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**\*friendship**

**\*travel adventures**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*“Adventure is not just in the places we go, but in the people we meet along the way.”*

*-Wally Byam*

Hello Oregon Airstream Club Members,



As spring approaches, our rally season is about to begin in earnest, and the excitement is already building. With 39 rallies planned for 2026, there is truly something for everyone, from long weekends close to home to destination rallies that invite a bit more adventure. If the rally you had your eye on happens to fill up quickly, I encourage you to add yourself to the waitlist. Spots often open due to cancellations or changing plans, and many members are pleasantly surprised when they receive that long awaited notification.

As we look ahead, planning never really stops in the Oregon Airstream Club. While we are just getting started with our 2026 season, we are already beginning to think about rallies for 2027. Calling all planners, explorers, and idea generators. If you have a favorite campground, a memorable destination, or even an idea for a pop up rally later this year, we would love to hear from you. Please keep an eye out for an

upcoming email from our Rally Coordinator with details on how to submit your ideas. Your creativity and willingness to share new locations are what keep our rally calendar fresh and exciting.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at our Newbie Rally, one of the most important events on our calendar. This rally gives our newest Airstream owners the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and feel welcomed into the club. If you enjoy helping others and remember what it felt like to be new to the Airstream lifestyle, your support can make a meaningful difference in helping new members hit the ground running.

Our newsletter continues to be another vital way we stay connected, and we would love your contributions. We are currently seeking member submitted content such as favorite recipes, trip planning tips, maintenance insights, post rally summaries, or stories from the road. Whether it is a short write up or a full article, your experiences help bring the newsletter to life and inspire others to get out and explore.

If you have a story or idea you would like to share, please email it to me at [fabianmills@gmail.com](mailto:fabianmills@gmail.com) or to our publisher Vicki Villaire at [oacnewspub@gmail.com](mailto:oacnewspub@gmail.com).

I would also like to extend an open invitation to attend an upcoming Oregon Airstream Club board meeting. Meetings are held via Microsoft Teams on the second Tuesday of every other month in January, March, May, July, and September. Every other month we host a board open house where we discuss topics important to the club and welcome member participation. These meetings are a great way to learn more about how the club operates, share ideas, and stay informed about what is happening behind the scenes. Meeting dates, links, and login details can be found on the Oregon Airstream Club website.

Looking forward, we truly have an exciting year ahead. The printed 2026 Rally Handbooks will soon be arriving, if they have not already by the time this newsletter is published, and they are also available to view on the Oregon Airstream Club website. We are thrilled that the Region 10 Rally will be held in Hood River this year. The lottery for this rally has now been completed, and for those who were not selected, please do not lose hope. Life happens and plans change. When spots become available due to cancellations, they will be returned to the lottery for another club member, and that next name drawn just might be yours.

As the host club, the Oregon Airstream Club will be responsible for greeting Airstream members arriving from across the region and assisting with parking

during the rally. I am looking for volunteers from our club who are attending and willing to help with these efforts. If you are interested in lending a hand, please let me know. Your support will play an important role in welcoming our fellow Airstreamers to Oregon.

Even as we prepare for a full and exciting rally season, we welcome your ideas for 2027 and beyond. Your participation, ideas, and willingness to volunteer are what make this club more than just a calendar of events. They are what turn rallies into friendships and destinations into memories.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon as we officially kick off another year of adventures together.

**Fabian Mills***President, Oregon Airstream Club*

## 2026 OAC Leadership

A cadre of volunteers leading our club since 1959

The Oregon Airstream Club (OAC) would not exist without good leadership. We owe “thanks” to these great volunteers for their time and effort.

