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President's Letter

By Paul Sandness



As I write this Ruth and I are on our summer vacation. We are visiting relatives in Vancouver WA and Portland OR. Visiting the Oregon coast is always a favorite place for us. Of course we have our Airstream in tow. Next stop will be Sisters OR where they will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the annual Sisters quilt show. After that we will head straight to the SDAC Guajome Rally and Picnic.

My year as president is winding down with only 4 SDAC rallies left. We still need hosts for our December Rally and Installation Luncheon in Chula Vista. If you are interested please let me know.

Our May rally was at Bonelli Bluffs RV Park in San Dimas. We had a small gathering with only 7 rigs in attendance but we all had a very good time. The location was great with our sites backing up to Puddingstone Lake. Thanks to Marlene Bowman and Jana Green for a great job of hosting. And a special thanks to Ed Harris for cooking delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.

The June rally was held at Dos Picos County Park in Ramona. We filled all 13 sites that surround the pavillion in the group camping area. It's one of my favorite places to have a rally. Thanks to Abe and Veronica Hernandez for their usual exceptional hosting and meal preparation.

San Diego Airstream Club Officers and Chairpersons for 2025

- President: Paul Sandness
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President's Letter, continued

By Paul Sandness

I'm happy to announce that our new SDAC logo and flag have been approved by ACI. We are in the process of getting a new flag made that will be used in the flag ceremony at the International Rally in York. Images of our new approved flag and logo are displayed below.

Kathy Swangin and her Rally Committee have been busy picking and securing locations for the 2026 SDAC rallies. The 2026 schedule is shown below in this newsletter. Please consider hosting or co-hosting.

That's all for now. Hope to see you at a rally.

Paul



SDAC Approved Flag



SDAC Approved Logo

SAN DIEGO AIRSTREAM CLUB 2025 RALLY SCHEDULE

July 17-20 (3 nights) - Guajome Regional
Park, Oceanside (Picnic) - 15 sites
Hosts: Ruth and Paul Sandness with Bobbi
and Dick Mathies

Aug 23-28 - International Rally, York PA

Sep 19-21 (2 nights) - Pechanga RV Resort,
Temecula - 12 sites
Hosts: Sandi and Bobby Adame with Cindy
and John Boaz

Oct 15-19 - Region 12 Rally, Bonelli Bluffs
RV Resort & Campground,
1440 Camper View Road,
San Dimas, CA, 91773

Nov 13-16 (3 nights) - KOA at Vail Lakes,
Temecula - 15 sites
Hosts: Jane and Ray Barger

Dec 4-7 (3 nights) - Sun Outdoors, Chula
Vista (Installation luncheon) - 24 sites
Hosts: Open - Hosts Needed

Interested in Hosting or co-Hosting?

Sign-up sheet with rally host hints and
tricks will be circulated at upcoming rallies
for the remaining 2025 rally (Sun Outdoors,
Chula Vista) and the 2026 rallies. Sign up
to host before your desired rally is spoken
for!

Contact Paul rsandness@yahoo.com



Attention Rally Hosts!

The club has the following available to you
to use when hosting a rally:

- 10 x 30 outdoor tent (complete with carrying case)
- Movie projector, screen and speaker
- Whiteboard

If you are interested in using any of these
items when hosting a rally, please contact
Paul or Kathy to coordinate getting them to
you.

Bonelli Bluffs Rally, May 2025

by Jana Green

Marlene and Jana co-hosted the Bonelli Bluffs Rally in San Dimas CA, a historic Southern California town on May 15 through 18. The 7 rigs that attended the Rally all arrived on May 15, all expecting a fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun rally and we got what we bargained for!!! When we arrived, the Bonelli Bluffs RV Park did not have any power! Fortunately, the weather was good and we made do with heating up the welcome dinner with appetizers on our propane stoves and enjoying the great outdoors. The welcome bags given out at the dinner each contained, in addition to information on the area, two beautiful coasters sewn by Marlene. The power came on around 4:00 am the next day supplied by huge generators located in an area that was fortunately not close to our sites. Our rally sites were the best in the park and were located next to the lake. All of us want to give a big thank you to Paul and Ruth for reserving those sites.

