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

April 16-19, 2026 Cali Rally,
Parkfield, CA

August 22-27, 2026 69th
WBCCI Intl Rally, Minot, ND

President's Letter

With the introduction of the various special editions of Airstreams into the marketplace (for example, *Pottery Barn*, *REI*, *Tommy Bahama*, *Frank Lloyd Wright*), it occurred to me, "what's next?" Well, here are some models I'd really like to see!

The Doomsday Prepper Edition. Built-in crossbow rack and water filtration system, Solar panels, compost toilet, canned bean storage for up to five years (depending on trailer length), exterior painted like rust to "blend in with ruins." Downside: Plays the R.E.M. song: "It's the end of the world as we know it" on an incessant loop.

The Napoleon Bonaparte Edition. Comically small exterior — but insists it's "strategically compact." Built-in war table maps of Europe, sleeps 2 comfortably... as long as they're not taller than 5'3". Downside: Only retreats and won't go out during the winter months.

The Nikola Tesla Edition. Runs on free wireless electricity (allegedly), interior lights flicker dramatically during thunderstorms. Has a built-in pigeon roost. Downside: Comes with a lifelong grudge against the **Thomas Edison Edition**, coincidentally parked in the next camp site.

The Thomas Edison Edition. All lights are incandescent bulbs the size of grapefruits that double as a cooktop. Includes a crank-powered phonograph that plays only Edison wax cylinders. Decorated in brushed copper with random levers that do absolutely nothing. Toilet has pull cord. Downside: Battery is nickel iron and weighs 900 pounds.

The Cleopatra Edition. Gilded everything, doors open to dramatic trumpet fanfare, luxurious milk bath in the aft part — camel milk only. Comes with an adorable miniature Caesar bobblehead for the tow vehicle dash! Downside: Camels are not welcome in most campgrounds. And the weight. Heavier than the **Thomas Edison Edition**.

The Guy Ramsay Fieri Edition. Fully BBQ-flame-painted exterior, built-in nacho cheese dispenser, Recliners with cupholders for dipping sauces. Downside: Route 66 permanently programmed into the GPS.

The Jane Austen Edition. Lace curtains, parlor chairs, and mahogany tea trays. Only travels at a "proper and respectable pace." Downside: All of the above, plus must be towed by horses.

The Winston Churchill Edition. Leather armchairs and a built-in whiskey cabinet! Air freshener emitting cigar smoke and running 24/7. Shower is just a tub labeled "Bathtub Diplomacy". Downside: Only drives to war memorials and afternoon tea spots.



The Goop Edition. Infused with essential oils and healing crystals. Comes with a zero celery and gluten-free air fryer. Has first of its kind "lunar" panels, which charge your batteries only in the moonlight, which is supposedly good for your chakras. Downside: cupholders only fit green smoothies.

The Joan of Arc Edition. Fireproof chassis, built-in armor rack and holy visions interface. Interior constantly smells faintly of incense and destiny. Downside: Only responds to GPS commands from saints.

The Sigmund Freud Edition. Couch instead of a bed where you sleep and self-analyze. Everything comes in sets of three: ego, id, superego. Tiny drawer labeled "repressed memories." Downside: Occasionally accuses your GPS of being your mother.

The Lewis & Clark Edition. No GPS, just hunches. A super-nifty built-in fold-out canoe, which automatically gets stuck trying to cross rivers. Downside: Logbook comes prefilled with confusing hand-drawn maps.

The Benjamin Franklin Edition. Kite-shaped skylight with lightning rod. Built-in bifocals to help you read the Declaration of Independence in poor lighting, fireplace for printing "Poor Richard's Almanac." Downside: Can only be powered by "curious experiments and strong opinions." Owners' Manual only comes in French.

The Alexander Hamilton Edition. Plays the Hamilton soundtrack whenever you open the door, quill pen-themed gear shift attachment (Touring Coach model only). Comes with dual glove compartments: one for your Honor, the other for your dueling pistol. Downside: Can't stop driving toward drama.

