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Interested in serving as GLAAC's **Social Media Chair?**
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Upcoming Events

October 10-15, 2017
Region 12 Rally Jackson Rancheria **SOLD OUT**

October 31-Nov 5, 2017
Spooktacular 'Streamin' Refugio Beach group campsite (for registration info, click [HERE](#))

Nov 30-Dec 3, 2017
Holiday Event, Newport Dunes RV Resort

Be sure to check out our [WEB PAGE](#) for the entire, exciting schedule of events for 2018.

President's Message

The calendar may show summer is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean we stop rolling in our Airstreams. Hopefully you've had an opportunity to check off your summer Bucket List and you're looking ahead to autumn where we have some outstanding events coming your way!

This has been a very exciting year for members of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (GLAAC). In addition to a lot of great opportunities to get together, we have several members and affiliates of our club who have stepped into some important roles that will continue to represent our members and move our club and the WBCCI forward.

These members include Jim Polk, Region 12 President and Mona Heath, 2nd International Vice President, both installed at the International Rally in Michigan. Tom Smithson was appointed as International Constitution & By Laws Chairperson, and Hedda Smithson as Publication Chairperson. Jean and Alan Amundsen have graciously taken on roles within Region 12, Alan as Parliamentarian and Jean as Recording Secretary. Don Williams will continue as Region 12 Membership Chair and I acquired a new role as Editor of *The Gold and Silver*, Region 12's newsletter. Along with our club members who make the magic happen in the GLAAC including our officers and standing committee chairpersons Alan and Jean Amundsen, Tim and Nancy Murphy, Pam and Dennis Pall, Jennifer Goldsmith, and Helen Perri, we thank all those who have stepped up and given their time and energy to our club. Mark your calendars and join us at Newport Dunes where we'll kick off the holiday celebrations together and recognize those people who make this a great club experience for all.



Jim & Lynda 2017 Blackout Rally

With autumn comes our annual membership drive for 2018. Our members are the heart and soul of this club and without you, there would not be a club. I am both elated and humbled to say we continue to grow as a club. From a small start up in 2014 with a handful of charter members and a dream to build a great club in and around Los Angeles where Wally Byam founded Airstreams in 1931, to a club with almost 50 family members, we've come a long way over the past few years due to your enthusiasm and participation.

To those who have shared your ideas, participated in some great events over this year, and enjoyed the campfire camaraderie, thank you! The friendships we have made mean so much to Jim and me. If you have yet to join in the fun, I encourage you to sign up and join us at two ocean side events, Refugio Beach in October and Newport Dunes in December.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Andy & Melinda of La Canada and Kay & Ken of Monrovia and look forward to seeing you soon!

Lynda





Into the Wild

In 2013, my husband, Kevin (Chief) did a thru-hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). He hiked from Mexico to Canada for a total of 2688 miles in 5 months. It was HUGE. A great accomplishment indeed. I was fortunate to have summers off and was able to travel along in a supportive fashion for 8 weeks. I borrowed a GLA friend's truck with a Lance trailer and off I went. Traveling the backroads of Northern California and meeting up with him every few days to resupply and give moral support. I loved the trail. I loved the other hikers and "trail angels" that I was fortunate to spend time with. The PCT community was unbelievable. I decided that I wanted to be a part of this, but knew that I did NOT have the mental strength needed to hike for 5 months. I knew my limits.



