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South Coast California Airstream Club
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SPRING 2026



Photo by Svetlana

Spring is finally here, although it already feels like summer with the unseasonably hot weather. We have already had three rallies since the New Year with many more on the calendar (reprinted within). Be sure to keep an eye open for sign-up alerts so you don't miss out on all the fun and friendship.

Once again, Svetlana, my intrepid co-editor and roving reporter, has filed stories on our rallies to Borrego Springs and Emerald Desert. She does such a great job with both her write-ups and photography. Credit also goes to Bill Fallon for his photo submissions from the Wine Country Paso Robles rally.

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Spam Note

Are you missing out on rally invitations and news from your president? Please be sure to check your spam folders for emails from Bill Fallon: wfallon56@gmail.com

President's Corner

By Bill Fallon



Dear South Coast California Airstream Club Members:

Welcome to 2026!

The year is off to a great start as we have completed our first two rallies and are preparing for the third. Our first rally at Emerald Desert Resort, a beautiful venue in the Coachella Valley, was fantastic, with 19 rigs in attendance. This year was no exception, featuring great weather and the usual assortment of fun activities. Many thanks to Diane, Tim, Svetlana, and Bud for hosting!

Our second rally at Sun Outdoors Central Coast Wine Country in Paso Robles had 15 rigs in attendance—not bad given the distance from Southern California. We were also pleased to welcome a few new and returning members. Joanne and Svetlana organized activities, and special thanks to Sid and Mar for leading a Paso Robles wine tasting. It was both fun and educational. Even the weather cooperated—no rain until departure day!

Our next rally at Newport Dunes is just around the corner. We currently have 28 rigs registered, exceeding expectations. Summer-like weather is in the forecast, and I hope to see you there.

All nine rallies for the year are now scheduled, so please review the calendar in this newsletter or on the website. We still

have an opportunity for hosts and co-hosts at one rally (Borrego Springs). If you are interested, please reach out to Connie Miller.

In addition, we will host the President's BBQ in August and our Annual Business Meeting and Officer Installation in December. I look forward to seeing many of you—hopefully more than once—throughout the year. Also, please let me know if you plan to attend either the International Rally (August 22–27 in Minot, ND) or the Region 12 Rally (October 28–November 1 at Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas).

Thank you for your trust and support as I begin my term as President. I'm honored to serve this wonderful community and deeply appreciate the efforts of our Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything we can do to better meet your expectations.

I look forward to seeing you on the road—often and soon. Until then, travel safely and stay well.

Bill (and First Lady Joanne)

Editor's Corner

By Paul Tetreault



Thanks to everyone who has provided content for the Newsletter. I have been getting great Rally photographs that are shared with the membership. I always give credit to the contributors. I want to especially thank Svetlana who not only takes pictures, she writes the stories and formats everything for publishing. For that I have issued her a field promotion to Assistant Editor of the Newsletter. She even has a "Cub Reporter" hat. Thanks, Sveta!

Nancy and I recently sold our Bambi 20FB and bought a new Trade Wind 23 FB. It was an unconventional purchase and I documented our experience to share with the club. Here is the story.

An Oklahoma Airstream

While dry camping in Indian Cove, Joshua Tree National Park, in November, Nancy and I talked about how much we love camping in our Bambi 20 in State and National Parks and other open space locations. But we are limited in our ability to dry camp longer than two nights due to water and electrical resources. We run out of water after each taking a shower, doing dishes, etc. 23 gallons does not far. Our gray water tank also fills up and needs to be drained by day three.

We read how the new Trade Wind line of trailers from Airstream was designed for longer stays while dry camping. We were interested in the 23FB Twin Bed model rather than the 25 foot version for several reasons, but I could not find any 2025 models for sale in Southern California. As a new model introduced in 2025, there were no used ones for sale, either.

The best prices I could find were in the \$115k range, with a MSRP of \$126,500 which included the optional awning package and

microwave oven (every one being offered were equipped with these options). I eventually found one for sale for \$108k in Baton Rouge but it disappeared shortly after.

