



The Norcal News

November 2025

Thank you again to the South Lake Tahoe Rally Camp Counselors Sandra Carr and Janet and Dan Margolis for their fantastic apprentice efforts making this such a fun rally. The First Lady had only positive things to say! To those fair-weather campers who left early due to the pending 23 degree temperature Saturday night, I must say that the unbelievable selection of appetizers provided to our small group of frigid air.



“non-member” rig who just happened to be there – and yes, they got their windshield washed and recruited simultaneously.

However, what resonated most with me about the Clio Rally was that more than 10% of the members in attendance were past Presidents of our club. They are a great resource for the club, and offer significant insight into our past that we should use going forward. For this month's President's Message, I thought it might be fun and interesting to share with everyone some thoughts and experiences from Tom and Deanna Bain, NorCal Club Members since 1999.

I thought that Tom and Deanna would be great to talk to, as they've not only been members in excess of 25 years, but they are, to my knowledge, the only husband and wife couple to both serve as Presidents of our club. As you all know, they continue to contribute and try to make it to as many rallies as possible. Janie and I held court with Deanna during the South Lake Tahoe rally and had a very fun and enlightening discussion about what our club was like "back in the day".

In addition to being very active members, Tom and Deanna also led several Caravans every January. Deanna described a club, early in their membership, with stricter rules – but never a limit for rallies. Any member could come, and in the “day,” rallies were only held at Fairgrounds, as they had the biggest capacity with large meeting rooms. There was no advance registration. Members would show up on Wednesday, and a long table was set up for “on site” registration. Everything was done with paper and pencils (no emails, texts, jot forms, or websites.)

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From the Editor

Wow – it is November already! And that means this is the last Poppy of 2025. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this publication over the past year: all the rally hosts who wrote (and will write) great recaps of their rallies (yes, even you Lynn Hurley!) as well as the initial summary and registration information that can be a pain to do



under deadline; all those who contributed photos of rallies over the year (there are too many to mention – you know who you are,) I could not have done the rally recaps justice without your photos; rally chair Juliet Scheuer for furnishing information to me on the rallies when needed; Tary Sallinger for always getting his message and photo to me in a timely manner (and for writing interesting columns); Directory Chair Doug Fritz for coordinating with me and timely sending out the Poppy (a job I used to have to do); Membership Chair Marget Williams for always furnishing the membership information prior to the deadline; and Billie Verdegaal (and Bob) for proofreading the entire Poppy prior to every publication and making it better than it otherwise would have been.

This also marks the end of five years in editing The Poppy, a job I have enjoyed due in large part to the support that The Club and its members have shown me and this publication over the years. We will have a new Poppy editor, Damien, once he gets up and running, which is projected to be sometime next year. So I will have at least one more Poppy to edit. Heads up November and December Rally hosts: get your recaps and photos *into me* on or before December 15th!

Meanwhile, in this issue, we have a nice recap of the South Lake Tahoe Rally that starts on page 8, which was beautiful but a bit chilly at times. There is some Club news on page 3 you may not know about, information about the Club's annual Charity auction (and Big Raffle) on page 6, and, at the request of ACI, a promotion for the upcoming National Event Rally, "Silver on the River" on page 13. This is a 7-day river cruise in France next July 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. This event follows in the wake of last year's "Silver on the Seas" cruise to Alaska.

As we head into the Holiday Season, I hope everyone has a lovely Thanksgiving and Christmas and I will be back on the flip side come January 1st.

Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor

2025 Rally Schedule

~~March 5 - 9~~

~~Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles~~
~~Hosts: Fritz/Ames & Websters, apprentices: Team Matteo~~

~~April 2 - 6*~~

~~V-6 Ranch, Parkfield~~
~~Hosts: The Ungermans *(Dry Camping) Buddy Rally~~

~~May 7 - 11~~

~~Lassen RV Park, McCarthur~~
~~Hosts: The Hurleys~~

~~June 4 - 8~~

~~Grass Valley RV Resort, Grass Valley~~
~~Hosts: The Mottas & Maffois~~

~~Aug. 6 - 10*~~

~~Schmoeville, Fortuna~~
~~Hosts: The Schueuers, Team Paz, The Sallingers as pizza~~
~~cooks; Apprentices: The Villaires~~
~~*(partial dry camping)~~

