



The NorCal News



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President's Message

I have to start this month's Message with a big shout out to our rally hosts at Paso Robles – Tom and Amy Webster, Doug Fritz and Debbie Ames, and of course, apprentices Team Matteo. They really put on a "full" rally with two host-cooked meals, and a very successful potluck. Couple that with the many organized activities such as tours, seminars, games, all highlighted by a night out at Sensorio, and it made for a terrific time. Paso Robles, known for its beautiful vineyards and small-town feel, was the perfect backdrop for our first 2025 Nor-Cal Airstream rally. A great start to 2025! Read all about it in this issue's



Poppy, as it was really a lot of fun!

The first rally of the year was also filled with a myriad of club organizational needs– such as the annual audit of the previous year's financials, as well as an Executive Board Meeting - followed by a General Membership meeting. The meeting agenda was packed full, as there were a handful of "leftovers" from 2024, as well as a few new key issues addressed. I'm very happy to report that we were able to successfully test drive

our new PA system thanks to Doug Fritz's hard work. He created a long list of "must haves" and met virtually every single one. Thanks to Amazon's return policies, Doug was able to not only try out the system in front of a large audience, but also test its ability in a very difficult building. The system passed with flying colors and the Board happily approved the purchase. This system should serve us well for many years to come. Thank you Doug for all of your time, effort and expertise!

Additional highlights of the meeting included a preview of the tentative 2026 Rally sites presented by First Vice President Tom Webster. Tom's list was impressive and spanned from the Oregon border at Klamath River Park, to as far south as Avila Beach. Only 2 of the 9 locations (Plymouth and Vinny's) have been visited in the last 5 years. Great job Tom, and Juliet for working on the selection process. More will be forthcoming on this topic as the year progresses.

Additionally, the Board announced that they are exploring the possibility of reducing the number of Trustees and moving to an "open" election this Fall to include anyone wishing to run for any positions on the board – in addition to those selected by the nominating committee. Stay tuned for more news on this topic as well.

By the time you read this, many of us will already be on the way to the V-6 Rally in Parkfield. Team Ungerman is flying solo on this rally and doing a great job putting together a lot of fun activities and meals for this boondocking event. Hopefully, we'll see you there!!

Travel Safe, as always!

Your NorCal President Tary Sallinger

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From the Editor

Happy April! April is the official month for so much: National Pickleball Month, Humor Month, Canine Fitness Month, Brunch Month, Cannabis Awareness Month, Pecan Month, Fresh Celery Month, Afternoon Tea Month, Volunteer Month, and many, many more. To celebrate, I may have to provide fresh celery appetizers during the V6 Ranch Rally.



Hanging out in Borrego Springs in February

Speaking of the V6 Rally, we are making the final preparations for experiencing the "Cowboy Side of California" (minus the horses unfortunately.) But we hope to make up for that by showing Western movies, which will include horses. We have missed the last three rallies including the Paso Robles Rally, that one due to Ed's back acting up while we were Airstreaming in Borrego Springs and Dana Point, so we are hoping everything this time goes according to plan. Ed is under strict orders to take it easy, but you know how husbands can be. In the meantime, I discovered an interesting video about the V6 ranch you might enjoy, whether you are attending or not: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1515236892401714>

This month, The Poppy features our June rally, to occur at a brand new venue in a favorite location: Grass Valley. The campground is one that legitimately uses the term "resort" in its name, and the Maffeis and Mottas appear to have planned a fun rally. It is a great area to visit, one I don't get to very often even though it is not far from us. Then we have the summary from the Paso Robles Rally by Doug Fritz, showcasing the fun those rally goers had at the last rally. Thanks to *everyone* who submitted photos; it would not be the same without them.

On another topic, did you know WBCCI is 70 years old this year? Check out page 3, and the ACI website for more information.

