

THE TATTLER

Central Coast California Unit – Region 12



Fall 2025

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Quick News

- It's a great time to be camping on the California Coast and a member of the CCCAC.
- Register for 2026 International rally in Minot, N. Dakota. August 22-27. Register on ACI web site.
- The annual business meeting of CCCAC will be at the December rally at Cava Robles.
- Our Tattler publisher is requesting any newsworthy items you'd like to share be emailed to:
LosOsosDave@gmail.com. Please send photos, stories, tips, camping trips, etc.

Editor: Donna Gray

Upcoming Rallies

Dec. 4-7 Holiday rally and business meeting, Sun Outdoors (formerly Cava Robles) Paso Robles, CA

Jan. 22-25, 2026 Newbie rally, Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella, CA

March 5-9, 2026 Santa Margarita Lake, Santa Margarita, CA

April 9-12, 2026 River Run Park, Bakersfield, CA

May 14-17, 2026 Lake Casitas, Ojai, CA

June 4-7, 2026 Lake Lopez, Arroyo Grande, CA

July 2026 Nothing planned

August, 2026 International Rally, Minot, ND

About our Club

The Central Coast California Airstream Club (CCCAC) encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; but our members come from all around the area! We are an active, social group that participates in local, regional, and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."

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Yvonne Savage, CCCAC President

Presidents Message

Oh, the Places You'll Go, the People you will see, the things you will do.

“Congratulations, today is your day! You're off to great places, you're off and way!”

Dr. Suess must have been referring to the Airstream Lifestyle. “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

Airstreamer's journey with a message of perseverance, self-discovery, and sharing. These past few years as President have given me an opportunity to see beyond the cover of our club. Being a member provided me ways to explore, create, and inspire fellow members. It has been a pleasure to talk about how you would like to see this group embrace new experiences and flourish for many years past my term. This will be my last few months as your President, however, as in the book, I will not be stuck in dark places and I will not be one of those “waiting.” (Read the book, it's great!)

There is more to do and ways to be involved with the club without being a board member. Recommending a camp location or putting together a caravan, hosting an event, or even inviting the group over to my trailer for happy hour. Even what appears as a simple gesture creates an atmosphere that encourages friendship, sharing, and caring in our club. I ask that you, as members, step out of the waiting page and move on to the “bright places where Boom Boom Bands are playing.”

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2025 Officers:

President: Yvonne Savage
VP: Tracy Adams
Secretary: Dave Gray
Treasurer: Dave Temple
Past. Pres: Bob Minder

Directors:

One Year Donna Gray
Jason Grendahl
Two Year Linda Dynes
Cheryl Haymes

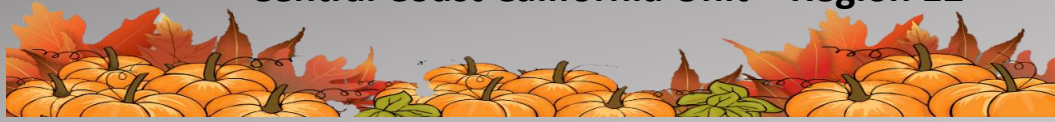
Chairpersons:

Membership: Jeanne Mitchell
Webmaster: Walt Bremer
Tattler: Dave Gray
Facebook: Gary Mellinger

To contact anyone on this list, please consult the CCCAC or ACI membership Directory.

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President's Message

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There is still much to do and planning ahead. There are a few things for next year that we are adding, one will be rally fees. We used to have a rally fee at events but for some reason, it was forgotten. Returning the rally fee will provide the hosts with an amount and budget to spend for each rally. We do not want out of your pocket expenses! So we are looking at a rally fee of \$10 per person. Any amount that is not spent will go to the end of the year holiday/board meeting rally.

We are working on the Airstream Hub and will be updating news, events, and information for all that is Central Coast. I have invited Danny from Airstream Specialists to join so we can chat directly to him about our rigs, questions and concerns. Danny is located in Riverside, CA. I have known him almost since my first trailer. He worked in Orange County, Santa Barbara and Temecula. Now he has moved on his own, and has great reviews from our clubs. I will send out the link to the Hub and Danny's information in a separate letter.

It has been a great few years as your President. Again, my time is not done and I will remain involved in different ways. I wish all of you well and safe travels ahead!

One more thing. Do you ever wonder if Dr. Suess had an Airstream trailer that inspired him the way our Airstreams have inspired us. Think of the interior he would have had in his trailer.

Somehow, I see pink and yellow with lots of fur and feathers.

"Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting! Get on your way!"

