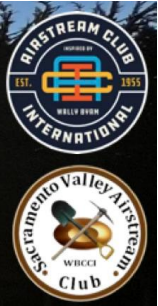


SACRAMENTO VALLEY *Airstream* CLUB NUMBER 8



August 2026 Golden Nugget

Official Website: SVAC Website
Social Media: SVAC Facebook Page
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President's Message

Hello Campers!

Well, summer has officially hit us in the valley with some hot temps! My poor day lilies and small potted flowers hate this kind of sizzling heat and are struggling a bit, making me feel guilty that I'm not home more to nurture them. I'll be going on the trip to Minot, ND, and will leave my green babies in the hands of others to hopefully keep them going in my absence. Do any of our members have tips to share on how to prepare our flowers, beds, pots for our long absences when we Rally? If so, email them to me to share at club008@airstreamclub.org or post something on the SVAC Facebook page where we can all gain some help.

Our club is hosting a rally at Costanoa in Pescadero on August 6th, and temps are looking to be in the low 70s!! A little heat relief for us valley people and a rest before some of us head out on the road to Minot. I know I'm looking forward to it.

This year is our club's 55th birthday and a couple of our members have shared some insight into how the SVAC club came to be - see later pages in this edition.

By this point in the year, clubs have launched their Nominating Committees. This is the time for you to step in and help your club with fresh, new ideas by nominating yourself or someone else for a position on the Executive Board or a committee.

We have included two pages of position tasks later in this newsletter to help you understand what we each do throughout the year to support our camping club.

Along with that, here is a list of the events involved, from creation of the Nominating Committee through the new officer installation in November.

Everything needs to be on schedule for us to be ready for our club's annual Business Meeting in October. If you are interested in helping in a position for 2027 but aren't quite sure where to start, read the position descriptions and feel free to email me or call my number and we can chat.

Task / Milestone	Date
Establish Nominating Committee 90 days before Business Meeting	10-Jul
Nominees announced to President	31-Aug
President announces Nominees to club membership	2-Sep
Ballots sent to club membership 21 days before voting	4-Sep
Last day to vote and all ballots due in by:	25-Sep
President message to membership announcing Annual Business Mtg	25-Sep
Annual Business Meeting	15-Oct

Until next time,
Carol Launderville
707-365-1692

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Roberta Peeples

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James Goldstene

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**SVAC is going to be 55 this year!!**

Join us at our November Rally  
to Celebrate!



Look for Historical Letters from two  
Club Members [Pages 4 & 5]

## Nominating Committee

## Membership

Greetings Sacramento Valley Airstream Club Members:

We hope you are well and that you've been out enjoying some incredible Airstream Rallies this year!

It is time to start recruiting officers for SVAC's 2027 Executive Board! See the President's Message for the Task and Milestone Dates.

Consider nominating yourself or another member to serve on the SVAC Executive Board. **Please note that nominees must have SVAC as their primary membership, and nominations must be submitted by August 31, 2026.**

We look forward to receiving your nominations and hearing from you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Thank you and best regards,  
Nominating Committee Members:

Jill Wright: [jwright18@gmail.com](mailto:jwright18@gmail.com)  
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Most late-model Airstreams (like those with Standard Goodyear Endurance tires) require an 80 PSI cold inflation pressure. However, Airstream safety articles often highlight that blindly following the maximum sidewall PSI can result in a harsh ride, broken cabinets, and popped rivets if the trailer is lightly loaded.

Where to Find the Standard Factory Recommendation PSI:  
The federally mandated certification label on the outside left (driver's side) of the trailer lists the exact recommended pressure and tire size.

The Rule of Thumb: Check your tires (including the spare) when they are "cold" (before driving and out of direct sunlight).



### Members as of August 1, 2026

88 Members  
45 Primary Members  
43 Affiliates

### Welcome New Members/Affiliates

We are excited to officially acknowledge our newest regular and affiliate members who have joined us in 2026.

Regular – August  
Dennis & Shirley Shakespeare

Regular – July  
No New Members

Affiliate – July  
Yuling Lin & Hao-Hsiang (Sean)

Affiliate – **June. Correction.**  
**Lisa** & Gerry Villamil

**Correction:** In our previous issue, Lisa's name was misspelled. [Losa]. I sincerely apologize for the error. Welcome **LISA**!

