

The Capers



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



THE 2026 RALLY SEASON IS HERE—LET'S GO!

The Airstreams are out of storage, de-winterized, and ready to roll.

Now the big question is: where are we going next? This is your club, and we want your input.

- Where would you like to rally in 2027?
- Do you prefer rallies or rendezvous?
- Do you have a fresh idea we haven't tried yet?

We can always return to some of our favorite rallies, but it's also fun to try something new. We're ready to shake things up and make next season the best one yet—but we can't do it without you. If you have an idea, please reach out to Art Davies, Rally Committee Chair, at artdav@yahoo.com. Also, watch for the Rally Committee's questionnaire coming soon!

And don't sit on the sidelines—be part of what comes next.

We also have several new members this year, and we would love the chance to meet you. Please join us at a rally or two! Click [here](#) to see the rally schedule and sign-up forms on the Cape Cod page of the ACI website. To join the Cape Cod Facebook page for more club news and information, click [here](#)!

Looking ahead, we are also forming a nominating committee for the next election.

This club runs on member involvement, and we are always looking for people willing to step up—whether that means taking on a leadership role or simply helping plan an event or two. Fresh ideas. New energy. More fun. That is how we keep this club moving forward. Want to get involved? Contact a Board member or email me directly at: president.ccmac167@gmail.com

See you down the road!

Betsy

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Do you have **ideas for the newsletter**? I'd love to hear them! Send your favorite camping recipe! Favorite trip you've taken! The BEST campground you've ever stayed at! Email: Beth Davies at edavies9999@gmail.com



Roland and Sandie St Laurent visited Washington, DC to see the cherry blossoms, their grandson, and fellow Airstream friend Pat, who they met on the 2024 Route 66 caravan. They stayed at Cherry Hill Park Campground in Maryland.

Where are you?

Submit photos of your travels for inclusion in our next newsletter!

Email Beth Davies at edavies9999@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

CCMAC LEADERSHIP

Betsy Frey, President

Art Davies, 1st VP

Mary Rail, 2nd VP

Paula Carll, Treasurer

Bruce Frey, Director

Bob Baker, Director

Jared Lawler, Director

Art Akeley, Director

Welcome to CCMAC 2026 New Members!

64 Regular members (trailers)

54 Affiliate members (trailers)

New Regular Members

2/2 Clifford & Michael Keirstead

2/20 Kent Kannenberg & Anne Heffernan
(rejoined/originally joined 2018)

4/12 Rob Demelo

4/15 Michael & Lisa Gibney

New Affiliate Members

1/30 Pam & Tom Hannon

2/27 Kimberly Marks

4/8 Stephen Seitz & Hally Schoen

4/14 Noell & Cliff Alley



Greetings to all the fine members of the Cape Cod Airstream Club. I hope Spring is well on her way to you now and you can take those beautiful Airstreams out of the garage!

As a New England native, I was born and Raised in Massachusetts, I still keep an eye on your weather and my heart is always with you.

My childhood was spent enjoying Sunday drives with the family and Dad showing us all the things he loved about New England. I learned to fish on Lake Pleasant in Otisfield, Maine and all along the Merrimack River. Swimming at the state Park in Rye, NH was always a hit with me and my five siblings. I come home as often as possible and hope to catch a rally with your group in my travels. I'll be covering as much of this great country as I can over the next two years in order to meet up with old friends and new. I travel with one small orange cat who keeps me entertained for sure. Hearing from our club members about ideas and wishes for the club is always a highlight and it's those conversations that help us to meet the needs of our membership and see what they'd like to see for our collective future.

I hope to see many of you this year in Minot for our international rally. I met your club President Betsy, in Rock Springs in 2023 and am really looking forward to going back there next year.

I wish you all the very best travel season and safe travels. And I hope to see you down the road!

Millie O'Donnell
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MEET ART & JUDY AKELEY



Judy and Art have been camping since their dating years, in tents of course. After marrying, camping was on hold while Art served onboard Coast Guard ships and they parented four girls. After a tour in Hawaii where they camped with friends and family next to beautiful Hawaii beaches, they were eager to get back to it. They owned two "other brand" campers before they purchased their first and likely their last Airstream in the spring of 2021. Judy likes the iconic look and Art was drawn to the no bump-out design and presumed build quality. So far the only look back has been in the rearview mirror!