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Dec. 4-7	Sun Outdoors Cava, Paso Robles Biz meeting	Need Coordinator & Host	Jot form to come for signup
Jan. 22-25 2026	“NEWBIE RALLY” Coachella Lakes RV Resort	Hosted By CCCAC Rally Committee	You can reserve your spot NOW. Call 442-325-9292, pay them directly. \$85-\$95/night depending on back in or pull through. Tell them you're with Central Coast California Airstream Club.
Mar. 5-9 2026	Santa Margarita KOA. Santa Margarita, CA	Need hosts	15 sites available. Call 800-562-5619 and tell them you are with the Airstream group. Text your site and dates to Tracy 805-407-0096.
April 9-12 2026	RV River Run Park, Bakersfield, CA https://www.riverrunrvpark.com	Dave & Donna Gray Hosts	A jot form will be sent out to the entire club when it's time to register. \$55/night. You can book longer at the same daily rate.
May 14-17 2026	Lake Casitas “F” or “Fox” section. Odd sites have sewer, even sites don't have sewer.	Need Hosts	Make your reservation on November 19, 2025. (180 days out) @ https://reservations.casitaswater.org
June 4-7 2026	Lake Lopez, “Quail Loop”. 6800 Lopex Dr., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.	Camping & RV Reservations: Click Here	FYI: Make Your reservation 5 months ahead of time to the day, 8am, Dec. 4
July 2026	Nothing Planned	Ideas Welcome	
August 22-27 2026	International Rally, Minot, ND. No local rallies planned.	Tracy/Yvonne	Tracy/Yvonne coordinating post-rally trip.
Sept. 16/17-20 2026	Jackson Rancheria, Dalton Rd., Jackson, CA	Make your reservations Now, Call 1- 800-822-9466	Say you're with Central Coast Calif. Airstream Club. We are sites 28-40. \$90/night but \$76.50/night if more than 10 trailers sign up.

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What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises.
- This departure is a custom itinerary exclusively for us.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM

Check out the YouTube video of a couple that just completed this cruise. It looks amazing: https://youtu.be/8QOE6IKFaug?si=CCds-Vww1WMWj_3I

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Which maintenance supplies should you always have on board?

By Rich Luhr



A couple of years ago, I had to fetch my Airstream after it had been left at an RV repair center for five weeks. It turned out to be a great reminder of why I always have a box of supplies on board.

First of all, part of the hitch coupler had rusted and wouldn't move until I loosened it up with some silicone spray. Fortunately, I had a can of silicone spray handy, in the "spares & supplies" box.

Next, the truck's brake controller started complaining that there was a bad connection due to corrosion on the [7-way plug](#). For that, I dug out the electrical connector cleaning tools from our [Maintenance Essentials Kit](#) and cleaned up the corrosion in a couple of minutes.

Solving these problems was easy, but I was reminded that if I hadn't had a few simple tools and supplies on hand, I'd have been stuck.

In my early days as an Airstreamer this sort of thing drove me insane with frustration because I didn't know what to do—and lacked the necessary gear to solve simple problems.

Which supplies should you always have in your Airstream?

If you think of yourself as "not handy" don't sweat it. You don't have to haul around a big bag of supplies. About 15-20 small items will help you solve a bunch of annoying problems.

You can guess my general opinion about which ones by looking at what we recommend in our store. [The DIY kits we have put together](#) will solve the majority of problems most commonly encountered by Airstream travelers. None of them take up a lot of space, and all of them are worth their price many times over when something goes wrong.

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The most common problems are the mundane little things like a loose screw, dripping plumbing, a minor leak, rusty hitch parts, dirty electrical connectors, and missing rivets. None of these should be allowed to interrupt your trip, because they're all easy to fix yourself in a few minutes.

Traveling with hitch grease is a must. Find out what the manufacturer of your hitch recommends. It's often white lithium grease or heavy grease, which can be obtained from any hardware store. Hitches need to be re-greased a lot, since the grease wears off and washes off during normal travel.

In fact, lubing things up is one the easiest and most rewarding maintenance tasks on an Airstream. If you like instant gratification, [you'll love lubricating parts, because they instantly start to move easier and stop squeaking.](#)

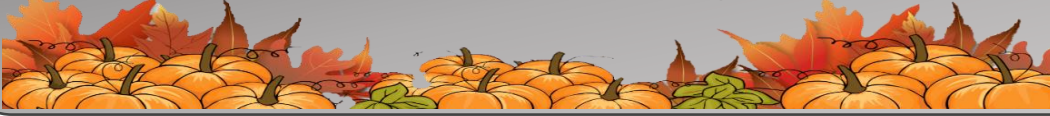
If you've got a "Relax" powered Zip-Dee awning, it requires a can of white lithium grease spray with a straw, as well as silicone spray. [You can see the procedure in Zip Dee's video here.](#)

Certainly, you could add more "just in case" supplies to your rig. But each item takes up space and weight. Keep your maintenance supplies and "consumables" at a minimum by traveling with only the ones you truly need. The day something dramatic happens, like [finding a huge puddle of water on the floor](#), and you're able to fix it with just one thing from your supply bag, you'll look like a hero.



