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President's Message

Fellow Region 10 Members,



As I write this, the 2026 Region 10 Rally in Hood River has just come to a close. While you'll find a full rally recap elsewhere in this newsletter, I want to reflect on what truly made the week so memorable—the people.

For five days, more than 230 members came together to share laughter, learning, adventure, and friendship. We enjoyed great seminars, explored the beautiful Columbia River Gorge, supported

our generous sponsors and vendors, raised funds through our silent auction, and spent countless hours simply enjoying each other's company. Watching new friendships form while longtime friends reunited reminded me why I love being part of Region 10.

One of the highlights of the rally was the incredible generosity of our members. Together, we raised \$15,000 to benefit three outstanding Hood River charities: Fish Food Bank, The Next Door, and Adopt a Dog. Those funds were raised through our silent auction, the sale of donated handcrafted Airstream trailer napkin holders personalized with members' BRNs, and an always-popular 50/50 raffle. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the caring spirit of Region 10 and our commitment to giving back to the communities that welcome us.

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President's Message *(continued from page 1)*

An event like this doesn't happen by accident. It represents months of planning and hundreds of volunteer hours. My heartfelt thanks go to our Rally Committee, volunteers, seminar presenters, entertainers, sponsors, vendors, and every attendee who contributed their time, talents, and enthusiasm. Whether you parked trailers, served meals, greeted newcomers, led an activity, or simply welcomed someone into your circle, you helped create an experience that people will remember for years to come.

One of the things I treasure most about Airstreaming is that it brings together people from different backgrounds, interests, and communities. We may arrive from different places, but around a campfire or shared meal, those differences quickly fade. The friendships we build and the memories we create are what keep us coming back.

As we move into the heart of summer, I encourage you to stay connected. Attend your local club rallies, join a caravan, introduce yourself to someone new, and continue sharing the spirit of hospitality that makes Region 10 such a special place. Some of the best friendships begin with a simple conversation at a campsite.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the 2026 Region 10 Rally such a success. It was an honor to serve alongside all of you, and I couldn't be prouder of what we accomplished together.

I wish you safe travels, beautiful campsites, and many unforgettable adventures this summer. I look forward to seeing many of you down the road—and at our next Region 10 gathering.

Happy Airstreaming,

Susan McPhee

President, Region 10



Region 10 president, Susan McPhee, center, with Janet Schober, (right) and Micki Goldstein (left), selling 50/50 raffle tickets as mentioned in the President's Message above.



A huge thank-you to Airstream Adventures and Ultimate Airstreams for their generous support of Region 10 and the 2026 Hood River Rally!

Airstream Adventures is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor for the 2026 Region 10 Rally in Hood River, OR. As long-time supporters of Region 10, Airstream Adventures and Ultimate Airstreams continue to enrich our community through their ongoing partnership.

Both teams were on-site during the rally, hosting clinics, informational sessions, and showcasing display units for attendees to explore.

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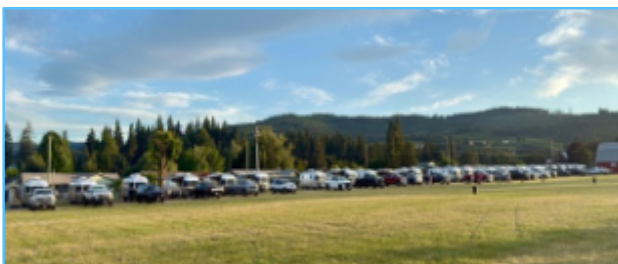
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Region 10 Rally Overview ~ Lance Zielinski, 2nd Vice President - Region 10



Photo (above) courtesy of Lori Grassi (BRN 16423)

Rallies would be incomplete without a **dramatic fly-over photo** of our Airstreams. The scenery surrounding the fairgrounds complimented the silver centerpieces perfectly.



What a wonderful gathering of Airstreamers for the **Region 10 Rally in Hood River, OR!** 120 Airstreams arrived for a long weekend of activities, ranging from wine tastings, stopping by local shops and eateries, enjoying or participating in music, to touring the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM).

Walking through the Hood River County Fairgrounds and seeing all the Airstreams with the breathtaking backdrop of Mount Hood in the distance was a great experience. The **sunrises and sunsets** made for some stunning photos.



Photo (above) courtesy of David Craig (BRN 2281)

Photo (left) courtesy of Tim McPhee (BRN 214)

Being that this was my first Region rally, I wandered about and captured images of what it looks like to have 120 Airstreams in one place. It was very impressive. More so in person. *(continued on page 5)*



Wandering the Rally Grounds (above & left)

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Photo (above) courtesy of Lori Grassi (BRN 16423)

Happy hours were festive and a perfect time for fellow Airstreamers to gather and enjoy each other's company. With the size of this event, there were several happy hours occurring at the same time, making it fun to jump from group to group.



