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Past President's Message

I remember the day vividly when I was approached by then- First Vice President Bob Verdegaal about possibly becoming a Trustee for the club. Bob explained that the first step to becoming President was becoming a Trustee and then, after 7 years of learning and experience I could become President. I was honored to be approached so early on in our membership (first year) and it never occurred to me that perhaps I should have asked more questions... like "what happens if someone leaves their position ahead of me in line?" Well sure enough, after my first year on the board, I was thrust into the position of 2nd Vice President and my journey towards President moved along rather quickly after that.

My feelings prior to taking the reins included nervousness, anxiousness and fear. As it turns out, there was no need to worry; it quickly became apparent that all of our seasoned members were available to offer advice and support in order to help me through the learning phase. Aside from a few hiccups, there were no lives lost and certainly no one starved on my watch.

For my last message, I did want to allocate some space for some personal "shoutouts" to some of our members who went beyond the call of duty on my behalf. I want to let them know how much I



New President's Message



Greetings from the Office of the President and welcome to NorCal Airstream Club 2026. Imagine my surprise when Jim Christie approached me about joining his administration a few years back. Jim gave me the low down on the ladder through the leadership positions and told me I could be President someday. Well time flies and here we are, a new team in place, some new venues on the rally calendar, and a new order for

the officer positions on the heels of our recent Constitution amendment.

Amy and I started our Airstream adventure after years of camping in tents, two tent trailers, and a hybrid trailer. Finally, the search for a hard side trailer led us through the gauntlet of dealerships, ultimately to Bay Area Airstream Adventures. Our visit was an eye opener to be sure, shiny Airstreams of every size and configuration. The 2019 Globetrotter was a great fit for our needs, the twin beds with the extra length mattresses were perfect, and the rest as they say is history.

We joined the NorCal club and our first trip to a rally, in the North Coast Redwoods, was an adventure from the start. What should have been a 4-hour trip took twice that time due to fires on both sides of Highway 101. We were welcomed with open arms, margaritas and pizza and lots of "getting to know you" conversations.

Having just enjoyed our 2025 December Holiday Rally, I would like to thank our rally hosts and auction team for their efforts. Thank you also to the donors of the auction lots and the generous

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From the Editor



Greetings from "Nightmare Rock," (aka Brenda, Monster Rock, Face Rock, and many more) a painted rock in the Alabama Hills off Whitney Portal Road, so named because when it was first painted, it had an open mouth with razor sharp teeth cat-slit eyes, and a slobbering tongue going down to the ground. I understand it was first painted in the 1950s, much to the chagrin of the BLM, but after awhile BLM became complacent about the rock. It has since been "refreshed," most recently with ruby red lips hiding the fangs, the tongue has disappeared, and the eyes have wide blue pupils with

eye lashes, no longer a nightmare I think. But it is still fun to check out if you are in the area. This is what Airstreaming is about – discovering things like this, and partying with friends at the end of the day.

This is my 55th issue of the Poppy after six years of editing the publication. (While I had thought five, in fact I started with the January 2020 issue and end with the January 2026 issue.) Leaving the position is bittersweet but it is time to pass the baton. The Poppy is at the center of many things in this Club – upcoming rally and caravan announcements, reports on prior rallies and caravans, notices of Club activities, reports from Club Officers, obituaries of past members, and the documentation of our history as it happens. While the legal notices are important, and getting the rally information correctly to members is a duty, I feel my most important function was documenting the living history of our club as best I could, while entertaining the current membership enough so that they would read it. The job requires nicely working with many other committee chairs: rally, webmaster, directory, rally hosts, the president and other officers, in order to effectively communicate with the Club. I have learned a lot in the past six years about the Club as processes have changed, and become friends with the other hardworking volunteers who have passed through the various positions.

I will admit that being Poppy editor has been trying at times, especially when I was on the road, stuck in the trailer, working on an issue to meet deadline while others were off playing. But then I thought about when Tom Smithson was the editor. In those days, the Poppy was mailed and the stories he and Hedda tell about finding printers and post offices to get the Poppy sent out while on the road do not sound fun. Then I felt I had nothing to complaint about.

Mostly, the job was a creative challenge that I enjoyed as each month was something new and different. And while solitary, it was rewarding, especially since the Club has been so supportive of me, my efforts, and this publication. Ultimately, I am glad I accepted Steve Deiwert's offer to be Poppy Editor back in 2019. Thank you to everyone who has appreciated what I did over the past six years.

Typically I have tried to keep the Poppy within 10-15 pages, thinking that is about as much as anyone wants to read. But this issue breaks the record! One reason is that I made the photos bigger, so that required more pages after people sent me fantastic photos. Another

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2026 Rally Schedule

March 4 - 8th Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA
Registration opened December 15th*
Hosts: The Ungermans & Broads

April 8 - 12th River Point Landing, Stockton, CA
Site Reg. done; waitlist - [Jotform for rally events soon](#)
Hosts: The Verdegaals & Winchells

April 16 - 19th Region 12 Cali Rally, V6 Ranch
Registration completed; waitlist
Host: Region 12

May 6 - 10th Cassini Ranch, Russian River
Registration opens January 2nd *
Hosts: The Bartelts & Intemanns

June 10 - 14th Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA
(Lassen area)
Registration opens April 1st
Hosts: The Scheuers & Daubers

August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA
Registration opens June 1st
Hosts: The Davisons & Villaires

August 22 - 27 International Rally at Minot, ND
Registration open now
Host: Airstream Club International

Sept. 9 - 13th Village RV, Truckee CA*
Registration ongoing (contact registrar first)
Hosts: The Margolis' and Macfarlane-Barnharts

Oct. 7 - 11th Flying Flags, Avila Beach CA
Registration opens August 1st
Hosts: Team Matteo, Team Paz

Oct. 28 - Nov 1 Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas NV
Registration opens TBA
Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 4 - 8th Benbow KOA Holiday, Benbow CA
Registration opens September 1st
Hosts needed

Dec. 2 - 6th 49er RV Park, Plymouth CA*
Registration opens TBD
Hosts needed

Pay attention for upcoming announcements in the Poppy or via an email blast for the latest registration information.

