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President's Message

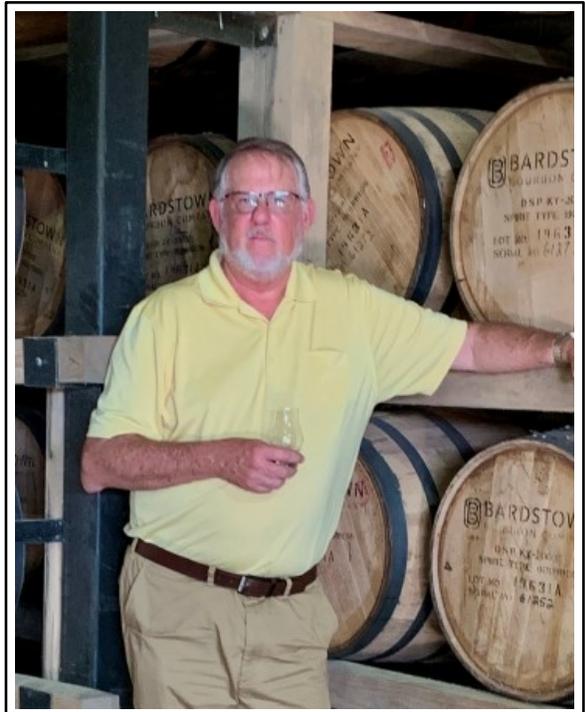
Welcome to NorCal Airstream Club 2026! Looking ahead to our first rally at the Jackson Rancheria March 4th to 8th and seeing old friends and meeting new members. Thanks go out to the Ungermans and the Broads for agreeing to host this rally. Just a reminder, we are still looking for rally hosts for our November and December rallies and a team to handle the charity auction at the December rally.

Our March rally will include a business meeting on Saturday morning to look at our club's path forward. We are looking at how many of our members are participating in rallies, regional events, the International Rally, and caravans. Bring your ideas on the types of rallies you would like to see in the years ahead. RV parks with full hookups? Boondocking rallies? Rookie/newcomer rallies? Rallies focused on a particular interest (hiking, biking, quilting, grapes and grains, fishing, golf, cooking classes, craft fairs)? Let your imagination run wild.

We will take your ideas and create a survey to gather information from members not able to attend the rally and hold a follow-up meeting at the May rally to review the survey results.

Our rally at Jackson will also include a presentation by Deanna Bain, our caravan chair, on the history of caravans, both NorCal and International. We will also have a slide show presented by First Lady Amy Webster on our experiences on the Nuts for Ruts caravan retracing the Oregon Trail.

Can't wait to see you down the road!



Tom Webster, President

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From the Editor

Spring is coming. A time of rebirth and renewal. Flowers starting to blossom like zits popping up on a teenager's face. And very appropriately for a newsletter called The Poppy, a new editorial team also popped up starting with this edition: Team Matteo would like to greet you all to the March 2026 NorCal Poppy!

First and foremost, please join us in celebrating our former editor, Elisa Ungerman, who brilliantly directed this newsletter over the past few years. Thank you Elisa for your service to the club and its members.

"Change of ownership". Those are words we all dread when it relates to our favorite restaurant or store: will the food be as good? Will my favorite waiter still get me some extra bread? Why is the background music so loud now? The editor is new, but you should all find this March Poppy quite familiar. Changes there are, but they are minor and mostly relate to (less) sharing of private information in these days of hacks, scams and spams.

A change already started by Elisa in the January Poppy is that we do not include mailing or email addresses, nor phone numbers, for the new members and affiliates, but only their homebase. A few on the NorCal Club Contacts list also have their email address and/or phone number removed (see [page 3](#)). If you want to reach out to any member, including people on that club contacts list, please refer to the NorCal Membership Directory accessible through the ACI website. Jump to [page 5](#) for a step-by-step tutorial!

On a personal note, the winter brought interesting, but very fun, changes for Team Matteo: go-karts! After training at the Sonoma Raceway Karting Center in 2025, Matteo has been practicing with his own 125cc go-kart and learning to maintain and fix it. If you like driving for fun,

want to try fast go-karts on an outdoor track in a safe and very well organized environment, go ahead and try the Karting School at Sonoma Raceway for a full day of training. Both Matteo and I did it and we highly recommend it.



Time for new adventures, and we hope to see you all in a few days at the Jackson Rancheria Rally!