Photo (right) courtesy of Susan McPhee (BRN 214)

What is a rally without prizes?? At the Region 10 rally, we sold personalized Airstream napkin holders, hosted a raffle and a silent auction with some great items. The proceeds are being donated to local organizations in Hood River, OR.



The **napkin holders** (left - of course we ordered one!) were posted for pre-order and donated by The Peznecker Brothers. Kathy Geese (BRN 0400) meticulously added each pre-order's BRN to their purchase (pictured left.) This commemorative holder is a perfect conversation piece for either your dining room, or your dinette in your trailer.

The **raffle was a 50/50 split reward** - $\frac{1}{2}$ would go to the charity, and the other to the lucky winner. Tickets were selling so hot that we had no choice but to host them at a lemonade stand. Buy a ticket,

get lemonade. Win-win for everyone! And it was just warm enough to properly incentivize the need for a tasty cold beverage.



Our fearless leader & amazing lemonade stand volunteers (above)



The **big-ticket winner** was Lori Grassi (left, showing Lori the money). We congratulate Lori on her win. What better way to drum up some spending money for our silent auction?

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The **silent auction** was a resounding success - so much that it was hard to get photos during the auction itself. But we DID have a few pictures of what was in the auction to share.

The [Washington Land Yacht Harbor \(WLYH\)](#) in Olympia, WA created a couple of well-appointed gift baskets, created by the WLYH Sales and Marketing Team. Each basket also contained "Golden Tickets" for complimentary stays on the Terraport.



Photo courtesy of Bob Thigpen
(BRN 31522)

Hal Hendrix and Terri Warren (BRN 0284) donated a **portable e-scooter**. The winner realizes with great amusement how silly he looks cruising around on it. Hint: the winner was your friendly Region 10 2nd VP - Lance Zielinski (aka me-left).

Fabian Mills (BRN 10735) was able to get Oregon wineries to make a very generous donation to Region 10's efforts. To say that we were speechless at the volume of bottles he arrived with would be an understatement. 44 bottles!



Above - Fabian's generous donation to the silent auction.

At final count, the Region 10 rally drummed \$15,000 dollars! The proceeds will be split evenly between the [FISH Food Bank](#), [Hood River Adopt A Dog](#), and [The Next Door](#). We thank each every rallygoer for their contributions and donations.

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Region 10 Rally Overview ~ *(continued from page 6)*



Rally goers mingling & Bingo-ing

At the beginning of dinner, all the completed Flamingle Bingo cards are collected with contestants' names on them and put in a basket for a random drawing. Our Madam Region 10 President called out names and winners came up to pick prizes graciously donated by ACI and by Airstream Adventures Northwest.



Above: Susan McPhee with Flamingle Bingo winner Linda Craig.

Left: Susan with winner Steven Burrows.

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A great way to get to know your fellow Airstreamers is through wonderful social games. Welcome to **Flamingle Bingo!** Rallygoers had to mingle and learn something about their fellow guests.

Questions like "Do you travel with a musical instrument", "Do you have a birthmark", "Are you an only child", and other unique questions are printed on a bingo card. When you fill a question that one of your fellow Airstreamers matches, you write their name and BRN down until you get a BINGO!



"Are you a vegan . . . ?" "Uh . . . no!"

It was a fun-filled drawing with very enthusiastic winners. As the guest cheered them on, several winners posed happily with Susan and their selected prizes. It was a very energetic drawing, as can be seen with a couple of our winners.



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Matt Driggers - BRN 6127 - Kitchen
Cubbies Presentation

Over the course of the week, **several products, discussions and seminars** were presented to Region 10 guests. Ranging from maintenance tips, RV customization, caravan planning, technology for rally planning, to discussions about lessons learned on the road, there was a topic for just about everyone. Presentation materials will be available soon!



Steve Tabacke - BRN
10001 - Rally Planning
presentation



Right - Andrea Loyd BRN
1015
Caravan Presentation

A **catered dinner** was hosted for guests of the rally.



A few hungry folks to feed...

About 200 guests were fed by our amazing kitchen volunteers, led by the one and only **Michelle Paris** (BRN 7121 - pictured below).

Michelle and her team were working nonstop to keep everyone well fed and accommodated. And it is well worth mentioning that they knocked it out of the park.

Michelle went well above and beyond to make sure we not only had a great spread of food for our guests, but also to keep it well within our rally budget. *(continued on page 9)*



Plenty of food for everyone thanks to Michelle & her
team of volunteers!

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Susan gifting Michelle & thanking her for her hard work.



Left - Region 10 Doggies "We be rollin . . ." Above - On the road again . . .