We are absolutely thrilled to have you as part of our growing community and look forward to meeting you at a future rally.

## 2026 Rally Schedule

| Months   | Dates      | Group                | Location                                                      | Hosts                       | Co-Hosts             |
|----------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| August   | 22-27      | International        | State Fairgrounds<br>Minot, North Dakota                      | ACI Rally<br>Planning Team  |                      |
| October  | 10/28-11/1 | Region 12            | Oasis RV Resort<br>2711 W Windmill Ln<br>Las Vegas, NV, 89123 | Region 12                   |                      |
| November | 5-9        | SVAC<br>Installation | Parkway RV Resort<br>6330 County Road 200<br>Orland, CA       | Carol & Bob<br>Launderville | Susan & Dan McKellar |

Water hoses, bungee cords, and magnetic strips become your best friends on the road. Smart storage solutions mean easy access to everything you need.

- **Utilize Over-Cabinet Baskets to Maximize Unused Space Above Cabinets**

These baskets can be easily attached and are perfect for storing items you don't frequently use, such as seasonal kitchen tools or extra bath supplies, keeping them out of the way yet accessible.

- **Utilize Hidden Storage in Furniture to Maximize Living Space**

Sofas and ottomans with built-in storage also offer discreet options for organizing everyday items. They help keep your Airstream clutter-free while ensuring essentials are within easy reach.

- **Use Collapsible Kitchen Gadgets to Save Space**

This space-saving approach is effective in the compact kitchen of an Airstream, where all inches of storage count. By choosing collapsible items, you maintain the functionality of a full kitchen without sacrificing valuable space, making cooking and cleaning in your Airstream easier and more organized.



## 2027 Rally Schedule

| Month     | Dates    | Group             | Location                    | Hosts                   | Co-Hosts |
|-----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| January   | 7-11     | SVAC              | Moss Landing KOA Express    |                         |          |
| February  | 11-15    | SVAC              | Betabel RV Park (Superbowl) |                         |          |
| March     | 11-15    | SVAC              | Bodega Bay                  |                         |          |
| April     | 1-5      | SVAC              | Delta Brannan Island        |                         |          |
| June/July | 6/26-7/1 | International     | Rock Springs, Wyoming       | ACI Rally Planning Team |          |
| July      | 22-26    | SVAC              | Clio's Rivers Edge          |                         |          |
| August    | 12-16    | SVAC              | McCloud, RV Park            |                         |          |
| September | 9-13     | SVAC              | Twin Lakes, Bridgeport      |                         |          |
| October   | 6-10     | Region 12         | Napa Fairgrounds            | Region 12               |          |
| November  | 4-8      | SVAC Installation | TBD                         |                         |          |

## International, National, and Region Events

### 2026 International Rally



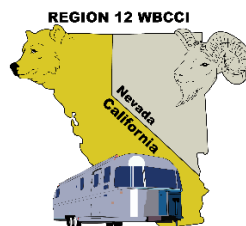
Register for the 2026 Airstream Club International Rally

<https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026/registration>

**Beverage AND Pet can tabs.** It's time to turn in your saved aluminum tabs! Either take them with you to Minot or give them to someone that you know is going to Minot. They go towards a good cause.

**The Region 12 Rally is**  
**October 28–November 1**  
**Oasis RV Resort**  
 2711 W Windmill Ln  
 Las Vegas, NV, 89123

Visit the [Region 12 | ACI](#) Website  
 For additional information.



**Rally in beautiful Las Vegas!**

Spread the word –  
 Everyone is welcome...  
**Region 12 Happy Hour** will be at  
 Carousel Pub from 3p-5p on Sunday,  
 August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring a glass and a  
 beverage to share! We will have light  
 snacks. There is no cost!

## 2027 International Rally



Register for the 2027 Airstream Club International Rally  
[Registration | ACI](#)

### SVAC is going to be 55 this year!!

A couple of our long-time members have shared some history of their membership in our club.

