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<https://airstreamclub.org/sacramento-valley>

President's message:

Although we were in Half Moon Bay last weekend (first weekend in August), my time is not my own right now, so here is a short and hearty "Welcome, Alice!" We can't thank you enough for volunteering to be the SVAC Newsletter Editor – It's a critical position and the whole club has missed it. More to come...

The remainder of the 2025 rally calendar for the Sacramento Valley and Greater Bay Area Airstream Clubs are listed below:

Upcoming 2025 Rallies

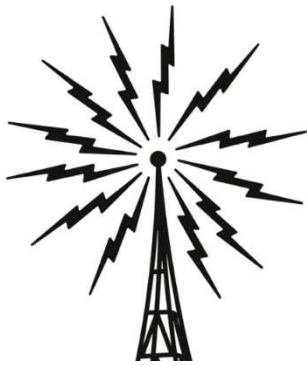
- August 14-17 – GBAAC: Costanoa, Pescadero, CA
- August 23-28 – INTL: International Rally, York, PA
- September 11-15 – GBAAC: Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, CA
- **October 9-13 – SVAC: Gold Country Campground Resort, Pine Grove, CA**
- October 15-19 – Region 12: Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground, San Dimas, CA
- October 22-27 – GBAAC: Napa Valley Expo RV Park, Napa, CA (Newbie Rally)
- November 14-17 – GBAAC: Black Oak Casino RV Park, Tuolumne, CA (Officer Installation Rally)
- December 11-15 – GBAAC: Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA (Holiday Rally)

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Hello. For those who do not know me, I am Alice Austin. I joined the Sacramento Valley Airstream Club in 2022, along with my husband, Jim Swanson. We live in Woodland; we have attended several rallies and have met several very nice folks. Currently, we have a 2025, 23' Flying Cloud. I started working for Pacific Telephone when I was 17 and retired in 2013. (I worked for a total of 40 years with PT&T, Pacific Bell, SBC, and AT&T). I felt that I was too young to retire, so I went on to work for a few more years and retired a second time. Still too young to retire, I am now working on an as needed basis, when I want to work. I love the freedom and flexibility that I now have, especially when we sign up for a rally...

A few things that some folks may not know about me: I do not like MATH [Mental Abuse To Humans]; I like English [& communication is very important to me]; I like to read; crochet, play games on my phone, and since I like to keep busy, I volunteered to be Editor of the Sacramento Valley Airstream Club Newsletter. I look forward to publishing articles and photos contributed by our members.





## ***Rally Report***

Olema Campground/Point Reyes National Seashore, May 8-12, 2025



Weather was lovely with daytime temps in the low 70s and slight breeze.

Great location, just one mile from Park Headquarters and the lovely town of Point Reyes Station. We had 23 Airstreams that came to the rally... Well 24, depending on how you count (more on that later). Several of those attending were fairly new to Airstream.



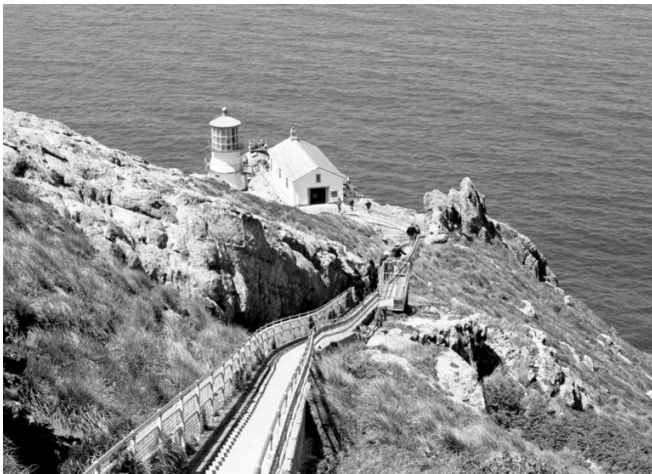
**Thursday:** The Rallyists started showing up around lunch with most in camp by mid-afternoon. Roberta and Roger Peeples worked on getting the Clubhouse ready for the popular Happy Hour Crush, while I greeted campers as they drove in.

Happy Hour, as usual, was a great success and morphed into the Burn Your Own Meat dinner, both well attended. The night wrapped up in the clubhouse with the showing of *Maverick*, *Top Gun* projected on a huge screen.

**Friday:** After breakfast, many hiked on the spectacular Bolinas Ridge Trail led by the McKellars, while others took advantage of other activities, including seeing the great shops in Point Reyes Station.



