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welcome!

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

BRN	Member(s)	City
29500	Allen and Cletta Johnson	Vista
08010	Adrian and Jo Salzer	Las Vegas, NV
10161	Jon Evans	Temecula
25282	Laurenne Douglas & Carl Doughty	San Diego
02113	Kevin Pendleton	Superior, CO
09444	Matt and Julie Eklund	Fallbrook

President's Letter

By Kathy Swangin



Ever hear this one?? "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes."

Well, that's what this year has felt like! As I write this, it is November and we have just two rallies left for the year. Our November rally at The Springs in Borrego Springs is setting an all-time record for attendance - 25 rigs! Our December rally at Sun Outdoors Chula Vista has already filled up, with 20 rigs attending. It is also the weekend

San Diego Airstream Club Officers and Chairpersons for 2026

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President's Letter, continued

By Kathy Swangin

of our Annual Meeting and Installation luncheon at The Galley restaurant on Saturday, December 5th. If you have not registered for the luncheon, I highly recommend that you attend. It's a great location, good food, and most important an opportunity to spend time with your fellow members, meet the incoming board for 2027 and see who is getting stars for their trailer! For those attending the rally, please remember to also register for the luncheon so we get a good head count.

I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed an item to the Region 12 Gift Basket themed "My Favorite Things". The basket contained an array of goodies, from wine to a toilet brush - something for every aspect of camping! The basket sold for $500 at the silent auction and funds benefited Share Village and their Veterans Village Home Makeover Program.

We are coming up on the end of the year so I just want to remind everyone to renew their membership. On October 2nd ACI sent out renewal guidelines for 2027. If you think you are on auto renew double check your account info on the ACI website just to be sure. If you have any questions, email Amber at membership@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211. Regular membership dues will be increasing to $25 effective December 16th. There will be no change to our Affiliate membership dues.

See you down the road!

Kathy



2026
San Diego Airstream Club
Upcoming Rally Schedule

NOVEMBER 12-15 (3 nights)
The Springs at Borrego Springs RV Resort, Borrego Springs, CA
Hosts: Ray & Jane Barger, Jeffrey & GiGi Pincus

DECEMBER 4-6 (2 nights)
Sun Outdoors Chula Vista, CA,
Hosts: Dan & Carie Seigenthaler, Rose & Ed Harris

First Vice President's Letter

By Cheryl Henry



Steve and I just returned from camping at Lost Dutchman State Park in Apache Junction, Arizona. If you haven't stayed here, and you love beautiful sunsets, you need to put it on your list! The park has 68 electric and water sites and a dump station. It's very quiet and every campsite is picturesque, with the Superstition Mountains in the backdrop. After the sun sets, you can see the lights of Phoenix in the Western distance, reminding you you're really not that far from civilization! If you like spring training baseball, this campground is a favorite for attending a few games. Although it's open year-round, I don't recommend visiting in the summer months because you really can't get out and enjoy the park properly when it's 117 degrees out!

Arizona was my home growing up and I'm particularly fond of camping in my home state. In addition to Lost Dutchman, we loved camping inside of the Grand Canyon national park, at Homolovi state park near Winslow, on the river at Buckskin Mountain and River Island State parks, and at Picacho Peak state park. In just a few hours, you can be in a whole different world. Maybe we need to put some Arizona campgrounds on our SDAC list for future rallies!







MISSION BAY RV RESORT RALLY
By Diane Jardon

On the weekend of September 18, 2026 SDAC gathered at Mission Bay RV Resort to enjoy all that the beautiful city of San Diego has to offer.
Many campers arrived early and we kicked off with a casual dinner Thursday evening at Mission Bay Beach Club. With a great panoramic view of Mission Bay, it was an excellent way to start the weekend.
Our rally coincided with Bayfair - Southern California's largest annual beach festival and powerboat competition. Lots to see without going too far!
Saturday morning's hot breakfast was a prelude to the feast that followed that evening. Golfing was a popular outing and several of us took advantage of the paved bike path that started at Mission Bay RV Resort and continues all the way to Fiesta Island.
We had a large group of 20 camping sites, plus a few extra guests for Saturday night's dinner.
Speaking of Saturday night's dinner ... we pulled out all of the stops (and a huge BBQ grill!) with three chefs busy cooking up carne asada, pollo asada, fresh tortillas ... you name it! Our camping sites were quite spacious and we were able to enjoy well-attended campfires each evening of the rally.
Thank you to our hosts / co-hosts Stephen and Diane Jardon and AJ and Evie Jackson. It takes a lot of effort to pull off a rally and we received a lot of support from our fellow campers.











Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta 2026
by Rene Boatman

The lucky five San Diego Unit attendees of the October, 2026 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta adventure experienced an unforgettable Southwest adventure! Travelers departed Southern California in late September, through some of the Southwest's most scenic destinations, including making overnight stops in Lake Havasu, Needles, Williams, and Albuquerque before arriving at the Balloon Fiesta grounds. Highlights along the route included a stay at the Grand Canyon Railway RV Park, with a day-long train excursion to the Grand Canyon's South Rim, and shopping and sightseeing in Old Town Albuquerque.

The group spent several days immersed in Balloon Fiesta festivities, including daily colorful mass ascensions, social hours, evening glow events, museum visits, and the spectacular drone light show. Following the rally, the return trip headed south through New Mexico and Arizona with some travelers stopping in Winslow, Las Cruces, Benson, Carlsbad Caverns, and Yuma before arriving back in San Diego County. The itinerary combined iconic destinations, manageable travel days, and plenty of opportunities for fellowship, making it an excellent example of the adventure, friendship, and exploration that define the Airstream lifestyle.