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2025 Northern Lights and Polar Rally

Article by Tracy Adams.

Doug & Linda Dynes and Scott & Tracy Adams, went on the adventure of a lifetime!! We attended the 2025 Northern Lights and Polar Bears rally coordinated by Gail and Bruce Harrower and Bruce Balsdon of Canada. The party of 21 rigs was attended by people from all over the United States and Canada. It began in Carberry Manitoba Canada, extended to Thompson Manitoba Canada, and then we all boarded a 16-hour train ride to Churchill Manitoba Canada, on the banks of the Hudson Bay, where we witnessed polar bears in the wild!! While there, we slept at the Tundra Lodge (Google it!). The caravan ended in Winnipeg Manitoba Canada. On the way north we stopped, usually for three nights in each location, in Neepawa, Dauphin, Swan River and The Pas (where the northern lights were especially good). On the way south, after the train ride, we stayed one night in Thompson, one night in Grand Rapids, and four nights in Winnipeg.

I have to give high marks and many compliments to our hosts, as this trip was organized to the nines!! There was a lot of volunteering, both to make the trip fun (great job, Linda, on being the head of the Social Committee), to promote safety, and to give supplies to the communities through which we passed. Thanks again to CCCAC for donating \$500 so we could bring school supplies to underserved communities up north.

Activities ranged from social gatherings at the campgrounds, to catered dinners out. We visited a Ukrainian Church which fed us the most delicious Ukrainian food. We visited a potato farm...fascinating. I'll never look at a potato the same way again. We toured a brewery, a national park, a honey farm, a lumber mill, watched movies about polar bears, and participated in a "blanket exercise" to help us better understand how First Nation People were driven from their land and way of life. We experienced lakes, riding in a tundra buggy (all 40 of us!), and sleep-away-camp made of tundra vehicles that they take out for the season, which included a dining car, two sleeping cars, a lounge and a kitchen that served gourmet meals. We also went on a dog sled ride "IDIDAMILE," toured a human rights museum and a zoo, and had a lot of laughs along the way.

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As I write this article for the Tattler, Scott and I only have three more nights left of our 2-month tour. While the caravan is only one month long, it takes a while to get from California to Carberry and there were many other sites we wanted to see on the way there and on the way home.

Would I recommend this caravan? 100%. It was a caravan like no other. We now have 38 new best friends and got to experience sights and activities that we would not have were we doing this on our own.



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Ask Dave: What is the best black tank treatment?

By [Dave Solberg](#)

Dear Dave,

I stumbled across [this video](#) [from *Deb's RV Services*] regarding black tanks. It appears to be a pretty informative primer on how they operate, which I needed to see. However, part way through I realized that it is also promoting Unique RV products.

Can you tell me what you think about this product? I've always been a Happy Campers user, which seems to work for us. Now, I'm not sure. We thought we did our research when we picked it as our treatment. And, like everyone else, we cannot depend on our tank sensors, especially black.

So, we're interested in your opinion regarding the science and the product in this video. —
Michelle

Dear Michelle,

This past year I have researched RV Digest-It, and it does look like a great product. I have not used Happy Campers but see it at almost every RV show that has a vendor row or parts display. [The very thorough video](#) has some outstanding points and demonstrations about several different products, including Happy Campers—which they did not recommend, BTW. [Editor: However, many of our readers and [writers](#) are Happy Campers users.]

I have done several videos and written articles about the use of the proper treatment that has not only aerobic bacteria but an enzyme, as well, which is the protein they discuss.

The breakdown process of sanitation.

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To eliminate odors and effectively treat sewage, it is important to understand the breakdown process of sanitation. Inside your stomach, bacteria starts to break down the sewage using anaerobic digestion which is without air or oxygen. Once you release that sewage into the toilet and ultimately the black water tank of your rig, the anaerobic bacteria continues to break down the sewage but gives off the horrible smell you are experiencing.

At this time, it is important to add a treatment that not only breaks down the solids and paper but also reduces the smell. Aerobic bacteria digest the sewage with the help of proteins and give off carbon dioxide, which is odorless. Using a black water tank treatment such as RV Digest-It is the best product, as the proteins help the aerobic bacteria break down the sewage. You can find it on Amazon [here](#).



I have talked with many RVers that have been using Pine-Sol for years and swear by it. However, most of those are people that have been RVing for a long period of time and know how to use and maintain their black water tank and drainage system. Pine-Sol is simply a disinfectant and will kill the good bacteria and mask the smell with the pine scent.

