

WBCCI Airstream Club International



Colorful balloons fill the sky in Albuquerque, New Mexico and drift over UWAC members Gil and Elaine Jarvie's Airstream at the 2024 Balloon Festa National Rally

President's Corner

By John Holly, Region 11 President

Greetings to my Fellow Region 11 Airstreamers. The past several months have been very active and adventurous for our clubs, and looking forward into 2025 seems to be even more positive. I'm getting out to visit all six clubs and should have that enjoyable task completed by June. I realize many of you travel extensively, but I've listed below where I have gone, and will be going as your Region President.



But first, I must say something about our dearly departed Jerry Nelson. Jerry was truly remarkable as our Region Treasurer and Webmaster. He also

assumed these responsibilities for several clubs. Jerry's work ethic was beyond reproach, honorable, principled and trustworthy. He was a true gentleman who loved the Airstream Club and also loved his work. And, Jerry was a very private person, who just enjoyed his life, his family, and seeking adventures and friendships by traveling in his Airstream. His wife, Candace has made it clear that

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Jerry didn't want a memorial service, but rather, he wanted his friends to remember him by raising a glass to toast this wonderful friendship and congenial person.

There are several things I'd like to achieve during my presidency. Many have already been accomplished. With sound leadership and dedicated members, we now have the New



Raising a glass in remembrance of the incredible man Jerry Nelson was. We all miss him so much!

Mexico and Wyoming Clubs up and running. Many of the Clubs are joining together for rallies and events, sharing fun ideas and enjoying better communication. The Club Presidents and Region Officers are establishing Best Practices for Rally Registrations and Financial Responsibility. The Clubs are increasing the number of rallies each year, giving more members a chance to participate. Memberships in our region continue to increase, especially when new people join ACI and find out how much fun and camaraderie they can have with our excellent members. So, a special thanks to you all, who probably joined the CLUB because you wanted to CAMP and have FUN! With old friends and new friends! That's why I joined; it's all about the people! Hopefully we can all get together at the Region 11 Rally. Please come!

I always appreciate any feed back from you. I'm always available for questions and comments.

On the next page, I've listed chronology of events and my travels from October 2024 to October 2025.

Thanks!

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Date	Event	
October 4-11, 2024	International Airstream Rally Sedalia, MO	
October 24-27, 2024	NM/AZ Halloween Rally at Caballo Lake, NM. 2025 Rally will be with 4CU/NM/ AZ	
November 7-10, 2024	AZ Club Las Vegas Rally	
December 6-8, 2024	AZ Club Passing the Torch Rally at Bird & Barrels Vineyard, Wilcox, AZ	
December 21-27, 2025	Palm Springs & Ojai, CA trips	
January 8, 2025	Julie Cook resigned as 1st VP, Sam Brandes moved up into that position, and Ron Jorgensen was installed as 2nd VP	
February, 2025	Esteemed Region and AZ Treasurer and Webmaster Jerry Nelson passed away	
February 28-March 2, 2025	Las Vegas & Utah Clubs Lake Havasu Blue Grass Rally	
February 29, 2025	Keith Lund (UTWAC) agreed to be Region Treasurer	
March 6-9, 2025	4CU Rally at Dead Horses Ranch State Park	
March 13-16, 2025	AZ Airstream Club Rally at Kartchner Caverns State Park	
April 9 to May 11, 2025	Florida Coastal Caravan. Depart Mesa, AZ on March 26.	
April 9, 2025	St. Augustine, FL - St. Augustine RV Resort	
April 14, 2025	Daytona Beach, FL - Daytona RV Oasis	
April 18, 2025	Cape Canaveral, FL - Jetty Park RV	
April 22, 2025	Stuart, FL - Phipps Park RV	
April 26, 2025	Chokoloskee, FL - Outdoor Resorts RV	
April 30, 2025	Sugarloaf Key, FL - Sugarloaf Key West KOA	
May 5, 2025	Key Largo, FL - Sun Outdoors Key Largo RV	
May 8, 2025	Jensen Beach, FL - Ocean Breeze Resort	
June 12-15, 2025	4CU Angel Fire, NM Rally	
June 16-18, 2025	Finalize arrangements with Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains RV	
June 19-22, 2025	WY Club rally at Devils Tower, WY	
June 20-Aug 2, 2025	Sun Outdoors RV in Granby, CO	
July 23-27, 2025	Region 11 Rally at Sun Outdoors RV Resort, Granby, CO	
August 14-18, 2025	Grapes & Grains Rally in Penwood, PA	
August 22-29, 2025	International Airstream Rally, York, PA	
October 2-7, 2025	Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM	
October 15, 2025	Hernia Surgery	

