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President's Message

First, a big shout out to Team Maffei/Motta for their hard work and wonderful organization of the Grass Valley Rally. So much fun! The new resort is, and will be, a winner as the trees hopefully grow quickly to provide needed shade. Thanks again for hosting!

As you've learned, my monthly messages aren't always about rallies or where we've traveled, but sometimes take on a different story or message. I'm always looking for inspiration, whether it's over a cup of coffee, glass of wine or a long drive. This month's inspiration came from a Region 12 Zoom Meeting, coupled with a story from a member at the Grass Valley rally.

During a recent Region 12 Zoom Meeting, I was reminded how lucky we are with our Club and members. Listening to various issues facing other Clubs from around the country, it was so refreshing to be able to say to the group, "Gosh, we just haven't had those problems." Specifically, the problems discussed were about "divisiveness" exhibited during rallies regarding political differences. Sure, we all have our opinions, likes and dislikes, but I have not seen or heard of any issues evolving in our group that would lead to alienating any members ... and for that I'm grateful. Nevertheless, during the



meeting, we all promised, as a group of club presidents, to remind our respective members of our club's Code of Ethics, so here goes...

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 goodwill to all peoples and countries. To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on others 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. (6/22/18) 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.

After reading the Code of Ethics, I feel that beyond courtesy to others, it also encourages support and volunteerism within a respective club. It dawned on me that its words not only affect our membership, but also spill over into the lives of our friends, relatives and vendors. As an example, at the Grass Valley Rally, Carol Echols told a story about their awning malfunctioning and extending all the way out while driving. As they struggled to fix the awning at the side of the road, not only did they get support from a motorist going by, but they were directed to Benicia RV Solar (AKA Avalon RV), where owner Adam Blair and NorCal Member Josh Hicks not only fixed the awning, but did it for no charge.

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From the Editor

More than a year ago, we moved our trailer from covered storage to non-covered storage, due to the increasingly high price of covered storage and the benefits of storing at Vinnie's. The downside of the change is that in the summer, the sitting water in our toilet bowl would (we thought) evaporate, so we made sure to frequently check it and replenish. We finally discovered the root of our problem was not so much evaporation as a leaky toilet bowl seal. Once again we turned to the University of UTube for instructions on a fix.

Now our toilet seal was not ancient, but certainly old enough (8 years) to need changing. Fortunately, we have a Dometic toilet where changing out the seal is easy and does not require removal of the entire toilet to get at the seal (e.g. Thetford which has a base seal) We quickly found the part on Amazon and since we are Prime Members, we were able to receive it before heading off to the Grass Valley Rally.

When we removed the old seal for what we anticipated would be an easy swap, we were in for a shock. There was dried crap (literally) in, around and underneath the area surrounding where the seal fit against the porcelain. It was built up enough to prevent a tight seal. We learned that no matter how well you clean the toilet bowl or the black tank, unless specifically attended to, this area gets missed because you cannot see between the seal and the porcelain, let alone underneath the seal. The crap slowly over time builds up and once it dries, is not the easiest substance to remove.

After several intensive scrubblings with various cleaners, including Lysol, the porcelain was finally completely clean so the seal could fit tightly in its groove. We greased the new toilet seal ring with plumbers grease as recommended and fit it in its spot. The leaking stopped, the water held, and we did the Happy Dance while making a note to pull and clean and possibly replace the seal at least once a year,

If you have not checked your toilet seals recently, we suggest that you do. They can be easily replaced if necessary, but more importantly, you will be able to check if the area surrounding the seal needs to be cleaned to avoid any issues in the future and keep nasty smells at bay. See [page 12](#) for further details.

