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Save the Date

April 16-19, 2026 Cali Rally,
Parkfield, CA WAITLIST OPEN

August 22-27, 2026 69th
WBCCI Intl Rally, Minot, ND

President's Letter



First order of business, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mira Zimet to the position of 2nd Vice President. On behalf of our club, thank you for stepping into this important role!

Friends for Life One of the reasons, actually the main reason, Andromeda and I joined this Airstream club back in 2018 was because of the warmth, camaraderie and caring that this group has for one another.

In the closing weeks of 2018, after we purchased our then-new Airstream trailer, we wanted to go to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. However, research led us to the conclusion that to ensure entry, you should be a member of an Airstream club so we joined GLAAC with that in mind. We weren't sure if we would participate in other rallies and events or even stay members after Albuquerque but knew that the thrill of the balloon event was on our calendar. We met up with several GLAAC members along the way and participated in our first caravan of Airstreams.

The whole process of caravanning, entry, setting up, moving as if we were a well-trained college marching band into the parking lot was fun, in and of itself. But after our third day there, the battery in our truck died. I panicked a bit and thought how would I get the AAA service into that parking lot to jumpstart our battery? And, even if I did, what would guarantee that the battery would start when it was time to leave? I casually mentioned our predicament to another event participant whom we didn't know, and within 15 minutes *no less than three people* came by our trailer with portable battery jumpers! I didn't know any of these people, but they were there, foregoing their own schedules and very willing to immediately help out. Something like that made us feel not only welcome into the group, but essential. We felt integral. We became members for life and consider ourselves friends to all.

Over the years since we joined, there have been members who had had mechanical problems and who suffered adversity on small scales, and on large scales. You cannot help but notice that when this is known by other members, everybody pitches in to do what they can to make sure adversity is overcome as painlessly as possible. Someone has an electrical problem? Another member has parts ready to donate. Someone loses or forgets something? GLAAC is there to provide a backup. This is guaranteed, just as the enjoyment of sitting with fellow Airstreamers during happy hour. When one of our newer members, **Sunny Oberto**, is running in a 5K race, GLAAC'ers are there along the course to cheer her along!

Recently, it seems that we have more adversity than is normally expected. **Barbara Howard-Jones** needed hospitalization for cancer treatment. **Zayneha Niazi** fell and fractured her knee. **Greg Landaker** broke his elbow and wrist. **Steve Hammer** needed a heart bypass and **Don Kuhns** had need of surgery to place stints into his arteries. The response was overwhelming to the point where I think, "The world should be more like GLAAC!"

The point to what I am saying is that we appreciate all of you. We look forward to our times together and one of the ways we give back is to provide support to one another when needed and when we are able. No questions asked. No conditions. And, we don't give it a second thought, we're just there. Helpful without keeping score. Smiling the entire time. Friends for Life.

Meet a Member!submitted by **Sunny Oberto**

My Airstream journey began about eleven years ago when I purchased a small Airstream Bambi and towed it with my Jeep. I loved the freedom it represented, but towing eventually became more work than I wanted. I then moved into a 19-foot Sprinter van, which turned out to be the perfect steppingstone into the lifestyle I was meant to live.



My first Airstream

That van coincided with my daughter choosing Denver for college. Each fall and spring, we loaded it up and drove her to and from school, exploring national parks and beautiful landscapes along the way. Those trips are where I truly fell in love with camping, adventure, and the confidence that comes from being brave on the road. That 19-footer taught me independence, timing, and how much I value mobility and exploration.

When I turned 60, I made a bold decision to sell a rental property so I could upgrade to a larger van and step fully into the Airstream lifestyle. I had attended a few rallies and met members of the club, and I knew this was my kind of community — independent, welcoming, and full of people who appreciate both craftsmanship and adventure. I sold my Sprinter van a couple of months ago, grateful for everything it gave me, and purchased my 24-foot Airstream Interstate — keeping the name Wanderlust as it continues to grow with me.