1st Vice President's Thoughts

By Sam Brandes, Region 11 1st Vice

There's something special about getting together with other Airstreamers, but sometimes it's the unpredictable weather that can create some of the most memorable times. As anyone who's been to an Airstream rally knows, the



forecast can switch in an instant, changing sunshine into downpours and windstorms. However, it's during these times that great stories are made.



Recently, at a rally we attended, the weather took a turn for the worse. We were met with pouring rain, gusty winds, and falling temperatures. It would have been easy to retreat into our Airstreams, but instead, we embraced the moment! We broke into smaller groups,

met new friends, found some good restaurants in town, waited for breaks in the clouds, and found ways to continue to make the

rally fun. Hats off to DJ and Dara Lealos (BRN 1359) who were the first-time hosts of this rally. They made it all look so easy.

The experience taught us the value of flexibility and friendship. If a weather forecast threatens your upcoming rally, don't let it deter you. Sometimes, the best stories come from those unexpected turns of events. If the weather forecast is looking bad for an upcoming rally, go anyway. It's the people who make it fun.



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Region 11 and Arizona Airstream Club Loses Cherished Member

The Arizona Airstream Club (AAC) and Region 11 recently lost cherished member, good friend, and devoted longtime officer, Jerry Nelson, who passed away in February.

Jerry's dedication to the AAC was truly unmatched. As Treasurer, Webmaster, Membership Coordinator, Host, and Rally Planner, he poured his heart into every role, shaping the club into a place where friendships flourished and memories were made. Candace, Jerry's wife, was always at his side supporting him and adding her touch to make the club special to all members.



Jerry's incredible organizational skills, knowledge, and tireless work behind the scenes helped

create a club where Airstream enthusiasts could come together and thrive. His commitment and dedication to every event was evident, always ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Jerry also helped several other Airstream Clubs/Units in Region 11 maintain their websites and put together their JotForms to ensure rally registrations were smooth and streamlined.

More than just a colleague, Jerry was a wonderful friend whose humor, kindness, and positive spirit left an indelible



mark on all who knew him. His presence will be sorely missed, but his legacy of



friendship, service, and community will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know him.

We will all miss you, Jerry. Your gentle demeanor, steadiness, and contributions will never be forgotten, and you will always have a special place in the Airstream Club family.

Region 11 Rally in Granby, CO is Coming Up! Get Registered!

by Region 11 President John Holly

Only less than 19 weeks before our fabulous Region 11 Rally, July 23-27, 2025! What are you waiting for? Thank you if you've already signed up. But if you haven't, you're going to be missing out on the camping event of the year!

Registration is in two steps:





1.Call Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains RV Resort in Granby, CO at 970-557-0200. Tell them you're registering for the Airstream Region 11 Rally, and you'll get the special rate of \$99 per night (including all taxes and fees).

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2.Soon after you register at Sun Outdoors, head over to the Region 11 <u>Rally Event</u> page to register for the rally, which is \$70/person plus an optional catered lunch for \$35/ person.

We're working hard to make our Region 11 Rally fun, educational and entertaining. This rally

location is unbelievably beautiful and has everything you need including full hook ups, level sites, restaurants and bars, swimming pool and spa, pickle ball and corn hole, and is a wonderful part of the country to boat, fish, swim, bike, hike, and explore. We will be at the entrance to the Rocky Mountains for more adventure!