In this issue we also have the follow-up on the fun Grass Valley Rally held in June at the newly opened Grass Valley RV Resort. If you have not been there, we suggest you take a weekend to visit. It is centrally located, and the bathrooms/showers alone are worth the trip. We have the summary for the upcoming South Lake Tahoe Rally in October. Registration opens August 1st via the usual Jotform process. We also have additional information on the Clio Rally coming up in September. If you are going, make sure you complete the new Jotform and pay rally fees. And, for save-the-date purposes, we have a sneak preview of the rally locations for 2026! Incoming President Tom Webster and Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer have been busy confirming next year's schedule, which has been approved by the Board. One of those choices, Village RV in Truckee, requires self-registration with the park a year in advance, (e.g mid-September 2025). More information will be forthcoming in the next issue and via email blast.

It's hard to believe we are entering the eighth month of this year (where does the time go?), with five more rallies to go. I will not be at the Schmooville rally, but will be at Camp Clio in September. See you down the road. **Oh – and if anyone going to the International this month in York, PA, could do an article and send photos that would be great for all of us left behind.** Please let me know ...

Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor

2025 Rally Schedule

March 5 - 9

~~Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles~~

~~Hosts: Fritz/Ames & Websters, apprentices: Team Matteo~~

April 2 - 6*

~~V-6 Ranch, Parkfield~~

~~Hosts: The Ungermans *(Dry Camping) Buddy Rally~~

May 7 - 11

~~Lassen RV Park, McCarthur~~

~~Hosts: The Hurleys~~

June 4 - 8

~~Grass Valley RV Resort, Grass Valley~~

~~Hosts: The Mottas & Maffeis~~

Aug. 6 - 10*

Schmooville, Fortuna

Hosts: The Scheuers, Team Paz, The Sallingers as pizza cooks; Apprentices: The Villaires
*(partial dry camping)

Aug. 23 - 28

York, PA

International Rally - Airstream Club International Rally

Sept. 10 - 14

Clio RV Resort Clio

Camp Counsellors: The Sallingers & Bartelts

Oct. 8 - 12

Tahoe Valley Campground, S. Lake Tahoe

Camp Counsellors: The Sallingers; Apprentices: Sandra Carr and Janet Margolis

Oct. 15 - 19

Bonelli Bluffs RV Park, San Dimas

Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 5 - 9

Boulder Creek Mobile Home & RV Park, Lone Pine

Hosts: The Echols & Deiwerts; Apprentices The Daubers

Dec. 3 - 7

Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne

Hosts: Team Matteo, the Broads, Fitzgerald/Doornik; Apprentices: The Roblees

The Fine Print

New info shown in **green**. Dates are arrival and departure for planned rally, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration Jotform and payment to the Club Registrar. If a rally is full, there is a wait list. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled.

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West Sacramento, CA 95691

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Woodland, CA 95695

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Redwood City, CA 94601

John & Judy Lawler
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

NorCal Membership Numbers

198 Unit/Life Memberships
101 Affiliate Memberships
299 Total Memberships



Birthdays

5 Larry Ackerman	18 Brian Handshoe
9 Darlene Winchell	18 Kirk Reistroffer
10 Elisa Ungerman	24 Dann Boeschen
13 Betty Sica	26 Mike Zimmermann
14 Paul Bartlett	28 Tom Webster
15 Marcia Murray	28 Dwain Christensen
16 Martha Jones	30 Jane Malone
16 Donna Rich	31 Scott Beck
18 Steve Irey	

Anniversaries

1 Matt/Carol Kurzrock
1 Cam/Marcia Murray
1 Tom/Hedda Smithson
3 Eugene/Tina Spyksma
7 Brian/Margaret Handshow
9 Brian/Juliet Scheuer
12 Roy/Linda Myers
12 Gus/Barbara Shubel
16 Bob/Joyce Tupy
23 Bill/Cathy Maffei
25 Donna/Gary Rich
26 Bob/Carole Echols
27 Dann & Susan Boeschen

President's Message Continued

Also at the Grass Valley Rally, our hosts had erected a number of pop up tents (maybe 6) to keep the sun off of the group during cocktail hour and meals. The hosts were anxious about how long it would take to bring them down and put away after the Saturday dinner. Rally participants were asked to help in the process and at least 50% of the attendees could be seen working at the end of dinner, helping with the clean-up, with the highlight being five members at once struggling to put away the largest tent. Great teamwork and just one example of what makes our Club great! I'll wrap up this message with another shout out to Barry and Claudia Marson who recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary! Congratulations and may you celebrate many more!