The Region 10 Board decided to recognize her for all the great work she was doing for the club and presented her with a small thank you gift for her contributions. It was well earned, and we are grateful for everything she did to make our guests' dinner experience a positive one.

The rally wound down - friends were reunited, and new ones created. Spirits were high as everyone headed out and on to their next destinations and adventures. Many expressed their excitement to reunite again at Potlatch or the International Rally, and we felt the same in return.

Please take a moment to read some of the callout segments. There are some great stories and experiences shared there. But before we wrap up this portion, enjoy these adorable pups - I had to find somewhere to add them! Happy trails - until we meet again!

Editor's Desk - Contributions Wanted! ~ Carolyn White

Our Region 10 Newsletter is all about you, our members. Here are several suggestions for you, the reader, to contribute to our Region 10's newsletter:

★ **Top Tips for My Town** ★ **Potluck/Social Hour** ★ **Recipes** ★ **Intra-Club Activities** ★ **Rally Reports**
 – *Traveling to International in Fargo? Tell us about your journey there and your rally experience!*
 ★ **Caravans** ★ **Adventures Along the Road** ★ **Best upgrade to your Airstream** ★ **Maintenance and Repair Questions**

The deadline for newsletter submission is September 15 for the Fall issue. Email airstream355@gmail.com with your newsletter contributions. Thank you!

Thank You Region 10 Rally Attendees!



L to R: Jeremy Minsker, Palbo Ulibarri, Sean Armstrong, Kim Savage from Portland Airstream

Adventures, hoping to help people find the right Airstream and, maybe, even make a sale. But I left with something much more valuable, a deeper appreciation for this incredible community. Spending time with everyone, hearing your stories, and learning what the Airstream lifestyle means to each of you reminded me that Airstream is about so much more than the trailers themselves.



help. And if you're ever in the Portland area, stop by the dealership and say hello!

Thank you again for making the Region 10 Rally such a memorable experience. I hope to see many of you at future rallies and events.

Safe travels, and I'll see you down the road :)

Thank you,

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If we didn't get a chance to meet, my name is Jeremy Minsker, and I'm an Adventure Advisor with Portland Airstream Adventures.

To everyone who stopped by to say hello during the Region 10 Rally, thank you! Whether we talked about trailers, travel, upgrades, favorite campgrounds, or simply shared a laugh, I truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you.

I came to the rally representing Portland Airstream



The friendships, the willingness to help one another, and the genuine kindness throughout the rally are something you don't find just anywhere. I'm not sure you all realize how much your support and warm welcome meant to me, but I'm truly grateful for it.

I plan to continue being a part of the Airstream community in any way I can. If you ever need help with anything Airstream-related, have a question, are looking for a resource, or even just want to talk Airstreams, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm always happy to

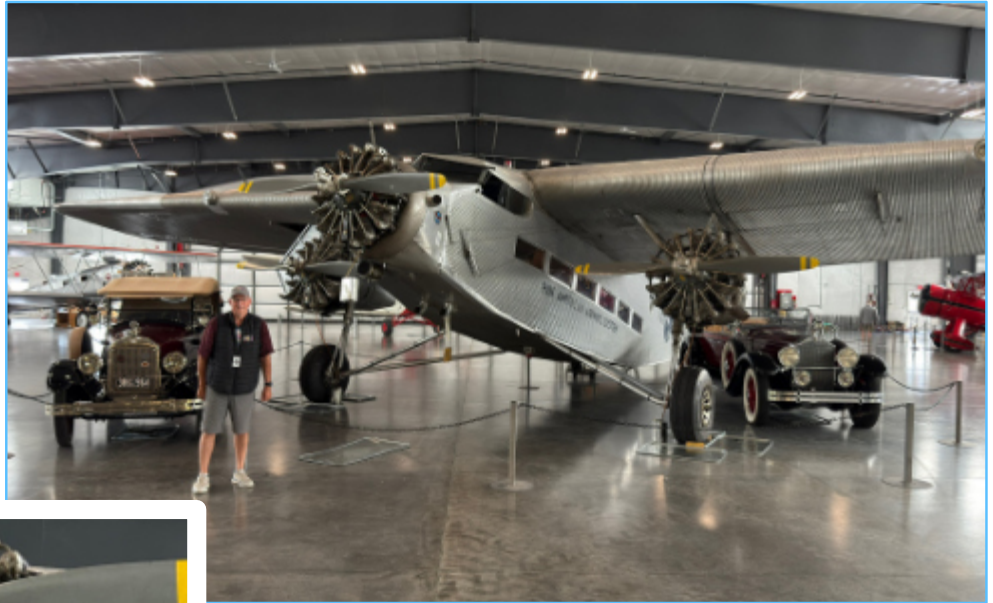


Aluminum on Land and Sky ~ Lance Zielinski, 2nd Vice President - Region 10

An Airstreamer's Unlikely Reunion

Sometimes you share an amazing experience by happenstance. That's what happened when we attended the Region 10 outing to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum in Hood River, OR.