~~Aug. 23 - 28~~

~~York, PA~~
~~International Rally - Airstream Club International Rally~~

~~Sept. 10 - 14~~

~~Clio RV Resort Clio~~
~~Camp Counsellors: The Sallingers & Bartelts~~

~~Oct. 8 - 12~~

~~Tahoe Valley Campground, S. Lake Tahoe~~
~~Camp Counsellors: The Sallingers; Apprentices: Sandra~~
~~Carr and Janet Margolis~~

~~Oct. 15 - 19~~

~~Bonelli Bluffs RV Park, San Dimas~~
~~Hosts: Region 12~~

~~Nov. 5 - 9~~

~~Boulder Creek Mobile Home & RV Park, Lone Pine~~
~~Hosts: The Echols & Deiwerts; Apprentices The Daubers~~

~~Dec. 3 - 7~~

~~Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne~~
~~Hosts: Team Matteo, the Broads, Apprentices: The~~
~~Roblees~~

The Fine Print

New info shown in **green**. Dates are arrival and departure for planned rally, although you can often request early arrival or Monday departure. Sign-ups are accomplished by submitting a completed Registration Jotform and payment to the Club Registrar. If a rally is full, there is a wait list. "Buddy" events allow you to invite a non-member even if they don't own an Airstream. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled.

News from Airstream Club International



Avoid Falling for Phishing Scams

Airstream Club International reports, "ACI Headquarters was recently alerted to a phishing scam with a suspicious PDF attachment. The email claims to contain an important document regarding your membership and asks for your email and email password to open it. **Do not open the attachment or enter any information. The ACI Membership team will never send you a PDF requiring your email login information.**"

Recognize the Signs of Phishing

- Urgent or threatening language such as "Act now or your account will be suspended."
- Unfamiliar or misspelled sender addresses.
- Sender names that don't match the sender email address.
- Requests for passwords, payment information, or personal details.
- Suspicious links or unexpected attachments.

How to Stay Safe

- Do not click links or download attachments from unknown or unexpected senders.
- Check the sender's email address to make sure you recognize it and for subtle spelling errors or differences.
- If you're unsure about an email, contact the sender directly using known, official contact information.
- Do not reply. Replying can confirm your email is active to scammers.

A few extra moments of caution can help protect you and your personal information from phishing scams. For additional tips, read "Cybersecurity Caution: Have I (you) Been Hacked?" on the ACI Blog. Another good source: <https://www.schwab.com/learn/story/impostor-scams-and-how-to-avoid-them>

Results of NorCal Special General Membership Meeting October 9, 2025 Lake Tahoe Campground

A special meeting for the sole purpose of voting on the proposed Constitutional Amendment for the Northern California Unit ACI was held to complete the vote on the bylaws change that had been discussed at the September meeting. A quorum was Established.

The text of the bylaw change is:

The current language for Article V, Section 1, states:

Officers and Their Election:

"The officers of the Club shall be Regular Members and shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and four Trustees."

Proposed Constitutional Amendment for Article V, Sec. 1:

Officers and Their Election:

"Commencing in 2026, the officers of the Club shall be Regular Members and shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and two Trustees."

The initial vote was conducted electronically by JotForm, distributed to all members of our roster on **October 6, 2025**. The tally from that distribution was 44 votes, 40 in favor of the amendment.

At the meeting, all members who had not voted by JotForm were asked to submit their written votes, numbers were compared to those who were already accounted for by JotForm vote. The tally from this vote was 26 in favor of the amendment.

The finally tally was 76 in favor of the amendment, 4 against so the **amendment was approved**. It will be referred to the Constitutional Committee for inclusion into our documents.

Amy Webster, Secretary

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Welcome New Affiliate Members

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Welcome New NorCal Members

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Charlie Schiavone &
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NorCal Membership Numbers

186	Unit/Life Members
<u>97</u>	<u>Affiliate Members</u>
283	Total Members

President's Message Continued

Deanna noted that she was the first President to introduce the use of RV Parks instead of Fairgrounds. She did this by selling the concept of full hook ups to the membership versus boondocking. She said members initially fought the extra cost, but eventually, the concept stuck. Now it's a rarity to use Fairgrounds more than once a year, let alone boondock.

