

# SD STREAMER

Official Newsletter of the San Diego Airstream Club  
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## President's Letter

By Paul Sandness



Well, SDAC has had 2 more very successful rallies since the last newsletter. Thanks to Ed and Rose Harris for hosting the March rally at Launch Pointe in Lake Elsinore. The April rally was held at Stagecoach Trails near Julian and thank you to Pat Davison and Stephen & Diane Jardon for hosting. A good time was had by all at both rallies. Please mark your calendar for the upcoming rallies for this year. They are noted later in this newsletter.

Thanks to all of you that voted in our new logo election. The results are highlighted in this newsletter (page 12).

Speaking of elections, the 2025-2027 Airstream Club International (ACI) Executive Council Election is coming up soon. The window for voting is June 1-15 and you can find a link to the list of candidates and their statements in the latest Blue Beret. Be on the lookout for an email from ACI with more details on the election.

## San Diego Airstream Club Officers and Chairpersons for 2025

- President: Paul Sandness
- 1st VP: Kathy Swangin
- 2nd VP: Cheryl Henry
- Secretary: Zella Burk
- Treasurer: Bobbi Mathies
- Trustee: Marlene Bowman
- Trustee: Jeffrey Pincus
- Past President: Pat Davison
- Membership: Lee Havens
- Bylaws: Jana Wilson
- Communications & Web:  
Ruth Sandness
- Newsletter: Rene' Boatman

## President's Letter, continued

By Paul Sandness

Recently, we implemented an interface between ACI's membership database and SDAC's Mailchimp (our email application) address list. SDAC member email addresses are now kept in sync with ACI daily and automatically. Although this improvement is transparent to most of us, our past and present membership chairs will appreciate the change because prior to this it was a manual process to keep our member email addresses up to date. Thanks to our current membership chair Lee Havens for coordinating the change with the ACI IT group.

Another change made this year is the creation of a rally planning committee. Thanks to our 1st VP Kathy Swangin and her committee for selecting some great sites for our 2026 rallies. You will find the tentative 2026 rally schedule in this newsletter.

As I write this, Ruth and I are attending the Wine Quest 2025 rally in Lodi and Paso Robles. Our very own SDAC members Ray & Jane Barger and Jeff & GiGi Pincus put together this National Event Rally and it has been a great time.

That's all for now.

Hope to see you soon at one or more of our rallies.

Paul

## SAN DIEGO AIRSTREAM CLUB 2025 RALLY SCHEDULE

May 15-18 (3 nights) - Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground, San Dimas - 8 sites filled (registration sign-ups were closed on 04/28)

Hosts: Marlene Bowman; Jana Green

June 20-22 (2 nights) - Dos Picos County Park, Ramona - 13 sites

Hosts: Veronica and Abe Hernandez

July 17-20 (3 nights) - Guajome Regional Park, Oceanside (Picnic) - 15 sites

Hosts: Open - Hosts Needed

Aug 23-28 - International Rally, York PA

Sep 19-21 (2 nights) - Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula - 12 sites

Hosts: Sandi and Bobby Adame; Cindy and John Boaz

Oct 15-19 - Region 12 Rally, Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground, 1440 Camper View Road, San Dimas, CA, 91773

Nov 13-16 (3 nights) - KOA at Vail Lakes, Temecula - 15 sites

Hosts: Jane and Ray Barger

Dec 4-7 (3 nights) - Sun Outdoors, Chula Vista (Installation luncheon) - 24 sites

Hosts: Open - Hosts Needed

Interesting in Hosting or co-Hosting?  
Contact Paul [rsandness@yahoo.com](mailto:rsandness@yahoo.com)



Attention Rally Hosts!

The club has the following available to you to use when hosting a rally:

- 10 x 30 outdoor tent (complete with carrying case)
- Movie projector, screen and speaker
- Whiteboard

If you are interested in using any of these items when hosting a rally, please contact Paul or Kathy to coordinate getting them to you.



# Launch Pointe Rally, March 2025

by Rose Harris

St. Patrick's Day Rally at Launch Pointe – A Weekend of Shamrock Shenanigans! 🍀

Despite the rain greeting the 13 rigs that rolled in, the weekend quickly turned into a magical Irish celebration! Thanks to the amazing Swangin's who built a fantastic 10x30 group tent, we gathered under shelter for happy hour and delicious potluck dinner. And just like that, the luck of the Irish kicked in—the sun came out, and the rest of the weekend was absolutely perfect! Saturday morning kicked off with a pancake breakfast featuring crispy bacon and turkey sausage, followed by a leisurely pontoon boat ride on Lake Elsinore for the early sign-ups. A special shoutout to Tiki Tommy (aka the Pennells) for the fabulous happy hour Zombies that had everyone in the spirit!