I called my hiking buddy, my friend for the past 34 years. She didn't even hesitate in her response to my crazy request for a grand adventure, and here



we are. True "section hikers" of the PCT. We gather each summer for 2 weeks or sometimes a month and hike different sections of the PCT. We dehydrate our "gourmet" meals, we strip our backpacks down to the bare essentials, we bid farewell to our families and OFF we go. One summer we hiked the 210 miles of the John Muir Trail, which follows the same footpath as the Pacific Crest Trail. We have hiked the Goat Rock Wilderness in Washington and the last 2 summers we have completed sections from Toulumne Meadows to South Lake Tahoe. We are just shy of completing the entire Sierra Nevada Range. This is not without complaining. My feet hurt for weeks after we're done. And a 13-15 mile day in the mountains is no easy task. Backpacks are cumbersome and heavy at times. Elevation profiles can be daunting. BUT, the rewards of being on the trail, meeting other hikers, the solitude of hiking alone without seeing another person for sometimes days, the beauty of the mountains, the High Sierra lakes, the forests and the



flowers are indescribable.....and so we push on. Canada we're coming to you. Not in my Airstream, but on foot.

Maureen (Mischief)
"Chicks in the Mountains"



..and Not So Wild

Over the summer, GLAAC members took their Airstreams to places near and far. Alan & Jean revisited their favorite, Kings Canyon National Park. Tim & Nancy took a swamp tour in Breaux Bridge, LA. Helen & Ralph hiked the Lost Coast and camped at Shelter Cove. Bruce & Sylvia camped at secluded Tillicum Beach, OR. Barbara & Jeanette took in the sights at Mt. Rushmore.



Have you recently been on an Airstream adventure that you'd like to share? Send your photos and Word documents to Jean Amundsen at

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by Alan Amundsen

On August 18, two dozen GLAAC members journeyed to the *path of totality* outside Madras OR at Lake Simtustus RV Resort and Pelton Park to join the Oregon Airstream Unit of WBCCI at its "Blackout Rally" to celebrate the 2017 Great American Eclipse of the Sun.



In the 3 days before the main event on Monday morning, August 21st, we enjoyed astronomy lessons, evening star parties, catered meals, geology lessons, a drawing class, an Antsy McClain concert, and happy hours each night. A fund-raiser for local firefighters raised over \$2000.



On Monday morning, rally participants congregated next to the event tent to wait for the big coverup. Telescopes were assembled and aimed skyward to view the sun and its budding sunspots and to track the progress of the phases of the eclipse.



Jim Polk launched his quad copter to take aerial views of the crowd. Photographers aimed their cameras skyward. Observers donned their protective glasses.

The moon first contacted the solar disk a little after 9 AM. Even as the moon gobbled up more of the solar image, progress was difficult to see without the aid of magnification.



Finally, at 10:19 AM, the moon covered the sun. The crowd gasped. The sky went dark and the temperature dropped noticeably. Viewers saw the ring of the sun surrounding the lunar disk and as eclipse progressed the "diamond ring" appeared.



Ralph Perri captured an image of a skydiver crossing the field of view at full eclipse. It was the picture of the day.



A total solar eclipse is clearly one of the most spectacular natural phenomena one can ever experience. Crowds cheered. Children were excited. All of the GLAAC delegation agreed that this was one of the most amazing events they had ever experienced. That evening as we gathered for our nightly happy hour, there were continuing exclamations about how spectacular the day's event had unfolded.



Over the following two days we packed up and went our separate directions looking for further adventure. A huge "Thank You" goes to Rhonda Coleman and her team from the Oregon Unit. Their efforts truly made this a fantastic adventure.

There is another total solar eclipse in 2024 that moves across south Texas and up through the eastern states. Anyone interested?



Notes from the Events Chair

Fall is in the air and the Labor Day Weekend is behind us. Now is the time to dust off your Airstreams and join us for some fun adventures! For the remainder of 2017, GLAAC will be doing what we do best - camping!

