



The NorCal News



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President's Message

From the President's desk,

After a hot March and a cooler Spring in April and May, anxiously awaiting the arrival of Summer.

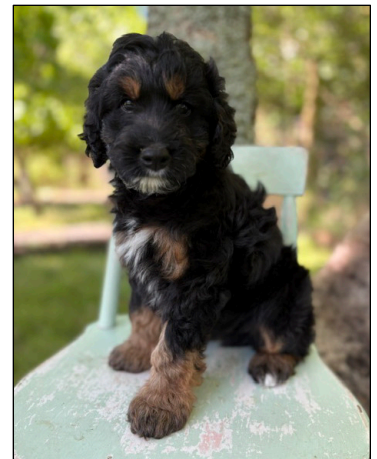
We just enjoyed our NorCal rally at Casini Ranch and followed that with a combined rally with Greater Bay Area Airstream Club and Grapes and Grains. Always good to meet up with members of other clubs and share stories and plans. Our Casini Ranch rally was fun filled, great company, nice venue and loads of opportunities to visit favorite sites along the coast from Bodega Bay to Gualala. Many thanks to our hosts, the Bartelts and the Intemanns.

We also managed to squeeze in an Audit Committee meeting and found our books in good order. We discussed several ideas for making our processes flow more efficiently, including communications between the Treasurer, Registrar, Rally Chair and rally hosts. Some amendments to the rally handbook assuring the proper processes for reporting rally expenditures, and reimbursement requests will be forthcoming.

Saturday started off with an Executive Board meeting to review survey responses and resulting reflections. Over 75 members responded. You will be receiving a copy of the survey results data by email soon. The results and comments will be helpful as we continue to work to improve our rally offerings, locales, and hosting opportunities.

We still have opportunities for hosts to step up for our November and December rallies and to head up the charity auction at our December rally as well. Is it your turn??? Loads of veteran hosts will gladly share their ideas to make the task less daunting. Let our Rally Chairs know and we will help get you started.

On a lighter note, it seems every trip I find small things around the trailer that need some attention. I have one screw inside a pantry cabinet that I have to re-tighten every trip. For the longest time I had handles on the windows adjusting mechanisms that would become loose or fall off. Fixed that issue by changing out the plastic handles for a heavier duty metal version and a little Loctite. Do you have a pet peeve with something on your rig? Share your story and chances are one of our members will have come to the rescue with a solution.



Hope to see you in June at Hat Creek or later 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
Hosts: The Ungermans & Broads~~

~~April 8 - 12th RiverPoint Landing, Stockton, CA
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
Hosts: The Bartelts & Intemanns~~

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

August 5 - 9th Klamath River RV Park, Klamath CA
Registration opens June 1st
Hosts: The Davisons
**Apprentices: The Villaire/Hammarstedt,
The Perezes, & The Hansens**

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

Sept. 9 - 13th Village Camp, Truckee CA
Registration closed
Hosts: The Margolis' - Co-hosts needed

Oct. 7 - 11th Flying Flags, Avila Beach CA
Registration opens August 1st
Hosts: Team Matteo, Team Paz

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

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

From The Editor

A few important words regarding the 2027 Rally Schedule: a few rallies are confirmed, and many are still tentative and/or not decided yet - this is all work in progress with our Rally Chair team and our next President.

However, two rallies already have registration dates: December 1st for the February rally in Indio, CA, and much sooner, July 1st for the Petaluma KOA next March. Keep an eye out for instructions in upcoming Poppies!

Damien Scaerou, Editor

Welcome New NorCal Members

John Buller, Benicia, CA
 Brandes Elitch, Challenge-Brownsville, CA
 Ginny & Jeff Burdick, Coarsegold, CA
 Michael & Catherine Cook, Sacramento, CA

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Sandy & Brian Curry, Elk, CA (correction)
 Katie Thornton & Fran Lewis,
 West Sacramento, CA

