



The NorCal News

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The Poppy

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President's Message

From the desk of the president,

Welcome to summer and new adventures. July may be a quiet month for our club rally schedule, but so many things are happening in our day-to-day world here at home as we prepare to move to our new home. Boxes everywhere, scheduling movers, working with contractors. We will get there and then have time to look forward to hitting the road again.

August will bring a rally in Klamath. Excited to visit a new venue and see what our hosts have planned. Later in August we hit the road for the International rally in Minot, ND. Wishing we had a larger contingent headed to the Minot gathering of all things Airstream. Let us know if you are headed that way and we can try to facilitate a NorCal gathering.

Many thanks to our hosts at the Hat Creek rally, the Scheuers and the Daubers. Great location, lots of beautiful sites to visit in Lassen National Park and the surrounding countryside, along with a great area along the creek for our happy hours and campfires.

Well, it's back to packing, moving, and wishing we were back on the road with you.



Tom and Amy Webster

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2026 Rally Schedule

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

~~April 8 - 12th RiverPoint Landing, Stockton, CA~~
~~Hosts: The Verdegaaals & Winchells~~

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

~~May 6 - 10th Casini Ranch, Russian River~~
~~Hosts: The Bartelts & Intemanns~~

~~June 10 - 14th Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA~~
~~Lassen Area - Registration closed~~
~~Hosts: The Scheuers & Daubers~~

August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA
 Registration closed, waitlist available
Hosts: The Davisons
Apprentices: The Villaire/Hammarstedt,
The Perezes, & The Hansens

August 22 - 27 International Rally at Minot, ND
 Registration open until July 11th
 Host: Airstream Club International

Sept. 9 - 13th Village Camp, 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 now - Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 4 - 8th Skyline Wilderness Park, Napa CA
 Registration closed
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.

2027 Rally Schedule

Hosts, co-hosts and apprentices needed
 for all rallies below, unless otherwise noted.

January - Flash Rally (Tentative)

February 10 - 14th Emerald Desert RV Resort, Indio, CA
 Registration opens December 1st 2026
Hosts: The Scheuers

March 10 - 14th S. F. North KOA, Petaluma, CA*
 Registration opens July 1st 2026
Hosts: Debbie Ames & Doug Fritz

April 14 - 18th V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA (Tentative)

May 23 - 27th Morro Dunes RV, Morro Bay, CA*
 Note: Sunday through Thursday

June 23 - 27th McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA

July 14 - 18th - Location TBD

August 11 - 15th Costanoa Resort, Pescadero, CA

Sept. 8 - 12th Clio (Tentative)

Oct. 6 - 10th Bishop (Tentative)

Nov. - Raging Bull Vineyard Harvest Host, Orland, CA

December - Flash Rally (Tentative)

From The Registrar

A few important reminders for all club members regarding rally registration:

- Double-check that your email address and phone number are entered correctly on the JotForm - this is the information I rely on to reach you with updates.
- Please remember that all spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the JotForm date and time stamp at submission. The earlier you register, the better your chance of attending the rally.
- If you need to cancel your registration with the park (on self-register rallies), please contact me first so I can offer your spot to someone on the waiting list. Don't cancel with the park until I have exhausted the waiting list.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Vicky Bartelt, Registrar

Registration Instructions

The following are general registration information and instructions that are applicable to all rallies. Rally-specific information will still be provided in the Poppy as required, typically with the usual rally summary presented by the host team.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE JOTFORM. If you make a mistake or have new information to add, directly contact the registrar with your changes via wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com. You will receive an automatic email from Jotform. This is NOT a confirmation that you are in the rally.

Attendees are chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis, based on the time the completed Jotform is sent to the registrar. **Wait for an email from the registrar** either confirming that you got into the rally or informing you that you are on the rally wait list.

If you are confirmed, you may either pay for the rally via Zelle to the NorCal Airstream Club or send a check for the full amount directly to the treasurer before the deadline given to you. If you are placed on the wait list, do not pay until you hear from the registrar that you are confirmed for the rally. She will update your status via email. Zelle is currently the preferred payment method. You must access Zelle through your banking institution's app or online platform. Most banks and credit unions offer payment through Zelle. If unsure, call your banking institution for information and instructions.

If using Zelle, use norcalrallyfees@gmail.com as the recipient, and **make sure to add your name and rally location in the "memo" or "message" area before sending payment.** If you pay by check, make your checks payable to "WBCCI/ NorCal" and **mail directly to Treasurer Gordon Krauter, 4672 Sarah Ct, Livermore, CA, 94550.** Your registration is incomplete and not fully confirmed until we receive BOTH your registration and payment. Please pay by the deadline provided to you in the confirmation email or you may lose your spot. If you do not hear back from the registrar on the day you register, **contact her within 48 hours** via:

wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com

From The Editor

Summer is officially here and with it our Airstream July break. After a fun rally at such a beautiful location as Hat Creek (see wonderful report and pictures on page 9), we all step back for a few weeks until we meet again in August along the Klamath River.

