



Greater Bay Area Airstream Club Newsletter January 2026



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President's Message
Jill Impink

Greetings and Happy New Year, GBAAC club members and affiliates! This is one of my favorite times of the year- it brings a fresh start and new opportunities. And now that the holidays are behind us, I am excited to begin my term as president of our wonderfully diverse camping club and serve alongside our talented and dedicated executive board members.

I hope to continue the outstanding leadership provided by Mike Blom, whom we can't thank enough for guiding us through 2025. Mike will stay on as Past-President and newsletter editor for the 2026 season! And a big thank you to all of the hosts and co-hosts who worked to provide us with nine fun and unique rallies in 2025!

As we look ahead to 2026, this year's rally schedule (see below) offers 12 opportunities to get out and camp with the club—two of which are boondocking! Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the club, we hope you'll join us at a rally this year.

Rallies don't seem to be selling out as quickly as in the past, but if you missed the registration window for a rally you'd like to attend, please be sure to put yourself on the waitlist. The waitlist often moves, and those interested receive a message to sign up. I have gotten into a few rallies this way!

We believe this rally schedule has something for everyone, but please reach out to me if you feel we've missed anything or have an idea—your opinion matters!

Additionally, our yearly collaboration with the Sacramento Valley Airstream Club means you will receive notifications for their rallies by default. If you haven't already, joining SVAC as an "affiliate member" ensures you always receive their rally notifications. This also applies to any ACI club and is a fun way to expand your camping opportunities beyond our own rallies.

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President's Message continued

As an all-volunteer organization, we truly appreciate your time and involvement. We have many opportunities available—big and small, one-time and ongoing. Hosting or co-hosting a rally is a great way to get first access to sign up, so don't hesitate to ask if you're interested or if you have a special talent you'd like to share. As they say, many hands make light work!

Lastly, I will be going to the International Rally in Minot, North Dakota, at the end of August. If you are also planning to attend, look out for information in the near future about caravanning and parking together. Some coordination is required to park us together.

No matter how you choose to spend your time in your Airstream, I hope you can make time for a GBAAC rally in 2026!

Jill Impink
President GBAAC

2026 Rallies

Happy New Year! Check out the Rallies below. Remember if you volunteer to host / co-host, you will be given the ability to sign up for the rally in advance of the event being released to the general membership. Hosting lets you go to a location you want and no waitlist!

2026 GBAAC & SVAC Rally Schedule					
Club	Dates	Campground & Location	Host	Co-Host	Notes
2026					
SVAC	Jan 22 - 26	Rolling Hills Casino, Corning	Jim Guerin & Jill Warnock	Roberta & Roger Peeples	Released
GBAAC	Feb 5 - 8	Coyote Lake Campground Gilroy	Sally MacDonald Scott Gerken	TBD	Released – check w/ hosts
SVAC	Feb 26 - Mar 2	Petaluma KOA, Petaluma	Brian & Elena Tucker	Nadine & Josh Holbrook	30 sites held - released
GBAAC	Mar 12 - 16	Harbor Village RV Park, Half Moon Bay	Dennis Shakespeare	Maria Deguzman	30 sites held - released
SVAC	Mar 26 - 30	Paso Robles RV Ranch, Paso Robles	Paul Wilhelmsen	Laura Santos	30 sites held - release TBD
Region 12	April 16 - 19	Cali Rally - V6 Ranch, Parkfield	Region 12		Released - full, sign up for waitlist
GBAAC	April 23 - 26	Lake Camanche	Chris Martindill	Joann & Marc Godoy	Released
GBAAC	April 29 - May 3	Rober Ferguson Observatory, Kenwood	Mike & Shawn Blom	Eric & LaVerne McHenry	Off-grid, released, full
SVAC	May 7 - 11	Pinnacles National Park, Paicines	Brian Tucker	Nadine Holbrook	Book w/ campground 6mo in advance
GBAAC	May 21 - 26	Calistoga Fairgrounds	Mike Blom - GBAAC	Jason Grendahl - Grapes & Grains	Joint GBAAC/Grapes & Grains Rally - Released
GBAAC	June 4 - 7	Six Sigma Ranch, Lower Lake	Mike Blom	Tony Eichers	Harvest Host Pilot, off-grid, wagon wheel!
GBAAC	June 18-22	Village Camp Truckee (formerly Coachland)	Shelley Denyer		Released

New Executive Board



L to R: Erica Evans (2nd VP), Rebecca Schapp (3rd VP), Jason Grendahl (Secretary), Sally MacDonald (R12 Treasurer), Jill Impink (President), Eleanor McFarlin (outgoing Past President), Mike Blom (incoming Past President), not pictured Serena Lopez (GBAAC Treasurer)

We held a successful Installation Rally at Black Oak Casino RV Park in Tuolumne.

