



# The NorCal News



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## President's Message

Greetings campers! We just had a great rally at the Costanoa KOA in cool Pescadero, CA. Camp counselors Tary & Janie Salinger, and Paul & Vicky Bartelt carried out a very engaging rally where we had the opportunity to spend time with old friends and make new ones. We welcomed several couples as new members and recruited two others who happened to be Airstreaming at the campground, saw all the silver and decided to check us out. Then joined the Club!

The appetizer competition ensured we had great bites while we engaged in friendly conversation. Thank you counselors!

By now I hope you have secured a site at the almost new Dumbarton Quarry Campground in Fremont. There are lots of things to do in the area and the hosts have lined up several of them for our enjoyment. Thanks to our great hosts, the Bells, Minadeos and Carey.

The joint rally of NorCal, Sacramento Valley and Greater Bay Area Airstream clubs will be happening on September 4-8 at the McCloud RV Park. We have 68 rigs and 129 attending! It will be four days of sun, fun and friendship in a beautiful area. If you ever find yourself on the fence about getting on a waitlist for a rally, don't hesitate. For this rally, we had 16 members on the waitlist and 15 were able to get in. So, next time, put your name in the hat!

After the joint rally, José and I will be heading to the Region 12 Rally in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. Never been to a region rally? I encourage you to sign up next time. It's a great event to meet members from all over California and Nevada. There's always workshops, food, and even music.

Well, my friends, I must leave you for now. I hope you are all doing well, traveling in your silver bullets and having fun. "The freedom of the open road is seductive, serendipitous and absolutely liberating." — Aaron Lauritsen, author of 100 Days Drive: The Great North American Road Trip. Until next month.



*Carmen Ortiz, NorCal President*

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# From the Editor

Greetings all!

It is September, when the days are perceptively shorter, but the weather is great for Airstreaming. September and October are probably my favorite months for traveling.



This month's issue is full of Club news – so check out pages 6 & 7 for the updates. There might still be sites available to come rally with us in October at Pomo RV Park in Fort Bragg so give them a call if you have not done so. Then let Carmen know you are coming. Carmen has prepared a sheet of goings on for the “unhosted” rally.

Additionally, ACI sent us information on the Missouri charities being assisted by the Club during the International Rally in October. Even if you are not going, there are ways to donate to the causes. See page 12.

Typically, we would publish information about the upcoming November rally in this issue, but that happened last issue. However, we do have registration/booking information for *next year's* Clio rally since reservation must be made a year in advance. All the information you need is on pages 3 & 4 to sign up this month for next year. (For planning purposes, the tentative 2025 NorCal Rally Schedule is posted on page 6.)

Paul Bartelt wrote a nice description of the Costanoa Rally we just had (page 8) with accompanying photographs: thank you Marget, Bob, Vicky, and Julliet. While I saw the Bar Cart driving around I didn't think to stop it, as others certainly did. And we have the third installment of the Texas Six Shooter. Caravan, covering our time in the Texas Hill Country.

Photo above was taken when we visited the “town” of Luckenbach (population three), made famous by Willie Nelson and the concerts he would have there (so I was told.) It is in a lovely area of the Hill Country, with 500 year old Live Oak trees providing shade. Two local guys were playing music and it was “Texas Country” festive the day we were there. Worth seeing if you are in the area.

*Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor*

# 2024 Rally Schedule

~~March 6 - 10~~

~~Buellton Flying Flags Resort, Buellton Ca  
Hosts: Hurleys & Marsons~~

~~April 3 - 7~~

~~Napa  
Hosts: Shackteford/Ogilvie & Fritz/Ames~~

~~April 18 - 21~~

~~Cali Rally, V-6 Ranch  
Hosts: Region 12  
<https://form.jotform.com/232265374580452>~~

~~May 8 - 12~~

~~Vinnies Ranch, Wilton CA  
Hosts: Williams & Crutchfields~~

~~June 12-16~~

~~Pioneer RV Park, Quincy, Ca  
Hosts: Hollifields & Scheuers~~

~~August 7 - 12~~

~~Gosta Noa Resort, Pescadero Ca  
Counsellors: Salingers & Bartelts~~

**September 4-8**

McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA (joint rally) Hosts:  
Ortizes, Goldsteins, Fitzgerald, Websters