Finally, some news: the subscription trip-planner RV Life Trip Wizard is now including Harvest Host locations on its website. No more getting whiplash, going back and forth from Trip Wizard to Harvest Hosts when planning a trip! I have used RV Trip Wizard when making itineraries for longer trips and find it very convenient and informational. This new update will make it more so. Of course, you must also have a subscription to Harvest Hosts to see the locations via Trip Wizard. To access locations, you must manually connect to HH via Trip Wizard; such is not automatic. If you connect, the locations will appear like any other. Cost is \$65 a year for Trip Wizard (Harvest Hosts is separate). I only subscribe to Trip Wizard in the years I make such a trip(s) and I have found it a good value for how we travel. You may wish to check it out. You can sign up for a free 7-day trial period.

<https://tripwizard.rvlife.com/>

The only downside is that the Airstream Courtesy Parking sites are **not** shown on Trip Wizard. For that you will still need to separately access the HH website/app or the ACI.org map.

Hope to see you in camp at the V6 or later on in the year. Till then: safe travels.

Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor

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

Camp Counsellors: **The Salingers; Apprentices: Sandra Carr and Janet Margolis**

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.

NorCal Club Contacts 2025

Tary Salinger	President
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Welcome New Members

None Reported

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Geri & Charles Prisco
Deer Lodge, TN 37726

Susan Vannatter
El Dorado Hills, Ca 95762

NorCal Membership Numbers

189 Unit/Life Memberships
 94 Affiliate Memberships
 283 Total Memberships



It's the 70th Anniversary of the Wally Byam Caravan Club. The first meeting of WBCCI occurred on August 3, 1955 in Nova Scotia. The International Club is planning various events and activities to celebrate, including a Region Rally in Nova Scotia, and several tributes at the International this year in York, PA. It is also looking for submissions to its oral history project in celebration of the anniversary. For more information, check out: <https://airstreamclub.org/clubcommunications/aci-70th-anniversary> Perhaps a host in an upcoming rally may come up with something NorCal can do to celebrate.

- Editor

Get Ready For the ...

Fun in the Foothills Rally

June 4-8 2025

**Grass Valley RV Resort
1462 Auburn Rd
Grass Valley, California 95949**



Welcome to the Grass Valley Rally-Fun in the Foothills. The rally will be at the Grass Valley RV Park, which bills itself as "Northern California's Newest Luxury RV Resort." It is situated on 20 acres, located directly across from the Nevada County Fairgrounds, within minutes of historic Downtown Grass Valley & Nevada City, and less than one mile from the intersection of HWYs 20 and 49 in the Gold Country. It features concrete pads, a swimming pool, three pickleball courts, bocce ball, a dog park, showers, restrooms and walking trails. This will be NorCal's first time rallying at this park as it just opened last August.



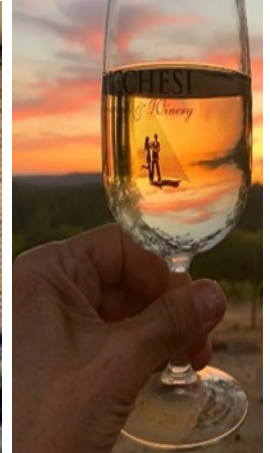
The Grass Valley area is famous for its gold mining. As a matter of fact, it was the richest mining district in California. While here, you can visit the Empire Mine Historic State Park. Also is the North State Power House Mining Museum. More details will be in your welcome bag.



Additionally, both Nevada City and Grass Valley have wonderful shopping areas. Average high is 76 degrees in early June.

Wednesday will start with Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m. This will be followed with a pizza/salad dinner from Pete's Pizza (\$16), a favorite among the "locals." The crust is amazing! Yes, there will be vegan pizzas too.

Thursday's group event will be wine tasting (\$10-5 tastings) at the Lucchesi Winery's Tasting Room. This will be an afternoon event (2-4).



Happy hour once again at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers per the assigned list. Dinner on your own.

Friday will be an "on your own" day. There will be a sign up board for those wishing to ride bikes or go on a hike with other club members. Happy hour at 4:30 p.m. with appetizers and your favorite beverage. Dinner on your own. But Friday evening, you will have an opportunity to attend Off Broadstreet in Nevada City. There we will be experiencing a musical comedy with Midwest humor and songs from the past sixty years. 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$38.