Damien Scaerou, Editor

2026 Rally Schedule

March 4 - 8th Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA
Registration closed
Hosts: The Ungermans & Broads

April 8 - 12th River Point Landing, Stockton, CA
Registration closed, waitlist available
Hosts: The Verdegals & Winchells

April 16 - 19th Region 12 Cali Rally, V6 Ranch
Registration closed, waitlist available - Host: Region 12

May 6 - 10th Cassini Ranch, Russian River
Registration closed, waitlist available
Hosts: The Bartelts & Intemanns

June 10 - 14th Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA
Lassen Area - **Registration opens April 1st**
Hosts: The Scheuers & Daubers

August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA
Registration opens June 1st
Hosts: The Davisons & Villaires

August 22 - 27 International Rally at Minot, ND
Registration open now
Host: Airstream Club International

Sept. 9 - 13th Village RV, Truckee CA*
Registration closed
Hosts: The Margolis' - Co-hosts needed

Oct. 7 - 11th Flying Flags, Avila Beach CA
Registration opens August 1st
Hosts: Team Matteo, Team Paz

Oct. 28 - Nov 1 Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas NV
Registration opens TBA - Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 4 - 8th Benbow KOA Holiday, Benbow CA
Registration opens September 1st
Hosts needed

Dec. 2 - 6th 49er RV Park, Plymouth CA*
Registration opens TBD
Hosts needed

The Fine Print

JotForm links and instructions for registration will be provided in the Poppy or by email prior to the registration date. After completion of the JotForm, you will be notified of your status. Registration for rally locations with an asterisk will be made through the park after completion of the JotForm and notification of acceptance into the rally from the registrar by email.

Updated information is in **green**.

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For contact information not included here, please consult the Northern California Airstream Club Membership Directory.

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Stephanie Breslin & Larry Miller, El Granada, CA
 Joseph Mertle, Hopland, CA
 Marc & Laura Rigney, Danville, CA
 Ulrich & Amanda Honighausen, Windsor, CA
 Maurice & Kathy Rowe, West Falmouth, MA

Welcome New NorCal Members

John & Sara Cummings, Petaluma, CA
 Chris & Charlie Clausen, Elk Grove, CA
 Daniel & Geri Markey, Los Gatos, CA
 David & Lisa Gibson, Redding, CA
 Peter & Christina Nunez, Fresno, CA

NorCal Membership Numbers

191	Unit/Life Members
88	Affiliate Members
279	Total Members

Airstream Club International on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/>
 Region 12 on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
 NorCal on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-california>

A Message From Our Club Registrar

Greetings Airstreamers!

I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy your rig. We are lucky here in California to be able to camp year-round. Paul and I are going to Manchester Beach for the Valentine's Day and President's Day holiday weekend, and I'm not mad it's going to rain all weekend. I love to hear the rain on the roof, sneak a hike in when the rain briefly stops, and getting away from the responsibilities at home is always good.

Now that I have served the club as registrar for one year, I would like you to know a few things regarding the registration process:

- I am currently still working with my husband at our business. We have about another 3 years before we retire. I may need a day or two to respond to phone calls. If you want a quick reply between the 1-10th of the month please email me. If you have a question, don't be afraid to ask, you aren't bothering me. The registration process can be confusing at times.
- The registration process may never look the same for rallies. More than ever it is important to read the information in the Poppy regarding rallies. There may be subtle differences with each rally registration process.
- Given all of the changes and challenges working with different RV parks, when expressing your frustrations, please remember I am doing my best. As a club we are forced to figure it out as we go, with each campground now wanting different procedures when it comes to registration for a group.

- The email you receive from the JotForm platform is NOT your confirmation you are in the rally. Wait until you hear from me via email before doing anything. Please read the instructions I will send in an email after I have received your JotForm entry. Please email me if you don't hear from me within 48 hours, sometimes JotForm does not send me a notification that a form has been completed.
- If you are notified that you are on the waiting list, wait until you receive a future email with instructions on how to proceed should you make it into the rally. If you don't get in, please don't take it personally. I know it's disappointing, but it can't always be avoided. Paul and I are on waiting lists too!
- If you need to cancel and you have made your own reservations with the RV park, please notify me prior to canceling with the park. If we have a waiting list, it is easier to coordinate filling the spot before it is canceled. Your refund will come from the person taking the spot. If the park fills the spot with a non-member before I can fill it from the waiting list you may not receive a refund for activities and meals.
- With more interest in attending rallies, longer waiting lists are more common. We are doing our best to accommodate everyone, but we must respect the volunteers who are hosting and how comfortable they are hosting a big group. If possible, with the approval of the hosts and park we occasionally add additional sites.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Vicky Bartelt, Registrar

