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August 23-28 68th WBCCI
International Rally, York, PA

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

President's Letter

Airstream Club International is pleased to announce the new Executive Counsel for 2025-2027. GLAAC extends its congratulations to **Kendall Felder, Dendy Jarrett, Millie O'Donnell, Bill Hamblin, Kenneth Johansen, James Schaal, Jan Heavener, Rachael Miller and Jenifer Schnettler**. The new Council Members will be introduced at the upcoming 2025 International Rally in York, PA.

The Airstream Travel Trailer: Spotlight in Movies, Television Shows, and Other Helpful Non Travel Applications

With the recent release of the film, *The Accountant II* (MGM Amazon), and with the clever and simultaneous release of the first of its kind and infinitely reusable Airstream Classic Popcorn Bowl, I got to thinking: "Which movies and television shows have highlighted the Airstream? And, Where else have I seen Airstreams?" So, I looked it up.

Welcome one and all to this edition of our Urban Update. In this edition, I explored the fascinating world of the Airstream Trailer in non-travel applications. From classic films to modern series' to other useful purposes, this iconic Silver Bullet has captivated enthusiasts and audiences and has earned a spot in cinematic history. Let's journey through some notable appearances and discover how the Airstream Trailer was highlighted in each. I have also included other uses, besides the silver screen.

Movies

The Accountant (2016), and The Accountant II (2025)

Synopsis: Using the Airstream as a cover, Christian Wolff makes his living as a freelance accountant for dangerous criminal organizations.

Airstream Highlight: The Airstream serves as a significant element within the films, symbolizing Wolff's (played by Ben Affleck in both films) unique lifestyle and meticulous nature. Wolff, the savant accountant and skilled assassin, uses the Airstream trailer as a mobile office and sanctuary. His modified Pan America trailer is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, an assortment of firearms, and other specialized tactical equipment, reflecting his need for both mobility and security. The trailer's utilization emphasizes Wolff's constant approach to his dual life. My favorite line in *The Accountant*: "Is that a Jackson Pollock?" (Dana Cummings, played by Anna Kendrick, while looking at a Jackson Pollock, hung on the ceiling of the Pan America).

Independence Day (1996)

Synopsis: This sci-fi blockbuster features an alien invasion threatening to wipe out humanity. The film follows various characters as they unite to fight back against the extraterrestrial threat.



Airstream Highlight: The Airstream appears as the mobile home of Russell Casse, played by Randy Quaid. Its distinctive shape and shine contribute to the film's sense of Americana, symbolizing freedom and the quirky independence of Russell's character.

Wall-E (2008)

Synopsis: In this animated Pixar film, a waste-collecting robot named Wall-E embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

Airstream Highlight: The Airstream is featured as Wall-E's home, standing amidst the desolate landscape of Earth. It serves as a beacon of nostalgia and comfort in an otherwise dystopian world, emphasizing Wall-E's yearning for connection and history.

Into the Wild (2007)

Synopsis: Based on the true story of Christopher McCandless, this film follows his journey as he leaves his conventional life behind to travel across North America to Alaska, mainly on foot.

Airstream Highlight: The Airstream makes an expressive appearance as a temporary refuge for Christopher. It symbolizes the transient nature of his travels and the pursuit of freedom and adventure.

Television Shows

Breaking Bad (2008-2013)

Synopsis: This critically acclaimed series follows Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher who turns to manufacturing methamphetamine after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Airstream Highlight: The Airstream is used as the lab where Walter and Jesse Pinkman cook meth in the early episodes. Its isolated and secretive location matches the illicit activities, enhancing the tension and drama of the series.

Parenthood (2010-2015)

Synopsis: This family drama series explores the lives of the Braverman clan, dealing with the complexities and joys of modern family life.

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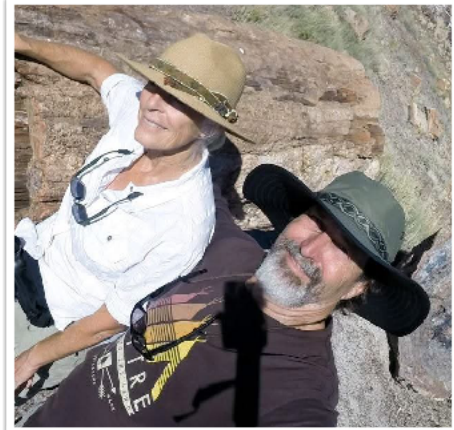
Meet a Member!

submitted by Susan Barrett

Our Airstream experience started in June of 2005 when we stepped into an Airstream Interstate Sprinter Van, one of the first of its kind. It was simple, beautiful, and well laid out. I had found my happy place! We traveled 80,000 miles over the next eight years.

