

The NorCal News



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President's Message

From the desk of the president,

I hope you all are hitting the road in search of adventure this Spring. We just attended a wonderful rally in Stockton and the RiverPoint RV Park. Some may say, "Why Stockton?", The answer of course is there are hidden gems all over our beautiful state.

Some of our members enjoyed boat rides with the Hurleys in the delta waters. Others searched out some of the antique stores in the area. Many of our NorCal members toured the USS Lucid, a Korean war era wooden hulled Minesweeper that is being restored in Stockton with the goal of having the ship be a permanent floating museum in the Port of Stockton in the next 2-3 years. Our thanks to Jack Frost, fellow Airstreamer, and member of the restoration team for helping make this visit possible.

All of our ralliers enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with the Verdegaals on their ranch in nearby Ripon. Amidst the Almond orchards we shared great appetizers and a barbeque dinner, followed by Billie's delicious butter cake. Our thanks go out to the Verdegaals and the Winchells for hosting this great rally.

Which brings us back to our hope that you will join the many before you who have hosted rallies. We are still in search of members who would like to host our November or December rallies, and a team to handle the auction at the December rally.

All members received a survey sent out by your board seeking input and feedback about the types of rallies and/or caravans you would like to see as we move forward. We hope to have as many members as possible respond and we will compile the information and report our results at the upcoming May rally at Casini Ranch. Here is opportunity to contribute to the future of the club, don't delay, let us know, we need your help.

See you down the road.

Tom Webster, President



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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

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

2026 Rally Schedule

~~March 4 - 8th Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA~~

~~Registration closed~~

~~Hosts: The Ungermans & Broads~~

~~April 8 - 12th RiverPoint Landing, Stockton, CA~~

~~Registration closed~~

~~Hosts: The Verdegals & Winchells~~

~~April 16 - 19th Region 12 Cali Rally, V6 Ranch~~

~~Registration closed - Host: Region 12~~

May 6 - 10th Casini Ranch, Russian River

Registration closed

Hosts: The Bartelts & Intemanns

June 10 - 14th Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA

Lassen Area - Registration closed, waitlist available

Hosts: The Scheuers & Daubers

August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA

Registration opens June 1st

Hosts: The Davisons & Villaires

August 22 - 27 International Rally at Minot, ND

Registration open now

Host: Airstream Club International

Sept. 9 - 13th Village RV, 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 TBA - Hosts: Region 12

Nov. 4 - 8th Benbow KOA Holiday, Benbow CA

Registration opens September 1st

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.

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

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Neil & Annabel Bishop, South Lake Tahoe, CA
Sandy Curry, Elk, CA

Welcome New NorCal Members

Stan & Julie Perez, Sacramento, CA
Fred Risard, Marina, CA

NorCal Membership Numbers

192	Unit/Life Members
91	Affiliate Members
283	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>

Palm Springs Rally 2027

February 10-14 2027

Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA



Pack your sunglasses, dust off your retro threads, and get ready for a rally with a little extra flair - Brian and Juliet Scheuer are hosting a NorCal Airstream gathering in the heart of the desert during one of Palm Springs' most iconic events: Modernism Week.

Set against a backdrop of palm trees, blue skies, and the San Jacinto Mountains, this rally combines design, culture, and outdoor adventure into one unforgettable long weekend.

✦ What is Modernism Week?

Modernism Week is a celebration of Palm Springs' world-famous mid-century modern architecture, design, and lifestyle. Think:

- Guided tours of iconic homes and neighborhoods
- Access to rarely opened private residences
- Architecture talks, exhibits, and design showcases
- Vintage trailers, classic cars, and retro-inspired events
- Even if you're not a design buff, the energy is contagious - Palm Springs comes alive with creativity, color, and a touch of 1960s cool.



Palm Springs Rally 2027, Continued



The Rally Basecamp

The Emerald Desert RV Resort in nearby Indio offers a perfect home base:

- Spacious, beautifully maintained sites
- Resort-style pool and clubhouse
- Easy access to Palm Springs (about 30 minutes)
- Stunning mountain views and classic desert scenery

It's the ideal blend of comfort and location for both relaxation and exploration.

Desert Outdoor Adventures

February is one of the best times to enjoy the desert—cooler temps and crisp air make it perfect for getting outside.

Indian Canyons

Palm-lined oases, flowing streams, and scenic trails—this is a must-do hike and a great group outing.

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Ride from the desert floor up to alpine forest in minutes. At the top: hiking, incredible views, and often even snow.



Joshua Tree National Park

World-class hiking, surreal rock formations, and endless photo opportunities.

Desert Walks & Bike Rides

Flat terrain and wide-open views make for easy, scenic rides right from the resort area.



Palm Springs Rally 2027, End



Ride, Explore, Repeat

Bring your bikes—this area is surprisingly rider-friendly:

- Long, flat stretches ideal for cruising
- Dedicated bike paths in parts of the valley
- Morning rides with cool temps and stunning light

Food, Fun & Retro Vibes

Palm Springs knows how to have fun:

Downtown Palm Springs

Lively, colorful, and full of personality - great for group dinners and evening strolls.

Date Shakes in Indio

A local classic—don't leave without trying one.

Outdoor Dining

Patio dining with mountain views is the norm here, especially in February's perfect weather.



A Photographer's Playground

From bold architecture to dramatic desert landscapes, this rally offers endless photo inspiration:

- Iconic mid-century homes and colorful details
- Stark desert light and long shadows
- Golden hour in the mountains
- Night sky photography opportunities.