In the same vein, the Poppy is also taking its summer break after this July/August edition and will resume at the end of August with the September release.

Rallies and Poppies may pause for a few weeks, but rally registrations certainly do not: you will find two rallies to register for in the coming weeks, both introduced in this edition!

The furthest in time, but soonest to register for, is the Petaluma Rally of March 2027 which will be hosted by Debbie Ames and Doug Fritz at the San Francisco North KOA in Petaluma, CA. Check it out on page [6](#) - **registration opens next week on Wednesday July 1st at 9:00am** so don't miss it!

You will have a bit more time for the next one which is the Avila Beach Rally of October 2026, hosted by Team Paz and Team Matteo at Flying Flags Avila Beach resort. Early information is available on page [7](#), and **registration will open on Saturday August 1st at 9:00am.**

Registration and cost information specific to those two rallies are available on page 8, and as you can see there, the usual general registration and payment instructions (i.e. how to not make our registrar and treasurer pull their hair) are missing.

Those general instructions have been moved to this page here on your left, continuing general rally-related information content from the previous page. The intent is to keep together the general information that applies across all rallies and events, and only provide rally-specific information along with the rally presentations from the host teams.

Please let me know if the changes work for you or on the contrary make it all more confusing, and reach out at norcal.poppy.editor@gmail.com for any feedback!

Damien Scaerou, Editor

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

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Laura Bertolli, Petaluma, CA
 Al & Cindy Sevilla, Lafayette, CA
 John & Megan Sullivan, Roseville, CA

Welcome New NorCal Members

Jim & Michelle Schmidt, Ukiah, CA
 Steven Caldwell, Grass Valley, CA
 Gerry & Lisa Villamil, Roseville, CA

NorCal Membership Numbers

196	Unit/Life Members
94	Affiliate Members
290	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>

NorCal Caravans

Calling All Airstream Enthusiasts!

Lead the Way and Be a Host for Our Club Caravan!

Are you an Airstream enthusiast with a passion for adventure? Do you have a love for the open road and exploring new destinations? We're looking for hosts to lead our NorCal Airstream Club caravan trips!

As a caravan host, you'll guide fellow Airstream enthusiasts on exciting journeys to amazing destinations. Share your knowledge, plan unforgettable routes, and create lifelong memories with like-minded travelers.

Benefits of being a caravan host:

- Explore new places and experience Airstream life with friends
- Develop leadership and organizational skills
- Enhance your Airstream community connections

We'll provide training and support. Interested in leading a caravan? Contact: Deanna Bain, John White

Let's hit the road together!

Deanna Bain

July/August Celebrations

July Birthdays

Jill Wilson	Brian Scheuer
Bob Echols	Maureen Delorefice
Margaret Handshow	Bob Minder
Dan Crutchfield	Melody Rasco
Trisha Christensen	
Alan Aguilar	Happy 250th, U.S.A.

August Birthdays

Larry Ackerman	Brian Handshoe
Darlene Winchell	Kirk Reistroffer
Elisa Ungerman	Shing Kong
Betty Sica	Dann Boeschen
Paul Bartlett	Mike Zimmermann
Marcia Murray	Tom Webster
Martha Jones	Dwain Christensen
Donna Rich	Jane Malone
Steve Irey	Scott Beck

July Anniversaries

July Anniversaries
 John & Elain White
 Tom & Lora Broad
 Mark & Darlene Winchell
 Joe & Linda Riggs
 Tony & Betty Sica
 Ronald & Luann Hollis
 Barry & Claudia Marson
 Dave & Jill Wilson
 Tom & Patti Reed
 James & Sarah Curl
 Steve & Leslie Irey

August Anniversaries

August Anniversaries
 Matt & Carol Kurzrock
 Cam & Marcia Murray
 Tom & Hedda Smithson
 Eugene & Tina Spyksma
 Brian & Margaret Handshoe
 Shing Kong & Joanne Bowsman
 Brian & Juliet Scheuer
 Roy & Linda Myers
 Gus & Barbara Shubel
 Bob & Joyce Tupy
 Bill & Cathy Maffei
 Donna & Gary Rich
 Bob & Carole Echols
 Dann & Susan Boeschen

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.

