sparse. But that works for me while I'm on the road. We do have the summary for the May rally featuring Lassen RV Park, one of my favorite areas to visit. The Fall River valley is so peaceful and beautiful. You cannot beat the views of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta, and the wide expanse of sky with its cloud formations, when the weather permits. The RV park is nice and there is a great communal area to socialize. The temps will probably be a bit cool in early May, but presumably there will be no wildfires. As a side note: did you know the Lassen RV Park is for sale? It is as of this writing, so if you are interested or know someone who might be, the asking price is \$854,000 for 68 acres and the buildings/improvements thereon. Check out:

<https://farmandranch.com/property/lassen-rv-park-campground>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: During our hiatus, a few of us involved in the behind the scenes work of our rallies met to discuss various issues. For the past few years, the Poppy has been published a few days before an upcoming rally registration so that everyone has a chance to obtain the Jotform link before registration begins. However, in those months there has been no rally registration, it was published on the first of the month.

It was deemed prudent that The Poppy be published on a particular day every month to avoid confusion. Consequently, The Poppy or Blast will be sent to members on the 27th of the month, regardless of whether it contains rally registration information. Please add club011@airstreamclub.org to your contact list to help insure that you receive it and other communication from NorCal in a timely manner. If you do not receive it on that date, check your spam folder and/or do an email search for club011@airstream.org. If you still cannot find it - contact Doug Fritz and he will help you to track it down, or provide you with a copy directly. dcfritz@mac.com

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2025 Rally Schedule

March 5 - 9

Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles
Hosts: Fritz/Ames & Websters, apprentices: Team Matteo

April 2 - 6*

V-6 Ranch, Parkfield
Hosts: The Ungermans *(Dry Camping) Buddy Rally

May 7 - 11

Lassen RV Park, McCarthur
Hosts: The Hurleys

June 4 - 8

Grass Valley RV Resort, Grass Valley
Hosts; The Mottas & Maffeis

Aug. 6 - 10*

Schmooville, Fortuna
Hosts: The Scheuers, Team Paz, The Salingers as pizza cooks; Apprentices The Villaires
*(partial dry camping)

Aug. 23 - 28

York, PA
International Rally - Airstream Club International Rally

Sept. 10 - 14

Clio RV Resort Clio
Camp Counsellors: The Salingers & Bartelts

Oct. 8 - 12

Tahoe Valley Campground, S. Lake Tahoe
HOSTS NEEDED - great site & location

Oct. 15 - 19

Bonelli Bluffs RV Park, San Dimas
Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 5 - 9

Boulder Creek Mobile Home & RV Park, Lone Pine
Hosts: The Echols & Deiwerts; Apprentices The Daubers

Dec. 3 - 7

Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne
Hosts: Team Matteo, the Broads, **Fitzgerald/Doornik**;
Apprentices: The Roblees

The Fine Print

New info shown in **green**. Dates are arrival and departure for planned rally, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration Jotform and payment to the Club Registrar. If a rally is full, there is a wait list. "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.



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| 1 Joe Riggs | 19 Roy Hutto |
| 2 Luann Hollis | 20 Larry Jones |
| 3 Dave Wilson | 20 Marget Williams |
| 4 Dennis Richardson | 25 Margaret Drew |
| 9 Vicky Bartlett | 27 Dick Sullivan |
| 9 Ralph Drew | 30 Deborah Christie |
| 10 Dee Aguilar | 30 Eric French |
| 11 Patience Beck | 30 Tony Sica |
| 12 Chet Weaver | 31 Claudia Sherry |
| 13 Joanne Hilliard | |
| 16 Gary DeSmet | |

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| 11 Alan/Dee Aguilar | 22 Allen/Linda Sickler |
| 13 John/Lori Bibby | 24 Richard/Judy Kleiman |
| 21 Tom/Deanna Bain | 30 Grover/Cathy Sandy |

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As of this writing, there is still space to snag on the April V6 Ranch Rally – which should prove to be a great time. We have some surprises in store as we hang out in “the cowboy side of California” including (hopefully) some vintage western movies. Just call or email the registrar to sign up, and don't forget, your non-Airstream buddy can attend as well.

Have a great month, a happy St. Patrick's Day, and I will be back in touch in April.

Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor



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 would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Affiliates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an email with your Name (First and Last) and your

Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only). norcalmembership@comcast.net. We have noted that many attending rallies claim birthdays or anniversaries but are not on the list - so call or email Marget to check if you are!

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It's May Day in the Hills

May 5 - 9 2025

Lassen RV Park & Campground

548-335 Old Highway Rd.
McArthur, CA 96056

Hosts:
Lynn and Harold Hurley

We will be gathering at Lassen RV Resort May 5th-9th. Hopefully we can expect warm spring weather because the area is an outdoor paradise. Biking, hiking, exploring small towns, visiting beautiful parks and good company await our arrival. The Resort promises "sites nestled among beautiful groves of oak and pinewood, with each site generously distanced from its neighbors." The owner of the Resort seems very pleasant and helpful. He has promised the use of a pavilion and adjoining area that can accommodate our needs regarding tables, chairs and a fire pit.