2027 Rally Schedule

- January - Flash Rally (Tentative)**
Location TBD
- February 10 - 14th Emerald Desert RV Resort, Indio, CA**
Registration opens December 1st 2026
Hosts: The Scheuers
Co-hosts and apprentices needed
- March 10 - 14th S.F. North KOA, Petaluma, CA**
Registration opens July 1st 2026
Hosts: Debbie Ames & Doug Fritz
Co-hosts and apprentices needed
- April 14 - 18th V6 Ranch, Parkfield, CA (Tentative)**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- May 23 - 27th Morro Dunes RV, Morro Bay, CA**
Note: Sunday through Thursday
- June 23 - 27th McCloud RV Park, McCloud, CA**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- July 14 - 18th - Location TBD**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- August 11 - 15th Costanoa Resort, Pescadero, CA**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- Sept. 8 - 12th Clio (Tentative)**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- Oct. 6 - 10th Bishop (Tentative)**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- Nov. - Raging Bull Vineyard Harvest Host, Orland, CA**
Hosts and apprentices needed
- December - Flash Rally (Tentative)**
Location TBD

<h1>NorCal Membership Numbers</h1>	
196	Unit/Life Members
91	Affiliate Members
287	Total Members

Airstream Club International on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/>
 Region 12 on the Web <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>
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Deanna Bain	Caravan Chair	-----	-----
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For contact information not included here, please consult the Northern California Airstream Club Membership Directory.

June Celebrations

- Birthdays

 - Mike Minadeo
 - Sean Foote
 - Cathy Sandy
 - David Kirsten
 - Lori Bibby
 - Gregg Motta
 - Beverley Wainwright
 - Bob Tupy
 - Mark Winchell
 - Tom Bain
 - Carol Kurzrock
 - Phyllis Minadeo

- Anniversaries

 - Tom & Amy Webster
 - John & Dace Roll
 - Dan & Gail Crutchfield
 - Larry & Maureen Delorefice
 - Larry & Kathy Warren
 - Charlie & Jane Wright
 - Bev Wainwright & Fredric Sloan
 - Steve & Yoshiko Deiwert
 - Mike & Sally Ramsey
 - Kent & Mary Schroeder
 - Sudha & Sean Foote

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.

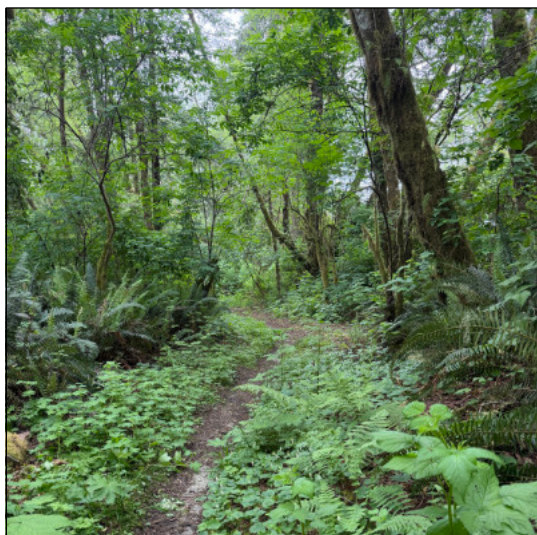


GLAMPING AT KLAMATH

August 5-9 2026

Klamath River Park
700 Klamath Beach Rd, Klamath, CA 95548

Get ready for a fun filled rally on the Klamath River in gorgeous Redwood Country. This spectacular area features plenty of fishing, hiking, biking, kayaking and boating. The RV Park is RIGHT on the Klamath River!



Klamath RV features full hook-ups and an on-site Café (limited hours). There are so many outdoor activities to enjoy, and the weather should be perfect. Highs around 70 with nighttime lows in the 50's. You can take some great walks right from the RV park.



Just a 10-minute drive away is an incredible Jet Boat Tour up the Klamath River. It is both breath-taking and exciting! We may be able to put together a group experience if there's enough interest. They are not yet open for the season.

11 miles away you'll find the "Trees of Mystery". This attraction is celebrated for its towering, unusual redwood formations, a sky-high canopy trail, an aerial gondola ride, and iconic massive statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. "Trees of Mystery" is dog-friendly – including the gondola ride!

Wednesday evening begins with appetizers (Charcuterie by Dean) and a pulled pork dinner including a vegan option, salad and homemade cookies.

