

# SD Streamer

Official Newsletter of the San Diego Airstream Club  
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# Welcome!

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

BRN	Member and Partner Name	City
24455	Nigel and Frauke Watson	Ballaugh, Isle of Man
30326	Chris and Charles Tellis	Palm Desert
16152	Edward and Merle Lindstrom	Chula Vista
19711	Darrold and Ruth Davis	San Diego
31311	Craig and Abby Rubenstein	Laguna Niguel

## President's Letter

By Kathy Swangin

Summer's coming and people are traveling!!! We have members attending Caravans, Cali Rally and our own club rallies. So where is SDAC going this summer?

June - we will be at Prado Regional Park - a new campground to the club.

Lisa & Joe Sciabica and Kathy & Lynn Swangin will be your hosts for a "Share your Passion" rally.



## San Diego Airstream Club Officers and Chairpersons for 2026

- President: Kathy Swangin
- First 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

July - we have a 3-night rally at Serrano Campground at Big Bear Lake for a joint rally with Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. Cheryl & Steve Henry and Pam & Mike Davis (new members!) will be your SDAC hosts. Be on the lookout for the rally coupon which will come out mid-May. We have some sites prebooked for Wednesday arrival/Monday departure so make sure to indicate if you have an interest. They will be assigned on a first come/first serve basis.

August is the International Rally at Minot, ND so there will be no club rally. For those making the trip to Minot - have a wonderful time! We look forward to hearing all about it upon your return.

We've gained a dozen new members so far this year! In light of that, I thought I would highlight some of the wonderful benefits membership in ACI offers us to help us travel, as well as a review of passes available for national and state parks.

As a member of ACI, please check out the membership benefits available to you, if you haven't already done so, at <https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section>. There are discounts available to you that can help reduce your camping costs as you travel.

●CampScanner - CampScanner helps you snag reservations at sold-out campgrounds in over 9600 National Parks, National Forests, State Parks and more! Create a scan for openings at parks your desired campground & dates to be notified if a spot opens up. ACI members are eligible for 15% off new CampScanner subscriptions.

●ACI Courtesy Parking - approximately 300 fellow members offer free, overnight parking across the USA and lower Canada.

●Harvest Hosts - a network of more than 4,000 wineries, farms, breweries, museums and other unique attractions that invite self-contained RVers to visit and stay overnight. ACI members receive 30% off new Harvest Hosts memberships.

●KOA Rewards provides 10% off daily registration fees at 500+ KOA campgrounds throughout the U.S. and Canada, plus the ability to earn rewards points that accumulate for cash off future stays at any KOA. ACI members receive a free first-year enrollment in the KOA Rewards program.

●Passport America - enjoy 50% off camping at nearly 1,600 participating parks, campgrounds and resorts across the US, Canada, and Mexico. ACI member cost - \$49/year plus 6 Additional Months Free (\$24.50 Value).

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## San Diego Airstream Club Upcoming Rally Schedule

MAY 15-17 (2 nights) Pinezanita RV  
Park, Julian CA  
Hosts: Abe & Veronica Hernandez,  
Allan Bombard

JUNE 18-21 (3 nights) Prado  
Regional Park, Chino, CA  
Hosts: Lisa & Joe Sciabica, Kathy &  
Lynn Swangin

JULY 16-19 (3 nights) Serrano  
Campground, Big Bear Lake, CA  
Hosts: Cheryl & Steve Henry, Pam &  
Mike Davis. Joint Rally with GLAAC

AUGUST 22-27 ACI International  
Rally, Minot ND

SEPTEMBER 18-20 (2 nights)  
Mission Bay RV Resort, San Diego  
Hosts: Diane & Stephan Jardon, AJ &  
Evie Jackson

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  
Hosts: Ray & Jane Barger, Je-rey &  
GiGi Pincus

DECEMBER 4-6 (2 nights) Sun  
Outdoors Chula Vista, Chula Vista,  
Hosts: Dan & Carie Seigenthaler,  
Rose & Ed Harris

# President's Letter, continued

By Kathy Swangin

●Terego - 1600+ Overnight RV parking spaces at Canadian farms, breweries, wineries, and so much more. ACI members can receive 15% off an annual membership.

●RV Life Pro - a RV trip planning and navigation suite that includes a comprehensive trip planner, a mobile navigation app, and more. By using the trip planning tool, [RV LIFE Trip Wizard](#), you can plan every step of your journey using your laptop, tablet or even smartphone. Everything you need is in one place: campgrounds, fuel stops, rest areas, satellite view, street view, elevation, grade, weather and more. ACI members enjoy a 50% discount on their first year of RV LIFE Pro.