NorCal Petaluma KOA Rally

March 10-14 2027

**San Francisco North / Petaluma KOA RV Camping Resort
20 Rainsville Rd, Petaluma, CA 94952**

Tucked into southern Sonoma County, Petaluma blends small-town character, rolling countryside, and easy access to wine country, the coast, and endless outdoor adventure. Early March is a sweet spot - green hills, wildflowers beginning to pop, and fewer crowds than peak season.

Although this rally is still more than eight months away, we need to begin the registration process now. The Petaluma KOA has generously blocked a group of sites for our club, but those sites will only be held until July 11, 2026. After that date, any unclaimed sites may be released to the general public.

The Petaluma KOA is one of Northern California's most popular camping destinations, offering a beautiful setting, excellent amenities, and a convenient location for exploring Sonoma County, the coast, local wineries, and the charming town of Petaluma.

Debbie Ames and Doug Fritz are looking forward to hosting this rally and are currently developing the activity schedule. Additional details will be announced early next year.

Registration opens Wednesday July 1st (see page [8](#))!

Your hosts: Debbie Ames and Doug Fritz



Flying Flags Avila Beach

October 7-11

6450 Babe Ln, Avila Beach, CA 93424

Team Paz and Team Matteo are looking forward to hosting the first ever NorCal Airstream rally at Flying Flags Avila Beach from October 7th to 11th.

Right on the coast in San Luis Obispo County, whether you are into hiking, whale watching, fishing or just relaxing with a view, you will find something to your liking and your hosts are planning a lot of free time for you to explore.

Wednesday evening at 5:00pm will be happy hour followed by a Pizza and Salad Dinner at the Guest Services Overlook, at \$10 per person. Should the weather be unfriendly, there is a backup plan.

Thursday morning, come mingle with your fellow Airstreamers for coffee and a local bite to eat. You'll have the day to explore and we'll meet at 5pm for happy hour followed by a potluck with a view.

Friday morning, meet your fellow Airstreamers again for coffee and Portuguese bites before your adventures for the day. We'll meet again in the evening for Happy Hour. No dinners planned, so make sure to reserve your table if you wish to try a local restaurant.

Saturday morning at 8:45am will start a hike to the Point San Luis Lighthouse, at \$12.56 per person. The hike is one hour long to get to the lighthouse and one hour back. Please specify in the JotForm how many in your party will join to apply for the permit. This is a wonderful hike, with 400 ft of elevation change, so be warned!

We are in the work for a food truck to come on Saturday evening after 5 o'clock happy hour so you don't have to worry about the dishes.

Vicky Villaire will host morning beach yoga, make sure to bring your yoga mat.

This venue does not have a clubhouse so bring your flexibility hat and sunscreen to be prepared for all conditions shall we have to modify our plans.

Registration opens Saturday August 1st (see page [8](#))!



Your hosts: Team Paz and Team Matteo

Information and Registration Instructions

First, please review the general registration instructions, applicable to all rallies, presented on page 3.

March 2027 Rally In Petaluma

Cost Information

- Rally Fee: \$14.50 pp
- Rally Site Parking Fee: \$113 per night (directly with the campground)

Registration for the Petaluma rally opens at 9 a.m. on July 1st, 2026. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page directly via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/261715386261156>

Rally parking fees: once you have received the confirmation email from the registrar that you are registered, **contact the campground directly at 707-763-1492 to reserve your site and pay the deposit before July 11th!** Sites not booked by that date will be released back to the general public.

S.F. North KOA Cancellation Policy: if you need to cancel, contact the registrar first. If a person on the wait list takes your place, you will receive a full refund. If there is no available person on the wait list, contact the park at least 7 days in advance to get a full refund (minus a \$20 cancellation fee), otherwise your deposit will be forfeit.

S.F. North KOA Visitor Policy: San Francisco North KOA requires all visitors to be pre-registered by campers, with a fee of \$20 per day.

Pet Policy: in general, please abide by the NorCal Pet Policy. San Francisco North KOA does not have a particular pet policy, other than the following:

Due to insurance reasons, we do not allow pit bulls, pit bull mixes, or any other dog we feel may not be successful in our environment.

Refer to the park FAQ for more information:

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/san-francisco/general-information/>

October 2026 Rally In Avila Beach

Cost Information

- Rally Fee: \$10 pp
- Rally Site Parking Fee: \$154 per night
- Wednesday Pizza: \$10 pp
- Saturday Hike: \$12.56 pp

Check-in time at flying Flags: 1pm

Registration for the Avila Beach rally opens at 9 a.m. on August 1st, 2026. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page via the Club's webpage:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-october-2026-avila-beach-rally>

Or directly via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/261740274042147>

Flying Flags Cancellation Policy: If you need to cancel, contact the registrar first. If a person on the wait list takes your place, you will receive a full refund. If there is no available person on the wait list, contact the park at least 3 days in advance to get a full refund, otherwise your deposit will be forfeit.

