



THE GOLDEN NUGGET

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIRSTREAM CLUB (SVAC)
WBCCI, Region 12, Unit 008**

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Winter President's Message to the Sacramento Valley Airstream Club

Dear Sacramento Valley Airstream Club Members and Affiliates,

As we wrap up 2024, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for being a part of the Sacramento Valley Airstream Club. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and camaraderie are what make our club truly special. Looking ahead to 2025, we are planning, in partnership with Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (GBAC), an exciting lineup of rallies that everyone should enjoy.

There are a few **changes** in our leadership team for 2025. First, Roberta Peeples is stepping down as Membership Chair and Nadine Collepari has volunteered to take on this critical responsibility. Roberta handled the membership duties with exceptional skill and grace and is working closely with Nadine to transition the membership duties. Roberta will remain on the SVAC board as our Corresponding Secretary.

Secondly, I'd like to welcome our new 2nd Vice President, Jim Swanson. Jim will be working closely with our 1st Vice President, Carol Launderville and the GBAAC Vice Presidents in planning our rallies. Much of 2025 rally planning is already completed but there is much work to be done still for 2025 while simultaneously planning 2026 rallies. If you are interested in helping with rally planning or hosting, please volunteer. Our club is only as good as our effort together.

Finally, I would like to offer special thanks to Sandi Deutchman, who after several years is stepping down as the SVAC newsletter editor. This means that we have a vacancy, and I hope that one of you will volunteer to take on the club newsletter and be part of our overall outreach strategy to existing and new SVAC members.

In 2025, we hope to expand our outreach efforts and encourage Airstream owners who are not yet members of Airstream Club International to join our journey. Let's continue to welcome fresh faces and ideas and share the spirit of adventure and inclusion that defines our club. Your contributions, whether on the road, at events, or behind the scenes, are what make this community truly special.

The entire SVAC board encourages you to share your thoughts, ideas, and energy as we navigate this exciting next year together. Here's to new challenges, new friendships, and another year of unforgettable experiences.

Wishing you safe travels and happy holidays.

James Goldstene President, Sacramento Valley Airstream Club





Napa Valley Expo RV Park

Newbie Rally

October 24th—28th, 2024

Hosts: Mike and Shawn Blom

The Greater Bay Area Airstream Club hosted the Newbie Rally in the beautiful Napa Valley at the Napa Valley Expo RV Park in Napa, California. It was the first time the group used this campground. It wasn't fancy, as it is located on the Napa Valley Fairgrounds property, but it was clean, offered full hookups (water, sewer, electrical), and there was a large covered area to use for gathering. The park is just a short walk to Historic Downtown Napa, Napa Valley Wine Train, Oxbow Public Market, world-class restaurants, wine tasting lounges, and plenty of entertainment.

The word "napa" is of Native American derivation and has been variously translated as "grizzly bear", "house", "motherland" or "fish". Of the many explanations of the name's origin, the most plausible seems to be that it is derived from the Patwin word *napo*, meaning "house".

Further adding to the confusion, was the original spelling of Napa. Initially, it was spelled with two P's: Nappa. There are maps and deeds dating back to the mid-1850s bearing this spelling. Shortly thereafter, the present spelling was adopted; the reasons for this change are unclear.

The first recorded exploration of Napa Valley occurred in 1823 by Padre Jose Altimira. During his exploration Native Americans were found, some were converted and the others were attacked and dispersed.

The Cayetano Juárez Adobe, built in 1845 by Californio ranchero Cayetano Juárez, is the oldest building in Napa.



The first American settlers began arriving in the area in the 1830s. Tensions between the white settlers and the Native Americans broke out in the war of 1850. The soldiers massacred all the Native Americans they could find and only a few Native American laborers and servants working for the white settlers could be found.

Nathan Coombs laid out the original city of Napa in 1847. The new town had inhabitants from Europe and Asia, including Native Americans. There were Gold Miners who lived in Napa during the winter to avoid the harsh weather of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Napa's first building was a Salon and shortly thereafter it was followed by a General Store. Other temporary buildings began to dot the area in the fall of 1848.

Transportation played a significant role in the growth of Napa. In 1850 steam ferry boats would travel between Napa and San Francisco bringing freight and passengers. In 1860 Sam Brannan brought the Napa Valley Railroad to the area to help support his Calistoga Hot Springs Resort. Initially Napa residents opposed the railroad. Once they saw the favorable benefits of the railroad (e.g. more people into the area, increased land value and drew greater attention to Napa).