●RV Weather - helps Airstreamers plan safer, less stressful trips by avoiding hazardous weather before they get on the road. Using SureRoute, RV Weather analyzes an 8-day forecast along your entire trip and builds a weather-optimized route based on the conditions you want to avoid. ACI members receive 40% off their first year of RV Weather and 10% off every subsequent renewal.

Looking for more? Are the National Parks on your bucket list? If so, make sure you have an annual America the Beautiful Pass.

The America the Beautiful Pass covers entrance and standard amenity fees (day-use fees) at over 2,000 federal recreation sites, including all National Parks, National Forests, Wildlife Refuges, and lands managed by the BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Army Corps of Engineers. It covers the pass holder and all passengers in a private, non-commercial vehicle. If you hold a Senior or Access Pass, you may receive a 50% discount on many federally operated campsites.

Costs:

- Annual Pass: \$80 for the general public.
- Senior Pass: \$80 for lifetime (or \$20 annual) for US citizens/residents 62+.
- Military Pass: Free annual pass for active duty, dependents, and veterans.
- Access Pass: Free lifetime pass for permanent disabilities.

What about California State Parks?

California State Park annual vehicle day-use passes typically cost between \$50 and \$195, depending on coverage. Free and special discounted passes exist for seniors and veterans. Costs:

- California Explorer (\$195): Valid at 134+ parks, including high-demand Southern California beaches.
- Golden Poppy (\$125): Valid at 112+ parks, including most reservoirs and Northern California beaches.
- Senior Golden Bear Pass (\$20): For seniors, allowing free entry at over 200 parks (excluding peak season).
- Distinguished Veteran Pass (Free): For California veterans with a disability rating of 50% or more, covers day use and camping.

If you plan on camping in other states, please check out their state park camping websites to see what they offer.

Parting thought from the Wally Byam Creed:

“To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end...and thus make your travel dreams come true.” - Wally Byam

See you down the road .... Kathy

# First Vice President's Letter

By Cheryl Henry

## Guajome Regional Park March Rally and Annual Picnic

Our rally hosts, Jonathan and Yolanda Daly, pulled out all the stops for this year's rally and picnic! On Friday morning, we started the day with eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns and Bloody Marys! In honor of St Patrick's Day (and the host and co-host's Irish heritages, we home-cooked an authentic corned beef and cabbage dinner, including colcannon potatoes and Irish soda bread. The pavilion was decked out in green and we enjoyed apple pie for dessert.

We were privileged to have Charles Boucher and his family attend the rally. Charles worked in Los Angeles for the Airstream factory there and knew Wally Byam personally. He had some stories to tell! When asked why he called Stella "quite a character", he declined to comment further! Charles, with his son, Dwane, prepared a really interesting slide show of those early days and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the photos.

The rally was so well-attended (16 trailers for the rally plus a wait list and 51 RSVPs for the picnic) that we decided to have next year's picnic and rally at Guajome again. Mark your calendars for March 18th - 20th 2027. We've added more camping sites so that we can accommodate everyone who wants to attend. We'll see you there!



# First Vice President's Letter, continued

By Cheryl Henry

## (American-style) Irish Soda Bread (compliments of Grandma Henry)

*Yes! We baked these loaves in our Airstream ovens!*

4 c all-purpose flour (I used unbleached)