**September 11 - 15**

Tahoe Valley Campground, South Lake Tahoe  
Host: Region 12

**October 5 -10**

Sedalia, Missouri  
Host: Airstream Club International  
<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

**October 9 -13**

Pomo RV Park, Fort Bragg, Ca  
unhosted

**November 6-10**

Dumbarton Quarry Campground, Fremont CA  
Hosts: Bells & Minadeos

**December 4 - 8**

49er Rv Resort, Plymouth Ca  
Hosts: Scheuers & Team Paz

**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.



# Clio's River's Edge Rally

3754 State Highway 89  
Clio, California 96106

## September 10-14, 2025

Hi all! We are getting ready for our 2025 rally year! Tary Salinger, our incoming president, has selected some amazing locations, one of them being Clio's River's Edge RV Resort. This is a beautiful location, in Eastern Plumas County on the Middle Fork of the Feather River, with lots of amenities in and around the park. Check out <https://rvthelostsierra.com/> for more information on the park and its location.



The rally is scheduled for September 10-14, **2025**. Why are we promoting this rally so early? Clio's River's Edge is very popular during the Fall and does not take group reservations, so **members will need to make their own reservations exactly one year in advance of the day you plan to arrive** at the campground to assure you will get a spot. For example, if you plan to arrive on September 10, 2025, you will need to book your site on September 10, 2024, through Clio's website. If you plan to arrive earlier, you should book earlier, a year out from the planned date of your arrival. *See the next page for site booking and rally registration information*, which is very similar to how booking/registration for the Dumbarton Rally was handled. The cost of the site will vary depending on type and location.

This should be a great rally; it is being hosted by our esteemed "camp counselors," the Bartelts and Salingers, who brought you the recent low-keyed Costanoa rally.



There are a few campground rules to take note of: (1) Dog Rules: There is a maximum of 3 dogs per site. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and cannot be left unattended. Dogs that exhibit aggressive behavior are not allowed in the Park. Dog fees apply and are \$2/dog/day;(2) the Cancellation Policy: Cancellations and modifications are subject to a minimum \$15.00 processing fee. Cancellations within 72 hours of check-in are subject to a charge equal to one night's stay. No refunds after 1 pm on day of arrival, or for early departures, and (3) State fishing licences are required to fish in and around the RV park. They can be obtained in Graeagle. Other rules and FAQs are posted on Clio's website;

It has been a few years since NorCal rallied at Clio, so we are looking forward to returning. Hope you can join us.

*Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer*

## A Note from your Clio Camp Counselor

Can you believe that we are already getting ready for our 2025 rally year? Clio's River's Edge RV Resort is an award-winning mountain retreat and we can't wait to introduce it to those who've never been!

The resort is near many lakes, miles of fishing streams (including alongside the resort), several golf courses, horseback riding and more! Visiting the cute town of Graeagle is a must, and Clio is also a great spot to bring your bikes. There aren't large cities nearby, but there are a couple of decent restaurants within striking distance if you get tired of cooking. Just ask your hosts for suggestions. This is a beautiful location with lots of amenities in and around the park.

Although there is no clubhouse (like Costanoa), our traditions of having a Wednesday potluck, nightly cocktail hour and other fun activities will continue. More to follow as we get closer! September days in Clio can still be warm until early evening, but nights can get cold. Plan accordingly and get your reservations in early!