#### Ken and Judy Bechthold's Membership and Adventures in Our Club



Judy and Ken Bechthold

Ken and Judy met in 1987 in Woodland CA. He had a 19' Airstream and they joined GWU when Ken's dad was local club president. Ken and Judy were married in 1988 and continued with the Club. Because they were both working, they seldom made it to rallies.

When Ken was 17, he attended his first International Rally in 1967 with his parents (Ed and Marian Bechthold) who joined the Club in 1965 at Santa Rosa, CA (the only International Rally held in California.)

Ed was the Golden West Unit (GWU) Charter President in 1971. Ken's aunt Lillian Bechthold Palmer from Lodi, was also a member in the 50s. GWU later became Sacramento Valley Airstream Club (SVAC).

In 1999, Ken and Judy were on a day ride on Ken's Gold Wing motorcycle and were riding past a GWU rally and decided to stop to chat. The unit was having their Saturday morning club meeting and were stumped on how to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position. Judy sat in the back of the room, looked at her paper calendar and said to Ken "why not?"

Famous last words... Judy went on to hold d an office for the next 20 years.

Judy served as local club (AKA Unit) president as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and President then recycled again as 1<sup>st</sup> VP and President. She was approached by the Region Nominating Committee to run for a Region position. Judy did and served two years as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 1 year 1<sup>st</sup> VP and three years as President. During that time Ken served as GWU president for three years.

After serving as the Region 12 President, Judy served four years as Treasurer and one year as Membership chair. Andy Selking, International 3<sup>rd</sup> VP nominee, asked Judy to run for International Secretary which she did and won. In that position there were three years of training (working in the Secretary's office) before serving as Secretary.

Judy was installed as International Secretary in the summer of 2020 on a Zoom call in their computer room (she probably barefoot).

Judy attended her first International Rally in 2003 in Burlington, VT when she was Unit President. Ken could not attend because of work, so she flew to Vermont and shared a room with Anne Wolf from NorCal.

From 2004 through the Rally in Sedalia, MO in 2024, Ken and Judy attended every International Rally and many of the Mid-Winter IBT Rally/Meetings.

Ken's mom, Marian was also a GWU President in 1999. She pulled her own Airstream until she was 86. When she passed in 2020 (before COVID) she was still a proud member of the club and would attend rallies when possible.

Ken and Judy are now looking at selling their 30 ft 1997 Excella Classic but will continue as members and attend rallies that are nearby.

Ken and Judy had some great adventures over the past 39 years. They met so many wonderful folks and made some lasting friendships.



Ken and Judy's  
30 ft 1997 Excella Classic

# Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to SVAC

By Roberta Peeples

Our club was chartered in 1971 as Golden West California Unit, when about 100 families broke off from the NorCal club. NorCal had grown so large that most of the rallies had to take place at fairgrounds. Ken Bechthold's father, Ed, by-the-way, was Golden West's first president.

Roger and I joined the club 15 years ago, when our club was just 30 years old. We bought our "Globie" up at Jackson Rancheria for \$7,000 when Ken Bechthold alerted us that one was for sale. Ken & Judy Bechthold were friends from Woodland, so there was never any question whether we would be joining the Golden West club, but we weren't sure we were rally or caravan people.

At the time, Golden West, Santa Clara, and San Joaquin clubs were rallying together and had been for several years. Surprisingly, trailering had become less popular, and membership had fallen in the clubs. San Joaquin unit, in fact, was in the process of disbanding at the time and the remaining members joining other clubs. Santa Clara unit had no one in it any longer that lived in Santa Clara, so they changed their name to Greater Bay Area Club. In January 2019, Golden West followed suit and changed our name to Sacramento Valley Airstream Club to better indicate where we were located.

For our first campout back in 2011, we followed Ken & Judy over to Laguna Seca RV Park and were impressed how the guys helped get people parked in the sites going up the hill. We didn't know anyone except the Bechthold's, but people seemed friendly, and as we learned names, we'd make notes in our membership directory to help us remember people.

For our next rally we headed to Calistoga but didn't have Ken & Judy to guide us as they'd headed off cross country for 4 months! We got parked and Roger said, "Now what do we do." Judy had us well trained and I said, "We wait for Happy Hour, look for people gathering, drag our chairs & drinks down to join them." As we headed down, we were nervous as there was a tight little circle and it didn't look like there was room. About halfway there, magically people got up, widened the circle, and never lost a word in their conversations.