The rallies back then were brimming with Airstreams, station wagons, V-8 sedans, etc. Deanna mentioned that for many years, the membership did all of their own cooking with no catering. Within the membership there was a "Chef Club" that took responsibility to prepare 2-3 meals per rally. The Chef's Club collected a vast array of cooking equipment over the years; the pancake breakfasts and steak and potato-type dinners were legendary!

When thinking about the difference between the "then and now" of the club, Deanna described the old club as being much more

regimented with respect to how the club was run, and more formal. For example, the Christmas Rally/Installation Rally was also held every year, but it was treated more as a "formal" event where many female members wore long dresses and men wore suits to the main dinner. It was not unheard of for the incoming or outgoing President to show up at the Rally with not only a new car, but also a new Airstream. [President's note:...this is not going to happen this year].

I love our Club's history, evolution and membership. Deanna, thank you so much for taking the time to chat with us. We always love our conversations with you! I think we can all learn from the past and try to keep traditions alive when we can. In the meantime, to everyone, please travel safely and hope to see you (and your new rigs) at the Christmas Rally.

Your NorCal President Tary Sallinger



3 Pamela Lindsay	17 Yoshiko Dewier
5 Joanne Bowsman	17 Gus Shuttle
7 Margie Glasses	19 Carole Echols
7 Grover Sandy	20 Janet Margolis
7 Jane Wright	21 Lynn Foster
10 Ken Bechtold	22 Gail Crutchfield
11 Karen Richardson	28 John Roll
14 Gordon Krauter	29 Sandra Carr
16 Terri Holifield	



5 Paul/Rosalie McKay
7 Ralph/Margaret Drew
10 Dianne & Mike O'Donnell
10 Rick/Margaret Sharp
16 Jim/Deborah Christie
18 Brett/Annette Mickelson
20 Dave/Marget Williams
22 Mike & Phyllis Minadeo
26 Gregg/Janet Motta
27 Ray/Carrie Bell
29 Phil/Margie Glassey
30 Paul & Vicky Bartlett

Airstream Club International on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/>
Region 12 on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
NorCal on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Affiliates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Marget Williams (NorCal Membership Chair) an email with your Name (First and Last) and your

Birthday and Anniversary (Month and Day only). norcalmembership@comcast.net. We have noted that many attending rallies claim birthdays or anniversaries but are not on the list - so call or email Marget to check if you are!



ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION & RAFFLE

As we slowly drift out of our Tahoe glow, it's hard not to smile thinking back on those crisp mornings, tall pines, and easy laughter shared around the campfire. What a lovely break it was — a chance to relax, reconnect, and remember why we love this Airstream life so much.

Now, as we trade in hiking boots for holiday lights, it's time to bring that same spirit of fun and friendship into the season ahead. Our annual Christmas Rally and Charity Auction is right around the corner, and we can't wait to gather once again — this time to celebrate, give back, and spread a little extra joy together.

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer while making a difference! This year we are proud to support Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, an incredible organization that transforms lives through the partnership of people, dogs, and purpose. One of this year's auction highlights is the Big Raffle, featuring three amazing prizes:

- First Prize: A foldable Rad e-bike — perfect for your next adventure.



- Second Prize: A limited-edition Pottery Barn Airstream cooler that's as stylish as it is functional.



- Third Prize: A Solo Stove Mesa XL tabletop campfire stove — cozy evenings await!



Raffle tickets are on sale now at any rally - see Janie Salinger - or at the December rally prior to the drawing. Unlike the auction, you need not be present to win the raffle

But that's not all — we need your help to make the Silent Auction a great success! Donations for auction items will be accepted at the rally by Friday and can include anything from themed baskets, homemade goods, games, and Airstream garb to artwork, experiences, or special outings like tastings and dinners. If it's fun, unique, or handcrafted with love, it's auctionable!

Mark your calendars — the Silent Auction takes place Friday, December 5th, and promises to be an evening full of camaraderie, giving, and holiday sparkle.

Let's rally together for a wonderful cause and make this our most successful auction yet! If you have any questions, please email Janie Salinger or Vicky Bartelt.