Asterisks denote self registration - be sure to follow directions for each separate rally.

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. Events lacking hosts or the minimum number of campers may be cancelled.

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appreciated their constant support and help. Aside from our Board members, key position holders (Juliet, Vicky and Elisa), other committee members and hosts - who I recognized at the Black Oak Rally, I want to again thank John Bibby, Carmen Ortiz, Brian Scheuer, Tom Smithson and Deanna Bain – who were always there for guidance and encouragement. My unsung heroes of the year, though, has to go to Lynn and Harold Hurley who not only hosted a rally by themselves but were a huge aid at virtually every rally they attended and certainly were a huge help for the two rallies when Janie and I were Co-Camp Counselors. They were always willing and able helpers and very supportive of my year. There were certainly many others who also deserve recognition and you know who you are. Thank you!

I'd be very remiss, though, not to mention my one and only First Lady, Janie, as she has been my support, rock, sounding board, editor and adviser throughout the year. She is absolutely one of a kind, with the energy of an army of volunteers. She never once complained about our role this year and I can

honestly say that she probably put more time and effort into my success than I did. She knows how I feel about her, as I tell her each and every day.

If you haven't figured it out yet, my point of this message is that all of these folks mentioned have one key thing in common – they are volunteers and share a key trait – they are driven by willingness – not obligation or compensation. One of my goals this year, besides improving our “inclusiveness” was trying and get more of our membership to volunteer – not just when asked. Our club is nothing without volunteers, and I think we all know how much easier and fun it can be when everyone is involved.

Thank you all again for a wonderful year and experience. I've gotten to know so many of you better and met some new members and affiliates along the way. I look forward to supporting the club as we move forward with our new President, Tom Webster. We are certainly in good hands!

Your NorCal Past President Tary Sallinger

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bidders for their wonderful support. Guide Dogs for the Blind, our charity recipient for the auction, will receive over \$21,000. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this charity that is near and dear to my heart.

On another subject, please consider the opportunity to host the 2026 December rally at Plymouth 49er Resort in Plymouth, California. We also are looking for members willing to take on the Auction for that rally. It could be you! Let us know and our 2025 team will be happy to share their experiences to help you on the way.

As we think about the coming year, my hope is that we will continue that spirit of welcome to all who come to be part of our community. We can think about our Club, how our rallies are

structured, how to foster more participation by members we see infrequently, activities that may expand the horizons of adventures and caravans to come. Please feel free to offer suggestions that can bring new ideas and energy to our Club and its members.

Looking forward to our first rally of the New Year at Jackson Rancheria in March. An exciting calendar of rallies awaits, from Klamath River RV Park in the North, to Village Camp RV in Truckee, from Avila Beach in the South, to Hat Creek KOA near Lassen, new adventures are ahead.

Keep your eye on the Poppy for updates on upcoming rallies and timelines for registration.

Your NorCal President Tom Webster

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is that this issue covers three rallies – the Region 12 Rally last October, the Lone Pine Rally in November and the Black Oak Winter Celebrations Around the World Rally and Charity Auction in December. We also have an obituary of one of our long time members – sweetheart Luann Hollis, and I just found out there is a new special Airstream being marketed as the Airstream Stetson + 6666 Special Edition Travel Trailer, so I had to report on that.

Coincidentally, I happened to see a 15 minute video of how Stetson Hats are made when I visited the Western Movie Museum in Lone Pine (another must stop if you are in the area!). A hat starts as a mass of Angora rabbit (and/or beaver fur) and is handmade via two-phase manufacturing processes. The first process occurs in Missouri, where the basic hat form is constructed from the fur which is turned into felt, then formed into a sombrero shaped form. The sombreros are then shipped to Texas in batches where the forms are inspected, blocked and finished into the classic Stetson we know. The entire process is fascinating. That Stetson and Airstream partnered to create a

“western trailer” does not surprise me, since they both are American Icons with similar reputations and hand crafting.

Anyway, check out the trailer. I think they are pretty cool even if the \$170,000 MSRP is a bit steep. Much more practical than the Frank Lloyd Wright version in my opinion! Not sure about the hat holders over the dinette that look cool, but... Maybe for those that wear Stetsons or collect ball caps, they might be very practical. As far as I know, the Stetsons are not included.

As for me, while I am relinquishing my Poppy duties to Damian and Ludmilla (and I wish them the best of luck!) I will not be doing nothing. I have agreed to help John Bibby with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the work that needs to be done there, so that will keep me busy. Plus Ed and I, along with the Broads, will be hosting the March rally at Jackson Rancheria, kicking off the 2026 rally year. It looks like 2026 will be a great rally year! Happy New Year everyone and see you down the road!

Elisa Ungerman, Poppy Editor

P.S. All those who attended the Lone Pine Rally or have seen the movie Tremors, did you notice that Bob Echols painted in the Graboid in his painting of the Hills behind the trailer? I did not discover this until I was editing this issue (after having seen the movie) and caught it. Bob and Carol confirmed that the Graboid is indeed in the painting. Look closely on page 10. Clever!



Rivers, Redwoods and Rivets Rally

Casini Ranch Family Campground

22855 Moscow Rd, Duncans Mills, CA 95430

May 6 - 10, 2026

Location

Unfortunately, Norcal had to cancel the May rally originally planned to occur at Vinnie's ranch in Wilton since he recently sold his property. But fortunately, our rally chair Juliet Scheuer was on top of things and was able to nimbly pivot, **snagging 30 sites at Casini Ranch Campground**, located in Sonoma County near the charming town of Duncan Mills. Then Vicky Bartelt and her sister Karen Intemann stepped up to host and voila! So hitch up and bring your aluminum to the Ranch for a memorable gathering in the heart of Sonoma County.

