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Colorful Colorado AIR NEWS

Welcome New Members!

Member Name

Lauren Garner
Bob Moss
Denise White
Kimberly Bauer
John Henderson
Michelle Meeks
Alan Shupe
Robert Davis
John Bobola
Stephanie Kimak
Tony Giamberardino
Deb Mitchell
Travis Reese
Rachelle Johnson
Tim Holbrook
Maribeth Gustafson
Bill Holland
Peter Duncan
Robin Tomaszewski
Davis Ammons
Richard Giaquinto
Gerry Vernon
Richard Rogers
Richard Girard
Mitzi Beneck
Austin Priester
Christine Allison
Lily Juan
Lisa Bain
John Fortner
Kris Kiser
Brian Casson
Rita Leydon
Henry Unger
Keith Gapen
Robert Nelson
Louie Velasquez
Pamela Rea
Cathy Wilson
Shirley Sherrill
Susan Grant
Richard Sanford
Thomas Woodring
Erin Poor
April Schmidt

Partner Member Name

Sue Moss
Chris White

Carolina Henderson
Bernie Meeks
Genie Shupe
Shari Davis
Kristin Bobola
Chris Kimak
Diane Giamberardino
John Mitchell
Elizabeth Reese
Monty Haltiner
Kathryn Holbrook
Ted Samora

Bella Duncan

Laura Vernon
Brenda Rogers
Jan Girard
Will Beneck

Barry Allison
Alan Li
Scott Bain
Jacquelynn Fortner
Kimberly Kiser
Patty Casson
Christopher Leydon
Donna Unger
Janet Gapen
Sherry Nelson
Meghan Velasquez

Kent Rich
Mike Sherrill
George Meyer

Cory Ann Woodring
David Clayman
Robert Schmidt



THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING...

Join or become an affiliate of the Colorado Airstream Club.
Come camp with us in **Colorful Colorado**.

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/cac-join-colorado

Online Connections



Visit the **CAC EVENTS PAGE**

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information for registration dates and all the latest updates, including the tentative rally schedule and additions.

Contact our events team if you have an interest in helping out with CAC rallies. events@coloradoac.org

Where would you like to go? Suggest an event!

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/suggest-cac-event

Is the CAC rally you wanted full?

Check out the many surrounding events in Region 11.

www.airstreamclub.org/region-11/region-11-events

Do you need to **cancel a registration** for a rally?

Fill out the cancellation form.

<https://form.jotform.com/242958543155161>

Request to **Join CAC Facebook!**

www.facebook.com/groups/colorado.wbcci

An admin will admit you within 48 hours.

Maybe more when the camping season is in full swing.

Bookmark the CAC website at www.airstreamclub.org/colorado.

The CAC **Slack** app is used to communicate during rallies, answer questions about destinations, maintenance tips, post items for sale, camp recipes, etc. Sign up today.

<https://join.slack.com/t/coloradoairstreamclub/signup>



2025 Elected Officers

Please contact the club president with questions about contributing to the Colorado Airstream Club.

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Past newsletters are online at

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorful-news-issues

President's Message

By Jeff Cross



There's something special about traveling in an Airstream. It's more than just the freedom of the open road or the thrill of waking up in a new place. It's the people you meet along the way – and nowhere is that truer than at an Airstream rally.

I recently attended the Maintenance Rally, Sand Dunes Rally, and Steamboat Springs Rally – great destinations and what truly made the experiences unforgettable were the people. There's an instant sense of connection at Airstream rallies. Maybe it's because we all chose this lifestyle – one that values simplicity, exploration, and community. Conversations spark easily, often over shared meals or evening campfires. Strangers become friends almost overnight.

I met folks from every corner of the state – retirees on their grand tour, families with their kids, solo travelers with incredible stories, and couples who've been caravanning together for decades. We traded travel tips, toured each other's rigs (Airstream people love a good walkthrough!), and shared stories each evening at happy hour. There was laughter, heartfelt memories, and a whole lot of camaraderie.

I realized that these rallies are about so much more than travel – they're about belonging. We may come from different walks of life, but it's apparent that our reflections in the silver curve of an Airstream, reveal we're all part of the same tribe.