*Tary Salinger*

# Booking & Registration Instructions for the September 10-14, *2025* Clio Rally

- 1. All attendees must make their own reservations beginning 1 year in advance of the day you plan to arrive at the campground.** For example, if you plan to arrive to the rally on September 10, then you may make your reservation beginning September 10, 2024. If you plan to arrive earlier, then you can make your reservation on an earlier date as long as it is one year from your arrival date.
- 2. You must make your own reservation through the Clio website or call the office at 530-836-2375 during business hours.** The direct link: <https://bookings13.rmscloud.com/Search/Index/12489/90/> or go to Clio's website and click on "Book Now" in the ribbon at the top of the page. If you reserve online, Clio recommends you use the most recent updated version of your browser. Follow the directions, fill out the form, and book your site. Site costs will vary depending on location.
- 3. Once you have secured a site,** please click on the following jotform link and fill out Jotform #1: <https://form.jotform.com/242246670249156>. You will not receive the appropriate follow-up rally information if you fail to do so.
- A second Jotform link from the camp counsellors will be sent out via email closer to the rally to all who have registered for the rally through Jotform link#1, with sign-up and payment information, if any, for whatever they have planned.
- Check-in at the park is at 1 p.m.
- 6 Cancellation policy:** See prior page. You will be responsible for your own cancellations and the fees attached. Refunds for other items will depend on whether funds have been spent by the hosts.
- 7. Dog Policy:** See prior page.
- Finally, if you are ill or not feeling well, please stay home and get better. Thank you for your courtesy in this regard.



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## Welcome New Affiliate Members

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Alameda, CA 94502

### NorCal Membership Numbers

199 Unit/Life Memberships

68 Affiliate Memberships

267 Total Memberships

**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>

# The Tentative 2025 Rally Schedule is Here!

Mark your calendars. Our First Vice President Tary Salinger has announced his picks for the 2025 NorCal Rally Schedule, which were approved by the Board at the Costanoa Rally in August. Details and possible changes will be forthcoming as the year progresses, but as of now, the tentative 2025 schedule is as follows:

March 5-9	Paso Robles RV Ranch,	Paso Robles
April 2-6	V-6 Ranch	Parkfield
May 7-11	Lassen RV Park	McCarthy
June 4-8	Grass Valley RV Resort	Grass Valley
August 6-10	Schmooville	Fortuna
September 10-14	Clio RV Resort	Clio
October 8-12	Tahoe Valley Campground	South Lake Tahoe
November 5-9	Boulder Creek RV Park	Lone Pine
December 3-7	Black Oak Casino	Tuolumne

# Ballot of NorCal's 2025 Officers

Under our club's constitution and bylaws, NorCal members are to vote on a slate of officers for the upcoming year, in this case 2025. The nominating committee led by Tary Salinger presented a proposed ballot of officers to the Board at the Costanoa Rally in August. Those appearing on the ballot are as follows:

President:	Tary Salinger
First Vice President:	Tom Webster
Second Vice President:	Debbie Ames
Secretary:	Amy Webster
Treasurer:	Gordon Krauter
Senior Trustee (1 yr)	Doug Fitzgerald
Senior Trustee (2 yr)	Paul Bartelt
Trustee (1 yr)	Sharon Paz
Trustee (2 yr)	Chuck Brown

Balloting will begin on September 1, 2024, and last for 14 days. On September 1, all members with email addresses will be sent an email with the link to the ballot. Please look for it and take the time to vote for the candidates.



# Don't Forget our October Rally in Fort Bragg!

NorCal's October Rally is October 9-13 at Pomo RV Park & Campground in Fort Bragg. ("Where the squirrels play and the quail have the right of way.")



The rally is unhosted and those going made their own reservations directly with the park. If the park has available sites, you can join us as we enjoy the October weather on the Coast, the botanical garden across the street, the beaches, hiking and biking, craft breweries, etc. Just let the Rally Registrar know so she can add you to the list of attendees and we can include you in whatever we do.

# NorCal's Garden Flags are No Longer Available

Sadly, the NorCal Poppy Garden Flag is on hiatus for the time being. The vendor is no longer making personalized garden flags, having ceased business. John Bibby reports that he is on the lookout for a new vendor, so if you can point him in the right direction, he would love to hear from you.

# Charity Auction in December Needs Your Ideas

Annually at the Christmas Rally, NorCal holds an auction for charity, a charity chosen by the First Vice President. Should you have a special charity to which you would like to see the Club donate, please contact Tary Salinger with your idea. He is in the process of making a decision and would appreciate hearing your suggestions.

Additionally, now is not too soon to plan and/or create your auction item, be it a basket of goodies, a craft project, a dinner or something else as December is just around the corner. It is always fun to see what people come up with! This year, in the event you do not wish to purchase anything, the Club will be able to accept cash donations to the charity, to be announced by or before December.



