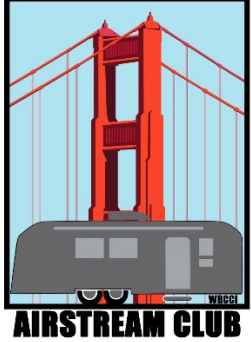


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President's Message
Jill Impink

It never ceases to amaze me how our members step up to make things happen! We recently added two non-camping events to our 2026 rally calendar: an outing to [The Cobra Experience](#) in Martinez on July 19 (thanks to Wayne Impink and Dennis Shakespeare) and a suite at the [Giants game](#) on September 7 (thanks to Mike and Shawn Blom). These additions show that we not only enjoy camping together—we also enjoy spending time together in other ways. There's still time to sign up for either event. And if you have an idea for a rally or activity, let us know—we can make it happen!

The Newbie Rally (October 15–19, 2026) was just released in lovely Napa, and if you haven't attended before, I highly recommend it! Rebecca and Tom Schapp and Eric and LaVerne McHenry are hard at work making it an event to remember. Learn from seasoned Airstreamers and club members, enjoy a visit from Airstream Adventures, and take part in lectures and hands-on how-to sessions, and much more. We hope to see you there!

It's also that time of year to start thinking about filling our board positions. An email will go out soon with nomination and election information. If you've ever considered getting more involved, please consider running—we'd love to have you. Thank you to our nominating committee volunteers: John McFarlin, Johnathan Daly, and Michele Eichers. Our club thrives because of volunteers—and we're grateful for everyone who steps up to help.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, and we'll see you at a rally!

Jill Impink
GBAAC President
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2026 – 2027 Rallies

Check out the Rallies below. Remember if you volunteer to host / co-host, you will be given the ability to sign up for the rally in advance of the event being released to the general membership. Hosting lets you go to a location you want and no waitlist!

2026 GBAAC Rally Schedule					
Club	Dates	Campground & Location	Host	Co-Host	Notes
GBAAC	July 9 -13	Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort	Ken Lalanne & Linda Weissman	Jill & Wayne Impink	Released – call resort
GBAAC	July 19	The Cobra Experience - Martinez, CA Event	Wayne Impink	Dennis Shakespeare	Released – check with location
ACI National	July 15 - 22	Silver on the River - Cruise	Jason Grendahl	Melisa Richardson	Released, spots open - sign up via ACI
ACI	Aug 22 - 27	International Rally - Minot, ND			Released - sign up via ACI. Caravan there?
GBAAC	Sept 7	St Louis Cardinals vs SF Giants @ Oracle Park	Shawn Blom	Mike Blom	Released - tickets still available
GBAAC	Sept 24 - 27	Grass Valley	Jill Impink	Anita Cushing	Released - full, sign up for waitlist
GBAAC	Oct 15 - 19	Newbie Rally - Napa Valley Expo RV Park	Eric & LaVerne McHenry	Rebecca Schapp	Released – sites available
Region 12	Oct 28 - 1	Oasis Las Vegas RV Park	Region 12		Released – sites available
GBAAC	Nov 12 - 16	Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay	Jill Impink	TBD	Installation Rally - Released 8/29, full
GBAAC	Dec 10 - 14	Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, CA	Jonathan & Yolanda Daly	TBD	White Elephant Rally - Release August
2027					
GBAAC	Feb 4 - 8	SF North/Petaluma KOA	TBD	TBD	25 Sites - Release July 10
GBAAC	March 25 - 28	Sugarloaf Ridge State Park – Kenwood, CA	Mike Blom	Eric McHenry	12 Sites, off-grid Release Oct 2026
GBAAC	April 15 - 19	Lake Camanche	TBD	TBD	Release - 2027
GBAAC	May 6 - 10	Grass Valley	TBD	TBD	Released – See ACI / GBAAC website
GBAAC	May 27 - 31	Six Sigma Ranch & Winery	Tony Eichers	Eric McHenry	Wagon wheel rally
GBAAC	June 10 - 25	Rock Springs Caravan	Jill Impink	Eric McHenry	Caravan heading to Rock Springs Rally
ACI	June 26 - July 1	International Rally – Rock Springs, WY			Released - sign up via ACI
GBAAC	Aug 26 - 30	Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort	TBD	TBD	Release - 2027
GBAAC	Sept 17 - 20	Harbor Village Park - Half Moon Bay - Newbie Rally	TBD	TBD	Release - 2027

Never Know

Many times we gather at campgrounds where we have had prior rallies. Known locations allow us to feel comfortable with the surroundings and we get to visit favorite hikes, or restaurants we enjoyed previously. We also tend to see familiar member faces and share stories of our other travels or personal milestones.

