



# The NorCal News

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## President's Message

**G**reetings fellow Airstreamers. Writing this on the last day of winter 3/20/26, while temperatures here in Napa are around 90 degrees, can't wait for Spring and Summer.

Our thanks again to our hosts from the Jackson Rancheria rally in early March, a job well done by the Ungermans and the Broads. Enjoyed the visit to our friends at Bella Grace Winery and the movie night featuring "Cool Runnings".

Just a reminder that we are still looking for hosts for rallies in November and December and a team to lead the charity auction at the December rally. Lots of help and guidance available from experienced hosts and auction team members. Great times and a rewarding experience for sure.

Looking forward to our next rally stop at Riverpoint in Stockton. Can't wait to see what our hosts the Verdegals and Winchells have in store for us.



Thinking of the approaching warm seasons reminds me of the toaster ovens our airstreams can become on those hot days. We have experienced the hassles of dealing with the original equipment Dometic thermostat in our rig, and the challenges of monitoring the temps for the benefit of our pets when we are out on a rally excursion. The result was a decision to change out the thermostat for a Bluetooth/wi-fi compatible thermostat system by MicroAir, the Easy Touch RV Thermostat. Simple to install, simple to set up the controls on the phone app, easy to monitor and modify while we are away from the coach.

If you have products/ modifications and would like to share your experiences, reach out and we will see about getting an article in future Poppy issues.

See you down the road!

**Tom Webster, President**

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## From the Editor

It's a bird, it's a plane...  
It's *Super Expensive!*



With fuel prices reaching levels so high you would think they are flying, the cost of driving our silver rigs becomes an even bigger part of our budget, inevitably bringing up the dreaded question: should we still go to that rally hundreds of miles away (and back)? If your answer is "yes, we should, because Rally!" you might want to look into ways to help reduce your fuel consumption.

First, the upside: an airstream trailer is more aerodynamic than others. It may seem obvious since it's in the name ("[like a stream of air](#)") but the claim has also been verified by Airstream [a few years ago](#).

Streamlined as it may be, the trailer is still most often towed by a giant, heavy rolling brick, so unless you're boondocking on the Moon with no air and low gravity, you may consider applying some of the tips below to improve your gas mileage a little.

Adjust your driving style, especially your speed: driving a few miles per hour slower can get you relatively big gains at the cost of just a bit more travel time. Using cruise control to maintain steady speeds on flatter terrain can help, along with milder acceleration. Be smooth!

Plan ahead! Alternate roads with flatter terrain and lighter traffic contribute to maintaining steady speed.

Go on a diet! I mean the truck or the trailer, not you giving up on the campfire s'mores. Do you have to bring the barbecue and all the cast-iron pans with you *this time*? Maybe empty the water tank if you're not boondocking? All those pounds saved means a heavier wallet down the line.

Use the proper tire pressure! Beyond safety considerations some of us may testify to, the wrong psi, especially when too low, could mean higher rolling resistance and lower mpg.

If all else fails, consider fuel-less options. For example, switch your Blue Ox (and the truck) with actual oxen, or draft horses: they are not fast, but they will get you there eventually. Or be a champion like [Alfred Letourneur](#) above and tow with your bicycle!

**Damien Scaerou, Editor**  
Picture courtesy of [Airstream](#).

## 2026 Rally Schedule

**March 4 - 8th Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA**  
Registration closed  
Hosts: **The Ungermans & Broads**

**April 8 - 12th River Point Landing, Stockton, CA**  
Registration closed, waitlist available  
Hosts: **The Verdegaals & Winchells**

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

**May 6 - 10th Cassini Ranch, Russian River**  
Registration closed, waitlist available  
Hosts: **The Bartelts & Intemanns**

**June 10 - 14th Hat Creek Resort & RV, Old Station CA**  
Lassen Area - **Registration opens April 1st**  
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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**Welcome New Affiliate Members**

**Welcome New NorCal Members**

Francesco & Lisa Matteucci, Vacaville, CA

Harry Skaletsky, Napa, CA  
 Kevin Thompson & Dayna Palmer, Folsom, CA  
 Geordan & Darlene White, Redding, CA  
 Paul & Caroline Lacitinola, Elverta, CA