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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Shirley Bollinger | 21 Sue Clark      |
| 2 Rick Sharp        | 22 Ed Ungerman    |
| 6 Dave Williams     | 24 Bettye Kircher |
| 7 Sharon Carl       | 27 Ronald Hollis  |
| 17 Barbara Shubel   | 28 Jan French     |
|                     | 28 Barry Marson   |
| 20 Rosalie McKay    | 28 Johnny Lopez   |
| 20 Hedda Smithson   | 29 Paul Lemieux   |



- 1 Fred/Julia Lyon
- 2 Harold/Sandy Higgins
- 3 Allan Haley/Bobbie Rowlands
- 12 Eric/Jan French
- 26 Gary & Vicki DeSmet

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](mailto: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!

## Annual Star Report

Each year, memberships with a certain longevity in the Airstream Club are awarded stars to honor their loyalty in remaining members of the Club. The tradition dates back to Wally Byam. One star is awarded for every five years of membership or continued membership in the Club. There are 20 memberships that have qualified for a star (or another star) in 2024. NorCal President Carmen Ortiz is hoping to award all the stars in person during rallies this year. Congratulations to all!

Bain, Tom & Deanna	joined	1999	total stars	5
Bell, Raymond & Carrie	joined	2014		2
Carey, Kristine	joined	2019		1
Christie, James & Deborah	joined	2014		2
Crutchfield, Dan & Gail	joined	2014		2
Deiwert, Steve & Yoshiko	joined	1994		6
Delorefice, Larry & Maureen	joined	2014		2
Hiller, William & Mary	joined	2009		3
Irey, Steve & Leslie	joined	2014		2
Lazzareschi, Linda	joined	2019		1
Lazzereschi, Pat	joined	2014		2
Marson, Barry & Claudia	joined	2009		3
McKay, Paul & Rosalie	joined	2004		4
Minadeo, Michael & Phyllis	joined	2014		2
Putt, Peter	joined	2019		1
Rich, Donna & Gary	joined	2019		1
Roblee/Valerio, Clifford	joined	2019		1
Rumiano, Keith & Sara	joined	2019		1
Weaver, Don & Carol	joined	1974		10
Webster, Thomas & Amy	joined	2019		1

## ACI Courtesy Parking Update

The Airstream Club has announced they are in the final countdown for the official launch of the merger with Harvest Hosts and ACI Courtesy Parking, where Harvest Hosts will provide the platform for booking overnight stays through ACI's Courtesy Parking program. A new website is being developed for ACI members to access ACI Courtesy Parking, replacing the current system. Even if you are not a current Harvest Hosts member, you will still have access to the **new** ACI Courtesy Parking website and the ability to view and request a stay at all host sites offered by ACI members on their property. Instructions for using the new website will be sent to you in September. **If you wish to join HH**, ACI members can join for a discount of 50% for the first year of Harvest Hosts membership. Information is on the ACI website.



If you are a current Harvest Host member, you will need to confirm that your email for your Harvest Hosts membership is the same as your email for ACI to have the ACI courtesy parking icons show on the Harvest Host map. To check that your Harvest Hosts member email address matches your ACI email, log into your Harvest Hosts account. If the email addresses match, no further action is necessary. If not, you will need to access your account information either through "profile" on your mobile app, or "account name" on your desktop, and you can edit your personal information. If you have forgotten your ACI email address, you can log on to the ACI website and check under your "Membership Dashboard."

# Camp Costanoa



The August 2024 NorCal Airstream Rally at the Costanoa KOA in Pescadero, CA, (August 7-11) brought back distant memories of summer camps in days gone by. Camp Counselors Janie & Tary Salinger and Vicky & Paul Bartelt orchestrated the fun, food, and friends that a summer camp is all about. The camp counselors arrived on Monday to make sure that everything was ready for the rally only to find NorCal President and First Partner Carmen and Jose Ortiz already at Camp and ready to have fun. On Tuesday, 17 more Airstreamers also arrived early to join in the fun and to enjoy the cool coastal weather. By Wednesday, camp was in full swing, with approximately 36 Airstreams filling the campground.



