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President's Message

Greetings from the desk of the President.

I don't know about you, but for your President and First Lady the days of 2026 are flying by. We have enjoyed rallies from March thru June, took off July to move into our newly remodeled home in Napa, return to the road for a club rally in August and the International in Minot. We were back in the club rally mode in September at Truckee. A bit of a swing and a miss with our scheduling in October left us absent from the Avila Beach gathering.

Alas our story of moving has not moved along as rapidly or smoothly as our Airstream club adventures. We look forward to our Napa rally at Skyline Park and we will look forward to welcoming you to a soft "Open House" of the new home digs during the rally. We know many of you have heard our tales of woe as delays have pushed our finish date further and further into to year.



We will have just completed an election of our officers and trustees for 2027 by the time this edition arrives in your inbox. I hear there is another election cycle happening in the state and around the nation, but you've already heard enough of all that on the airwaves and social media. For NorCal, no banners, no hyperbole, no name calling or finger pointing, just an honorable slate of candidates who want to help move our club forward. I hope you cast your ballots, and we will share the results officially at the Saturday meeting at the November rally, as well as by email blast.

Here's hoping for good weather and safe travels as we close out our last two rallies of 2026.

See you down the road.

Tom Webster, President

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2026-2027 Rally Schedule

2026			
Oct. 28 - Nov. 1	*Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas NV*	*Hosts: Region 12*	*Registration closed*
Nov. 4 - 8	**Skyline Wilderness Park, Napa CA**	No-host rally	Registration closed
Dec. 2 - 6	**49er Village, Plymouth CA**	**Hosts: Janet and Greg Motta**	Registration open until Oct. 30
2027			
January	**Flash Rally**	No-host rally	Tentative
Feb. 10 - 14	**Emerald Desert RV Resort, Indio, CA**	**Hosts: The Scheuers**	Registration opens Dec. 1st 2026
Mar. 10 - 14	**S. F. North KOA, Petaluma, CA**	**Hosts: Debbie Ames & Doug Fritz, The Linstroms**	Registration open
Apr. 14 - 18	**V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA (Tentative)**	**Hosts Needed**	
May 23 - 27	**Morro Dunes RV, Morro Bay, CA**	**Hosts Needed**	Note: Sunday through Thursday
Jun. 2 - 16	**NorCal Caravan, Eastern Oregon**	**Hosts: The Daubers & Roblees**	Registration open
Jun. 23 - 27	**McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA**	**Hosts Needed**	
Jun. 26 - July 1	*International Rally at Rock Springs, WY*	*Host: ACI*	
Jul. 14 - 18	**Location TBD**	**Hosts Needed**	
Aug. 11 - 15	**Costanoa Resort, Pescadero, CA**	**Hosts: The Echolses & Ortizes Apprentices: Sandra Carr & Kris Carey**	
Sep. 8 - 12	**Clio River's Edge Park, Clio, CA**	**Hosts: The Salingers Apprentices: The Burgesses**	Registration open
Oct. 6 - 10	*Region 12 Rally, Napa, CA*	*Hosts: Region 12*	
Oct. 6 - 10	**Bishop (Tentative)**	**Hosts Needed**	Dates to be confirmed
Nov. 3 - 7	**Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA**	**Hosts Needed**	
December	**Flash Rally**	No-host rally	Tentative

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.

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 Registrar

Greetings Airstreamers!

I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy your rig. Paul and I are enjoying a month in the Southwest exploring with friends. We are so lucky to call this Country home, with so many beautiful sites to see.

Some reminders for you about registering for rallies:

- The registration may never look the same twice for rallies anymore. More than ever, it is important to read the information in the Poppy regarding rally registration.
- Please use each field as labeled on the JotForm i.e., do not put two names in the name field: one name per field please.
- Double check your email address and phone number for accuracy before you submit the JotForm. This is the information I use to contact you regarding registration.
- The email you receive from the JotForm platform is NOT your confirmation you are in the rally. Wait until you hear from me via email. Please read the email I send to you with the instructions after I have received your JotForm entry. If you are on the waiting list, wait until you receive a future email with instructions on how to proceed should you make it in the rally.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Vicky Bartelt, Registrar

Caravan Announcement

NorCal Eastern Oregon Caravan update:

The Norcal Eastern Oregon Caravan of June 2027 is almost full but as of printing, ***one spot is still available***, and ***we will also have a waitlist*** in case of overflow, so don't hesitate to sign-up!

See more details on page 9.

