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The Tahoe Breeze

Winter 2025

Christmas Party — December 6, 2025 at The Stansburys





President's Message:

LTAC had another year of great rallies, continued membership growth, and increased membership engagement.

Pretty much every rally reached max capacity of 12-15 rigs on average. This demonstrates LTAC's appeal and ability to deliver an outstanding experience for our members. This is a true testament to the members and the Airstream community as a whole. It takes great people to make a great club and LTAC is the best.

Rally Hosts continue to do a fabulous job of creating fun and unique ways to engage club members during rallies. From Dinner Theater to a Singing Cowboy Poet, rally hosts really stepped up and put in the effort to make it a fun experience for all. Rally locations are geared for members to get out and explore the local areas, but most importantly to build connections and friendships (See Cecelia's article on how we pick sites below).

Texas and Reno Rescue Equine Therapy. I personally appreciate the generosity of the membership and look forward to finding more ways of giving back.

It has been great to see the club grow this past year. We have had many new members that have been active in attending rallies and luncheons.

2026 Events are beginning to take shape. We have an excellent rally schedule (see below) which includes some of the club favorites like Webber Lake and new spots like Collins Lake. We continue to try to keep our rallies within a short drive from the Reno / Carson Valley area. But we are seeing some interest in exploring out a little further to find those hidden gems. The volunteers that work on the schedule do a great job and really engage the club for input.

I personally want to thank the club's leadership — Vice President Cecelia Stansbury, Webmaster Linda Maddox, Treasurer Rose Crowson and Secretary JP Sherry — for their commitment and efforts to the club. They embody the spirit of community and giving back.

LTAC looks forward to another fun camping season in 2026.

Cheers!

Eric Larson

2026 Elections

This proposed slate for the Board Officers for the 2026 Calendar year is:

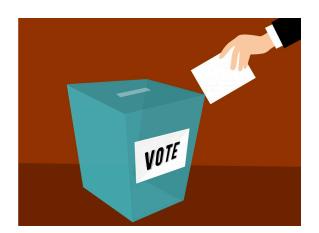
President: Eric Larson

Vice-President: Ceceilia Stansbury

Treasurer: Kathy Hampel

Secretary: JP Sherry Webmaster:

Linda Maddox



If you would like to nominate someone else or even yourself for a position, please do so before November 10, 2025 by sending an email to JP Sherry at Jansherry@comcast.net. If we receive no nominations, we will send the slate out November 15, 2025, and you may cast your vote by November 30, 2025. All of the board members volunteer their time and efforts. You should also know that Warren

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GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

Eric Larson (elarson1364@gmail.com) and his wife, Terry, have been members of LTAC since 2018. They are SoCal natives that made the escape from California back in 2016 to Reno. They both love the mountains and enjoy hiking and Eric also enjoys cycling, both mountain biking and road biking. Eric and Terry love the Reno/Carson Valley area. They travel around in a 2014 23ft International with their hyperactive misbehaving GSP puppy. Eric and Terry have 2 sons and two daughter-in-laws and are eagerly anticipating the birth of their first grandchild in December. They have enjoyed the many Rallies they have attended over the years with LTAC but most importantly they cherish the friendships they have made with the other members of the club. The Larsons consider LTAC as their extended family and look forward to the many more good times that lie ahead.

Cecelia Stansbury (cecstansbury@yahoo.com) has been a member of LTAC since it's beginning, having been one of the founders of the Club. She has been an ACI member since 2002 and have held positions in the International Club, Region 12 and LTAC. I could not be happier with the success of our Club and the wonderful members who have joined over the past 9 years. I am pleased to help the Club in any way. One of my duties as VP is to plan the rallies for 2027. If anyone is interested in joining our Rally Planning Team, please contact me.

Kathy Hampel (mycashew2001@yahoo.com) has been in LTAC since its conception and served as the first LTAC president in 2016. The journey for the Hampels started in the Spring of 2004 when Kathy and her husband, Jack, bought their first Airstream. In the fall of 2004, they joined the Santa Clara Unit (renamed the Greater Bay Area AC) and Kathy was asked to be the unit treasurer. In 2006, Kathy served as the Region 12 treasurer for 6 years and in 2012, Kathy became the WBCCI International Treasurer. The Hampels retired in 2015 and moved to Carson Valley and had a home bulit. Since 2022, Jack and Kathy have been on 5 WBCCI caravans, which they love.

JP Sherry (jansherry@comcast.net) has been a member of LTAC for about 5 years and is a resident of Sacramento, California, having been recruited by our very own Bob Stansbury. This will be his third year as the Club's Secretary and he has recently taken over as the lead editor of the Newsletter – The Tahoe Breeze. JP has recently started to use MailChimp for the club's mailings, so don't unsubscribe and expect

Evan). We hope to bring the grandkids on a rally soon.

Europe Travel Opportunity July 2026



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

More Info:

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At the September meeting, Cecelia handed out a proposed Rally schedule and we refined it to include a trip to Death Valley in April. More information to come soon.

April (TBD) 2026

Death Valley.

May 14-18, 2026

Collins Lake RV Park, Collins Lake, CA

We have blocked off 16 sites and you can start reserving sites in January. Reserve your site with Jessica – 530-692-1600 - under LTAC Group.

