

THE TATTLER

Central Coast California Club – Region 12



Winter 2026 **AIRSTREAM®**



Quick News

- It's a great time to be camping on the California Coast and a member of the CCCAC.
- There are NINE sites available at the Santa Margarita KOA Rally scheduled for March 5-8
- Register for 2026 International rally in Minot, N. Dakota. August 22-27. Register on ACI web site.
- There are still rooms available for "Silver on the River" France River Boat Cruise in July
- Our Tattler publisher is requesting any newsworthy items you'd like to share be emailed to:
LosOsosDave@gmail.com.
Please send photos, stories, tips, camping trips, etc.

Upcoming Rallies

Jan. 22-25, 2026 Newbie rally, Coachella Lakes RV Resort, Coachella, CA

March 5-9, 2026 Santa Margarita Lake, Santa Margarita, CA

April 9-12, 2026 River Run Park, Bakersfield, CA

May 14-17, 2026 Pismo Coast RV Village Rally with Vintage Trailer Club.

June 4-7, 2026 Lake Lopez, Arroyo Grande, CA

July 2026 Nothing planned

August, 2026 International Rally, Minot, ND

September, 16-20

Jackson Rancheria, Dalton Rd., Jackson, CA

About our Club

The Central Coast California Airstream Club (CCCAC) encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; but our members come from all around the area! We are an active, social group that participates in local, regional, and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."

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Presidents Message

Happy 2026 to all of our members and affiliates in the Central Coast California Airstream Club! My name is Tracy Adams and I am honored to be your new club president. My first gentleman, Scott, and our dog, Heidi, have found a beautiful family in this club since joining in July 2021.

If I may reflect upon 2025 for one moment, I'd like to give a BIG thank you to Liz and Barry Marks and Jan and Gary Brant for hosting a wonderful holiday party and business meeting at Sun Outdoors Cava Robles in Paso Robles in December. They arrived before most of us and by the time we got there, all of the decorations and tables were set for about 55 of us. It was a magical time with great food, crafts, games, music and laughter. A special TY to Liz for the endless number of phone calls and emails she made with the park to make sure this was the best rally it could be.

Looking forward to 2026, the club has some business to take care of by updating our Constitution and Bylaws (CBL). It was started last year, but needs to be finalized by our club, then approved by Region 12 leadership and on up the chain of command. We're making minor changes to update recent technology vocabulary upgrades from 5 years ago, and updating job definitions. If you have not seen, read, or heard of our CBL, you can find them here <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CCCAC-Constitution-and-Bylaws-2020.pdf>

Other thanks go out to Dave and Donna Gray for creating the Tattler newsletter several times a year. Dave originally volunteered to do the Tattler, along with being our club secretary, but two sets of eyes are better than one, so Donna got roped into being editor and proofreader. I know many hours go into creating this newsletter, so be sure to read it, contribute photos, and write stories about your adventures, or how to fix things, and submit them to Dave at LosOsosDave@gmail.com. Also, if you want your birthday (not the year) to show up in the Tattler, be sure to email Dave that information as well.

This club works because of volunteers like you and me. If you'd like to host the September 2026 rally at Jackson Rancheria, please reach out to me or our newly-elected Vice President, Jim Ellis, at ellisjr31@icloud.com. All other rallies for 2026 are spoken for, thankfully. We will need hosts in 2027 and we'll let you know when we're ready for you to volunteer.

Wishing all of you safe travels in 2026. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions, comments or suggestions.

Where do YOU want to go in 2027?

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President: Tracy Adams
VP: Jim Ellis
Secretary: Dave Gray
Treasurer: Dave Temple
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Directors:

One Year Linda Dynes
Cheryl Haymes
Two Year Rick Cline
Mark Griffin

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Tattler: Dave Gray
Facebook: Gary Mellinger

To contact anyone on this list, please consult the CCCAC or ACI membership Directory.