One of my most recent adventures was attending the Lake Havasu Balloon Festival rally with 33 rigs. It was an incredible experience where I ran a 5K, we shared organized breakfasts, gathered for group dinners, and enjoyed a riverboat sunset cruise together. It was one of those moments where I realized I was surrounded by an amazing community of people who share a love for exploration and connection. With each rally, I continue to meet new friends and create new memories.



I'm especially looking forward to my first international rally this July at the Calgary Stampede Airstream Rally (July 3–9). The road ahead feels exciting, and I'm grateful to be traveling it with such a wonderful group.

Life keeps rolling — and so do I.

Lake Havasu Rally in Review

submitted by Mira Zimet

The first afternoon of the rally, as we walked through the parking lot at Lake Havasu State Park, we were surrounded by massive, colorful hot air balloons. We watched as they were shot full of flames, and then, one by one, tilted upward and lifted off into a blue sky dotted with clouds.

During the January 20–26 rally, co-hosted with the Las Vegas Airstream Club, 35 trailers filled the gravel lot. This was prime real estate for parking our Airstreams and for viewing the balloons just 100 yards away.

Later, as we munched on appetizers and had the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones, we were treated to "Glowin' on the River" where grounded balloons were illuminated like enormous lanterns with each burst of flame. Throughout the six-day event, there was a 5K run, tethered balloon rides, carnival rides (though I'm pretty sure no one took them up on it!), vendor stalls tempting us with trinkets, and a huge variety of food options (which I'm pretty sure a lot of us took them up on).

Those up early Friday morning were treated to another set of balloons rising into the sky, and afterwards, a potluck breakfast along with Vinnie Lamica's always-informative Airstream talk.

That evening, a large group of us climbed aboard the paddle wheeler Dixie Bell for a sunset cruise across the lake. When wind threatened our planned taco dinner on Saturday evening at our Airstreams, we pivoted smoothly to the heated patio of the caterer, Loco's Bar and Cantina. Loco's also surprised us with a local musician who entertained us throughout dinner. Serendipitously, this evening ended up being a highlight!

Best of all? Our nearly twelve-thousand dollars of camping fees collected went directly to local Lake Havasu charities.

Enjoy the photos below from the GLAAC Facebook page!



Poppy's Excellent Adventure!

submitted by Leslie Clark

When we finished restoring our first Airstream, a 1966 Overlander named Fern, we needed an appraisal and found a guy online. Amazingly, he had an area code that was the same as ours. So enter Jim Polk. As you can guess, there was no way we could avoid joining GLAAC! Becoming part of the club in 2020 our first few rallies were during Covid and there were limited happy hour gatherings, however we became completely hooked on GLAAC rallies and traveling in Fern. Over time we found with Fern two problems - the shower just wasn't big enough for Michael and we got tired of crawling over each other in our queen-sized bed. So what were we to do but restore another Airstream with a bigger shower and twin beds.

We found Poppy in Ventura and spent most of 2025 restoring her beginning with a subfloor, which she didn't have. By September we were ready to travel from Ojai to Maine for the fall colors, then onto Florida and back to Ojai. As an artist, I also wanted to take this time to capture America in watercolor.



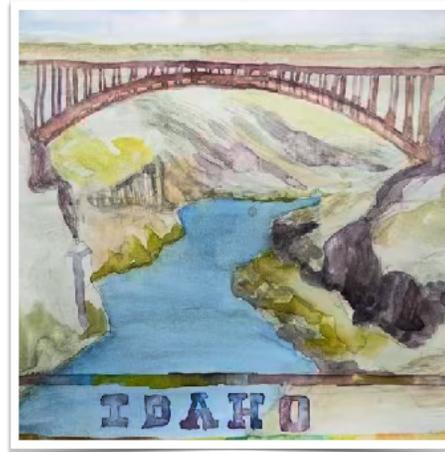
Leslie Clark & Michael Price

ranger. As we retrieved her and apologized for her infraction, the ranger asked if she was turning herself in.