If you've never been to an Airstream rally, I can't recommend it enough. And if you've never hosted a rally, I encourage you to volunteer. Without hosts we can't rally. Go for the scenery – but rally for the friendships. You'll drive away with more than memories. You'll leave with a few more friends, and maybe, if you're lucky, a camping companion for your next adventure.



By Rich Howarth | Maintenance Rally

Maintenance Rally Recap

By Ursula Hermacinski

It was a doozy of a Maintenance Rally. More members, more trailers, more presentations, more free flowing grapes and grains than ever before. More of everything!

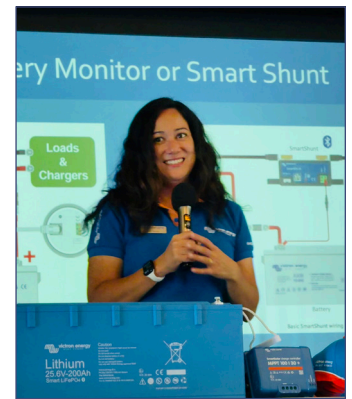
Please duck as the thank yous boomerang back to those of you who filled out the Maintenance Rally survey. Through your gracious praise and thoughtful criticism, it is very obvious that you all appreciate the huge effort that it takes the myriad of volunteers to put on an event as robust as ours. Like Sandra Bullock driving the bus in *Speed*, our president Jeff Cross took the wheel and pushed all 80+ rigs to a very successful couple of days.

We appreciate your comments and the immediacy to which you responded. That shows your commitment to the success of our events and our club as a whole. We hear you. We know that we are challenged by the Recreation Hall's acoustics. We see that our food offerings may not have delivered. We hear that many felt overscheduled by the huge amount of information we had to share. Many of your comments are actionable. All your comments have been recorded and noted, and many of these items will be executed for Jellystone 2026. For those of you with suggestions for different sessions, be careful, you may be getting a call to action email sometime soon after next year's rally starts to take shape.

In retrospect, how lucky were we to have service providers like Airstream of Colorado, Victron, Starlink, Kleen Tank, Luke Berlander come to our trailers and help us with our individual issues? We no doubt hope to continue this tradition of individualized trailer attention as we are able. It was great to venture into non-technical topics like photography, fly fishing, line-dancing, pickleball ... and of course Brad Driver's presentations and at-trailer session was probably the overall rally favorite. We plan to invite Brad again, but cannot promise that his schedule will allow his return. But we do promise that we will do everything in our power to create another overall rally favorite.

In the meantime, keep your comments coming. We are all in this together. Have a happy summer rally season. Be safe, be healthy, and keep camping!

<https://airstreamclub.org/colorado/2025-maintenance-rally-presentation-notes>





Basecamp Roundtable

By Jeff Downes

The round table discussion was one of many presentations at the maintenance rally, where owners exchanged invaluable insights on maintaining Basecamp trailers. Topics ranged from routine maintenance tasks to more advanced troubleshooting techniques. The camaraderie and shared passion for Airstream trailers created an atmosphere of learning and support.



Here are some of the top tips shared by Basecamp owners at the rally:

- **Regular Inspections:** Conducting regular inspections of the trailer's exterior and interior can help identify potential issues before they become major problems.
- **Tire Maintenance:** Keeping tires properly inflated and regularly checking for wear and tear is crucial for safe towing.
- **Efficient Packing:** Utilizing the flexible interior space efficiently can make a big difference in comfort and convenience during trips.
- **Solar Panel Care:** Regularly cleaning the solar panels ensures they operate at maximum efficiency.

Jeff and Betty Downes shared a document listing their various purchases since they bought their BaseCamp 20X in December 2023.

The Maintenance Rally in Larkspur was a resounding success, fostering a sense of community and shared knowledge among Basecamp owners. We look forward to more such events in the future, where we can continue to learn and grow together as a community.

See notes from the Basecamp roundtable online at <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/Basecamp%20roundtable.pdf>

An easy way to see what others have done or experienced with their Airstream Basecamp. There are many ideas and suggestions on maintenance, modifications and anything else you could imagine.

