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Help Wanted. We're looking for a Social Media Chair, interested? Please contact Lynda at President.GLAAC@gmail.com with questions or if you are willing to help.

Upcoming Events

February 12-17: Palm Springs Modernism Show/Vintage Trailer Event. (see p. 5)

April 6-9: Rancho Oso (details to come)

May 18-21: Pismo Vintage Trailer Show
Pismo Beach, CA. (see p 5)

May 30-June 4: Alumapalooza
Jackson Center, OH (see p 5)

October 10-14: Region 12 Rally
Jackson Rancheria, CA (details to come)

November 30-December 3: Holiday Event
Newport Dunes RV Resort (details to come)

Keep up with Events on our website!
<http://greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net>

President's Message

Welcome to a brand new year of *Fun, Friendship and Adventure!*

Our membership drive for 2017 recently wrapped up and we're looking forward to seeing you around the campfire at one of our many events. Be sure to check out our website to access upcoming events, meeting minutes, and our membership roster.

To better understand our club's membership process, let me share with you what is involved, a quick overview I'll call Membership 101, ready? Beginning in the third quarter each year, the membership drive kicks off for the next year. You may remit your dues anytime between July and December for the upcoming year. If you wish to be included in the January membership directory sent out by the Central Office each year, renewals are requested by November 1. You may opt out of this directory if you choose; you may also request an electronic version, which is updated throughout the year with new member information as they come on board. To receive an electronic version of the directory, send an email request to: ecc@wbcci.net

The Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club dues of \$49 are utilized solely for our members to reserve campgrounds for upcoming events, along with the purchase of name badges, marketing materials and any club incidentals that may be incurred. While we strive to have each event 'revenue neutral', we are covered should something arise.

The Central Office (CO) in Jackson Center, Ohio receives \$65 of our dues collected. With an efficient staff that oversees the back shop of our International club in the very capable hands of Corporate Manager, Lori Plummer, this is where the oversight of the day-to-day club operations resides. The CO is responsible for much more than I have space in this newsletter to share, but includes the monthly *Blue Beret* magazine, annual membership directory, responding to a myriad of questions sent daily by members, maintaining and assigning each member's Big Red Numbers,

and working closely with International officers to keep our club of 5,900 members running smoothly. You can find more information about the CO at: www.WBCCI.org.

At times I may take for granted the knowledge I've gained over the past decade+ as a member of the WBCCI. I hope this information is beneficial to both our seasoned members and newbies. If you have further questions, send them my way, or contact our Membership Chair, Nancy Murphy.

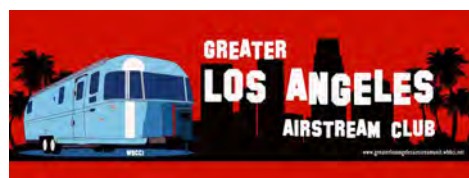
Our December event at Tres Hermanas Winery, wonderfully hosted by the Barretts and Jackson's, was another outstanding time based on the beautiful, serene location which was exclusively ours, the friends that gathered together to celebrate the holidays, along with great food and wine. It was also significant in that we acknowledged and thanked our officers who provide this club with focus, direction, and maintain relevance for our members.

I am always filled with gratitude for the members who step into officer roles, however, I was elated at this event that brought us our 2nd Vice President, Tim Murphy; Treasurer, Dennis Pall; Membership Chair, Nancy Murphy; Secretary, Jennifer Goldsmith; and recently appointed Event Chair, Pam Pall. Along with our officers returning for a second term, 1st Vice President, Alan Amundsen; Webmaster, Helen Perri; and Newsletter Editor, Jean Amundsen, we have a great team assembled and I look forward to working with them this year to continue the success of our exceptional club. A special thank you goes out to our Urban Update editor, Jean, who stepped in and efficiently handled the board minutes at Tres Hermanas. Look for them soon on our website! (cont. p 6)

We extend a warm welcome to new members Dirk + Andrea of Castaic who Jim and I had an informative visit with recently in Ojai to discuss vintage Airstreams; and to Dwayne + Laurie of Arroyo Grande who several of us met at the Cali Rally, welcome aboard!