By 1850 the county government system was established including the first courthouse. The city was growing and by 1854 there were forty buildings. The town was busy, with a theater, a company of minstrels and musicians, a jockey club and other urban offerings. In 1858 there was a silver rush in Napa Valley. The most notable mine was the Silverado Mine, near the summit of Mount Saint Helena. In 1859 John Patchett opened the first commercial winery in the county. By 1870 the town had approximately 7,000 residents. Several schools and a library were established. In 1856 the weekly Newspaper, the Napa Register

appeared. By the 1850s and 1860s gas and electrical services and a telegraph line were brought to Napa. In 1869 F. A. Sawyer began the Sawyer Tanning Company in Napa. It became one of the largest tanneries west of the Mississippi River. The world famous Nappa Leather or Napa Leather was invented by Emanuel Manasse in 1875 from the Sawyer Tanning Company. The Napa State Hospital received its first patients in 1876. Edwin Pridham and Peter L. Jensen invented the moving coil loudspeaker in 1915 in their Napa workshop. They went on to found the Magnavox Company in 1917.



Flooding became a problem to the homes and businesses near the Napa River. The Lake Hennessey water conservation reservoir was built in 1948 but flooding continued to be a problem.

The Newbie Rally kicked off on Thursday, October 24th, 2024. As the Newbies arrived Greeters with yellow lanyards would provide assistance in

backing up your trailer, hooking up it up to the campground's water, sewer, and electrical services and setting up your campground space. After everyone was set up there was a Happy Hour to meet new friends and say hello to old friends. After Happy Hour campers could go out to dinner on their own or cook a tasty meal in their trailer. At dusk campers could gather for more socializing at a campfire.

On Friday, October 25th, 2024 a lite breakfast was sponsored by Airstream Adventures. Participants only had to bring their own coffee. As the Newbies continued to arrive on Friday afternoon the Greeters with the yellow lanyards continued to help the new members with backing

up, hooking up and setting up. In the afternoon James Goldstene, Bob Launderville, and Roger Peeples gave a presentation on the practical use of Amateur Radio for Local and Long distance communications. There was another Happy Hour giving campers more opportunities to mingle. After Happy Hour there was a yummy catered dinner by Red Rock. Some of the campers gathered to watch the World Series under the stars or sit and socialize at a campfire.



On Saturday, October 26th, 2024 campers were treated to a lite breakfast sponsored by the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club. Interested participants only had to bring their own coffee.

During

- breakfast campers could
- meet the club officers.
- Campers who weren't interested in breakfast could walk a few blocks to the Napa Farmers Market.



Later in the morning Alex from Airstream Adventures gave a maintenance discussion. Participants could ask him questions regarding their Airstream. After the group discussion he helped campers at their airstream with their specific issues.

Later in the morning there was a weight distribution, and safe towing workshop. Participants had lunch on their own. In the afternoon there was a discussion regarding connectivity: cellular, campground WiFi, or



Starlink. James and Jami Goldstene hosted a cooking class on ways to think about organizing and cooking in your airstream. Many of the campers decorated their rigs for Halloween. Tours of the rigs and Happy Hour occurred in the late afternoon. After Happy Hour there was a delicious Potluck. Airstreamers really know how to throw a party. Some of the campers gathered to watch another World Series Game or enjoy a campfire.





On Sunday, October 27th, 2024 the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club had another yummy lite breakfast. Participants only had to bring their own coffee. After breakfast participants who were going home



could get help from one of the Veterans with the yellow lanyards, in disconnecting their rig and re-hooking it up to their vehicle. Campers who were staying could socialize or explore Napa and the surrounding area. In the late afternoon there was a final Happy Hour and dinner was on your own. Many of the campers gathered to watch Sunday Night Football.

On Monday, October 28th, 2024 everyone packed up to go home. Newbies could get help from the Veterans with the yellow lanyards on disconnecting their rig and re-hooking it up to their vehicle. Everyone said their goodbyes and another fun rally came to a close for all of the participants.



Reminder

When attending a rally pet parents must be responsible owners and follow the pet policy of the campground (e.g. clean up after your pet, keep your dog on a leash when outside of your rig, and no excessive barking or violent behavior). In addition, dogs are not allowed in any area where food is served.