### Fun

The Costanoa KOA provided a great location for excursions and dining in Santa Cruz, Capitola, and Half Moon Bay. The ever-increasing group of Airstream cyclists enjoyed several bike rides in Santa Cruz and Half Moon Bay, while other campers enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Point Lighthouse, glass blowing, wine tasting, art projects, playing games, hiking, shopping and beach combing. Still others stayed and enjoyed the beauty of the Costanoa Resort, and "the fabulous" Bar Cart that drove through the Campsite daily.



### Food

Summer camp food in my memory was somewhat hit or miss.... not so at Camp Costanoa. The rally started off with a well-attended happy hour and potluck on Wednesday night. The Camp Counselors had announced a friendly competition for the best happy hour appetizers prior to the start of camp. Who knew

that the prospect of a prize would set a high bar for appetizers. The group was delighted to see a vast array of snacks during each of the nightly happy hours while the judges were pleasantly surprised (and very full) with the delicious appetizers supplied by the group. Ultimately, tough decisions were made and the awards for best appetizers of the week went to Carrie Bell, Sharon Paz, and Marget Williams. Honorable mentions go to everyone else as this judge enjoyed them all.

### Friends

With approximately 36 rigs signed up for camp, there was no shortage of friends to see, play with, or share a drink or meal with. The group was so outgoing and friendly that several Airstreamers that were not part of our group were invited to come and play with us, resulting in three or four new members to our NorCal Club. The general feeling of "all are welcome" was prevalent throughout the Camp.

President Carmen Ortiz chaired a productive Board Meeting, followed by a well attended General Meeting of the Club on Saturday morning, while Juliet Scheuer handled Birthdays and Anniversaries on Saturday night. Throughout the Rally, many headed over to the onsite restaurant, The Cascade, for a tasty dinner or other meal.

Summer is winding down and fall will soon be in the air, but for this camper the Camp Costanoa Rally will never be forgotten. Your Camp Counselors are already looking forward to Camp Clio September 2025. See you down the road.

*Paul Bartelt*

## Welcome Our New Members



*Robert & Margherita Aikman*



*Kimmie, Hector and Nico Sandoval*



*Dwain & Trisha Christenson*



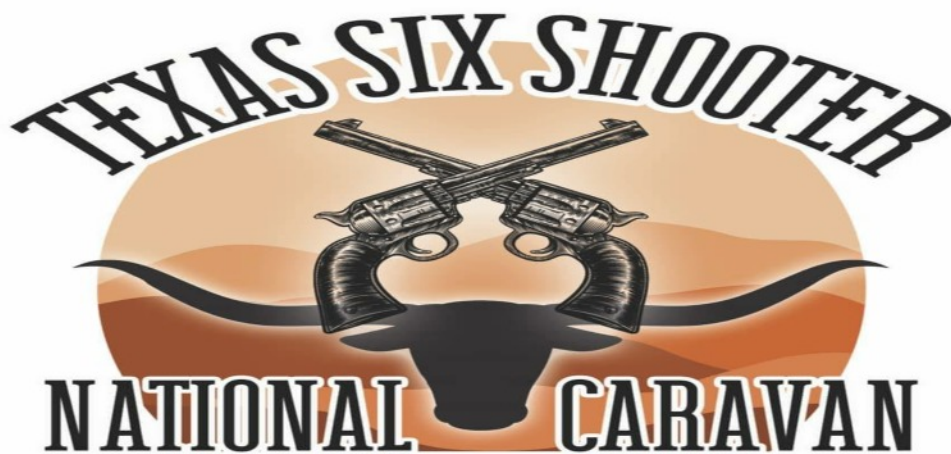
*Jeff & Kimberly Bohmhart*





# Scenes of Fun from Camp Costanoa





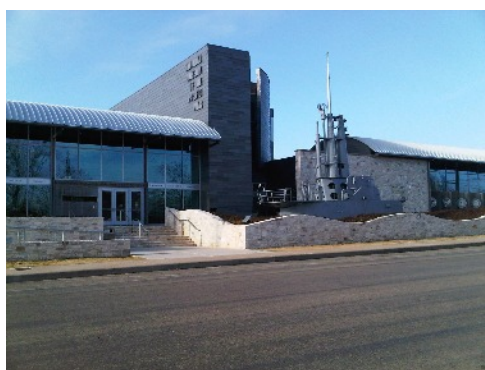
Third  
Installment  
by  
Elisa  
Ungerman