Fun # 1 were the rally sites next to the lake. It was fun looking at the flocks of geese and mallards landing on the water and catching fish. It was fun watching the sunset sitting around our campfire and no one got bored looking at the fabulous view.

Fun #2 was the Corn Hole tournament that almost everyone participated in. We had four rounds every day in the late afternoon. Cumulative scores were kept and the person with the most points won. The skill of the participants was impressive, many were very good, the rest gave it the old college try and we all had a great time. The deserving winner was Lynn Swangin who was the best of the best. The grand prize was two beautifully hand-sewn microwave bowls (which will keep him from burning his fingers on hot bowls) crafted by Marlene.

Fun #3 was the breakfast at Norm's Hanger Coffee Shop on Friday morning which overlooks the Brackett Airport. The food was delicious, and we spent a companionable time together watching the planes take off and land. Norm's is definitely worth going to if you are in the area.

Fun #4 was a tour of the historic Walker House located in San Dimas. Our tour guide was a member of the San Dimas Historical Society and all that attended learned a lot of history of the area and San Dimas.

Fun #5 was going to LA County Fair. Those that went had a great time and enjoyed the quilt displays.

Fun #6 was that some went to Sew N Sew quilt shop in Glendora, CA for quilt supplies.

Fun #7 was hiking the trails. Although the Frank Bonelli Regional Park was closed due to the on-going power outage, there were plenty of other trails located near Bonelli Bluffs.

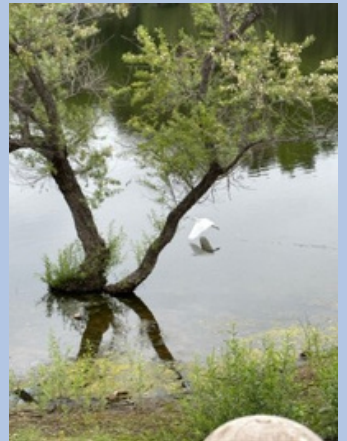
Fun #8 was enjoying the delicious bar-b-que dinner expertly cooked by Ed Harris. Ed, you are the best!!!

Fun #9 was enjoying each other company during meals and sitting around the campfire.

Fun #10 was everyone was willing to help each other and give advice when asked. That was very much appreciated by all.

Fun #11 was that we all got flamigoed. This was the first time for many of us and we were wondering who had done it. It turned out that a lovely couple who recently purchased an Airstream gave a flamingo to all airstreams in the RV Park. We were delighted to invite the couple to our Bar-b-que dinner which they attended. We are hoping that they will consider joining our club.

Marlene and Jana want to thank all that came to Rally. It could not have been any funner!!!



1st Vice President's Letter

By Kathy Swangin

Hello everyone!

Lynn and I just returned from our Alaskan Explorer Cruise on American Cruise Lines. We flew in and out of Juneau and cruised what is called the Inland Passage. The Inland Passage is 500 miles long and was shaped by the glaciers millions of years ago. It is full of fjords, tidal glaciers and pine covered islands. Ports of call were Haines (population 2,014), Sitka (pop. 8,355), Petersburg (pop. 3,436) and Wrangell (pop. 2,064). Small towns compared to San Diego! We had blue skies most every day of the cruise, but there was some light rain towards the end. To be expected, it's Alaska! Glaciers were abundant and we saw several - Mendenhall, Margerie, LeConte, Shakes, and Dawes. I now know where the term "arctic blue" comes from. Do you? Well if not, here's the reason.

"Glaciers appear blue because of how ice absorbs and scatters light. Dense glacier ice absorbs longer wavelengths of light (red and yellow) more readily than shorter wavelengths (blue), causing the blue light to be scattered and reflected back, giving the ice its blue hue"

The scenery was pretty incredible - waterways, mountains, islands, with long days to enjoy the views. Sunrise was at around 4 am, sunset at 10 pm. We saw seals, sea lions, sea otters, humpback whales, mountain goats (far away), moose, and of course, bald eagles.