Rally Vibe

Expect a fun, slightly retro twist on the classic rally:

- Optional Modernism Week tours and excursions
- Group hikes and bike rides
- Poolside happy hours
- Themed evening (mid-century attire encouraged!)
- Great food, great stories, and great company

Save the Dates: February 10–14, 2027, in Emerald Desert RV Resort, Indio, CA

Join Brian and Juliet Scheuer for a rally that blends design, desert beauty, and Airstream camaraderie into one unforgettable experience. Keep an eye on upcoming issues of The Poppy for registration details.

If you are interested, please let us know with this JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/261045172510041>



Stockton Rally at RiverPoint Landing April 8-12 2026

The Stockton Rally at RiverPoint Landing was a wonderful time of friendship, fun, and beautiful Delta scenery. From the moment our group arrived, we were made to feel especially welcome. At check-in, RiverPoint RV Park greeted our Airstream group with a thoughtful tote bag and two beach towels for each coach. The park staff was excited to host our 25 Airstreams, and that warm welcome set the tone for a very special rally. Thank you River Point RV Park!

With our trailers lined up along the waterfront, we enjoyed front-row views of all the activity on the Delta. Boats, kayakers, and large ships passing by gave the rally a peaceful and scenic setting that everyone enjoyed. Each morning began with PBJ hosted by the Winchells, with coffee and goodies to get the day started. It was a wonderful way for Airstreamers to gather, visit, and catch up.

Our Welcome Day meal at Garlic Brothers Restaurant was another highlight of the rally. Everyone enjoyed spaghetti and meatballs with beautiful Delta views, and the organized service made it a great way to begin our time together.



One of the most memorable parts of the rally was the generosity of Harold and Lynn Hurley, who shared their love of the Delta by taking guests on boat rides throughout the weekend. They took Airstreamers up and down the Delta from our site to Garlic Brothers, through the downtown boating area, and alongside the large ships for an up-close look that many will not soon forget. Harold was an excellent driver, making everyone feel comfortable and safe, while Lynn shared stories about their favorite places on the Delta and the good times they have had there over the years.

Stockton Rally, Continued

Another especially memorable event was the breakfast by the water, which had been a Christmas Rally auction item enjoyed by four couples: the Malones, Echols, Ungermans, and Doug Fritz and Debbie Ames. The Hurleys and Salingers graciously served and waited on the group, making the morning feel extra special. It was a full and beautifully prepared breakfast, complete with mimosas, fish, eggs, fresh fruit, and many other delicious items. As everyone enjoyed the meal, large ships passed by on the Delta, creating a peaceful and beautiful setting.



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The tour of the **USS Lucid** added a meaningful touch of history to the rally. Thank you Tom Webster for that contact. Our group enjoyed learning about this special minesweeper and seeing the restoration work being done. Knowing that only two remain in the world made the tour even more memorable, and it was exciting to hear that the Port of Stockton will become home to the Lucid for future tours. A special part of the tour was seeing John Bibby enjoy the electronic equipment he had worked on while serving in the Coast Guard. He also shared his knowledge of other equipment on the boat, which made the visit even more interesting and meaningful for the group.



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One of the most enjoyable evenings of the rally was our visit to the Verdegaaal's farm. They hosted Happy Hour and dinner, warmly welcoming their Airstream family and sharing their special place with the group. Happy Hour and dinner were moved inside Bob's shop, which they opened up so everyone could stay comfortable and out of the rain and wind. Even so, guests were still able to roam around and enjoy the beautiful yard and almond orchard, which added so much to the charm of the evening.



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Stockton Rally, The End



Guests also enjoyed appetizers and delicious meal featuring a local favorite Lockeford sausages served by Bob and Mark, along with Bob's perfectly barbecued tri-tip seasoned with his secret BBQ rub for dinner. Billie served her famous Almond Boederake for dessert. Darlene and Mark made the vegan chili and vegan almond cookies for our Vegan friends.



Another special moment came at the final dinner, when new members of our NorCal Airstream family, the Perez family - Stan, Julie, and Neville, right - were officially de-greened. We are so happy to have them as part of our group. Welcome to the Perez family!

Although the weather brought a mix of sunshine and off-and-on rain, it did not dampen anyone's spirits. If anything, the changing skies added to the beauty of the Delta and the relaxed atmosphere of the weekend.

The Stockton Rally at RiverPoint Landing was a wonderful blend of friendship, good food, hospitality, local history, and Delta beauty. It was a weekend full of laughter, special moments, and happy memories — a reminder of how meaningful it is to gather with fellow Airstreamers in such a scenic and welcoming place.



Your Captains: Verdegaal's and Winchell's

May Celebrations

Birthdays

Cam Murray
 Larry Delorefice
 Bob Verdegaal
 Claudia Marson
 Pat Lazzereschi

Paul McKay
 Jim Foster
 Bobbie Rowlands
 Mike O'Donnell
 Janet Motta

Mary Pivetti
 Sue Campbell
 James Curl
 Sally Ramsey
 Cathy Maffei

Anniversaries

Tony & Betty Sica
 Ronald & Luann Hollis
 Barry & Claudia Marson
 Dave & Jill Wilson
 Tom & Patti Reed
 James & Sarah Curl

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,

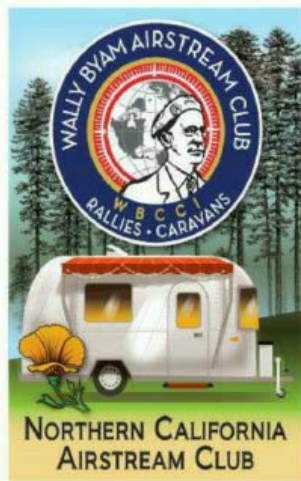
our NorCal Membership Chair, an email at norcalmembership.terri@gmail.com with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Casini Ranch Rally			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	June					

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!