But wait, there's more! For the grand finale, we were treated to an amazing Irish dinner complete with all the traditional fixings. A huge thank you to Jana for her mouth-watering Soda Bread. We were thrilled to have Marlene join us despite her trailer being snowed in, and Marla & Bob made the drive down to join the festivities too!

After dinner, the fun continued with some hilarious Irish jokes, original limericks, and a cozy movie screening of "The Quiet Man" while indulging in Oaties and Ice Cream. Ed and Rose Harris and their new puppy Tess absolutely loved hosting this unforgettable weekend, filled with laughter, food, and great company. There's truly nothing like celebrating with our wonderful Airstream family!

🍀 Until next time, may the road rise up to meet you! 🍀 <https://launch-pointe.com>





# 1st Vice President's Letter

By Kathy Swangin

Who wants to know where we will rally next year??? The Rally Committee has been putting our collective brain trust together to come up with a great schedule for next year, including new and requested rally sites. Here's how it's looking!

January 16-18 - Golden Village Palms RV Resort, Hemet

February 19-22 - Coachella Lakes RV Resort in Coachella (3 nights)

March 20-22 - Guajome Regional Park

April 16-19- Cali Rally at the V6 Ranch, Parkfield.

May 15-17 - stay tuned

June 19-21 - Julian, campground TBD

July 16-19 - Serrano Campground, Big Bear Lake (3 nights).  
NOTE: Reservations are through [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) and if you plan on attending you will need to reserve your site 6 months in advance. More information will be forthcoming as this will be something new for the club.

August 22-27 - Airstream International Rally, Minot ND

September 18-20 - Mission Bay RV Resort - if we can swing it

October 28-November 1 - Region 12 Rally - Oasis RV Resort Las Vegas

November 12-15 - The Springs at Borrego Springs (3 nights)

December 4-6 - Sun Outdoors Chula Vista - Annual Meeting & Installation Luncheon

Lynn and I will be attending the International Rally in York PA this year. Each year they collect pop-tops for charity so save yours up and bring them to the rallies between now and July and I'll take them with me.

See you down the road :)  
Kathy [kcullen1959@gmail.com](mailto:kcullen1959@gmail.com).



## White Bean Chicken Chili

### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 (18.75 ounce) can tomatillos, drained and chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (7 ounce) can diced green chiles
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander seed
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 pound diced, cooked chicken meat
- 1 (15 ounce) can white beans
- 2 ears fresh corn kernels cut from cob
- 1 pinch salt and black pepper to taste

### Directions:

1. Gather ingredients.
2. Heat oil in a large pot, and cook onion and garlic until soft.
3. Stir in broth, then add in tomatillos, tomatoes, and chiles. Stir together and season with oregano, coriander, and cumin. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 10 minutes.
4. Add chicken, beans, and corn; simmer 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
5. Serve hot and enjoy!

### Cook's Note

I do double down on chicken, spices and white beans - to each his own!

# Stagecoach Trails Rally, April 2025

by Pat Davison, Past President

12 rigs, including members at large, Andrea and Aaron Chandler from Arizona joined SDAC at Stagecoach Trails RV Park, which was the first time our club has visited this park. The first night included a BBQ with burgers and chicken. Luckily, the wind subdued a bit and the group enjoyed outdoor dining and an evening fire. Thank you Stephen and Diane for BBQing the food and Pat Davison for buying it all. Saturday was beautiful and sunny. We gathered for a rock painting craft, puzzle making and roping games. We all tried to rope the saw horse with as many hula-hoops as we could. Lee Havens came out the overall winner and Kathy met her puzzle match in Andrea. Sat night was a chili-cook off with 6 delicious homemade chili's for all to sample and judge. 1st place went to Kathy Swangin, 2nd place to Bobbi Mathies and Ruth Sandness and 3rd place to Joe & Lisa Sciabica. Dinner was the chili and a (late) cornbread. What made this rally special? Everyone who attended plus hanging out in the very cute group gathering area. <https://www.stagecoachtrails.com>





## 2nd Vice President's Letter

By Cheryl Henry

As I sit here drinking my morning latte watching the rain fall on the lush fields of the California Central Valley, I realize I like the journey of Airstreaming as much as the destinations.

Although a very obnoxious rooster woke me up this morning with his cockadoodle doos and I can hear cars whizzing by on the freeway, I'm so glad we stopped here last night! Where are we? Steve calls it "a glorified gas station." I think it's more like "Bate's Nut Farm on steroids!" It's the free overnight parking at Casa de Fruta. About 2 hours south of Lodi, Casa de Fruta is a gigantic eclectic mix of RV park, gas station, farmers market, carousel, wine tasting, deli, candy shop, antique farm equipment, and more!