## NorCal Membership Numbers

194	Unit/Life Members
89	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>



# Streaming by the Stream at the Hat Creek Rally!

**June 10-14 2026**

**Hat Creek Resort & RV  
12533 CA-44, Old Station, CA 96071**

**H**itch up and head to the mountains for our upcoming rally, **Streaming by the Stream**, located in the beautiful Hat Creek Resort and RV Park in Old Station, California. The resort sits along the banks of Hat Creek, just 20 minutes north of Lassen National Park. The rally promises a perfect blend of gorgeous scenery, relaxation, art, and mountain adventure. The weather in early June is typically mild and perfect for outdoor activities. This region offers a unique landscape shaped by volcanic history and pristine waters. Hat Creek itself is world-famous for trout fishing, accessible right from our camp and many nearby spots. Paddle the calm waters of Lassen's Manzanita Lake, explore the subterranean world of Subway Cave, a massive lava tube five minutes from camp, fish for wild rainbow and brown trout, then paint the amazing scene at our watercolor painting workshop.

## Rally Highlights

Our itinerary is designed to help you connect with fellow Airstreamers and the natural beauty of the area. Each night we will gather at 5pm for Happy Hour and enjoy delicious appetizers and a nightly raffle. **On Wednesday, June 10**, rallygoers will be welcomed into camp with a special welcome bag as guests find their sites and set up camp. Our first Happy Hour will be followed by a **mouth-watering BBQ dinner** prepared 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. After dinner we will have a **cozy 8pm campfire**.

On **Thursday, June 11** we'll take a short drive to **Lassen National Park** and visit sparkling Manzanita Lake, with views of towering Lassen Peak. Airstreamers can choose from a guided hike on the scenic 1.7-mile loop, rent a kayak, pedalboat, or SUP for a 1 hour paddle ([\\$16-30 depending on boat type](#)) for a guided paddle, or can explore the Loomis Museum visitor center area and soak up the views before we gather for a picnic lunch. After lunch, rallygoers can continue to explore the park's natural wonders or head back to camp to visit with friends before our 5pm Happy Hour and raffle.



## Streaming by the Stream at the Hat Creek Rally, Continued



**Friday, June 12** is dedicated to creativity and relaxation; you can tap into your artistic side during our Nature Watercolor Workshop to capture the dramatic scenery on paper (\$40 for individuals, \$60 for couples, including materials that you can take home to continue your artistic adventure). After you create your masterpiece, visit with your neighbors or play board games until our 5pm Happy Hour and raffle, then wrap up the evening at 8pm with s'mores by a crackling fire.

**On Saturday June 13**, following our morning business meeting, we'll head to the exciting Subway Cave for a group exploration of the lava tube. Descend into the dark volcanic underworld of the Subway Cave lava tube for a safe, short (1/3 mile) and highly memorable hike. Wear closed-toed hiking shoes and bring your flashlight or headlamp! Back in camp, at 5pm we'll have some time to visit before we gather for our final Happy Hour and raffle and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries,

followed by a gourmet taco bar (with vegan options) catered by Bon Appetite.

Before you go, there are three important things to keep in mind.

First, after signing up via the Jotform going out April 1 and **once you receive confirmation from the registrar that you are registered, you must call the park individually on May 27 to make your reservation** for your site. Be sure to mention you are with the Airstream Club to ensure you are placed with the group. Please note that **payment arrangements for the sites are still being discussed** with the campground, and **further instructions will be provided at a later date** in the May Poppy or in an email blast.



Second, while we won't have a formal fishing class, the creek is steps away and there are many nearby spots for both spin and fly fishing. If you plan to fish, please ensure you have a valid California fishing license (available online from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife). There are many excellent outfitters nearby including 530 Outfitters and The Fly Shop who will book reservations for a guided Hat Creek fly trip and provide all necessary gear.

Finally, regarding cancellations, you can receive a refund minus a \$10 processing fee up to one week prior to the event, but please note that the park will charge for a one-night stay if you cancel within eight days of arrival.



