

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club Newsletter June 2025



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President's Message Mike Blom

I normally produce this newsletter every other month. There is so much going on that I thought I would add an additional newsletter with the latest happenings. Welcome to June!

Airstream Inc., the makers of our wonderful trailers and touring coaches, is presenting curated camping events. My wife, Shawn, and I were able to experience Camp Airstream at Red Rock RV Park located at Island Park, Idaho. Camp Airstream is a six-day adventure located about 30 minutes from the Yellowstone National Park West Entrance. A guided tour of park is included along with hikes to waterfalls and much more.

In addition, Airstream has created a gathering hub at the RV park where you can receive a massage, learn about wildlife photography, grab a glass of wine and even have your laundry done. As much as we love our rallies, we welcome Airstream providing a unique adventure for us to meet more Airstreamers and share what makes our connection special.

For years members would keep a membership book in their vehicle. The book was a way to look up a member's Big Red Number. We now have an app for that. The Airstream Club Member app is available for Apple and Android. You can look up BRNs and you can use the Campfire portion to share stories and connect with fellow members. Whispers, the group messaging portion of the app, allows you to create both private and group chats. I am sure we will be using the Whispers functionality at an upcoming rally to provide information. Check out the new app!

Safe travels,

Mike Blom President GBAAC

2025 / 2026 Rallies

Check out the 2025 and some of the 2026 Rallies below. We need hosts or co-hosts for a few of the rallies. Remember if you volunteer to host / co-host, you will be given the ability to sign up for the rally in advance of the event being released to the general membership. Hosting lets you go to a location you want and no waitlist!

2025/2026 GBAAC & SVAC Rally Schedule					
Club	Dates	Campground & Location	Host	Co-Host	Notes
GBAAC	June 12 - 15	Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort - Felton, CA	Sally MacDonald & Scott Gerken	Mike & Shawn Blom	Released
GBAAC	July 7 - 11	Silver On the Seas - Cruise Ship Rally	Jason & Andrea Grendahl	Margaret & Brian Handshoe	Launches from Seattle, ~60 attendees
SVAC	July 17 - 20	Clio's River's Edge - near Graeagle	Shelley & Peter Denyer	Brian & Elena Tucker	Released - book directly w/ campground
GBAAC	Aug 14 - 17	Costanoa KOA - Pescadero, CA	Ken Lalanne & Linda Weissman	Rick & Sandy Watts	Released
ACI	Aug 23 - 28	International Rally - York, PA			Airstream Club's 70th Anniversary Rally
GBAAC	Sept 11 - 15	Bodega Bay RV Park	Eleanor & John McFarlin	Chris & Mark Martindill	Annual Business Meeting
SVAC	Oct 9 - 13	Gold Country RV Resort - Pine Grove	TBD	TBD	Carol working on JotForm
Region 12	Oct 15 - 19	Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort - San Dimas	Region 12		Annual Region Rally - released!
GBAAC	Oct 22 - 27	Napa Valley Expo RV Park	Mike & Shawn Blom	TBD	Newbie Rally
GBAAC	Nov 14 - 17	Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne, CA	TBD	TBD	Installation Rally
GBAAC	Dec 11 - 15	Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, CA	Andrea & Jason Grendahl	TBD	White Elephant Rally
2026					
SVAC	Jan - TBD	Rolling Hills Casino, Corning	TBD	TBD	Details in progress
GBAAC	Feb 6 - 10	Coyote Lake Campground Gilroy	Erica & Mark Evans	TBD	Sign up 6 months in advance - Aug 2025
SVAC	Feb 26 - Mar 2	Petaluma KOA, Petaluma	TBD	TBD	
GBAAC	Mar 12 - 16	Harbor Village RV Park, Half Moon Bay	Shirley Shakespeare	Maria Deguzman	
SVAC	Mar 26 - 30	Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles	TBD	TBD	Individual signups

We need Audit Committee and Nominating Committee volunteers. These two committees do not take a lot of time. Please help build your club by volunteering. Call Mike and ask questions.

Elections

The election for the <u>Airstream Club</u>
<u>International Executive Council</u> has begun.
You should have received an email with a link that is unique to you.

The EC along with the Region Presidents make up what is known as the International Board of Trustees, IBT. To illustrate how this deliberative body works, they recently voted on the proposed motion below.

Code of Ethics

Our code of ethics encourages us through our conduct to: "... indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples and countries. To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on other of our diverse membership so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members of differing ethnicities, religious beliefs or orientation and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding."

Policy 17.1 Flags and Political Attire

- A. This policy applies to all ACI events, including but not limited to the International Rally, Region Rallies, Local Club Rallies, National Event Rallies, Caravans, etc.
- B. To preserve the spirit of unity and camaraderie as outlined in our Constitution, flags, banners or attire that display campaign or political candidate/party and slogans are prohibited.

The proposed motion was defeated by the IBT. The vote was 9 Yes and 11 No. This particular motion had lots of discussion beforehand.

You have the ability to shape the IBT via your votes for EC members. Please take a moment to check out the candidates and vote! https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate

There will be a discussion to adopt a similar proposal at the Region level. Mike, along with the other Region Presidents, will discuss this issue next week. If you have any thoughts or questions about this motion please let Mike know.

Survey

We had 63 of you respond to the survey email. Thank you! We will organize the data and send you a compilation in the next newsletter.

Nominations

GBAAC will be hosting elections soon. If you look at front page of this newsletter, you will see the club's structure. Although it is traditional for the current EB member to move into the next higher position, any club member may put their name in the hat for a position on the board. You will see an announcement soon for nominations.

Harvest Hosts

As part of your ACI membership, you are enrolled in Harvest Hosts. You can use HH as a portal to find courtesy parking. This parking is provided by fellow ACI members across the nation. These members have a space that you can spend the night as you travel.

If you pay for the HH Classic membership, you

then get access to breweries, farms, dairies and many other producers across the nation.

Mike stayed at St Agony Brewery in St Anthony, Idaho through HH and had a great visit.

Costanoa

There are still a couple spots left for our rally in August. Check out the ACI website to sign up!

Photos From Rallies & More - Come Join The Fun!



St Agony Coffee Porter



Weather can be unpredictable!



>>>> Three hours later!



Never know who you will run into on the road!



Camp Airstream



Cheers!



Hanging with the natives

Remember volunteering to host allows you early rally registration!

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