As a club we try to find new places to rally even though we never know what exactly to expect. New places bring both opportunities and unknown challenges. The most exciting part is that we experience new ways to enjoy our trailer and get comfortable dealing with the unknowns. This adapting widens our horizons and allows us to refine hardware and habits that can incorporate fun new places. Six Sigma Ranch & Winery was one of these recent rallies.

A wagon wheel rally has its origins in Airstream's history. When the Airstream creator, Wally Byam, was traveling the world, Airstreams were such a curiosity that putting the trailers in a tight circle help provide privacy for the caravanners. Our rally at Six Sigma had plenty of room between the trailers but there was a uniqueness promoted by the layout.



During the planning we worried about the meadow being level (we had never seen the meadow mowed) but that was a non-issue.

Others spent time learning about their trailer's solar capacity or how an auxiliary battery could be helpful. Airstream Adventures brought a Stetson model trailer to show off. Quite a few plied their mountain biking skills on the vast trails system that winds the ranch's 4,000+ acres.



We had so much fun between hiking, taking a Pinzgauer tour, wine tasting and meeting new friends at the catered dinners that we will hold this rally again in Memorial Day Weekend 2027. We hope to see you there!

Next Up

Do you enjoy going to rallies? Every rally we have attended has been unique and enjoyable. The club has added many new experiences from small, 12 trailer events, to larger rallies joined with other clubs or intra-clubs. Off-grid and full hook-up possibilities are happening and as Jill, our President, mentions above, we now have non-camping events we are adding as well.

The success of the club comes from the strength of the volunteers who lead the club. GBAAC is now starting the process to look for its next leaders.

The natural progression within the EB is to get elected as 3rd Vice President. Every year following, move up to the next higher position all the way until you are President of the club. As we have seen in past years, people move or have other reasons they

need to end their tenure and openings happen mid-year. You can nominate yourself or other GBAAC member to any of the board positions. Getting new perspectives on the board helps keep our club vibrant.

Logistically we meet via video call every other month. The board does have email and text communications in between the video chats for questions that pop up which require more immediate attention. We have a great group with a wide variety of backgrounds. If you have ever wanted to work on a team where the result is making Airstream camping enjoyable, consider joining our board! Send an email to John McFarlin, johngawlf@yahoo.com and one of our committee members will reach out.

Staying Connected

Rallies, regardless of size, require ways to communicate a myriad of details. Email is the prevalent information provider especially when it comes to announcing rallies or sending newsletters. 😊

Once attendees are determined for a rally, then communication options increase. Small rallies can use texting if good cell service is available at a campsite. This can be limiting as one cell carrier may not have the best signal while others work well. There can be limitations as to the number of people any text thread can manage so alternatives may be necessary.

A common messaging app is WhatsApp. This is a free cellphone application you can install on your phone. It works well on every phone platform and can handle greater number of participants. Rally organizers can create a rally group and will send you a link for you to join the group. The advantage of

joining the group is last minute changes or updated agendas can be communicated quickly. You are notified of new messages and you can communicate with your group about new items. We used WhatsApp at the Calistoga rally recently. Group members could mention unique finds at the local farmers market or other interesting opportunities for rally attendees.

One phone app we recommend is the Airstream Club Membership App. This app works similar to WhatsApp but has other useful features.



We were at a rally recently and were introduced to an entire group of people at one time. One camper was a trailer neighbor and we forgot their name right after the introduction. Using the ACI Membership App allowed us to use the BRN on their trailer to help reconnect their name. Crisis averted when we saw them again at happy hour. The BRN look up is great when travelling. We have met so many people in our non-rally camping. We see a BRN and the app helps us connect with Airstreamers everywhere we go. Whispers in the ACI app allows group communications and Campfires is a way to show fun activities to other Airstreamers. The app has great flexibility and you should check it out.

Photos From Rallies & More – Come Join The Fun!



Forming the wagon wheel – Six Sigma



Serious discussions around the campfire



Coachland hiking



Visiting friends – Region 10 rally



The more campfires, the better



Movie night – Six Sigma

Happy 4th of July!

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