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Official Newsletter of the San Diego Airstream Club

President's Letter

By Pat Davison



Hop in, Roll in, or March in. March has begun and our Airstream family is growing. Members and Affiliates come to SDAC (San Diego Airstream Club) not just because they hear how fun our club is (we are all that) or how good our food is (we are that too), but also to take YOUR beloved trailer camping without too much commitment. Right? When someone makes reservations for you, plans meals, and invites you to join, how do you say no? I say, "How do I sign up?" It's called a coupon and they come by email. Not seeing it? Check spam/trash. So, while I'd love to tell you all about me, I mean the club, I'd prefer to show you in person. Come to a rally!

SDAC has had two rallies this year. One at Quartzsite, AZ with the El Camino club where we practiced the art of boondocking. There's a skill here and it's great to learn on the job! The second rally was in Desert Hot Springs with full hook-ups and Palm Springs around the corner where we enjoyed the town and the resort. Coming up will be a St. Patrick's Day Rally in Long Beach, CA. Coupon is out. The Region 12 Cali-Rally is in April. SDAC next rally is in May at the Pinezanita campground near Julian, where we will tour a wolf-sanctuary.

If I can give one bit of advice, it's to GO while you can. As with meditation, if you don't have 5 minutes, you need an hour. In trailer speak, if you can't make a weekend, you need a week. A fellow Airstreamer reminded me today, "All we have is the present and it is a gift." You all have Airstreams and that too is a gift. Enjoy it in the present.

See you at the next Rally!

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Recent Rallies: Quartzsite & Sands RV

BY APRYL MARTINEZ

2024 has begun on a high note for our community. We initiated the year with a memorable gathering at the Quartzsite "un-rally," an informal meetup that took place during the renowned Quartzsite RV Show. This special occasion was shared with our El Camino sister club, offering us a chance to experience dry camping in the desert. The event was filled with entertaining anecdotes, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Our days were filled with explorations of the various open-air markets, while our



evenings were enriched by communal potluck dinners, cozy campfires, the launch of paper lanterns, and a sky so full of stars it was beyond belief.

February saw us at the Sands RV Rally in Palm Desert, beautifully situated in a valley flanked by the San Jacinto Mountains and the Joshua Tree National Forest. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking. Our gracious hosts, Pat Davison with Mom Martha and Rick with Rene Boatman, ensured our mornings were delightful with their offerings of acai granola bowls or bagels with lox, preparing us for days filled with hiking, golf, or bocce ball. The evenings were just as enjoyable, featuring sumptuous potluck feasts, laughter, and games such as hangman and bingo. We were also thrilled to welcome new Airstream owners and members, Lisa and Joe Sciabica! We wish everyone safe travels and look forward to many more adventures together down the road.

“Travel is not reward for working, it’s education for living.”

– ANTHONY BOURDAIN





'My Favorite Campground'
By Apryl Martinez

Paso Robles, with its charming country vibe and top-notch wines that rival European flavors, truly hits the spot. There's no better time than the off-season to enjoy the undivided attention in each tasting room we wandered into. And when it comes to living it up in luxury while soaking in nature, Sun Outdoors Paso Robles nails the glamping experience. It's like being in Valley Center, only with an added dash of vino-infused magic and those welcoming hot tubs. Trust me, skipping 'dry January' in favor of this place is a no-brainer. For more information on what this gem has to offer, check out their website <https://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/sun-outdoors-paso-robles>



Silver Linings: Life on the Airstream Road

Hey, fellow Airstreamers! Isn't it just the best to hitch up and hit the road, knowing that where you go, home follows? That's the beauty of Airstream travel. It's not just about the shiny silver bullet gliding down the highway; it's about the freedom, the community, and the countless stories waiting to be made.

Imagine waking up to a new sunrise somewhere different, your cozy home-on-wheels parked in the perfect spot. From the rugged mountains to serene lakesides, our Airstreams take us to places we've only dreamed of. And let's not forget the waves of friendly nods and chats at campsites, sharing tales and tips under starlit skies.

"To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end... and thus make your travel dreams come true."

- *Wally Byam*

It's the simplicity and comfort, the blend of adventure and peace of mind, that makes Airstream travel so addictive. Whether it's a weekend getaway or a cross-country odyssey, every trip is a chapter in the epic story of our lives on the road. So, here's to more miles, more smiles, and endless Airstream memories!

