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President's Letter

I want to extend our warm congratulations to the newly elected officers of our hard-working Region 12. President Shawn Blom, 1st Vice President Teresa Tighe, 2nd Vice President Jason Grendahl, Treasurer Teresa Tighe, Secretary Margaret Handshoe, Parliamentarian Tom Smithson, Webmaster Linda Maddox, and Newsletter editor John Golden. On behalf of GLAAC, we look forward to working with all of you. Let's hear it for the 2025-26 Region 12 Leadership Team!

Dead and Company at the Las Vegas Sphere: Airstream Edition

A Night of Rhythm, Revelry, Nostalgia and Fun Times with Fun People

If there's one thing that pairs perfectly with the open road and the shiny allure of an Airstream, it's the mesmerizing and very roadworthy tunes of the Grateful Dead (now, Dead and Company). On March 21, (and then again on March 22), Andromeda and I had the pleasure of joining our friends and fellow Airstream Party People, Mira Zimet and Stewart Bagg at the Las Vegas Sphere to experience the legendary band delivering a performance that felt like a journey through time and space, along with a few groovy detours. Sure. Why not? We ain't getting any younger -- we just have more stories to tell, and his one is a good one.

The four of us packed suitcases, loaded up into respective Southwest Airlines flights bound for Vegas and left our tow vehicles and Airstreams at home. They'll be just fine without us for a long weekend.

From the moment we rolled on to Vegas' Palazzo Hotel grounds, the unmistakable sight of hundreds of "Dead Heads", all in "uniform" was enough to make any Airstreamer, Senior-Airstreamer, or Airstreamer wanna-be's heart skip a beat or two. It was as if the spirits of the 60s decided to take a pit stop in 2025, clad in merch from concerts past and dragging three generations of aficionados along with them. Everywhere were cutsey 'care-bears' and enough tie-dye to beckon an age gone by. Inside the hotel we soon found ourselves bumping fists or throwing 'back at ya' peace signs to the unending flow of 'Dead-clad' pedestrians seen meandering through the casinos, intently watching the gambling tales, enjoying a meal or two or just window shopping along Las Vegas Boulevard. Instead of campfire and fire pit smoke, we were bathed in the sweet smell of marijuana. Instead of flashing our high beams at the oncoming Airstreams on the highway, we found ourselves nodding, smiling and sharing recognition of kindred rock and rollers of yesteryear.



Dead and Company, true to form, was nothing short of spectacular. With Jerry Garcia and Phil Lesh watching from heaven's sidelines, John Mayer and Bob Weir were there to hold us, slack jawed, with every riff and solo. Dead and Co. took us on a musical and visual journey. One moment you were cruisin' down "Shakedown Street", and the next you were lost in the psychedelic wilderness with "Eyes of the World", all while watching the inside of the Sphere's dome to see what graphics will be displayed to thrill us next. And thrill us they did.

In a nutshell, the Dead concert at the Las Vegas Sphere was a cosmic collision of 21st Century computer generated graphics, amazing music, unforgettable nostalgia, and the quintessential charm of a venue full of sentimental enthusiasts, all vying to recapture the music and spirit of an era gone by. For us four Airstream enthusiasts, it was more than just a concert; it was a communion of allied spirits, where every note played was a reminder of the freedom of the road and the timeless appeal of good music, this time enveloped within the biggest display screen I have ever seen. No one wanted to leave early to beat the traffic. No one wanted to leave. Everyone was dancing until the very end.

For just this one weekend, the Las Vegas Sphere along with the Palazzo at the Venetian, became the largest "Party Central" we have ever experienced. If you haven't taken the time to experience the Sphere, we'd highly recommend. Don't just take my word, ask Andromeda, Mira or Stewart

Until the next journey, keep your wheels shiny and your hearts open, and remember to "keep Truckin'!" When it's all said and done, we can truly think back on "what a long, strange trip it's been." So many metaphors. So little time.

Meet a Member!

submitted by Michael Jackson

Hello there fellow Airstreamers. We're Michael & Nancy Jackson. After a 31-year career with PG&E, I retired in 2015 following Nancy who retired in 2012 with a 38-year career as a labor and delivery nurse. We have two children, a son Adam who is 34-years-old and is a project manager for a custom home builder in Truckee, California; and our daughter Stephanie who is 38-years-old and is a physical therapist for Craig Hospital, the leading rehab facility for brain and spinal cord injuries. She lives in Denver with her husband Mattias and our first grandson Kasper, a ball of fire, who is 15 months.