Airstream Basecamp 20X Group (my favorite)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3155053781248922/>

Airstream Basecamp
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/airstreambasecamp/>

Airstream Basecamp Owners
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1908989342757613/>

Airstreaming for Newbies
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/827191910700791/>



STEAMBOAT RALLY 2025



Exclusive Member Benefit: 40% OFF TORKLIFT PRODUCTS

The Colorado Airstream Club is pleased to announce a new member benefit: a 40% discount on Torklift products. This discount is available on the following products:

- Fortress GasLock-PowerArmor
- Lock and Load
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- StableLoads
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Torklift is a trusted name in the RV and towing industry, offering high-quality gear designed to enhance safety, stability, and comfort on the road.

How to Redeem:

Use promo code **CAC40** at checkout on Torklift's website to receive your discount. <https://torkliftcentral.com/airstream>

Offer Valid Through October 15, 2025

This limited-time offer is available exclusively to Colorado Airstream Club members. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity before it expires.

About Torklift:

Torklift manufactures a wide range of products, including hitches, leveling systems, battery boxes, steps, and security accessories – all designed with RVers in mind. Their products are proudly made in the USA and built to last.

This benefit reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering value to our members. If you have any questions or need help using the discount code, please contact president@coloradoac.org.



ALUMAPALOOZA @ JACKSON CENTER

Special offer for WBCCI members ... **"Rally Hop" from International to Alumapalooza** and land in Jackson Center, Ohio after International ends.



For those of you that have not had the chance to attend, you should put this year's Alumapalooza on your list to attend. The normal dates are September 2, 2025, to September 7, 2025. There is an early parking option as well that lets you come in starting on Friday August 29th.

Each year is different, we try to keep it fresh. But there will be lots of learning opportunities from great presenters discussing many different facets of the RV lifestyle and tech. Airstream holds all Factory tour spots for us for that week, and we will have busing to move you from the campsite to the new plant.

We do music. We have an open mic so those among us that want the big stage can perform, and we bring in entertainment from near and far. One of our confirmed entertainers will be our trailer park friend Antsy McClain, we are still working on a Bluegrass band for our open night.

There will be food! We hold a Labor Day picnic for the early parked attendees, there is a WBCCI pizza party, We have the Chicken Lunch for charity, a free breakfast at the Legion Hall, an Airstream cookout, and a catered dinner.

We will have fun, you will learn sometime new, and you will make new lifelong friends. Pricing is \$50.00 for early parking (fee waived if you let us know in advance that you have attended international). Finding campgrounds on the holiday weekend can be difficult.

One attendee in a trailer is \$450.00
Two attendees in a trailer is \$545.00
Additional adults are \$140.00 each
Kids under 16 are free

Begin your registration at www.alumapalooza.com and click on the registration button. And forward your York receipt to info@randbevents.com for the free early parking.

The Alumapalooza team looks forward to seeing you in Ohio!

Brett Greiveldinger, R&B Events, LLC, WBCCI #5501
email brett@randbevents.com

www.alumapalooza.com

Colorado Airstream Club 2025 Rallies ...

Please be aware that the registration dates are subject to change. You will be notified by email two weeks prior to the registration opening of each rally. Each rally opening date falls on a Saturday at 9am. Some rallies fill within minutes, in which case we strongly encourage you to sign up for the waiting list. Rally info is online at <https://airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information>.

May 15-18 Maintenance & New Member Rally

Jellystone Park, Larkspur, CO
Hosts: Karen & Jeff Cross,
Co-Host: Ursula Hermacinski

June 5-9 Sand Dunes National Park Rally

Mosca, CO
Host: Jim Stahl
Co-Host: Steve Libhart

June 16-20 Steamboat Springs Rally

Steamboat Springs, CO
Hosts: Shirley & Ross Chessman
Co-Hosts: Valerie & Kirk McVay

June 25-29 Fort Robinson State Park Nebraska Rally

Crawford, NE
Hosts: Vicki Whipple-Mueller & Craig Mueller
Co-Hosts: Rich & Carol Johnson

July 10-13 Westcliffe Bluegrass Festival Rally

Westcliffe, CO
Hosts: Karen Vance & John Ashton

July 18-22 Crested Butte Wildflower Festival Rally

Gunnison, CO
Hosts: Janet & Richard Nummi
Co-Hosts: Lisa & Larry Wilson

July 23-27 Region 11 Granby Rally

Granby, CO
Host: John Holly
Registration: see the website for more info
www.airstreamclub.org/region-11-rally-2025-detail-page
Granby has it all - hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, shops, museums, restaurants. This rally is open to all members of the International Airstream Club's Region 11 and is a wonderful opportunity to meet even more Airstreamers. Follow this link about to book your own campsite and start your Granby adventure.