What is so good about this park? Location, location, location. Casini ranch offers easy access to walking trails and riverfront recreation. Kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and inner tubes are all available for rent from the Casini Ranch Boat Shack, with easy access to calm river waters. The Duncan Mills area offers a variety of recreational opportunities and sightseeing options including Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Preserve, Sonoma Coast State Park, and Willow Creek State Park. There are at least 61 wineries in the Russian River Valley <https://russianrivervalley.org/wineries/> and many more in Sonoma County at Large. Nearby towns are fun to visit: Duncans Mills, Jenner, Guerneville, and/or Bodega Bay. The Rivers End Restaurant is close by and is delightful, especially at sunset. Maybe while in Guerneville, take a tour of Auto Camp Sonoma, with all their custom Airstreams. It is the original Auto Camp, now one of eight - soon to be nine Auto Camps in the nation. (Airstream Club Members have been offered discounts to stay in one.)

The weather in May is typically ideal for outdoor activities, with its mild temperatures, and the area is beautiful with its lush greenery and blooming wildflowers. It is a perfect time to take advantage of the Duncan Mills region, renowned for its natural beauty, historic charm, and proximity to both the Russian River and the Sonoma Coast.

Rally Highlights

Each night, we will gather for Social Hour and enjoy appetizers lovingly prepared by our members.

On Wednesday, guests will arrive and settle into their site, enjoy the serene riverside setting and the opportunity to mingle and reconnect with fellow Airstreamers at the social hour.

On Thursday there will be a group Chuck Wagon Breakfast. We will gather 'round the Chuck Wagon and enjoy a tasty breakfast together.

Friday features the Cowpoke Fireside Meal. Each rig will prepare their own food for dinner, then gather to eat together in small groups around a campfire. This will bring different members together for a relaxed evening of good food and camaraderie. The rally will culminate with a social hour on Saturday.

Three Things You Need to Know Before You Go

First: check in: 2 pm; Check out: 12 pm. The park says **"Do not to arrive before 2 pm"** as its grounds crew needs time to prepare your site. **There is a \$50 fee for early arrival if your site is available.** If it is not ready, you will be asked to leave and return at the correct time (there is no room to park and wait for your site to be ready.)

Second, while dogs and cats are welcome **there is a \$5/nite dog fee.** "Dogs must be kept ON LEASH except for in our two dog parks! Please clean up after your pets - there are poo bags throughout the park. Pets are NOT allowed in buildings (General Store, Rec Hall, etc.) unless they are a registered service animal. Pets should be licensed and vaccinated. Pets may be tethered within your site only when you are present. For their happiness and safety, they must be accompanied at all times. Loud or aggressive dogs may be asked to leave."

Third, the sites reserved provide electric and water only, no sewer hook-up. However, there are two dump sites available on the property for your use.



Registration Information and Instructions for the Casini Ranch Rally

May 6 - 10, 2026

Registration for this rally opens at 9 a.m. on **January 2, 2026**. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page via the Club's webpage:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-may-2026-rally>

Or directly via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/253418843704157>

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE JOTFORM as multiple Jotform submissions make it difficult for the registrar and others. **If you make a mistake or have new information to add, contact the registrar directly with your changes via wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com.**

Attendees are chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis based on the time the completed Jotform is sent to the registrar. After completing and sending the Jotform, wait for an email from the registrar either confirming that you are registered for the rally or informing you that you are on the rally wait list.

If you are confirmed, then **call** the Park to claim your site. **1-800-451-8400**. The sites being held are

B2-B14, C15-C1, and A1-A10. Sites will be held until January 20, 2026. After that, any unclaimed sites will be returned to the park. You will pay all site fees directly to the park.

Contact the registrar if you have ANY changes to your registration including cancellation or if you wish to be wait listed after the registration deadline, which is January 20th. Best to email her at the email above. She will contact you as soon as she can.

Refund Policy: If you need to cancel, contact the registrar first. If a person on the wait list takes your place, you will receive a full refund. If there is no available person on the wait list, contact the park. If you cancel 8 days or more in advance of arrival (ex: cancellation request on July 1 for a July 9 arrival) of arrival are subject to a \$28.50 cancellation fee. Cancel 7 days or less: No refunds.

Hosts: Bartelts and Indermanns

Cost Information

- The nightly site fee is \$100.80/night. However, the park has discounts in May applicable on Sundays through Wednesdays. There are discounts for seniors 65+ (20%), AAA and AARP members (10%), first responders (20%) and Passport America (10%). You will pay this directly to the park.
- The dog fee is \$5.00/night, paid to the park if applicable.
- \$10 rally fee
- \$10 for the Cowboy "Chuck Wagon Breakfast"
- Sign-up for Cowpoke Friday Dinner to know how many are participating (no charge)

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From Your Rally Chair ...

Greetings NorCal, Welcome to our 2026 rally year with lots of fun and new experiences to participate in, from Jackson Rancheria to the redwood forest to the Pacific Ocean and more. We have a great line up with many of our members volunteering their time to host, but not to worry; we still have a few rallies available if you're looking to join in the fun and host a rally for 2026. Just check out our list of rallies within the Poppy and if there is a rally that looks appealing to you and you're available, don't be shy and host! It's so much fun. Yes there is a lot of work

involved, but it's totally doable and well worth the effort. Also, I'm happy to announce that Doug Fritz will be joining me in Co-Chairing the position of Rally Chair. There are a lot of moving parts with the position and Doug will be a great addition to the role. Lastly, I just wanted to thank our past hosts for taking the time and energy to create such fun and creative rallies in 2025. It is such an important and valuable part of our NorCal rally experiences.