Your NorCal President Tary Sallinger

Airstream Club International on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/>
Region 12 on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
NorCal on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Affiliates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an email with your Name (First and Last) and your

Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only). norcalmembership@comcast.net. We have noted that many attending rallies claim birthdays or anniversaries but are not on the list - so call or email Marget to check if you are!



Sept. Clio Rally Update

PLEASE NOTE: This rally is a “Make Your Own Reservations” rally that opened almost one year ago. Many made reservations in September 2024, but over the past year, others have been able to also get a spot. As of this writing, however, the park is completely full. You can always check in with the park to see if there has been a cancellation.

There was an email sent to all members on July 1, 2025, with a link to a second JotForm that must be completed by each membership/trailer attending the rally in order to confirm your participation in the rally. If you missed it: [Link to the JotForm](#) If this second Jotform is not completed, and the corresponding rally fees are unpaid, you will not be able to participate in the meal and other fun activities the hosts have planned even if you have a site at the campground. If you have any questions regarding this, contact Vicky Bartelt, Registrar and Co-Host of the rally, wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.

Adventure Awaits in Clio!

Pack your Airstream and bring your sense of adventure—our next rally is set in the beautiful mountain towns of Clio and Graeagle, California, nestled in the Sierra Nevada just an hour north of Truckee. We'll be staying at the lovely Clio's River's Edge RV Resort, a peaceful spot shaded by tall pines and right alongside the river.

Things to Do in the Area

The region is a hidden gem, with scenic beauty and small-town charm around every bend. Nearby Graeagle offers boutique shopping, quaint cafes, a historic mill pond, and locally loved restaurants. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy gorgeous hiking trails, pristine mountain lakes, and great biking routes. There are golf courses, fishing spots, and pickleball courts for friendly competition. You'll also find a brewery and wine tasting close by. Whether you're seeking peace or play, Clio and Graeagle deliver.

Rally Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday – Arrival Day

Settle in and say hello! That evening we'll gather for a Welcome Happy Hour and Potluck Dinner—bring a favorite dish to share and your appetite for good company. **Fair warning- bring your A-game on the appetizer front...your camp counselors will be awarding prizes for the best appetizers.** Closer to the rally, we will assign all registered attendees their appetizer night.

Daily – Coffee with Camp Counselors

Each morning, join your friendly Camp Counselors for hot coffee, stories, and a nostalgic treat: toast with peanut butter & jelly, an Airstream tradition that's as sweet as it is simple. Your camp counselors will start this morning ritual on Thursday.

Thursday – Bike Ride with the Hurleys

Hop on two wheels and hit the trail! The Hurleys will lead a leisurely bike ride through the beauty of Graeagle. Don't forget

to sign up in advance and pack a PB&J sandwich for the ride. It's a great way to see the town and take in the fresh mountain air.

Friday – Hiking Essentials + Scenic Hike

Start the morning with a short Hiking Essentials class given by one of your Camp Counselors, Paul Bartelt, perfect whether you're a seasoned trekker or just getting started. Then we'll head out on a group hike to either Big Bear Lake or Sardine Lake, depending on trail conditions and personal hiking level. This will be a highlight of the trip—don't miss it!

That evening, we'll gather for another festive Social Hour, followed by a delicious Carnitas Dinner catered by Martha's, a favorite local Mexican restaurant. You'll want seconds—trust us!

