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President's Letter

By Paul Sandness

Thank you to the San Diego Airstream Club (SDAC) for the opportunity to serve as your President for 2025! Although I am still officially president through the remainder of the year, this is my last article as president for the newsletter.

I always like to give a short report on our recent and upcoming rallies, so here it goes. Our 65th Anniversary "Flamingle Party" rally held at Pechanga was a huge success. Thanks to Sandi & Bobby Adame and Jack & Cindy Boaz for hosting this great event. You will find a more detailed article about the rally later in this newsletter.

The Region 12 rally at Bonelli Bluffs in San Dimas was a lot of fun and well run, as they always are. I'm happy to report that 13 rigs from SDAC were in attendance. We were not parked near each other but we did gather on Friday night at Ruth and Paul's site for a happy hour. It was a good visit and nice to get everyone from our club together. Pat Davison was our club representative on the R12 planning committee. It's a big commitment throughout the year in order to pull off a successful R12 rally. So thank you Pat for representing the club and for all of your hard work.

San Diego Airstream Club Officers and Chairpersons for 2025

- President: Paul Sandness
- 1st VP: Kathy Swangin
- 2nd VP: Cheryl Henry
- Secretary: Zella Burk
- Treasurer: Bobbi Mathies
- Trustee: Marlene Bowman
- Trustee: Jeffrey Pincus
- Past President: Pat Davison
- Membership: Lee Havens
- Bylaws: Jana Wilson
- Communications & Web: Ruth Sandness
- Newsletter: Rene' Boatman

President's Letter, continued

By Paul Sandness

Back by popular demand was the Silver Soiree. This year the event was an Octoberfest Theme. Region 12 provided the main dish and each club was tasked with serving a side dish. SDAC served applesauce which seemed to be a crowd favorite. Thanks to Ruth for being in charge of the SDAC table and to Marlene Bowman, Marla Liberty, Ann DiPietro and Lisa Sciabica for helping out. Special thanks to Lee and Nancy Havens for putting together the SDAC silent auction basket. They did a beautiful job and it was a popular entry. The winning bid on our club's basket was $550. We have included some rally photos in this newsletter. If you have never attended a R12 rally I encourage you to do so. Next year's event will be in Las Vegas.

In November (13-16), Ray and Jane Barger are organizing an event-filled rally at KOA Vail Lake in Temecula. The registration is now closed as all of the 15 sites are spoken for. It should be a good one.

The December rally campsite registration is now closed. However, seating at the Friday night (12/5) dinner is still available as well as the Saturday afternoon (12/6) installation luncheon. The installation luncheon is our annual event where we welcome our incoming officers and committee chairs, say thank you to our outgoing officers and committee chairs and give special thanks to others that have helped make 2025 a successful year. Please join us.

I want to thank our SDAC 2025 board for their help and support. You guys helped make my year as president a good experience.

We will soon be holding our election for the incoming 2026 officers. Expect to receive the ballot by email soon. Every member gets a vote so please plan to support the club by casting yours.

Thanks again for allowing me to be your club president. It has been a great experience and has given me the opportunity to get to know more of you.

You have a great group of incoming officers and committee chairs for 2026 so please continue showing support for them and our club.

I hope to see you at a rally or club event soon.
Paul

San Diego Airstream Club 2025 Rally Schedule

Nov 13-16 (3 nights) - KOA at Vail Lakes, Temecula - 15 sites
Hosts: Jane and Ray Barger

Dec 4-7 (3 nights) - Sun Outdoors, Chula Vista (Installation luncheon) - 24 sites
Hosts: Kathy and Lynn Swangin with MaryAnn and Dennis Jeter

Interested in Hosting or co-Hosting?
See the 2026 Rally list in this newsletter edition. Sign up to host before your desired rally is spoken for!

Attention Rally Hosts!

The club has the following available to you to use when hosting a rally:

- 10 x 30 outdoor tent (complete with carrying case)
- Movie projector, screen and speaker
- Whiteboard

If you are interested in using any of these items when hosting a rally, please contact Paul or Kathy to coordinate getting them to you.

Pechanga Resort Casino Rally, September 2025

by Sandi Adame

Our “Let’s Flamingle Together” rally at Pechanga Resort Casino was fabulous fun for almost 30 participants. Lots of activities and delicious foods.

Friday was a hosted chili bowl and hotdog funfair with the majority of the group attending the “Temptations and Four Tops” Concert at the Casino that evening.

Saturday included “fabulous” breakfast burritos before we headed off to the Temecula Airstream dealership for a private tour. During the day, there was wine tasting, Old downtown Temecula or just hanging at the pool as the weather was perfect. Saturday night, we began our year-long celebration of SDAC 65th Anniversary. We toasted ourselves with drinks, dinner and cake, shared club history with photo albums, played a trivia game and won prizes.

It was a Rally not to have missed…but so are all our wonderful rallies as we share friendship and memories together. See you down the road!