Pet Policy: in general, please abide by the NorCal Pet Policy. Additionally, Flying Flags Avila Beach pet policy is as follows regarding camping in trailers: *pets with current shot records are welcome. Please be sure to register all furry friends in your party at arrival. Guests are responsible for picking up after their pets. Please dispose of waste accordingly in a trash receptacle. 2 pets max. For the protection of, and in consideration of our guests, noisy, vicious or unruly pets are not allowed. Guests who are unable to control their pets must remove them from the premises, or the animal may be taken by local animal control authorities. Exotic pets are strictly prohibited.*

Refer to the park FAQ for more other information:

<https://www.flyingflagsavilabeach.com/faq/>



Streaming by the Stream

Hat Creek Resort & RV - June 10-14, 2026

We were excited to arrive early, on Tuesday, at the Hat Creek Resort in Old Station, to find 14 Airstreams already on site! This is such a scenic location, people were motivated to extend their rally time. Hat Creek is located just North of Lassen Volcanic National Park, south of Burney Falls State Park. Our campsites are right on Hat Creek with trout fishing spots adjacent to many of our Airstreams.



Tuesday night started with a group campfire right next to the flowing creek.

The remainder of our 31 Airstreams arrived on Wednesday with the official start of the rally. Everyone gathered for happy hour and raffle prizes in the hosts sites next to the creek, where 10 picnic tables were located - thanks to the strong volunteers who moved the tables into place. We had a catered barbecue dinner cooked on-site by Bon Appetite Catering

featuring grilled Tri-Tip, chicken (with a delicious grilled portobello mushroom for vegans), baked beans, grilled asparagus, green salad, and fresh fruit. The evening concluded with another group campfire next to the creek.

Thursday kicked off with a large group gathering at Manzanita Lake located in Lassen Volcanic National Park. Ken and Michele Dauber led a few adventurous Airstreamers in rented kayaks and explored the interior of Manzanita Lake, while the majority of us took a scenic hike of 1.7 miles around the lake.



Hat Creek Rally, The End



The hike concludes at the Manzanita Lake museum, a short distance from the picnic area. The group was joined by other Airstreamers who met up with the hikers and kayakers for a large picnic right on the shores of the lake.

Happy Hour on Thursday kicked off with a surprise visit by celebrity Airstream You-Tubers Keep Your Daydream (KYD). We spotted Trish and Marc in the

Manzanita museum and invited them to join our happy hour at Hat Creek. Many NorCal members are familiar with KYD and watch their weekly YouTube episodes. They gave a nice talk with a session for open questions. After raffle prizes, we had dinner on our own and concluded the evening with a campfire featuring hosted S'mores.



Friday featured a Nature Watercolor Workshop hosted by Juliet with everyone completing 4 individual masterpieces. We had a nice happy hour next to the creek (no celebrities this time). And an evening campfire with a second round of S'mores.

Saturday started with a 9:30 departure to the Subway Cave lava tube located just 4 miles from camp. A large group worked our way through the tube and exited safely. After a pleasant afternoon of fishing in Hat Creek we had happy hour with recognition of birthdays, anniversaries and one-couple being de-greened. Dinner was again hosted by Bon Appetite with a gourmet Taco Bar. Everyone pitched in to return all 10 picnic tables to the correct campsites before evening campfires.

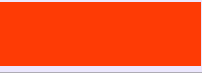
By Sunday morning, after several days of great food, shared laughter, and new friendships, the group hitched up their rigs, broke camp, and headed down the road toward their next adventures.

We are already looking forward to the next rally in August at Klamath River Park!

Your Hosts: Michele and Ken Dauber, Juliet and Brian Scheuer

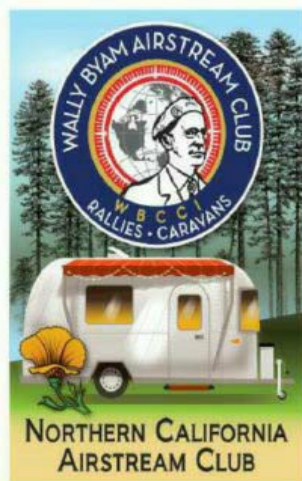


July/August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1  <i>Petaluma Rally Registration</i>	2 July	3	4 
4	5	6	7	9	10	11
11	12	13	14 	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>Avila Beach Rally Registration</i>
2 August	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13	14	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
International Rally, Minot, ND						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			September			

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!