Sewage will break down in water without any treatment and flush away easily if you use enough water. However, most paper will not, and a thorough flushing and use of a black water tank flush valve helps get everything out and keep it cleaner.

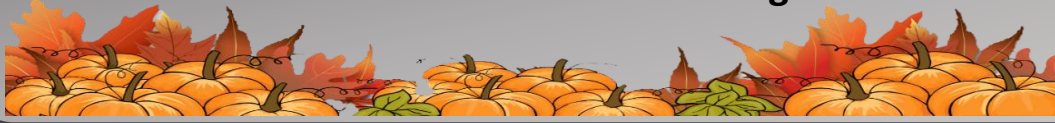
Here's the key to black tank cleaning.

The key is to use a bacteria and enzyme which is a protein treatment, plus lots of water. Water not only helps break down the sewage but also creates an odor barrier if the level is above the solids. It is a good idea to flush the toilet for ten seconds to initially get the solids down and have enough water flow to cover them.

Pine-Sol was made for floor and surface cleaning, not as a treatment. Calgon is simply a water softener product. Many tank flushing companies use Pine-Sol and Calgon dumped into a black water tank to do a deep clean. They let the solution sit for about an hour, then run a "jetter" on a pressure washer up through the dump valve to backflush the tank. The Calgon softens any calcium and lime buildup, while the Pine-Sol disinfects and cleans the tank, leaving a fresh scent. Not a bad idea to do this once a year, but not as a treatment.

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“Newbie Rally”

Hey Newbie!!

Been with our club for a while but haven't been to a rally yet? Now is the time!! We would love to meet you! Often times our rallies are limited to 15-20 sites, but not this time. We have 40 sites reserved so there is plenty of room for everyone. With that said EVERYONE is welcome to join us. We need “oldies” as well.

You can reserve your spot NOW. Call 442-325-9292, pay them directly. \$85-\$95/night depending on back in or pull through. Tell them you're with Central Coast California Airstream Club. You can extend 3 days before or after and still get the group rate. There will be a nominal rally fee closer to the date (one-time \$15/rig?) to help pay for the group gathering sites and maybe a happy hour or something. Theme TBD.

Please text TRACY 805-407-0096 with your dates and site number. This rally will be hosted by the CCCAC Rally Committee.

Also, I've personally seen this place and it's nice. Thirty minutes from Palm Springs to the west or Joshua Tree National Park to the east.

Area reserved for us



Stream on,

Tracy Adams

VP of CCCAC

805-407-0096

Coachella Lakes RV Resort

44790 Dillon Road

Coachella, CA 92236

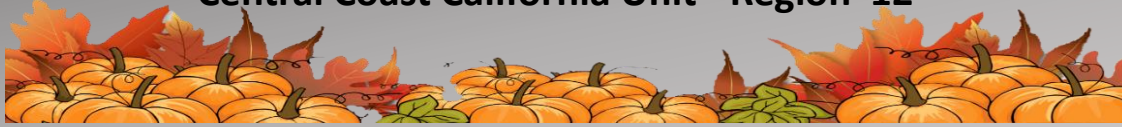
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WELCOME

Welcome these New Members and Affiliates

	<u>BRN</u>	<u>Club Status</u>
• Faye & Chuck Pressley	11511	New
• James and Susan Welsh	12298	New
• Serge Hodgson & Maria Flores	05998	New
• Carolyn Keep	06695	Affiliate
• Jonathan & Yolanda Daly	26326	Affiliate
• John & Connie Viola	30603	Affiliate
• Kelly & Mike Filbin	02361	Affiliate
• Paul & Cindy Neel	05502	Affiliate

November

Roxanne Gross	2 nd
Gary Mellinger	20 th
Tom Reay	20 th
Michele Latin	21 st
Beth Kerfoot	23 rd
Dave Temple	27 th

December

John Thornton	
Judy Bremer	8 th
Carol Yeoman	12 th
Keith Valley	16 th
Fredric Sloan	18 th
Ariadna Neel	23 rd
Scott Adams	28 th

Facebook Pages

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Websites

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- [Airstream, Inc](#)
- [Airstream Service and Owner's Manuals](#)

Club Resources and Links

- Many member resources are now found online at the WBCCI International website. Login to your WBCCI account here: <https://airstreamclub.org/members/login?destination=/members/dashboard>
 - *Membership roster (search, filter, and sort)
 - * Renew your membership, international or affiliate
- Read past issues of [The Tattler newsletters](#)
- Access rally coupons online [CCCAC event page](#) or CCCAC Facebook
- Buy CCCAC Logo-Wear https://www.zazzle.com/store/cccac_store/products