



2024 – 2025 Officers



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Believe in the Magic of this Month

Hello SVAC Club Members and Affiliates,

We've been fortunate to enjoy cooler weather this summer, and I hope you've had a chance to make the most of it!

This is the time of year when we seek nominations for club officers and hold our annual meeting. The SVAC Annual Meeting will take place **in person** at the upcoming Bodega Bay Rally on **Friday, September 12 at 2:00 PM**. If you're unable to attend in person but would like to join via Zoom, please email me at **goldstene@mac.com**, and I'll send you the meeting link.

We are always grateful for members who step up to volunteer. I'd like to give a warm welcome and thanks to our new newsletter editor, **Alice Austin**, and to extend special thanks to **Brian and Elena Tucker** for coordinating our club's participation in the upcoming Region Rally in San Dimas. Your efforts make a big difference—thank you!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Bodega Bay or at another rally soon.

Safe travels,

James Goldstene

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

### **Upcoming 2025 Rallies**

- 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)

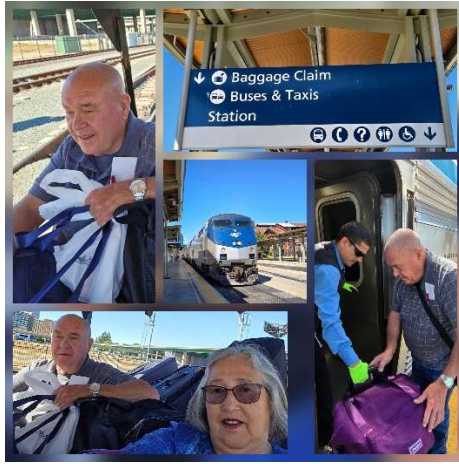
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RALLY REPORT

On Monday morning, August 18, 2025, at 10:23 a.m., Jim Swanson and I boarded the California Zephyr, at the Sacramento Valley Amtrak Train Station.
Destination: The ACI Rally in York, PA. We also visited family in Harrisburg, PA & West Newbury, MA.



August 23-28, 2025



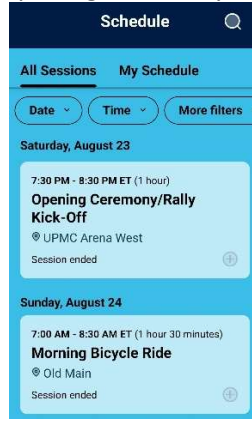
On our way to York, PA



Welcome & Opening Ceremony



Vintage Airstreams



Welcome; The **CVENT** Website helped attendees keep track of NUMEROUS Activities, Events, Seminars & Vendors



Ham Radio Shack. Had 24 visitors on 8/24/2025. Held a Test Session. Installation of Officers: Priscilla Harrell, President. Amy Van Artsdalen, 1st VP (received EXTRA License Class) & Jim Swanson, 2nd VP and lastly: Happy Hour!



We had a great three-week vacation; Traveled through Four Time Zones; Met several folks on the train and at the ACI Rally.



Tested: 17; Passed: 15
13 Earned Tech License
Adv 1 to General; 1 to Extra
Volunteer Examiners: 10
(All Extra Class License)

Jokes and Funnies or Things to Ponder



*Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again.
Enjoy every moment of life.*

Lay down what's bothering you, breathe in fresh air and ABSORB this story shared by a bagpiper...

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw that the funeral director and chaplain had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left, and they were eating lunch.

I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I just started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and no friends.

I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Submitted by Alice Austin

The Older WE Get...

Life is tough – Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70 or 80!

- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first; No one expects you to run anywhere.
- People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac; Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
- There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You can eat supper at 4 PM.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
- You sing along with elevator music.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- ***Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.***

Want to get more involved? Love to Organize Events? Have Special Talents?

We're always looking for Volunteers!

Consider Hosting a Rally!