Happy Camping, Juliet

ANNOUNCEMENT

*If you signed up for the **April Stockton Rally**, look out for the upcoming email for registering for rally meals and events at the rally. At the time you registered, neither hosts nor activities had been confirmed. Now they have and you will be informed of the schedule and costs via an email blast, with a Jotform link sometime this coming month.*

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Stephanie Shelley
Chattaroy, WA99003

Welcome New NorCal Members

Barbara Cyphers & Rick Ysunza
Lincoln, Ca 95648

NorCal Membership Numbers

188	Unit/Life Members
95	Affiliate Members
283	Total Members



January Birthdays

7 Eugene Spyksma
 8 Gary Rich
 11 Deanna Bain
 13 John White
 14 Linda Minder
 19 Stuart Lindsay
 19 Juliet Scheuer
 20 Bob Carl
 24 Dianne Fisher
 O'Donnell
 27 Jennifer Edwards
 28 Gail Hutto
 28 Margaret Sharp
 30 Roy Myers

February Birthdays

1 Bob Vasser
 1 Flavia Naves
 2 John Bibby
 5 Lora Broad
 5 Elain White
 7 Charlie Wright
 9 Tore Pearson
 18 Sunday Pearson
 19 Tom Reed
 23 Steve Holifield
 28 Patti Reed
 28 Kathy Warren

January Anniversaries

6 Glen/Jane Gold
 10 Mike/Jane Malone

February Anniversaries

12 Ken/Judy Bechthold
 24 JP and Claudia Sherry

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 our NorCal Membership Chair an email with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday

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

Region 12's Oktoberfest Rally At Bonnelli Bluffs



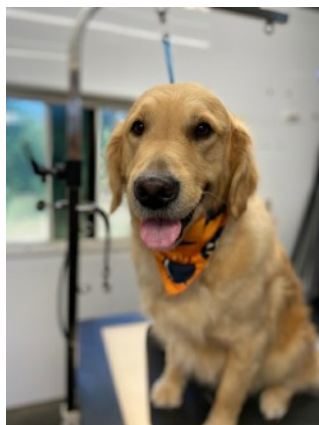
By Amy Webster

The beautiful fall weather awaited all of us who attended the Region 12 Rally at Bonnelli Bluffs in San Dimas on October 15-19, 2025, despite the heavy rains the day before and the snow on the hills. The campground was set up around a center tent where all the Oktoberfest activities were held. Small planes droned overhead every so often (well...maybe more often than that we were right next to a small airport!). There were 130 rigs and approximately 250 attendees at this rally.

Wednesday evening we gathered for the social and Yappy Hours, meeting other Region 12 members, even those without dogs. A BBQ train supplied almost everyone's dinner, but unfortunately, they ran out of food before those at the end of the line got there.



Dogs were pampered by a mobile dog grooming co. called Pawlished Puppies. They sponsored a table with dog-specific treats and pup cream as well as offered chances to win one of two beautiful baskets of dog goodies. Then it made grooming appointments for those who wanted clean



dogs. Our boys came home clean, brushed, with pretty Halloween scarves and smelling of pumpkin spice. They loved it, we did too!

The next morning there was a chance to visit and tour the beautiful Vintage Airstreams that was great fun. So many clever renovations.



The rally provided so many things to do. There were bike rides, e-bike demonstrations, pickle ball games, hikes and golf. But, the first order of business on the second day was for the Southern Californians to set up a Dodger watch party as the playoff games were in progress and San Dimas is right in the Dodger Zone.



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An afternoon of Paint and Sip was well received. While we gathered and spent our afternoon painting some beautiful pumpkins with water colors, we also made some great new friends and had a chance to renew acquaintances with old friends. After dinner with both old and new friends, the Vintage Club treated us to Ice Cream Treats.



Friday night was the Silver Soiree, this year an Oktoberfest celebration with sausages, salads, beer, and desserts provided by the various clubs. Many attendees came in full costume, lederhosen and dirndl skirts. Sausages were grilled by grill masters, and everything else was done in Potluck style. We provided some salad and apple desserts. Certainly was a night worth celebrating.

There were so many classes offered: one on Red Cross CPR training, another on cooking on the road by author Claudia Stave, another by Tonya Long on

how to use ChatGPT to help you increase your productivity and creativity, it was so informative and fun to play around. We created our own rally picture.



Saturday night was the annual charity Auction. This year Region 12 supported the McKinley Children's Center in San Dimas which is a group home for children who need special attention and care. The auction had

both a silent portion (our basket was won for a \$500.00 bid) and a live auction, raising \$15,600 for the Center. Lucky bidders went home happy, Tom and Hedda won a fabulous quilt.



Overall a successful and entertaining rally, fun for all who attended! Not many folks from NorCal made it, but we had fun with those who did.





Aka The Silver Screen Rally Lone Pine, CA November 4 - 9 2025

By Michelle Daubert

The Club's November rally was held in Lone Pine, California, from November 5th to 9th, on the scenic east side of the Sierras. The event, under the theme of movies set in Lone Pine, hosted 45 attendees in 23 trailers at the Boulder Creek RV Resort.



The area has been the backdrop for numerous Westerns and other films since the 1920s. The rally hosts were the Echols and the Deiwerths, with apprentice-hosts the Daubers.

On Wednesday, despite a wind-hold on Highway 395 south of Lone Pine causing some delayed arrivals, everyone made it in time for the opening dinner. The rally kicked off with a happy hour followed by a pizza dinner that included delicious fruit pies. The clubhouse tables featured amazing handmade mountain dioramas based on Western films shot in the Alabama Hills, which were created by artist and Club member Bob Echols. Bob also painted a lovely scene of an



Airstream in the Sierra Nevada (see above) and every attendee received a miniature framed print. The original painting was gifted to President Tary Salinger (on his wedding anniversary no less), who expressed great joy in receiving it.