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Upcoming Rallies

Jan. 22 check in. Jan 25 check out. 2026	"NEWBIE RALLY" Coachella Lakes RV Resort	Hosted By CCCAC Rally Committee	You can reserve your spot NOW. Call 442-325-9292, pay them directly. \$85-\$95/night depending on back in or pull through. Tell them you're with Central Coast California Airstream Club.
Feb. 2026	Nothing planned.		
Mar. 5 check in. check out March 8 or 9. 2026	Santa Margarita KOA. Santa Margarita, CA	Hosted by Glenn & Debbie Gray + Doug & Linda Dynes	9 sites available. Call 800-562-5619 and tell them you are with the Airstream group. Text your site and dates to Tracy 805-407-0096.
April 9 check in. April 12 check out. 2026	RV River Run Park, Bakersfield, CA https://www.riverrunrvpark.com	Dave & Donna Gray Hosts	A jot form will be sent out to the entire club when it's time to register. \$55/night. You can book longer at the same daily rate.
May 14 check in. May 17 check out. 2026	Pismo Coast Village RV Park rally with the Vintage trailer club. (All brands of Vintage trailers)	Hosted by Vintage Trailer Club.	Email sent to entire club on Nov 29, 2025. Fill out form in email. Follow instructions in form and mail \$327 to the park, Attn: Mason. IMPORTANT: Email Liz Marks at beashineytrailer@gmail.com to let her know you have registered. She is assigning your site.

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Upcoming Rallies (continued)

June 4, check in, June 7 check out 2026	Lake Casitas FOX loop. We have sites 15-38 (24 sites) blocked for us until 90 days before the rally. BOOK NOW!!! Afterward, they will release to the general public. As of Dec 10, 12 sites have been booked.	Hosted by Scott Jewett and Joy Golbere.	Call 805-649-1122. Tell them you're with Central Coast CA Airstream Club. Even-numbered sites back up to a sliver of the lake and have electricity and water, but not sewer. Odd-numbered sites back up to a hill and have full hook ups. There is a dump station in the park if you don't have sewer hook ups at your site.
July 2026	Nothing Planned	Ideas Welcome	
August 22-27 2026	International Rally, Minot, ND. No local rallies planned.	Tracy/Yvonne	Tracy/Yvonne coordinating post-rally trip.
September check in 16th or 17th, check out 20th. 2026	Jackson Rancheria, Dalton Rd., Jackson, CA	Make your reservations Now, Call 1-800-822-9466 Hosts needed.	Say you're with Central Coast Calif. Airstream Club. We are sites 28-40. \$90/night but \$76.50/night if more than 10 trailers sign up.
October check in 28th, check out Nov 1 st , 2026	Waypoint Ventura https://waypointventura.com/	805-407-0096. Fay & Chuck Pressley Hosts.	TWO SITES AVAILABLE. Text Tracy if you'd like to take a site and she'll put you in touch with someone who is dropping.
October check in 28th, check out Nov 1 st , 2026	REGION 12 RALLY Oasis RV Las Vegas, NV	Info to come in spring 2026.	

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Cabins still Available



What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises.
- This departure is a custom itinerary exclusively for us.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>

More Info:

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Check out the YouTube video of a couple that just completed this cruise. It looks amazing: https://youtu.be/8QOE6lKFaug?si=CCds-Vww1WMWj_3I

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Safe towing speed—How fast is too fast for towing?

By Cheri Sicard



What is a safe towing speed? How fast is too fast to tow? The team at [Keep Your Daydream](#) wanted to cover this topic for a long time. That's because they say they frequently get passed by all sorts of RVs, from massive Class A's to SUVs towing single-axle trailers.

That led them to the question, "Is there a right speed to tow?"

To get the answer, they reached out to three RV experts, including JD from *Big Truck Big RV*, Kenny Brooks from *Airstream Trippin'*, and Eric Johnson from *TechnoRV*.

In the video below, each of these experienced RVers provided their own thoughts and opinions on the need for speed in all kinds of RVs, from towable travel trailers and 5th wheels to motorized RVs.

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Safe towing speed—How fast is too fast for towing? (continued)

Besides talking to the experts, the video also gives some great general towing tips, especially about cruise control, trailer brakes, and using the tow/haul feature on your truck.

