



President's Message

Dear Members, here's hoping you have enjoyed a wonderful Summer and many adventures.

Amy and I spent a very busy August, continuing with our move between our old home and our "downsized" remodeled home one mile away. Just to make it more interesting we added in the August rally at Klamath and a long-haul trip to the International in Minot, ND.

The excitement continues into September with our Harry Potter themed rally at Truckee. Many thanks to Janet and Dan Margolis for a fun event including Visits from Professor Minerva McGonagall and Albus Dumbledore. Each nights' Happy Hour was filled with Potter trivia and themed snacks on each house's table. Movie night on Friday was the showing of the original Harry Potter movie. Since many of us failed the quizzes at Happy Hour it was fun to see the original and put some character names and stories into the memory bank.

When I last wrote, we were preparing for the opening ceremony at the International. All went well, the NorCal Flag found its place proudly between the Lake Tahoe Unit and the San Diego Club flags. Every club and inter-club, (such as Ham Radio and Fly-fishing Club, etc), heard their names called, as we marched in front of the stage, one Region at a time. Being part of Region Twelve meant we were the last group to be announced. Patience is a virtue they tell me, and we made our appearance proudly representing NorCal. Aside from sharing stories with friends new and old, attending seminars on caravans, engaging club membership, new caravan development software, the highlight was probably a visit from Theodore Roosevelt, our nation's 26th President. Alright it was an impersonator, but his conversation with us lasted an hour and twenty minutes. A monologue filled with facts, stories, anecdotes, and some well-placed humor in the midst of the travails of the current political environment.



Some of our fellow attendees left the rally and visited the newly opened Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, ND. The Library is near the Southern unit of the Roosevelt National Park. You might want to put that on a future travel itinerary, raves reviews from all who visited.

Until we meet again, be well , be kind, travel safe.

Tom 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~~

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

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

~~August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA~~
~~Hosts: The Davisons~~

~~Apprentices: The Villaire/Hammarstedt,~~
~~The Perezes, & The Hansens~~

~~Sept. 9 - 13th Village Camp, Truckee CA~~
~~Hosts: The Margolis'~~

Oct. 7 - 11th Flying Flags, Avila Beach CA
 Registration closed.
Hosts: Team Matteo, Team Paz

Oct. 28 - Nov 1 Region 12 Rally, Las Vegas NV
 Registration open - Hosts: Region 12

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

Dec. 2 - 6th 49er Village, Plymouth CA
 Registration opens **October 1st**
Hosts: Janet and Greg Motta

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

2027 Rally Schedule

Hosts, co-hosts and/or apprentices needed
 for all rallies, 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 open
Hosts: Debbie Ames & Doug Fritz
Co-hosts: The Linstroms

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

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

June 2 - 16th NorCal Caravan, Eastern Oregon
Hosts: The Daubers & Roblees

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

June 26 - July 1 International Rally at Rock Springs, WY
 Host: **Airstream Club International**

July 14 - 18th - Location TBD

August 11 - 15th Costanoa Resort, Pescadero, CA
Hosts: The Echolses & Ortizes
Apprentices: Sandra Carr & Kris Carey

September 8 - 12th Clio
Registration Open
Hosts: The Salingers
Apprentices: The Burgesses

October 6 - 10 Region 12 Rally, Napa, CA
 Hosts: **Region 12**

October 6 - 10th Bishop (Tentative)
Dates TBD

November 3 - 7th - Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA

December - Flash 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 Editor

It is now leafblower and gutter clean-up season, a.k.a. Fall, as of September 23rd. Leaves have started changing colors and coming down every few seconds or so.

On behalf of Tom and Amy Webster, I would like to share quick news on last year's auction for the Guide Dog For The Blind association: please welcome eight week old Guide Dog Puppy in Training, Wally! Thank you to the NorCal club for your very generous donations.



The past few weeks have and continue to be busy and exciting. We thoroughly enjoyed the Truckee Rally hosted and its Harry Potter theme - thanks by Janet and Dan Margolis for hosting (see more on page 13). September was also the start of a new job (with long hours) for me, and Team Matteo is now in the middle of a move - not a house move, but a trailer move, where both events severely contributed to this Poppy edition's delay. The upside is that we will get to go on our new trailer inaugural trip for the upcoming Avila Beach rally that we are hosting with Team Paz!

More exciting news to us all in the club is a new NorCal Caravan planned for June 2027! It will be hosted by the Daubers and Roblees, and registration is coming in a few days on October 7th. Please check details and instructions on page 11.