We're on our way to Wine Quest, an Airstream national event rally, and decided to make an unplanned stop on the way to Lodi. We drove through miles of rolling green hills and fruit stands and found free overnight parking using "The Dyrtr" (one of the apps that lists free camping spots).

I don't know if Casa de Fruta is your cup of tea, but I'm very glad we stopped here and there will be plenty of full service accommodations and lovely atmosphere as we embark on our next leg of Wine Quest!

Cheryl

[Casa de Fruta - Accommodations - Cabins, Inn, & RV Park](#)



# Membership Chair Update

by Lee Havens

## ACI Membership Benefit: Courtesy Parking.

The next time you need an overnight parking area, try one of most loved benefits of Airstream Club International, Courtesy Parking. Currently, approximately 300 fellow members offer free, overnight parking across the USA and lower Canada.

Airstream Club International's Courtesy Parking Program is now Courtesy Parking Powered by Harvest Hosts. The same program you know and love for wineries, breweries and more, now hosts ACI's Courtesy Parking. Rest assured, these sites will remain exclusive to ACI Members, but now you have an easier-to-use interface to find and reserve these ACI parking locations.

Want instructions on how to get started:

[Courtesy Parking Program Datasheet](#)

To access Courtesy Parking locations, visit [HarvestHosts.com](http://HarvestHosts.com) or use the Harvest Hosts app:

- [Download Harvest Hosts App for iPhone/iPad](#)
- [Download Harvest Hosts App for Android](#)

Lee



Glenn Ordons and Maralissa Ratner	BRN 03574	La Mesa, CA
Sandra and William Foster	BRN 03598	Murrieta, CA
Jami and Robert Sizer	BRN ttd	Oceanside, CA
Cheryl Hamer	BRN 02668	San Diego, CA



Membership Update

Number of Unique BRNs 101   Primary Members 101   Partner Members 89

## Have something to contribute to the SD Streamer?

Share a story or recommend a campground, a recipe, or some great photos? Let us know by sending to [SDStreamerNews@yahoo.com](mailto:SDStreamerNews@yahoo.com)



# Wine Quest 2025: A Week of Wine and Wanderlust April 27- May 4, 2025

Wine Quest 2025 was a week-long wine and wanderlust adventure that took Airstreamers across California's beautiful Central Valley and Coast.

This National Event Rally began in Lodi's wine country where attendees wined, dined, and mingled with fellow Airstreamers all interested in learning more about this American Viticultural Area. The group enjoyed tastings, winery tours, and/or food pairings at Lodi Wine Visitor's Center, Michael David, Klinker Brick, Oak Farm, Jessie's Grove, Bella Grace, Mettler Family Vineyards to name just a few.

After four fun-filled days, these 'Partners in Wine' set off for Paso Robles where they continued their adventures. Some iconic wineries such as Daou, Austin Hope, Niner, Justin, and Turley did not disappoint. Discovering Halter Ranch, Sculpterra, Tablas Creek, Calcareous, Croad, and Parrish definitely enriched the experience. At each winery, attendees had the opportunity to learn about the winemaking process, sample some of the latest vintages, and purchase bottles (or cases) to take home. Many participants are now new Wine Club members!



In addition to the wine-related options, Wine Questers also made time for cycling, hiking, swimming, Pickle Ball, Sensorio, Hearst Castle, Estrella Warbirds Museum, Woodland Auto Display and Olive Oil Tastings. There was also plenty of time for attendees to relax and enjoy delicious meals, great conversation, and connecting with friends new and old.

Wine Quest 2025 was a truly unforgettable experience that brought together Airstreamers in a new way. If you're looking for a week of wine and wanderlust, please think about joining a future Wine Quest!

Please email [aciwinequest@gmail.com](mailto:aciwinequest@gmail.com) if you would be interested in future Wine Quest information. Cheers!





# Do You Know

## Jana Green and David Wilson

David and Jana were married during the covid pandemic. We are travelers at heart. As we did not want to get stuck at home and decided that we needed to find a way to continue traveling during the pandemic. As with many other people, the only answer for us was to go camping. That lead to buying a trailer and the only option for us was an Airstream. As we could not go on our planned honeymoon, we ordered a new Airstream and picked it up in Northern California after a four-month wait.

After our grueling 2-hour rundown on how to operate the Airstream, we went on our first adventure to a campground near the Sacramento Delta. The river was 20 feet from our campsite, and we spent two fun days getting to know our Airstream and fishing.

We decided to go camping every month and joined WBCCI and SDAC. We did go camping every month for every year since 2020 except for 2024 and have had many adventures. We have visited 15 National Parks, many Monument parks, state and county parks in the Western United States. Our longest trip was six weeks where we visited Olympic National Park in Washington, Guadalupe National Park in Texas and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

Our camping experience in our Airstream is luxurious compared to my childhood camping with my family. During my childhood, my family also visited many National Parks throughout the country. My recollection of those camping experiences was sleeping under a lean-to on the ground with rocks, snakes, a variety of bugs and wildlife. A bright spot was the night sky with stars so big and bright that I could grab them.