July 29-August 2 Salida Adventure Rally

Salida, CO
Hosts: Mary Lou & Tim Carter
Co-Hosts: Jim Doering, Rachel & Harald Gomez

August 7-10 Estes Park Rally

Estes Park, CO
Hosts: Janet & Richard Nummi, Jeff Cross

August 13-17 Ranch History Rally

Ridgeway, CO
Host: Carolyn Beardshear

August 18-21 Palisade Rally

Palisade, CO
Hosts: Michelle & Ken Christensen
Co-Hosts: Pam & John Webber

Mid-August Opportunity Consider organizing CAC Caravan to the International Rally

Consider taking on the role of planning out a caravan of your fellow CAC members to travel together to the International Rally in York, PA. Pick your distances, find campgrounds, and let each trailer make their own reservations. We will take care of getting the word out to anyone who wishes to join. It's a fantastic way to get the party started, and most importantly, assures that you are parked with your fellow CAC members AT THE RALLY.

August 23-28 68th ACI International Rally

York, PA
"The epic event where Airstream owners rally together to celebrate a shared passion for adventure, exploration and the iconic Airstream lifestyle."
www.airstreamclub.org/rally2025

September 3-7 Meeker Sheepdog Trials Rally

Meeker, CO
Host: Steve Libhart

September 13-19 Dubois/Yellowstone Rally

Dubois, WY
Hosts: Dimmie & Greg Ziegler

September 19-October 7 Utah Loop Caravan

Various campgrounds
Depart and return Grand Junction, CO
Hosts: Beverly & Larry Granrud

September 23-27 Creede Wagon Wheel Rally

Creede, CO
Hosts: Rob & Brenda Hughey

October 6-10 Monument Valley

Monument Valley, UT
Hosts: Harald & Rachel Gomez
Co-Hosts: Mary Staby & Miles Porter

October 13-17 Moab Rally

Moab, UT
Hosts: Dana Capozzella & Rob Utter
Co-Hosts: Tracy & Rob Capozzella

RALLY SIGN-UP TIP... if you're on the computer, with the CAC rally sign-up page open – when 9am comes, the sign-up page needs to be **REFRESHED** after the open time for you to get in.





Courtesy Parking

By Airstream Club International

Harvest Hosts began powering Airstream Club International's Courtesy Parking Program started in September 2024. This is an exciting time with a lot of changes, but first and foremost Courtesy Parking locations will remain exclusive to ACI Members.

At first, the new Courtesy Parking Program will only be available through the Harvest Hosts website. This means you must log in through www.HarvestHosts.com in a web browser to access ACI Courtesy Parking locations. The Courtesy Parking Program was rolled out to the Harvest Hosts app in October 2024.

www.airstreamclub.org/newmembers/courtesy-parking-map



Camp Cooking

By Jeff & Betty Downes

Sweet and Heat Jerky

5 lbs Flank Steak

(I get mine from Costco)

Trim fat and square edges.

It is much easier to cut if the meat is a little frozen. Stack them on top of each other and throw them into the freezer while you make the marinade.

Marinade:

- 2 cups Worcestershire sauce
 - 1.5 cups teriyaki sauce (I use Yoshita's)
 - 1 cup soy sauce
 - 4 teaspoon onion powder
 - 2 teaspoons garlic powder
 - 1 teaspoon cayenne powder
 - 4 teaspoons black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 1.25 tablespoons red pepper flakes
 - 4 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- Mix it all up and stir with whisk

Cut ¼ inch slices and put them into gallon zip lock bag. Pour marinade over cut slices in the gallon zip lock bag. refrigerate for 24 hours. Smoke on low (smoke or 180) for about 2.5 hours. Check larger pieces after 2.5 hours – should be chewy but not rare. You don't want them to get dried out

When done to your desired tenderness, take off the smoker and put them into zip lock bags. The moisture from the heat goes back into the meat. Serve up to friends and family after they have cooled. Enjoy!