Even though Lynn spent 22 years in the Navy at sea, his constant comments were - "that's a lot of water"! As for all the trees - "that's a lot of oxygen"



Celery Soup (Easy Recipe With or Without Cream)

Ingredients: 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil 1 medium onion (chopped) 1 ½ cups celery stalks (chopped) leaves from the celery stalks (if you have them leftover) 6 cups vegetable broth (or chicken stock or broth - or water with 2 tsp of Better Than Bouillon) 2 medium potatoes (peeled and diced) 1 tsp Kosher salt (or sea salt to taste) ½ tsp black pepper (freshly ground to taste) ¼ cup cream (optional, or ½ cup milk, or ⅓ cup half and half)

Instructions

1. Put the oil in a large soup pot over medium heat, then add the onion and celery. Sauté for about 5-6 minutes, stirring often.
2. Add the celery leaves (if using) and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
3. Add the broth to the onion and celery, and bring to a simmer.
4. Next, add the chopped potatoes and continue to simmer, stirring occasionally until potatoes are soft.
5. Add some salt and pepper to taste. Once the potatoes are cooked, remove from heat and blend with an immersion blender, or place in a traditional blender to puree until smooth. At this point, the soup is ready to eat. Optional - add one of the following, more or less, to your liking: ¼ cup heavy cream (60 ml), or ⅓ cup of half and half (80 ml), or ½ cup of milk (120 ml). You can serve the soup as is, or with croutons, if you like.

Servings 6 servings Calories 152

1st Vice President's Letter, cont'd

By Kathy Swangin

Now to talk about club business! Well I'm excited about next year's rally schedule. We've got a great selection of locations, some new ones and a couple that you've requested on your rally surveys! It is now complete, except for you, our to be rally hosts! If you've enjoyed the rally's you know that our hosts are the most important part of the event, as they make it happen. We so appreciate everyone who has ever signed up to host a rally. If you've never hosted, it's a great way to get to know your fellow Airstreamers and have fun. Yes, it does require some work, but how much is entirely up to you. If it seems a little daunting, that's where co-hosts come in. It's a great way to have fun, get your creative juices flowing and show us a little about yourself. Don't worry, you won't be alone. The rally committee, and anyone who has ever hosted is there to help you along. We even have a guideline for you! So give it a try, you won't regret it.

Reminder: Bring your pop tops to the July Rally at Guajome! I'll be collecting them to bring to the International Rally in York PA this year.

See you down the road :)

Kathy

On the previous page is a recipe for a nice, light creamy celery soup. Wasn't sure if I would like it, but I did! I've attached a link as well:

<https://www.christinascucina.com/celery-soup-easy-recipe-with-or-without-cream/#recipe>



SOCAL Fun SDAC Rally Schedule for 2026

- JANUARY 16-18 (2 nights) Golden Village Palms RV Resort, Hemet CA
FEBRUARY 19-22 (3 nights) Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella CA
MARCH 20-22 (2 nights) Guajome Regional Park, Oceanside CA
APRIL 16-19 Region 12 Cali Rally, V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA
MAY 15-17 (2 nights) Pinezanita RV Park, Julian CA
JUNE 18-21 (3 nights) Prado Regional Park, Chino, CA
JULY 16-19 (3 nights) Serrano Campground, Big Bear Lake, CA
Hosts: Cheryl & Steve Henry
AUGUST 22-27 ACI International Rally, Minot ND
SEPTEMBER 18-20 (2 nights) Mission Bay RV Resort, San Diego, CA
Hosts: Diane & Stephan Jardon
OCTOBER 28-November 1 Region 12 Rally, Oasis Las Vegas Resort, Las Vegas, NV
NOVEMBER 12-15 (3 nights) The Springs at Borrego Springs RV Resort, Borrego Springs, CA
DECEMBER 4-6 (2 nights) Sun Outdoors Chula Vista, Chula Vista, CA

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Contact Kathy Swangin @ kcullen1959@gmail,
text or call 760-123-1153

Weekend Rally Recap – Dos Picos Park Hosted by Abe and Veronica Hernandez June 2025

What a memorable weekend at beautiful Dos Picos Park! The rally kicked off Friday afternoon with all 13 trailers rolling in right on time, ready to relax and reconnect. By 4 PM, the campground was alive with cheerful conversation during happy hour. Everyone contributed with tasty appetizers, setting a warm and welcoming tone to start the weekend.

