

SD Streamer

Official Newsletter of the San Diego Airstream Club
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Welcome!

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Big Red Number	Member Name	Partner Name
05738	Dwane Boucher	
20480	James Avery	Susie Sides
11896	Craig Hammond	Jin Hammond

President's Letter

By Kathy Swangin

Well here it is, January 1st. Another year in the books and another year ahead of us. I am honored to be your President for the year ahead.

As with any new President, my head is full of ideas on how to make the club better for our members. It's a team effort and we have a great group of people both on the Executive Board and as Committee Chairs who I am excited to work with. I think what makes this club so special is what each of you brings to each and every gathering.



San Diego Airstream Club Officers and Chairpersons for 2026

- President: Kathy Swangin
- 1st VP: Cheryl Henry
- Secretary: Lisa Sciabica
- Treasurer: Diane Jardon
- Trustee: Jeffrey Pincus
- Trustee: Sandi Adame
- Past President: Paul Sandness
- Communications: Pat Davison
- Constitution and Bylaws: Jana Wilson
- Membership: Lee Havens
- Newsletter: Rene' Boatman
- Webmaster: Paul Sandness

President's Letter, continued

By Kathy Swangin

We have members who have been streaming for years and some who are brand new to both rv'ing and Airstreams. We have members who have camped for years before getting their Airstream. The backgrounds and experience you bring to each gathering is both informative and at times entertaining. And on top of that, this is just a great group of really nice people who enjoy getting together and sharing a good time. When we bought our Airstream and joined SDAC, that's what we were looking for and that's what we've found. How lucky are we!

Thank you to everyone who hosted rallies in 2025 and who have signed up to host in 2026. I know I've said this before, but we have a great rally schedule lined up for the coming year and I hope each and every rally is fully booked. It's been wonderful meeting and getting to know some of our newer members at the past couple rallies. For those of you who haven't made it to a rally yet, or in a while, please consider joining us this year.

In January we will be at Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet and in February at Coachella Lakes RV Resort in Coachella Lakes. Both are new locations for the club and I look forward to seeing what these places have to offer. In March, we will be back at Guajome Regional Park for the annual Club Picnic. The coupon will be coming out by the end of January so be on the lookout for it in your email! If you can't make it for the whole weekend please sign up and join us for the picnic. We don't rally in April because that is the Cali Rally. Although it's full, if you are interested in a dry camping rally, I encourage you to get on the waitlist. You can sign up via the events page on the ACI website, that's how we got in 2 years ago.

My door, both at home and on the road, is always open. Feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have. My email is kcs.sdac2026@gmail.com or you can reach me at 760-213-1153.

San Diego Airstream Club 2026 Rally Schedule

JANUARY 16-18 (2 nights) Golden Village Palms RV Resort, Hemet CA

FEBRUARY 19-22 (3 nights) Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella CA

MARCH 20-22 (2 nights) Guajome Regional Park, Oceanside CA

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
(Hosts needed)

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

Vail Lake KOA Rally

November 2025

by Ray Barger

Our November 3-night rally at the Vail Lake Kampground of America (KOA) was a "rain-kissed" success. Nearly two inches of rain couldn't dampen the spirits of 24 hearty rally attendees.

By and large the group stayed on-track with the planned rally agenda despite the persistent rains and gusty winds. The new SDAC 10'x30' lightweight canopy was a blessing on Thursday and Friday, and a curse on Saturday.

Thursday night kicked off the rally under our new, lighted canopy with pot-luck appetizers and a Prosecco toast to everyone who braved the weather. Friday morning included a Safety Essentials maintenance training class on Airstream interior detectors (smoke, CO & propane) and options to extinguish fires. Friday evening the hungry campers dined on sumptuous appetizers, a tasty Chili, Cornbread, and Caesar salad dinner, along with Jane Barger's homemade persimmon spice cookies for dessert. Even with a constant drizzle, revelers stayed up late playing games at the covered picnic tables.

Saturday, the rally changed. In the afternoon our 10x30 canopy, even when staked down at all 8 poles, gave way in heavy rains and strong winds. The upended canopy blew into Pat Davison's trailer, and within minutes all the rally attendees were helping dismantle the canopy structure and remove the cover and lights - the rapid response in the rain helped minimize damage to Pat's rig.