Following dinner, the evening entertainment was a 7:00 PM showing of the campy 1990 horror classic, "**Tremors**," filmed in the area and featuring a young Kevin Bacon and country music star Reba McEntire. (Special thanks went to Elisa Ungerman and John Bibby for providing the necessary projection equipment, and Doug Fritz for setting up the sound system.)

Happy hour was a nightly event in the cozy clubhouse at 5:00 PM, always followed by a raffle featuring practical and useful prizes for Airstreamers. Ken Dauber kept the atmosphere light by trying out stand-up comedy, telling dad jokes between drawings. Every attendee was able to choose a nice prize. Popular items included a three-way phone charger (which could simultaneously charge a phone, iPad, and Apple Watch with one USB plug), a Black Diamond headlamp, a Lodge cast iron skillet, and netting tents to keep flies off outdoor food. The last raffle was held on Saturday during our final happy hour.



The rally included several informative and scenic daytime excursions. Thursday morning began with a group tour to the Museum of Western Film History. The museum tour started with a 15 minute fascinating video of the film history in the area, after which we could wander around, looking at the huge amount of fascinating material related to Lone Pine and the movies filmed there, including the very car used in the classic film "*High Sierra*" and the monster from "*Tremors*." (*Juliet Scheuer got up close and personal with the Graboid - see below*)

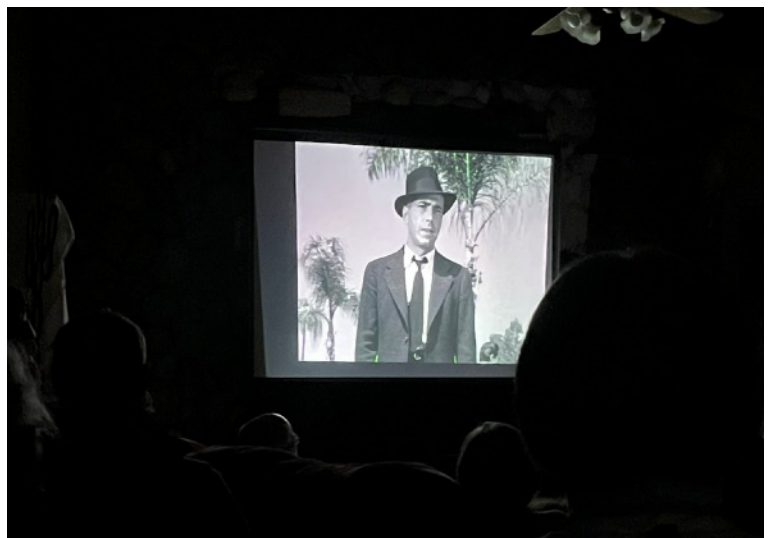


Afterwards, many participants went to the nearby Alabama Hills to see specific movie filming sites.

Friday featured a sobering morning trip led by Steve and Yoshi Deiwert to Manzanar National Historic Site where 11,000 Americans of Japanese descent and Japanese immigrants were interned for over three years during World War II. The visit served as a reminder of the importance of respecting civil rights and treating immigrants with dignity. Although the visitor center was closed due to a government shutdown, the signage, buildings, gardens, and cemetery provided an informative experience for attendees. Attendees learned about the heartbreaking losses of homes, farms, and businesses, and the incredible resilience of the Japanese prisoners.



Friday evening culminated in a showing of "*High Sierra*," starring Humphrey Bogart in his breakout role as a film star and featuring the nearby Whitney Portal Road.



On Saturday, following a short business meeting led by President Tary Salinger, Michele and Ken Dauber organized and led a well-planned group hike to Mobius Arch in the Alabama Hills. There were options for all



levels, ranging from short hikes of 1 to 1.5 miles, extending to a longer 3.5-mile trek. Over two dozen members participated in the hike. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the unique geology of the Alabama Hills and to see the magnificent Sierra Crest

Ed note: Defying some expectations, the weather, the scenery, the activities, and the camaraderie experienced on this rally were fantastic!. A really worthwhile trip!



NorCalers hiking in the Alabama Hills

from a striking vantage point.

In addition to the scheduled activities, attendees took time to explore other local features, including trips up to the pine trees at the end of Whitney Portal Road, the Owens Lake area, and the Keogh Hot Springs south of Bishop.

The rally concluded on Saturday evening with a celebration of birthdays and anniversaries led by former Club President Deanna Bain, followed by a delicious taco dinner and several tasty cakes.



Deanna also announced an exciting development: she will be supporting the Club's Caravan Committee by offering training for how to lead a Club Caravan at the upcoming March rally in Jackson!

Finally, Michele and Ken Dauber gave a presentation about their experience on the "North to Alaska" caravan in summer 2025, complete with pictures of the bears and other wildlife they encountered.



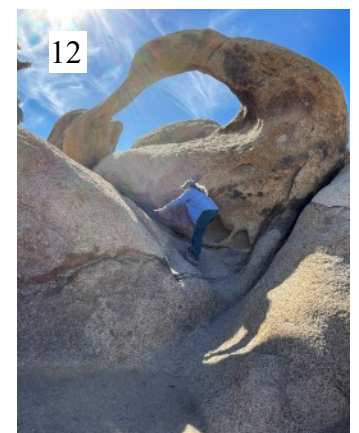
John White and Tom Bains enjoying the fantastic taco dinner