As we were chatting with fellow Airstreamers attending the rally from British Columbia, Nathan Shapitka (BRN 20610) let us know that his fellow club member George Curtis (BRN 25970) had flown a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT like the one at



George Curtis (BRN 25970) from the BC Airstream Club posing with the Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT at WAAAM



the museum.

In passing George had commented to him that he once flew one of those as a scenic tour plane for Grand Canyon Airlines.

Upon seeing the tail number N414H, it turned out that he flew that exact plane. He had reunited with the "Tin Goose" in the most unlikely of places.

George shared some stories of flying this plane, having logged just a little under 1,000 flight hours in the cockpit. He told us the trick of how during refueling, they'd leave the port Pratt & Whitney Wasp Jr propeller engine running while they loaded passenger cargo in the starboard wing compartment, making it more efficient to restart the other two engines before taxiing and taking off.

We were honored to share this experience with George and thanked Nathan for spilling the beans on this amazing story. It made for an unforgettable visit to the museum!



Fly Fishing Airstream Club

The Fly Fishing Airstream Club brings together those who love the art of fly fishing and the freedom of the open road. Traveling in our iconic Airstreams, we seek out the country's most scenic waters, driven by a shared respect for nature and the simple joy of the cast. We honor conservation, support local communities, and practice thoughtful angling. Through fellowship, learning, and stewardship, we

deepen our connection to the water and to one another. Whether beside a mountain stream or around a campfire, we embrace the journey, the tradition, and the stories that flow from every catch.

We are a new intra-club, started in 2025. This year we have four rallies across the USA in Michigan, Tennessee, California and our own Puget Sound. Come join us in our own region!

Puget Sound Fly Fishing Rally - September 21 - 27

This rally is intended to give attendees multiple fishing opportunities. We have reserved 10 spots at the **Washington Land Yacht Harbor (WLYH)** just outside Olympia, WA. The WLYH is ideally located in the South Puget Sound region with nearby access to local rivers and lakes plus numerous salt-water public beaches for wading and using your flotation devices.

Multiple Fly Fishing guide services are located within close proximity as well. At least three guide services have already been contacted. Detailed daily activities and schedules are TBD but will include daily fishing opportunities with or without guided services (boat, kayak, and wading), on-sight educational presentations, and daily happy hour/meal gatherings.

Many of us self-identify as beginners and enjoy learning every time we hit the water. Nearby Points of Interest (POIs) included National Recreation Areas (e.g. Mt. Rainier NP, Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge), multiple museums, as well as local tourist attractions.

You do not have to be a member of our intra-club to join the rally. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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Music Brings Us Together - Musical Adventures at Region 10 Rally ~Lance

Zielinski, 2nd Vice President - Region 10

Music is one of those things that can bring people together, get them out of their seats, and celebrate with one another. Region 10 had some great moments with music. We had rally-goers who brought out their musical instruments with Kelli Zielinski (BRN 3903), enjoyed some karaoke hosting by yours truly, and were entertained by the [Two Bit Brothers](#).



It's a long way to the top if you're karaoke-ing with bagpipes!

What's karaoke without a bunch of folks singing party favorites like YMCA? A group of the enthusiastic karaoke audience and participants did not disappoint. They knew what they needed to do, and they did it with panache. And maybe some fermented beverages... like one does at karaoke...



approached the mic with confidence, presence, and a fabulous singing voice.

Rick brought his A-game to karaoke night - it was a pleasure to hear him sing.

There are show stealers and there show stealers. Jeannie Pinkman is a proven tried and true show stealer. She gathered our merry band of karaoke participants and audience members and formed what could only be called an epic conga line in the performance space. It would end up being the most memorable experience of karaoke night. If this image doesn't do it, please enjoy [this video](#) of the event, courtesy of Walt Conley (BRN 3029)! *(continued on page 14)*

We unfortunately didn't record a lot of the jam session because Kelli was playing and I was setting up for karaoke. But we DID get this one-of-a-kind karaoke/instrumental experience. In all my karaoke hosting and singing experience, I have never witnessed one my favorite AC/DC songs "Long Way To The Top" with an ACTUAL BAGPIPE on stage. It was a thing to behold. A huge shout-out to Jeannie Pinkman (BRN 6858) and Bryan Steward (BRN 5511) for kicking off the karaoke action in style!



It's very important that club leadership lead by example. And that is exactly Rick Mattson (BRN 27111), the President of the BC Airstream Club did. Rick



The one & only Rick Mattson!