Finally, the big event of the year, the December Rally has found its hosts in Janet and Greg Motta, with registration opening on October 1st - see details and instructions starting page 6 - and our next president Debbie Ames is sharing information on the charity of her choice on page 10.

Happy Fall Everyone, and see you in Avila Beach!

Damien Scaerou, Editor

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Welcome New Affiliate Members

Welcome New NorCal Members

No new affiliates this month

Mark & Angela Bonner, Santa Rosa, CA
Doreen & Robert Carrillo, Linden, CA
James Fanning, San Rafael, CA
Enza & Sandy Sanberg, Aliso Viejo, CA

NorCal Membership Numbers

197	Unit/Life Members
89	Affiliate Members
286	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

October Celebrations

Birthdays

Jim Christie

Scott Leaman

Brad Naves

Sarah Curl

Ted Edwards

Polly Krauter

Linda Ackerman

Larry Warren

Sudha Foote

Leslie Irey

Dan Margolis

Anniversaries

Bob & Linda Minder

Kirk Reistroffer & Joanne Hilliard

Dwain & Trisha Christensen

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.



Are you ready for a Holly Jolly Good Time at the 49er Village?

A full-hookup RV Park in the beautiful California Foothills. The fun begins at 2:00PM check in. Amenities: WiFi, Cable, Restrooms, Showers, and Campfires are permitted. The club house is available for our activities. Plymouth has some fun events and just 15 minutes away is the quaint town of Sutter Creek with many restaurants and premier boutiques for you to enjoy.

Wednesday is Potluck & Annual Cookie Exchange. Please bring three dozen holiday cookies to share, a container to take cookies home & a copy of your cookie recipe if you would like to share your secret. Games and more games; a fun easy to learn card game (Swoop) competition. The original Wii Game rolled out November 19, 2006, you can go back in time as Wii games will be available to play, and bring three \$1 bills to play Left, Right, Center game of Chance.

Come show your art talent; sign up to make Diamond Art Christmas Greeting Cards. **Friday** night Christmas comedy is a crack up, come enjoy a snack of hot chocolate & popcorn, you may want to bring some tissue to wipe off your tears from laughter.

Saturday starts off with bidding on Silent Auction items, "Start on Steiner Winery" event, a food drive event that includes multiple wineries that will offer tastings and small bites. An informational email will go to the participants that sign up (group reservation). Plymouth Annual Holiday Market or enjoy festivities in the surrounding areas. And let's not forget our Saturday Night Silent Auction with the opportunity to support Napa Wildlife Rescue (NWR) - see page 10 for more information.

A holiday themed dinner will be provided by "So Good Catering". Turkey, tri-tip, roasted potatoes, roasted vegetables, strawberry spinach salad, and dessert (Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream). There will be GF and Vegan options (stuffed portabella mushrooms and GF, Vegan dessert). After dinner if your table is NOT participating in the gift exchange, please remove the center pieces (put in box) and toss out the table coverings. Put the chairs on the chair rack and fold the tables. Finishing off the festivities is the Gift Exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift to the club house before dinner and put your gift under the Christmas tree. Gift value \$25. DO NOT put name tags on the gift. You may think you can keep the gift you choose, but think again, it may be stolen in the spirit of fun. After the gift exchange, please remove the center pieces (put in box) and toss out the table coverings. Put the chairs on the chair rack and fold the tables. Club house closes by 8:00pm.

*It's a little bit chilly in December with brisk winds and highs estimated in the mid-50's and lows in the upper 30's. Stay Warm!

Your Hosts: Greg & Janet Motta
[Janet m.25@comcast.net](mailto:Janet.m.25@comcast.net), 707-803-0604

December Rally, Schedule and Event Details

Meals

Wednesday Welcome Dinner – Potluck, shared cookies.

Saturday Presidents Induction Dinner – Catered by So Good Catering; Tri tip, turkey, roasted potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables, vegan portobella stuffed mushrooms, peach cobbler with vanilla bean ice cream, vegan dessert.

Wednesday

2:00 Check in begins.

4:30 Happy hour with announcements.

5:30 Potluck, shared cookies for dessert.

Thursday

1:30 Wii games available to play in the club house or play your own games.

1:30 Swoop game competition – 1st Round. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced Friday night after Happy Hour. Easy to play instructions will be provided.

4:30 Happy Hour.

5:00 Right, Left, Center game; bring three (3) \$1 dollar bills . A game of chance.
Dinner on Own.

Friday

10:00 Wii games.

1:00 Swoop game competition – Final Round.

1:00 Diamond Christmas Card activity, pre-registration required.

4:30 Happy Hour, Birthdays and Anniversaries.

5:30 Dinner on Own.