Hosts Michelle Daubert, Yoshi & Steve Deiwert relaxing

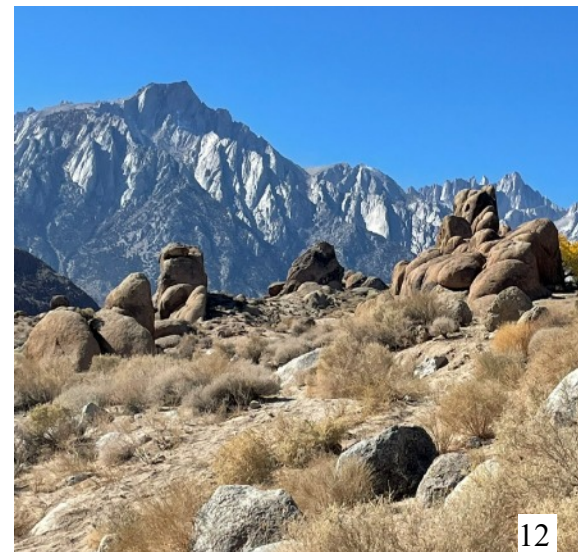
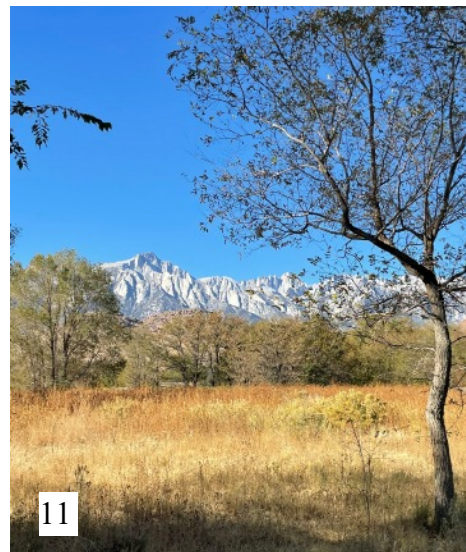


1-3 Michelle & Ken Daubert handle raffle prize duty; 4 Appetizer grazers during Happy Hour; Deanna Bains emcees Anniversaries - even checking out Janie Salinger's new bauble for their 20th anniversary; 7 The Dauberts with Juliet Scheuer; 8-9 Hiking to Mobius Arch; 10 One of the Alabama Hills dioramas made by Bob Echols for table center pieces; 11 Doug Fritz, Debbie Ames, Janet Margolis, Cathy and Bill Maffei at Mobius Arch; 12 Kristine Carey taking a short cut up to Mobius Arch.





1 Debbie Ames, Kimberly MacFarlane, Cathy Maffei and Yoshi Deiwert at Happy Hour; 2 Doug Fritz, Debbie Ames, Kimberly Macfarlane; 3 Harold Hurley and John Bibby; 4 Outside of Western Museum; 5 Debbie Ames/Doug Fritz trying on Stetson hats; 6 Inside of Western Museum; 7 Brian and Juliet Scheuer, John Bibby, Carol Echols and Elain White at Western Museum with Tremors Graboid; 8 Juliet & Brian Scheuer at Manzanar; 9 The Dauberts and Maffeis at Manzanar, 10 Whitney Portal Road with Mt. Witney in the back; 11 View of Eastern Sierras from Visitor Center; 12 View of Eastern Sierras from Alabama Hills.





Winter Celebrations Around the World Rally

Dec 3 - 7 2025 Black Oak Casino

By Damien Scaerou

Our 2025 year-end NorCal celebration, the “Winter Celebrations Around The World” rally, happened from December 3rd to December 7th at The RV Park at Black Oak Casino Resort in Tuolumne, CA with wonderful sunny weather and refreshing (some might say nippy) temperatures.



The rally was hosted by **Lora and Tom Broad, Team Matteo**, with **Joanne and Cliff Roblee** as apprentices. Special shout-out to **Doug Fitzgerald** and **Jessie Doornik** who were also part of the hosting team during the planning phases but unfortunately could not be with us at the rally.

Along with the beautiful Christmas tree, we had decorated our tables following our “Winter Celebrations Around the World” theme, where each table was named after various winter festivals or figures, including St Nicholas, Hanukkah, the Scottish Hogmanay tradition, or the Dongzhi festival to name a few. The tables were populated with “interesting fact” cards about their theme; for example, did you know that continuing an old Yule tradition during the Christmas season, large goats are constructed out of straw in towns and cities throughout Sweden?

The appetizer table was also populated with a few cards, this time with Merry Christmas in many languages, from Japanese to Norwegian. Did you find out on one of those cards how to say it in Swahili?

Now on to the activities: we started on Wednesday evening with the first Happy Hour and appetizer contest of the week - congratulations to **Tary Salinger** for his winning home-made smoked salmon - followed by pizza night. A

great time to reacquaint ourselves with each other and get into the rally spirit.

Thursday started early in the morning with coffee and breakfast, followed by this year’s Christmas Cookie Exchange which saw our competitors bring top-level offerings we could not get our hands off of. This year, **Jean Marie Grimbleby** came out ahead with her no-name cookies. Keep’em all coming next year!

In the evening, **Kimberly MacFarlane-Barnhart** won us over with her warm brie and cranberry bites for our second appetizer contest during the happy hour. We continued with our **Past President’s Dinner in honor of Tary Salinger**, in the form of a holiday dish potluck for which all of you brought many wonderful meals and desserts. To mix it all up and in an effort to fulfill Tary’s wish for our members to know each other better, tables were assigned at random, drawn from a hat (or more accurately, picked from a colander which, sure, you can use as a hat in a pinch, but that’s entirely up to you).

We closed that night with a very fun round of the white elephant game, and the mystery of the rally: who brought the gynecologist hat? (Unknown) The game was masterfully hosted by **Sharon Paz** as she made it full of great moments and big laughs.



We continued on Friday morning with coffee and croissants, featuring (almost home-made) warmed up croissants. The Silent Auction for this year’s charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind of San Rafael, opened up later that day, and culminated at the end of Happy Hour in a rush to

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squeeze in the last few bids. Pencils down! Our third contest of appetizers had us taste yet more great dishes all while the auction was heating up, and **Carli Reece** stood on top with her famous tacos. No planned dinner on Friday, but some of our members enjoyed the "Million Dollar Quartet Christmas" musical at the East Sonora Theater in Sonora, CA that evening.