Music Brings Us Together - Musical Adventures at Region 10 Rally ~

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Jeannie Pinkman & the epic Conga Line

One of the last songs of the evening was an energetic group singing a little ditty about "Friends in Low Places." This was another great group song that was a crowd pleaser. Everyone had a great time. If you want to enjoy a snippet, you can see it [here](#).

All in all, the Region 10 Music and Karaoke jam was a resounding success and a fun-filled night.

The following evening, we enjoyed the live music of the amazing Two Bit Brothers on the outdoor stage. Bill and Dwaine both retired from Portland General Electric (PGE) and began pursuing their passion of live performances in the Portland area with great success.



The Two Bit Brothers performing live in Hood River, OR



A special moment was shared with the audience when Darlene Leslie and Diane Carpenter (BRN 0029) got up and began to dance to the Brothers' lively rendition of "On the Road Again." I was a moment that was both inspiring and heart-warming. Readers are encouraged to share in

the moment by watching [this touching video](#). The story of how Darlene and her husband would play that song as caravans they led set off made it even more special to hear.

The Brothers graciously allowed Region 10 2nd VP Lance Zielinski (yours truly, left) to perform a couple songs with them - which turned into a full on "let's see what you sing with us" in the second set. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to step and in sing with such a fabulous duo. And I assume I didn't too bad; we got folks [out dancing](#) and we also improvised harmonies on "[Wagon Wheel](#)."



Overall, the music moments at the Region 10 Rally were wonderful to bond with fellow campers and make new and lasting friendships. I am looking forward to future musical moments with these amazing people at future rallies and campsites. Thanks to everyone who attended or participated in these moments!

Welcoming New Members to Region 10

One of the joys of rallying is meeting new members from different clubs in the Region. We'd like to welcome some amazing couples that came out and attended the Region 10 Rally and participated in this momentous event.

Brian and Monique Nelson, BRN 3795, (pictured below) are new members with the Oregon Airstream Club from Oregon City, having joined in July of 2025. Their first rally in their 2017 16' Bambi Sport was the Camp Connect and Collaborate Rally hosted by Fabian and Danielle Mills (BRN 10735). They came to the Region 10 Rally and had such an amazing time that we get to enjoy their company again at International in Minot!



Neal and Karen Veitenhans, BRN 2475, (pictured below right) are new members to the Washington Airstream Club that joined in March of 2026. Hailing from Tacoma, WA, they arrived in their shiny new 2025

23' International to spend a long weekend with a couple hundred of their fellow Region club members. The Washington Airstream Club and Region 10 wish to extend the warmest of welcomes to them and look forward to many rallies to come with them!

There were quite a few new members attending the Region 10 Rally and we were sad to not get to everyone. But we look forward to all gathering around a campfire and enjoying each other's company in many rallies to come.



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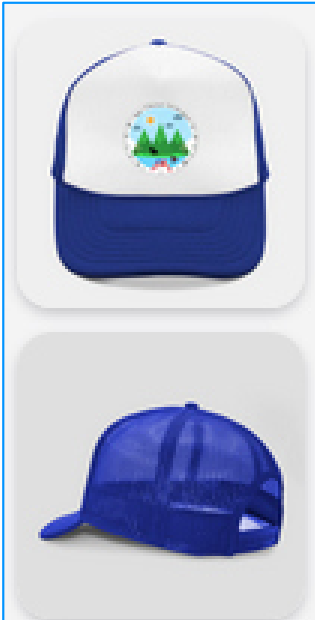
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For each sale, your Region 10 receives a commission. The income from sales of merchandise will be used to support officer travel to attend installation rallies for the seven clubs in Region 10.

When you visit the storefront [here](#), you will see several designs listed with options for different size logos. Scroll down for other product options, such as magnets, stickers, tote bags and travel mugs. Three styles of hats are now available and can be found in the accessories section! The "Trucker" hat (left) has a mesh back and plastic adjustment strap. The "Dad" hat (right) is all fabric with an adjustment buckle.

Check out the new baseball cap hat style, complete with the **2026 Region 10 rally logo**, available [here](#).



At this time, we have the **Alberta-Saskatchewan Unit's** logo for all the products, which you can view [here](#), the **Oregon Airstream Club's** logo [here](#) and **Idaho's** [here](#).

Now, we also have the **Washington Airstream Club's** logo on Region 10 merchandise. You can purchase these items [here](#).

TeePublic has excellent "fitting review" information and great customer support. Check out all the design options. Apparently the women's classic Tee shirts are now more true to size.

