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President's Letter

Pick a Direction. Any Direction.

Summer travel is here. While GLAAC offers many options for monthly get togethers, caravans, and rallies, you might be one of the members who wants to leave the "group" behind (we'll miss you) and head off on your own. Denny Kennedy and Stuebe and others do it all the time. Andromeda and I have ventured on our own but always come back to our GLAAC family. Nonetheless, there are places to see and things to do on your own should you choose.

If you want an Airstream trip that feels memorable and is not a national park loop, aim for places with a strong sense of atmosphere: desert art towns, wild barrier islands, alpine dark-sky landscapes, quirky roadside Americana, vineyard trailer camps, and (of course) Airstream-friendly communities. Here are some of the highly rated "glamping" locations that seem perfect for a summer travel vacation, both near and far.

Joshua Tree and the High Desert, California. For a surreal, stylish, and very Airstream-feeling summer escape, base yourself near Joshua Tree. The landscape is all boulders, spiky silhouettes, desert sunsets, vintage shops, outdoor art, and starry nights. Go early in the morning for hikes, spend hot afternoons by a pool or in town, and save evenings for stargazing. Best of all it's an easy drive!

Great Sand Dunes National Park and the San Luis Valley, Colorado. This is one of the most unexpected summer landscapes in the country: giant dunes backed by



mountains, creek splashing when seasonal water is flowing, and some of the best night skies in the West. Colorado is especially rewarding in an Airstream because you can pair remote-feeling scenery with a very comfortable traveling home.

The Olympic Peninsula, Washington. For cooler summer temperatures, circle through temperate rainforest, rugged Pacific beaches, lavender farms, and misty mountain roads. This trip is different because it can feel like three different vacations in one: coastal, forest, and alpine. Research tells me that it is best to reserve campgrounds early and check road grades before towing into the more remote areas.

Oregon's Willamette Valley. This is a softer, slower Airstream trip: vineyards, farm stands, covered bridges, small towns, and cool evenings. I mean on the one hand, how many wine tasting events can you attend? (Ask Don Kuhns). Look for trailer resorts or RV sites near Dayton, McMinnville, or Newberg, then build days around cycling, low-key meals outdoors, and of course Oregon's wineries and fineries. (President's Letter continued on Page 2)

Meet GLAAC's Treasurer

Hi Everyone,

Suzanne and I had been planning to get an Airstream when we retired (a bit down the road), but life over the last several years brought us to realize that it would be better not to wait, so we picked out our Airstream in September 2024 and joined the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. We have had a great time meeting members of the club and at Buellton's December 2025 rally I was happy to be volunteered by Suzanne to fill the role of GLAAC Treasurer.



Dan & Suzanne Watts

I'm happy to report that GLAAC's finances are in good order and we have healthy reserves to keep doing what we're doing.

Suzanne and I look forward to future rallies, spending time with those we have met, and meeting those we haven't.

* President's Letter....continued

Route 66 Oddities. Everyone knows the song, but who has made the journey? California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma, etc. If you want nostalgic, unusual rather than wilderness-focused, build a route around classic roadside Americana: neon signs, giant sculptures, retro diners, quirky museums, and desert art stops. An Airstream looks perfectly at home on this kind of trip, and from what I gathered, thousands have done it. Keep summer heat in mind and plan shorter driving days with reliable hookups. Or (dare I say) book a hotel room if things get too hot. Oh, and forget the song. It's overplayed now.

North Cascades and the Methow Valley, Washington. For dramatic scenery without the same level of crowds as better-known national parks, consider the North Cascades region and nearby Methow Valley towns. Expect jagged peaks, turquoise lakes, scenic drives, and a relaxed summer mountain-town rhythm. This is best for travelers who like hiking, biking, photography, and crisp evenings.

For longer trips from California:

Assateague Island, Maryland and Virginia. Beach camping with wild horses nearby makes Assateague feel wonderfully different from a typical coastal RV trip. Summer brings ocean swimming, kayaking, birding, and long beach walks. Bring shade, insect protection, and a plan for wind; the setting is beautiful, but exposed.

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Never done this, but certainly on my bucket list: Ideal for a summer Airstream route if you want waterfalls, lighthouses, Lake Superior beaches, quiet forests, and small-town stops that still feel under-the-radar. It is cooler than many inland destinations and rewards slow travel. Anyone who has been there, care to share photos?

For the adventurous, there is plenty to do out there, and we have plenty of opportunities to do them.

It's All About 'The Map' Adventure

submitted by Maureen Wallace

Our grand adventure began after the Cali Rally at the gorgeous V6 Ranch in Parkfield, California. As Rich Luhr pointed out, yes the fuel prices are up, but just do it. After having second thoughts about diesel prices, that's what we did! We knew the prices would be lower than anything we've seen in California and found under \$5/gallon through most of our route.