Planned Activities

Please plan on a potluck dinner Wednesday evening. A sign-up for what you plan to bring will be on the Jotform. Saturday night will be a sausage/onions/peppers cookout with baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. A variety of sausages is the specialty of a local Meat & Sausage Company, and a vegan option will be available. The cost for the Saturday cookout is \$7 per person.

Of course, we will have our every-evening social hours. The evening appetizer requests will be provided when site assignments are sent out.

Debbie Ames has graciously agreed to provide us with a cell phone photography class. The date/time has not yet been set, but our beautiful location will let us all try out new skills.

Exploring the Area

At this writing, many of the State Parks and local museums are not open or fully staffed. As we get closer to our rally date perhaps guided tours or hikes can be scheduled. Anyone familiar with the area and is willing to lead a hike please let me know. We can always plan group activities throughout the rally.

There are multiple museums in the neighboring small towns which tell the history of the area. The Crook Fort Museum in Fall River Mills is a store house of local history and should be very interesting. Because the museum is currently closed for the season a tour has not yet been arranged. Hopefully one can be booked for our group as our rally date nears.

State Parks: www.park.ca.gov

MacArthur-Burney Falls:

It seems the most appreciated feature of this park is the hike around Burney Falls, which itself is fabulous. A recent check of the website mentioned that part of this 1.3 mile walk is closed due to maintenance of the trail. However, a park employee

said that particular trail is now open. It is a very popular park for hiking, fishing and abundant wildlife viewing, and it is best to go early to avoid the crowds.



Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park:

This park can only be reached by boat. It has an exceptional landscape of lava flows, aqua bays and primeval beauty. This park is a wilderness area with extremely

rugged lava rock; be prepared if you visit it. However the lake around it, Big Lake, is accessible outside of McArthur by car and can be hiked around or kayaked upon. There can be lovely views of Mt. Shasta from the parking lot depending on weather.

Both parks offer natural beauty, the opportunity for outstanding photography, hiking, birding, boat rentals

and fishing. Each park has its own specific dog-access rules so check the website before you go.

Lassen Volcanic National Park: www.nps.gov/lavo/htm

The park is open all year but since spring-time weather is variable, not all areas may be accessible when we are there. The Visitor Centers are not open every day, and there are strict limitations on pet access - it is best to check the website before going.

Etcetera

There are multiple small towns in the area to explore, and, of course, near dining sites are always in demand. Crumbs Restaurant and The Ol' Merc both in McArthur have great reviews. If golf is your thing, the Fall River Valley Golf and Country Club is nationally recognized. www.fallrivergolf.com Carmen has provided a 25 mile round trip bike route from McArthur to Fall River Mills. The route info will be provided at the rally. Hope to see you there. If there are questions about the rally please feel free to reach out to the hosts. 209 602-6936



Lynn Hurley

Information and Registration Instructions for the May 2025 Rally @ Lassen RV Park

May Rally Cost Information

- Rally fee per person: \$10
- Parking fee per night: \$60
- Saturday Sausage Cookout \$7 pp

PLEASE READ
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INFORMATION
HAS CHANGED

Registration for this rally opens at 9 a.m. on March 1, 2025. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page via the Club's webpage:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-may-2025-rally>

Or this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/250407824750152>

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE JOTFORM as multiple jotform submissions make it difficult for the registrar. If you make a mistake or have new information to add, contact the registrar via wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.

Attendees are chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis based on the time the completed Jotform is sent to the registrar. **After completing and sending the Jotform, wait for an email directly from the registrar** either informing you that you are registered for the rally or that you are on the rally wait list.

If you are confirmed, you may either pay for the rally via Zelle to the **NorCal Airstream Club** (initiate through Zelle App or bank app if your bank participates) via the email address provided in her email, or send a check, **payable to "WBCCI/NorCal**, for the full amount directly to the registrar at the address provided before the postmark deadline given to you.

If you are placed on the wait list, do not pay until you hear from the registrar that you are confirmed for the rally. She will update your status via email.

Zelle is currently the preferred payment method. If using Zelle, make sure to add your name, rally location, and how you accessed Zelle (email address or phone#) in the "memo" or "message" area before sending payment. Your registration is incomplete and not fully confirmed until we receive BOTH your registration and payment.

Please pay by the deadline provided to you in the

confirmation email or you may lose your spot. If you do not hear back from the registrar on the day you register, *contact her within 48 hours*. Also contact the registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration or wish to register after the deadline, which is March 30th.

Via: wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.