San Diego Airstream Club
2027 Rally Schedule (Updated 10/18/2026)

Rally Date 2027	Campground	Location	Hosts	*Notes*
Jan 15-17 (F, Sa)	Pechanga RV Resort	Temecula	Stephanie Akens-Gunn & Yolanda Daly	
Feb 19-21 (F, Sa)	Sweetwater Summit Regional Park	Bonita	Fran & Chuck Miller A.J. & Evie Jackson	
Mar 19-21 (F, Sa)	Guajome Regional Park	Oceanside	Ruth Sandness & Bobbie Mathies	*Annual club picnic on Saturday for all members (whether or not camping)*
Apr 18-25 (7 nights)	Flying Flags Avila/ Pismo Coast Village RV Resort	Avila Beach / Pismo Beach	Ray Barger & Jeffrey Pincus	*Wine Quest! Pre-rally at Avila 4/18-21; Main rally at Pismo 4/21-25. Contact hosts now for reservation instructions.*
May 14-16 (F, Sa)	William Heise County Park	Julian	Lee & Nancy Havens	*This is a popular location. If you are interested in extra nights, please contact hosts in January.*
Jun 26-Jul 1 (5 nights)	ACI International Rally	Rock Springs, WY	International Hosts	*Annual International Rally*
Jul 15-18 (Th, F, Sa)	Holloways Marina & RV	Big Bear Lake	(need hosts!)	
Aug 20-22 (F,Sa)	Malibu Beach RV Park	Malibu	Stephen & Diane Jardon	*Sign-up email will be sent out in May.*
Sep 16-19 (Th, F, Sa)	Crystal Cove State Park Moro Campground	Laguna Beach	(need hosts!)	*Make your own reservation at reservecalifornia.com. Instructions will be sent out in March.*
Oct 6-10 (4 nights)	Region 12 Rally	Napa Valley Expo	Region 12 Hosts	*Annual Region 12 (California and Nevada) Rally*
Nov 12-14 (F Sa)	Camp Pendleton	San Onofre Beach	Kathy Swangin	
Dec 2-5 (Th, F, Sa)	Sun Outdoors San Diego	Chula Vista	Rose & Ed Harris	*Annual officer installation luncheon Saturday for all members (whether or not camping)*

Sign-up emails are sent out approximately 60 days before the rally, except in special cases as noted aove.

CAMP AIRSTREAM- SANTA FE 2026
by Jana Green

Camp Airstream – Santa Fe is a fun-filled 6-day adventure sponsored by Airstream. The camp was held at the Santa Fe KOA Holiday located 10 miles outside of Santa Fe New Mexico. Airstream provided a nice covered area with Airstream Furniture including couches, dining tables, chairs and two Airstreams for use by the group. David and Jana were there for session 2 (September 29 through October 5) out of six sessions. There were 15 rigs (including the hosts). Fellow airstreamers were from California, most from Texas, Tennessee and Georgia. Many had attended other Camp Airstream adventures. Airstream also provided a goodie bag and complimentary new plates and bowls from the new Airstream collection for each participant which were very nice.

The week was hosted by Don and Michelle Paris who were experienced and most helpful. Activities included walking tours of Santa Fe, meals at local restaurants featuring Santa Fe cuisine, Native storytelling, guided wildness day hike and lunch with the llamas in the Sangre de Christo Mountains at 11,000 feet (the trees were turning color, so beautiful), guided tour of museums and Artesian markets, dinner and Flamenco dance performance at the El Flamenco Cabaret, pottery making, live music at the campsite, plenty of time to explore on our own and the highlight which was the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

All in all we had the best time. We did have rain the first and second day but it did not stop any of the activities. The rest of the week was sunny and beautiful. It was a great experience and we look forward to attending more Camp Airstreams in the future.











Region 12 Las Vegas Rally
by Rene Boatman

If you couldn't make it to the October 2026 Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas, you definitely missed a fun-filled few days of friendship, learning, laughter, and plenty of Airstream camaraderie. The rally kicked off with a welcome taco feast, ice cream and opportunities to reconnect with old friends while making new ones. Throughout the event, members enjoyed educational presentations from sponsors, social gatherings, great food, and a chance to experience everything from RV innovations to travel-related products and services. The atmosphere was relaxed, welcoming, and packed with opportunities to share stories and celebrate the Airstream lifestyle.

A few attendee favorites included the group trip Thursday to the Wizard of Oz experience at the Sphere, which generated lots of excitement and conversation. Free Airstream technician tune-ups. Friday's Region 12 business meeting provided updated announcements from all 11 clubs in the region, while the evening Hula and Fire Show brought plenty of island-inspired entertainment. Saturday featured a Hawaiian-themed dinner, and the annual live (and silent) auction benefiting the SHARE Village Veterans Home Makeover Program (see Marlene's quilt below). By the end of the weekend, members had shared countless laughs, learned a few new things, and raised funds to support veterans in the Las Vegas community.

To our members who couldn't attend this year, we missed you! We hope this recap gives you a small taste of the fun, fellowship, and memorable moments that made the rally special. Don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities to join the adventure at future rallies and club events. Until then, safe travels, happy camping, and keep those silver wheels rolling!













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