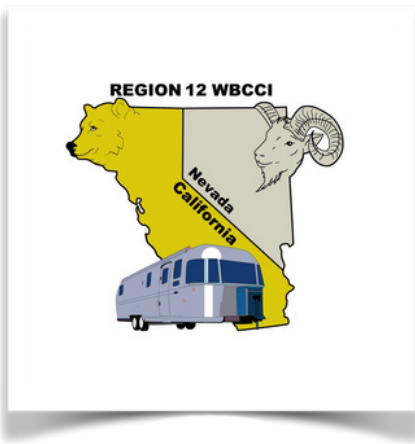
David's camping experience was much different as his family had an Airstream with no bathroom but it certainly beat sleeping on the ground.

When asked what our favorite National Park is, we always answer Death Valley. The park is huge and the geography is so unique that we think we are on the moon. Death Valley is a black sky park and has spectacular night skies. We have spent many nights at 2 am grazing at Badwater Basin, 282 feet below sea level, spellbound by the night skies. We are planning a trip to Death Valley next year and will be booking a jeep tour of the valley where the rolling stones are located. It is quite a grueling trip but we think it will be worth it if we can spot the tracks of the stones.

This summer we are going to the Calvary Stampede in Calgary, Alberta, Canada which starts on July 5 through July 10. We are going to stay at a camp site with the Canadian Airstream Club 120, who have put together a wonderful agenda for our stay. We are looking forward to seeing beautiful Canada and meeting new friends.

SDAC is a great club and well run. We are glad to be associated with such a wonderful group of people. See you down the road!!!!

Note: Jana Green will be asking our members to write an article about themselves for the newsletter. This series is new to our newsletter and I hope that everyone will enjoy it.



## Election Certification April 4, 2025

The Region 12 Election of Officers for the 2025-2027 term has been completed. We've tabulated the votes and the proposed slate has received the majority of the votes:

President: Shawn Blom

1st Vice President: Teresa Tighe

2nd Vice President: Jason Grendahl

Treasurer: Theresa Tighe

Recording Secretary: Margaret Handshoe

Parliamentarian: Tom Smithson

Rose Parade: Margaret Handshoe

Cali Rally: Tom & Teresa Tighe

Webmaster: Linda Maddox

Newsletter: John Golden

Margaret L Handshoe

Recording Secretary

WBCCI / Airstream Club International



### 2025-2027 Airstream Club International Executive Council Election Schedule

Stay in the know with these important  
election dates:

- April 25, 2025 – Deadline to submit questions for candidate interviews
  - Mid-May 2025 – Candidate interviews published on YouTube
  - May 21, 2025 @ 7:00 PM ET – Live “Ask the Candidates” webinar
  - May 27, 2025 – Deadline to request a Paper Ballot
  - June 1–June 15, 2025 – Voting window open to eligible Airstream Club members
  - June 18, 2025 – Election results announced (pending receipt of paper ballots)
  - July 17, 2025 – New Executive Council Officers announced
  - August 2025 – New Executive Council seated at International Rally
- All candidate materials and election details can be found at \_

<https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate>



**Add to your  
Calendar!**

**Region 12 Rally  
October 15-19, 2025  
Bonelli Bluffs,  
San Dimas, CA**

**Registration &  
Information  
May 2025**



## **SAN DIEGO AIRSTREAM CLUB**

# SAVE THE DATE

**IT'S TIME TO START CELEBRATING  
OUR CLUB'S  
65TH ANNIVERSARY!**

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**1960**

**65 YEARS OF ...**

fun,  
adventure  
and  
friendship!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

September 19 - 21, 2025

Pechanga RV Resort



**2025**

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Let's create new memories as we  
celebrate our club's milestone.  
Hope to see you there!

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Your Hosts:  
Sandi and Bobby Adame  
Cindy and John Boaz

Watch  
for the  
Rally Coupon

## LOGO UPDATE

AND THE WINNER IS...



Next steps:

- Pat will work on getting the necessary approvals from R12 and ACI
- Pat will also work with the logo designer to get his ideas on how this logo will look best on a flag
- Our initial goal is to get the flag in time for Kathy to display it at the International Rally in York, PA
- After that, we hope to get it put on T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hats, and Flags that members may purchase.
- We would also like to get post-cards printed that we could use to advertise the club at rallies and to send to new Airstream owners in the area

Thank you all for your input on the logo, and especially thank you Pat!



To celebrate our Airstream International Club's 70th Anniversary, we have a year-long schedule of activities and educational opportunities. Check it out: <https://airstreamclub.org/clubcommunications/aci-70th-anniversary>