She will contact you as soon as she can. **Under no circumstances are members to contact the RV Park with changes or cancellations.**

Refund Policy: The park has the following cancellation policies: If you cancel 4 or more days from the date of check-in, you will be charged a \$30 cancellation fee and refunded the remainder of your balance. If you cancel your reservation 3 days or less from the date of check-in you will be charged one night's stay for a cancellation fee.

Preferred Check in is between 2 pm and 7 pm. Check-out is noon.

The Park's Pet Policy is as follows: "We charge a nightly fee for dogs and other pets at our discretion. Management reserves the right to reject any pet for any reason and the right to deny camper admittance if a pet could pose a threat to the health and safety of campers in the park. We expect many campers to have pets. Large pets over 50 pounds are subject to manager approval. Keep pets on a leash in the park. Pick up your pet poop, please! Bags are available for sale in the office."

"Your pet(s) need all current and appropriate vaccinations. Pet owners who cannot control their pets will be asked to leave. If you let your pet off leash and they disturb other campers, you will be asked to leave. Please ask permission to set up any enclosures for your pets. We allow most types of enclosures, but we do NOT allow pets to be left unattended outside."

If you are sick, please stay home and get well. Thank you for this courtesy.

Rally Registration is only via internet Jotform - accessible via the Link above or directly from the Club's Website.



2025 NorCal Rally Primer

Plan Accordingly ...

March 5-9, Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles. We are pleasantly surprised by the high level of interest in this, our first rally of the year! We increased the number of sites from 30 to 40, and we still have people on the wait list. This will be a fun rally!

April 2-6, V-6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA. We are over our minimum of 20 rigs, but as of this writing there is still room for more attendees. This is a dry camping event with the venue providing showers, bathrooms, and a kitchen. Three catered dinners are offered, and a western movie night is planned. If you have yet to attend a NorCal Rally, this could be the one for you.

May 7-11, Lassen RV Park, McArthur, CA. A beautiful location near the McArthur-Burney Falls state park. The falls and adjacent lake are a must-visit destination. The Pacific Crest Trail passes through the same state park. There is also Big Lake and Lassen National Park close by, both worth seeing.

June 4-8, Grass Valley RV Resort, Grass Valley, CA. This is a brand new campground, and it looks to be a high quality venue with a swimming pool and hot tub.

August 6-10, Schmooville, Fortuna, CA. This is the 20-acre personal property of members Dean and Chris Davison. The previous rally at this location, in 2023, sold out quickly, so don't delay when registration opens. It is another dry camping venue, in a cool-weather location just south of Eureka, CA. Expect cooking classes and bon-fires under the stars.

September 10-14, Clio Rivers Edge, Clio, CA. Members were previously instructed to make their own reservations, so you should already have your spot. Check directly with the Campground if you do not have one. This is a very popular campground and typically sells out months ahead of time but cancellations can occur. If you obtain one, let the registrar know.


October 8-12, Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe, CA. *Hosts are needed!* This is one of the most popular vacation destinations in the state. NorCal has a dedicated group of sites located together in a specific area of the campground, surrounded by pine forest. Bring your bicycles to enjoy the lake-side trails nearby.

November 5-9, Boulder Creek Mobile Home Camp; RV Park, Lone Pine, CA. This is our second time having a rally in this location. Although the first one was technically cancelled due to Covid in June of 2020, six trailers rallied there anyway and gave it rave reviews. Lone Pine is known as the portal to Mt. Whitney. The park is also located near Alabama Hills, Owens Lake, and numerous other attractions including the Manzanar Historic Site, a former internment camp for Japanese-American citizens during WWII. The Western Movie Museum is located in Lone Pine.

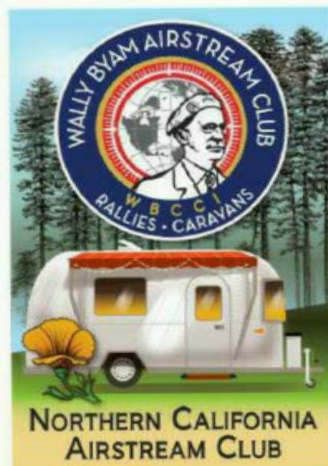
December 3-7, Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne, CA. This is a high quality RV resort within walking distance of the casino. The Christmas rally is always packed full of fun activities. Plus Covers Restaurant is nearby – do not miss their take home Pot Pies!

Rally Chair Juliet Schueur

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 May Rally Registration opens 9 am	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
			Paso Robles Rally				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27 Look for your Poppy!	28	29	
30	31 May Rally Registration closes						

Members: You can obtain your own colorful NorCal Membership Badge to replace your dull WBCCI badge after you have attended three Norcal Rallies. After you have been "degreened," you will receive your badge, along with a five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact NorCal's Membership Chair or Rally Registrar to get yours for no cost to you when you are eligible. Affiliates are eligible to purchase badges after their third NorCal Rally.



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