Bodega Bay RV Park

Officer's Installation Rally

November 14th—18th, 2024

Hosts: James Goldstene and Carol Launderville

By: Carol Launderville

- The late fall weather was perfect for our rally at Bodega Bay RV Park.
- We were able to get out for both morning walks and late night fire pits.
- We had our normal Happy Hour on Thursday evening and everyone received a Welcome bag put together by our talented SVAC member, Nadine. She hand painted rocks with Airstreams and flamingoes for each rally trailer. The bags also had handmade kitchen scrubbies, Bodega Bay notepads and candy.

Friday was perfect for a morning dog walk on the trail to the coast. Dogs of all sizes walked politely on their leashes.

That afternoon, there were group tours at the UC Davis Marine Lab at the Bodega Marine Reserve. The docent did a great job explaining the purpose of the lab and the past and current projects.

On Saturday morning, Eric McHenry led a walk out by Campbell Cove to the “hole in the head”. This is a manmade pond created for a proposed nuclear power station back in the 60's. The project was stopped due to local and statewide protests, backed by the fact that the San Andreas fault runs right through the site.

Nadine helped a group of campers with a rock painting session that yielded some fine rock specimens. Thank you Nadine for sharing your talent and supplies!

The installation ceremony for incoming officers of the Sacramento Valley and Greater Bay Area clubs was Saturday night followed by an excellent potluck and a game of Chickenfoot.

New Incoming Officers for the Sacramento Valley club include:

-a new 2nd Vice President position filled by Jim Swanson

-Membership chair filled by Nadine Collepari Holbrook

-Corresponding Secretary filled by Roberta Peeples

Our current President, James Goldstein, 1st Vice President, Carol Launderville, Treasurer, Jonarde Raab, Webmaster, Roger Peeples and Past President, Melanie Harvey will continue in their positions for another year.

New Incoming Officers for the Greater Bay Area club include:

President - Mike Blom

1st Vice President - Jill Impink

2nd Vice President Linda Weissman

3rd Vice President - Erica Evans

Jason Grendahl will continue this year as Secretary and Serena Lopez will continue as Treasurer.

Past President- Eleanor McFarlin

Sunday morning started with a little clubhouse cleanup followed by a small group of line dancing led by Roberta Peeples and her audio assistant, Roger. There was plenty of rain and football games to keep everyone inside.

This was a fun weekend. See you at the next rally.



SVAC Newbies Dorothy and Geoff sharing their welcome bag rock.



Morning dog walk to the beach .





Dinner is served at the pot luck.







Chicken Foot Winners!





Rock Painting!