Saturday – Meetings + Free Day Fun

Start your Saturday with our Board and Members Meeting—all members are encouraged to attend. The rest of the day is yours! Explore Graeagle, hike again, go shopping, or relax under the trees.

Pickleball, Anyone? We'll also be offering a Pickleball Class for Beginners during the rally. The Crutchfield's and Kris Carey will help teach and play. The cost is \$5 per player, payable at the time of the class (no need to pre-pay). Whether you're just curious or ready to dink and rally, it's a fun and active way to spend some time with friends. We will explain more about the pickleball activities at the Wednesday Happy Hour.

Your Camp Counselors can't wait to spend this relaxing and adventure-filled weekend with you. Whether you're toasting PB&J in the morning or exploring the lakes and trails in the afternoon, it's sure to be another unforgettable rally!

See you in Clio!
Bartelts and Salingers



Get ready for cool mountain air, crystal-clear lake views, and unforgettable adventures—our South Lake Tahoe Airstream Rally is just around the corner, and it's going to be a blast!



Travel to South Lake Tahoe Wednesday, October 8 through Sunday, October 12, and enjoy everything this iconic location has to offer alongside your fellow Airstreamers. This is a no stress rally. There are no dinners or activities set up by your camp counselors so you can plan whatever you want to fill your time. There is also no clubhouse or meeting site at this rally so the daily social hour and welcome potluck will be at one of the camp counselor's sites (site to be determined).

Daily Social Hour – 4:30 PM Appetizer Time!

Every evening at 4:30 PM, join us for Social Hour. Your amazing camp counselors—Janet, Sandra, and Janie—will be organizing these relaxed gatherings to give everyone a chance to unwind, share stories from the day, and sample some delicious bites. We will be awarding daily prizes for the best appetizer!

Kick-Off Potluck – Wednesday Evening

We'll be starting things off right with a Welcome Potluck on Wednesday night following our social hour! Bring your favorite dish and join us for a warm, casual evening where we can all reconnect. Please sign up on the JotForm for what you will be sharing so your camp counselors can fill in where needed.

Things to Do in South Lake Tahoe

For our energetic Airstreamers, South Lake Tahoe offers endless opportunities for adventure and exploration:

Hiking Galore – From gentle lakefront strolls to breathtaking hikes like Eagle Lake, Fallen Leaf Lake, or the trail to Cascade Falls, there's something for every level of hiker.

Biking Trails – Bring your bike and ride along the scenic South Lake Tahoe Bike Path or take a more adventurous route into the nearby forest trails.

Kayaking & Paddleboarding – Enjoy the calm, glassy waters of the lake. Rentals are available at several beaches if you don't have your own gear.

Explore Emerald Bay – One of the most photographed spots in the country! Whether you drive, hike, or boat in, don't miss this stunning gem.

Heavenly Village – For those who want a bit of shopping, dining, or a scenic gondola ride, Heavenly Village is the perfect afternoon escape.

Fishing & Relaxation – Cast a line, soak in the views, or just sit back with a good book by the water—South Lake Tahoe has peaceful moments, too.

Let's not forget Gambling! One of your camp counselors was a blackjack dealer in Lake Tahoe and can give you a few blackjack pointers! We might even set up a little seminar for blackjack basics!

Let the Fun Begin!

Your camp counselors will be hard at work getting everything ready and are so excited to welcome you to this spectacular setting. We really hope to see you at South Lake Tahoe this October!



— Your Camp Counselors,
Sandra Carr, Janet Margolis and Janie Salinger

South Lake Tahoe Airstream Rally

October 8 - 12, 2025

1175 Melba Dr, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Cost Information

- No rally fee
- Rally site parking fee: \$75 per night
- Wednesday Night Pot Luck - bring a dish to share
- Appetizers - you will be assigned a night

Registration for this rally opens at 9 a.m. on August 1st, 2025. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page via the Club's webpage:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-october-2025-rally>

Or directly via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/251916089919168>

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE JOTFORM as multiple jotform submissions make it difficult for the registrar and others. If you make a mistake or have new information to add, directly contact the registrar with your changes via wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.