We have been Airstreaming since 2012. Our first Airstream was a 25' International Ocean Breeze. One of our first long distance rallies was to an event called Alumafandango at Lakeside Amusement Park just outside Denver. It was at this rally in 2012 where we first met Jim and Lynda Polk, longtime Airstreamers and founders of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. They shared their love and vision of all things Airstream and we were instantly hooked. We joined the Central Coast California Airstream Club and soon thereafter, became charter members of GLAAC. Between these two clubs and all the rallies and wonderful like-minded people we have met over the years, our lives have been forever changed.

Our second Airstream was the result of an unfortunate accident that totaled our truck and Airstream, but luckily for us, we survived with no injuries. We immediately bought a new 27' limited edition International Onyx, a new diesel tow vehicle and we were back on the road for more Airstream adventures. We also own a 26' 1977 vintage Argosy trailer so we can take advantage of all the vintage Airstream rallies across the country.



Michael & Nancy

We travel with our 14-year-old Yorkie named Ricky. He has won numerous awards at Airstream International rallies, including Best of Show at the Salem, Oregon International. He is our co-pilot and resides on our center console. We love traveling the California, Oregon and Washington coasts and all points in between. Our most exciting and adventurous journey was in 2016 when seven Airstreams, 14 GLAAC members, and 10 dogs embarked on a three-month journey through Canada with a final destination of Homer, Alaska. For those looking for the trip of a lifetime, consider Alaska.

I recently completed my two-year stint as President of GLAAC which was very rewarding. Nancy has also served as Membership Chair and we have helped to host various rallies. I urge anyone to step up assist with one of the club's positions of leadership and know you will find it as rewarding as we have. It is the people that truly make our club special and in that regard, we come up all aces. We hope to see all of you at future rallies for many years to come!

St. Patrick's Day Rally at El Chorro Regional Park

submitted by Lynn Flewelling

By the time we arrived on Friday afternoon, those that arrived on Thursday had already set up a very cozy "Party Central" complete with several EZ-up awnings and more than enough propane fire pits. Located just six miles from San Luis Obispo, El Chorro Regional Park Campground was a great place to gather. Thursday night had a huge happy hour with potluck dishes from all but with a looming forecast of rain on Friday, we were forced to push the BIG Saint Patrick's Day meal to Saturday instead. The lovely tinkle of raindrops started around 2 am and then followed with a torrential downpour and just as the rain ended and the sun came out with clear blue skies Doug and I arrived.

On Friday night some joined in a smaller Happy Hour or went out to dinner on their own. With the grounds too soggy for Saturday morning yoga, club member Suzanne Watt lead a Standing Yoga and Stretch session. She is a very talented Yoga Instructor and a GLAAC member!

Later in the day, Montgomery Norton, a California Licensed Massage Therapist with Phoenix Rising hosted astrology readings and provided massages. Norton's tent was set up in a private meadow beside a trickling creek where the birds were constantly chirping. With this perfect location, he was booked solid all day Saturday and Sunday and was a huge success with our members.

On Saturday afternoon Nancy Jackson and Denny Kennedy led a craft project making St. Patrick's Day diamond art coasters. It was relaxing, fun and sparkly!

Saturday evening the Pall's and Jackson's served up an Irish corned Beef and Cabbage dinner that couldn't be beat along with holiday decorations to set the mood where Denny & Stuebe stole the show with the best St. Patrick's Day costumes.

Following dinner, Denny Kennedy, our GLAAC balladeer, had all her Irish songbooks downloaded for us. We all sang along to some hilarious Irish



Doug & Lynn Flewelling

Diddy's, some sentimental and some bawdy. Denny asked for three volunteers and was joined by Dennis, Bruce and Ade who happily sang and danced along with Denny's famous Newfoundland "Ugly Sticks".

On Sunday, the Jackson's and the Pall's served up amazing Omelets-in-a-Bag. That is definitely a "do again"! Unfortunately, we had to head home after breakfast, however I heard Denny led a special Airstream-themed Bingo in the afternoon. The big winner was Ade, he is the most enthusiastic camper and a joy to share time with.

We missed the incredible Rueben sandwiches grilled up that evening, as our hosts made use of the left over Corned Beef, along with host-provided appetizers and salads. Happily Saturday and Sunday were sunny with beautiful blue skies all day.

A huge thank you to our hosts, Pam & Dennis Pall and Nancy & Michael Jackson. A good time was had by all.

GLAAC Webmaster

Craig Schlecht

After several years of serving as our club's webmaster, Craig Schlecht has handed the duties over to Paula Hammer who assumed the role in March.

Thank you for volunteering over the years, Craig, and for keeping our website up to date with all pertinent club information.

Paula, thank you for taking on this important role in our club. Your energy and enthusiasm for all that you do for the club is very much appreciated.



Paula Hammer

GLAAC Website, Photo Directory & More!

Wonder where we're rolling next? Want to reach out to a club member? Do you have an interest in Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club history?

