

Greater Bay Area Airstream Club Newsletter November 2025



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President's Message Mike Blom

The focus of my time as club President has been membership engagement. This goal was supported by, and taken on by not only the other board members, but you as members. New hosts, new rally location suggestions and creative rally themes all helped enrich our club. As I move into the Past President role, I will still be focused on meeting more of you at new club events.

What strikes me as I not only think about this past year, but the entire time owning our Airstream, is the number of friends that both I and Shawn have made. Every rally has unlocked adventures and new people to meet. Volunteering has provided opportunities to work with people from a variety of backgrounds. Their perspectives have allowed me to look at what our club does and how we do it through new eyes.

Our Airstream journey is just beginning. Shawn, finally, will retire early next year. We have successfully traveled the in past five years but know there are many more horizons we want to explore. Those dreams, as we walked around the Airstream showroom the first time, still exist.

You will be well cared for with the new slate of club officers. They all have vibrant ideas and already have great working cohesion. I see a bright future for the club.

I hope you get to spend copious time with family and friend this holiday season. I will be dreaming of future Airstream adventures.

Save travels and happy holidays,

Mike Blom
President GBAAC

2025 / 2026 Rallies

Check out the Rallies below. We need hosts or co-hosts for a few of the rallies. Remember if you volunteer to host / co-host, you will be given the ability to sign up for the rally in advance of the event being released to the general membership. Hosting lets you go to a location you want and no waitlist!

2025/2026 GBAAC & SVAC Rally Schedule					
Club	Dates	Campground & Location	Host	Co-Host	Notes
GBAAC	Nov 14 - 17	Black Oak Casino - Tuolumne, CA	Shlley Denyer	Shirley Shakespeare	Installation Rally - Released 8/29
GBAAC	Dec 11 - 15	Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, CA	Andrea & Jason Grendahl	Erica & Mark Evans	White Elephant Rally - Released
2026					
SVAC	Jan 22 - 26	Rolling Hills Casino, Corning	Jim Guerin & Jill Warnock	Roberta & Roger Peeples	Released
GBAAC	Feb 6 - 10	Coyote Lake Campground Gilroy	Sally MacDonald Scott Gerken	TBD	Released - book directly with campground
SVAC	Feb 26 - Mar 2	Petaluma KOA, Petaluma	Brian & Elena Tucker	TBD	30 sites held - released
GBAAC	Mar 12 - 16	Harbor Village RV Park, Half Moon Bay	Dennis Shakespeare	Maria Deguzman	30 sites held - released
SVAC	Mar 26 - 30	Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles	TBD	TBD	30 sites held - release TBD
Region 12	April 16 - 19	Cali Rally - V6 Ranch, Parkfield	Region 12		Released - full, sign up for waitlist
GBAAC	April 23 - 26	Lake Camanche	Chris Martindill		Released
GBAAC	April 29 - May 3	Rober Ferguson Observatory, Kenwood	Mike & Shawn Blom	Eric & LaVerne McHenry	Off-grid, release in December 2025
SVAC	May 7 - 11	Pinnacles National Park, Paicines	TBD	TBD	Book w/ campground 6mo in advance
GBAAC	May 21 - 26	Calistoga Fairgrounds	Mike Blom - GBAAC	Jason Grendahl - Grapes &Grains	Joint GBAAC/Grapes & Grains Rally - Released
GBAAC	June 4 - 7	Six Sigma Ranch, Lower Lake	Mike Blom	Tony Eichers	Harvest Host Pilot, off- grid, wagon wheel!
GBAAC	June 18-22	Village Camp Truckee (formerly Coachland)	Shelley Denyer		Released
GBAAC	July 9 -13	Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort	TBD	TBD	Release in March
ACI National	July 15 - 22	Silver on the River - Cruise	Jason Grendahl	Melisa Richardson	Released - sign up va ACI
SVAC	Aug 6 - 10	Costanoa	TBD	TBD	Individual registrations
ACI	Aug 22 - 27	International Rally - Minot, ND			Released - sign up via ACI

Newbie Rally



Our club's Newbie Rally at the Napa Valley Expo RV Park was a success. This was the second year we held the rally on the edge of Downtown Napa.

The focus is to help new Airstreamers get comfortable using their trailers and enhance their camping experience. Many of the participants had camped in SOBs prior but had never attended a rally. Some had been camping in their Airstream but wanted advice.