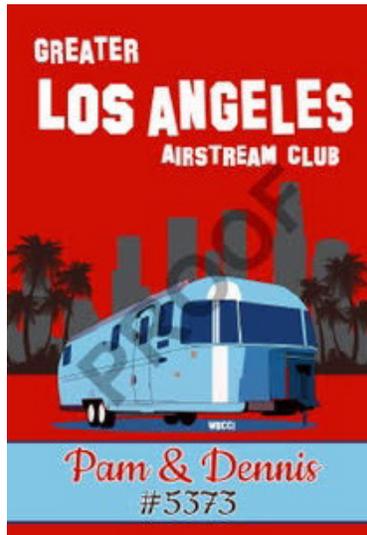
Come join us for a Spooktacular time at Refugio State Beach Group Campground (Oct. 31 -Nov. 5) and then finish off the year with our annual holiday event at Newport Dunes RV Park (Nov. 30 -Dec. 3).

Check out pages 6 to 9 to see what's in store for 2018! With all of these options, it may be hard to choose your favorites. We would love to have a host and cohost for each event. Would you be willing to give it a try -perhaps partnering with an experienced host?

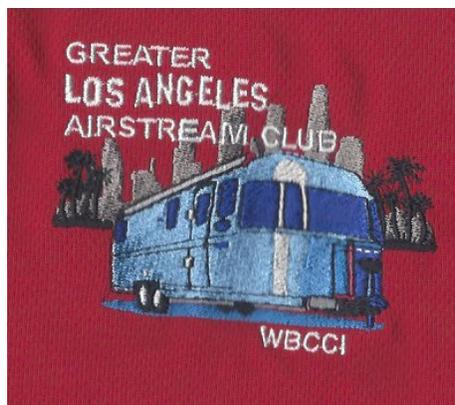
Just so you can see how easy it can be, here are 10 easy steps to hosting:

1. Select a location that you love from the 2018 list.
2. Ask one of your buddies to help you cohost.
3. Research the area where the event will be held for local activities and attractions.
4. Plan the specifics for the event and set the schedule to include how many meals you wish to include.
5. Create Event Flyer using template that can be provided by the events chairperson.
6. If possible, and not absolutely necessary, plan to add one day of camping on each end of the event for ease of hosting.
7. Determine if you want to provide a goody bag with information about area and sightseeing, (purely optional).
8. Set a budget and purchase food or other items that will be used for the event and save receipts for reimbursement. (Remember, this can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish to make it.)
9. Assign sites and greet us as we arrive.
10. And most of all...Have fun!!!

If you're interested in hosting an event, please contact Pamela Pall at www.events.glaac@gmail.com or (805) 235-2809.



Do you have your flag yet? They are available now! Contact Pamela Pall at Events.GLAAC@gmail.com



Wear your club logo with pride!

Our edgy, urban logo is available at Lands End Business to have on any apparel or accessory you would like including hats, jackets, t-shirts, bags and more.

- Check out the selection at: <http://business.landsend.com>
- Contact Lands End at 800.338.2000
- Reference GLA Logo #1360294

There is a charge of \$8.50 per item to add the logo, subject to change. Occasionally you will find special offers with free logo application. CAUTION- The logo will lose its effect on some colors, i.e. on a black or navy shirt, for instance, the palm trees disappear. Lands End is happy to work with you so that you will be happy with the final product (i.e. make the palm trees and text white.) Change up colors as necessary but the text and logo must stay together.



The 2018 GLAAC membership drive is in full swing. With your help, we hope to complete the process by November 1 of this year. Sending many thanks to you new and "old" members who have already renewed at the time of this writing. Your international and local dues afford you many opportunities to try new places, share favorite camping spots, and meet others with the same passion for aluminum as yours. Dues can be easily taken care of on our website: <http://greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net>. Why not check that off your "to-do" list today?

Affiliate members: After renewing in your home club, please renew affiliate membership online using PayPal (GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com) or complete the GLA form under the "Membership" tab on our website and mail USPS.

We've been a strong group from the very beginning. We are active and adventurous and hope to meet every one of our members at a rally soon. It's amazing what handy tips you can pick up from other aluminum aficionados.

We look forward to another year of amazing experiences together and thank you for being a part of the 'Longest rolling, single-branded RV club in the world'!

If you have questions regarding membership, I would be happy to help.

