



# The NorCal News



## President's Message

Greetings once again from Deborah and myself. As you have noticed, I have included a great picture of fellow NorCal Airstreamers: John and Lori Bibby along with Greg and Janet Motta. We were able to continue our camping at the conclusion of our Davison Ranch Rally, 8/2-8/6, stopping at the Pacific Star Winery a few miles North of Fort Bragg for some wine tasting and lunch. If you have never been, I recommend considering a visit when they are open and you are in the area. There was plenty of parking for our three Airstreams.

Well, the Rally at Davison Ranch was a great success. One comment made by Chris stays in my head. She said, "I've never seen a smile on Dean's face last this long". From the first day to the last day, Dean and Chris opened their home and hearts to all of us. Our Hosts, Brian and Juliet Scheuer, Tony and Sharon Paz,

along with Ryan Shackelford and Nate Ogilvie went over the top with all their work to ensure attendees had a great time. The food was awesome, the classes for making pickles and sauerkraut were fun, and the weather was spectacular. Being together with friends, new and old, was again very rewarding. The parking sites in the front pasture were spacious and Dean worked hard to ensure there was access to water and even electricity when needed. The majority of us did very well dry camping for the four days of the Rally and some for a longer period. Dean shared a story about him preparing the pasture one evening after dark for our arrival and realizing in twenty years, he had never been in that pasture after dark. It made me realize that time goes by and we never seize moments to experience places in our back yard, our beautiful America, unless we find a reason or make a reason to do so. Make time to travel to new places, eat new food, experience a new culture, in your Country, in your Airstream. "Keep on Traveling" and we will see you down the road.



*Jim Christie & Deb*

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# From the Editor

Welcome to September everyone... I'd like to give a shout out to all those who submitted photos of the Schmooville Ranch Rally in August. Unfortunately Ed and I were not able to make it due to Ed's father passing on, but several NorCalers stepped in to fill the void, specifically **Lori Bibby, Bob Echols, Billie Verdegaal, Gail Crutchfield** and even **Chris Davison**. Without them, the Rally would not have been featured as it is for the rest of us who could not attend. So a big thank you goes to them! The summary provided to us by Brian Scheuer, begins on page 8.

The latest news is that the October Bakersfield rally was cancelled due to lack of interest. So the next rally after Felton will be at the Coast Village RV Resort in Pismo Beach, hosted by yours truly, Ed of course, and the Sallingers. Our club has rallied there several times, albeit not since John Bibby was installed as President a few years ago. It is always a fun place to rally, if only for the location. Keep in mind that it can be cold there in November, but the days can be very pleasant for walking on the beach or touring around the area. Check out the rally on page 3 and sign up for a good time. Pirate wear is fun, but optional.

The two rallies of 2024 that were featured in last month's Poppy (the Flash Rally in Death Valley and the August Rally in Costanoa) had their registration challenges since the Club is trying new things. Attempting to reserve camping spots in popular National Parks can be difficult because people scam the system, going online before the dates they want and reserving sites early, locking up to two weeks worth of camping, then weeks or months later cancelling the sites they do not need. With the result that when you log onto the reservation site to camp on certain dates six months in advance, the sites you want may be all unavailable. If you missed obtaining a site at the Furnace Creek Campground during February dates of the rally, don't despair. The odds are that someone will cancel so keep checking back on recreation.gov. Lori is keeping a waiting list so those from our group who cancel can let her know, and she will let you know about the vacancy.

As for Costanoa, people reported that it was a fairly easy process. The rally filled up by Tuesday afternoon, but there is a waiting list and odds are that if you are on it, you will probably get in given that the rally is almost a year away. **If you have reservations for either rally and have not yet done so, please contact Lori and provide her with your reservation number and dates of your stay** so she can keep track in the event of cancellations, and let others in.

So enjoy your September and I will be back in October.