A day or two after returning home from Joshua Tree I found a 23FB Twin for sale in Oklahoma City for \$88.5k. It was listed as a "close out" for the 2025 model year. I made an inquiry and was put in touch with the Camping World sales associate Christian Barnes. He confirmed that it was for sale, and that they needed to sell it to get deliveries on incoming 2026 models.

We discussed financing options and a possible trade-in of our Bambi, and I put \$500 down to hold the unit pending our purchase. I decided against a trade-in of the Bambi because he offered only \$26k for it in trade when every 2022 Bambi 20FB I saw listed in RV Trader was going for about \$45k.

I was offered financing by the dealer at about 8.6% interest. I applied for financing through Good Sam and was accepted at 6.9% interest. It took a couple of days, but Matt at the dealership was able to match the loan rate of 6.9% from Bank of America.

The dealer recommended a transport company to deliver the trailer to our home. I looked at some transporters myself, some for considerably less money, but they had a lot of poor reviews, so we decided to use the one the dealer had recommended. No need to try and save some money at this point and risk a damaged Airstream when it gets to us.

I flew to Oklahoma City for the walk through and purchase. I was greeted by Phillip and Adrian who did the walk-through. They did not have much depth to their knowledge of the Airstream. Camping World sells many brands, not just Airstream, and that is probably a low seller by volume. Luckily, I am familiar with Airstreams and downloaded the Owners Manual before arriving. And I watched several YouTube videos on Trade Winds.

Upon inspection, it was smaller inside than I anticipated. Photographs and even videos distort dimensions. But after a short while, I was impressed with the unit. It is compact but has what we want in a camping trailer for just the two of us. I did note that the rear Maxx Fan's lid would not open. The fan blades rotated and speeds changed, but we could not get the lid to open electrically. The Oklahoma dealer did not have the parts needed to repair the fan in time before it would leave the lot, so it was left to me to take it to Airstream Inland Empire for a warranty claim.

After taking photos and video for Nancy, I pulled the trigger and gave them a check for the down payment. The paperwork was sent to the Camping World in Riverside and on Saturday, Dec. 27, we signed the paperwork to complete the purchase. Delivery of the trailer was arranged

through a transport company owned by Bastian and his wife Linsey Schwing (918 809-6217). They quoted me a price of \$3320 for the 1320 mile trip. They estimated a two-day transit time.

Because I am taking the Airstream to California, we did not pay Oklahoma any sales tax. Rather, we paid sales tax to California at the Riverside County rate of 7.75 percent. The sales tax in Oklahoma City is 8.625 percent - - a tax savings of about \$770!

The delivery from Oklahoma began Tuesday morning and was completed by 4:00 pm Wednesday. Lindsay delivered it to a local shopping center parking lot where I met her for the transfer. There was a single driver and her dog and she made the 1320 mile trip in about 31 hours. If she averaged 60 miles per hour, that required 22 hours driving time, leaving 9 hours off the road. Our new Airstream arrived in good condition. After fitting it with a new Weigh Safe weight distributing hitch, I towed her home.

From there I checked the systems and got her ready for our first outing, a club rally to Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert. She towed well with the new hitch and it was fun setting her up in camp. But like many new RVs, not everything was right about her and she needed to be taken to the Temecula dealership for warranty service.

The unit had been winterized in Oklahoma and when I got it I had to drain the lines of its antifreeze. However, the water pump did not pump water out of the faucets or shower. I could hear the pump but no water came through.

After looking at the owners manual and YouTube videos I discovered that a winterizing bypass valve had not been returned to its normal position. Once I restored it, water flowed through the system, but I had great difficulty getting the hot water heater to light. I eventually succeeded but the problem resurfaced in camp. It took several

on-off cycles with the water heater but I got it to fire so Nancy could take a shower and I could wash dishes. But later during the trip it failed again and I could not get it to light the burner. A cold shower for me.

In addition to the rear Maxx Fan not opening and the problem with the hot water heater, the Victron Cerbo power management control display did not work. The inverter and charging systems appeared to work normally, but the display, that worked in Oklahoma, would not come on.