**Your Hosts: Daubers and Scheuers**

# Information and Registration Instructions for the June 2026 Rally at Hat Creek



## Cost Information

- Rally fee: \$10 pp
- Rally Site Parking Fee: TBA
- Wednesday BBQ Dinner: \$32.20 pp
- Saturday Taco Bar: @29.60 pp
- Watercolor Painting Workshop (Friday):
  - Individuals: \$40
  - Couples: \$60

**Registration for this rally opens at 9 a.m. on April 1st, 2026.** At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page via the Club's webpage: <https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-june-2026-rally>  
Or directly via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/260686434384162>

**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](mailto: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, **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](mailto:wbccinorcal.registrar@gmail.com)

**Site payment and reservation:** once you have been confirmed for the rally with the email from the registrar, **you will have to call the resort on (or after) May 27 to pick your site - first call first serve.** Site parking fees will vary for each site and we are working with the resort to determine the best way for members to pay for the sites. Final instructions will be provided in the May Poppy or via blast.

**Hat Creek Cancellation Policy:** canceling your reservation within 8 days prior to arrival will result in a refund minus a one-night charge. Cancellations 9 or more days before arrival will receive a full refund minus a \$10 processing fee.

**Pet Policy: in general, please abide by the NorCal Pet Policy.** Additionally, Hat Creek Resort & RV Park pet policy is as follows: dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when outside of your Cottage, Motel Room, RV, Travel Trailer, Tent or Yurt and you must always clean up after them. Pets are not to be left unattended and must be kept in your unit after dark. Please, no aggressive dogs of any breed or size. If your dog shows aggression or is disruptive to other dogs and guests, you will be asked to leave the park. Refunds will not be given.



## Jackson Rancheria Rally March 4-8 2026

NorCal kicked off its 2026 rally season in grand style, with a “lucky green” salute to March at the Jackson Rancheria RV park, part of the Jackson Rancheria Casino area. This is the first time the club has held a rally there since December 2018, over 7 years. It was good to be back! We had 40 trailers making a statement in the front end of the “old section” of the park, which has now been expanded to include more than 100 new sites up and over the hill, along with a second clubhouse. The hosts were Elisa and Ed Ungerman and Lora and Tom Broad.

On Wednesday the hosts greeted everyone while passing out goodie bags containing shamrock good luck pins, gold milk chocolate coins, a leprechaun pen, and information on the rally. The first happy hour occurred in the clubhouse, where the members were able to meet and mingle for the first time since early December. Dinner consisted of artisanal grilled cheese sandwiches and organic tomato soup, followed by Fat Boy ice cream sandwiches. Thanks to Janie and Tary Salinger and Harold and Lynn Hurley, who helped the hosts and the hungry Airstreamers immensely by creating a grilled sandwich assembly line in the back alley to the side of the kitchen to keep those sandwiches coming. We had so many remaining after the dinner but they turned out to be terrific when reheated so not many were left in the kitchen.



After dinner, First Lady Amy Webster presented a short video on the Nuts and Ruts Caravan that she and Tom attended last summer. It was interesting to see the route and all they did. This was followed by a showing of the trailer for the movie “Cool Runnings,” about the first Jamaican bobsled team, starring John Candy, which was to be shown on Saturday night.

## Jackson Rancheria, Continued

Thursday morning, Mimosas and Irish Coffees were served in the clubhouse as people brought and then ate their pot luck offerings during the pot luck breakfast. This meal was an amazing success. After breakfast, the Bains and the Whites conducted a seminar for anyone interested in hosting a NorCal caravan. Reportedly it was well attended, which means that good things might be in store for us later on down the road.

On Thursday afternoon, another happy hour occurred, where several new members were introduced by our President Tom Webster. Then the owners of the Biggest Little Kitchen Store started their presentation with a game that is part Price is Right and part Wheel of Fortune, where attendees were randomly picked to play and audience participation was greatly



encouraged. Various kitchen wares were introduced and discussed, and the emcee was very entertaining. Later we learned that many Airstreamers visited the Store in downtown Jackson for their own purchases as the 15% discount to rally goers was an offer to good to ignore.



Friday morning, Janie Salinger and Kathy Warren volunteered to hold a seminar on the art of playing blackjack. But it was so much more. Both told wonderful stories about their time as seasonal blackjack dealers while in college – Kathy at Harrah's in South Lake Tahoe

starting in 1969 and Janie, starting 20 years later, at Caesar's in Reno. Kathy's claim to fame was becoming the cover girl on the Harrah's magazine in 1971, a copy of which she showed us. Tary let it slip that Janie was known as "Gorgeous Borges" when she was dealing.