**Saturday:** Continental Breakfast (bring your own coffee) prepared by Roberta Peebles and Becky Wilhelmsen.



Self-guided tour of the Point Reyes Lighthouse (Clock Room was open) right after lunch.

Happy Hour kicked off at 4:30p and we had surprise guests... A last-minute addition of Mike and Polly Foote who pulled in with their Globetrotter. They were as surprised as we were! They are circling the US and had just come from Yosemite. They joined us for Happy Hour and Potluck (like we are ever short of food!)

They met Eric McHenry and had a great visit.





**Sunday:** A lot of folks hiked the Earthquake Trail near the Park Headquarters.



Many went in search of great seafood or cheese tasting. No lack of great things to do! Happy Hour ended with attendees shanghaied into table and chair stowage, but they were good sports about it.

**Monday:** Time to wipe off from the light rain overnight, pack up and bid our fellow rallyists a fond adieu.

**Kudos:** As always, many folks pitched in to make this rally successful. Thank you so much.

**Roberta and Roger Peeples**, who kept the Newbie Rally Hosts out of trouble and on track.

**Nadine Collepari Holbrook**, who did not attend, crafted awesome gift bags with the now collectable painted rocks.

**Becky Wilhelmsen**, my dear wife, for all her help and simply putting up with me.

***Everyone who attended and helped.***

## **Silver on the Seas 2025**

The Silver on the Seas Cruise started out like so many ideas do in the Airstream community... Around a campfire. A few of us at some local rallies often talked about our love for cruising and even ended up on the same ship one time, totally unplanned. So, we thought it was time to make one for a larger group of Airstreamers who were also cruisers.

It started as a west coast thing, but then there was a message from ACI asking about interest in a cruise... I inquired with HQ and suggested that we work together, or they take over so as not to compete. That turned into me being designated to handle the event and the suggestion for it to become a National Event Rally. The rest is now history.

I was quickly connected with an ACI member who is a travel agent. I must admit that I previously booked all my travel myself. But this would have been an impossible rally to plan without Mel Richardson of Leave It To Mel Travel.

Everyone needed to get to Seattle to start the cruise. One group of people traveled with their Airstream to the Washington Land Yacht Harbor Airstream Park and the others who flew, drove, or even used a train to get to Seattle and stayed at a hotel prior to the cruise. We had some pre-cruise adventures including the Tacoma Museum of Glass, the Chihuly Museum of Glass, and even a group dinner at an authentic German restaurant.

Once we arrived at the cruise port, the party began. We boarded the ship and quickly found each other thanks to custom event badges made by the event co-host, Margaret Handshoe. Once we had time to get some food and explore the ship, we gathered for a sail-away happy hour, group photo, and celebration of Wally Byam's birthday.

We had a day at sea after departure. Us Airstreamers got busy doing what we do, which is having group meals and happy hours and enjoying our travels together. One of the guests encouraged people to dress in silver for the formal evening event on board and we had some great work dressing up!

The first stop was Ketchikan, which is a nature exploration paradise. The whole area has a rainforest climate, making lots of wildlife and vegetation, but also lots of rain. It was raining when we got there, but the adventures were still going on. Several people headed off on a tour and managed to catch a glimpse of a bear cub. Eagles were around finding their meal as well.

The next day was really long because we entered the Endicott Arm at 5am. Good thing that the sun shines 20 hours a day at this time of year. Endicott Arm is all about the mountain views, waterfalls, and the Dawes Glacier. Most of us stayed on the ship, but there were some that got on to smaller boats and got much closer to the glacier and witnessed an incredible calving event. The sights along the sides of the Arm were wonderful and there were ice fields and icebergs abound.

Later the same day, the ship ported in Juneau and the group split up to do various things, but a large group went to the Mendenhall Glacier and on a whale watching excursion and boy did they see some whales! Those on the whale watch tour got a great glimpse of our ship docked in Juneau, too.



The next day was Skagway and the big group trip here was on the White Pass train which takes guests up the mountain along the old prospector trail of the gold rush. The day was foggy due to the rain, but there were still some good views. We even got to cross the Canadian border and back... No passport required!

After another day at sea, our last stop was in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada for the beautiful Butchart Gardens. After that, it was a short trip across the bay (and the border!) to Seattle to disembark the next morning.

All of us that cruised together made long term connections and many new Facebook friends. We're already talking about where we want to cruise in future years. Which is the final part of this story. We already have the cruise for 2026 planned for France on a river and we're already narrowing down the 2027 destination.



Sail Away



Whale Watching in Juneau; Glacier Activity in Ketchikan, Foggy Train Ride in Skagway – Memories!