The George Washington Edition. Exterior always spotless — because it "cannot tell a lie." Wooden flooring made from "repurposed cherry trees," will never cross the Delaware River without a permit. Surprisingly strong when towing things across snowy battlefields. Downside: No place for your toothbrush. (continued on page 3)

Meet a Member!

submitted by Gregg & Catherine Landaker

Hi, we're Catherine and Gregg Landaker. Married for 48 years, we have two kids and three grandchildren. Until very recently we had two corgis, Miss Penny Pi and the late Miss Sadie May.

When Gregg retired from the movie industry after 47 years we knew we wanted to travel. The first trailer we got was a 1967 Kenskill, Miss Poppy. When she came to us, there was a vintage camper trailer magazine where Miss Poppy happened to be on the cover. I started looking through the magazine and saw that there was a calendar of events and discovered these people congregated with their vintage trailers. Well, we jumped in with both feet.

The next Airstream that caught our eye was 26 ft. 1976 Argosy Airstream, Miss AnniRose. Now we were into it and we've met so many great people. We had no idea what was in store for us.



AnniRose

However, we knew if we wanted to travel long distance, we were going to need something very trustworthy. There's nothing that has been around as long as an Airstream! So that's what we started looking for. We were extremely lucky when we found our 25 foot International, Christopher C. Deam design. It was absolutely perfect and we put those Big Red Numbers on immediately, #1542.

After a few trips, we realized we would prefer twin beds. We had it changed out and love it. It gave us more floor space. We made some other cosmetic improvements such as curtains and a custom shower door and wallpapered the bathroom and leucite sliding cabinet doors. It feels so homey and comfortable inside and has never felt confining.



Catherine & Gregg

Then we discovered that Airstreams, and Airstreamers gather! Not only gather, but travel in droves! Again, we found so many new friends and so many of them we have camped with outside of the group gatherings.

When you retire, you realize there's really no way to make new friends, but trust me, we had no problem making new friends. The Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (GLAAC) was extremely welcoming and when this group gathers, it's like adult summer camp.

We gather for many of our meals and participate in arts and crafts. Many of us have gone kayaking, golfing, the ever-popular bike rides, fishing, horseback riding and of course, wine tasting. Pickleball seems to be the new favorite with the group.



Gregg and one great catch!

Our first long trip was in 2021 to Lebanon, Tennessee for the 64th International Rally. Gregg was asked to be the flag bearer for our club and that's when I think we really felt like we belonged. We also had the opportunity to go to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, as well.

Following the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, we headed for Canada and the Calgary Stampede which was a Bucket List experience. After that, it was on to Banff and Lake Louise!

A real treat has been friends who have purchased vintage Airstreams so they can participate in both Vintage events and GLAAC events. It just keeps getting better as our adventures continue!

President's Letter (continued)

The Socrates Edition. Voice assistant that only asks you questions back, never arrives anywhere — it just questions the nature of the journey. Has settings for “ethics mode” or “nihilist turbo.” Downside: The tires wear down faster than other models from driving around in philosophical circles.

The Karl Marx Edition. Communal sleeping pods. Every trailer shares a bathroom and closet with five other trailers. Comes with a complimentary manifesto (and a rustic coffee bar). Downside: Will unionize with other Airstreams at the campground.

The James Bond Edition. Sleek black exterior, cocktail server hidden somewhere by “Q”. Emits low-level charm, every drawer opens via retina scan. Downside: Martini dispenser stirs, doesn't shake. Customers report getting tired of the sexual innuendos.

The Quentin Tarantino Edition. Retro “grind house” interior, vinyl floors stained with fake blood (or is it?). Downside: You think you're towing it, but it's towing you.

The Dracula Edition. Every trailer is named, “This Old Crypt.” Blackout curtains with wooden stakes (just in case), rear storage for coffins ... or coolers. Downside: Only parks in *shaded* forest clearings.

The Yogi Berra Edition. Pinstriped aluminum shell, custom awning that only deploys “if the wind isn't blowing, or even if it is,” the refrigerator works even when unplugged, but only if you believe in it. Every trailer has a bumper sticker: “When you get to a fork in the road... take it.” Downside: The backup camera only shows *the game before last night's*.

And finally, The George Carlin Edition. Matte finish, because shiny things are for suckers. Bumper sticker reads: “THIS IS JUST STUFF TO HOLD MORE STUFF” Shelves labeled by function: “Necessary Stuff” “Pointless Crap”. AI voice assistant that refuses to obey you and constantly corrects your grammar. Has a ceiling projector of slow-moving clouds so you can complain about how slow they are. Has a navigation system which calls out, “**What am I even doing here?**” Downside: This edition constantly judges you.