*Elisa Ungerman Poppy Editor*

# 2023 Rally Schedule

|                               |  |   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <del>March 1 - 5</del>        | <del>Yanks RV Park, Greenfield</del>               | <del>Hosts: The Scheuers, Team Paz</del>                            |
| <del>March 29 - April 2</del> | <del>Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley</del> | <del>Hosts: The Crutchfields and Williams</del>                     |
| <del>May 17-21</del>          | <del>Lassen RV Park McArthur</del>                 | <del>UNHOSTED</del>   |
| <del>June 14-18</del>         | <del>Sparks Marina RV Park Sparks Nev.</del>       | <del>UNHOSTED</del>   |
| <del>June 24-July 1</del>     | <del>International Rally Rock Springs, Wyo.</del>  | <del>Hosts: Airstream Club International</del>                      |
| <del>August 2 - 6</del>       | <del>Chris &amp; Dean Davison's Fortuna</del>      | <del>Co-Hosts: The Scheuers, Team Paz, Team Nathan &amp; Ryan</del> |
|                               |  | <del>Boondocking</del>  |
| <del>Sept. 6-10</del>         | <del>Santa Cruz RV Resort Felton</del>             | <del>Hosts: The Echols, Roblee/Valerio, Becks</del>                 |
| <del>October 4-8</del>        | <del>River Run RV Park Bakersfield</del>           | <del>UNHOSTED</del>   |
| <del>October 25-28</del>      | <del>Region 12 Rally Pismo Beach</del>             | <del>Hosts: Region 12</del>   |
| <del>Nov. 8-12</del>          | <del>Pismo Coast RV Park Pismo Beach</del>         | <del>Hosts: The Ungermans &amp; Salingers</del>                     |
| <del>Nov. 29-Dec 3</del>      | <del>Black Oak Casino Tuolumne</del>               | <del>The Websters, Marsons, &amp; Team Rappaport/Haymond</del>      |

### 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 and payment by the deadline 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. Rallies are subject to COVID restrictions and protocols and any refunds are covered by Club policies as shown on the rally coupon.





# Our Pirate Palooza

**Pismo Beach Rally November 8-12, 2023**  
**Pismo Coast Village RV Resort**  
**165 S Dolliver St**  
**Pismo Beach, CA 93449**

Ahoy matey! Our silver ships be dockin' at The Pismo Coast Village RV Resort this November, in a salute to the possible pirate past of the area, including Pirates Cove, located between Avila and Pismo Beaches.



Arrrgh! Fly your Jolly Roger and make a point to be there. Lore has it that Sir Francis Drake (pirate), after looting Spanish settlements, stopped at the nearby Pirates Cove on his way up the Coast of California in the 1570s and buried treasure in the area. Of course, this could be a hoax, made up by enterprising real estate agents, but it is no hoax that the cove was used by rum runners and illicit bootleggers during prohibition, keeping the Central Coast area fully stocked in alcohol back then.



The star of this rally is The Beach, so we are giving you plenty of time to enjoy it (the Park has direct access so you do not have to drive to it), as well as views of the briny deep and other beautiful scenery in the area, Pismo City itself, and maybe even Pirates Cove (heads up: it is a nudist beach now). In November, the butterflies are supposed to return to nearby Monarch Grove.



Some beach games will be available for those interested, and if the weather cooperates and there is interest, on Thursday, we may put a bunch of fire pits into our trucks and head down to the State beach for a happy-hour sunset watch.

Avast ye! Each evening at 4:30 (except Friday) there will be a happy hour in the clubhouse (or somewhere). On Wednesday we will start the rally off with a Clam Chowder Supper with fresh, award-winning, and iconic local Splash Clam Chowder, along with salad, sourdough bread and desert. (Vegan option potato chowder will be available.)



Thursday, you will be on your own. Friday night we will assemble at 6:30 p.m. at the Oceano Great American Melodrama to see "Trudy and the Beast." Come find out what lurks in the fog-swept lagoon by the 13<sup>th</sup> hole of the Black Lake Golf Course in Nipomo and why. We got a great discount on tickets!



Saturday night we will have a pirate trivia contest, followed by a full service dinner catered by the on-site restaurant, consisting of salad, BBQ chicken and Tri Tip, rice pilaf, chili beans and desert. (Vegan option available).

Then, just like that, the hosted portion of the rally is over, and our ships be pulling out of port for another adventure come sunrise. So to all you Seadogs and Scallywags: shiver your timbers, shake your booty, and practice your "Yo Ho Hos" to get ready for a fun time at Pismo Beach. Costumes optional.



*Hosted by Ed & Elisa  
 Ungerman, Tary & Janie  
 Salinger*

# Pirate Palousa

## Pismo Coast Village Resort

**November 8-12, 2023**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRN # \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Day \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Day \_\_\_\_\_ RV length \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Parking Fee \_\_\_\_\_ weekday nights @ \$83 per weekday night  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday/Saturday nights @ \$105 per night      Total Parking Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$7.50 per person      Rally Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Nite Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$15 pp      Wed. Nite Chowder Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegan Option: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Nite Melodrama \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$26 per tkt      Melodrama \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Nite BBQ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$25 pp      Friday Nite dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegan Option \_\_\_\_\_