Saturday will feature appetizers at 4:30 p.m. with a catered dinner by Backwoods BBQ. (For those of you whom attended the rally at Vinnies, they were the caterer.) Pulled pork, bodacious bbq beans, bacon blue slaw and smoked mac and cheese. Veggies too! \$36.



Come join us in this scenic area with lots to do!

*Your hosts Bill and
Kathy Maffei,
Gregg and Janet
Motta*

Information and Registration Instructions for the June 2025 Rally @ Grass Valley

June Rally Cost Information

- Rally fee per person: \$10
- Parking fee per night: \$90
- Wednesday Pizza Dinner \$16 pp
- Thursday Afternoon Wine Tasting \$10 pp
- Friday evening OffBroadstreet show \$38 pp
- Saturday evening Backwoods BBQ \$36 pp

PLEASE READ
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HAS CHANGED

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

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

Or this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/250765425926161>

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE JOTFORM as multiple jotform submissions make it difficult for the registrar and others. 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 **from the registrar either** confirming that you are registered for the rally or informing you 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 or send a check for the full amount **directly to the treasurer, Gordon Krauter**, before the 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. **Note:** as of March 31st, Zelle will discontinue its own phone app. You must access Zelle through your banking institution's app or online platform. Most banks and credit unions offer payment through Zelle. If unsure, call your banking institution for information.

If using Zelle, make sure to add your name and rally location in the "memo" or "message" area before sending payment. If you pay by check, make your checks payable

to "WBCCI/NorCal" and **mail directly to Gordon Krauter, 4672 Sarah Court, Livermore, CA 94550.** 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* via: wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.

Contact the registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration or wish to register after the deadline, which is April 30th. Best to email her at: 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 14 or more days before your arrival date, you will receive a full refund minus a \$20 processing fee. If you cancel within 14 - 2 days prior to your date of arrival, you will pay for one night's stay. If cancelling 2 or less days before your arrival date, and/or have an early departure, there is no refund.

Check in starts at 1 p.m. Check out is at 11 a.m.

Pet Policy: If you have pets, please abide by NorCal's pet policy and common courtesy. The park requests that pets are on a leash AT ALL TIMES.

If you become sick prior to the rally, please stay home and get well. We will miss you, but your health and that of club members is of paramount importance.

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

1 Tom Smithson	16 Dace Roll
3 Mike Malone	18 Annie Barlow
6 Harold Higgins	20 Amy Webster
7 Fred Lyon	21 Joyce Tupy
11 Bill Maffei	24 Fran Angerer
11 Peggy Spence	29 Phil Glassen
11 Terry Totten	30 Vicki DeSmet
14 Jim Gallagher	30 Bob Totten

April Anniversaries

6 Greg & JoAnn Kemist
6 Flavia & Brad Naves
6 Dan & Janet Margolis
11 Bob & Billie Verdegaal
25 Roy/Gail Hutto

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!

NorCal Airstream Club's First Rally of 2025

Paso Robles RV Park

March 5 - 9



The NorCal Airstream Club kicked off 2025 in style with a fantastic rally at Paso Robles RV Park, attended by 38 Airstream trailers with 77 guests. Arriving in the rain didn't dampen the spirits of all that came.

We started with our signature social hour followed by a Baked Potato Bar dinner with all the toppings.

After dinner, many stayed to listen to an informative seminar given by Korey Seeba, the local Kleen Tank dealer. We all learned new things about maintaining our Black, Gray, and Fresh water tanks. Many wise campers had their tanks cleaned to factory fresh condition. It makes the ones who did feel smart and those who didn't wonder if they missed something.



Doug Fritz helping to prepare 70+ baked potatoes!

Thursday morning the group headed out to The Mill at 43 Ranch. We met with Greg and Cindy to talk shop and learn about all things Olive Oil. A tasting followed giving all an opportunity to educate our palettes. Great fun, and wow, some of the oils were spicy!



The rest of the day we were free to explore the Paso Robles Area. Antiquing downtown and a visit to the Estrella Warbirds Museum with military aircraft and the Woodland Auto Display with classic cars were on tap for some.

Thursday night, we once again returned for our social hour and to share our days experiences.