**Officers & Directors**

President – Fabian Mills  
1st Vice President – JD Young  
2nd Vice President – Jen Peatman  
Secretary – Gary Crumley  
Treasurer – Sandra Johnson & Robert Kraft  
Director – Rachel Brown  
Director – Mike Burnett  
Shared Director – David & Linda Doughty  
Past President – Rachel Collins

*Contact information can be found on the ACI website.*

**Standing Committees / Coordinators**

Media-Amy D'Abbraccio  
Caravan Coord./New Member  
Outreach-Mark Babcock  
Rally Coord.-Mike Burnett  
Rally Manager- Kathy Geese  
Rally Manager -Janet Schober  
Rally Manager-J.D. Young  
Rally Manager-Jennifer Neumann  
Alt. Rally Manager- Robert Kraft  
Membership-David & Linda Doughty  
Nominating Cmte. Chair -Cindy Muir  
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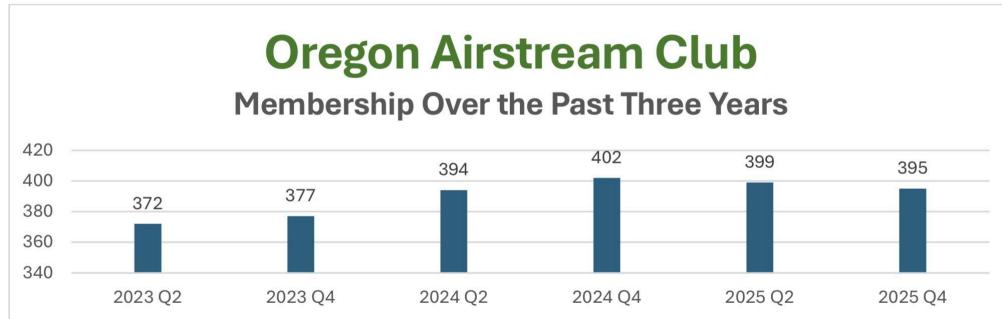
# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by David & Linda Doughty, Membership Co-Chairs

Winter will be easing up in the near future, and it will be time to bring our trailers back to life. Many in our club, including Linda and myself, go quiet during the winter months, but the new travel season is nearly upon us. Here's to getting our rigs ready, planning some trips, and reconnecting on the road.



## Historical Membership Information



We tend to lose members as they age or step away from camping, but we also see a steady flow of new faces. Most of our new members are either people just getting started with Airstreaming or longtime owners who discover our club through events, rallies, or simple word of mouth.

## Rally registration opens Sunday, February 1, 2026 at Noon PST

OAC members may register for any 2026 rally that is finalized and open for registration. **Register via [airstreamclub.org/events](http://airstreamclub.org/events)**

# RALLIES, RALLIES & MORE RALLIES!

by Mike Burnett, Rally Coordinator



## Behind the Scenes: How OAC Rallies Comes Together

Take a look “behind the scenes” of the OAC Annual Rally Planning Process and see how you can help. With 39 Rallies planned for 2026, you can imagine how planning is key to a successful rally season!



*Sea Perch Rally, Yachats, OR*

### **When does the Rally planning process start?**

Believe it or not, the Rally planning process for 2027 has already begun. I know this seems too early but, I can assure you, it is necessary to enable our club to be able to offer

approximately 40 Rallies per year.

### **Who plans our Rallies?**

Beginning in 2026, our club has adopted a new structure for Rally Planning and Management. This organization is called the Rally Committee which

consists of a Rally Coordinator and four Rally Managers.

The Rally Coordinator oversees all Rally related activities and mentors and coordinates the Rally Managers.

The Rally Managers reserve and manage

approximately 10 Rallies each. These Rally Manager positions require a nominal two-year commitment to enable both reserving and then managing each Rally through completion during the Camping Season.

The Rally Committee begins the Rally planning process approximately a year prior to the actual start of the next year's Rally season.

For our club, this means the process for 2027 starts in January of 2026. In other words, planning and scheduling of the 2027 Rally Season happens in parallel with the 2026 Camping Season.

### **How are Next Year's Rallies Identified?**

When the Rally Committee begins planning for the coming years' Rallies, several steps are taken to enable creation of a Rally Plan.

The current year Rally Hosts are asked if they would like to repeat their Rallies in the following year. If so, these Rallies

are added to the Rally Plan.