1/2 c sugar

4 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 c caraway seeds

2 c raisins

Mix the above dry ingredients

1 1/2 c buttermilk

2 eggs

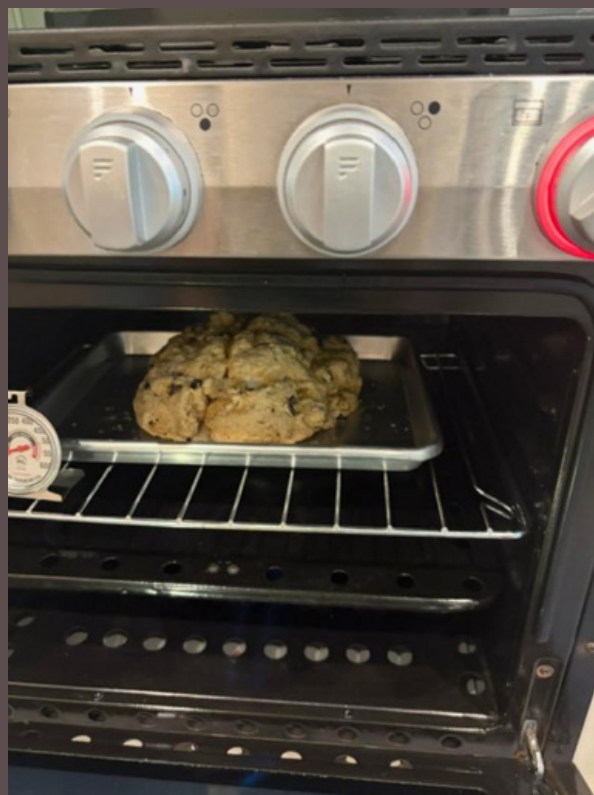
3 tbsp honey

4 tbsp unsalted butter, melted (if using salted butter, omit the salt above)

Mix the above wet ingredients

Gently fold the wet into the dry just until all the flour is incorporated

Put onto a parchment lined baking sheet and brush with buttermilk. Score a deep cross into the top of loaf. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until golden brown and internal temperature is 190 degrees. Enjoy warm with copious amounts of salted Irish butter!





# Cali Rally 2026 V6 Ranch – Parkfield, CA

April 16-19, 2026

by Sue and David Pfeifer #10054

Airstream life is new since March 2025. Up until then, we have camped in everything from tents, to yurts, to pop-ups and an RV when our children were young. Since our joining the Airstream family, we are truly enjoying the sunny side of comfort camping. We are members of the San Diego Airstream Club and have attended 2 events with them. You all are a warm and welcoming community – thank you! We recently attended a Region 12 event, the bi-annual Cali Rally. It was held at the V6 Ranch in Parkfield, CA from April 16-19, 2026. We were on #38 on the waitlist, and patience, and flexibility shone upon us, and we were able to get into the Rally.

Parkfield is in the southern portion of Monterey County, about 32 miles north of state route 46. For us, it was about a 6 hour drive from San Diego. The area is agriculture and ranches, nestled in a grassy valley surrounded by golden hills, shaded by groves of oaks. The area is full of active ranches with livestock, grapes and other agricultural endeavors. Parkfield is known as “The Earthquake Capital of CA.” This is most visible at a bridge crossing a small stream above the San Andreas Fault, where the West side of the bridge announces that you are “Now Entering the North American Plate,” and an opposite sign on the East side.

The event was very well attended and incredibly organized. We were one of the last to arrive (we’re still in the work force) and we were warmly greeted and shown to a parking space. Since it was one of the last spaces, it had some challenging topography and a very nice couple from Reno offered to share their oversized and level space with us. There were 80 plus airstreams from the Region 12. We met folks from the Bay Area, Nevada, Central CA, Los Angeles and Orange County – it was quite a spectrum of attendees.

As stated, the event was very well organized. The owners of the V6 Ranch, an active family ran ranch, provided a lot of the meals. They served them out of an event venue, a barn-like structure in the center of the trailers. This was ground zero for the meals and larger events. Some of the events were yoga, horseback riding, bicycle adventure (we did this), crafts, wine tasting, whiskey tasting, and live music in the evenings. They brought in musicians and some of the Airstreamers shared their talents and jammed with pro’s.





A highlight was a presentation by “Vinnie,” the one and only. He shared about his new venture which is a nationwide co-op of certified Airstream repairmen and resources that will be shared with all – stay tuned for this. One neat activity was one of the families made wood cheese boards for everyone. They all were unique and of a mix of wood species. Ours is walnut and in the evening around a large fire pit they brought out brands and you could personalize your board with a V6 and/or airstream brand – we attempted both. Lets just say, we won’t quit our day jobs to chase aspirations of becoming ranch hands.



There are points of interest nearby if your want a day trip. Mission San Miguel is about 30 minutes away. Its restoration benefactor was Catherine Campbell Hearst. It is a beautiful and humble Mission along the El Camino Real. Also nearby are Hearst Castle, the Central CA wine region, plus many others. If the timing is right, you may catch a Space-X launch from Vandenburg SFB.