Judy and Art joined the Cape Cod Club because it best represents where life has planted them. Art is originally from northern ME and Judy from VA although she spent her formative years in the Philippines.

Their favorite trip so far was spending a month in the Canadian Maritimes. They explored the Bay of Fundy, then attended the Region 1 Rally at Lawrencetown, NS. After, they headed to Peggy's Cove area, Halifax, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island and returned to the US at Fort Fairfield, ME, to see family in the northern ME area.

Art currently serves as one of the directors of the Cape Cod Club. He assists the President and 1st Vice President in promoting Club priorities the executive board focuses upon. He serves on the Rally Committee to try to reach out to others to find interesting and intriguing locations to have rallies and rendezvous at and he's always open for suggestions!



The Planning Committee of the Region 1 Rally at Gunstock Mountain Campground has been working hard to offer a memorable time this September! Bruce and I joined this committee after we attended last year's rally at Gunstock and enjoyed everything the area has to offer.

The campground is uniquely located at the base of an old ski jump, with spacious sites and most of the campground is reserved exclusively for our rally. Amenities include a heated swimming pool, a zipline, scenic chairlift rides, and a mountain coaster. Off-site, Bruce and I enjoyed a cruise aboard the historic M/S Mount Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee—a must-do experience!

The full schedule of exciting events is still being finalized, but Saturday evening will feature entertainment by Juston McKinney, along with square dancing and a fun performance by the “Witches of the Lake.” New Airstream models will be on display and a variety of informative and engaging seminars will be offered.

If you haven't registered yet, don't wait—the deadline to sign up is June 30th.

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/airstreamclubregion1/airstream-region-1-gunstock-resort->

We're looking forward to an unforgettable rally and hope to see you there!

2026 CCMAC SOCIAL / RALLY SCHEDULE

May 15-17 - Newbie Rally joint rally w/ CT Club

June 11-14 Scusset Beach Cape Cod

July 16-19-The Pastures Cape Cod host w/ CT Club

July 30-August 3 - Region 1 & 2 Rally Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY

August 20- 23 - **New!** Maple Park Rendezvous, Cape Cod, MA

August 22-27 - International Rally, Minot, ND

September 9-13 Region 1 Rally Gunstock

October 9-12 Canadian Thanksgiving/Columbus Day - October 2026

November 7 Pre-Holiday Luncheon, Southbridge, MA

Got Rally Ideas? Contact

Art Davies: artdav@yahoo.com

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Pre-trip and Heading South

Our three-month camping trip in **Baja, Mexico**, all started unexpectedly. Friends we met on a caravan in May 2025 sent us a short text message a couple of months later that said: “We will be spending a few months in Baja Mexico beginning in January 2026 with a few other rigs, and we’re interested to know if you want to join us?” We quickly answered “YES ABSOLUTELY!” We had bought the Airstream for the adventure, and we were going to get it!

This was not an ACI caravan; however, four out of the five rigs were Airstreams. Several participants had met on a mainland Mexico caravan in 2024. With that experience, this group felt comfortable doing the Baja caravan on their own, and we were happy to join in.

Preparation included a new GMRS radio (think powerful CB) for communicating between rigs on the road, Mexico car insurance, and verifying medical coverage. And, a new truck that we were considering buying, but this trip accelerated that purchase. Confidence in your tow vehicle is non-negotiable when heading this far away from home.

We staged near the Tecate border crossing in California, handled our FMM tourist visitor permit at the border, and crossed the next day. After a brief trailer inspection, we were waved through. We were in Mexico!

Our first stop was four nights boondocking at a zoo. We contributed supplies, received a private tour, and even fed the tigers. Definitely not a typical RV park experience. We also explored Valle de Guadalupe, a sophisticated wine region that felt more like the old days of Napa, with tours hosted by family members. Not what we expected in Mexico.