According to JD from [Big Truck Big RV](#), it depends on what he is towing and why he is towing it. However, he does admit that when he is towing a fifth wheel, his hard and fast top limit is about 67 miles per hour. Any faster than that and JD just knows he is going faster than he should be, putting undue wear on tires, and generating more heat than is necessary.

When asked how fast is too fast to tow, Kenny of Airstream Trippin' said 70 mph. He keeps his top speed at about 65 mph. When asked why, his simple reply was, "Because I want to arrive alive."

When it comes to how fast to drive or tow with a large motorhome, Eric from [TechnoRV](#) says it comes down to your comfort level and common sense. But he does keep interstate speeds to around 65 mph.

Eric also had truck camper experience. He says the top-heaviness of these vehicles makes them more challenging. His top speed was about 58-60 mph with his truck camper. He says he just did not feel safe or comfortable above that speed.

I have to agree with these experts on top speed, and 65 mph is about where I top out when towing my travel trailer. But I am constantly astounded by the motorhomes, travel trailers and 5th wheels, not to mention semi- trucks, that regularly fly by me.

November 2025

Next stop, Kartchner State Park in Benson, Arizona, adjacent to the Kartchner caverns which were spectacular. After Karchner we stopped at Tombstone, Arizona, the scene of the OK corral famous shootout, then proceeded to Bisbee, an eclectic old copper mining town. The group took a mine train tour that was quite interesting.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and look forward to many more in the future.



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Highlights from 2025 Christmas Rally & Business Cava RV Resort, Paso Robles, CA



Installation of 2026 Club Officers

From Left to right: Cheryl Haymes, Mark Griffin (Directors), Dave Gray (Secretary), Linda Dynes (Director & Membership), Tracy Adams (President), Jim Ellis (VP), Missing from Photo, Rick Cline (Director)



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Highlights from 2025 Christmas Rally & Business (continued)





RVers at risk: Expert warns Battle Born lithium batteries are dangerous and unsafe

By Tony Barthel December 18, 2025

YouTuber Will Prowse is known for battery teardowns and evaluating lithium batteries as part of his DIY solar videos on the video platform. But many RVers with Battle Born brand batteries have been circulating a new video of his that shows a potential hazard with the brand's lithium batteries.

In a video entitled "Battleborn 12V Battery: Major Safety Issue," with a featured image of the word "Dangerous" in large letters, Prowse disassembles a battery sent to him by a follower, who said the battery was having issues when charging. Very specifically, the terminal was getting quite hot during charging.

Poor electrical connections cause heat

Poor electrical connections cause heat. One of the worst circumstances in any electrical connection is heat, especially extreme heat. Typically, this is caused by a poor connection.

Many RVers have seen poor connections result in their 30- or 50-amp power cords literally melting, even if they might have an EMS or surge suppressor. In most cases, this is due to a poor connection.

When Prowse cut open the battery the follower had sent him, he found that Battle Born had used an aluminum lug to connect the battery terminal to the breaker bar, which had jiggled loose over time and caused a poor connection. One of the things Prowse mentioned is a suggestion by some owners of these batteries, proffered in various forums, to wiggle the charge terminal until the battery starts charging properly.

Will Prowse on YouTube

[DIY Solar Power with Will Prowse](#), has more than a million followers. The channel is an honest look at a variety of components in the solar world, including RV solar and lithium. While some YouTube channels are highly sensational, Prowse's down-to-earth and knowledgeable take on these things is refreshing.

The initial video was viewed more than 120,000 times in less than a week and prompted a follow-up video by Prowse. He cites a response from Dragonfly Energy/Battle Born batteries, where the company claims this is a failsafe designed to prevent failures and heat. That video beat the original one with more than 178,000 views in just five days.

Prowse read a response from Matthew Adams from Dragonfly Energy/Battle Born to one of his followers describing the "...aluminum nut design as being a purpose-built thermal failsafe. It is engineered so that the plastic deforms and disconnects when excess heat is present at the terminal."

Prowse responded with, "... What in here is disconnecting? That is a failure!" He then tested the battery with a charger and saw arcing inside the battery. "There is arcing inside—that is not a disconnect!" Prowse measured the connection at more than 200°F.