Our final full day Saturday did not feature breakfast as the morning was reserved for the board meeting and the general meeting. Our first big event of the day however was the President's installation ceremony in the late morning, welcoming **Tom Webster as our new president**.

After picking up our auction items we then enjoyed a great Q&A with **Vinnie Lamica** where we learned about the state of the business, recommended tire inflation, and proper wheel lug nuts check, among other great topics and questions from the audience. There may or may not have been a hypothetical story about an Airstream losing a wheel going down the highway and hitting another Airstream, allegedly.



During all of these activities throughout the week, **Darlene Winchell** hosted picture sessions in front of trailers, with proceeds going to this year's charity. Thanks Darlene for donating your time, and for the great pictures.



With our last Happy Hour and appetizer contest, we entered our final evening of the rally. Yes, more great food to try, although my scale and pants had started protesting

at that point of the weekend, but they didn't get to vote so they had to sacrifice for the good of the rally. Speaking of vote, the final appetizer award went to **Kris Carey** with her salmon amuse-bouche.

We got on to our dinner, hosted by Chef Dave, and steaks provided by **Tom Broad** (thanks Tom). Many helped the host team that night, but special shout out to **Tony Paz** for single-handedly cooking all the steaks! Also thanks **Doug Fritz** for holding the light for Tony to see what he was doing. Thanks as well to **Deanna Bain** for hosting the birthdays and anniversaries celebrations.



As for holiday decorations, the best decorated trailer award went to **Kimberly MacFarlane-Barnhart** - what a great holiday scene!

Finally, the auction results were announced and our club can be proud to say that we keep beating records every year: For this 2025 rally, over \$16,000 were collected for Guide Dogs for the Blind of San Rafael through the auction, with an additional cash donation by an anonymous donor of \$5,000, totaling over \$21,000! Big thanks to **Janie Salinger** and **Vicky Bartelt** hosting another great (and their last) auction this year, as well as their helpers **Lynn Hurley** and **Karen Intemann**, and huge thanks to all who donated and their big, big hearts: you are making a difference.

And thank you again to all of you who attended and helped, making it yet another great Christmas rally. Happy New year!



More Scenes of the Christmas Rally ...



Christmas Rally continued

Ed note: During the rally, we had two de-greenings, meaning announcing members who are no longer Club "newbies." Congratulations to Jeff and Kimberly MacFarlane-Barnhart right (who have stepped up to host their first rally in 2026) and (far right) Hank and Carl Reece with their family. Hope to see you at many more rallies!



Airstream Club Christmas Auction Shatters Records With Holiday Generosity

Our Northern California Airstream Club came together this Christmas with an outpouring of generosity, camaraderie, and good old-fashioned fun — and the results were nothing short of extraordinary.

Thanks to the incredible participation of our members, our annual Christmas Auction raised \$16,315, with an additional \$5,000 donated by one especially generous member. That brings our grand total to \$21,315 — a truly remarkable achievement!

This year's event featured an outstanding silent auction filled with creative, homemade, and one-of-a-kind items, plus themed baskets, experiences, and member-crafted treasures. Our raffle and 50/50 drawing were also huge hits, adding excitement and big smiles throughout the night.

Raffle Winners

A big round of applause to our lucky raffle and 50/50 winners:

Elisa Ungerman — winner of a brand-new e-bike!

Brian Burgess — proud new owner of a Pottery Barn Airstream cooler!

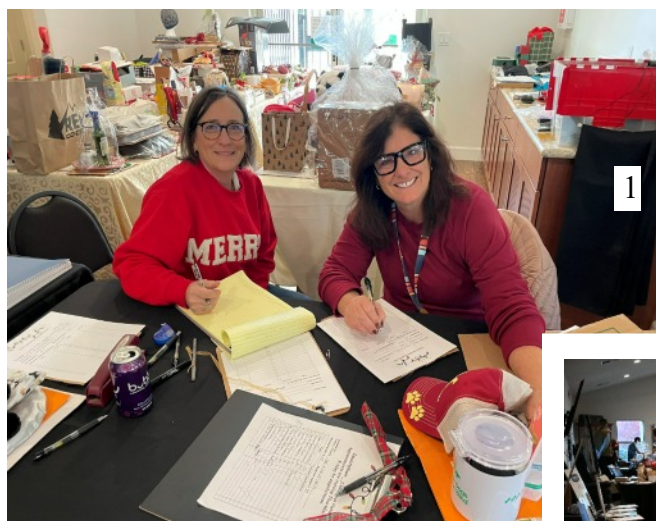
Julie Perez — took home the Solo Stove XL!

Debbie Ames — winner of the 50/50 cash prize!

We want to give a very special shout-out to our incredible auction team — Karen Intemann and Lynn Hurley — who worked tirelessly with us before, during, and after the event to make everything run seamlessly. We're also grateful to every member who helped decorate, set up, organize donations, and keep the evening running smoothly. This truly was a club-wide effort. An additional shout out (which is very well deserved) to the husbands, the "Toters and Loaders:" Paul Bartelt, Harold Hurley, Jeff Intemann and Tary Salinger - you guys rocked it!

We couldn't be prouder of the kindness and generosity within our Airstream community. Thanks to all of you, we are thrilled to donate this year's proceeds to Guide Dogs for the Blind, supporting their remarkable work in transforming lives. Here's to another year of giving, celebrating, and shining bright together. Happy Holidays, Airstreamers!