Without a canopy over the picnic tables we cancelled our swap meet and scrubbed our pick-up bocci ball plans. Ever resourceful though, we got the OK from the KOA staff to use a laundry room for our remaining activities. Amazingly, the large laundry room supported our second training class on payload, tires and tire pressure management systems (TPMS). After putting a tablecloth on the laundry folding table, everyone enjoyed sharing pot-luck appetizers, social mingling, and our closing port wine and chocolate tasting event.

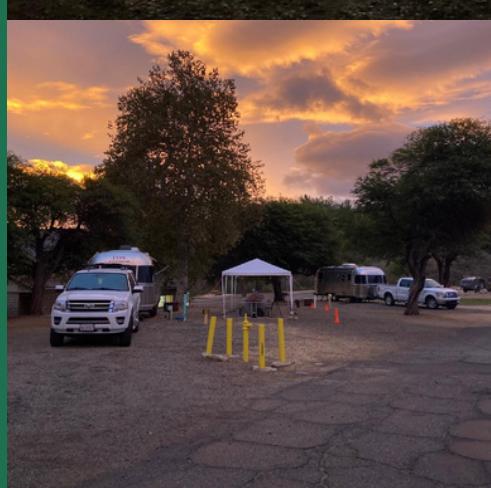
Special thanks to Jaclynn & Art Reifman for providing organic coffee and teas on Friday and Saturday mornings - delicious and so appreciated. Even though there were some beautiful rainbows, those that stayed at Vail Lake all look forward to future, and drier, SDAC rallies.

Here is a wonderful article from Airstream (that was provided to the Nat'l Highway Transportation Safety Admin - NHTSA) about Airstream tires - I've attached the web link to the .pdf.

[Click here for tire information.](#)

See end of newsletter for PDFs of safety information shared at this rally.

Vail Lake KOA Rally Photos



1st Vice President's Letter

By Cheryl Henry

The Rally Planning Committee is busy picking the rally sites for 2027! We're thinking of teaming up with Wine Quest to rally in a Southern California wine region, and we're also considering adding a State Beach to the mix! We'll keep the tradition of setting most of our rally dates for the third weekend of the month, so you can plan your calendar accordingly. Thanks a bunch to everyone who's sent in post-rally surveys to help us choose the best rally sites! If you haven't filled out a survey recently and have a suggestion for a campground where you'd love to rally in 2027, please let me know!

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.



30-Minute White Bean Soup

This creamy vegan white bean and kale soup comes together in less than 30 minutes with pantry ingredients and fresh veggies. It's the perfect hearty, satisfying, quick and easy dinner!

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 yellow onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup sliced celery
1 cup sliced carrot
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon dried sage
3 cups vegetable broth
3 (15 oz.) cans white beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15 oz.) can full fat coconut milk
3 cups chopped kale
1 tablespoon vinegar (apple cider, white wine, red wine, balsamic)
Kosher salt, fresh cracked pepper
Garnish: homemade croutons, fresh chopped parsley
Heat oil in a large pot over medium high heat.
Add onion, celery and carrots. Cook, stirring frequently for 8 minutes.
Add garlic, oregano, thyme, sage and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Cook for 1 minute, stirring frequently.
Add veggie broth, white beans, and coconut milk to the pot. Stir to combine.
If desired, remove about two cups of the soup mixture and blend in a high speed blender.
Return blended soup to the pot and bring everything to a simmer over medium high heat.
Turn heat to medium and simmer for 5 minutes.
Stir in kale and vinegar.
Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with croutons and fresh parsley and enjoy!
Find it online: <https://midwestfoodieblog.com/white-bean-kale-soup/>

Sun Outdoors Chula Vista, December 2025 Rally and Installation Luncheon

Another great weekend with good food, good friends and good times! 17 rigs and their respective owners and dogs were in attendance. Thursday, after everyone arrived and got set up, we gathered to share appetizers and desserts, followed by campfires and smores. Friday was a continental breakfast and a free day to explore the area. People took advantage of the bike path and downtown attractions like the USS MIDWAY.

That evening we watched the sunset from the Sky Deck then headed downstairs to the event room for a wonderful catered dinner, followed by some Airstream Trivia!. Campfires came out again that night, the perfect companion to the cool evenings.