6:45 Holiday Movie – National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation Comedy. A hilarious, funny movie.
Popcorn and hot chocolate too.

Saturday

8:00-9:30 Silent Auction: If you signed up to participate, please bring your item(s) to the clubhouse, find your assigned table that has your number and set your item(s) on your number.

10:00 Bidding starts on Auction Items. Place your bid on the bid form next to items.

11:00 - 4:00 Plymouth 6th Annual Christmas Market.

11:00 - 5:00 Steiner Open House Wineries and Food Drive (11:00 AM group reservation at Iron Hub Winery).

3:00 Bidding stops on Auction items.

4:00 Auction Winners Announced – pay and take items back to your trailer BEFORE 5:00 PM.

5:00 Happy Hour.

5:30 Club Announcements.

6:00 President's Induction Dinner - Debbie Ames. Catered by "So Good Catering".

7:00-7:30 If your table is NOT participating in the gift exchange, please put center pieces in a provided box, discard the tablecloth in the trash bin, fold chairs and put on rack, fold table.

7:30 Gift Exchange. After exchange, please put center pieces in a provided box, discard the tablecloth in the trash bin, fold chairs and put on rack, fold table.

8:00 Clubhouse closes.

Check-out 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 6th.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Safe Travels!

December Rally, Schedule and Event Details (Continued)

Saturday Events Details

Start on Steiner Event: **Steiner Holiday Open House and Food Drive** will take place on **Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 11:00AM – 5:00PM** along Steiner Rd in Plymouth.

Event Highlights: Winery offerings; each participating winery locating along Steiner Road will feature a unique holiday offering, including small culinary bites and live music.

The FOOD Drive: it is suggested you wear your favorite holiday apparel and bring in-date, nonperishable food donations, 1 food item to each winery per person (it waves the tasting fee). Wineries along the trail traditionally include local favorites such as Iron Hub Winery & Distillery (12500 Steiner Rd), Rombauer Vineyards (12225 Steiner Rd), D'Agostini Wines (12557 Steiner Rd), Dobra Zemlja Winery (12505 Steiner Rd). Driven Cellars (12595 Steiner Rd).

The final list of wineries included in the 2026 event are still to be confirmed. Participants will meet (carpool) at Iron Hub Winery & Distillery at 12500 Steiner Rd at 10:55 (don't be late) for a five pour, small bite winery experience. This is a group reservation: you will receive a wristband to get free tastings and food bites that allows you to get free tastings at other participating wineries. You **MUST** donate an in-date nonperishable food item at **EACH** Winery. You will continue on to the other wineries on own.

Plymouth's 6th annual Christmas Market is Saturday, December 5th between the hours of 11:00AM – 4:00PM, located in the McGee Park on Main Street next to Post Office.

Thing To Do And Restaurants In The Area

Taste Restaurant & Wine Bar: 9402, Main St. Call at 5:00PM or after for Reservations. Restaurant hours are Wednesday & Thursday, 5:00 to 9:00PM. Friday & Saturday, 4:30 – 9:00PM (209) 245-3463.
info@restauranttaste.com

Crush Pizzeria & Il Gioiello Winery: 9486 Main St, Plymouth, CA 95669

Fig Barn: Pastries, Panini's, & Artisan Coffee, 9506 Main St, Plymouth, CA 95669

Colina Del Oro: Mexican food, 17810 CA-49, Plymouth, CA 95669 (across from the RV Park)

Stonecreek Kitchen at Acorn Ridge Casino: 17500 CA-49, Plymouth, CA 95669

Sutter Creek is 15 minutes away, south of Plymouth, has restaurants, premier boutiques, design shops and holiday décor.

Important Information

Clubhouse Access: The clubhouse will be locked with the exception of when our activities take place. 49er Village is a live in RV Park so to keep the clubhouse secure it has to be locked. If you wish to go in at other times, please come find me.

Emergency Number: Sutter Amador Hospital, located in nearby Jackson, 200 Mission Blvd, (209) 223-7500

Your Hosts: Greg & Janet Motta
Janet.m.25@comcast.net, 707-803-0604

Information and Registration Instructions for the December 2026 Rally at 49er Village

Cost Information

- Rally Fee: \$10 pp
- Saturday Dinner - \$35 per person (Vegan meal TBD)
- Iron Hub Winery Steiner Rd Event - \$10
- Diamond Christmas Card Kit - \$17

Registration for the December 2026 rally opens at 9 a.m. on October 1st, 2026. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page directly via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/262624658547165> or via the club's webpage at <https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-december-2026-installation-rally>. Please otherwise refer to general registration instructions on page 3.