Thursday will include a group Bike Ride lead by Mike Hammarstedt – most likely along the Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway. It will be an easy ride of 20 miles. The scenery along this Parkway (as the name implies) is magnificent. Your evening happy hour will include Omnivore Appetizers provided by attendees. As a perfect pairing, we'll offer a choice of Sipping Tequila Tasting (courtesy of Dean, 30 people maximum) or Wine Tasting (courtesy of Phil and Caroline, 30 people maximum) at the RV Park - pick one if you would like, but **please do not sign up for both**. Dinner on your own if you're still hungry. ☺



Glamping at Klamath, Continued



Friday starts off with homemade cinnamon buns by Tami and Mark – managers of the on-site Café Aroma. The day is yours to explore the area. Perhaps a Big Foot sighting or a Jet Boat Ride? Friday evening Happy Hour will feature Vegetarian Appetizers provided by attendees – cheese, dips, etc. – pretty much anything except meat. Dinner on your own.

Café Aroma will be open **Saturday** morning for breakfast. You are welcome to join in a group hike along the Karl Knapp trail. This will be a moderate hike (2.5 miles). Unfortunately, the trail is not dog friendly. Café Aroma will be providing us with a FABULOUS Smoked Brisket Dinner including appetizers (Pork Belly, Broccoli Fritters, Cheese & Veggie Platter, Pimento Dip and Crackers), smoked brisket, potato salad, garlic bread, BBQ beans, green salad and two types of homemade cobbler with ice cream. They'll offer eggplant Parmesan for our vegetarian friends.

Sunday means saying goodbye to Big Foot Country... Café Aroma will be open for breakfast. Please note that this article for the Poppy was written while I was hungry. ☺

There will be a bonfire each evening. The park does not have a “club house”, however we will be able to use the Café and adjacent outdoor patio for games, meals and socializing. The patio includes a gas fire pit! Chris will teach Mahjong to anyone interested in learning this fun, challenging game.

A few dining options include the Requa Inn (breakfast and fine dining for dinner), the Redwood Casino (Bar & Grill open 5pm - 8pm) and the Blue Ox Café (8am - 8pm). We highly recommend The Historic Requa Inn. The restaurant offers scenic views of the Klamath River and specializes in local, organic, and foraged NorCal cuisine. It is famous for its rotating breakfast menu and family-style, prix-fixe multi-course dinners. Advance reservations are required for dinner and highly recommended for breakfast (707-482-1425).

We will send out an email about three weeks before the rally so that you can better plan your Glamping at Klamath experience. The email will include a map of the area, a map of the campground, campground rules, schedule details, where to walk dogs, hiking, biking, local activities and local restaurant details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Your Hosts and Apprentices:

Dean and Chris Davison

Mike Hammarstedt and Vicki Villaire

Phil and Caroline Perez

Russ and Mary Hansen

Editor's Note: please make sure to register your interest in the JotForm for the following activities to help the host team organize accordingly.

- Thursday bike ride
- Saturday group hike
- Group kayak trip (and whether you would bring your own kayak)
- Jet Boat Experience

Information and Registration Instructions for the August 2026 Rally at Klamath

Cost Information

- Rally fee: \$10 pp
- Rally Site Parking Fee: \$66 per night
- Wednesday Pulled Pork Dinner: \$15 pp
- Thursday Wine or Sipping Tequila event: \$1 pp
- Friday Homemade Cinnamon Buns: \$6 pp
- Saturday Brisket Dinner: \$35pp
- Jet Boat Experience: \$70-\$80 pp (at time of event)

Registration for this rally opens at 9 a.m. on June 1st, 2026. At that time, you may access the Jotform registration page via the Club's webpage: <https://airstreamclub.org/norcal-august-2026-klamath-river-rally>

Or directly via this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/261408266222149>

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

Klamath River RV Park Cancellation Policy: If you need to cancel, contact the registrar first. If a person on the wait list takes your place, you will receive a full refund. If there is no available person on the wait list, contact the park at least 48 hours in advance to get a full refund.