*Cheers from your auction team:
Janie Salinger, Vicky Bartelt, Karen Intemann,
Lynn Hurley, Gail Crutchfield, and Marget Williams*

A Message from your Rally Chair ...



What a fun and adventurous year we've had in our Airstreams around Northern California: from olive oil tasting and experiencing the Field of Light at Sensorio in Paso Robles during March, dry camping cowboy style with

lots of fun activities at the V-6 Ranch in April, delicious full breakfasts and a yummy sausage dinner against a breath-taking view of Mount Shasta at Lassen RV park in May, "breaking in" a brand new RV park in June and enjoying the many amenities at the Grass Valley RV park, along with a very enjoyable wine tasting experience and evening fun at the local play house in Nevada City, an extraordinary experience at Schmooville, complete with nightly campfires, homemade pizzas, cowboy candy workshops and a local boat tour in August, the camp out at the much coveted Clio RV Park in September, with amazing camp t-shirts, bike rides, lots of appetizers and of course prizes, to enjoying the beautiful campground at Tahoe Valley in October, with fun, appetizers, hikes and lots of camaraderie and fantastic local attractions. Upcoming we have our much anticipated rally in Lone Pine in November, with lots of exciting to-do's to look forward to, and our Christmas/Installation rally with a full agenda and many things to pique our interest: a cookie exchange, a local playhouse experience, and the grand finale with our fantastic auction and raffle.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of our hosts and apprentices this year who donated their time and energy to making our rallies so much more than just showing up to hangout. It's what makes our rallies uncommonly exceptional.

When you get a chance, please take a look at our rally schedule for 2026. We have lots of open spots for hosts. Hosting is a great way to see how a rally comes together and to get to know your fellow NorCalers. You can assemble a group to help you - you need not do it alone. And if you have not hosted before, there are plenty of those who have and are willing to help you. Plus, there are other benefits to hosting: you get a guaranteed site at the rally you host and, if you arrive the day before the beginning of a rally (on a Tuesday,) the site fee for that night's stay is paid by the club. Such a deal! See me to sign up.

Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer

Save The Dates! 2026 NorCal Rally Schedule

The following is the planned NorCal Rally Schedule for next year, beginning in March 2026. Also included in italics are the Region 12 Rally dates. Asterisk means you self reserve at park.

March 4 - 8th Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA - registration opens December 1 *

April 8 - 12th River Point Landing, Stockton CA - registration completed; waitlist

April 16-19th *Region 12 Cali Rally V6 Ranch - registration completed; waitlist*

May 6 - 10th Vinnie's Ranch, Wilton CA - registration opens February 1st.

June 10 - 14th Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA (Lassen area) - registration opens April 1st

July - no rally

August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA

August 22 - 27 *International Rally at Minot, ND*

Sept. 9 - 13th Village RV, Truckee CA* - registration ongoing (contact registrar)

Oct. 7 - 11th Flying Flags, Avila Beach CA

Oct. 28 - Nov 1 *Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas NV*

Nov. 4 - 8th Benbow KOA Holiday, Benbow CA

Dec. 2 - 6th 49er RV Park, Plymouth CA*

The date when registration opens for each of these rallies varies but will occur at least two months out from the rally start date, if not longer. Pay attention for upcoming announcements in the Poppy or via an email blast for the latest registration information.

We are still looking for hosts for the **Jackson Rally, Hat Creek Rally, Village RV Truckee Rally, Benbow Rally, and the Christmas Rally at the 49er**. Please contact Rally Chair Juliet Scheuer if you would like to host a rally. Remember, hosted rallies don't just happen - they need a host/camp counsellor or two.



What a fantastic time we had in beautiful South Lake Tahoe! Twenty-eight rigs rolled in for a laid-back, laughter-filled weekend where we practically had the entire campground to ourselves. It was a true “camp counselor-style” rally — relaxed, easygoing, and full of spontaneous fun.

We soaked in crisp mountain air, golden leaves, and those amazing fall Tahoe views. Many members enjoyed a scenic hike to Lake Tahoe, the historic Tallic Site and Valhalla Inn, exploring the area's charm and history led by Janet and Dave Margolis.