To conclude this story, this was an unusual transaction and challenge to get the trailer home. But the price was right and it turns out that buying Airstreams out-of-state is not that uncommon. The folks at the Oklahoma City North Camping World were helpful and responsive to my questions and negotiations. It was a smooth sale. And we ended up with a distinctive Oklahoma license plate! I am sure we will eventually get a California plate, but I like the red plate. It stands out at our rallies.

Update:

Before returning the trailer to the dealer, being the curious type, I opened the access hatch for the inverter electronics and located the Cerbo component. It did not take long to see that a connector had come loose from the unit. I plugged it back in and the display fired up. It must have vibrated loose along the trip from Oklahoma. In fact, it vibrated loose again during a return trip from a trip to Morro Bay. I applied some tape to keep it in place.

I returned the trailer to Inland Empire Airstream for work on the water heater and Maxx Fan. Both required replacement parts that had to be ordered. I picked up the trailer for our trip to Leo Carrillo State Park. I tried to get the water heater to work but could not get it to light, until it was Nancy's turn to shower. For some reason it came to life and she had a nice hot shower. But

after she was done it refused to re-light for me, so it was another cold and quick rinse.

Second Update:

The dealer contacted me this past week having received the part needed for the hot water heater repair and Maxx Fan replacement. But on our trip to Morro Bay last month (The Strand State Beach, which we loved), the hot water heater fired up each time we tried it, and has been working since then.

I continued to test it weekly and so far it seems to have repaired itself, or perhaps it was something to do with the fuse which may have been loose (I removed and reinstalled it). But now we have a water leak at the toilet, and still need the Maxx Fan replaced. So it is now with the dealer for the warranty work. Hopefully for the last time.

These seem to be typical warranty issues common to new rigs that eventually get sorted out. Regardless, we love the new Trade Wind. The power package (500 watts solar, 810 amp. hrs. battery pack, and 3000 watt inverter) plus the increased tankage and three inch factory lift is really opening up the field of destinations and durations for us.

Weigh Safe Weight Distributing Hitch

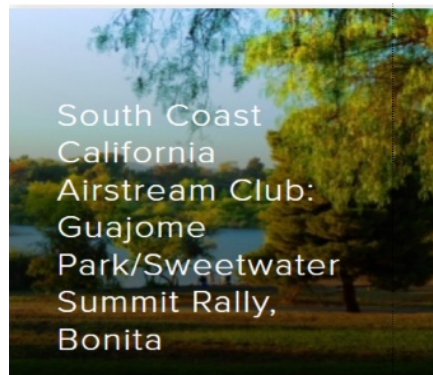
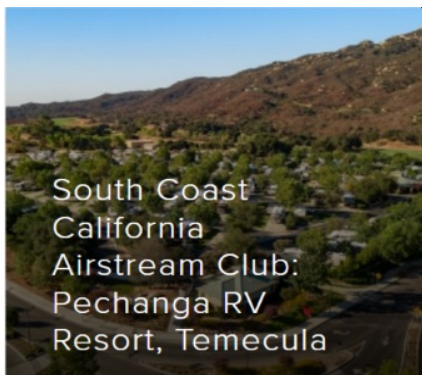
With the new trailer we bought a new hitch from Weigh Safe. I set it up myself in the parking lot where I received the trailer's delivery. It took about 45 minutes taking various measurements of my tow vehicle and the mounting points on the trailer's a-frame, but I got it dialed in following the instructions and an online app. My experience with it is very positive. Better stability and less rear squat. I recommend it.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Rallies and Events



SCCAC 2026 Rally & Events Calendar



April 24-26

45000 Pechanga Parkway
Temecula, CA 92592

Host: Jay & Beth Huckabone
Co-Host: Linda and Tane Koblick

Airstream Rally at
Pechanga RV Resort!

Relax in luxury, explore Temecula's wine country, stroll old Town, and enjoy casino fun with friends.

May 28-31

100 El Capitan Terrace Lane
Goleta, CA 93117

Host: Julie & Matt Eklund
Co-Host: Brad Berry & Melanie

Airstream Rally in
Santa Barbara!

Where the Pacific Ocean and Santa Ynez Mountains offer a spectacular setting and stunning backdrop for activities and adventure.