To the adventurous and amazing members of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club, a heartfelt thank you goes out to you for renewing your membership in the WBCCI and our club. I trust we continue to be a sense of pride as we move forward as members of a club with a rich heritage, founded in 1955, that is the 'Longest rolling, single-branded RV club in the world'.

Lynda



Jo and Ade Salzer's Factory Experience

Okay, I'm not sure when it took hold of us but Jo and I have been shanghaied from a life spent coastal boating to having a serious Airstream Obsession. It must have happened somewhere along the two years and 25,000+ miles we spent "cruising" aboard our little 20' Bambi we called our Tin Tepee, as we "sailed" high and dry, back and forth across our wonderful country. While sadly our TP was fatally damaged by a nasty hail storm in Texas last April, we carried on another six months until the insurance company finally pried her away and forced us to move on. And move on we did...in October we ordered the new 26U!

Not satisfied with just placing an order for the "Big U" we heard it was even possible to visit the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio to see it being built. By the way, the "U" comes from the large U-shaped dinette that easily seats six unique to this 26-foot Airstream. So that's where we've been this week, back here in the frozen Midwest, following our new girl as she moves through the seven-day build process. If you have never seen them make an Airstream, this factory tour is a must addition to your hopefully shrinking "to do" list. Here you will see teams of live people, not robots, carefully assemble by hand each rivet and bolt of your new pride and joy.

Since we have already seen what the 26U looks like when done, we timed our arrival for Days Four and stayed on for Day Five of the construction process. This was so we could see our newest love in her most intimate state of undress. We wanted to see her before they added all the beautiful furniture, cabinets and fine interior finish. This way, we could view the internal wiring, plumbing, duct work, and insulation before it was covered, hopefully forever, with the internal aluminum sheeting. By day five, our girl was already on the final line getting her appliances installed and the bathroom set-up so the cabinets could then cover it all up for good.

If you're like us, you can't help coming away from the "factory experience" without a whole new layer of pride and appreciation for the quality and heritage of this iconic vehicle. Our 26U was started on a Thursday and was ready to ship to our California Dealer one week later. Once she's cleaned up from the road, finally set-up, and then inspected, she'll be ready for us to pick-up and take to her first Greater LA Airstream Rally in Death Valley the last weekend in January.



GLAAC Events for 2017!

February 12-17, 2017

Flash Rally at the Pinnacles! Bring food for potlucks and happy hours. Simply go onto Recreation.gov, search for Pinnacles NP, and reserve a site in the "D" Loop for sites with water & electric. There is also water available at spigots as well as a dump station. If you plan to attend, drop an email to John Barrett or Nancy Jackson

February 23- 26, 2017

The Palm Springs Modernism Show/Vintage Trailer Event is bigger than ever this year with 50+ vintage trailers of all makes from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. Also on site will be several era-appropriate tow vehicles, outstanding vendors and plenty of desert sunshine. Mark your calendar and make your way to Palm Springs for this always-popular event curated by Mona Heath. While this event is not a scheduled GLAAC group event, you're sure to see a familiar face or two at the show. Feel free to come out for the day, or book an RV site in the area. Check out Sam's Family Spa in Desert Hot Springs for a vintage RV park experience;

or Emerald Desert in Palm Desert for a high-end RV park experience.

The Vintage Trailer Event runs Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26. There are many modernism events to attend, including home tours and the always fun & kitschy Charles Phoenix: Super Duper Double Decker Bus Tour. GLAers, if you plan to attend the Vintage Trailer event, drop an email to Lynda and let her know you're coming to prearrange your show admittance. More information here: <http://www.modernismweek.com>

May 30-June 4, 2017

Time flies when you're having fun in an Airstream, we all know that! But did you know it's been eight years since the very first Alumapalooza at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio? This year the GLAAC is heading to Ohio to participate in this outstanding event where our Airstreams began, at the factory. Factory tours, check! Comedy with Rich and Brett, check! Fabulous music, check! Great friends, check! More information on a potential West Coast caravan coming soon.