We now have an official Region 10 flag. The 3' x 5' flag is two sided and is available through Amazon for about \$24 plus shipping. If you would like a custom Region 10 flag, please contact me at airstream355@gmail.com and I will send you the artwork, the Amazon link and instructions for uploading and ordering. I would love to have more pictures of our Region 10 flag flying at a rally.



The Region 10 Tech Talk Times ~ Ray Putnam



WATER: Fresh Water Tanks Maintenance, Water Filtration, Health and Safety Issues

Fresh water tank can be filled with city water or well water directly. You won't have any pressure issues about water directly put into the fresh-water tank. (Note water directly to the RV comes from a different input location and at a 65-psi regulator). However, you will want to filter the water coming into the fresh-water tank. There are single stage filters, two stage filters, and three

stage filters that can be used on either end of the connecting hose. There are many sources of water filters. A quick look at staged water filters at Amazon is an easy place to sort out what suits individuals.

It is recommended that every year the fresh-water tank be sanitized. There is an easy way to do it and a more complicated way.

Here are both methods :

Simple RV tank sanitizing

Begin by emptying your freshwater tank.

Drain the water heater. Legionella thrives in warm, moist environments, so you will need to pay special attention to your water heater during the cleaning process. If water heater is hot turn off the water heater and let it cool down. Next, open the drain plug at the bottom of the water heater and open the pressure relief lever at the top of the water heater. All the water should drain once you do this. Close everything up once you are finished, so you can refill it with clean water.

Fill your freshwater tank with a mixture of water and chlorine bleach. A good rule of thumb is to add ¼ cup bleach for every 15 gallons of fresh water (4 Oz bleach for 30 gal or 5 Oz bleach for 40 gal). Once your tank is full of this mixture, run all the faucets in your RV. Shut them off once you can smell bleach. Let everything sit for 24 hours. Once the waiting period is up, you can drain the entire system again, including the water heater.

Refill the tanks with fresh water and run it through your faucets until all the bleach smell is gone. You may need to repeat this process a second time to get rid of any lingering traces of the bleach treatment.

Complete RV Tank Sanitizing - Chlorination of RV fresh water tank.

1/4-cup of liquid household bleach (sodium hypochlorite) for every 15 gallons of fresh-water tank capacity. Too little and you won't get rid of algae, bacteria, mold, and mildew. Too much and you could damage the fresh water system and its seals. Calculate how much you will need for your fresh-water tank to be sufficiently sanitized.

How Long To Leave Bleach In RV Water Tank? The amount of time you leave bleach in the freshwater tank depends on the ppm concentration. Fifty ppm should remain in the tank for 3-4 hours and 100 ppm for 30 minutes.

Never add bleach directly to your drains or tank. Concentrated bleach can damage your holding tank and your RV plumbing. Be sure to dilute the bleach in at least a gallon of water using your pitcher or bucket. Then add the diluted bleach/water mixture to your tank. *(continued on page 18)*

The Region 10 Tech Talk Times ~ (continued from page 17)

Below are the steps you'll need to follow for a shiny clean tank.

1. Turn Off the Water Heater and Pump.
2. Bypass the Water Heater and Filter.
3. Drain the System.
4. Close Low-Point Drain Valves.
5. Create Bleach Mixture and Add to the Tank. 6. Fill the Fresh Water Tank.
7. Turn On the Pump and Open Faucets.
8. Continue to fill and drain the water system until you no longer can smell or taste the chlorine.

Can you put bleach in RV black water tank? Cleaning your black water holding tank is best done when you're fully hooked up and have both a water and sewer connection. Avoid using bleach or antifreeze for your deep clean, as both of these can dry out rubber seals and ultimately ruin your sewage system.

When it comes to the grey tank, bleach again is the key. First scrub the shower and sink drains thoroughly, and then dump the grey tank at an appropriate facility. Then pour one cup of bleach for every 15 gallons of wastewater into the grey tank.

Put on protective gear when diluting or using bleach as it irritates mucous membranes, the skin and the airway. Cold water should be used for dilution as hot water decomposes the active ingredient of bleach and renders it ineffective.

Health and safety issues will become clear when you study this information. Make sure that the hose you use to interface with the water source and the RV is never used for anything but the fresh water to the water tank. FYI we never use the shore water supply direct to the RV. This port is supposed to have a 65-psi regulator built-in to the port. However, it has been found that the pressure regulator that comes with your RV may have issues with the regulator that is inside the RV. One company, nLET by Aircrafters, has developed a stainless-steel port without the 65-psi regulator. This allows the individual to install/use a portable pressure regulator that is adjustable and has been found to be more reliable.

Below are pictures comparing the nLET by Aircrafters.com with the standard Airstream port/regulator. In both pictures, the nLET is on the left. The left photo shows the outside port and the right photo the inside. Note the nLET does not have a built-in pressure regulator.