1st Vice President's Letter

By Kathy Swangin

Wow, hard to believe it's November already!

Boy has the year gone by quickly. We returned about a week ago from our 12-week cross country. You know the first time we did this it seemed daunting, but with a little advance planning and the mindset that it was just a lot of short trips strung together, it's not that bad. By the time we return it feels both like we've been gone forever, and that it went by too quickly! Some of the highlights of our trip, outside of spending time with friends (new and old) and family along the way were the following locations.

* Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, OH - the place where the Shawshank Redemption was filmed, along with several others. Built as a reformatory for young men, it started out as a place of inspiration, and you can see that in the architecture. Over time, things that changed, but it is still a fascinating place to visit.

* Gettysburg National Military Park and Cemetery, Gettysburg, PA - My paternal grandparents are buried here. Both served in WWI, Grammy as a Nurse, Grampy as a SGT. Made me wonder if they met before the war, during it, or afterwards.

Italian Sausage Gnocchi Soup

1 lb ground mild Italian sausage
8 oz bag spinach, roughly chopped or hand shredded
2 tbsp minced garlic
2 cups low sodium chicken broth
2 cups half and half (or heavy cream)
3 oz grated parmesan
1 package of gnocchi
1 tbsp tomato paste
1 tsp each or salt, pepper, italian seasoning, oregano, parsley, crushed red pepper flakes, onion powder, garlic powder.

How to:
1. Add 1 tsp olive oil to a large pot/dutch oven over medium heat. Add minced garlic.
2. Add Italian sausage and completely cook. Then add all seasonings and tomato paste.
3. Pour in chicken broth and bring to a boil. Then add gnocchi and cook for 3-5 mins.
4. Reduce heat to low and add in half & half/cream. Then add grated parmesan. Last, stir in shredded spinach.
5. Let everything simmer for 10 minutes until mixture is thickened, then serve.
Serves 4

1st Vice President's Letter, continued

By Kathy Swangin

* Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA - an aviation museum outside of Dulles Airport. Great history of aviation from the Wright Brothers through the Space Shuttle. They have the Enola Gay, SR-71, Space Shuttle, Concorde, among other planes, both commercial and military.

* Luray Caverns, Shenandoah Valley - quite amazing. Words and pictures do not do it justice.

* The Biltmore Estate, Ashville, NC - 175,000 square foot estate on 8,000 acres. What a place to retreat to. With 30 guest rooms, stables, gymnasium, indoor pool, bowling alley, library and plenty of space, it is spacious and yet cozy at the same time. And then there's the artwork that fills the house.

* Bat emergence - there are several caves in Texas and if you are ever near one, it's something to see, as well as very educational. We went to the one at Old Tunnel State Park in Fredricksburg, the smallest state park in Texas!

But it's good to be home. We are looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming rallies and meeting the new members that have joined the club recently.

Kathy

October 2025 Region 12 Rally
Bonelli, Bluffs

Help Us Make Memories—Host Volunteers Wanted for Rally Fun & Friendship!

We have a great schedule of rally locations for 2026 and there are still openings for rally hosts! If you've never hosted a rally, it's a great way to get to know your fellow Streamers and have fun in the process. Yes, it does require some work, but how much is entirely up to you. If it seems a little daunting, enlist the help of a co-host. Get your creative juices flowing and show us a little about yourself. Don't worry, you won't be alone. The rally committee, and anyone who has ever hosted is there to help you along. Give it a try, you won't regret it! Contact Kathy Swangin with your questions or for more information at events.sdac@gmail.com

SDAC Rally Sign up Sheet for 2026

Date	*Location*	*Host*	*Co-Host*
JANUARY 16-18 (2 nights)	*Golden Village Palms RV Resort, Hemet CA*	*Pat Davison*	*Kathy & Lynn Swangin*
FEBRUARY 19-22 (3 nights)	*Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella CA*	*Lee and Nancy Havens*	*Thurman & Linda Dalrymple*
MARCH 20-22 (2 nights)	*Guajome Regional Park, Oceanside CA*		
MAY 15-17 (2 nights)	*Pinezanita RV Park, Julian CA*		
JUNE 18-21 (3 nights)	*Prado Regional Park, Chino, CA*		
JULY 16-19 (3 nights)	*Serrano Campground, Big Bear Lake, CA*	*Steve & Cheryl Henry*	
SEPTEMBER 18-20 (2 nights)	*Mission Bay RV Resort, San Diego, CA*	*Stephen & Diane Jardon*	
NOVEMBER 12-15 (3 nights)	*The Springs at Borrego Springs RV Resort, Borrego Springs, CA*	*Ray & Jane Barger*	*Jeffrey & GiGi Pincus*
DECEMBER 4-6 (2 nights)	*Sun Outdoors Chula Vista, Chula Vista, CA*	*Dan & Carrie Seigenthaler*	*Ed & Rose Harris*

Host sign ups needed!