Friday brought a docent-led tour of the Pioneer Museum. It was a deep dive into local history, complete with a lecture on one-room school houses.



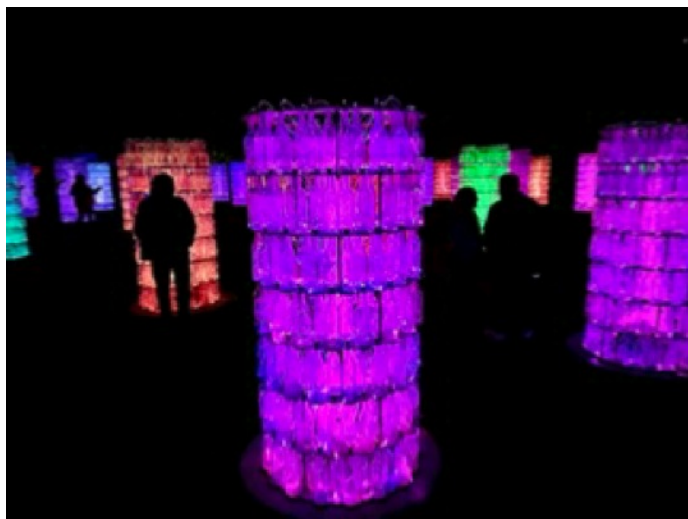
Korey Seeba explains the secrets of cleaning out ones black tank!



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Sensorio's Field of Lights



Sensorio's Tower of Lights

Friday evening we enjoyed the Sensorio Light Show, advertised as the "Intersection of Art, Technology, and Nature". It is a multi-acre immersive experience viewed at night with multiple venues. Top on most of our lists was the "Field of Light" a 100,000 fiber optic spheres that we won't soon forget.

Saturday started with a tribute to Wally Byam, when we experienced an oatmeal and ice cream breakfast with copious toppings. Breakfast exceeded almost everyone's expectations. Following breakfast, we had our first NorCal Board and General Meetings. Both were well attended. Saturday evening once again started with social hour followed by a true Potluck Dinner with an amazing selection of delicious foods. For being a true

"pot-luck" we were lucky that we had a great balance of entrees, sides, and desserts. We even had fresh-made Ricotta cheese compliments of John Murphy.

After dinner, we enjoyed lively Bingo expertly called by Bill Maffei, with some surprisingly good prizes,



and handcrafted Irish coffee prepared by Tom Webster closed out the night.



Lastly, special kudos to Doug Fitzgerald for our morning coffee, Yoshi Deiwert for a delicious vegan miso appetizer, and the Reece kids for their home-churned ice cream. A special welcome to first rally attendees John and Stacy Murphy, Kimberly MacFarlane and Jeff Barnhart; we are happy you joined us. Tom and Amy Webster, Team Matteo, Debbie Ames and Doug Fritz want to offer a big thank you to everyone who participated—here's to more great rallies ahead in 2025!

Doug Fritz



More photos next page



Tore and Sunday Pearson were degreened!



New Members John & Stacy Murphy



Degreening of Joanne Bowsman and Shing Kong



New Affiliates: Ronald Wurgley and Linda Bailey (Greater Bay Area)



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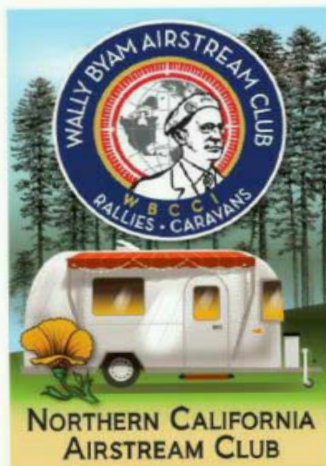
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1-5: Sensorio; 6-7 Happy Hour; 8-9; Baked Potato Dinner; 10; Board Meeting; 11-12: Bingo; 13: Vicky Bartelt gets caked; 14: Birthdays and Anniversaries by Juliet Scheuer

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 GV Rally Reg opens @ 9 am 	2	3	4	5
			Vibin' at the V-6 Rally			
6 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Last Day to register for Grass Valley Rally			

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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<https://www.youtube.com/@airstreamclub>