Birthdays



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|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Joe Riggs | Chet Weaver | Marget Williams |
| Dave Wilson | Joanne Hilliard | Margaret Drew |
| Dennis Richardson | Kris Carey | Dick Sullivan |
| Vicky Bartelt | Tina Spysma | Deborah Christie |
| Ralph Drew | Gary DeSmet | Eric French |
| Dee Aguilar | Roy Hutto | Tony Sica |
| Patience Beck | Larry Jones | Claudia Sherry |

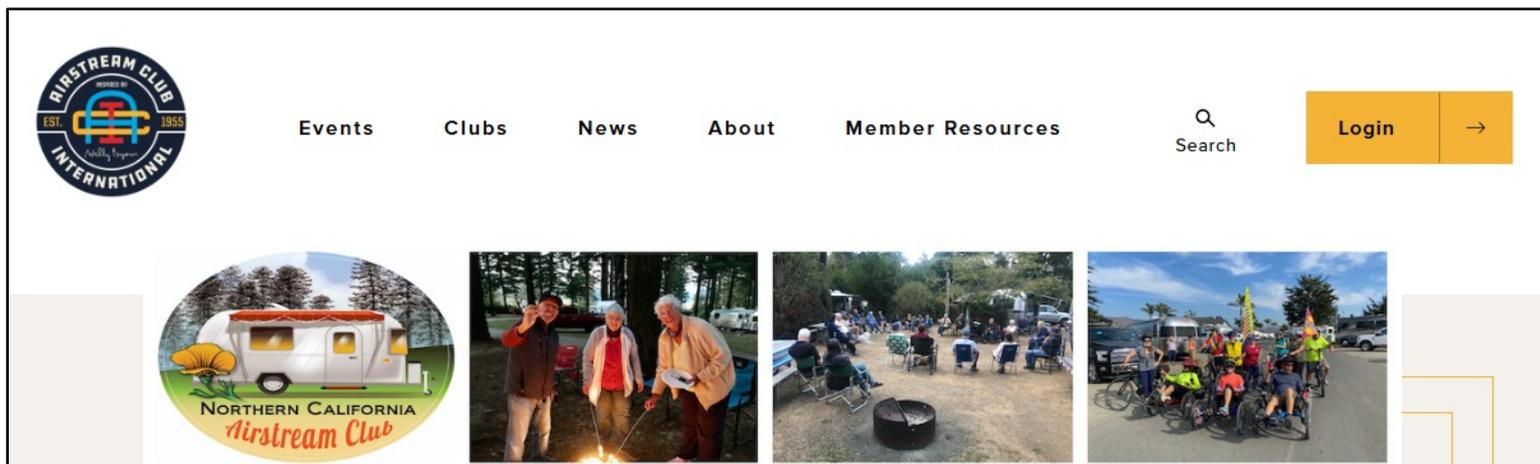
Anniversaries



- Alan & Dee Aguilar
- John & Lori Bibby
- Tom & Deanna Bain
- Allen & Linda Sickler
- Richard & Judy Kleiman
- Grover & Cathy Sandy

NorCal would like to recognize the birthdays and anniversaries of **all** our Members and Affiliates. To ensure you are included in the Poppy, please send Terri Holifield,

our NorCal Membership Chair, an email at norcalmembership.terri@gmail.com with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary.