Use the link below to access the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's website with everything you need to know about the club including officers, Event Schedule, and past issues of the Urban Update. Also included is the club roster and photo directory in the Members-Only section. Note: this link can be found on the last page of all issues of the Urban Update.

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles>.

Do you know we also have a members-only Facebook page where you can share photos, your travels and ask questions? Reach out to Laretta Smith if you would like to get on board!

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at El Chorro Regional Park!



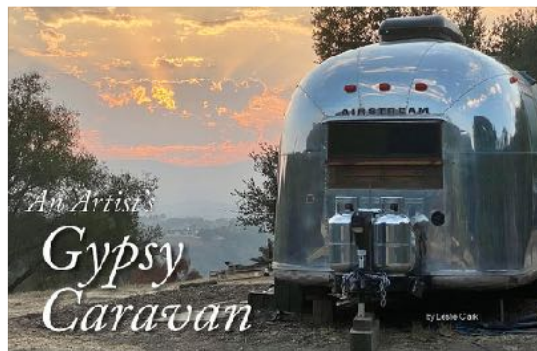
GLAAC On The Go!



Santa Barbara



Las Vegas



I wanted a new adventure—one that included my husband and our dog, Wadi. He wouldn't follow me to Africa, but he couldn't resist the lure of caravanning across the U.S. A 1966 Airstream Overlander, transformed with handcrafted leatherwork, exotic fabrics, and my own artistic touches, was the perfect home on wheels.

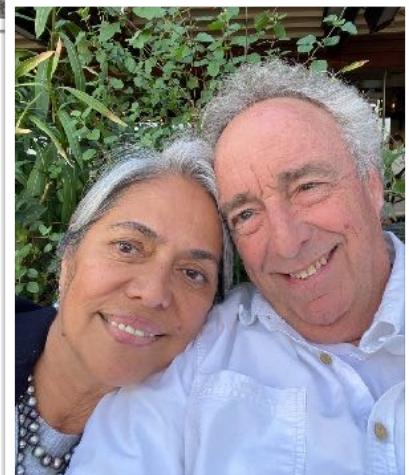
I have spent much of my life traveling around the world. As a painter, I was looking for a mobile studio. My husband, my husband of 45 years, wasn't interested. After some years of leaving him at home, I decided I was in for it to have together. The main attraction would be that we would be going with our dog. You get the picture—he wouldn't go with me to Africa but he couldn't resist going to campgrounds around the U.S. with our dog. I can't blame him. Our dog, Wadi, is pretty irresistible and a very good at making us feel guilty if we leave her behind.

I had camped around the yard and decided I wanted to upgrade from a tent to a trailer on an airstream. Their name was in one, but I loved the look. I stumbled into the purchase of a 1966 Airstream Overlander and looked out.

We found the shell that had been gutted and was ready for a rebuild. This made me happy since I did not want to do wiring and plumbing that were close to 50 years old. I was alone, but didn't know how to do the vintage style. I am an artist and can't help myself. I wanted all new wiring, plumbing, appliances, insulation and to put my own artistic touches in it. I did the layout with the kitchen in the front, the bed in the back. To me the best thing about the Overlander design is the two red roofs at each end so I wanted to feature it. In the kitchen I loved it with copper and in the bedroom at the back with white brocade. Both were finished with handmade leather detailing. This leather work embellished with copper, silver and brass, was made by "Lauretta" women who had been in my hands in my many years of focus and being part time in the Ghana Desert of Africa.



Palm Springs



Congratulations to Leslie on a great article in Vintage Camper Trailer magazine!

Best wishes to Lauretta & Pierre who have landed in their new home of Tennessee. We are elated they will remain with the best Airstream Club, GLAAC!

2025 Events!



Jan 23-27	Pinnacles National Park Campground (reserve asap on recreation.gov)
Feb 20-24	Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella
March 13-17	El Chorro Regional Park (north of San Luis Obispo)
April 24-27	Borrego Springs RV Park, Anza Borrego
May 14-18	Pismo Beach State Park, Pismo Beach, CA (vintage rally at Pismo Coast Village RV)
June 12-15	Williams Circle Pines KOA - Williams, AZ (with Las Vegas Airstream Club)
July	No planned event
Aug 7-11	SkyPark Camp and RV Resort, Lake Arrowhead
Aug 23-28	International Rally (York, PA)
Sept 11-14	Jackson Rancheria (near Sacramento)
Oct 15-19	Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas (tied to Region 12 Rally)
Oct 31 - Nov 3	Newport Dunes, Newport Beach
Dec 4-7	Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton



Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!

2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground and Harvest Host* locations where you simply share a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!

Feel free to send one, or both of these items to me at anytime and they will be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Member Photo Directory

Our membership photo directory is now available online. For help accessing the directory, please reach out to Carolyn Keep via email at: KeepRLN@icloud.com

Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!