Nancy Murphy—Membership Chair
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Are you looking for something...vintage? Head to Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton to view vintage trailers of all makes and models! This fabulous annual event, the **Vintage Trailer Bash**, is sold out but you can still stop by and check out the Open House to be held on Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m. 180 Ave of the Flags, Buellton, CA 93427

Let's Celebrate!

November 30 - December 3, 2017

Newport Dunes RV Resort
1131 Back Bay Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Telephone: 800.765.7661
www.newportdunes.com



Join us as we wrap up another fantastic year with an Event Fee Free Event for GLA members! Let's ring in the holidays in sunny Southern California at the premier RV resort, Newport Dunes RV. Located on the beach with sand just steps away, you'll find nearby attractions and activities including Balboa Island, Fashion Island Mall and Southcoast Plaza, Roger's Gardens, kayaking, the pier, restaurants, and more!

At this event we'll celebrate the holidays, hold our annual business meeting, recognize our officers who work throughout the year to make this the best club experience for all, and host the always-anticipated Steal-A-Gift, a GLA tradition. Please bring a wrapped gift to participate and be ready for a great time. (Gift valued at \$25 or less.)

Want to book up to two days before and after the event at the same discounted rate? Simply contact the resort directly to make arrangements (telephone number above).

Thursday, November 30

5:30 p.m. Bring a beverage and gather at the Polk Airstream for appetizers (provided)

Friday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Bring your coffee and gather at the Murphy Airstream for breakfast (provided)
Lunch on your own
Explore the area
Enjoy dinner on your own or with friends at one of the great local restaurants

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
Annual board meeting
Kayak, read, explore
Lunch on your own
6:00 p.m. Dinner (provided) with non-hosted bar

Sunday, December 3

Noon Depart
Safe journey home and happy holidays!

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Campsite fees	(Thurs/Fri/Sat eves)	\$141.00/total
Event Fee Free for GLA members		Free!
Event fee for non-GLA attendees		\$50.00/Airstream

To reserve your spot simply send payment via PayPal to: GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com

Please note: Newport Dunes in the comment section. Or you may send payment via USPS to:

Dennis Pall, P. O. Box 2238, Avila Beach, CA 93424

Questions? Contact Nancy Murphy at email: sealbeachomi@me.com

GLAAC 2018 Event Schedule

January 18-22—Joshua Tree National Park—Jumbo Rocks Campground (Potential Site)

124 campsites with no hook-ups available on first come, first served basis. Host & co-host needed.



Renowned Desert Park that draws campers & hikers with its geological wonders and signature Joshua trees.

February 22-25—Emerald Desert RV Resort (Palm Springs Modernism Week)

15 sites with full hook-ups reserved. Host & co-host needed.



The most luxurious RV Park in Palm Desert located just outside of Palm Springs. The main event at this time of year is the Palm Springs Modernism Week which includes a Vintage Trailer Show.

March 22-26—Alabama Hills/Lone Pine

Host & co-host needed.



Free dispersed camping among climbable and out of this world granite boulders. This area is nestled below the east side of the Sierra Mountains with views of Mount Whitney and has been used in 100s of movies and shoots.

April 19-22—Cali Rally—V6 Ranch

Region 12 host



Return to the Wild West with this unique dry camping experience at the V6 Ranch. It will include campfires, music, great food, vendors, seminars, trail rides and the always anticipated chili cook-off!

May 17-20—Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground (Vintage Trailer Show)

Reserve your campsite on November 1, 2017 at www.reservecalifornia.com. No host event.



Dry camping sites that accommodate tents to large RV's. Very well spread out, right on the beach and right next to Pismo Coast Village RV Resort—the location of the Pismo Vintage Trailer Rally.

June 7-11—New Brighton State Beach—Capitola/Santa Cruz

Reserve your campsite on December 1, 2017 at www.reservecalifornia.com. Host & co-host needed.