I sat next to a man with a Cockatoo named "Royce" and we had some great conversations. That night, Roger and I decided that we were Rally people after all!

When we joined, between Greater Bay Area and SVAC, we put on 9 rallies. We took turns every other year, who did the extra rally.... So, four rallies in one year and five rallies the next. A 10<sup>th</sup> rally was the Region 12 rally, and we didn't schedule a rally in July, as the International Rally was always around Wally Byam's birthday.... July 4<sup>th</sup>. We also didn't schedule a rally in December.

When we joined, there wasn't much happening online for the club. Not everyone had good computers or even had email. Everything was printed out: the yearly Rally Schedule, the Membership Directory, the Newsletter, the Rally Registration Forms. Those who had email could receive everything through email, but things were also handed out at rallies and the secretary kept track of who needed things sent by postal mail. The scheduling of rallies was actually easier, as RV Parks were not full and were eager to have clubs.

If you wanted to attend a rally, you needed to fill out the Rally Registration "Coupon" and send it with your check though postal mail to the rally host before the deadline. The host would gather the checks to present to the treasurer to deposit, and the club wrote one big check to the RV park. In some ways it was a pretty clean process with no JotForms, no PayPal fees. If there was a cancellation, you just tore up the check & mailed it back. It could be difficult, however, if someone was traveling. The online process may be more complicated to set up, but it's certainly more convenient for members.

Roger & I have made some great friends and traveled some wonderful places in our little 21 foot "Globie" in these 15 years. As she was made in 1973, it occurs to me that "Globie" is only 2 years younger than our wonderful club that has made all this possible.

Happy 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, Sacramento Valley Airstream Club!



Roberta and Roger Peeples

If you have a story to share – please email your story to [club008@airstreamclub.org](mailto:club008@airstreamclub.org)

## SVAC's 2027 Executive Board Duties / Responsibilities

| Role                       | Duties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>President</b>           | <p><b>The President shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preside at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors.</li> <li>• Ensure the Club operates in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and applicable policies.</li> <li>• Appoint committee chairs, subject to Board approval when required.</li> <li>• Coordinate the activities of officers and committees.</li> <li>• Represent the Club with the Region and parent organization.</li> <li>• Perform other duties customary to the office or assigned by the Board.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>1st Vice President</b>  | <p><b>The First Vice President shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as chair of the Rally Planning Committee.</li> <li>• Develop and maintain the annual rally schedule in cooperation with the Board.</li> <li>• Recruit, support, and mentor rally hosts and co-hosts.</li> <li>• Coordinate with rally hosts to ensure successful planning and execution of Club rallies and special events.</li> <li>• Present rally updates and recommendations to the Board and membership.</li> <li>• Assist the President in carrying out the business of the Club.</li> <li>• Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or inability to serve.</li> <li>• Perform other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>2nd Vice President</b>  | <p><b>The Second Vice President shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the President and First Vice President in the administration of Club activities.</li> <li>• Coordinate volunteer support for Club committees, rallies, and special events.</li> <li>• Assist with the planning and execution of Club rallies and programs.</li> <li>• Serve as liaison to committees as assigned by the President.</li> <li>• Perform the duties of the First Vice President in that officer's absence and the duties of the President when both the President and First Vice President are unavailable.</li> <li>• Perform other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Treasurer</b>           | <p><b>The Treasurer shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive and safeguard all funds of the Club.</li> <li>• Deposit Club funds in financial institutions approved by the Board of Directors.</li> <li>• Pay authorized expenses of the Club.</li> <li>• Maintain complete and accurate financial records.</li> <li>• Present a financial report at Board and membership meetings.</li> <li>• Prepare an annual financial report.</li> <li>• Prepare and submit any financial reports required by the Region or parent organization.</li> <li>• Maintain records supporting all receipts and disbursements.</li> <li>• Assist in the preparation of the annual budget, if applicable.</li> <li>• Deliver all financial records and property of the office to the successor at the end of the term.</li> <li>• Perform other duties customary to the office or assigned by the Board.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Recording Secretary</b> | <p><b>The Recording Secretary shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record the minutes of all membership and Board of Directors meetings.</li> <li>• Maintain the official records of the Club.</li> <li>• Preserve the Constitution, Bylaws, Operations Manual, and official policies, including all amendments.</li> <li>• Maintain records of Board and membership actions.</li> <li>• Distribute meeting minutes to the Board and membership, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Maintain attendance records when required.</li> <li>• Maintain custody of the Club's official records not assigned to another officer.</li> <li>• Deliver all records and property of the office to the successor at the end of the term.</li> <li>• Perform other duties customary to the office or assigned by the President or Board.</li> </ul>                                                                     |