June 19-22

3000 Guajome Lake Road
Oceanside, CA 92057

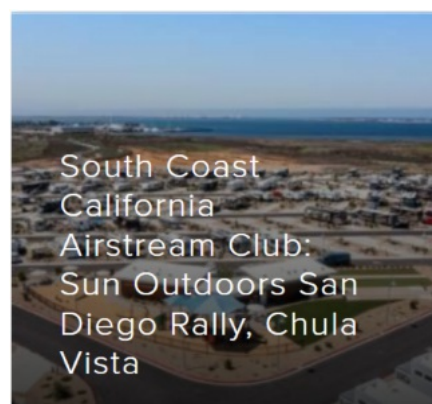
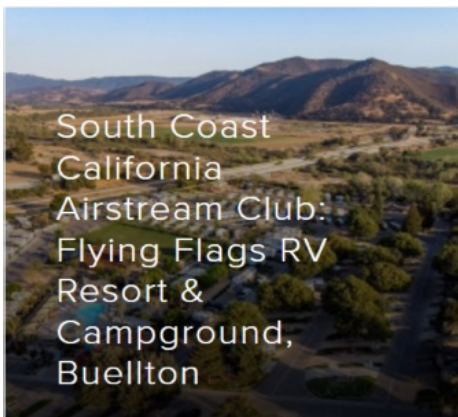
Airstream Rally in San
Diego County

Escape to Sweetwater Summit and relax in a peaceful park setting, hike scenic trails, and share summer nights under the stars with Airstream friends. Just south of Camp Pendleton and a short drive to the beach communities in San Diego County.

August 2 Sunday

President's Bar-B-Que

At the home of Bill and Joanne Fallon.



September 11-14

180 Avenue of the Flags
Buelton, CA 93427
Host: Oscar & Kookie Abad
Co-Host: Nancy & Paul Tetreault

Airstream Rally at
Flying Flags Buelton RV
Resort!

Celebrate the end of summer in beautiful Buelton, with Danish treats and shopping in nearby Solvang, Santa Ynez wineries, and your Airstream friends in the Central Coast sun.

October 15-18

825 East Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910
Host: Larry & Carrie Suggett
Co-Host: Greg & L J Oelkers

Airstream Rally at
Sun Outdoors Resort Near
San Diego!

Enjoy waterfront views, resort amenities, and Airstream friendship - - plus nearby San Diego, Coronado, and Old Town adventures.

Membership

By Jay Huckabone, Membership Chair



Please welcome to our club these new member families:

Daniel and Pamela Egan

Escondido CA

Big Red # 27873

2022 Bambi 20FB

(Formerly owned by Paul & Nancy Tetreault¹)

¹An extreme club membership recruiting tool - - sell your Airstream to get the buyers to join the club.

The Springs at Borrego November 13-17, 2025

Story and Photographs by Svetlana Milchenko

Host: Sid and Mar Tobiason Co-Host: Brad Berry & Melanie

The SCCAC Rally at The Springs at Borrego was packed with activities: hiking, yoga, bike rides, the biggest fire-pit gathering, and even a chili cook-off competition.

Huge congratulations to Linda Koblick, who took FIRST PLACE!!! Pot number ONE was empty even before the voting began! Well done, Linda! Second place was awarded to Tim Somerville, and third place to Svetlana. Great job to all the chefs who participated in this event. Every recipe was unique, delicious, and full of flavor!



Airstream T-shirts Team



Linda and her hiking group



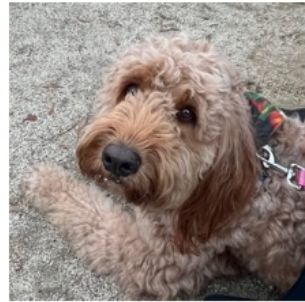
Biking buddies



Stunning Desert Sculpture Garden



All together-the best point of being in the Club



Jazzi The Star



Go, AIRSTREAMERS, go!

Emerald Desert, Palm Desert

January 8 to 11, 2026

Story and Photographs by Svetlana Milchenko

Host: Tim & Diane Somerville

Co-Host: Svetlana & Bud Roble



✨ We started 2026 at the Emerald Desert Rally! As always, it was full of fun activities and discovering new talents.