Two and a half weeks into the Texas Six-Shooter Caravan we were in Fredricksburg, roughly 70 miles north of San Antonio. Fredricksburg, the County seat of Gillespie County, is in Texas Hill Country, a region in Central Texas known for its rolling hills, oak trees, ranching and agriculture. It was founded in 1846 by German immigrants and named after Prince Frederick of Prussia, a heritage evident even today. While San Sabo near Lampassas (site of our Eclipse Rally) is the "Pecan Capital of the World," Fredericksburg is the "Peach Capital of Texas." Unfortunately no peaches were evident in late April when we passed through, although we passed numerous empty peach stands. (Evidently May-August is the season.)

Nonetheless, there was plenty to see in the area and we were not able to see it all in the four and a half days we spent there. On most of our days, we were free to do as we wished. Main Street Fredericksburg, with its shops, historical district and buildings, restaurants and bakeries, biergartens, wine tasting rooms, and other attractions is a must visit.



But be aware that because everything is open on the weekends for all the visitors that pour in from urban Texas cities, many establishments are closed Monday and Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday as well. So crowds must be endured if you wish to see the sights.



Not to be missed is the National Museum of the Pacific War in downtown Fredricksburg, behind the Admiral Nimitz Museum. This is a comprehensive tour through the Pacific theatre battles of WWII. The docents give you the prelude of the War in the Pacific during 1941 that led to the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7th, then lead you to a room with a large scale model of a battleship where the bombing raid is recreated and the history of that day is told. From there, you embark on a trail that leads though

every battle theatre/island in the Pacific up to the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan. The tour is sobering.

Fredericksburg is the boyhood home of Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Chester Nimitz, for whom the Musuem is named, and why it is located in the middle of Texas. Make a reservation before you go.

Some other attractions we saw: the Texas Ranger Heritage Center operated by the Former Texas Ranger Association, Wildseed Farms, the nation's largest working wildflower farm that includes a market center, gift shops, coffee stand, wine tasting, biergarten, nursery and walking trails through acres of beautiful gardens and landscaping, the beautiful



Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site (seen below),

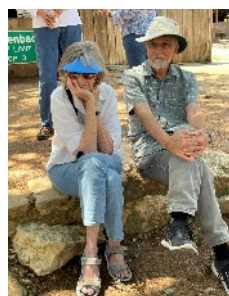


the Johnson Ranch itself, which is still a working cattle ranch where you can drive through and see the before-his-time



Boot store in historic Fredricksburg building

ranching and farming practices of LBJ as well as the way the ranch looked when LBJ was President, the music venue of Luckenbach (below), established in 1849 as a trading post but made famous by Willie Nelson, which has a general store, historic dancehall, a bar, outdoor picnic areas and live music daily under 500 year old Live Oak trees,



the "Texas Cowboy Capital" of Banderas (due to its history as the staging area for Texas cattle drives, with its quaint western Main Street, shops and fun bars (yes, Ed got the T shirt), the town of Kerrville, located on the Guadalupe River and home to the 25-acre Coming to the King Sculpture Prayer Garden with multiple bronze statues the artist was told by God to make, including the bronze cross that sits visible for miles on the hill above



the freeway, (where spiritual music plays from wireless speaker rocks), the town of Ingram with its Art Center and scale model of Stonehenge ("Stonehenge II") and two Easter Island (Moai) statues, and of course wineries, wineries and more wineries since the area is known as "Texas Wine Country."



Stonehenge II



William Chris Winery

Know if you go that many of the wineries are not dog friendly, not even allowing tastings on the patio with your dog, which was somewhat frustrating to us who have a dog who could not be left in the trailer, or car, due to heat and anxiety. Also many wineries are not open on Mondays or Tuesdays so plan accordingly.