June 11-15, 2026

Virginia City RV Park, Virginia City, NV

We can't book a block of sites until December 2025.

July 16-20, 2026

McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA

Aug. 6-10, 2026

Fallen Leaf Lake, South Lake Tahoe, CA

We need to start booking sites on 2/6/26 at 7:00 a.m.

Sept. 17-21, 2026

Webber Lake (back by popular demand), Sierraville, CA

THIS IS OUR ANNUAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

We have reserved all of the west side of the lake.

Oct. 15-19, 2026

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We have made a deposit for 15 sites.







How Does the Club Pick Rally Sites

That's a very good question in case you were wondering. Is it Dark Magic? White Magic? Do we pick campsites out of a hat? Do we use a dartboard? None of the above.

This year for the first time we had a team select the rally sites. Linda Maddox, Geri Gibbons and Cecelia Stansbury got together over a great meal at BJ's Brewhouse. We let Stan join us too. Our priorities in selecting sites was different places, not too many dry camping sites, and distance is always a factor. We also have to consider the weather but, as you know, it can be very unpredictable. We also prefer to book places where each of us can book our own sites and that will book a block for us to pick from. That way each member can pay their own camp fees and deal directly with the park in the case of cancellations or changes in your reservation.

This year the sites are little farther away mainly because we wanted the group to try some different places to explore. After 10 years of planning locations, we are running out of close by camping experiences. If you have some ideas from your own camping explorations, please give us any fun suggestions that will work for our group. Please volunteer to be on a site planning team this year (Just drop Cecelia an email or call her).

Warmly,

Cecelia Stansbury, Vice President

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Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque

Our very own Claudia Uhe and Klaus Wessel attended the Albuquerque Balloon Rally this year. Here is their report:

The trip to Albuquerque was a wonderful prelude to the Balloon Fiesta. We started in Northern California and took the scenic US 50 to Minden, Nevada, where we met Linda and Chuck Maddox — and as a surprise — Cecelia and Bob Stansbury joined us for dinner.





On the way to Albuquerque, we experienced a dramatic thunderstorm in the desert near Walker Lake. We discovered a fun spot called the VFW Beatty Post in Beatty, NV, camped at Boulder Beach Campground on Lake Mead, spent the next night at Sunset Crater NM north of Flagstaff, and visited Petrified Forest NP the following day. One more night at El Malpais NCA completed our journey before reaching Albuquerque.

On Friday morning, the Four Corners Unit of Region 11 directed the parking, organized the registration, and held the welcome dinner at the Balloon Fiesta grounds. There were 146 rigs here from all over the U.S. and three Canadian provinces — plus us Germans representing the Lake Tahoe Unit.

They said, "Be prepared to be amazed." Well, we were already blown away on day one — both literally and figuratively!

The event began at 5:45 a.m. with a drone show, followed by 13 balloons representing the number from the very first Balloon Fiesta — glowing beautifully for the dawn patrol. At sunrise, all balloons were inflated, and you could walk among them (though sometimes they were packed a bit too

spectacular "balloon glow."

Just when you think it can't get any better — it does.

Sunday was calm and beautiful, and the balloons took to the sky. We enjoyed another wonderful drone show in the morning and evening, skydivers in the afternoon, and after dark they released streams of sparkling lights (sadly, no photos — but unforgettable!).

People in black-and-white striped shirts, called "zebras," coordinate the balloon launches.

On Monday morning we stayed by the Airstream, and it couldn't have been more perfect. The wind cooperated, allowing the pilots to "fly the box" — drifting low to the south over our parking area, then rising higher and returning north over us again, some completing several rounds. One balloon even landed right next to us on the Balloon Museum lawn!

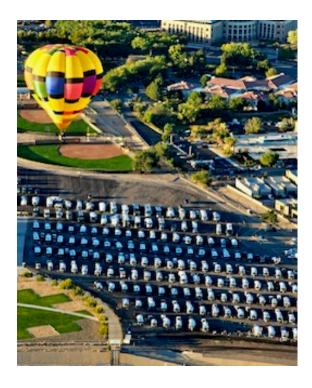
We didn't join the pet parade (no pet to show off), but we did enjoy the afternoon ice cream truck gathering.

On Tuesday, our departure day, the balloons flew again — this time following the box pattern in reverse, drifting low to the east and higher to the west over the rally grounds.

We are truly overwhelmed and deeply thankful for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful rally.

Aerial photo thanks to Coleman Mc Donald. .













It's Renewal Season Again!

For many of our members, the 2026 Membership Renewal season began **October 3**rd. Below are a few highlights to remember:

- General membership dues for ACI are \$99 per year; Membership dues for LTAC are \$20.
- The primary or partner member MUST be logged in to the member-only portal to renew online.
- Members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN) can renew their additional BRN in the member-only portal at the time of renewal.
- HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.
- All Lifetime members must go through the renewal process.
- HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email and social media starting November 1st.
- HQ will notify Local Clubs if there is an issue contacting a member.
- The deadline for the 2026 Published Membership Directory is January 31, 2024.
- Members can pay by credit card or ACH (bank transfer).
 - Credit card payments will be charged a 3% convenience fee but are processed



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