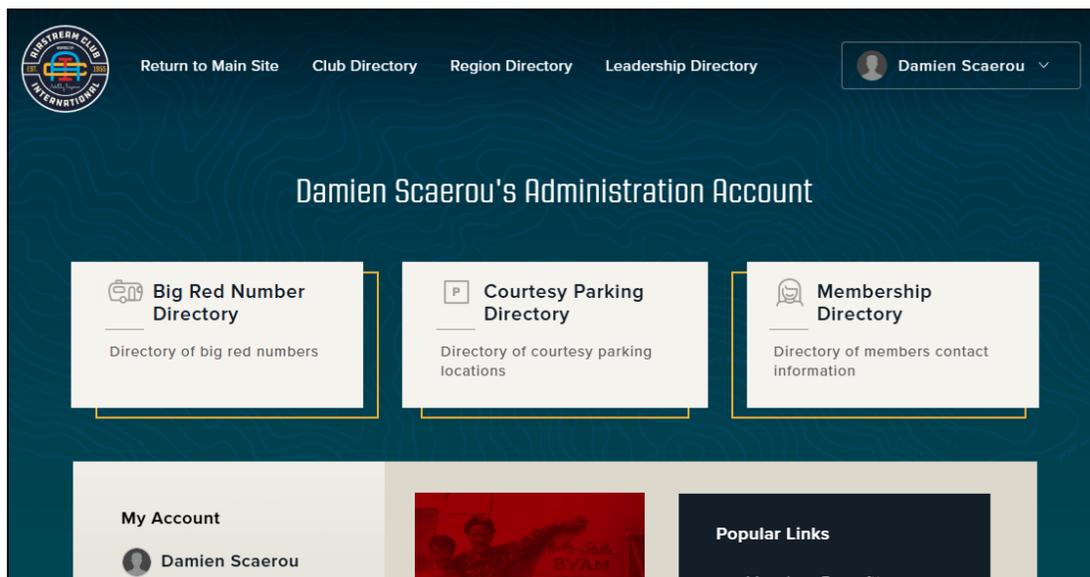
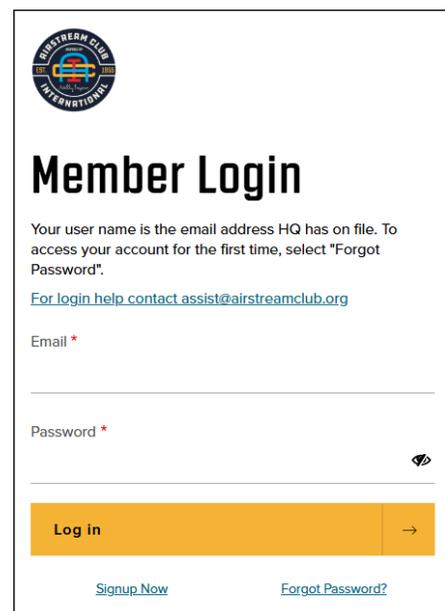


How to Access The NorCal Club Membership Directory

Our Northern California Airstream Club has grown to quite a size over the past few years, reaching 279 counting members and affiliates. The more the merrier, but the harder to remember everyone! Of course you can certainly just walk up to your fellow airstreamers at the next rally and exchange contact information, and if you're trying to contact one of the board member or any of us holding a position in the club, the NorCal Club Contacts List is available in this Poppy on [page 3](#). If those options do not work for you however, or if you want to know about **all** our members and affiliates, the Airstream Club Membership Directory comes to the rescue!

Contact information for members of our NorCal Club, as well as any other club, can be retrieved from the Airstream Club International (ACI) membership database. The database is accessible to members from all Airstream clubs via the Membership Direction section of the member's ACI account; it does require logging in to the ACI website, however.

To get started, go to the main ACI website airstreamclub.org or to our club's page airstreamclub.org/northern-california, and click on the "login" box in the upper right of that page (see top photo on this page as example). This will bring you to the login page shown here on the right. Log in with your email address and password to get to your ACI member dashboard as shown here below.



If you are not familiar with the ACI member dashboard, this is where you can manage your account, update your personal information, add yourself to other clubs as affiliates or to intra-club groups, etc. This is also where you can collect a lot of useful information, including leadership directory, instructions for finding courtesy parking locations through Harvest Hosts, and today's focus: the membership directory, which you can access by clicking on the box to the right.

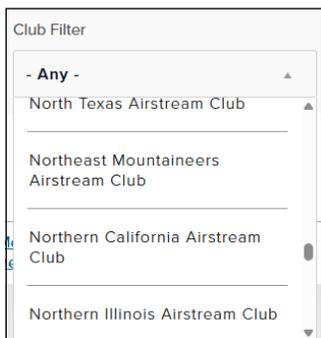
How to Access The NorCal Club Membership Directory, Continued

Here comes the hard part: actually finding the answers you seek. The directory can give you all the member information you need, but it does present its challenges.

In the membership directory page, you are presented with all the knobs you can play with to help you search through over 10,000 members across ACI.

The first parameter is a search bar (with the magnifier icon on its right) which you can use to filter for a specific person, club, big red number (BRN), etc. This is the easiest and most direct way to find someone in particular. We will come back to this search bar a little later in this page.