SVAC Installed Officers 2025

GBAAC Installed Officers 2025

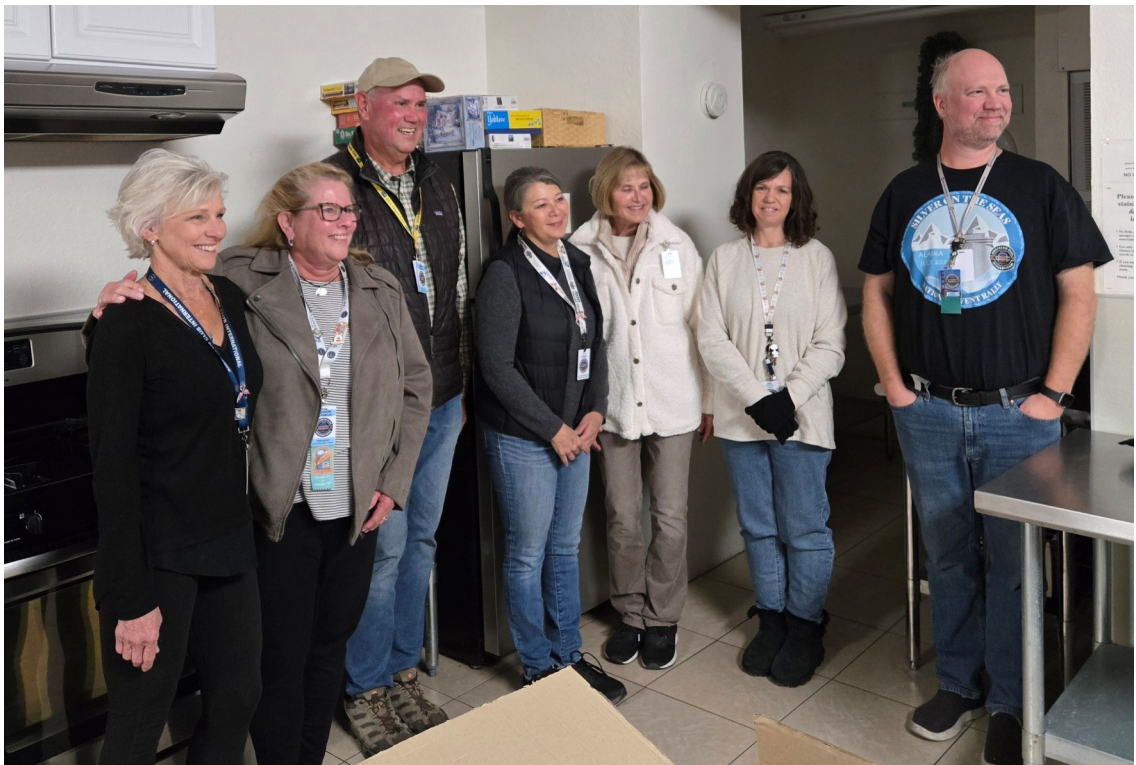






Photo Collage by Alice Austin

Safe Travels home after another fun rally!



Black Oak Casino RV Park

White Elephant / Holiday Rally

December 11th –17th, 2024

Hosts: Mike and Shawn Blom and Jason and Andrea Grendahl

As 2024 comes to a close the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club hosted their final rally of the year at Black Oak Casino. It was the traditional White Elephant and Holiday Rally.

The first residents of the Tuolumne were Native Americans from the Miwok Band. Miwok means people in their native language. The Miwok Band is divided into four subgroups: Plains and Sierra, Coastal, Lake and Bay. The name Tuolumne has several meanings in the Miwok language, such as Many Stone Houses, the Land of Mountain Lions, or Straight Up Steep. William Fuller, a native Chief felt the word Tuolumne was "a corruption of the Native American word talmalamne which signifies a "cluster of stone wigwams." The name may mean also "people who dwell in stone houses," i.e., in caves. Gold was discovered in Tuolumne in 1848 and with its discovery came thousands of prospectors. In 1850 the Township Of Tuolumne was established by the California Legislature. The area's first non-Native American settlers, the Franklin Summers family, arrived in 1854. By 1857 the placer gold deposits were running out. At around the same time William and James Blakely, who were coal miners from Cornwall, England, discovered a massive quartz deposit, which was referred to as the Eureka Quartz Mine. The Eureka Quartz Mine was the center of the town of Summersville, after the late Franklin Summers, which as later



called Carters and finally became Tuolumne. Over the years Summersville grows into a thriving community with stores, hotels, saloons, a doctor, a lawyer, butcher shops, drug stores, an express office, fraternal organizations, several churches, a cigar manufacturer, livery stables, barber shops, milliners and dressmakers. In 1888 Summersville residents petitioned to have their own Post Office. Fearing confusion the Postal Service declined their request since there was a post office called “Somersville” in Contra Costa County. Later that year the city’s name was changed to “Carters” after the owner of the first General Store in the area. The request was approved by the Post Office on December 14, 1888 and the town of Carters was born.

In 1899 the lumber industry began to dominate the local economy. By the 1900’s the railroad service was established in the area. There were two devastating fires in 1905 and 1906. The fires leveled the “Old Town” area taking the Carters Store and Post Office. The only buildings that remained were Lord’s Butcher Shop and the Templars Hall. In 1909 Carters was officially named Tuolumne.

Mining, Logging, and Rail Road transportation were an integral part of the early Tuolumne economy. Ranching and apple orchards followed. The town has also been the location of several movies and television shows, in the 1930’s, movies “The Storm” and “Rose Marie,” in 1948 “ScuddaHoo! ScuddaHay!” and in 1951 the entire town was used for “Silver City.” Then in 1952, the “High Noon” film crew used locations around Tuolumne, including St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. Television shows “Little House on the Prairie” and “Highway to Heaven” were also filmed in the Tuolumne area. Tourism has also become an important part of the area’s economy. The town today only hints of its past economies.

The rally kicked off on Wednesday, December 11th and Thursday,

December 12th. On Wednesday and Thursday campers were to setup their campsites meet their neighbors and the rally hosts. There were no organized events. Campers were free to set up a Happy Hour with their fellow campers, prepare dinner in their camper or enjoy the restaurants in the area and experience the many activities that are available in the Tuolumne area.