What drove our decision was that crazy map on our door and the missing nine states in the South East. (Got to keep up with the Polk's!)



There's Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and lastly, Missouri! Granted, to get to these states we had to plow through the California desert, Arizona, New Mexico and that big state of TEXAS! Since it is the 100th birthday of the Route 66 we tried to take advantage of the "happenings" along the Mother Road. Thanks to our audiobook, *The Grapes of Wrath* and the friendly cities along the way, we enjoyed ourselves tremendously. It was challenging to maneuver the Airstream through some of these iconic little treasures, but we succeeded!



Maureen & Kevin, Denny & Stuebe

Early in our trip we had the biggest surprise as we pulled into Tucumcari, New Mexico and lo and behold we camp next to Denny and Stuebe! What a fun evening exploring Tucumcari with these two!



Kevin & Maureen

Kevin had two requests for this trip - to camp on a white sand beach and to educate ourselves on the culture of the Gullah Geechee (early in the Civil War the Union Navy freed slaves on the barrier islands). Yes, he is a big history buff. Between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, I think we will be well educated. So off we rolled!

We determined since it was going to be a long trek we stayed along the Gulf of Mexico then turned north to North Carolina. I am still surprised how much you learn about our country's geography when traveling like this. Did you know how many little barrier islands there are off the coast of these states? Some have ended up in the hands of the rich and famous and are privately owned while others are national parks and seashores, while others are there to explore.

We discovered causeways, ferries and a lot of history of the wealthy people that inhabited our country during the Gilded Age and beyond.

We experienced much of the south's history, that was not my favorite, but needs to be acknowledged. We sat in the First African Baptist Church on Cumberland Island that John F. Kennedy Jr. was married in, got up and close with alligators, experienced first hand the swamps and marshes of the Carolina's, saw gopher tortoises, bottle nosed dolphins, wild horses and swam in 75 degree emerald green waters.

We added lots of cool new birds to our Merlin Life List, amazed ourselves at the fire flies, watched a turtle dig a hole and lay her hundreds of eggs! We also went through three bottles of OFF and lots of sunscreen!

'The Map Adventure'continued

submitted by Maureen Wallace

We experienced our share of Buc-ee's gas stations and their funny billboards; walked through lots of Civil War sites and historic southern towns that looked like they were the cover photo for Country Living Magazine (actually one was - St. Mary's, S. Carolina) and collected so many cool shells and white sand that looks like powdered sugar. Walked for hours on completely secluded beaches and learned new weather patterns, including hurricane watches and tornado warnings. We experienced rain that came really hard and left in the blink of an eye, saw amazing sunsets and sunrises and met the friendliest people (that Southern hospitality) - it's a real thing y'all. We stayed in Beaufort, South Carolina and learned about the culture of the Gullah Geechee. While eating at the Gullah Grub in South Carolina, we met the owner who is educating the younger generations through authentic creole cooking, farming and spiritual traditions. We camped DIRECTLY on the white sand beach and swam in the emerald green waters in Miramar, Florida. We are happy to have met Kevin's two goals on this excursion.

Harvest Hosts, state parks, national seashores and forests along with private RV parks all provided us with great accommodations. We fully immersed ourselves in the southern culture by wandering through historic towns and enjoying regional dishes.

Another high point of our travels, along with our surprise day with Denny and Stuebe, was staying with Pierre and Lolly outside of Nashville, Tennessee! The vision of Pierre living in the middle of corn fields and front porch rocking chairs was more than bewildering. Really? Pierre lives out here???? Yet there it was, the shiny, vintage Airstream parked in their driveway. Now visualize Pierre riding a lawn mower and drinking Moonshine. It's true!

Gosh do we love our GLAAC! Y'all we are so fortunate to have this club and the amazing people involved. This is one special club. Upcoming travels? Reach out to our members, pose questions on the club's Facebook page. Chances are that others have traveled same route. The Ingersoll's, Pall's, and Polk's live in amazing places and have welcomed us during our travels.

Not to sugarcoat the trip as there were challenges. Navigating the major interstates with millions of trucks and new locales can be overwhelming. As the Chief Navigator, I used every tool in my toolbox...Google maps, Apple maps, paper maps and an Atlas, as guides. Thankfully we have been married for over 40 years, just sayin'. Kevin dropped a few bad words when my navigating skills were less than ok. And then there's the weather, oh my! I was told about the humidity and the bugs, but I had no clue that it would ALWAYS be there. Nights were balmy, the Airstream was sweating on the inside walls (I highly recommend a humidifier when visiting the southeast), and we were happy that Vinnie just serviced our AC unit which worked like a charm and was so necessary.