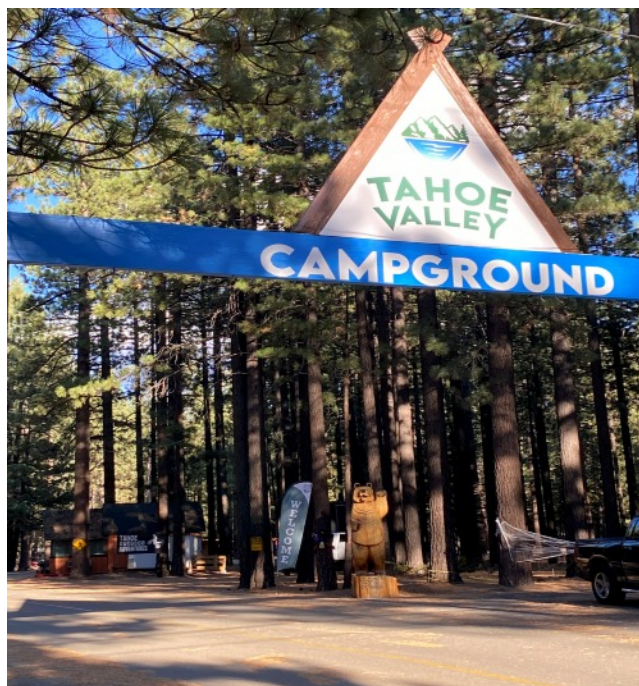
A few brave souls took on pickleball each day — Terri and Harry Blatter, along with Vince and Chris, battled the strong winds (and each other!) for some hilarious, gusty games. The wind gave the ball a mind of its own, and laughter definitely won the day.

Our appetizer contest was another highlight! Even with many rigs heading out early due to the chilly forecast, those who stayed Saturday were treated to another round of incredible bites. We feasted, voted, and celebrated our culinary champs — congratulations to the Davisons, McFarlane-Barnharts, Greunwalts, Williams, Winchells, Blatters, Bowsman-Kong, and Burgess-Donnellys!

Between the food, fun, and friendship, everyone found their own Tahoe adventure — dinners out, bike rides, antiques, sightseeing, and just plain relaxing under those tall pines.

Until we meet again — safe travels and see you down the road!

With love and laughter,
Your Camp Counselors,
Sandra, Janet, Dan, Tary, and Janie



Above: President Tary Sallinger greets rally attendees and makes announcements on first night of rally
L: Entrance to Campground



Airstreams were nestled in the trees



Ed Ungerman and Winter visit nearby Virginia City



New Members Nola & Tom Williams/Booze were introduced



Brian Burgess & Amy - first NorCal Rally but Brian is a veteran rally goer
Photo bombed by Tom Webster



New Members Harry & Terri Blatter - veteran Pickleball players



New Members Hoalli & Vince Gruenwald



Janie Sallinger and Sandra Carr



Darlene and Mark Winchell with others at Appetizer Hour



Hanging out at Appetizer Hour





Prizes for Best Appetizers



Janie Sallinger and Jane Margolis pick names of appetizer winners



The smaller group who braved the cold on Saturday night!





Hiking at Lake Tahoe





What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

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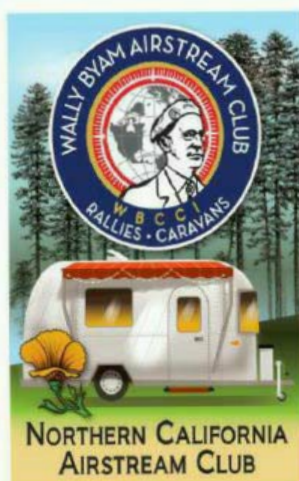


<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3	4	5	6	7	8
Boulder Creek Lone Pine Rally						
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28 	29
30	December		3	4	5 	6
Christmas/Installation Rally						

Members: You can obtain your own colorful NorCal Membership Badge to replace your dull WBCCI badge after you have attended three Norcal Rallies. After you have been "degreened," you will receive your badge, along with a five inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or Tow Vehicle. It has the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact NorCal's Membership Chair or Rally Registrar to get yours for no cost to you when you are eligible. Affiliates are eligible to purchase badges after their third NorCal Rally.



Members: The new Club Garden Flags are here. And more! They are available from our new vendor:

<https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Northern-California-Airstream-Club/7684778>

Don't worry; old flags are still good, but the new flags are cool looking!