On Friday, December 13th campers were able to meet with Alex, a service technician from Bay Area Airstream, and participate in a Question and Answer session. The question and answer session was followed by Alex visiting campers rigs for a more in depth help for the Airstream Do It Yourselfer or for more complex problems campers will be directed to make an appointment. Bay Area Airstream sponsored lunch for campers. In the afternoon Leslie Burma gave pickleball lessons. In the evening there was the first hosted Happy Hour where campers could meet new friends and spend time with old friends. The Happy Hour was followed by a potluck with lots of yummy dishes. Dinner was followed by campfires where there was warmth, light and good conversation.

The rain on Saturday, December 14th didn't put a damper on the fun activities that the hosts had planned. Campers were treated to a Continental Breakfast. In the afternoon campers could participate in a vegetable chopping party to help make Pico de Gallo for dinner or attend Mike Blom's Sparkling Wine Tasting Seminar. Campers could sip and learn about the various Sparkling Wines they were tasting. In the evening campers could attend a Happy Hour and partake in a Tortilla Chip and Salsa bar. Following Happy Hour campers enjoyed the delicious Taco Bar. Then interested campers could participate in the annual hilarious White Elephant Gift Exchange. After the gift exchange campers could enjoy a campfire.

On Sunday, December 15th campers were treated to another Continental Breakfast. Some of the campers said their goodbyes and packed up their Airstream and began heading home. There were no schedule events on Sunday. The remaining campers could enjoy the many activities in the Tuolumne Area: such as wine tasting, sip a beer from one of the breweries, and visit some of the historic places of interest. In the evening they could set up an impromptu Happy Hour and dinner with other fellow campers, or dine in one of the areas restaurants.

On Monday, December 16th all of the campers said their goodbyes, packed up their Airstreams and headed for home. This was another fun filled rally. Safe travels to the remaining campers. Safe travels!



















Happy New Year To All

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Sewing Corner

10 Minute Wine Bag

Supplies:

one 12 x 16 inch piece of fabric

one 12 x 16 inch piece of coordinating fabric

12-15 inch piece of lace, trim, ribbon, jute or twine for the tie

Instructions:



First, fold each piece of fabric right sides together the long ways so that each piece measures 6 x 16 inches. Then sew down the long raw edge and the bottom raw (making an L-shape) using a 1/2 inch seam allowance.

Next, pinch the two corners you just made (one at a time) and fold them over the seam at the bottom of the bag (like the picture below). Measure 1.5 inches from the tip of the corner and sew horizontally across the corner. Do this on both corners.





The bottom of both fabric pieces should look like the picture on the left. Take a pair of scissors and clip both corners off making sure not to cut through the seam you sewed together earlier.

Now flip the fabric that will be the outside of your wine bag so that it is right side out. Leave the inner fabric so that it is still wrong side out.

Place the inner fabric bag inside the outer fabric bag making sure the seams match up (like the picture below). Then fold each raw edge inward about 1/2 inch and pin together. I did this starting at the seam so that I knew they would be matched up as I pinned.



Then just top stitch the raw edges together using a 1/4 seam allowance. You now have yourself a darling little wine bag! Just insert your wine bottle, champagne, or sparkling apple juice inside and tie the top closed with a piece of lace, trim, ribbon, or twine



This pattern came from Smashed Peas and Carrots website. [http://www/smashedpeas and carrots.com](http://www.smashedpeasandcarrots.com)



New SVAC Members and Affiliates

Members

| <u>Big Red #</u> | <u>Name(s)</u> | <u>City</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 05967 | John Webb and Lee Ann Lambirth | West Sacramento |
| 06004 | Robert and Eileen Jackson | Woodland |

Affiliates

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| 19032 | Jayne and Brian Annis | Sacramento |
| 26243 | Amy and Gerald Stefan | Benicia |



Alice Austin
Mike and Shawn Blom
Ron Deutchman
James and Jami Goldstene

Jason and Andrea Grendahl
Bob and Carol Lauderville
Roger and Roberta Peeples
Dennis Shakespeare

Airstream Recipes

Spaghetti Squash Burrito Bowls

Serves: *family of 5*

Adapted from Christine Pechulis

Ingredients:

- 1 medium spaghetti squash
- 2 tsp coconut oil
- 1/2 lb lean ground turkey
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 sweet bell pepper, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 can kidney or black beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 Tbsp canned chilies or jalapenos (I omitted this and we just put Green Chili Tabasco sauce on it instead – definitely needs some kick however you do it!)
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup cilantro finely chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 cup cheddar, colby jack or Mexican cheese, shredded

Toppings: cilantro, avocado, plain Greek yogurt, chopped tomatoes, Tabasco sauce.