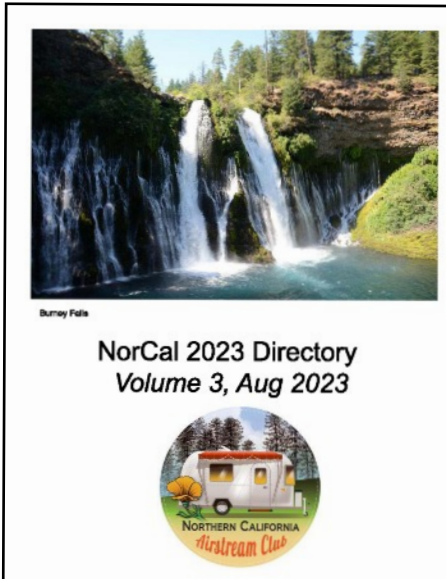
**TOTAL RALLY COST** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### THIS RALLY'S REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- On the first of the month, either directly register online using the jotform link:  
 or follow the 'Register for the Rally' link on the webpage (<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california/rallies-and-events>), or send this form and payment to the registrar at [norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com](mailto:norcalregistrar3854@gmail.com). **It is preferred you register online**, which makes it easier for the Registrar and Treasurer to keep track of rally registrations.
- **You can now choose to pay your rally fee online via Zelle (initiate through Zelle App or bank app if your bank participates) or send check directly to registrar Lori Bibby, 3029 Black Hawk Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648.**
- If you pay by check, **make your checks payable to WBCCI/NorCal and mail to NorCal Registrar Lori Bibby**
- If you want to pay via Zelle but do not know how or if your bank participates, check out: <https://www.zellepay.com/>
- **Refund Policy:** Cancellations and/or changes to registration must be received no later than Wednesday of the week prior to the rally, in other words, a week before the start of the rally. Refunds will be available depending on funds recovered in all categories. Parking fees are refunded according to RV park cancellation policy. Meals, tours, rally fees, etc., are refunded if money has not been spent by the hosts.
- **Please contact the Rally Registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration**, or wish to register after the deadline. **973-270-4132. She will contact you as soon as she can.**
- **Under no circumstances are members to contact the RV Park with changes or cancellations.**
- NorCal abides by the federal, state and local COVID19 mandates to keep not only its members safe but also 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.
- Please inform the Registrar if you need a handicap accommodation, or if this is your first NorCal rally.
- Your registration is incomplete and not confirmed until we receive BOTH your registration and payment. Typically, Zelle payments will confirm your registration quicker than sending in a check. Do not wait until the last minute to pay or you may not have a site regardless of when you initially apply.

# NorCal Club Contacts 2023

|                 |                            |              |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Jim Christie    | President                  | 760-500-7651 |
| Carmen Ortiz    | 1st Vice President         |              |
| Tary Salinger   | 2nd Vice President         | 707-477-8315 |
| Amy Webster     | Secretary                  | 707-337-9774 |
| José Ortiz      | Treasurer                  |              |
| Carole Echols   | Senior Trustee             | 408-839-6026 |
| Mark Winchell   | Senior Trustee             | 209-604-5912 |
| Tom Webster     | Trustee                    | 707-495-2358 |
| Bill Maffei     | Trustee                    | 916-207-6837 |
| Bob Verdegaal   | Immediate Past President   | 209-380-8884 |
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| Marget Williams | Membership                 | 916-947-9647 |
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| Pat Lazzereschi | Rally Chair                | 209-712-5884 |
| Lori Bibby      | Registrar                  | 973-270-4132 |
| Bob Vasser      | Caravan Chair              | 415-517-3651 |
| Cathy Maffei    | Sunshine                   | 916-662-1010 |



## Welcome New Members

Kenneth & Karen Paul  
Benicia, CA 94510

## Welcome New Affiliate Members

Eleanor & James Stoffo  
Estacada, OR 97023

The latest NorCal Directory was recently released via email. If you did not get a copy, please contact Tom Smithson (contact info in chart above) to get your copy. If your photo is not included - send one to Tom so we can know who you are!

## NorCal Membership Numbers

**194 Unit/Life Memberships**  
**60 Affiliate Memberships**  
**254 Total Memberships**





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

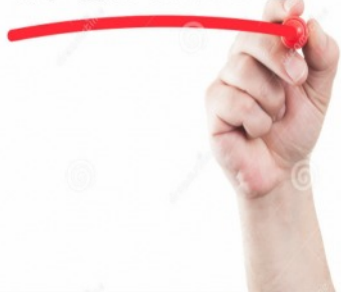


- 1 Fred/Julia Lyon
- 2 Harold/Sandy Higgins
- 3 Allan Haley/Bobbie Rowlands
- 12 Eric/Jan French
- 26 Gary & Vicki DeSmet

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Associates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an e-mail with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only).