An email is sent to club membership soliciting Rally ideas (and associated Hosts) for the coming Rally Year. Resulting Rallies are added to the Rally Plan.

Annual "repeat Rallies" (e.g. - Leak Test, Sea & Sand, Maryhill, Newbie, Sandcastle, Friends, Crater Lake, ELKAMP, Sea Perch 1&2, Year End, Friendsgiving, and possibly others) are added to the Rally Plan.

Any Rallies with poor, prior-year attendance are removed from the Rally Plan.

### **What can I do to help?**

Timely input and active support from a broad cross-section of our club is extremely valuable in the Rally Planning process. Here are some things you can do:

Watch for an email requesting ideas for the coming year's Rallies.

Promptly respond by email to the Rally Coordinator with your idea(s) for a future Rally.

Volunteer to Host your proposed Rally and other Rallies, when/where needed.

Try to avoid cancelling Rallies once you have registered.

Be a positive advocate for the Oregon Airstream Club and invite others to join and actively participate in our fantastic club.

Volunteer for open club positions as a way to "give back" and to make our club even stronger.

### **How is an Integrated Rally Plan Developed?**

The Rally Committee arranges the Rally Plan with the goal of scheduling geographically diverse Rallies with varied themes aimed at attracting broad interest within our club. There is also an effort to provide a range of "price points" for our Rallies.

The goal is to schedule at least one Rally per every non-Holiday "camping weekend" during our OAC camping season which nominally runs from March into November. A "Leak Test"

Rally is also typically scheduled in January for those in our club who can't wait and who are not "afraid" of a little rain.

### **How is the Rally Plan Finalized?**

Once a Rally Plan has been developed, it is presented to the OAC Board for awareness and comment. Ultimately, OAC Board approval of the Rally Plan assures that our Rallies are covered by the blanket

liability coverage available through Airstream Club International.

### **Other Considerations**

The OAC Rally Coordinator participates in early coordination activities with other Region 10 clubs to minimize the potential for conflicting Rally dates and locations.

Rally Planning for a club our size is not "rocket science" but it is a

significant effort undertaken by a small team of dedicated volunteers from within our club. Thanks to all of them for their substantial contributions!!

Finally, when the opportunity presents itself, please communicate a special welcome to Jennifer Neumann, our newly named 2027 OAC Rally Coordinator.

## **Why Flamingos Flock to Airstreams**

*A tradition to share with fellow campers*



If you've ever found a pink flamingo waiting at your campsite, you've been "*flamingoed*"—and welcomed into one of the most charming traditions in Airstream culture. Leaving a flamingo is a lighthearted way to say hello, spark a smile, and remind one another that we're all part of a friendly, connected community on the road.

The flamingo fits perfectly with the Airstream spirit. Both are icons of mid-century Americana, celebrating travel, individuality, and a love of adventure. The bright pink bird brings a touch of whimsy to any campsite and reflects the open-hearted nature of Airstreamers.

Passing along a flamingo isn't just about the ornament—it's about sharing joy. When you leave one for another traveler, you're extending a warm welcome and inviting them to continue the tradition. One small

gesture creates an instant connection and keeps the spirit of community rolling from campsite to campsite.

So if a flamingo crosses your path, let it travel with you for a while... then send it on to its next happy campsite. 

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## Getting Ready for the 2026 Travel Season

*Airstream Spring Recommissioning — Ultra-Compact Checklist*  
by David & Linda Doughty

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Here is an ultra-compact one-page checklist to get you thinking about the process of getting ready to get on the road again. This is the version you tape inside a cabinet door or keep in your Airstream binder for quick use.