After the stories, they got down to business teaching us the ins and outs of the game. Who knew there was a first base or a third base in blackjack? Or that the table can play as a team to beat the house odds if you know what you are doing? They went over what you should do if certain hands are dealt and "Never buy insurance!" Fortunately there are "cheat sheets" and slide rules available that you can use to remember "the rules," practice, and learn the best moves and best choices of play to increase your odds of winning while playing. All in all, a fascinating morning.



By noon, most of the attendees were getting in their cars for the short drive over to the Bella Grace winery in the Shenandoah Valley near Plymouth to wine taste. The winery is owned by Michael and Charlie Havill, NorCal members. Unfortunately they were in Mexico, taking advantage of their down time before work begins anew in the vineyard, but their son and another helper took care of the group. The weather was perfect, the scenery beautiful as the wine tasting tent overlooked the valley and their vineyard, and it was fun to be able to sit and visit with other NorCalers in such a happy atmosphere.

## Jackson Rancheria, The End



By 4 pm we were back in the clubhouse for more socializing, announcements, birthdays and anniversaries by Deanna Bain, who forgot/ignored her own anniversary but was later feted by Tom Webster, and the degreening of the Treasures, who were on their third rally. Host Lora Broad had secured Airstream swag from ACI, which was given out through a card drawing. By 5 pm, the caterer, Mother Lode Deli and Catering, had set up and dinner was served. It is no exaggeration to say they cooked some of the best Tri-Tip I have ever tasted, and the Chicken Marsala was also delicious. These offerings were accompanied by mashed red potatoes and a crisp salad. If you are ever in the area –

please check out Mother Lode Deli & Catering, located on Highway 49 before you get to Jackson. Rally goers gave the dinner multiple rave reviews.

Saturday morning was filled with a Board Meeting, followed by a General Meeting where Club business was discussed. Everyone was on their own until 4 pm when the final happy hour occurred. The clubhouse was set up so that only 6 people could sit at each table, at the center of which was four wrapped prizes. Each member of the table played a dice game that involved no strategy, only luck, to win one of the prizes. There was much stealing of prizes that added to the fun, and the game proved to be very popular. So too was the pizza that was served for dinner from the best pizza parlor, Gold Dust Pizza, in Sutter Creek. After dinner, the movie Cool Runnings was shown to a smattering of attendees, and all who stayed said they enjoyed it. It was humorous and heartwarming.

And just like that! The rally was over. Ed Ungerman performed his final vacuum of the clubhouse (he was up each morning at 6:30 am doing this chore for us) and we cleaned up the rest of the area. Thanks to everyone who came and participated. You made it fun for us to host!



*Your hosts: The Ungermans, The Broads*

## April Celebrations

**Birthdays**

Tom Smithson  
Mike Malone  
Mike Ramsey  
Harold Higgins  
Fred Lyon  
Bill Maffei

Peggy Spence  
Terry Totten  
Jim Gallagher  
Dace Roll  
Annie Barlow  
Amy Webster

Joyce Tupy  
Fran Angerer  
Phil Glassen  
Vicki DeSmet  
Bob Totten

**Anniversaries**

Greg & JoAnn Kemist  
Flavia & Brad Naves  
Dan & Janet Margolis  
Bob & Billie Verdegaaal  
Roy & Gail Hutto

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,

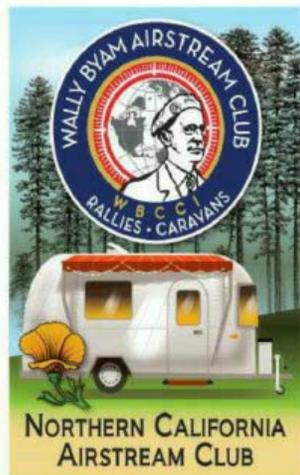
our NorCal Membership Chair, an email at [norcalmembership.terri@gmail.com](mailto:norcalmembership.terri@gmail.com) with your Name (First and Last) and your Birthday and Anniversary.

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
29	30	31	1 	2	3	4	
5 	6	7	<b>River Point Landing Rally</b>				11
12 	13	14	15 	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22 	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
					<b>May</b>		
3	4	5	<b>Cassini Ranch Rally</b>				9

### 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!