In **Ensenada**, we learned our first big lesson: always stay ahead of water, refueling, and supplies. When a water delivery didn’t show, the response was shrugged shoulders and a simple “Welcome to Mexico!” For the remainder of the trip, we refilled with 5-gallon water bottles for less than a dollar each at the local Aqua Purificada (they are as common as gas stations) and poured them

into our tank, using a makeshift soda bottle as a funnel. We learned this is the Mexican way - even the locals utilize water from the local Aqua Purificada.

We donated supplies to a local school and attended a Day of the Dead fundraiser performance. We were well taken care of by a grateful, bilingual couple who lived in the community. They gave

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20 Stops
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Southbound
61 nights





us local information. For example, grocery baggers and gas attendants work solely on tips. Guidebooks never mentioned this! We were introduced to the Mexican community and camped directly on a beach. Heading south, we camped on another beach, and camped on a small airstrip with wild horses and ancient cave paintings a short hike away.

Guerrero Negro was one of the trip's highlights. Grey whales give birth in a lagoon nearby, typically in February and March, before returning to the Pacific Northwest

for the warmer months. Because they are endangered, the Mexican government suspends fishing during this time, and only the affected fishermen can take you out to see the whales with a guide. Blowholes and sounds surrounded us. Moms proudly brought calves directly to the boats, and we were even able to gently touch them. They felt like velvet. That same night, we watched the Super Bowl with locals and it was a fun night, even without the Patriots win.

Traveling Baja Sur

Crossing into **Baja Sur**, the roads narrowed dramatically, and the shoulders dropped off at the pavement edge. Communication on the radios between rigs became essential, and most times we had to fold in our mirrors as semis passed. It required focus to say the least.

San Ignacio offered us a break: a typical, charming small Mexican town, with a central plaza, a church mission, farmer's markets, open-air restaurants, and a small hotel. Locals and tourists gather in the square and hold events there. A horseback ride up a steep, rocky trail delivered beautiful views, although it was more adventurous than expected. At the summit, we saw one of the many abandoned properties we encountered in Mexico. This one was once a pool resort with its own airstrip, sadly a place where someone's dreams may have outstripped reality.

Heading east, we reached the **Sea of Cortez** and **Playa Santispac**, another one of our favorite stops. The beach is on a shallow lagoon, great for swimming, paddleboarding, and kayaking. Lots of stingrays had us shuffling our feet as we walked in the water. We were boondocking again, with flush toilets, if you call bringing a bucket of water in with you to flush, a flush toilet. Locals brought fresh seafood, baked goods, and handmade crafts right to our campsite. We purchased a lot of food and two beautiful handmade rugs for the trailer. Transactions were friendly and low-pressure.

A local Mexican fisherman took us snorkeling, pointed out blue-footed boobies (a seabird), and we experience the hot springs. He made us ceviche on the boat with fish he had caught that morning. We enjoyed the slower pace here.

Loreto was next and marked a shift - a campground with a pool, a historic mission, a spa, and a strong expat presence. A bout of food poisoning was the only hiccup of this trip. We would return again on our way home.



In **La Paz**, the capital city of Baja Sur, we took a city tour, swam with whale sharks, spotted humpbacks, explored the famously beautiful Balandra and El Tecolote beaches. Here, Thrifty ice cream somehow became a staple of the trip.

The southern Baja communities of **Los Barriles**, **Cabo**, and **Los Cerritos** are all relatively close together on the southern tip and reveal the breadth of Baja.

Los Barriles has an adventurous spirit, with residents traveling around town almost exclusively in ATVs, on and off-road. In San José del Cabo, we stayed at a small, fun campground owned by a young, adventurous American couple, complete with a pool, freshly caught tuna, and a quesabirria cooking class. Cabo San Lucas delivered a completely different energy, with massive yachts, cruise ships, and a high level of activity. Los Cerritos is a laid-back Mexican surf town with plenty of beach bars, restaurants, and music. Each stop felt distinct and unique.

Now it was time for us to head north to our home on Cape Cod. What stays with us is the beauty, the friendly hardworking locals, and the countless heartfelt interactions along the way. We set out in our Airstream looking for adventure, and we felt this trip delivered. Happy camping!

BEST WISHES TO LUCY AND BILL ROCHE! BY BETH DAVIES



Longtime members of the Cape Cod Airstream Club, Lucy and Bill Roche have sold their beloved 2003 28' Classic Airstream and have retired from the club.