After that first stop we never made plans more than a few days in advance. Much of the west was visiting friends—in Chico, Ashland and Idaho.



Poppy's interior



Next stop, Yellowstone where we arrived just in time for Old Faithful to erupt. Visiting the most popular national parks requires good timing. That's why we started our trip after the busy summer season. There were plenty of visitors in Yellowstone—whenever there is a traffic jam ahead you know there is a bear, a bison or an elk. In spite of the occasional crowd at the park's highlights, Yellowstone was beyond magnificent. The three days we spent were not enough. A little downhearted at leaving such a place, we were surprised by the drive through the Big Horn Mountains - as beautiful a drive as anywhere we've been.

Michael, our dog Mati and I made our first stop at the GLAAC rally at Jackson Rancheria. We loved seeing everyone after months of working on Poppy and so many missed rallies.

In Jackson we were sitting by the trailer and Mati was asleep. We didn't have her on a leash as she was ASLEEP! Then she heard the ATV, her favorite ride even more than the Airstream! The park ranger was patrolling to make sure dogs were on leash and when Mati heard the ATV, she ran and jumped in next to the

Poppy's Excellent Adventure!

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Next stop Cody. We weren't expecting a lot here, but the Buffalo Bill Center of the West is a must see with its great art collection, The Natural History Museum was set up with the ability to see the entire underground landscape of the prairie dogs and other creatures that live beneath our feet. Entering the Buffalo Bill section, we were greeted by a ghostlike figure of the man, a hologram, who looked just like Buffalo Bill, projected on a curtain of mist. There was a life-size photograph of Buffalo Bill's cast of players from his 1890 show in Venice, Italy. It included Native Americans, cowboys, Arabs, Africans, Chinese and the full cast of immigrants who made up the American West. What an international cast it was.



We like to listen to books set in the country we travel through. In Wyoming our choice was Walt Longmire. The sheriff's office is in fictional Absaroka County, Wyoming, but not all the locations are fiction. When we passed Crazy Woman Creek so did Walt Longmire in our audio book.

Next stop South Dakota where we stumbled upon Buffalo Ridge Camp Resort in Custer which became our favorite campground. As we wound up toward registration, we were surrounded by hand painted teepees, which were accommodations. Situated in the middle of many attractions: Mt. Rushmore, Needles Highway, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Deadwood and the Badlands.



Our travels continued through the midwest and onto the Finger Lakes of New York and a visit with Michael's brother. Here our plans changed when Mati, playing with her usual vigor, leapt into the air to catch a ball and came down in the splits dislocating her hips.

At the vet's suggestion we hobbled her so she couldn't do the splits again and made our way back to the West Coast missing Florida and the south. It took us seven days to get to our home vet and we're happy to say Mati is doing well following three months of recovery.



Mati

GLAAC on the Go!



Garden Flags, GLAAC Website, Members-only Facebook Page & Club Photo Directory**How to Order a Personalized Garden Flags online from Zazzle**

Create a Zazzle account or log into an existing account then click on this link: <https://www.zazzle.com/z/a5n6453x> and select 'Edit this Design'.

A new page will appear with a white box to the left of the screen. Delete the sample text and add your name(s) and your Big Red Number.

Use the large, blue 'Next' button in the upper right corner to move you to the back image for editing and the remaining steps as this is a two-sided flag.

Do not select the 'Add a new Text Box' button as this will overlay a new box on top of the club's logo.

Carefully review your text changes on the front and back side of the flag, then select the blue 'Next: Options' on the top menu. This will bring you to a new screen where you will want to add a flag stand, if needed.

In the upper right of the screen, select the blue 'Next: Review' button and when ready, select the yellow 'Add to Cart' button and your order is complete!