### Exterior

- Inspect shell, seams, rivets
- Check windows/doors
- Inspect roof seals & vents
- Test awning
- Lubricate locks/hinges/stabilizers

### Chassis & Running Gear

- Inspect tires; set PSI
- Check lug torque
- Inspect frame
- Test breakaway switch
- Check 7-pin connector
- Repack bearings (annual)
- Test brakes

**Electrical**

- Reconnect batteries, check charge
- Clean terminals
- Test 12V lights/fans
- Verify shore power & GFCIs
- Check solar (if equipped)

**Plumbing**

- Close drains; reset bypass
- Fill fresh tank
- Flush antifreeze
- Fill water heater
- Check for leaks
- Sanitize system
- Test pump & city water

**Propane**

- Inspect tanks & pigtails
- Open valves slowly
- Leak-test fittings
- Light stove (purge air)
- Test furnace, WH, fridge (LP)

**Interior**

- Check for moisture/pests
- Clean surfaces/vents
- Test smoke/CO/LP detectors
- Check fire extinguisher
- Test fans & AC

**Gear**

- Wash bedding
- Restock kitchen
- Check first-aid kit
- Inspect hoses/blocks

**Final Road Check**

- Test exterior lights
- Confirm hitch setup
- Attach breakaway cable
- Short tow test

## Winter Ski Streaming

*Camping in the snow, fun or folly*

by Andre Perra



“Dad, you need to use your Indy Pass and new Airstream at White Pass for a weekend”, said my son. So started my first (and so far, only) winter snow camping trip with our 30' Globetrotter. What could go wrong? Beyond the hazards of driving on snow covered roads with your precious trailer, there is a myriad of other hazards when you get there, like frozen temperatures, frozen pipes, staying warm... and who knows what else! Oh, one more thing, no hookups at White Pass!! GULP.

Reluctantly, I selected a weekend, made my reservation and we set off on Friday morning to White Pass. I booked four nights looking ahead to a storm system bringing heavy snow Friday night through Sunday. Great skiing weather at least, not so sure about the camping!

As expected, the snow arrived Friday and Saturday and we were blanketed with over a foot of fresh powder. But after that first night, it looked like we were going to survive the weekend. Propane use, despite the furnace turning on every five minutes was surprisingly low, and our batteries performed well.

Saturday night there were 5 people with my son's family joining us. A little cramped quarters but a lot of fun. We cooked meals and showered every day, being careful to manage our resources. Using our truck as a place for heavy snow gear and keeping only essentials in the Airstream helped a lot.



*Frederic Perra, grandson*



*Andre & Suzanne*

After 3 1/2 days of camping, we used 70% of one 30 lbs propane bottle, approximately 70 gallons of fresh water (4 extra 5-gallon jugs) and about 6 gallons of gas running the generator every day to charge the battery. We didn't bring extra heaters or electric blankets and were perfectly fine in overnight temps down around 20 degrees.

Would I do it again? Yes! I'm not saying this is easy, but there is something special about being able to put on your skis and ski to the lift and ski back in for lunch or a warm drink! So don't just winterize your Airstream, get out there and use it. You, like me, will be pleasantly surprised at how well it performs!

# Winter Ski Camping Tips in an Airstream

by Andre Perra

## Where To Go?

Besides White Pass there are many other ski resorts offering camping in their resorts. Some even offer hookups (Crystal), while others are very limited in first come, first served spaces (Mt. Hood Meadows only 12!!). Check out <https://tripoutside.com/ski-resorts-with-rv-camping/> for a list of ski areas although this is not fully complete.

## Preparation

- Know the weather and route before you go!
- Make sure your back-up power source works in colder weather (don't count on solar!)
- With high heater use be prepared for higher battery and propane usage.

## Manage Cold and Moisture

- If possible, keep wet gear out of your Airstream.
- Run your Fantastic Fan to vent out moisture and prevent condensation.
- If you have hookups use a heated water hose and leave sewer pipes disconnected and stowed when not dumping grey or black tanks.
- Bring plenty of rags and towels for drying gear and drying inside the Airstream.

- If possible, use a skirt around your airstream, or pile up snow to keep your underside warmer.
- Keep curtains drawn to retain heat.
- DO NOT turn down your heater when you are out of the trailer!! Your Airstream ducts heat to your tanks and pipes to keep them from freezing.
- Open under sink cabinets to allow heat to pipes when possible, especially when sleeping.