The most surprising aspect of our young Airstream life is how amazing, open and friendly the community is. This is certainly the case with the San Diego Club, and the Region 12 group affirmed this spirit in spades! Everyone was so nice, open warm and welcoming. We asked about their adventures and set-up. Everyone shared and the conversations were informative, easy and laugh filled. We met a couple from Carlsbad, and a kindred spirit couple from the Central Valley who also were first time Cali Ralliers and are grape farmers for Sunkist Raisins. They shared raisin samples and their micro-brew beer – amazing people. We love our Airstream, its comfort and adventure, but we’ll say it again, the biggest surprise to us is the open arms of the Airstream Community!

We feel blessed to have attended the Cali Rally 2026, were able to have the flexibility to attend, and had the adventurous spirit and willingness to try something new. Even though the drive was long, it was 1,000% worth it and we will do it again. Our goal is to get out and on the road at least once a month for the rest of 2026. Some near trips, some farther. We are planning on attending the International rally in WY in 2027, and this experience filled us with wonder about what fun a bigger rally can offer. We’d be remiss if we didn’t pay homage and thank the Region 12 officers, planning committee and volunteers. When we were up on the waitlist just 2 weeks prior to the rally, Teresa personally called us and walked us thru the registration process. You all demonstrate the best of what we can be – Thank you and see you in 2-years!





## San Diego Airstream Club

### 2027 Rally Schedule (Updated 5/11/2026)

<u>Date 2027</u>	<u>Campground</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Jan 15-17 (F, Sa)	Pechanga RV Resort	Temecula	Stephanie Akens-Gunn/Yolanda Daly
Feb 19-21 (F, Sa)	Sweetwater Summit	Bonita	
Mar 19-21 (F, Sa)	Guajome Regional Park *1	Oceanside	Ray Barger/Jeffey Pincus
Apr 18-25 (7 nights)	Flying Flags/Pismo Coast Village *2 Avila Beach/Pismo Beach		
May 14-16 (F, Sa)	William Heise Regional Park	Julian	
Jul 15-18 (Th, F, Sa)	Lighthouse Resort	Big Bear Lake	
Aug 20-22 (F,Sa)	Malibu Beach RV Resort	Malibu	
Sep 16-19 (Th, F, Sa)	Crystal Cove *3	Laguna Beach	
Nov 12-14 (F, Sa)	Camp Pendleton	San Onofre	
Dec 2-5 (Th, F, Sa)	Sun Outdoors San Diego*4	Chula Vista	

#### Important Notes:

1. The Guajome rally will include a picnic lunch on Saturday for all club members, whether or not you are camping that weekend.
2. This is the semi-annual Wine Quest event to include a pre-rally at Avila Beach April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, followed by the official club rally at Pismo Beach April 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.
3. For Crystal Cove, you will make your own reservation. You will need a Reserve California account. Instructions for how to book your campsite will be given in March 2027.
4. The Sun Outdoors Chula Vista rally will include a Saturday luncheon to install our officers for 2028. All members, regardless of attendance at the rally, are welcome and encouraged to attend the luncheon.

# You're Invited to Wine Quest 2027!

Dear Friends,

The San Diego Airstream Club will be continuing our tradition of Wine Quest in 2027!

As in past years, we have two locations planned for the week-long event.

The official rally will be held at Pismo Coast Village RV Resort 4/21 - 4/25. We will let you know how to sign up for this rally and book your site in the near future.

We will be getting together at Flying Flags Avila Beach for pre-rally fun 4/18 - 4/21.

Now is the time to book your pre-rally sites at Avila. Below is the detailed information.



## Make Your Reservation Now- Sites Go Fast

When: April 18 – 21, 2027 (Optional 3 Nights)

Where: [Flying Flags – Avila Beach](#)

6450 Babe Lane Port San Luis, CA 93424  
(805) 888-0158

What: “The Wine Quest Opener” (Pre-Rally)

How: Book your own Super Premium Back-In Sites  
(approx... \$160/night).

We hope everyone can book in/near sites #32 - #45.  
Cancel before 3 days and pay only \$20 cancellation fee.  
Check the details on website. Sites will go fast!

## Mark Your Calendar

When: April 21 – 25, 2027 (SDAC Rally - 4 Nights)

Where: [Pismo Coast Village RV Resort](#)

165 South Dolliver Street Pismo Beach, CA 93449

What: Experience the Beauty of Edna Valley, Paso Robles  
and Santa Ynez

How: This is a “Book Your Own Site Rally.”  
Rally Coupon and more information will follow.

When you book a spot, please let us know [@aciwinequest@gmail.com](mailto:@aciwinequest@gmail.com)

We hope to see you there!

Jeffrey and GiGi Pincus and Ray and Jane Barger



# France



## What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

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