Driving home one day we got the grand idea of looking at Airstream trailers. We loved them! It was then that we discovered that there were Airstream Clubs, and that the local Central Coast Club was having a rally that very weekend at San Simeon State Park. We drove up from our home in Los Osos, California, introduced ourselves, and were immediately invited to dinner that evening! Twelve years later we are still enjoying the company of the Central Coast California Airstream Club and the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. We've had endless adventures and shared wonderful experiences together.

Our greatest adventure was a four month trip to Alaska with our two dogs and six other trailers from the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. These were moments never to be forgotten and friendships we enjoy to this day.



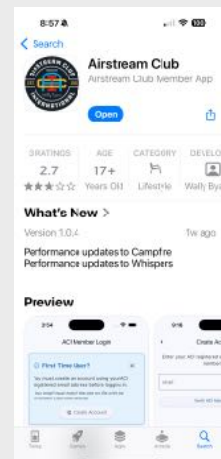
Susan & John

In June of 2024, we stepped into another Airstream Interstate Van, a previously owned 2021 24-foot Tommy Bahama. We fell in love all over again! We've had her a year now and once again enjoy the ease and comfort van life gives us.

As individuals we have grown so much. We have become more flexible, more open minded and accepting of all that we experience. We've made great friendships that have lasted over all these extraordinary years, and we appreciate even more the astounding and beautiful world we live in. Happy Trails and hope to see you down the road!

WE HAVE A NEW APP JUST FOR AIRSTREAMERS!

Download and begin using this useful tool to search members by name or Big Red Number; find a rally or event while on the road; catch up on club news & stories; find courtesy parking...and more! Head to your App icon and search Airstream Club International.



President's Letter (continued)

Highlight: The Airstream is featured as Zeek Braverman's prized possession. It represents seek's adventurous spirit and desire to escape the constraints of suburban life, serving as a retreat and symbol of nostalgia.

Modern Family (2009-2020)

Synopsis: A mockumentary-style sitcom that follows the diverse and hilariously chaotic lives of the Pritchett-Dunphy-Tucker clan.

Highlight: The Airstream appears in several episodes as the personal space of the eccentric character Phil Dunphy. Its quirky charm aligns perfectly with Phil's personality, providing comedic moments and highlighting his unique hobbies.

Other Films and TV Shows with Airstream Appearances

The Long, Long Trailer: Cameo only. Lucy and Desi's actual travel trailer was a 1953, 36-foot Redman New Moon, **Charlie's Angels Movie** (Sad face—the Airstream got shot up and badly damaged), **Raising Arizona** Where Ed lived in his Airstream in the Arizona desert – probably at Los Dutchman? **Mars Attacks! What's Eating Gilbert Grape, NCIS, M*A*S*H, Grey's Anatomy, and CSI: Miami.** There are more. This is, after all, a short article.

Miscellaneous other cameos and un-roadworthy uses

The Airstream is fit for a president when in 1963, President John F. Kennedy used the Airstream as a mobile office during weapons testing at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

The Bambi edition of the Airstream is part of the permanent collection at the MOMA, New York. In 1955, the Airstream was used as a target in an atomic bomb test in the Nevada desert (sadder face). And, the crews of all Apollo moon missions used the Airstream as a quarantine bay upon their return from space.

It is estimated that 70% of all Airstream Trailers ever built since the 1930's are still road worthy, today. The Airstream Trailer's presence in films and television shows goes beyond being a mere prop. It serves as a symbol of freedom, adventure, and nostalgia, resonating with characters and viewers alike. Whether set against the backdrop of alien invasions or family dramas, the Airstream Trailer remains a timeless icon in the entertainment industry. Stay tuned for more insights into the ways this beloved trailer continues to inspire and delight audiences around the world.

Whether yours is named, "Silver Bullet," "Silver Burrito," Silver Twinkie," "Canned Ham," "Toaster on Wheels," or "Hi Ho Silver," like ours is, smile with the knowledge that its older, bigger, better equipped, or sometimes more beat up, shot up, or blown up brother or sister has done their parts to make the brand famous. Until next time, happy viewing!

GLAAC Website & Club Photo Directory

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>

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

A Review of Coachella Lakes RV Resort!

submitted by Andromeda Stevens

We enjoyed a great event at a fresh, new resort just east of Palm Springs, Coachella Lakes RV Resort.

This resort is fabulous with pickle ball courts, a clubhouse, Jacuzzis and pools. There are great walking trails and an amazing lounge with coffee and donuts in the morning. Our club had a great time just doing our usual thing but we also took a group excursion out to a Texas barbecue joint, and went to the annual Palm Spring Vintage Trailer Show to see our club members who displayed their vintage trailers for all to enjoy!