What makes Airstream travel so alluring for you?



Upcoming Rallies

- **March 15-17** [Golden Shore RV](#)
01 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA, 90802
- **May 17** [Pinezanita Campground](#)
4446 CA-79
Julian, CA, 92036
- **June 14-16** [Native Falls Campground](#)
38120 E Benton Rd
Temecula, CA, 92592
- **July 19-21** [Sweetwater Campground](#)
3182 Summit Meadow Rd
Bonita, CA, 91902

If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting reach out to President Pat Davison for information.

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Luxurious Living on the Road

BY APRYL MARTINEZ

Dreaming of making your Airstream life a little more luxurious without a full-blown makeover? Want to amp up the fun, coziness, and comfort at your campsite? A few easy updates can greatly enhance your road trips, keeping your Airstream stylish and cozy.

Boost Your Sleep Space

The mattress in your Airstream probably works fine but might not be as comfy as the one at home. Luckily, swapping it for a cushier one is simple and can drastically improve your sleep quality.

Don't stop at the mattress, though. Add luxurious sheets, fluffy pillows, and a mattress topper for that extra bit of comfort. Small touches like these can make a big difference, making your nights on the road as restful as those at home.

Elevate Your Dining Experience

Airstream kitchens often end up with a random assortment of dishes and cutlery. It's time your mobile dining area got a makeover with its own set of chic dinnerware. Think matching dishes, silverware, and glasses. A classy tablecloth and napkins can turn regular meals into special occasions, making dining in feel like a celebration.

Set the Mood with Lighting

An easy refresh is replacing old lights with energy-saving LED bulbs. These not only use less power but also keep your Airstream cooler. Plus, many LED options let you choose different colors and brightness levels to fit your mood.

Refresh Your Windows

Standard Airstream blinds offer privacy but little style. Custom window treatments, like colorful curtains or sleek blinds, add personality and warmth to your interior. They're an easy way to make your Airstream feel more like home.

Create an Outdoor Oasis

Think of your campsite as an extension of your living area. An awning can transform your outdoor space, while an outdoor rug, comfy chairs, and a fan enhance comfort and style. A durable cooler keeps drinks icy, and a Bluetooth speaker sets the soundtrack for your outdoor adventures. These simple upgrades can significantly uplift your camping experience, turning your Airstream into a luxurious retreat on wheels.

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.”

-ST. AUGUSTINE





Editor's Note

Our club newsletter, brought directly to your email by our dedicated editor, gains its vibrancy and appeal from the stories and contributions you provide. Bearing this in mind, I'm inviting every member to get involved. Here's how you can participate:

I'd like to feature a segment called 'Meet a Club Member' where we spotlight a member's Airstream experiences. This could include your reasons for loving Airstream travel, how your journey with Airstream began, any valuable insights gained during your travels, your life before joining the club, or even fun facts about yourself that others might not know.

We're also excited to introduce 'My Favorite Campground.' In this section, we ask you to share a brief narrative about your go-to camping spot, accompanied by a photo from the site. Given our adventurous spirit, this segment promises to offer new destinations for our members to explore.

I'd also like to include a recipe segment 'Rolling Recipes' Airstream adventures in taste. Share your favorite on-the-road recipes for others to try and enjoy.

You're welcome to contribute to any or all sections by sending your submissions to me at any time. These contributions will make their way into upcoming editions of the SD Streamer.

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Editor's Message: A heartfelt thank you to our members who shared their photographs for this edition, including those whose stunning images were selected from Facebook. A very special appreciation goes out to our contributors who submitted articles; your efforts elevate the SD Streamer to the exceptional club newsletter it proudly is!

ALUMINATION has arrived! The newly launched film by Eric Bricker narrates the storied past of the legendary Airstreams, focusing on Wally Byam, the innovator behind Airstreams in the 1930s in Los Angeles, and Helen Byam Schwamborn, who was instrumental in founding the club that thrives to this day. Prepare to be mesmerized by the evolution of our aluminum travel capsules from their inception to the 21st century! With narration by Kate Pierson from the B-52s, it's time to get your popcorn ready for a fantastic viewing experience!

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