Eleanor McFarlin, Past President, passed the baton onto Mike Blom for him to move into the Past President position in 2026. The existing officers were voted by you into the next level positions. Jason Grendahl and Serena Lopez stay in the positions they have succeeded at for many years.

New to the GBAAC board is Rebecca Schapp at the 3rd VP position. Also installed was Sally MacDonald, finance savant as the Region 12 Treasurer.

GBAAC and Region 12 is lucky to have accomplished and dedicated volunteers. You can see the results in the vitality of our club and our rallies. Please acknowledge each person for the effort they put into your club as you see them at a rally.

Boondocking

Boondocking, dry camping, off-grid camping are all terms that apply to camping with no external hook ups. You must be able

to provide yourself as much electricity, water and propane needed for your camping.

It is easy to test this out, even at a full hook-up campground. Just disconnect from the services for few days and see how you do. If you run out of power, water or propane, take note of how long you lasted. Then think of the ways you could possibly stretch each resource farther. Is there a more efficient way to wash dishes using less water. We know people who let their animals lick the plates clean. They do this so no need to use water trying to uncouple stuck on food and just use less water for soap and rinse. If you find this gross, you can just scrape as much food off to achieve the same goal. Some refrigerators have a night mode to reduce electricity usage. Need internet while you are sleeping? Most people don't and you can turn off your electronics at night.

There are many ways to manage your activities to conserve the resources you use. Do an internet search and you will find all sorts of tips. In the end you need to find what works best for you. Experiment often to get the hang of it.

Mastering resources will open a tremendous number of new places you can camp. You can fulfil those dreams when you first bought your trailer. Thoughts of being remote with star filled skies or being the only one watching a glorious sunrise / sunset is within your grasp. It just takes a little effort. The return on investment is well worth it.

We bring this up as we have **two off-grid rallies coming up**. Robert Ferguson Observatory is an observatory nestled in the Sugarloaf State Park in Kenwood, CA. Kenwood is between Santa Rosa and

Sonoma. The 12 camping sites at this rally are full at this time, but we have plans to expand the rally in the future.



We will be releasing soon our **Wagon Wheel Rally at [Six Sigma Ranch](#)** soon. Six Sigma Ranch is located in Lake County on a 4,300 acre ranch. There is a winery on the property, mountain biking and hiking. The rally will be taking place June 4 – 7.

This rally will have 32 sites and will be off-grid. We are working on outlining the agenda but the JotForm will be released this month and you will receive an email with advance notice. Come join the fun!

Stars

How long have you been a member of the Airstream Club International? Have you ever seen an Airstream with their Big Red Number on their trailer and they had a  or two next to their number? Each star indicates 5 years of membership in ACI.

GBAAC has a great mix of people in our club. We have members that have been with the club for decades and then there are many of us that joined during Covid. In 2026 there will be many of you that are eligible for your first

star. To receive your first star just click this link, [Airstream Club Stars](#), and order your star for no cost.

Fly Fishing Rally

Joe Glynn, a GBAAC member, has been bitten by the fly-fishing bug. He joined the new Fly-Fishing Intra-Club showcased in this newsletter back in May of last year.

Joe has reserved the [Sacramento River RV Park](#) located in Anderson just south of Redding. The rally will take place October 3 – 10. Even if you have never fly fished, this will be a great event. Lessons, tips and how-to knowledge will be passed along.

For now, save the date and watch for this rally to be released in the near future.

As Wally Byam once said in part: *"Go some place you've heard about, where you can fish or hunt or collect rocks or just look up at the sky. Find out what's at the end of some country road. Go see what's over the next hill, and the one after that, and the one after that."*

National Event Rallies

Some of us just returned from the Rose Parade Rally. This rally has been taking place for **44 years!** 32 trailers parked in the Pasadena Unified School District parking lot may not sound romantic, but what happens there is magical. You meet Airstreamers from all around the nation. You exchange experiences and realize how much we all have in common.

As you explore your camping opportunities, do not forget to broaden your horizons to new places and new activities. Visiting the Peterson Automotive Museum, getting to help decorate floats, watch the equestrian and band practices are all part of the fun. And let's not forget that the hosts are awesome! As 2026 unfolds we hope to see you on the road.

Happy New Year and safe travels!

Photos From Rallies & More – Come Join The Fun!



Rose Parade Rally!



Buc-ee's fun



Black Oak winners!



Jackson Rancheria wine tasting



Service with a smile



Petersen Automotive Museum



Made to order breakfast

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