Friday night, Abe fired up the grill and served up a delicious carne asada taco dinner that everyone enjoyed.

Saturday began with a peaceful morning and a lovely coffee bar hosted by Jacklyn and Art Reifman—thank you both for creating such a cozy start to the day! The morning featured two informative seminars. Abe led a helpful maintenance session on Airstream awning arms, giving everyone some hands-on learning and helpful tips. Art followed with a fascinating seminar on fly fishing—perhaps the start of a few new hobbyists in the group!

Later, a few of us enjoyed a refreshing hike through the park trails—great exercise and a big hit with our pups too.

In the afternoon, Veronica led an arts and crafts session for the ladies where we created handmade turkey centerpieces—a fun keepsake and a nod to Ramona, CA's proud title as the Turkey Capital.

As the sun set, happy hour kicked off again, with more appetizers shared among friends and a musical performance by the delightful Yukaladies of Ramona. The Yukaladies are talented local group of Ladies known for their upbeat performances and community spirit, which then

followed by a hearty and satisfying spaghetti dinner.

After dinner, we gathered around as Abe introduced a new product from TorkLift—a bike lift designed especially for Airstreams. He also shared some exciting updates from the brand, along with a few goodies and a special raffle. Congratulations to Paul Sandness, the lucky winner of a TorkLift certificate!

Sunday wrapped things up with another round of morning coffee, once again hosted by Jacklyn. Abe made an early morning donut run into town, ensuring we all had a sweet start to the day. We enjoyed one last gathering before everyone began packing up.

We were thrilled to welcome our new members: John, Debbie, & Julia Jimenez and Nick & Ann DiPietro. Welcome to the club—we're so glad to have you with us!

A heartfelt thank you to all who pitched in with setup, cleanup, and everything in between. The weather was perfect, the company even better, and it was a joy spending the weekend together.

Until next time,
Abe and Veronica



2nd Vice President's Letter

By Cheryl Henry

We were recently told by an Airstream certified technician in San Diego that we were having early signs of front-end separation. This was really concerning, but since the cost to reinforce the frame was around \$4k and we were soon to be leaving for the Canadian Rockies caravan, we decided to wait to fix it.

As we started our trip north, we stopped at the Boise Airstream dealer to get a damaged window repaired. The service manager there took a look at our front end and said the noticeable dent was not front-end separation, but the result of our front storage compartment opening and closing with force. It was nothing to worry about! He also said trailers manufactured in 2020 and later already have the reinforcement built in at the factory (ours is a 2021).



We will continue to watch this, as I know others have said the Airstream reinforcements are not very robust. So we will see. For now we are happy to have saved \$4k and to be well on our way to Calgary!



Membership Chair Update

by Lee Havens

Membership Update

Number of Unique BRNs 102 Primary Members 102 Partner Members 89



Welcome Our Newest Members

<i>Jami and Robert Sizer</i>	<i>BRN 03806</i>	<i>Oceanside, CA</i>
<i>Cheryl Hamer</i>	<i>BRN 02668</i>	<i>San Diego, CA</i>



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contribute to the SD
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Share a story or recommend a campground, a recipe, or some great photos? Let us know by sending to SDStreamerNews@yahoo.com

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SAVE THE DATE

**IT'S TIME TO START CELEBRATING
OUR CLUB'S
65TH ANNIVERSARY!**



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65 YEARS OF ...

fun,
adventure
and
friendship!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 19 - 21, 2025

Pechanga RV Resort



2025

Let's create new memories as we
celebrate our club's milestone.
Hope to see you there!

Your Hosts:
Sandi and Bobby Adame
Cindy and John Boaz

Watch
for the
Rally Coupon