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degree F.
2. Cut squash in half, scoop out seeds. Lay skin side down on baking sheet and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake for approximately 45 minutes or until tender.
3. While its cooking, heat coconut oil in a skillet on medium heat. Add ground turkey and cook until almost done. Add onions and peppers (and more coconut oil if needed) and continue to sauté until veggies are soft. Add garlic



Spaghetti Squash Burrito Bowls **(Continued Page 37)**

and cook for another minute. Add beans, chili powder, cumin, oregano, paprika, chilies/jalapenos, tomato sauce, salt and cilantro. Stir to combine and then remove from heat. Add half of the cheese and stir again.

4. Remove spaghetti squash from oven and let it cool a little before using a fork to remove strands. Try and keep the shell intact because you are going to need it!

5. Add spaghetti squash to meat mixture and stir to combine.

6. Divide mixture in half and put it back inside the squash shells. Cover with remaining cheese.

Bake for an additional 10 minutes, or until the cheese is melted. Garnish with avocado, extra cilantro, chopped tomatoes, Greek yogurt, and Tabasco sauce.

This recipe came from the Currently Wandering website. <http://>



Don't stop. Keep right on going. Hitch up your trailer and go to Canada or down to Old Mexico. Head for Europe if you can afford it, or go to Mardi Gras. Go someplace you've heard about, where you can fish or hunt or collect rocks or just look up at the sky. Find out what's at the end of some country road. Go see what's over the next hill, and the one after that, and the one after that.

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Birthdays

October

- 09 Marty de Armond
- 11 Elen Tucker
- 13 Beth Davis
- 19 Roberta Peeples
- 22 Kit Langstroth
- 25 Robyn Mitchell
- 26 Elena Sale
- 27 Judy Kleiman

November

- 04 Del Norby
- 10 Ken Bechthold

December

- 05 Doreen Rau
- 10 Nellie Byam
- 13 Sue Summersett
- 21 Judy Bechthold
- 23 Ron Deutchman
- 25 Carol Lauderville
- 26 Tom Broad
- 29 Shawn Blom
- 31 Richard Kleiman

Anniversaries

October

- 08 Bob and Linda Minder
- 10 Mary Lynn and Mario Mendoza
- 22 Joseph and Catherine Scott
- 25 Jack and Shirley Whitcomb
- 26 Carmen and Jose Ortiz

November

None

December

- 18 Geoff and Dorothy Lenehan
- 21 Jim Swanson and Alice Austin



National Parks Word Scramble Answers

1. Yellowstone
2. Grand Canyon
3. Yosemite
4. Everglades
5. Zion
6. Great Smokey Mountains
7. Acadia
8. Rocky Mountains
9. Glacier
10. Bryce Canyon
11. Sequoia
12. Arches
13. Denali
14. Death Valley
15. Olympic
16. Canyon Lands
17. Redwood
18. Joshua Tree
19. Badlands
20. Grand Teton

**2025 Sacramento Valley Airstream Club (SVAC) and
Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (GBAAC) Upcoming Events**

2025

January 16-19, 2025: Marina Dunes RV Resort, Marina, CA / SVAC

February 20-24, 2025: Petaluma KOA RV Resort, Petaluma, CA / SVAC

March 13 –17, 2025: Half Moon Bay Rally, Half Moon Bay, CA / GBAAC

April 24-28, 2025: Coyote Lake, Gilroy, CA / GBAAC

May 8-12, 2025: Olema Campground, Olema, CA / SVAC

June 12-15, 2025: Santa Cruz Redwoods, Felton, CA / GBAAC

July 17-20, 2025: Clio's Rivers Edge, Clio, CA / SVAC

August 14-17, 2025: Costanoa KOA, Pescadero, CA / GBAAC

August 23-28, 2025: International Rally York, PA

September 11-14, 2025: Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, CA GBAAC

October 9-12, 2025: Pinnacles NP/Olema, To Be Determined, SVAC

October 15-19, 2025: Bonelli Bluffs RV Park, San Dimas, CA / Region 12

November (TBD), 2025: GBAAC

December 11-17, 2025: Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA GBAAC

