

# CALIFORNIA 'STREAMING

South Coast California Airstream Club

<https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

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As spring turns to summer, many of our members are getting ready to set sail across the country in their beloved Airstreams.



For you lucky adventurers who can embark on extended trips, come home safely. And please, for those of us who cannot indulge our inner free spirits and dreams of wanderlust, share your adventures with your fellow club members.

Where did you go? Where did you stay? Would you go back to the same places and RV parks? Did it meet your expectations? What would you do differently next time?

When you return, our membership would love to hear about your adventures and see some photos of the places you visited. Please send them to the Newsletter Editor at [sccac.paul@gmail.com](mailto:sccac.paul@gmail.com).

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## Spam Note

From the President

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from

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## Call for Articles

Do you have something to say? Please submit all articles of interest to our editor for publication. Ideas include news, travel, RV tips, for sale, campsite reviews, pet stories, recipes, photos, etc..

Email the editor at:  
[sccac.paul@gmail.com](mailto:sccac.paul@gmail.com)

## Presidents' Corner

By Oscar Abad

### President Oscar Abad

Dear Members,

How time flies when you are having fun! It is unbelievable to me that we have already completed the first four of our scheduled nine rallies for 2025! All of this would not have been possible without your participation and commitment to our club!

As I write this President's letter, looking ahead to what we have planned for this year, I want to first offer a big thank you to all of you who have served and are currently serving our South Coast California Airstream Club. You have made our club what it is today, and I am incredibly grateful!

As we look forward to the rest of this year, I want to say welcome to all our new 2025 members below. We look forward to getting to know you, establishing new friendships and of course, go Airstreaming together.

Glenn and Maralissa Ratner, Jenny Schwing, Jim Shea & John Steinbeck

As we reflect on many of the incredible journeys we have had over the past few months, a couple of them come to mind. I genuinely enjoyed our Emerald Dessert RV Resort Rally, especially the group hike in Palm Springs at the Murray Canyon Trail!

Also, I know that everyone that attended our Paso Robles Wine Country Rally did not let the rain hinder their activities and had a blast at the Super Bowl festivities in the clubhouse! Jay & Beth Huckabone and Matt & Julie Ecklund were terrific hosts!

We were also glad to see Mark and Connie Miller back from their Alaskan caravan and enjoyed their amazing video presentation. Similarly, I am aware that some of you will be traveling on scheduled caravans this spring and we also look forward to hearing about your amazing adventures.

I believe that from unforgettable rallies to scenic caravans, our community has grown stronger and more vibrant with each mile traveled. This year, we look forward to even more exciting events, new friendships, and the joy of exploring the open road together.

Sincerely,

Oscar Abad (and supporting first lady Kookie)



## From the Editor

By Paul Tetreault

**Just a couple of random observations that may be of interest to the membership . . .**

**Mobile Internet Service** I know that I am a little late to the party, but others may not have discovered a truly effective way to stay connected to family, friends, work, and have access to all your streaming services at home. For a recent birthday, my son bought me a Starlink Mini kit for when Nancy and I head out in our Airstream. I have used it on three outings now, including the mountains where there is no cell service, and I can tell you that it works as advertised.

The flat antenna is about the size of a sheet of paper and can run off of 110 volt a.c., or a 12 volt power bank or cigarette lighter outlet. It has an internal modem and beams its signal wirelessly to your phone, pad, computer or smart TV. With it I can make telephone calls without cell service, and watch video from my home streaming services.

The kit currently sells for \$299 and they have plans starting at \$50 per month for roaming service that you can activate and deactivate by the month. I am very satisfied by the service, convenience, and peace of mind.

**Battery Check** I made a recent discovery regarding my Airstream's battery bank. Ours was about three years old and we had two 100 watt hour AGM (lead-acid) batteries that came with the rig when we bought it. We keep our trailer at our home and plugged into shore power to keep the batteries charged, ready to go. All was well for about two and a half years, but when we arrived at a dry camping spot in Anza Borrego, I disconnected the Airstream from my truck and checked the voltage inside the trailer. All I had was 12.2 volts.

Normally, when fully charged, I would get around 13.2 volts, and with AGM batteries, you are told to not discharge them to less than 50 percent. Using the formula provided, that meant I was supposed to stop using my batteries when they got below 12.1 volts. Normally, with my two roof solar panels, it could easily meet the needs of my Airstream. But starting at 12.2 volts meant there was something wrong with my system.

With the refrigerator and ceiling fan running, power quickly dropped to 11.8 volts, even with full sun on my panels. If it dropped much more than that, serious damage could occur to the electrical devices that require 12 volts (it eventually dropped to 11.4 volts).

The trip was not jeopardized because I brought our gasoline generator to run the AC, and used it to charge up the batteries while we engaged in some serious power conserving measures. But when we returned home, I discovered that one of my battery's cells had failed, compromising the entire system. I took the opportunity to upgrade to two 100 watt hour lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO4) batteries, which deliver about double the energy of AGMs, recharge more quickly, and weigh much less.

But here is the lesson I learned. If you always keep your trailer plugged in, you will not know if your batteries have failed until you get to camp. Before heading out, you should test your system by unplugging it a few days before to check to see if it is holding a charge. If not, you have time to diagnose and fix the problem.