Saturday morning served up a hot breakfast, complete with Mimosa's! The SDAC Annual Meeting and Installation luncheon was held at The Galley Restaurant, with about 50 members in attendance. The day ended with the traditional gift exchange with lots of great gifts and steals all the way around. Sunday came too fast so another continental breakfast and everyone hit the road. Thanks to Mary Ann and Dennis Jeter for coming all the way in from Arizona to co-host the rally with Kathy and Lynn Swangin

Congratulations to the 2026 SDAC Board of Officers and Committee Chairs:

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INSTALLATION PHOTOS

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RALLY PHOTOS

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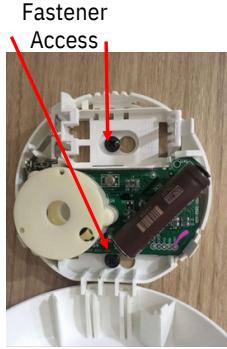
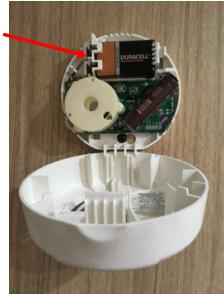




Airstream Know How: Safety Equipment



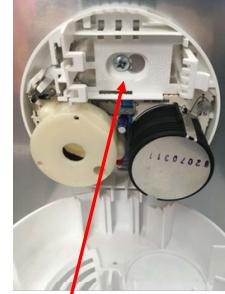
•Carbon Monoxide CO Detector



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SDAC Rally –Vail Lake KOA

•Smoke Detector



First Alert SMC0210, 10-Year Sealed Battery Combination Smoke (Photoelectric) & Carbon Monoxide Alarm

- Slim Profile Design & Low Nuisance Flame

First Alert Smoke Alarm, 10-Year Sealed Battery Dual Sensor Detector, SM310

- LowNuisanceFlame(Photoelectric) & Smolder (Ionization)



Replacements:
10-Yr Sealed
Dual Sensor Detectors

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Airstream Know How: Safety Equipment

• Propane Detector

Original

Replacement:
RVLP-2B Propane
Gas Alarm \$62



Replace By:
(7 Years After Delivery)

Test/Mute
Button

Replace By:
Date (Specific)

• Fire Extinguishers & Emergency



Nozzle 5-B,C Extinguisher \$31
(Larger Alternate: 1A:10B:C)

Exit Window
(Don't Block,
e.g. Bike Rack)

Screen Pull



Fire Blanket \$15/2-Pack

Red
Exit
Latch
(& Win-
dow
Popper)

Ground Monitor Interruptor(GMI) – Late 2026

.. Detects Improper Grounds & Shuts Off Power

- Cannot be Bypassed

Installed in RV (not Power Pedestal)

- Stops Potential "Hot Skin Voltage"

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SDAC Rally – Vail Lake KOA

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Payload, Tires & TPMS

SDAC Airstream Rally – Training

Vail Lake – November 2025

Payload



Keys Numbers:

Payload(NCC): Yellow Sticker

NCC = Net Carrying Capacity (Weight of all Passengers (dogs) & Cargo)

GVWR, GCWR, RAWR: White Sticker(s) – both vehicle & trailer

Ratings:

- o GVWR (Vehicle) = Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (Loaded Vehicle)
- o GVWR (Trailer) = Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (Loaded Trailer) o
- GCWR = Gross Combined Weight Rating (Loaded Vehicle + Loaded Trailer)
- o RAWR = Rear Axle Weight Rating (Loaded Vehicle)