Your Hosts: The Daubers & Roblees

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

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Lisa & Gerry Villamil, Roseville, CA
2024 Globetrotter 30

Welcome New NorCal Members

Eric Whalen, Sutter, CA
2026 Globetrotter 30

Rebekah Tuma, Vacaville, CA
2023 Flying Cloud 30

NorCal Membership Numbers

	Members	Affiliates	Total
BRNs	**197**	**88**	**285**
Individuals	**368**	**161**	**529**

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

From The Editor

Halloween is about to start the holiday season, and with it the last two rallies of the year.

First comes Napa in a few days where we will have a special guest (see page 8) to introduce the December rally charity - don't miss it!

Also remember to check out the NorCal Caravan planned for June 2027 across Eastern Oregon (see page 9) - it's not full yet!

Finally, a quick note about the rally schedule page: passed rallies are out, and the full schedule is now presented in one table. This should make it easier to read and plan across 2026 and 2027.

Scary Halloween Everyone, and see you in Napa!

Damien Scaerou, Editor

NorCal Celebrations

Birthdays

Pamela Lindsay
Joanne Bowsman
Margie Glassey
Grover Sandy
Ken Bechthold
Karen Richardson
Gordon Krauter
Terri Holifield
Yoshiko Deiwert
Carole Echols
Janet Margolis
Lynn Foster
Gail Crutchfield
John Roll
Sandra Carr

Anniversaries

Paul & Rosalie McKay
Ralph & Margaret Drew
Rick & Margaret Sharp
Jim & Deborah Christie
Dave & Marget Williams
Mike & Phyllis Minadeo
Gregg & Janet Motta
Ray & Carrie Bell
Phil & Margie Glassey
Paul & Vicky Bartelt

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.



Flying Flags Avila Beach

October 7-11, 2026

The Avila Beach rally kicked off with our usual happy hour and a well-appreciated pizza dinner from Mission Pizza. The nice weather allowed us to enjoy our first dinner at the community overlook.



On Thursday, Team Paz hosted morning coffee accompanied by Portuguese bites (sweet bread and linguissa). We did not get to enjoy the view during the first morning coffee due to a thick wet fog.

Happy hour was back at their site. The Davisons and Perezes delivered beautiful Halloween-themed appetizers.

About half of the attendees participated in a really fun Left-Right-Center game. Our new member Brian won the jackpot!

On Friday, the hosts got some warm cinnamon buns for coffee from the famous Old West Cinnamon Rolls.



During the free time, some enjoyed a walk to the pier with a meal at Merseas, some met fellow airstreamers and made progress on the knitting projects while enjoying the view, some doggies took a walk to the dog-friendly beach, and others just sat and observed the wildlife with binoculars!

We ended the day with happy hour, and some enjoyed dinner in downtown Avila.



Avila Beach Rally, The End



Our last day was busy for some who did the hike to the Point San Luis lighthouse, while others sat at the fire pit with a cup of coffee and watched them disappear in the PG&E territory with their docents.



We closed the Avila Beach rally with our usual happy hour while celebrating the October birthdays and one Anniversary, followed by a free-choice potluck.



Attendees posed for a picture during a beautiful sunset with a pink sky.

It was the perfect time to leave on Sunday morning as the storm was approaching.

Your Hosts:
Team Paz & Team Matteo









December Rally Auction Charity Update

Napa Wildlife Rescue – A Special Visitor Is Coming to Skyline Park!

Friday, November 6th • 9:00 AM • Skyline Park

As we shared previously, **Napa Wildlife Rescue (NWR)** has been selected as the beneficiary of our **NorCal Charity Auction in December**. We're excited to support an organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and returning injured and orphaned wildlife to the wild.

But before the auction, we have a special opportunity to meet one of NWR's wildlife ambassadors!

Mattie, a hawk, will be visiting us at our November Rally at Skyline Park on Friday, November 6th at 9:00 AM.



Mattie will be accompanied by representatives from Napa Wildlife Rescue, who will introduce us to this beautiful bird and share more about the work NWR does for wildlife in our community.

For those attending the Skyline Rally, please plan to join us Friday morning. It should be a fun and educational opportunity to see a magnificent raptor up close and learn more about the organization we'll be supporting through our December Charity Auction.

And as December approaches, start thinking about those special items you might want to donate to the auction. **Every donation and every bid helps support Napa Wildlife Rescue and the animals in their care**.

Come Meet Mattie!