GREAT SAND DUNES RALLY 2025





2025 National Rally Events

February 20-23 | **Streamin' on the Strand**
2100 Strand Galveston, Galveston, Texas
Bruce and Marya Barefoot, Host
mombarefoot@gmail.com

April 24-29 | **Stitchin' and Fishin**
Hillsboro Texas
Anna Brandon, region9wbcci@gmail.com

April 27 - May 4, 2025 | **Wine Quest 2025**
Lodi & Paso Robles, CA
Wine Adventure in Central & Coastal California
Co-Hosts: Ray Barger & Jeff Pincus
Questions: aciwinequest@gmail.com

July 4-11, 2025 | **Silver on the Seas**
Seattle, WA
Alaskan Cruise departing from and returning to Seattle, WA.
Hosts: Jason & Andrea Grendahl
Questions: Jason Grendahl jasangrendahl@gmail.com

July 5-10, 2025 | **Calgary Stampede**
Calgary, Alberta CA
Hosts: Mary Culshaw or Susan Huntley
Questions: airstreamclub120@gmail.com

August 4 - 9, 2025 | **Old Fiddler's Convention**
Host: Christina Baum
Questions: baumic@gmail.com

September 9 - 14, 2025 | **Pendleton Round-Up**
Host: Stacey Rovinelli
Questions: icuffm@att.net

October 3-7, 2025 | **Balloon Fiesta**
Host: Richard Girard
Questions: balloonfiestarally@gmail.com

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Premium Long Sleeve Tee

\$24.34



Softstyle Pullover Hoodie

\$31.03





How to Register for a Rally or Luncheon

CAC is growing rapidly, with new members joining every week, so here's a guide to help you get into the rally of your choice.

In almost all cases, CAC purchases all the campsites for rallies so members just register for the rally. Members do not have to make their own reservations and managing a wait list is much easier for hosts.

Notification of Rally Openings

All CAC members and affiliates are notified via email, Facebook, and Slack of rally registration openings and closings, ideally 2 weeks in advance. To ensure that emails land in your inbox, not spam/junk/promotions folders, please add mailings@coloradoac.org to your contact list.

In appreciation of their time and efforts, hosts and co-hosts are given an opportunity to register for ONE event before registration opens to all members.

Where to find event information and register for events:

The following event information is included in all "event posts," which are accessible via www.airstreamclub.org/colorado (scroll to the bottom of the page) or via links at www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information



Included on the website are:

Registration links when the event opens for registration, plus...

- Dates
- Location
- Venue contact information
- Registration Link (if open) – All registration is online.
- Wait List Link (if the event has filled)
- Registration deadline
- Event details (overview, menus, activities, etc.)
- Host contact information

All events open for registration at 9 a.m. on a Saturday. Some events fill in weeks, some in hours or even minutes. Note: If you are poised to hit the "register" button at 9 a.m. you will need to refresh your page in order to see the yellow registration button appear.



FAQ:

Q: Why not just include the links to the event posts in the email, instead of on the Event Information page? That would be one less click for the user.

A: Since we send to 700 email addresses, we have to use a mailing server. Experience has shown that the more links and images contained in an email, the greater the likelihood that it will be marked as spam. By having a simpler email appear to be a personal email, we have had much better results getting our information to all our members.

Q: When I tried to register for a rally it was filled!

A: If an event fills up before you try to register, please add your name to the waitlist. There are always cancellations and those on the waitlist very often get to attend.

This year we have added several events and are offering 400 rally spots to members, but it's still not enough. We need more hosts in order to have more rallies. How about designating a favorite campsite, call to see what dates are available, and host a rally with your friends? Contact president Jeff Cross jeffcross1@mac.com and he'll tell you about all the support you'll get from our rally team, from budgeting to advertising to managing your event. We'll make it fun for you!

Again, for current event information, visit the CAC Event information page any time. It's always accessible!

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/colorado-airstream-club-information

We hope this helps everyone, especially new members, get registered for the rallies of your choice.

www.airstreamclub.org/colorado/how-register-rally

If you have questions, contact events@coloradoac.org.