The beach features picnic areas, swimming, fishing and a nearby forest of Monterey pine and coastal live oak. The camping area is on a bluff overlooking northern Monterey Bay and contains 10 full hook-up sites and 101 dry campsites.

*******Please note that there will be a mini caravan from New Brighton State Beach to the 2018 International Rally in Salem Oregon (details to follow)*******

June 17-30—2018 International Rally—Salem, Oregon

Online Registration opens July 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm EST at www.wbcci.org



July 12-16—Ventura Ranch KOA

14 full hook-up sites reserved. Host: David & Ari Neel



A 76-acre campground nestled in Heritage Valley at the foot of Ventura County's highest mountain, Topa, Topa. Enjoy clean, fresh air as well as a forest setting close to the creek side.

August 2-6—Olema Campground (Point Reyes National Seashore)

12 full hook-up sites reserved. Host & co-host needed.



Located next to the Point Reyes National Seashore, just north of San Francisco. This is an ideal place to enjoy different outdoor activities like bird watching, hiking, kayaking or just relaxing on the beach.

September 6-9—Holloway RV Park (Big Bear Lake)

12 lake-side full hook-up sites reserved. Host: Jo & Ade Salzer with co-host needed



This marina and RV Park is located on the water of Big Bear Lake in Metcalf Bay. All sorts of water sports abound.

October 4-7—Oasis RV Park (Las Vegas, Nevada) Region 12 Event

Host: Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club



Experience the exciting environment of Las Vegas' most spectacular RV resort. The Oasis Las Vegas, with its tropical "Casablanca" theme, helps guests relax in sunny Las Vegas by day and see the bright city lights by night in complete comfort and style.

October 7-28—Mini Caravan to Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef & Arches (after Region 12 event)

Stay tuned for future meetings to plan routes/campgrounds/events.



Take off from the Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas to four beautiful National Parks.

- **Zion National Park** is a southwest Utah nature preserve distinguished by Zion Canyon's steep red cliffs. Zion Canyon Scenic Drive cuts through its main section, leading to forest trails along the Virgin River. The

river flows to the Emerald Pools, which have waterfalls and a hanging garden. Also along the river, partly through deep chasms, is Zion Narrows wading hike.

- **Bryce Canyon National Park**, a sprawling reserve in southern Utah, is known for crimson-colored hoodoos, which are spire-shaped rock formations. The park's main road leads past the expansive Bryce Amphitheater, a hoodoo-filled depression lying below the Rim Trail hiking path. It has overlooks at Sunrise Point, Sunset Point, Inspiration Point and Bryce Point. Prime viewing times are around sunup and sundown.
- **Capitol Reef National Park** is in Utah's south-central desert. It surrounds a long wrinkle in the earth known as the Waterpocket Fold, with layers of golden sandstone, canyons and striking rock formations. Among the park's sights are the Chimney Rock pillar, the Hickman Bridge arch, and Capitol Reef, known for its white sandstone domes. In the north are the towering monoliths of Cathedral Valley.
- **Arches National Park** lies north of Moab in the state of Utah. Bordered by the Colorado River in the southeast, it's known as the site of more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches, such as the massive, red-hued Delicate Arch in the east. Long, thin Landscape Arch stands in Devils Garden to the north. Other geological formations include Balanced Rock, towering over the desert landscape in the middle of the park.

November 8-12—San Onofre Beach—Camp Pendleton

We will attempt to obtain 15 water & electric hook-up sites. Host: Pam & Dennis Pall with co-host needed.



Camping Sites are located right on the beach or on the bluffs overlooking the beach. Bring your surfboard and experience one of the best surf spots in Southern California.

December 6-9—Tres Hermanas—Santa Ynez

20 hook-up sites with water & power with dump station on premises. Host: John & Susan Barrett with co-host needed.



This family-run boutique winery is nestled in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. The camping area is exclusively used by wine club members only.