Debbie Ames
Incoming President, 2027
NorCal Airstream Club

Want more info about NWR? Watch the presentation there:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cE4EH8tXtEmZ9v4zyVq5hdK-nWBOJAAm/view



Exclusive NorCal Caravan: Streaming East of the Cascades

June 2-16 2027

Just for NorCal Members! Join your fellow club members for an exciting two week summer adventure through Central and Eastern Oregon in June 2027! Traversing approximately 600 super-scenic miles, this caravan combines natural wonders, rich history, and unforgettable regional highlights. We start on June 2 in the outdoor mecca of Bend, Oregon. Situated in the heart of the Cascade range, along the calm Deschutes River, Bend is famous for its relaxed vibe, gorgeous scenery, river paddling, mountain biking, hiking, craft breweries, restaurants and shops. From there, we roll east through the high desert where vivid natural wonders combine with local history - including a special visit to the Wally Byam exhibit at Heritage Museum in his hometown of Baker City. On the Idaho border, we camp right on the banks of the Snake River near Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge in North America. This canyon boasts jaw-dropping scenic drives. We cap off the trip at Wallowa Lake: a hidden gem nestled below the peaks of the Eagle Cap wilderness with paddling, swimming, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and an awe-inspiring tram ride to a high peak restaurant -- or just sitting by the lake soaking in the views. This area also features Nez Perce cultural sites and a vibrant arts district with tours of local bronze foundries. Ever wondered about our neighbor to the north beyond the coast and Portland? This Caravan is for you!

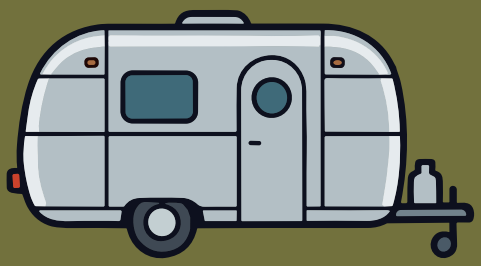
Caravan & Registration Details

- **Dates**: June 2 to June 16 (14 nights).
- **Locations**: Starts: Bend Oregon, Ends: Wallowa Lake, Oregon.
- **Registration**: send an email stating that you want to sign up to oregoncaravan2027@gmail.com. Spots are offered first-come first-served based on date/time email is sent. Once you have been notified by email that you have been accepted into the caravan, the kitty fee is due in full. **You are not registered until your payment is received via Zelle or check**.
- **One spot is still available as of printing, and waitlist will be open as needed.** With the caravan several months away, more cancellations may happen, so don't hesitate to sign-up even if you end up on the waitlist!
- **What's included**: All campsites (except for the RV park in Bend, where we have reserved a block of sites and participants will pay their own fee of approximately $340 for three nights). All locations have electricity and water, and most have sewer. Kitty fee also includes several group activities and catered meals plus more!
- **Kitty Fee**: $1,700 per rig for couples ($1,350 for singles). At the conclusion of the caravan, all participants will be provided with a detailed accounting and a refund of any unexpended funds.
- **Payment & Cancellation Policy**: Kitty fee due in full upon registration (it is needed to pay for our parking reservations). Cancellations will receive a refund of any unexpended funds from their kitty fee. The amount of refund may depend on the date of cancellation and whether or not the participant can be replaced on the caravan.
- **Note to those traveling with dogs**: The only large full hookup RV park in Wallowa Lake with a Club Room allows only ADA service dogs. All other dogs are not allowed, however **we have reserved a nice option for dog owners at another RV park nearby**. If you are bringing a dog, include that information in your registration. Contact us to discuss if you have questions: oregoncaravan2027@gmail.com.

Your Hosts: Ken & Michele Dauber, Cliff Roblee & Joanne Valerio
Questions: *oregoncaravan2027@gmail.com*

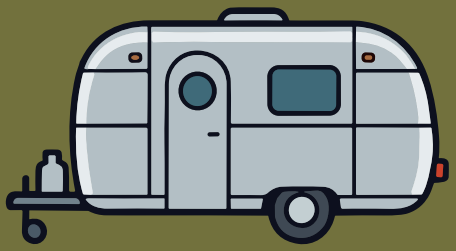
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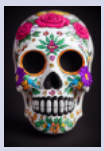
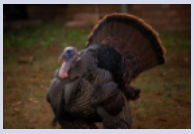
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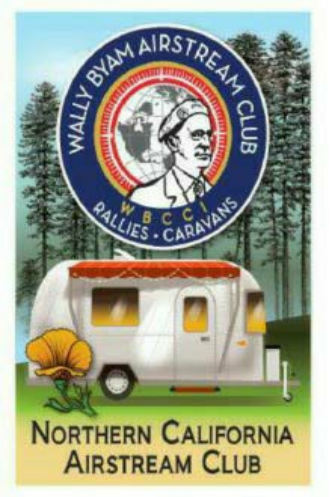
November 2026

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15	16 **November**	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
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Napa Rally

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!