Attendees are chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis based on the time the completed Jotform is sent to the registrar. After completing and sending the Jotform, wait for an email **from the registrar either** confirming that you are registered for the rally or informing you that you are on the rally wait list.

If you are confirmed, you may either pay for the rally via Zelle to the NorCal Airstream Club or send a check for the full amount directly to the treasurer before the deadline given to you. If you are placed on the wait list, do not pay until you hear from the registrar that you are confirmed for the rally. She will update your status via email.

Zelle is currently the preferred payment method. You must access Zelle through your banking institution's app or online platform. Most banks and credit unions offer payment through Zelle. If unsure, call your banking institution for information and instructions.

If using Zelle, **make sure to add your name and rally location in the "memo" or "message" area before sending** payment. If you pay by check, make your checks payable to "WBCCI/NorCal" and **mail directly to Treasurer Gordon Krauter, 4672 Sarah Ct, Livermore, CA, 94550.** Your registration is incomplete and not fully confirmed until we receive BOTH your registration and payment. Please pay by the deadline provided to you in the confirmation email or you may lose your spot. If you do not hear back from the registrar on the day you register,

contact her within 48 hours via:

wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.

Contact the registrar to if you have ANY changes to your registration or wish to register after the deadline, which is August 31st. Best to email her at the email above. She will contact you as soon as she can.

Refund Policy: The park allows full refunds for cancellations up to 2 days (48 hours) prior to your arrival date.

Pet Policy: Please abide by the NorCal Pet Policy. In addition, the RV Park has it's own rules. Guests may bring usual household pets such as dogs and cats but no other animals, livestock, poultry, reptiles, insects, or exotic pets are permitted. All pets must be registered with the office, vaccination records must be available upon request, and all pets must wear a collar identifying the owner and phone number.

Pets must be kept on a leash at all times and under the control of their owner. Pets must not be left tied or otherwise unattended at any time.

For the protection of, and in consideration to other persons, noisy, aggressive, vicious, unruly, or poisonous pets are not allowed at a campground and resort. Persons who are unable to control their pets must remove them from the campground and resort, or the animal may be taken to/by local animal control authorities. The owner of any pet is responsible for any injuries or damages caused by their pets. In addition, the owner of any pet that causes injury or damages to another is expected to resolve the issue directly with the injured party. The campground is not responsible for any injuries or damages caused by pets.

Guests are responsible for their pets and should "clean up" after them. All pet droppings must be properly disposed of in a trash receptacle. If the park incurs expenses in excess of any "pet fee" paid by the guest, the guest will be required to reimburse it for those expenses.

Special Note: Pets are not permitted in the public buildings or amenity areas, including but not limited to the bathrooms, clubhouse, swimming pool and beach areas.



"Fun in the Foothills" June 4-8, 2025 Grass Valley RV Resort, Grass Valley, California

**Cohosts: Cathy and Bill Maffei
and Janet and Gregg Motta**

Grass Valley RV Resort was the site of the June 4-8, 2025, NorCal Rally, aptly called "Fun in the Foothills." A great time was had by all, as the RV park was truly a resort. This new park featured a fabulous swimming pool, pickle ball courts and bocce courts. The Grass Valley and the Nevada City area has a variety of activities, historical sites, shopping venues, excellent restaurants and was a fun place to visit.

There was no clubhouse, so a separate site was reserved as a common area. No rally happens without the set-up crew that consisted of the hosts and early attendees. Pop-up tents were erected to provide some greatly needed shade when the group socialized and many tables set-up to accommodate the crowd..