[norcalmembership@comcast.net](mailto:norcalmembership@comcast.net)

## VISIT OUR WEBSITES



**Airstream Club  
International on the Web**

<https://airstreamclub.org/>  
**Region 12 on the Web**

[https://airstreamclub.org/r  
egion12](https://airstreamclub.org/region12)  
**NorCal on the Web**

[https://airstreamclub.org/  
northern-california](https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california)

## A Message to Those who use Zelle to Pay for Rallies

The Treasurer and Web page Manager say “thanks to all of you who are using Zelle to pay for rally registration.” However, some caution needs to be taken when completing the transaction. They and the Registrar request that **each time** you use Zelle for a rally, you take notice of the “message” or “reason” area on the “send” or “transfer” money page of your banking app and type in the following three things:

- your name(s)
- the month and year of the rally you are registering for
- either the email address or cell phone number you used when you registered with Zelle. This is necessary in the event of a refund, as the they otherwise will not know. If you do not remember what you used to register, the log-on page of the Zelle app should let you know. For purposes of this, the email address in the message cannot contain the '@' sign, so the example below uses "(at)" instead.

Sample:

- Jane & John Doe, May 2023 Rally, 555-333-4576
- Jane & John Doe, August 2023 Rally, johndoe(at)yahoo.com

Click [HERE](#) to see an example in the app. This information helps the Treasurer and the Registrar identify which payments belong to which rally when they do their accounting and also in expediting refunds. They appreciate your cooperation, and of course it benefits you. Juggling a lot of information behind the scenes is not easy, especially after a rally, so any help we give them is appreciated!

-Editor



**Recipe Corner:  
Lynn Hurley's  
Jambalaya  
Bread  
Pudding  
Serves 10**

At the August rally, Lynn Hurley's jambalaya bread pudding was reportedly a big hit on potluck night, with many requests for the recipe. It is reprinted here.

**Pudding Ingredients**

- 1 loaf French bread
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup raisins (FYI: Lynn has never used raisins)
- 1 quart milk
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons butter

In a large bowl break bread into bite-size pieces. (She leaves the crust on and cuts it up into about 1-inch cubes.) Mix other ingredients, except butter, pour over bread and soak about an hour. Melt butter in a 13 x 9 x 2 baking dish, tilting to coat all sides. Pour in pudding and bake at 1 hour at 375 degrees. (She has used individual ramekins also)

**Sauce Ingredients**

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup bourbon

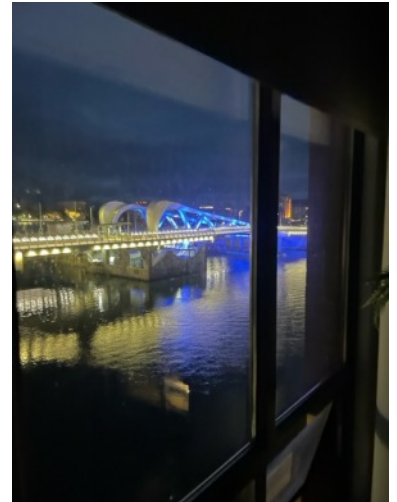
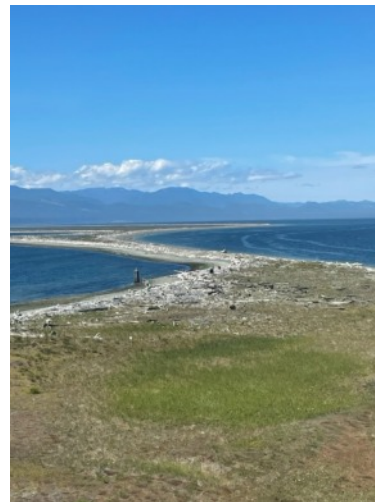
In top of a double boiler, melt butter and sugar. (You can get away with not using a double boiler.) Very gradually whisk in egg. Cool slightly. Add bourbon. (Brandy would probably work quite nicely as well.) If serving right away, pour warm sauce over pudding. If not, warm sauce slightly before serving and serve in a sauce boat.

Note: Lynn reports sourdough French bread is "yummy." She has also used sweet French bread for the recipe.