I can't wait!

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!

Hantavirus Alert

submitted by Kay Hoevel

I was still under the influence of the majestic beauty of Convict Lake, having recently attended a flash rally with GLAAC members. I thought an article for the Urban Update under favorite Campground was in order, however, the article took a sharp U-turn when I mentioned the mice. I looked up a couple of websites for reference. Returning to the article a few days later I thought why not use Perplexity AI an open source large language AI program.

The following prompt was submitted:

I am camping at Convict Lake and found mouse droppings in my Airstream. What is the threat of hantavirus in the Mammoth Lakes area of Mono County. How do I stay safe and how should I clean up the evidence? Are there effective mouse deterrents?

Here is the response from Perplexity AI: The threat of hantavirus in the Mammoth Lakes area of Mono County is currently elevated, especially given the recent spike in cases and three confirmed hantavirus-related deaths in 2025. Deer mice, the primary carriers of hantavirus, are widespread in the Eastern Sierra region, including Convict Lake and Mammoth Lakes. This year, the deer mouse population is notably high, increasing the risk of exposure even during normal daily activities, not just during high-risk cleaning tasks.

How to stay safe from hantavirus while camping at Convict Lake:

- Avoid disturbing mouse droppings, urine, or nests in your Airstream or campsite, as the virus can be transmitted by inhaling aerosolized particles from dried rodent waste.
- Do not vacuum or sweep dry droppings, as this can aerosolize the virus and increase infection risk.
- If cleanup is necessary, follow these steps:
 - Ventilate the area for at least 30 minutes before entering.
 - Wear rubber gloves and an N-95 (or higher) mask to avoid inhaling particles.
 - Spray droppings and contaminated surfaces with a disinfectant or a freshly made 10% bleach solution, letting it soak for 5 minutes before wiping up.
 - Dispose of waste in a sealed plastic bag.
 - Wash your hands thoroughly after cleanup.
- Store all food in rodent-proof containers and avoid leaving food scraps that attract mice.
- Seal any gaps or openings larger than a pencil's width in your Airstream to prevent mice from entering.

Effective mouse deterrents:

- Use snap traps rather than glue or live traps, as they are more effective and safer.
- Maintain cleanliness and remove any food or nesting materials that might attract rodents.
- Seal entry points to prevent mice from entering your vehicle or camping area.
- Regularly inspect your Airstream for signs of mice and take prompt action if you detect activity.

Given the seriousness of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), which has a high fatality rate (approximately 38%), it is crucial to take these precautions seriously. If you develop symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, dizziness, or respiratory distress within 1-8 weeks after potential exposure, seek medical attention immediately and inform healthcare providers about possible hantavirus exposure.

In summary, the hantavirus threat in Mono County, including Mammoth Lakes and Convict Lake, is significant this year due to increased deer mouse activity. Careful prevention, safe cleanup practices, and effective mouse deterrence are essential to reduce your risk. Here is my contribution, two websites for your perusal.

Hantavirus/ Mono County <https://monohealth.com/environmental-health/page/hantavirus-0>

Hantavirus Risk Maps | NASA Earthdata <https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/news/feature-articles/hantavirus-risk-maps>

...and least I forget, for those of you who are AI curious: <https://www.perplexity.ai/>

SkyPark at Lake Arrowhead in photos!



Look back on the SkyPark flamingo extravaganza right here,
Between 2 Trailers!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1olqXGo3qU>

GLAAC On The Go!



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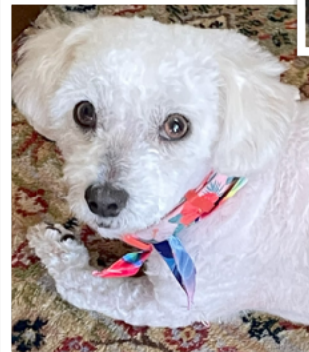
Twin Falls ID



California



Marion holding
GLAAC's newest
member, Chloe



Santa Ynez
CA



La Pine OR

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:

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles>

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!