2nd Vice President's Letter

By Cheryl Henry

Have you checked out the San Diego Airstream Club webpage yet? You can find it at https://airstreamclub.org/san-diego and it has a lot of great information.

You can see the past club presidents listed all the way back to when the club formed in 1960! If you click on Rallies and Events, you will be taken to a map with pins for each of the rallies planned for the rest of 2025 and 2026. You can click on Newsletters and read all of our past newsletters (in case you forgot to save Kathy's white bean chicken chili recipe from the March newsletter!).

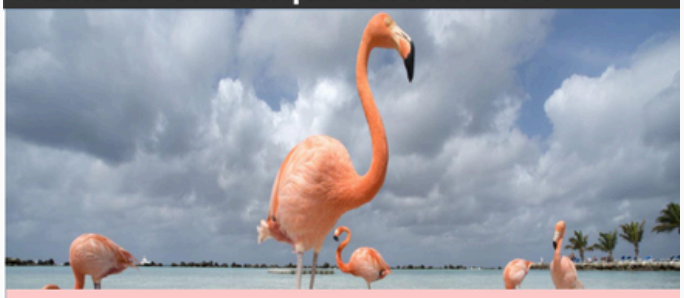
It's your one-stop-shop for all things related to the San Diego Airstream Club and we're working hard to keep it updated and useful for our members. So check it out and let us know what you think.

Membership Chair Update

by Lee Havens

Members & Partners: 214

Number of Unique BRNs: 114



Welcome Our Newest Members

Erick and Diana Perkins	*BRN 03806*
Victor and Elizabeth Aguilar	*BRN 12425*
Johnathan and Yolanda Daly	*BRN 26236*
Jason and Mariana De Amayisca	*BRN 06411*
Glenn Billman and Jamie Millar	*BRN 06412*
Myle Syverud and Becky Kremer	*BRN 16105*

Upcoming Info for February 2026 Cocachella Lakes Rally

If you are thinking of going to the upcoming Coachella Lakes RV Resort Rally February 19-22, 2026, you can sign up for Modernism Week and the Vintage Trailer Show in Palm Springs now! The Vintage Trailer Show is Saturday, February 21st. The cost is $30 a person. You can also sign up for other events on Saturday as well.

Go to Modernismweek.com and search under Saturday, February 21st for tickets. Events sell out quickly.

Sun-Dried Tomato Goat Cheese Chicken Recipe
Trailer Tested & Tasty (T3)
https://thewholecook.com/sun-dried-tomato-goat-cheese-chicken/#wprm-recipe-container-32530
Another delicious recipe from Kathy!

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APRIL 16-19 Region 12 Cali Rally, V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA

MAY 15-17 (2 nights) Pinezanita RV Park, Julian CA

JUNE 18-21 (3 nights) Prado Regional Park, Chino, CA

JULY 16-19 (3 nights) Serrano Campground, Big Bear Lake, CA

AUGUST 22-27 ACI International Rally, Minot ND

SEPTEMBER 18-20 (2 nights) Mission Bay RV Resort, San Diego, CA

OCTOBER 28-November 1 Region 12 Rally, Oasis Las Vegas Resort, Las Vegas, NV

NOVEMBER 12-15 (3 nights) The Springs at Borrego Springs RV Resort, Borrego Springs, CA

DECEMBER 4-6 (2 nights) Sun Outdoors Chula Vista, Chula Vista, CA

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Haunting Questions Remain

By A.L. Uminium and Jeffrey Pincus

Issue #65

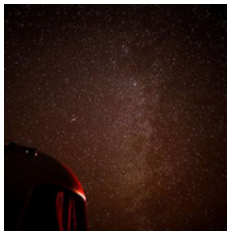
Have you ever wondered about the stars? Then, you are not alone…

Human fascination with stars has been driven for millennia by a powerful interplay of observation, speculation, and the creation of myths and religious explanations.

Airstreams displaying "Stars" surrounding their BRNs have driven many ACI members to hypothesize the origins of these stars too. Some ideas for displaying a star include, but are not limited to:

- the number of cross-country expeditions completed.
- the number of international rallies attended.
- the number of victorious defenses of Earth against other worldly beings.
- the number of times you've forgotten to unhook your safety chains.
- the number of successful parallel parking efforts at a rally.

These hypotheses may bring a smile to your face but they are not the answer. The truth is about to be told.



The stars on this Airstream signify 35 years of Airstream adventures.

An Old Program Experiences a Revival

According to a well-known website "The stars on an Airstream trailer represent the owner's years of membership in the Airstream Club International. Each red star signifies five years of continuous membership. The stars are typically displayed alongside a member's unique "Big Red Number." Paying your membership dues "on-time" affects the calculation of your years as a member.

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SDAC Members will receive their "STARS" from our club. We will be presenting the stars at our upcoming Installation Rally in Chula Vista, December 4-7, 2025. Stars will be mailed to members who are not able to attend.

Then, as the well-known San Diegan, Jerry Coleman, used to say, "You can hang a star on that baby!"