## NorCal Travels

This was submitted by NorCaler Gary Lind:

"Although we have slipped from your active membership roll, we did want to respond to [your request for] Airstream Adventures this summer. Just returned from a month long trip to the Olympic Peninsula and Victoria BC and it was extraordinary. Our 3rd visit! Not crowded, wonderful temps and so much to do. Oh, did I forget to mention the Lavender Festival in Sequim? Cheers, Gary and Eliane Lind"



Thanks Gary and Eliane! If you would like to submit a story about Your Airstream Adventure, simply email it to me, your intrepid Editor. Readers appreciate reading about member travels

*Editor*





# Summertime in Schmooville

*Brian Schueur*

**August 2-6, 2023**

Twenty-four Airstreams showed up to the Schmooville Ranch in August to enjoy the cool early morning fog and clear blue-sky sunny afternoons! We were carefully placed around the freshly groomed field, helping each other make sure they are parked level, with plenty of room to spread out.

Attendees toured the ranch facility and were welcome to use the outdoor sink, bathroom, microwave, etc. The evening concluded with a three firepit bonfire on the field in the center of the Airstreams, eventually featuring a beautiful orange moonrise.



Our venue owners (Chris and Dean Davison) along with 3 teams of hosts (Team Scheuer, Team Paz, and Team Ryan & Nate) made sure each unit had available fresh water for the holding tank and access to a shared power cord. We were all set for a dry camping event. We even had a fenced and gated dog run area!

Thursday morning started with coffee on the deck with variable toast and jam offerings. Most people explored Ferndale, Eureka and a place for lunch. The afternoon activity included a free group tour at the Lost Coast Brewery in Eureka.

Wednesday afternoon started with a gathering on the deck for appetizers, margaritas and a large potluck featuring Dean's pulled pork with vegan options, a variety of salads and lots of desserts.



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Appetizers and dinner back at the ranch were supported by an available large barbecue with complementary steak and mushroom tastings prepared by Dean. The popular evening activity was karaoke in the ranch house – NorCal members have musical talent, or at least a good sense of humor.

Friday was an action-packed day, starting with coffee and toast on the deck. At 10:00 a.m., we had an overflowing classroom of students to learn about Pickle Fermentation led by Dean with his two assistants, Juliet and Sharon.



This was followed by a second class at 11 a.m. to learn about Sauerkraut preparation. Each student left with their personally prepared jars of pickles and/or sauerkraut, with printed instructions for final fermentation.



From 1:00-3:00 p.m., members walked to the neighboring farm to tour the commercial nursery facility. Five p.m. had us back on the deck for appetizers and margaritas. Appetizer hour featured Deanna Baine for Birthdays and Anniversaries. Then we went right into made-to-order pizza, prepared and baked by Teams Sallinger and Paz;



and flat breads by Juliet, Ryan and Nate. We closed with another bonfire in the field.



On Saturday, we slowed down the pace. After coffee on the deck, members were free to tour the area. A few people remained in camp playing games, such as cornhole, horseshoes, dominoes, Joker, Sequence, etc. Dinner was on our own with many taking advantage of the shared barbecue.

We are happy to announce that we raised \$75.00 for a local charity, “Bless the Beasts” animal shelter. Thank you to everyone who donated into the name-tag penalty jar!

Our Sunday departure included a stop at a free dump station at the Fortuna Shell station.

What a unique and extraordinary event! We can’t thank Dean and Chris Davison enough for opening their home and property, and for all the hard work done by them and their supporting cast of hosts to create this successful rally!





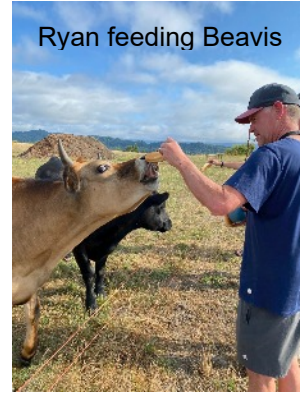
Views from the Schmoovile Ranch



Juliet feeding Waldo



Ryan feeding Beavis



New Members: Ken & Michele Dauber



The Verdegals



The DeSmets



Bob Fritz/Kris Carey



Doug Fritz/Debbie Ames



The Bains



The Crutchfields, Hollifields & Mineadeos



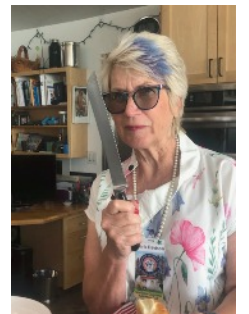
The Bells



The Mineadeos



Ryan & Nate



Dean & Juliet



The Salingers



Sharon Paz & Chris





# SEPTEMBER

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|   |   |   | <b>Felton Rally</b> |     |   |   |
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| 17  | 18<br> | 19<br> | 20                  | 21  | 22  | 23<br> |
| 24  | 25<br> | 26  | 27                  | 28  | 29<br> | 30<br>Registration for Pismo Rally ends   |

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/>



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