A Happy Hour commenced at 5:00 p.m Wednesday, June 4th, opening the rally and featuring a warm welcome from co-host Gregg Motta. NorCal President Tary Salinger also welcomed the group and the new members present. Co-host Cathy Maffei announced the activities that would be taking place throughout the rally. The Welcome Dinner that evening was delicious pizza and salad from a popular local eatery, Pete's Pizza of Grass Valley. The dinner was followed by cherry pie, ice cream and cookies.



Airstream campers were given the opportunity to explore the area on their own Thursday morning, June 5th. Many chose instead to take advantage of the pickle ball courts and play various games. By all accounts the Crutchfields were the big winners but it was surprising how many came prepared to show their game.



That afternoon, rally attendees were treated to a dog-friendly wine tasting event at Lucchesi Vineyards and Winery located in the Grass Valley countryside. The views of the area from the winery were spectacular. Linda Clough, the owner, was a wonderful hostess. In addition, the wine tasters were treated to music by NorCal members Michael and Sally Ramsey, and their trio, Potluck.



Grass Rally Continued ...

That afternoon event set the tone for a festive Happy Hour. Many NorCalers went to dinner at one of the many local eating establishments or bbq'd at their site.

Friday, June 6th, was National Doughnut Day. To keep with that theme, doughnuts were provided in the morning to help sweeten the day. That evening, the Off Broadstreet Theater in Nevada City presented a musical comedy entitled Klaus & Barry's Parties "R" Us that many attended. This hilarious musical comedy had the audience laughing and singing to the music that spanned decades and was the soundtrack to many of our lives. The performance was about a Minnesota couple who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary along with their retirement and looking back at their past. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed this performance. Cathy and Bill Maffei caught a photo with Klaus and Barry, below.



Saturday, June 7th, Cathy and Bill Maffei hosted a group hike. This took place just outside of Nevada City on the Hirschman Trail, a two-and-a-half mile loop that took hikers through oak and pine woodlands and around a small lake. The trail was not crowded and was dog-friendly.



Others enjoyed hanging out in the pool as it was a bit hot during the weekend.

Saturday Evening at Happy Hour, Tary Salinger hilariously acknowledged June and July birthdays and anniversaries.

John Bibby introduced the new NorCal Flag that was displayed by Hedda Smithson.



The sumptuous dinner that followed was prepared by Backwoods BBQ of Grass Valley. The rally celebrated its finale with dessert and a raffle.



Sunday morning, the travel gods were with the Airstreamers as the sun shone during departure. That evening, the rains started. Such is life! See you down the road.

Bill Maffei

Photos continued next page



Scenes of the Grass Valley Rally



There is a fix for that!



Water mysteriously leaking from your toilet bowl? Yucky smells coming from your toilet even though you scrupulously clean it and the black tank? It may very well be you need a new toilet bowl seal gasket. Those with Dometic toilets 300-320 will find it easy to remedy the situation. Purchase a toilet "Flush Ball Seal" for a Dometic toilet, easily available from Amazon, and a tube of plumbers grease, also available from Amazon or your local plumbing store, and follow the directions in this video (or others like it): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnnI5zO0r84&ab_channel=AllAboutRV%27s

Simply put: turn off water to your trailer. Pull out the old gasket, noting which side is top and bottom and dispose of it. Make sure that porcelain of the toilet bowl where the seal fits is *completely* clean. Apply a thin line of plumbers grease around the middle of new gasket and replace the gasket in the correct position. Turn back on the water and test to see if the water holds. If so, you are done. If not, either you did not completely clean the porcelain, install the gasket correctly, or you have a seal that is not well fitting, an issue that can occur with the cheaper gaskets/seals. Repeat the process and try again. (It took us awhile to get our toilet clean enough so be patient if the crap is dried on. Steel wool may be your friend.) You can Google other videos about the process. This one appears to be good for a Thetford: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ecjjsaol9Qo&ab_channel=Adventure%26Repeat The important thing is to replace your gaskets on a regular basis. Another thing no one told us when we bought our Airstream...

Editor

Save The Dates!