While in Fredricksburg, the Caravaners partook of more authentic Texas BBQ at a nearby restaurant, and our Leaders treated us to an evening of Texas Country music performed by a local band, Country Cactus, with a fiddler that at age 9 won the Texas State Youth Championship Fiddle Contest and later won the State Championship more than once. She was incredible and after a few tunes, our entire group was up and dancing the Texas Two Step, and doing a conga line. Ok – some alcohol may have been involved. The band was a highlight of our trip.



What was **not** a highlight for us, beginning in Fredricksburg, was the Central, and North Texas spring weather. Fortunately, we were spared the worst – we had no hail and no tornadoes where we were, although they happened to the East of us. However, we endured the onslaught of mid-west monsoon

rain, thunder and lightning storms, mostly at night. In truth, this would not have been terribly uncomfortable, but we were traveling with a dog who is highly sensitive to and terrified of thunder and lightning. Being in a trailer made it worse. The rains kept the scenery green and pretty, but dealing with a terrified dog was no fun as nothing seemed to help. I would not put another animal through that. We were told that several other dogs on the trip did not deal well with the weather. Just something to consider if you plan to visit Texas during the Spring. It may be cooler, and the wildflower bloom lovely, but there is a trade-off., If your dog is not from Texas.



Boots seen in a Banderas Thrift Shop



A store in the Hill Country

Next month: the final installment: the last week of the Caravan.

# This in from Airstream Club International:

(Please note that the hyperlinks do not work in this copy. You can copy and paste them in your browser, or find the email that was sent separately to all members)

## AIRSTREAMERS GIVING BACK IN SEDALIA

Let's make our mark in Missouri at the Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia and have "Fun in the Fall"!



Whether you are attending this year's International Rally or not, you can participate in our community service project for 2024. We are partnering with the [Bothwell Foundation](#) to support their Pinktober campaign. Airstream Club International members have two ways to make a difference:

1. [Buy a Pinktober T-shirt](#) in support of all people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Missouri, in October, has a lot of autumn colors, but **PINK** is the color that will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Non-rally attendees can purchase T-shirts and have them mailed for a small fee (\$5). <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>

The broader Sedalia community will be out wearing "Blue Jeans for Bothwell" on Wednesday, October 9. Rally attendees can join in the fun on Wednesday, by wearing Pinktober T-shirts, along with blue jeans. During that evening's rally entertainment, a group picture will be taken at the Airstream Club International band and choral concert. (Please feel free to wear your Pinktober T-shirt and blue jeans all day!) If you have questions, or if you want to volunteer to help distribute the Pinktober T-shirts at the rally, please contact Rose Garland (BRN #6566) at 314-484-1272.





2. This Community Service project with the Bothwell Foundation is also targeting the renovation of the Bothwell Regional Health Center patient rooms. The Bothwell Regional

Health Center was built in 1985 and needs updates and modernization. With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated with naming rights in the donor's honor. We plan to have a patient room at the Bothwell Regional Health Center dedicated to the 67<sup>th</sup> Airstream Club International Rally! Even if you are not attending this year's rally, you can contribute to this project by [clicking this link](#). If you haven't read the article in the Blue Beret, Spring issue, page 44-46, about the 2024 community service project, [please check it out now](#).

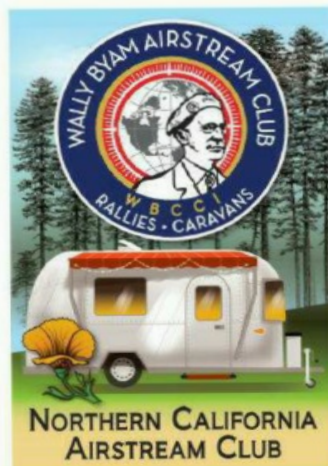
And, P. S., please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Future Streamers Intra-Club's effort to support the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to everyone who has made even the smallest contribution to the success of the 67<sup>th</sup> Airstream Club International Rally in 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri!

# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>McCloud Joint Rally</b>						
8 	9 <b>Self-Registration For Clio Rally a year from now</b>	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Region Rally - South Lake Tahoe</b>						
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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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