49er Village Cancellation Policy: if you need to cancel, contact the registrar. If you cancel at least 15 days prior to your arrival, or 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 and you cancel within 15 days of arrival, your 2-night (or half your stay) deposit will be forfeit.

Pet Policy: in general, please abide by the **NorCal Pet Policy**. The 49er Village pet policy is as follows: *"Pets must always be on a leash and restrained when not confined inside an RV, and no pet may be left unattended outside of an RV, even on the site or if restrained. There is a **maximum of two pets** per reservation with a \$50 non-refundable fee per reservation for any pet in a vacation or cottage rental. Pets are the responsibility of the owner. If management determines that a pet is disruptive or aggressive, they have sole discretion to require the guest to restrict the pet's behavior or location, or remove the pet from the resort. If a guest is unwilling or unable to restrict the pet or have it removed from the resort, as requested by management,*

*management has the right to immediately terminate the guest's reservation and evict the guest from the resort, without refund. **All pets must also be up to date on vaccines, and copies of pet vaccine records must be available upon request. Upon check-in, you are required to notify the office of your pets if you have not already added them to your reservation during the booking process"**.*

49er Village Visitor Policy: 49er Village requires all visitors to register upon arrival, with a daily fee of \$10 per visitor.

Check-in time is 2:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM.

Refer to the park FAQ for more information: <https://www.sunoutdoors.com/california/49er-village-rv-community>





December Rally Auction Charity Announcement

Dear NorCal Airstream Club Friends,

As I prepare to become your NorCal Airstream Club President for 2027, one of my responsibilities is selecting the beneficiary of our annual charity auction.

I'm very pleased to announce that our 2026 Charity Auction will benefit Napa Wildlife Rescue (NWR, <https://www.napawildliferescue.org/>).

NWR is especially meaningful to me. Over the years, I've brought injured birds to them for care and have also had the opportunity to volunteer with the organization. I've seen firsthand the important work they do for our local wildlife.

Napa Wildlife Rescue is Napa County's only organization permitted to rescue, rehabilitate, and return native wildlife to the wild. They care for sick, injured, and orphaned birds, raptors, mammals, and other native species. Trained staff and volunteers provide medical treatment, nutrition, rehabilitation, and a safe environment designed to preserve their natural behaviors and prepare them for life back in the wild.

NWR has also recently taken on responsibility for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation in Solano County, greatly expanding the area they serve - and their need for community support.

I'm working on something special for our Napa Rally this November as well. I hope to have NWR join us with one of their ambassador animals - Mattie, a hawk! It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about their work and appreciate one of these magnificent birds up close.

And that brings us to the auction! Please keep in mind every donated item will lead to a bid that will help give a wild animal a deserving second chance.

I'm excited that we have the opportunity to support an organization that works so hard to help the wildlife we share our environment with as Airstreamers.

See you down the road,

Debbie Ames
Incoming President, 2027
NorCal Airstream Club





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

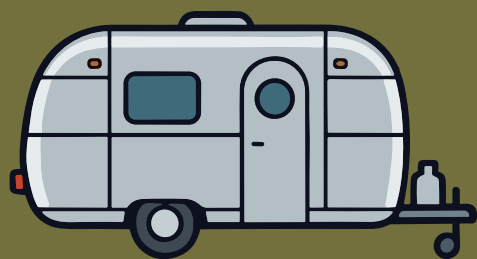
- **Dates:** June 2 to June 16 (14 nights).
- **Locations:** Starts: Bend Oregon, Ends: Wallowa Lake, Oregon.
- **Registration:** **Opens 9:00AM October 7, 2026.** Send an email stating that you want to sign up to oregoncaravan2027@gmail.com. Spots will be offered first-come first-served based on date/time email is sent. If more than 15 trailers register, we will maintain a wait list. 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.**
- **Capacity:** Limited to 15 rigs, first come-first serve.
- **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

Northern California Airstream Club

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Back to School: Hogwarts with Harry Potter At Old Town Truckee RV Village Camp September 9-13, 2026



At the Truckee Rally at Village Camp Truckee, with Harry Potter as the theme, we brought together wizards and muggles alike. As twenty-seven Airstream trailers rolled into the park, they were greeted and checked in by the Village Camp staff and given a Back-to-School Hogwarts welcome bag. At Happy Hour, we went through the 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ station platform to enter the Hogwarts train station to ride to Hogwarts School of Wizardry! We had a wonderful time being silly and visited Snape's Apothecary cabinet, with potions such as Polyjuice, Veritaserum, and Gillyweed.