The couple's love of Airstreams started when Bill's grandfather owned one, and they knew they wanted to own one someday. They started their camping days in a pop-up trailer. While on a trip to Washington, DC to see the cherry blossoms in bloom, the weather surprised them with a snowstorm!

Bill and Lucy started out planning camping trips on their own. Lucy fondly remembers taking her children out of school early to go cross-country in their Airstream. "We had such a good time," she says. In 2014, at the urging of fellow member Bob Scott, Lucy and Bill joined the Cape Cod Airstream Club, "where we were warmly welcomed into the club by Dottie and Rich Walbridge. They made us feel like family from day one," said Lucy. She served as President of the club in 2021. They found new friends, attended Rallies and Rendezvous, and enjoyed travelling throughout the US via Airstream caravans. They went on the North x Northeast caravan, but the best was Alaska. Though they'd been on a cruise to Alaska previously, Lucy raved that the cruise "didn't compare to being up close and seeing the sights of Denali, Mt. McKinley and driving on the Top of the World Highway where you think you're going to fall off the edge of the road!"

In 2022, on the Made in America caravan, Bill suffered a health emergency and no longer drives. Lucy has had health issues recently as well, but both are in great spirits at their home in Lee, Massachusetts. Though their camping adventures are in the past, they reflect on the friendships formed, the miles travelled, and the memories made. We wish you well, Bill and Lucy!

Pine Lake Rendezvous was a Winner! (Literally!) by Beth Davies



A sometimes soggy weekend didn't dampen the spirits of the three couples attending the **Pine Lake Rendezvous** in Sturbridge, MA May 7-10. Organizers Art and Beth Davies met up with Noreen and Kevin Brawley and Anne Heffernan and Kent Kannenberg on Thursday night. After setting up camp, the couples enjoyed swapping stories over a roaring campfire.

Friday morning rained on and off, but the weather cleared in time for the potluck dinner! A sampling of the delicacies included shrimp cocktail, fish stew, hearty salads, and BBQ chicken and ribs, followed by cheesecake for dessert. The group then headed to Bingo (\$5/card), where Anne won the \$155 pot!

Saturday brought steady rain and the couples enjoyed a free day. The campground hosted an impressive number of Mother's Day themed free events, including facials/chair massages, breakfast with mimosa, ride around the park with wine and other events.



The highlight was a Murder Mystery Prime Rib dinner on Saturday night (\$25pp). As a mystery writer, I was eager to participate! The food was outstanding with huge portions of prime rib, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert and free wine and beer! A quartet of paid actors led the interactive murder mystery. They recruited unsuspecting attendees to become suspects! Noreen was selected and was so successful in her role as the cat-crazy Aunt "Hazel Nutt," she won the coveted "Best Performer" award! And yes, our table identified the killer correctly!

**Noreen's
"Oscar"**

Sunday, the couples packed up, grateful for the opportunity to get to know each other better!



Anne wins big at Bingo!

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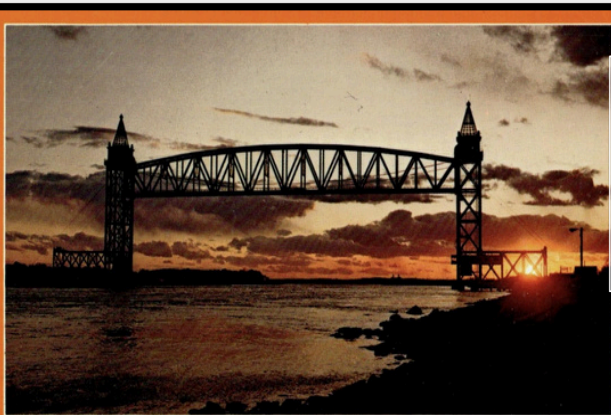


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Cape Cod Railway (tours/dinner)

Battleship Cove

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Important Info

- Based upon availability we could not reserve specific blocks of sites.
- Schedule “To Do” items on your own and/or with fellow Airstreamers
- Possible Campground Activities ●Questions/Inquiries: Art Akeley,

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