Pierre & Lolly, Kevin & Maureen

On the way home we traveled through the same cities that the Joad Family traveled through in 1939 in Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*. Granted, we didn't have a mattress on the top of our truck with Grandpa and Grandma hanging on in the back, but the Airstream meandered through the roads with ease. When one covers so many different states, there's always something you are going to miss, but then again the surprises that you weren't expecting are amazing. Wander the highways off the interstate to really get a feel for the area and the people that call this home. Acknowledge their customs and cultures. Try food that you thought you would NEVER eat. It's really an amazing country that we live in. From the deserts of California, to the wide openness of Arizona and New Mexico with its piñon pine and juniper forests, mesas and red rock; to the expansive flat state of the Texas Panhandle. The long-needled pine thick forests of Mississippi and Louisiana. The swamps, marshes, grasses and very old Southern Live Oaks draped with Spanish moss, and the Maritime Forests of the barrier islands starting in Georgia through the Carolinas. Leaving the Atlantic coast heading north west the landscape slowly opens up after the Appalachian Mountains to the hardwood forests of western Tennessee through prairies of Oklahoma and the endpoint of Trail of Tears.

Six weeks and 7,500 miles later we are headed west. Filled with amazing memories of our travels yet excited to arrive safely back in Santa Barbara. There's NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

Our apologies to the two remaining states on our map, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Another time!

Editor's Note: With only two states to go, Kevin & Maureen have surpassed our map (which can be purchased at Amazon). Congratulations!

Camp Airstream, Nashville!

submitted by Bruce Morrow

Camp Airstream is a six-night camping experience sponsored by Airstream Inc. for Airstream owners. Now in its second year, Airstream is hosting three Camp Airstream experiences: Nashville, Yellowstone, and Santa Fe. Denise and I were planning to visit Nashville as part of our summer itinerary, so when Airstream Inc. announced Camp Airstream – Nashville, we thought that might just work out for us. We have friends who attended Camp Airstream – Yellowstone last year and thought it was an outstanding experience and well worth the expense. The Nashville experience ran for eleven one-week sessions from March 17 to June 8. We chose to register for the final week of June 2 – 8.

I believe most people would agree that Camp Airstream is expensive. However, unlike the way we usually travel, creating our own itinerary, Camp Airstream is a curated event with full-time camp hosts to guide participants through the week-long experience. The highlights of the Nashville event included: a private tour of the Gibson guitar factory which is unavailable to the general public; guided history tour of Nashville and a songwriting experience led by an award-winning Nashville songwriter. We enjoyed the Grand Ole Opry backstage tour; campsite biscuit making class taught by a local chef and restaurateur who is also an Airstream owner; an Opryland Atrium tour; live music at the Camp Airstream Hub along with daily social hour, two hosted meals and a full hook-up KOA campsite.



The Gibson guitar factory tour was perhaps the most exciting part of the Nashville experience for us. It truly was an exclusive tour that is usually only available to famous "Gibson artists". We were not rushed through the factory, so there was plenty of time to soak it all in.



Bruce & Denise

When we go to Nashville, it's to enjoy an evening at the Grand Ole Opry. Last year while we were at the Opry, a young lady named Lanie Gardner made her Opry debut. We fell in love with her and immediately bought her album. We have listened to that album repeatedly during the past year and as luck would have it, she was scheduled to perform at the Opry on Wednesday night during our Camp Airstream visit. Needless-to-say, we got tickets for the show and thoroughly enjoyed her performance.



The question one may have is will we attend another Camp Airstream? If the location is someplace that we are interested in exploring and the activities and amenities appeal to us, then I believe we would not hesitate to participate.

GLAAC on the Go!



Tucumcari, NM



Lincoln, NE



Lake Louise, AB, Canada



Kanab, UT



Convict Lake, Eastern Sierra



GLAAC on the Go!



Ojai, CA



Portugal



France



Quebec



San Simeon, CA



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 Laretta Smith via email at: MissMoorea@gmail.com.

Member Photo Directory

Our membership photo directory is updated monthly and posted to the GLAAC website. The link is: <https://airstreamclub.org/greater-los-angeles>. The photo directory is in the "**Members Only**" section. You will be asked to sign in with your ACI email and password. If you need assistance accessing the directory, want to add/change your photo or information, please reach out to Carolyn Keep 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 28-Nov 1	Region 12 Rally, Oasis Las Vega RV Resort, Las Vegas, NV
Nov 12-15	Sun Outdoors, Santa Barbara, 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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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!