Airstream Adventures in Fairfield stepped up and provided us with a new 2025 23ft TradeWind trailer to preview. This fit right into the Open Trailer Happy Hour we held. Campers would stroll from trailer to trailer meeting the other campers while enjoying their favorite beverage. One camper had a unique Pendelton Edition trailer. Only 100 of that edition were made so a fun and interesting fact.

Airstream Adventures also provided us with Alex Morris. Alex is one of the senior technicians at the Fairfield dealership and spent a day with us to help campers with their questions. He is a wealth of knowledge and no

matter how long you have been Streaming, you can learn something.

Pro Tip from Alex: If you need to change the direction of raising or lowering your tongue jack, wait a second for the jack to come to a complete stop before reversing direction. Many times reversing while the motor is slowing down will cause you to spike your electricity usage and blow a fuse. Simple advice that can help you.

Many of us travel with animals. Our own 1st VP Jill Impink held a themed Yappy Hour. What fun! Many dogs were dressed in costume and had a yappy good time.

Catered barbeque meal, campfire pits, and even a raffle were well received. We had a covered pavilion so inclement weather was not a problem and many campers took advantage of walking into Downtown Napa. All-in-all a success!



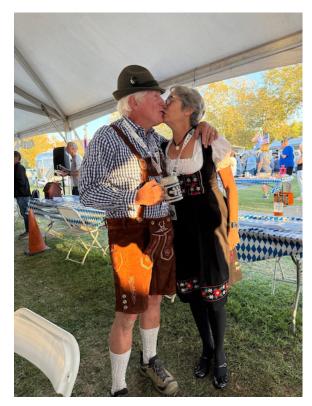
Following the success of the Silver on the Seas rally / cruise is the Silver on the River. Now an ACI National Event, Silver on the River is a full boat charter starting in Lyon, France and heads down the Rhone River to Avignon in Provence. 55 luxury suites are available, all with panoramic views.

July 15 – 22, 2026 with opportunities to do some touring as a group in France before and after the cruise; all arranged by a travel agent who is also an ACI member. Jason Grendahl is hosting and this event is crafted to be very memorable. Check out the link at https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026

Region 12 Rally - Bonelli Bluffs

Did you know that the largest attendance of any club at the recent Region 12 rally at Bonelli Bluffs was from GBAAC?! You people know how to represent! Even clubs whose home base was much closer to San Dimas did not come in the same numbers.

By all accounts, this was a very fun rally with an Octoberfest theme. Who knew so many of you owned lederhosen?



Chris Martindill led the German potato salad team for the Silver Soirée, and the feedback was amazing.

Next year the Region 12 Rally will be in Las Vegas, October 28 through November 1. Can GBAAC be the largest participants again? Yes!

GBAAC New Board Members

Elections were held and the results are in! Your new club Executive Board members will start their term January 1, 2026. Most of the new officers have already served together and the new officer is like-minded in serving the club and its members. When you see them, please welcome them to their new positions.

Jill Impink – President Linda Wiessman – 1st Vice President Erica Evans – 2nd Vice President Rebecca Schapp – 3rd Vice President

The foundation of our club are people who serve for many years. Especially those who serve behind the scenes but whose work is crucial to the club's function. You vote for them every year, but special thanks must also go to:

Serena Lopez – Treasurer Jason Grendall – Secretary

Lastly, but also critical, are two people who are not elected, but without their efforts our club would not function.

Eleanor McFarlin – Membership Chair Andrea Grendahl – Webmaster & JotForm Savant

All of these people put time in so you can enjoy your rallies and all your club's benefits. Please say hello and learn more about what they do as you see them at rallies. It takes all of us together to make this club enjoyable.

Dreaming

Ever see some photos on social media and wish you could do the same? An acquaintance shipped their vintage Airstream and truck to the UK and is currently camping across Europe. It is amazing the possibilities owning an Airstream brings.

As holidays arrive and we bring in a New Year let your dreams guide your Airstream journey. We hope to see you on the road and at our rallies. Happy Holidays & Safe Travels!

Photos From Rallies & More - Come Join The Fun!



Dinner is always better with friends



Bodega Bay



Simon and friend



Jayne talks Vintage Airstream.



Alex helps Darrin – Newbie Rally



Region 12 - GBAAC Happy Hour



Future Wagon Wheel Rally - Six Sigma Ranch

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