2026 NorCal Rally Schedule

The 2026 NorCal rally schedule has been submitted by First VP Tom Webster and Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer, and approved by the Board. Since we are seven months away from the 2026 Rally season, and over a year away from several of the rallies, there may be a few hiccups as RV Parks decide to change policies or change ownership, or just because "crap happens." However, this is what NorCal has planned for rallies starting in March 2026:

March 4-8th	Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA
April 8-12th	River Point Landing, Stockton CA
May 6-10th	Vinnie's Ranch, Wilton CA
June 10-14th	Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA (Lassen area)
July	- no rally
August 5-9th	Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA
August 22-27	International Rally at Minot, ND
Sept. 9-13th	Village RV, Truckee CA (self-reserve)
Oct. 7-11th	Flying Flags, Avila Beach CA
Oct. TBA	Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas NV
Nov. 4-8th	Benbow KOA Holiday, Benbow CA
Dec. 2-6th	49er RV Park, Plymouth CA

It is expected that registration for all but one of the rallies will be through the typical Jotform process, that exception being the Truckee Rally, which will be, like Clio, a "make your own reservation" rally. More details to come.





The following was submitted by Hedda Smithson, initially written by the daughter of former NorCal member George Paige, whose wife, Claudette Page, was a NorCal First VP many years ago. For those who knew George (and Claudette who predeceased him):

"Good morning friends near and far,
Please take a moment to say a blessing prayer of farewell for George Joseph Paige. Our dear friend and father passed away this morning [January 18th] at 3:30 am. The caregiver came to get us, so Tim and Patricia were with him as he peacefully stopped breathing. I know he would ask us all to please do something kind and loving in his memory, for ourselves our loved ones or for the world. And he would ask us to remember his beloved wife Claudette as well, whom he cherished more than anything. I am so grateful to have been a part of their beautiful story.

In spirit,
Patricia (daughter) "

May George rest in peace now that he is reunited with Claudette.

- Editor

Auction Lot Comes Due

The second weekend in July was the date chosen by the winners of the Bartelt/Salinger's Charity Auction item ("Napa Mini Rally") to enjoy their prize. The Salingers and Bartelts hosted Team Matteo and the Hurleys in Napa for the weekend, starting Friday at the Bartelts, then moving to the Salingers for Saturday Night Dinner. Tary Salinger reported they had "lots of fun and a great time together."

Editor



Member Recommended



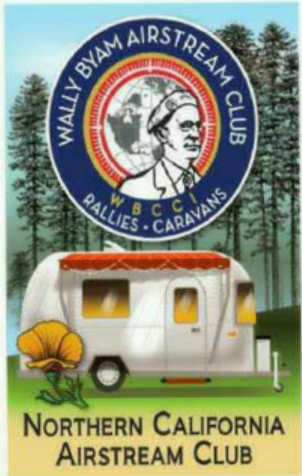
Lynn Hurly submitted a Utube Link about Zip Dee awnings she thought NorCalers would find interesting:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oX3JWe6g_Bk&ab_channel=KeepYourDaydream

Gotta love one of the current owners of Zip Dee who arrives on a Sedgeway. His tutorial on the operation of the manual awning is terrific! Thanks Lynn!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Schmooville Rally - Fortuna			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
International Rally - York, PA						
31	Signs ups for Tahoe Rally begin tomorrow 9 am					

Members: You can obtain your own colorful NorCal Membership Badge to replace your dull WBCCI badge after you have attended three Norcal Rallies. After you have been “degreened,” you will receive your badge, along with a five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact NorCal’s Membership Chair or Rally Registrar to get yours for no cost to you when you are eligible. Affiliates are eligible to purchase badges after their third NorCal Rally.



Members: The new Club Garden Flags are here. And more! They are available from our new vendor:

<https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Northern-California-Airstream-Club/7684778>

Don’t worry; old flags are still good, but the new flags are cool looking!