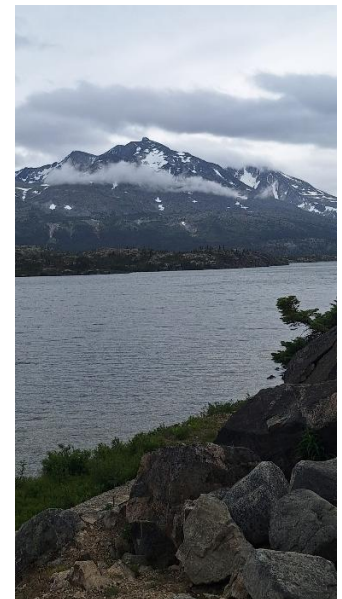
**SVAC's 2027 Executive Board Duties / Responsibilities  
(Continued)**

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| <b>Corresponding Secretary</b>                          | <b>The Corresponding Secretary shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and distribute official Club correspondence as directed by the President or Board.</li> <li>• Communicate notices of meetings, rallies, and special events to the membership.</li> <li>• Respond to general inquiries regarding the Club or refer inquiries to the appropriate officer.</li> <li>• Send welcome correspondence to prospective and new members.</li> <li>• Maintain communication records and distribution lists, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Assist with promoting Club activities and events.</li> <li>• Perform other duties customary to the office or assigned by the President or Board.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Trustees</b>                                         | <b>Each Trustee shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend and participate in meetings of the Board of Directors.</li> <li>• Exercise independent judgment in the best interests of the Club.</li> <li>• Participate in Board discussions and decisions.</li> <li>• Serve on committees or special projects as appointed.</li> <li>• Assist with Club activities and rallies as needed.</li> <li>• Support officer succession and leadership development.</li> <li>• Perform other duties assigned by the President or Board that are consistent with the office.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Nominating Committee</b>                             | <b>The Nominating Committee shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit qualified candidates for elected offices.</li> <li>• Obtain each nominee's consent to serve.</li> <li>• Present a slate of candidates to the membership as required.</li> <li>• Accept additional nominations in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Webmaster</b>                                        | <b>The Webmaster shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the Club's website.</li> <li>• Ensure information published on the website is accurate and current.</li> <li>• Coordinate with officers and committee chairs to publish approved Club information.</li> <li>• Assist with maintaining online resources that support Club operations.</li> <li>• Perform other duties assigned by the President or Board.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Membership Committee</b>                             | <b>The Membership Committee shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome prospective and new members.</li> <li>• Promote membership growth and retention.</li> <li>• Maintain membership information as assigned.</li> <li>• Assist with member orientation and engagement.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Rally Planning Committee</b>                         | <b>The Rally Planning Committee shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the First Vice President in developing and coordinating the Club's annual rally program.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Communications &amp; Member Engagement Committee</b> | <b>The Communications &amp; Member Engagement Committee shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the Corresponding Secretary in promoting effective communication within the Club, welcoming members and guests, recognizing member milestones, and fostering member engagement.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Audit (or Financial Review) Committee</b>            | <b>The Audit (or Financial Review) Committee shall:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the financial records of the Club annually and report its findings to the Board and membership.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

Is a trip to Alaska in your Airstream on your bucket List?



Look for Susan and Dan McKellar in this photo



Photos shared by Susan McKellar

Share your Airstream Rally Pictures on our SVAC's Facebook page!  
We'd love to see your Rally Memories.