✨ Some groups visited the beautiful gardens, while others enjoyed golf and hiking - wonderful ways to spend the days!

✨ Every morning, Nancy held a master class in cooking æbleskivers, delicious mini-Norwegian pancakes. Thank you, Nancy! It was both enjoyable and absolutely delicious.



✨ Melanie led her second yoga class, this time outdoors. It was so relaxing and refreshing. Thank you, Melanie!

✨ During the hat decoration activity, we discovered so many talented ladies who created beautifully decorated hats in such creative ways.

✨ The hat parade and little performance turned into so much fun, especially when we discovered another talent in our group: Mark! We have such a great actor among us. Mark, you truly made that performance unforgettable thank you!

✨ And one more HUGE thank you to our chef Tim! The tacos were outstanding. Tim and Diane did a fantastic job organizing taco night.

What a wonderful way to start the year together! ✨



Nancy's delicious mini-Norwegian æbleskivers- enjoyable and absolutely delicious!



Melanie's yoga class - so relaxing and refreshing!



LJ, Julie, Beth and Mar visited beautiful Sunnylands Garden.



Greg, Kookie and Oskar on Randall Henderson hiking trail.



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***Our HAT STARS!
HUGE thank you to our chef Jim!***



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Wine Country RV Resort, Paso Robles

February 12-16, 2026

Photos by Bill Fallon

Rally goers were treated to a presentation by our very own sommelier, or wine steward, Sid Tobiason on Sunday night. Here are photographs taken of his very informative talk on wines and wine tasting in the middle of California's wine country. We have some very talented members in our club!



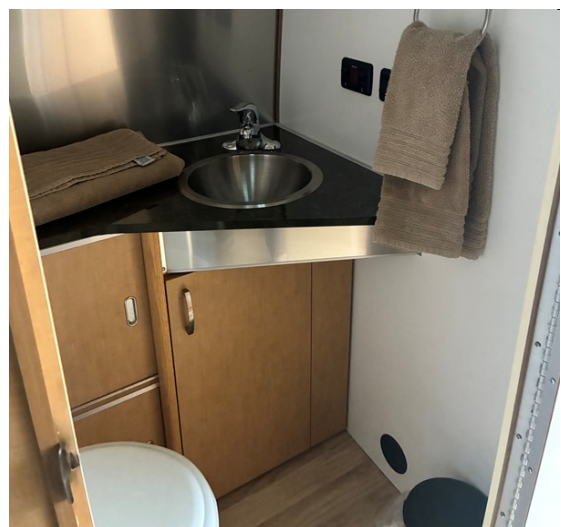
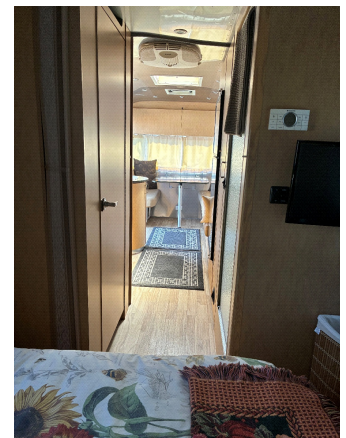
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 - Portable solar panel, brand new never used
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 - Turn-key, travel ready

Asking \$55,000. New 25' FB Flying Cloud \$140,000 + sales tax/license and hitch. Payment types: Certified Cashiers Check, bank transfer and verified financing. Located in Huntington Beach, CA Contact Info: rvalorosi@gmail.com (Richard) or (559) 360-5730 (Stephanie)



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<i>Dolores Irwin</i>	<i>1992, 2002</i>		
<i>Mary Gough</i>	<i>1993</i>		
<i>Jack Engle</i>	<i>1994</i>		

Useful Websites

Airstream Club International: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Region 12 Website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region12>

South Coast California Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/south-coast-california>

South Coast California Airstream Club Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147077952451972/>

Airstream Hunter (buy and sell): <https://www.airstreamhunter.com/>

Campendium's Campsite Reviews: www.campendium.com

Airstream Life Magazine: <https://www.airstreamlife.com>

Campspot for campsites and reservations: www.campspot.com