Food Fight? 'Fraid Not-Friendly Flamingo Fling Fun! ~ Matt & Lise Driggers, BRN 6127



Matt Driggers, Flamingo Fling Judge

At the concluding dinner of the Region 10 Rally, the flock of rubber flamingos made an appearance for another game of Flamingo Fling. As usual, many folks did not follow the rules, instead aiming at friends, foes, and basically anything moving or not moving with the ceiling being a favorite target. A large group of 20 to 30 flamingos were stuck to the ceiling above a certain group's table. This more-than-usual chaos gave the flamingos a food fight flair as they frolicked fearlessly after the rally's final feast. Among the players that stayed within rules, Cindy Muir fought off the fierce competition to be the final winner and the claimant of the fabulous Mediocre Grand Prize.

Boring stuff in case you want to have your own Flamingo Fling: For equipment you will need a target (traditionally it is a small dog bed), a fancy flamingo hat and protective eye wear for the judge, and - of course - flamingos. Search Amazon for "flying flamingo" to find your flock. You will also want a Mediocre Grand Prize. The prize must NOT be something valuable or coveted. In keeping with the game, the Mediocre Grand Prize must be something that folks would almost say

"wow, I'm glad I didn't win that!" Stocking stuffer cheap toys for kids are the level to keep it to. Kids puzzles with a flamingo image, a tiny cross-stitch project for 10-year-olds, a box of their own flamingos to fling, and other things on this level are examples of good Mediocre Grand Prizes.

The intent of the game is to be silly and require no skills so that people will just have fun. As such, the rules will flex as needed to ensure that fun is had by all and folks are not tied down or restricted from having said fun. Many people will forgo the rules and choose their own targets (the antler chandelier at Friendsgiving, the judge's flamingo hat, their friends or foes. All that is fine. For the few that want to be in the running for the Mediocre Grand Prize, the rules are as follows:

- Everyone flings flamingos every round, even if they were not one of the successful close guessers of the previous round.
- The rules can change at any time subject to the whim of the judge.
- The prize for winning the game must always be called the "Mediocre Grand Prize" to emphasize that the game is for fun, not value.
- At the beginning of a round, people guess how many flamingos will be on the official target.
- To keep things honest, everyone tells their guess to their neighbors.
- Flamingos must be "flung" or shot, not placed or dropped, into the target. The game is called Flamingo Fling for a reason: Flinging of flamingos!
- At the end of the round (by time or whenever the judge thinks the round is done) the flamingos in the target are counted.
- The judge goes by a show of hands to find out how many guessers had the exact amount, one over, one less, two over, and so on until about one quarter to one third of the crowd has their hands raised. These people are the only guessers in the next round.
- The guessers and the crowd are reminded that everyone flings flamingos every round.
- The rounds continue until the judge finds the winner of the Mediocre Grand Prize. *(continued on page*

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- If needed, some tie breaker can be used to determine a final winner. Rock-Paper-Scissors, first to hit the judge's hat with a flamingo, or similar method can be used.

A hygiene and health safety note: since flamingos can land on the floor, don't allow the flamingos to fly when there is food out on the table. This is easiest to control by not distributing flamingos until after a meal. The elastomer flamingos can be washed in dish soap and dried well before storing them away for their next outing.

Calling all Region 10 Rally Attendees - Were you a participant in the Flamingo Fling and did you take pictures? Matt Driggers, this article's author, would like to submit this article to the blue Beret and needs pictures (he was too busy judging!) Credit to the photographer. Contact airstream355@gmail.com.

Region 10 - The Place to (National Event) Rally! ~ July 29 - August 2, 2026

Potlatch National Event Rally at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor (WLYH)

Here's a guide of places to explore and things to do in the Olympia area before/during/after Potlatch:



- [Mt. Rainier](#) ~80 miles from WLYH (National Park Pass / day pass required)
- [Tacoma](#) waterfront ~28 miles from WLYH
- [Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium](#), Tacoma, WA ~29 miles from WLYH
- [LeMay-America's Car Museum](#) (largest private car collection of vintage vehicles), Tacoma, WA ~22 miles from WLYH
- [Vance Creek Railriders](#), Shelton, WA ~38 miles from WLYH - Pedal through the historic railroads on unique four-wheeled quadricycles the trip is 2 hrs/13 miles round trip. Reservations are the best way to go.
- [Pike Place Market Seattle, WA](#) ~54 miles from WLYH - the famous fish market! Free; great place to have lunch - lot of

vendors/food booths.