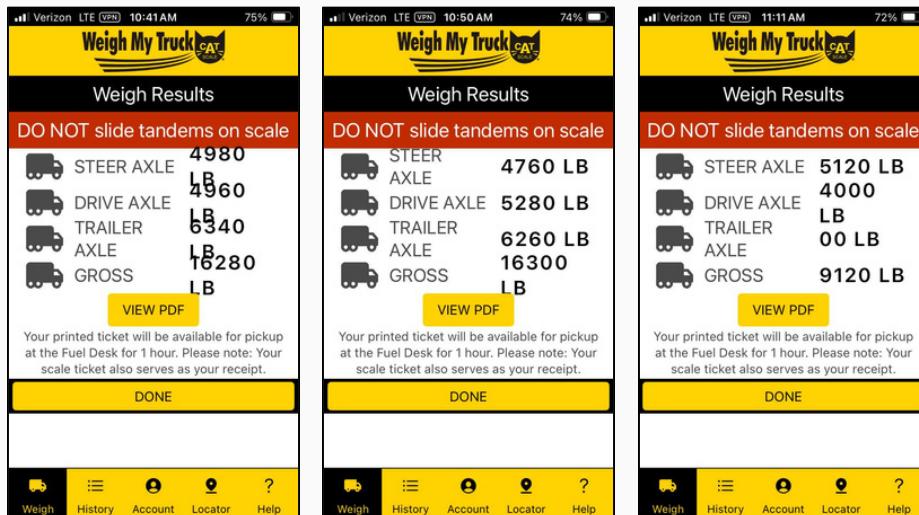
Other: No Sticker

Vehicle Towing Capacity = GCWR - GVWR Tongue Weight (TW) Capacity – with and without Weight Distribution Hitch (WDH)

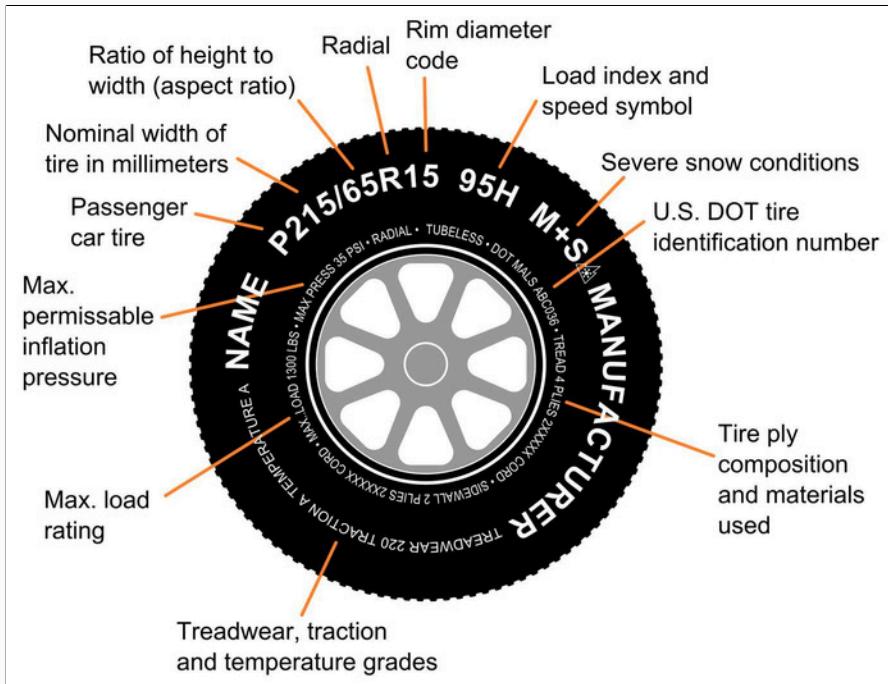
Verification: CAT Scales

3-Pass Method - with WDH (3-pad), without WDH (3-pad), only Loaded Vehicle Weigh (\$14) & Reweigh (\$3 x2)

- o Steer Axle = Front; Drive Axle = Rear; Trailer Axle = Single OR Twin Axles in Total



Tires



Key Letters & Numbers:

Size – Including Wheel Diameter

Type – e.g. ST (Special Trailer), LT (Light Truck)

Road – e.g. M&S (Mud & Snow) Max Pressure – e.g. 80 PSI Load Rating – e.g. E (use Manufacturer Tables – Load varies by PSI) Speed Rating (Max) – e.g. R (use Manufacturer Tables)

TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems)



Key Components: Sensors (on tire valves), Repeater, Display Unit

Sensors: Both Screw-on Cap & Flow-Thru Sensors (Changeable or Sealed Batteries)

o Sensors repeatedly transmit pressure & (optional) temperature data updates to display

Repeater (optional): Receives & Re-transmits data to display

Display Unit: Displays PSI & Temperature (degF) for Each Wheel Location

o Important to Set PSI & Temperature Limits (High & Low) for Display Alerts