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Website

Wonder where we're rolling next? Want to reach out to a club member? Do you have an interest in Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club history?

Use the link below to access the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's website with everything you need to know about the club including officers, Event Schedule, and past issues of the Urban Update. Also included is the club roster and photo directory in the Members-Only section. Note: this link can be found on the last page of all issues of the Urban Update.

<https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles>

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's Members-Only Facebook Page

Do you know we also have a members-only Facebook page where you can share photos, your travels and ask questions? To get on board, reach out to Laurretta Smith via email at: MissMoorea@gmail.com.

Member Photo Directory

Our membership photo directory is available on our website. For help accessing the directory, please reach out to Carolyn Keep via email at: KeepRLN@icloud.com

2026 GLAAC Events

(subject to change)

**Watch for more information coming to your inbox as events are
firmed up and registration dates/info are provided!**

Jan 22-25	Lake Havasu State Park, Lake Havasu Balloon Festival
Feb 19-23	Santee Lakes, San Diego
March 12-16	Joshua Tree National Park, Joshua Tree Lakes RV
April 16-19	Region 12 Cali Rally at the V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA
April 19-22	San Simeon Creek Campground, San Simeon, CA
May 14-18	Sequoia RV Ranch, Three Rivers, CA (Reserve your site <u>NOW</u> through the resort's website https://www.sequoiarvranch.com/ and send an email letting us know: events.glaac@gmail.com)
June 11-14	Lake Casitas, Ojai, CA
July 16-19	Serrano Campground, Big Bear, CA
Aug 22-27	69th Airstream Club International Rally, Minot, North Dakota
Sept 17-20	Crystal Cove/Moro Campground, Laguna Beach, CA
Oct 22-25	El Prado Regional Park, Chino Hills, CA
Oct 28-Nov 1	Region 12 Rally, Oasis Las Vega RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV
Nov 12-15	Refugio State Beach, Goleta, CA
Dec 4-7	Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula, CA

Wally Byam's Code of Ethics and Event Pet Policy



WBCCI/WALLY BYAM'S CODE OF ETHICS

To be ever mindful of our responsibility to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct, indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples and countries.

To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to the affect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code. To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them in the same way.

WE LOVE OUR FOUR-LEGGED AIRSTREAMERS...

Well-behaved pets are always welcome at rallies! To make the rally enjoyable for all, please observe these important points:

- A. Members traveling with pets are responsible to know and follow the pet policy at each individual RV Park or campground location.
- B. All pets must be under control on a leash when outside the Airstream. Owners must pick up after their pets.
- C. A size-appropriate pet containment system may be used at the campsite, unless not allowed by RV Park rules.
- D. Pets are not permitted in buildings, or at outside gatherings while food is served. At club events, pets are permitted at outside gatherings after food has been consumed.
- E. Service animals will be allowed according to State laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) policies.



Editor's Note

While our club newsletter is formatted, edited and delivered to your inbox by the editor, it is truly *your news* which makes it interesting. With this in mind, I am reaching out to all our members for participation.

- 1) With each issue we'll have an opportunity to *Meet a Member!* Members will be tapped to find out what you enjoy about Airstreaming; how it all began; any lessons learned on the road; what you did prior to club life. Maybe share something we don't know about you!
- 2) We have also incorporated *My Favorite Campground and Harvest Host* locations where you simply share a few sentences about your favorite site and include a photo taken at the campground. With all the rolling we do, this will certainly inspire club members to try a new location!
- 3) Have an adventure story or camping lesson learned you would like to share? We would love to hear from you!

Feel free to participate in your newsletter and send these items to me at anytime to be included in future issues of the Urban Update.

- Lynda

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- Watch for the occasional discount and/or free logo



Editor's Note: Thank you to our members who submitted photos for this edition and to those photographers whom I pulled photos from Facebook. And a special *Thank You* to those who provided an article, you make the Urban Update the outstanding club newsletter that it is!