Pet Policy: in general, please abide by the NorCal Pet Policy. Additionally, Klamath River RV Park pet policy is as follows: ALL pets must be on a short leash and attended at all times. No outdoor cages, pens, or tie-outs. Always clean up after your pet. Prevent excessive barking.

Park map and rules are at the following link:
<https://www.klamathriverrvpark.com/map-and-rules>



Rivers, Redwoods, and Rivets Rally Casini Ranch RV Park - May 6–10, 2026

The NorCal rally season continued in May at Casini Ranch RV Park, nestled along the Russian River in Sonoma County, California. Thirty-two rigs rolled into the ranch to enjoy a long weekend filled with food, fellowship, and evenings gathered around the campfire.

This rally gave the cowpokes plenty of time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. It was the perfect setting for card games, hikes, bike rides, and relaxed conversations. Fellow Airstreamers shared travel stories, camping tips, favorite destinations, and updates on their latest adventures.



The rally officially kicked off Wednesday afternoon as a steady “Airstream” of ranch hands checked in promptly after the 2 p.m. shotgun start. Once camps were set and rigs unhitched, everyone gathered at the hosts’ campsite for a lively happy hour that stretched well beyond the scheduled time.

Thursday was spent exploring the nearby towns of Rio Nido, Guerneville, and Duncan Mills. The area proved ideal for biking, while the Russian River offered an easy and scenic kayaking experience. That evening, the Chuckwagon Dinner at Casini Ranch’s “Red Barn” began with an outdoor happy hour followed by burgers grilled by Deputy Marshal Paul Bartelt and ranch hand Harold Hurley. Chuckwagon cookies Vicky Bartelt and her sister Karen Intemann prepared ranch-style baked beans, tossed green salad, and all the burger fixings. Dessert was a crowd-pleasing chocolate Texas sheet cake — a recipe many agreed was worth saving. Some ranch hands enjoyed the evening so much that they stayed late into the night playing dominoes in the Red Barn.



Casini Rally, Continued

Friday night's happy hour featured a spirited trivia contest testing everyone's knowledge of famous cowboys and their horses. Three lucky couples each won \$50 toward a future rally fee. Juliet Scheuer recognized birthdays and anniversaries, after which President Tom Webster introduced several new members to the group.

A warm welcome was extended to first-time rally attendees John and Sara Cummings, John Buller, and Andrew Doolittle, along with a special shout-out to Russell and Mary Hansen, attending their first rally since 2018. The NorCal group also



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affiliate members Dennis and Deanna Byrne, Marc and Laura Rigbey, and Vicki Villaire and Mike Hammarstedt.



Following happy hour, a new event — the Friday Fireside Dinner — made its debut. Ranch hands brought their own dinners to designated campsites and enjoyed an evening of small-group fellowship hosted by several generous ranchers who opened their “ranches” for the occasion. Special thanks go to Lynn and Harold Hurley, Tom and Amy Webster, Ted and Jennifer

Edwards, Doug Fritz and Debbie Ames, Jeff and Karen Intemann, and Paul and Vicky Bartelt for serving as dinner hosts. Many attendees said this new dinner format was the highlight of the rally.



Saturday morning began with a NorCal Executive Board meeting followed by the General Membership meeting. Much of the discussion centered on the recent membership survey, the results of which were shared separately with members by email.



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Saturday evening brought yet another happy hour filled with fellowship, laughter, and National Park trivia, with three more couples winning \$50 rally fee prizes.

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

We are already looking forward to the next rally at Hat Creek!

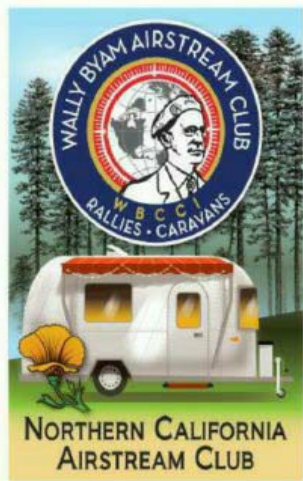
Your Hosts: Paul and Vicky Bartelt, Jeff and Karen Intemann

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	Hat Creek Rally			
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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!