You'll receive the rally itinerary when you arrive. The gift bag will also include some special surprises from Airstream dealers and Granby Merchants. Many of you are coming in early and departing later to give you more time to check everything out.

In a nutshell, Wednesday the 23rd we'll have a meet and greet Happy Hour for everyone for introductions and summary of exciting things we're doing. Clubs will choose teams and be challenged with a Corn Hole tournament.

We'll have seminars and workshops all day Thursday, conducted by experienced, well known qualified professionals, with a special luncheon and remarkable entertainment scheduled for Friday evening.

Saturday will be a complete day off, when you can visit and catch up with friends, swim, eat and drink at the resort, play pickle ball or corn hole, bike ride or hike the trails, or travel to Granby or the Rockies to explore the beautiful area. We will also host several vendors who have special items of interest for you and your Airstream.



Don't miss out on everything this beautiful RV Resort has to offer, the fun of camping together as a region, and all the fun activities and seminars planed.

Register for the Region 11 Granby Rally NOW by clicking here.

Around the Region in Quarter 1, 2025

Date	Club	Event
04/10/25 - 04/13/25	Utah Wasatch Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/uwac-hangin-hanksville-no- host-rally	Hangin' in Hanksville "No Host" Rally Hanksville, UT
04/10/25 - 04/13/25	Four Corners Unit https://airstreamclub.org/4cu-bisbee-rally-2025	Bisbee Rally Bisbee, AZ
04/10/25 - 04/13/25	Arizona Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/arizona-homolovi-state-park- rally-2025	Homolovi State Park Rally Winslow, AZ
4/24/25 - 4/27/25	New Mexico Unit https://airstreamclub.org/nmu-turquoise-trail-rally-2025	The Turquoise Trail Rally Estancia, NM
04/24/25 - 04/27/25	Arizona Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/arizona-women-arizona- airstream-club-rally	Women of Arizona Airstream Club Rally Cottonwood, AZ
05/01/25 - 05/04/25	Utah Wasatch Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/uwac-heels-wheels-ruins- boondocking-rally	"Heels, Wheels & Ruins Boondocking Rally Estancia, NM
05/08/25 - 05/11/25	Arizona Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/arizona-fool-hollow-lake-state- park-rally-2025	Fool Hollow Lake State Park Rally Show Low, AZ
05/15/25 - 05/18/25	Colorado Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/cac-maintenance-rally	Colorado Maintenance Rally Larkspur, CO
05/22/25 - 05/25/25	New Mexico Unit https://airstreamclub.org/nmu-wines-san-juan-rally-2025	Wines of the San Juan Rally Blanco, NM
05/2/25 - 06/01/25	Four Corners Unit https://airstreamclub.org/4cu-may-az-pines	May in the AZ Pines Flagstaff, AZ
06/05/25 - 06/08/25	Arizona Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/arizona-apache-trout- rally-2025	Apache Trout Rally Greer, AZ
06/05/25 - 06/09/25	Colorado Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/sand-dunes-rally	Sand Dunes Rally Mosca, CO
06/12/25 - 06/16/25	Four Corners Unit https://airstreamclub.org/4cu-angel-fire-nm-2025	Angel Fire Rally Angel Fire, NM
06/19/25 - 06/22/25	Utah Wasatch Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/uwac-10-year-anniversary- thousand-lakes-rv-park-torrey	UWAC 10-Year Anniversary Torrey, UT
06/19/25 - 06/22/25	Wyoming Unit https://airstreamclub.org/wyoming-unit-119-devils- tower-rally	Devils Tower Close Encounters Rally Devils Tower, WY
06/25/25 - 06/29/25	Colorado Airstream Club https://airstreamclub.org/fort-robinson-state-park-ne- rally	Fort Robinson State Park Nebraska Rally Crawford, NE