Registration is now open for this uberpopular event. For more information and sign-ups head

over here: <http://alumapalooza.com>. Contact Lynda with questions.

June 14-19, 2017

How about a Fathers' Day weekend visit to the ancient Bristlecone Pine forest? An intrepid group will assemble at a US Forest Service dry Group Camp in Inyo county outside of Big Pine, thence to US Forest Service land to boondock in the grandeur of the White Mountains where we'll brave narrow, winding roads for some truly "off the grid" experiences. Bring full water tanks, generators if needed, propane fire pits, and a sense of adventure. If you've never boondocked, come and try in a supportive and fun situation. *Details to come.*

Please join us for fun, friendship and adventure! Visit our website for signup information. <http://greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbccinet>

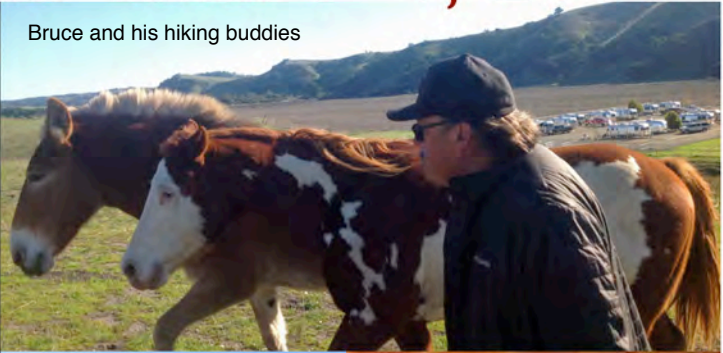


Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (public)
Greater Los Angeles Club Members Page (secret)
Region 12 Facebook Group
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Tres Hermanas-Dec. 1-4, 2016



Susan, Lynda, Michael, and Andy



Bruce and his hiking buddies



Ralph and Lynda



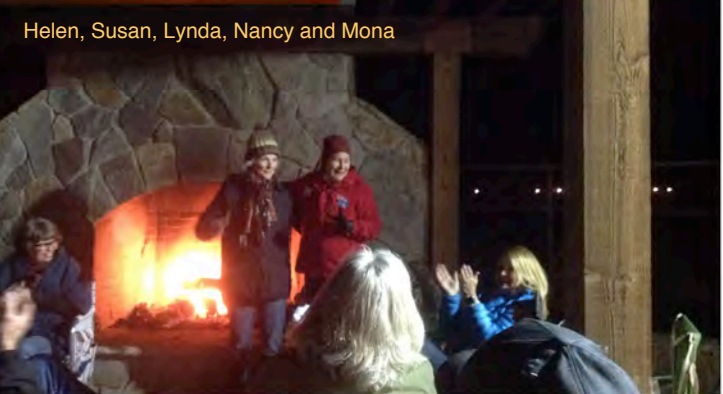
Susan, John, Michael, and Tammy



Alan made a new friend



BFFs Nancy and Pamela



Helen, Susan, Lynda, Nancy and Mona

Tres Hermanas-Dec. 1-4, 2016

GLAAC Board: Jim, Jean, Pamela, Yvonne, Alan, Lynda, Nancy, John and Helen



Barbara and Jeanette



Maureen and Pamela



Michael



Steve, Alan, and Tim



Barbara, John, Nancy and Nancy



Nancy and new members, Tammy and Steve



GLAAC Choir: Ralph, Jeanette, Pamela, Maureen, Barbara, Michael and Jim



Kudos and thank-yous



Tres Hermanas–Dec. 1–4, 2016



"Walking the Ranch"



Sunday Farewell Breakfast



Homeward Bound