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RVers at risk (Continued)

“If a laboratory is passing this as an overcurrent protection device, they need to be investigated,” continues Prowse. “This is not a safety feature.” “This is 100% an issue.”

I have a [Hughes Power Watchdog](#) , which I recommend to all RVers. But this device would have done nothing to prevent a fire if this loose connection inside the RV had become hotter or looser and caused a fire.

I have also seen a few people share that loose connections behind their converter had caused heat. As we all know, RVs travel on some pretty awful roads, and it’s quite possible that connections get loose. The best practice would be to check connections wherever possible. Also, use a laser heat gun to check for heat, particularly when there is a high draw, such as the shore power connection.

That could be the source of the issue outlined in Prowse’s video, where vibrations caused this lug to ultimately come loose and create this heated connection.

My opinions

As mentioned, I would make sure to have a temperature gun with a laser pointer in any RV, as it is. I use these to measure the temperature of wheel hubs, tires, and now electrical connections. Know what’s normal, and if you see a change, such as a connection getting hotter than it typically has been, then look at it more closely. Loose connections with electricity are always a problem. Always. If you have this brand of battery, or any brand of battery, measure the connection at the battery terminal while it’s being charged. If you see a significant amount of heat, such as what was described in Will Prowse’s video, I would immediately contact Battle Born and see what their suggestion is.

As I watched the response from Battle Born, I couldn’t help but be reminded of the terrible response to all the frame flex videos and articles surrounding Grand Design and how that company went from having an absolute stellar reputation to one that I think has been called into question by a lot of even long-time fans. Initially, Grand Design denied the claims, then offered a better warranty, and now is touting its new Omega frame and bragging about how much better it is.

Instead of taking the bull by the horns, admitting you have an issue and then working with your fan base to address it, it seems that companies in the RV space deny, deny, deny until they can’t deny any longer. That’s a terrible way to handle PR. Further, a company with an otherwise stellar reputation like Battle Born could see that erode very quickly.

The Author of this article has reached out to multiple email addresses at Battle Born Battery/Dragonfly and has received no response.

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January

Linda Minder	14 th
Jim Savage	14 th
Christa Mellinger	30 th
Ruth Coffin	31 st

February

Tracy Adams	12 th
Doug Dynes	16 th
Bruce Yeoman	20 th
David Lawson	27 th

March

Donna Gray	11 th
Mary Lawson	12 th
David Neel	15 th
Terri Reay	30 th

Welcome these New Members and Affiliates

	<u>BRN</u>	<u>Club Status</u>
• Thomas Amaya	1196	New
• James and Susan Welsh	12298	New
• Elizabeth Baker & Christopher Schwab	3784	New
• Russ Bowen & Timber Monteith	11127	New
• Kyran & Rose Bulger	4436	New
• Linda Feld-Knothe	2236	New
• Mathew (Dale) & Melissa Livingston	8050	New
• Robert Norrington	15115	New
• Richard & Jessi Parr	5129	New
• Dorothy Rosenberg & Victor Burbank	16265	New
• David & Kari Stone	37016	New
• Thomas & Darci Ashley	10237	Affiliate
• Sandra & Erik Christman	2161	Affiliate
• Chris & Mark Martindill	1114	Affiliate
• Sunny Oberto	4187	Affiliate
• Beth & Paul Shibley	7538	Affiliate
• John & Carol Taggart	2138	Affiliate
• Chris Van Dyke & Christine Shihadeh	1393	Affiliate
• Connie & Jim Viola	30603	Affiliate

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- [International \(WBCCI/WBAC/ACI\)](#)
- [Airstream Inc](#)

Websites

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- [Airstream, Inc](#)
- [Airstream Service and Owner's Manuals](#)

Club Resources and Links

- Many member resources are now found online at the WBCCI International website. Login to your WBCCI account here:
<https://airstreamclub.org/members/login?destination=/members/dashboard>
 - *Membership roster (search, filter, and sort)
 - * Renew your membership, international or affiliate
- Read past issues of [The Tattler newsletters](#)
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What you don't want to see
while hiking.