Warmly submitted,
Janie Salinger and Vicky Bartelt



1 Vicky and Janie doing the intake work;
2 Items auctioned that were donated by Guide Dogs for the Blind; 3 Lynn Hurley helping; 4 One of the lots: a beloved fan from Ludmilla's mother; 5 The auction tables; 6 E bike raffle winners: Elisa and Ed Ungerman

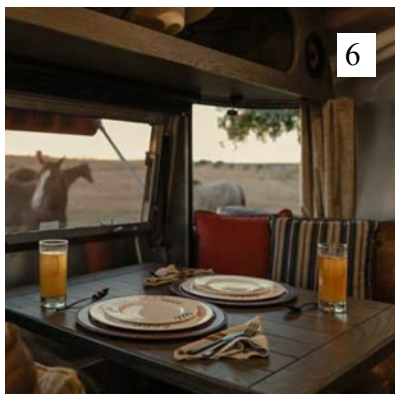
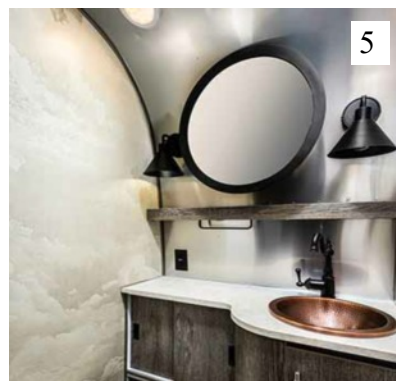
Meet the newest Airstream: The Airstream Stetson + 6666 Special Edition Travel Trailer

The newest “special edition” Airstream has been released. Airstream recently unveiled The 27FB Stetson + 6666, a completely road worthy vehicle that looks very comfortable and probably won’t show the dirt. Reminiscent of the 2016 Pendleton, the trailer features a cowboy-inspired aesthetic. It has Solar Front Window Protection with Stetson + 6666 Graphic., 50 A Service Dual Ducted A/C with Heat Pump (BTU), complete awning package with redish awnings plus patio awning with embroidered Stetson + 6666 Logo , rear hatch with sliding screen, vintage Stetson artwork in the trailer, hat & gear storage, a farmhouse style hammered copper sink, stylized rusted steel laminate countertop, custom rug, leather

tie back curtains, genuine leather seating reflecting “rugged elegance,” a gourmet bar area, and an oak dinette table. Airstreams promises “lots of storage” in this edition. It would be perfect for the Pendleton Roundup or Calgary Stampede.

You can purchase the trailer with either a double or twin beds, and various accessories. The MSRP starts at about \$170,000. Of course, that price does not include all the add-ons such as solar, lithium batteries, upgraded converter, etc. Note that it is about \$20,000 cheaper than the Frank Lloyd Wright version. Personally, I really like the interior and color scheme, although I would have to see it in person to verify. Love the look of the couches!

- Editor



1 External view of trailer with red rub rail; 2 interior view with FQB; 3 interior view; 4 hamered copper sink, 5 bathroom, 6 dinette, oak table and hatch; 7 dinette table, hatch and Stetson hat storage



Memorial to Luann Hollis

Luann Cecelia Hollis

March 2, 1940 - July 14, 2025

Luann Cecelia Hollis, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, in Carmichael, California, at the age of 85. Born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 2, 1940, she was the daughter of Joseph Salvatore Naples and Rose Adelaide Naples, and devoted sister to Mary Jo Helm. On July 7, 1962, Luann married the love of her life, Ronald Irwin Hollis, at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Encino. Their beautiful union lasted over 63 years, creating a legacy of love and devotion that will inspire generations to come.

A Life Dedicated to Music and Family

Luann devoted 46 years of her life to music education, sharing her passion and talent with countless students. She served as a private piano teacher and music teacher at Our Lady of the Assumption School, where she also established the parish's bell choir. Her musical gifts enriched the lives of her students and the entire community. A woman of deep faith, Luann was an active member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, where she played piano for mass and participated in the women's group. She also served her community as a Girl Scout Leader, always ready to guide and nurture young minds.

Education and Early Life

Luann graduated from Corvallis High School in 1958, where she earned an Award Certificate from the California Scholarship Federation. She continued her education at Immaculate Heart College, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Music in School Music.

Family Legacy

Luann's greatest joy was her family. She raised five successful children, ensuring each received a quality Catholic school education. She is survived by her devoted husband Ronald; her children Ron (Eva), Lori (Scott), John (Rowena), Mike, and Chrissie (Jake); her grandchildren Daniel (Gabrielle), David (Justine), Diana, Hayden, Bryan, Jonathan, Ronald, Kalista, and Jacob; and her great-grandchild Kai.

A Life of Simple Pleasures

Luann found happiness in life's simple pleasures. She was an expert gardener, particularly renowned for her zucchini and tomatoes, and had a passion for drying



fruits, with a specialty in dried figs. Her annual Italian Christmas cookie production was a cherished family tradition that brought everyone together during the holidays.

A talented craftsperson, Luann created personalized cards for birthdays and holidays and enjoyed cross-stitch work. She and Ron loved traveling together, especially in recent years, with their NorCal Airstream Travel group, where they collected local crafts from their adventures.



A Life Well Lived

Luann's life was a testament to the power of love, faith, music, and family. From her birthplace in Chicago to her final home in Carmichael, with meaningful years in Encino, she touched countless lives through her teaching, her music, and her unwavering devotion to those she loved. Her legacy lives on through the melodies she taught, the lives she touched, and the family she raised with such love and dedication. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

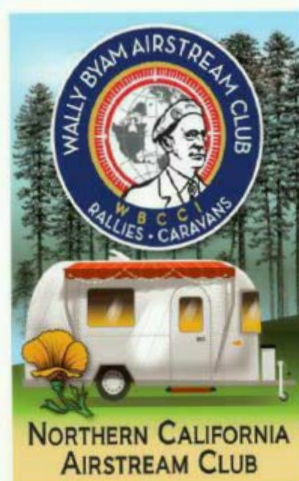
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to music education programs or Catholic school scholarships in memory of Luann. Her funeral was held Friday, August 8, 2025, at Mission Rey Church, followed by her Cemetery Committal at San Fernando Mission Cemetery.

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January 2026

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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!