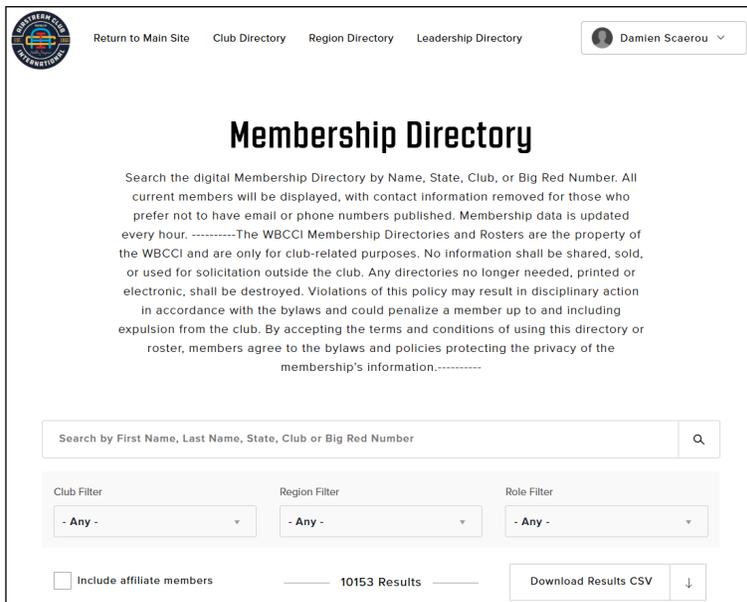
The second set of knobs are filter menus which will not give you a specific person, but list members to which the filters apply. Available options are "Club" to find all members of a club, "Region" for, well, all members in a particular region, and "Role" for all members who hold a specific position in their club. The filters can work together to further narrow down your search, so you can easily get a list of all the 2nd vice-presidents in Region 12, if you're so inclined.



Please note that those three filters are structured as menus, which means you have to go through the whole list of options to pick the one you're looking for. Not a big deal overall, but if you would like to get the list of member of our Northern California Airstream Club, you have to roll through the whole menu (alphabetically ordered, fortunately) until you get to our club, as shown here on the left.

The last option available to you is the checkbox shown on the lower left of the picture above, which allows you to include affiliate members in your list when you look at members from a specific club.

Back to the search bar mentioned earlier: it is the most flexible tool of the directory as it allows you to type exactly what you are looking for. Enter "Damien Scaerou" and you will find me as shown below. Typing "northern california airstream club" will show our club members. Combine that with Role filter "President", and you will find Tom Webster.



Primary Member First Name	Primary Member Last Name	Partner Member First Name	Partner Member Last Name	BRN	Type	Address	Region	Club	Primary Email	Partner Email	Primary Phone	Partner Phone
Damien	Scaerou		Scaerou	09521	Regular	Private	Region 12	Northern California Airstream Club	Private	Private	Private	Private

Now, this tool is not AI and will not complain if the filters don't align. Let's say you planned a trip to New York City but want to taste the most authentic Cannolis in that area, which happen to be right across the Hudson River. You want to reach out to fellow ACI members over there for some tips, so you enter "New Jersey", but had inadvertently left the Region filter set to "Region 12". The directory will return, well, nothing, as you might expect.

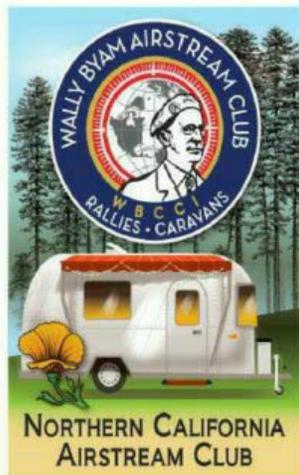
I hope that this tutorial will have helped you navigate the ACI membership directory to find other members, if not Italian delicacies. Please reach out if you would like more information or guidance. See you all soon!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jackson Rancheria Rally						
8 Summer Time 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	April		3	4
5 	6	7	River Point Landing Rally			
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Membership Badge

As members, you can obtain your own colorful NorCal Membership Badge to replace your dull WBCCI badge after attending three Norcal Rallies. After being "degreened," you will receive your badge, along with a five-inch club logo sticker for your Airstream or tow Vehicle, with the same design shown on the masthead of The Poppy. Contact our NorCal Membership Chair or Registrar to get yours at no cost to you. Please note that Affiliates are eligible to purchase badges after their third NorCal Rally.



Club Garden Flags

New flags and and more are available from our vendor at the following link:

<https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Northern-California-Airstream-Club/7684778>

Don't worry; old flags are still good, but the new flags are cool looking!