## 2025 Officers and Committee Chairs



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# Mark Your Calendars

## Upcoming Rallys and Events



### Our 2025 Rally Calendar by Oscar Abad and Connie Brunn

Resort	Nights	Sites	In/Out
<b>Flying Flags, Buellton</b>  Hosts: Tim & Diane Sommerville Co-Hosts: Bud Roble & Svetlana Milchenko	4	23	Jun. 5-9
<b>Mission Bay RV Resort</b>  Hosts: Larry & Carry Suggett CO-Host: Greg & LJ Oelkers	4	25	Sep. 4-8
<b>Sun Outdoors, San Diego</b>  Host: Oscar & Cookie Abad Co-Host: Bill & Joanne Fallon	3	25	Oct. 9-12
<b>The Springs at Borrego</b>  Host: Mark & Connie Miller Co-Host: Brad Berry & Melanie	4	25	Nov. 13-17

**2025 SCCAC Annual Officer Installation Dinner.** Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Time: 2:00- 6:00 PM  
 Glenoak Hills Community Center Clubhouse, 40101 De Portola Road, Temecula, CA. 92592.  
 (Corner of De Portola Rd. & Via de Oro. Pro-Tip: Avoid Monte de Oro in GPS as it is a partial dirt road)

## Membership



**Please welcome the following newest members of SCCAC.**

New member, who we welcome back after a brief hiatus!

Jenny Schwing  
4325 E Broadway  
Long Beach, CA 90803  
(818)-424-6483

WBCCI Big Red # 1460  
2016 Bambi Sport 16 foot

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John Steinbeck  
10190 FM 677 S  
Saint Jo, TX 75078  
(469) 999-1311

WBCCI Big Red # 1027  
2025 Trade Wind 25 foot

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Glenn Ordons and Maralissa Ratner  
7255 Stanford Ave  
La Mesa, CA 91942  
Glenn (408) 482-4091  
Maralissa (not listed)

WBCCI Big Red # 3574  
2022 Interstate 19 foot

Jim Shea  
PO Box 2831  
Big Bear City, CA 92314  
(909) 528-8356

WBCCI Big Red # 8194  
2001 Bambi Commemorative Edition 19 foot

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Deanna and Ivy Fradin-Haines  
360 Laurinda Ave  
Long Beach CA 90803  
Deanna (323) 400-7485  
Ivy (323) 228-4213

WBCCI Big Red # 2846  
2024 Pottery Barn 28 foot

New affiliate member!

Steven and Kristin Smith  
38613 North 16th Place  
Phoenix, AZ 85806  
Steven (602) 421-7814  
Kristin (480) 225-9645

WBCCI Big Red # 10877  
2019 International 27 foot

**Come join us at an upcoming rally.  
We love meeting new people!**

## Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles, February 6-10

Photographs by Matt and Julie Eklund





## Sweetwater Summit Regional Park, Bonita March 13-16

Photographs by LJ Oelkers





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Photographs by Connie Brunn

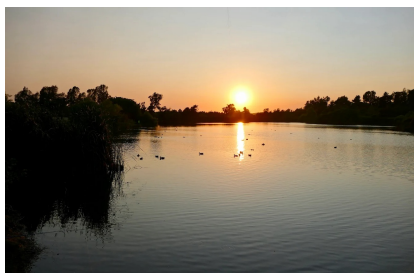




## Guajome Park, Oceanside

April 3-7

Photographs by Paul Tetreault



## ACI Elections

As members of Airstream Club International, we get to vote for members of the ACI Executive Council. Member clubs have been asked to provide the following election information.

*Get Ready to Vote in the 2025 Airstream Club International Executive Council Election!*

*Meet the candidates for the 2025–2027 Executive Council! This year's group brings a dynamic mix of experience, vision, and passion for the Airstream community. Read their statements, watch their candidate videos and (soon!) watch their mini interviews at:*

*<https://AirstreamClub.org/IBTCandidate>*

*Need a paper ballot or printed election materials?*

***Call ACI Headquarters at 937-596-5211 by 4 PM ET on May 27, 2025 to request yours. Paper ballots are mailed June 1 and must be postmarked by June 15 to be counted.***



## South Coast Past Presidents

Clarence Mason	1968	Mary Gough	1993
Hank Sanford	1969	Jack Engle	1994
Dick James	1970	Howard Cram	1995
Mac McPeak	1971	Les Chillcott	1996
David Hayes	1972	Ralph Irwin	1997
Roy Slate	1973	Dale Cram	1999, 2000
John Riley	1974	Robert Kirksey	2002, 2004
Wesley Gough	1975	Susan Cram	2003, 2012
Bill Williams	1976	Steve Carmichael	2005, 2008
Jack Scott	1977	Philip Terhorst	2006
Doug Gist	1978	Marshall McFie	2007
Walter Brooks	1979	Robert Michler	2009
John Ashe Everest	1980	Lynda Terhorst	2010
Bud Davis	1981	Robert Smith	2011
Harold Buck	1982	Scott Weddle	2013
David Fletcher	1983	Louise Weddle	2014
Jack Ortberg	1984, 2001	Bill Ball	2015, 2016
Mac McCue	1985	Robert Kirkpatrick	2017
Don Conner	1986, 1998	Bruce Barefoot	2018
Lois Klopier	1987	Mark Miller	2019
Bob Barlow	1988 -	Marya Barefoot	2020
Clara Buck	1989	Diane Sommerville	2021
Roberta Williams	1990	Mike Biagi	2022
Wayne Sorenson	1991	Mike Griswold	2023
Dolores Irwin	1992, 2002	Sharon Ticer	2024

## Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: [www.campendium.com](http://www.campendium.com)

Airstream Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

Campspot for campsites and reservations: [www.campspot.com](http://www.campspot.com)