Our own Yoga teacher and club member Suzanne treated us to two days of glorious Yoga in the morning under our pop-ups to avoid the sun which was out in full force but the weather stayed quite manageable. We had a yummy Italian dinner as well as the usual happy hour event and even enjoyed donuts and coffee in the morning. I think everybody had a wonderful time.

We even squeezed in a trip to the wild animal park which is absolutely fantastic I had never seen it before and it definitely deserves almost a full day. I suggest you spend the few dollars to feed the giraffes which was a super cool experience!

It was nice to welcome Erica & Nick and their two little children, a fantastic addition to our club. We welcome them!

There's a giant shopping mall nearby with plenty of supplies and a big truck stop to get gas. The resort was great and we would definitely come back.



GLAAC On The Go!



Tennessee



Tres Hermanas Winery



Convict Lake



Sisters, OR



Lake Nacimiento



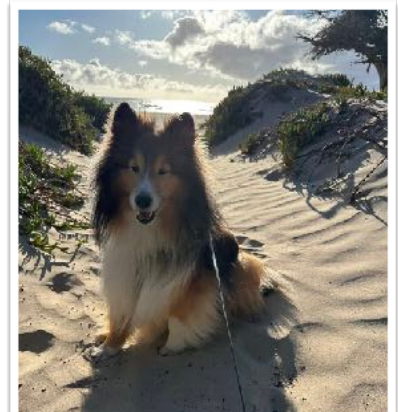
Convict Lake



Pismo Beach



Williams, AZ



2025 Events!



Jan 23-27	Pinnacles National Park Campground
Feb 20-24	Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella, CA
March 13-17	El Chorro Regional Park (north of San Luis Obispo)
April 24-27	Borrego Springs RV Park, Anza Borrego, CA
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, CA
Aug 23-28	68th Airstream Club International Rally (York, PA)
Sept 11-14	Jackson Rancheria (near Sacramento)
Oct 15-19	Bonelli Bluffs, San Dimas, CA (tied to Region 12 Rally)
Oct 31 - Nov 3	Newport Dunes, Newport Beach, CA
Dec 4-7	Flying Flags RV Resort, Buellton, CA

A LOOK AHEAD TO 2026 EVENTS!**(subject to change)****GET READY FOR GLAAC'S 2026 EVENTS****Watch for more information coming to your inbox as events are
firmed up and registration dates/info are provided**

Jan 22-25	Lake Havasu State Park, Lake Havasu Balloon Festival
Feb 19-23	Santee Lakes, San Diego
March 19-22	Joshua Tree National Park
April 16-19	Region 12 Cali Rally at the V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA
April 19-22	San Simeon Creek Campground, San Simeon, CA
May 14-18	Sequoia RV Ranch, Three Rivers, CA (Reserve your site <u>NOW</u> through the resort's website https://www.sequoiarvranch.com/ and send an email letting us know: events.glaac@gmail.com
June 11-14	Lake Casitas, Ojai, CA
July 16-19	Jalama Beach County Park, Lompoc, CA
Aug 22-27	69th Airstream Club International Rally, Minot, North Dakota
Sept 17-20	Crystal Cove/Moro Campground, Laguna Beach, CA
Oct 22-25	El Prado regional Park, Chino Hills, CA
Oct 28-Nov 1	Region 12 Rally, Oasis Las Vega RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV
Nov 12-15	Refugio State Beach, Goleta, CA
Dec 4-7	Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA

Wally Byam's Code of Ethics and Event Pet Policy



WBCCI/WALLY BYAM'S CODE OF ETHICS

To be ever mindful of our responsibility to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct, 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 the affect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code. To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them in the same way.

WE LOVE OUR FOUR-LEGGED AIRSTREAMERS...

Well-behaved pets are always welcome at rallies! To make the rally enjoyable for all, please observe these important points:

- A. Members traveling with pets are responsible to know and follow the pet policy at each individual RV Park or campground location.
- B. All pets must be under control on a leash when outside the Airstream. Owners must pick up after their pets.
- C. A size-appropriate pet containment system may be used at the campsite, unless not allowed by RV Park rules.
- D. Pets are not permitted in buildings, or at outside gatherings while food is served. At club events, pets are permitted at outside gatherings after food has been consumed.
- E. Service animals will be allowed according to State laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) policies.



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!
- 3) Have an adventure story or camping lesson learned you would like to share? We would love to hear from you!

Feel free to participate in your newsletter and send these items to me at anytime to be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Events

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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!