The Truckee area is a wonderful place to visit. There were lots of ways to explore the area. Many told stories at Happy Hour about hiking and biking trails. Dan and I did two bike rides, one around Donner Lake and another on the Legacy Trail. An avid group of fly-fishermen got up early every morning to cast a line into the Truckee River. I didn't hear of any catches, but all had fun. With many restaurants in the area, folks came back to report "the best places

to eat". How does one really choose the best place to eat? Several campers participated in a walking tour of historic Brickelltown, Commercial Row, West River Street, and Church Street and enjoyed the historic stories of the area.

For those who were up early, coffee, tea, and zucchini bread were offered in the clubhouse on Thursday and Friday. Saturday, the VC camp staff prepared a wonderful breakfast for all campers. The breakfast included Bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes with fresh strawberries, biscuits and gravy, muffins, yogurt- everything one could think of for breakfast was provided, and it was absolutely delicious.



Truckee Rally, Continued

Thursday, we all celebrated Grandparents' Week, telling stories about their lovely grandchildren. Thursday evening, club members were treated to an outdoor catered BBQ dinner presented by Chef Robert Williams of Flavortown Eats. We enjoyed BBQ Tri-tip marinated in a secret sauce, grilled chicken, spinach salad with raisins, goat cheese, hard-boiled eggs, a red potato salad, and dinner rolls. Yum!



On Friday, after morning coffee and tea, all who brought furry friends were invited to the very nice dog park at the campground to share stories about their furry friends. A dog treat was provided to all dog owners who attended.

At 10:00 a.m., we met up with Ranger Nick Potter at the Donner Memorial State Park Museum. He gave us an interesting hour-and-a-half walking tour where we visited the famous Pioneer Monument, built in 1918 by the Native Sons of the Golden West, that commemorates California emigrants traveling west in the 1800s. He debunked the story that the year

the Donner Party came through the area, the snow was as tall as the monument, and reported it was only around 20 feet high.



Cutoff, that ultimately sealed the Donner Party's fate. The party, numbering around 87 individuals, including families, hired teamsters and split from the main California Trail and set off on the Hastings Cutoff on July 31, 1846.

Ranger Potter mostly talked about the three main families, the Donners, Reeds and Breen's, and those who survived and died. The winter of 1846-47 in the Sierra Nevada was exceptionally brutal. The pioneers' diet quickly devolved from dried meat and bread to boiled hides, tree bark, and eventually, the unthinkable.



Ranger Potter had maps of all of the emigrant trails and pictures of the ill-fated families that had ended up at Donner Pass. The maps illustrated the various routes, including the infamous Hastings

Truckee Rally, The End



The most harrowing aspect of the Donner Party story, and one the museum addresses with respectful gravity, is the act of cannibalism. Of the 87 people who were part of the Donner Party when they entered Hastings Cutoff, only 47 survived the winter. He also discussed the heroic attempts to try to rescue them and the horror of what they found. If you are interested in more information, please visit [Donner Park Museum: Unraveling the Haunting Legacy of the Donner Party and Westward Expansion - Wonderful Museums](#).

In the evening, we participated in a game of Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit. That really separated the wizards from the muggles. Without a doubt, Doug Fritz

and Matteo were the wizards who came out on top. Folks came back after their dinners on their own, and it was movie night. We watched the 2001 first movie of the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone". It was commented that it was kind of fun to see the actors of the series when they were so young.



do a little gambling. The area is so beautiful that it was fun to just enjoy the day.

Sunday, everyone who was going home was gone by 11:00 a.m. Dan and I were a little sad that the fun was over. We have met so many wonderful folks in the Norcal Airstream Club that it was an honor to give a little something back. Anyway, Happy Trails to all, and I know we will see all soon.

On Saturday morning after the VC breakfast, the Board met, and right after, there was a General meeting for all who were there. It was open time for most of the day. Some stayed at camp and played cards, knitted, crocheted, or read books. Lots of folks just walked around and caught up on news with old and new friends. A few went into Reno to walk the new and improved Riverwalk and

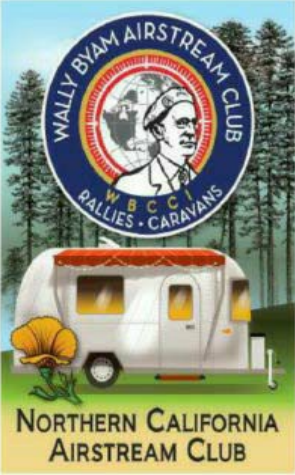


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 September	29	30	1 Christmas Rally Registration	2 October	3
4	5	6	7 NorCal Caravan Registration	8 Avila Beach Rally	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Next Poppy Submission Deadline
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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!