## Bring extras!

- Clothes to replace wet socks, jackets, gloves etc. You won't be able to dry out wet ones while camping.
- Fuel (propane and gas for generator).
- Water if dry docking.

## Tow Vehicle and Trailer

- Use winter snow tires for your tow vehicle, don't expect all seasons to perform well enough in winter snow and ice. Pray you never need to install chains and don't depend on them but have them. See weather and route preparation above!
- Understand how to prepare your water heater for freezing

temperatures while towing, especially if towing for extended periods in below freezing weather.

- Have chains for your Airstream. Chain laws apply to trailers with electric brakes regardless of winter snow tires on your trailer. Know how to install them before your go!

### Have Fun!

Ski camping in your Airstream is the ultimate ski in and out accommodation!



*Snow piled around underside to keep heat in*

## OAC Social Gatherings

If you reside close enough and you haven't already done so, you may want to take advantage of several Oregon Airstream Club informal monthly get togethers. Dates and times may occasionally vary, so please contact the Membership Chair to be put on individual mailing lists for any of these events.

 **Portland Breakfast** – Held on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am at the Old Market Pub and Brewery located at 6959 SW Multnomah Blvd, Portland, OR 97223. The host of this event is Micki Goldstein.

 **Corvallis Coffee** – Held on the second Saturday of each month at 9am at Market of Choice, Corvallis located at 922 Northwest Circle Boulevard #110, Corvallis, OR 97330. The host of this event is Norma Massier.

 **Vancouver GAM** – Currently on hiatus, it is held on the second Saturday of the month. We are currently looking for a new venue so if you have any suggestions, please the Membership Chair.

## Resources

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**2026 OAC Rally Handbook** is here! The much anticipated 2026 Rally Handbook is available on the ACI website <https://airstreamclub.org> for download as a PDF. With 39 rallies to choose from it's sure to be a fun season. Start planning and register early!

**OAC Facebook** is a great resource for rally updates, and last minute open rally spots. [www.facebook.com/groups/1473216976235744/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1473216976235744/)

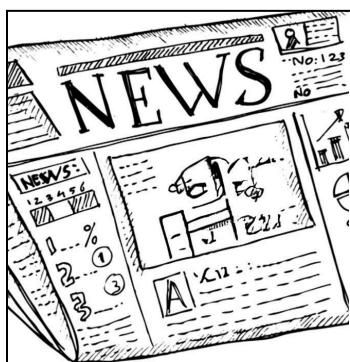
The **OAC web page** is at <https://airstreamclub/oregon/>. The information on the web is everything from club policies, bylaws and board meeting minutes to current rally information, how to host a rally, membership, and more. Check it out.

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## We Want to Hear From You!

*Submissions to the Streamer, your article belongs here*

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The OAC Streamer is powered by members just like you, and we'd love for you to be part of it! Rally write-ups, articles, and Airstream Pinups bring our newsletter to life and help capture the spirit of our club.

A great guideline for articles is ideally **about 300 words** (up to 500) **with 1-2, or 3 photos**—short, fun, and easy to read. The newsletter is published up to six times a year, so there are plenty of opportunities to contribute. Our newsletter staff are all volunteers, and the articles are written by OAC members... just like you!

Submissions (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to: [oacnewspub@gmail.com](mailto:oacnewspub@gmail.com) no later than the **15th of the month before publication**.

**Deadline for the next issue: March 15, 2026**

### **2026 Submission Deadlines:**

March 15

May 15

July 15

September 15

November 15

Pieces received after the deadline will be included in the next or a future issue.

Have questions, need help with a topic, or want assistance with editing? Reach out to **Vicki Villaire, OAC Publisher** — she's happy to help you bring your ideas to life.

And one more thing...

We are currently **looking for a Newsletter Editor!** If you enjoy writing, organizing content, and helping shape the voice of our club, this is a wonderful way to get involved and make a meaningful contribution to OAC.

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