Happy, Happy Hour



Docked in Juneau



Buchart Gardens

**Silver on the Seas 2025 ~ Author:** Jason Grendahl, event host, BRN 3064.  
**Photos** (21) were provided by: Jason Grendahl, Tracy Elkins,  
 Richard Frauenzimmer, Mark Evans, & Mary Hall. Group picture (ship photographer).  
 [Check in with Jason for access to remaining awesome photos]

**July 17 – 21, 2025**



Hosts: Shelley & Peter Denyer  
Co-Hosts: Brian & Elena Tucker

Shelley and Peter Denyer were absolutely wonderful hosts. They put together a fun filled weekend at Clio's by the River RV Park, in the town of Clio, Plumas County, CA.

The weather was wonderful, cool evening, sunny, warm days. Clio is situated just south of the town of Graeagle – which is a fun little town with an ice cream parlor, general store, fun little lake, and pricey gasoline. Graeagle also hosted their annual craft fair, which was fun to visit and spend some \$\$\$.

Nadine, joined by Elena, Heidi and Shelley, packed up some very nice goodie bags for all attendees. It is always so fun to get a nice little surprise at the start of a rally, especially some of the handmade items (painted rocks, handmade soaps, and freeze-dried candies).

Each afternoon we had a happy hour, which was well attended and well supplied – the variety and quality of appetizers was delightful.

One of our happy hours included a very nice talk led by Jack, a local fire volunteer, and specifically focused on areas that we RVers should be concerned about, including:

- A pre-organized area to meet in case of an Emergency
- Keeping your car topped with gas
- Using fire hoses on the chains to prevent sparks  
(Thanks to Darrin Lopez for getting and cutting the fire hose for our safety chains!)
- Making a list of your medications and medical history just in case, to give to paramedics

A shout-out to ICE [In Case of Emergency] Safety Solutions who donated brochures and first aid kits at no cost to the attendees. Contact Pam at [pam@getice.com](mailto:pam@getice.com) for additional information.

Saturday night we had a potluck, and I think this may have been the best I've ever attended. The food and company were amazing. We had intended to try out a new pet policy, but signals got crossed, so we'll need to try that out in the future. The pets were kept out of the food serving area.

On Friday and Saturday morning I led two hikes. Friday morning was Frazier Falls. Frazier is a relatively easy hike - open to all, with a paved trail the whole distance, and a lovely view of the falls as your reward. This was a 1+ mile out and back and was well attended by 2 and 4 legged friends. Saturday morning's hike was a lake loop (Long, Little Bear and Big Bear lakes). This was a more typical hike with dirt/rock/sand paths, more up and downs, and about 3.5 miles round trip. This hike conflicted with the horseback riding, and we ended up with 6 two-legged friends and 2 four-legged friends. It was really fun watching Cash and Duke splash around in the lakes, swim, chase sticks etc. The trailhead parking was near full when we arrived and well overflowing when we finished. If I lead this again, I will meet up at 8am and not 9am. Toward the end of our hike, we passed a large group of 20-something-year olds wearing sandals. We later saw them jumping from one of the large rocks at the edge of Big Bear Lake. It looked fun!

Also on Saturday morning, a horseback discussion and a horseback riding trip was led by Jan Jeffers. All who went on the trip enjoyed it, and it sounds like it could be an even bigger event next time.



## CLIO Report Continued

Nadine held a rock painting session and provided the rocks and paints. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and the rocks looked fantastic.

Heidi made and provided airstream cookies for folks to decorate and share at happy hour! YUM!

We tried out an idea and had a potluck brunch on Sunday morning. A nice variety of food, waffles, scrambled eggs, burritos, Chili, fruits, sausages, yogurt, orange juice... So much, so good! It was a nice get-together with a wide variety of breakfast treats.

Sunday night a large group got together for a fun 'afterparty' happy hour. As always, great company and great nibbles were available.

Dry trivia fact: The town of Clio, was originally named Wash. Prominent citizens were concerned their town would be confused with the town of Washington in Nevada County. When asked what to call the town, the postmaster yelled out "Clio"... Which was stamped into the cast iron door of the wood burning stove in front of him.

**Article submitted by Brian Tucker**

## Clio Photos – Courtesy of SVAC Members and/or Associates; SVAC Member Postings on Facebook



Who is following us to Clio's River's Edge RV Park? Who is staying in this Airstream?



Horseback Riding and the Frazier Falls Hiking Crew





*Open your Eyes to the Beauty of the World*

Want to get more involved? Love to Organize Events? Have Special Talents?  
We're always looking for Volunteers! Consider Hosting a Rally!