- [Seattle Space Needle](#) and [Seattle Center](#), Seattle, WA ~56 miles from WLYH - Lots to see, with the Pacific Science Center, Seattle Children's Museum, MoPOP, and Chihuly Garden and Glass
- [Seafair](#) Weekend Festival, including the Seafair Airshow featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels - the weekend of July 31 to August 2, 2026
- [Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge](#) ~3 miles from WLYH
- [Hands On Children's Museum](#) ~9 miles from WLYH

Local Hiking - Olympia WA ~ Kathy Geese

There are lots of great trails in our area and if you don't have the [AllTrails](#) App, it is free to download. If you have a day and are going to Mt. St. Helens, the trails that lead out from the Johnson Point Observatory at the top by the observatory offer great views of the mountain. Don't miss the film in the visitor's center! Free admission with the America the Beautiful pass.

Below are three of my favorite easy trails that are near the WA Land Yacht Harbor.

[Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge](#)

100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, WA 98516 (2.8 miles)

With easy access off exit #114 on I-5 in Olympia, Washington, this National Wildlife Refuge is an awesome place to connect with nature. It's a 5-6 minute drive from the WA Land Yacht harbor. Year-round, easy flat trails meander through a diversity of habitats and visitors can experience exceptional wildlife viewing opportunities. Exhibits in the Visitor Center provides an overview of the Nisqually River Delta. The mile-long Nisqually Estuary Boardwalk is a flat, leisurely walk that extends over the estuary. Free admission with the America the Beautiful pass.



[Squaxin Park \(formerly Priest Point Park\)](#)

2600 East Bay Drive NE, Olympia, WA (just off downtown and about a 20 minute drive)

This trail is considered moderate but with lots of steps and is well maintained with steep ravines, cliffs, and seasonal streams. Approximately 5 miles round-trip and plan on 1.5-2 hours. From I-5 southbound, take exit #105 signed for the Port of Olympia. Continue onto Plum Street SE for a little more than half a mile. This road turns into East Bay Drive Northeast. Stay on the road for 1.5 miles, and enter the park, free parking areas are on the east or west side of the road. If you park on the east side, you will walk over a bridge to the hiking area. Enter the trailhead just north of the west side parking area where a map shows the various trails. Ellis Cove is tucked away inside the park and the Ellis Cove trail leads down to the water with beautiful views of downtown Olympia and the State Capitol to the south.

A perfect afternoon is to hike this trail and then head over to Whitewood Cider Tasting and Tap Room, 728 4th Ave E, Olympia. Great food trucks next door and Whitewood allows you to bring food inside or on their deck. They offer samplers and the cider is amazing. Open at 3:00PM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and at noon on Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Closed Tuesdays.

[Sequalichew Trail](#)

1700 Civic Drive, Dupont, WA (about 35 minute drive)

Head north on I-5 to the Dupont Center Drive exit #118 off I-5 and turn west towards the village and the Sound. Follow the signs to City Hall and the Dupont Police Station. Turn left on Civic Drive and park at the police station. You will see the trailhead there (a porta-potty is located at the trailhead entrance). 1.5 miles (3 miles roundtrip) on combination paved and gravel to the sound and beautiful views of Anderson Island, a beached ship, and if you are lucky, dolphins!

One Pot Wonders - Pasta-bilities ~ Salmon & Shrimp Pasta ~ Carolyn White

Here's a one-pot meal for two using your 6 quart Dutch oven or pasta pot and leftovers or pre-cooked ingredients. Great way to use that leftover salmon from Potlatch (if any!)

Ingredients:

8 oz. Rotini pasta	3-4 oz of leftover cooked salmon or canned salmon
1 T avocado or olive oil	4 T creme fraiche
1/2 onion finely diced	1 T fresh squeezed lemon juice
4 oz. Precooked or EZ Peel Raw White Shrimp	1 T chives chopped

1. Cook the pasta per the package directions. Drain using colander and leave in colander.
2. Saute the diced onion in the oil over low heat for 3-4 minutes.
3. If using raw shrimp or prawns, ensure they are thawed. Add to the onions and cook until they change color, about 2-5 minutes, depending on size.
4. Return the pasta to the pot. Remove any skin and bones if using leftover salmon. Flake the salmon using two forks. Add the salmon, crème fraiche, and lemon juice, Gently combine.
5. Cover and let sit for 2 minutes over lowest heat stirring occasionally.
6. Sprinkle with chopped chives and serve.

Cooks Note: This recipe can be gluten-free if a rice pasta is used. When using rice pasta, be careful not to over cook. After cooking the pasta, it helps to dry out the pot to prevent oil spatters. Bon appetit!

Region 10 Airstream Clubs

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Upcoming Region 10 Rallies

[Potlatch Reunion Rally, Olympia WA July 29-Aug 2, 2026](#)

[Pendleton Round-Up Rally, Pendleton, OR Sept. 14-29, 2026](#)

If you made it this far, thank you for reading!