

# The Urban Update



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## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 1-4, 2016**  
Tres Hermanas Vineyard, Santa Maria CA  
Sign up now!

**January 26-29, 2017**  
Explore Death Valley! Fiddlers' Campground,  
Furnace Creek CA (dry camping)

**April 6-9, 2017:**  
Rancho Oso....between the mountains and the sea!

**Oct. 10-14, 2017:**  
Region 12 Rally, Jackson CA

**Watch this space!** We will finalize additional 2017 events at Tres Hermanas in December.

## President's Message

Organic growth can be defined as growing from within using one's own resources. In our club's case, to grow membership we utilize our creative marketing both in printed format such as our urban logo and postcards; and electronic format, such as our website and Facebook pages; we have both a Social Media Chair and Webmaster to keep us current and fresh; positive word-of-mouth advertising which comes courtesy of our members; new and exciting locales chosen for our events; along with a stellar reputation as an active, welcoming and vibrant club. All these criteria have supported us well over the past 2-1/2 years as we continue to increase our membership.

Did you know that 75% of the membership in the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club is either brand new to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) and/or Airstreams? We have all been uber-successful in creating the brand of club that people wish to join. Remember, both your input and participation in your club is greatly encouraged and appreciated!

I am especially filled with gratitude for our officers who have taken on a role in building this great club. Without our officers to guide the direction of the club, we're simply a rowboat without oars. To our members who have graciously renewed for 2017, thank you. You are the lifeblood of this club and the reason for its existence. Continue to take an active role, participate in our various events and share your favorite campgrounds, ideas and suggestions.



Lynda + Jim in the galley of their brand new 30' Classic. Looking forward to lots of adventures ahead.

Our membership drive is currently underway. If you have not yet renewed, head over to our website and complete the renewal process today. We don't want you to miss out on the exciting adventures planned for 2017!

We have only a few sites available at our exclusive December event at Tres Hermanas Winery in Santa Maria. Join in the camaraderie at our year-end celebration as we ring in the season and recognize our outstanding club officers, share the State of the GLA address, participate in the always fun Steal-A-Gift, and firm up our event calendar for 2017.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Marion + Don of Manhattan Beach; Melita + Eric of Alta Loma; Steve + Tammy who reside in Morro Bay; and Tim + Nancy of Seal Beach who have participated over the past few years as affiliates and are now full members. We look forward to meeting and spending time with you around the campfire!

On a closing note, from our Airstream to yours, enjoy the upcoming holidays. I am thankful for your friendship and the times we shared in 2016 while looking ahead to all the great adventures we'll have in the New Year!

Lynda





The GLAAC was well-represented with 13 Airstreams at Alumafandango, September 20-25 at Jackson Rancheria. Alumaevents are always enjoyable and informative. We toured wineries, took part in workshops and had classes on lots of ways to care for and troubleshoot our Airstreams. We even learned how to make sushi! And, of course, we gathered together for fun and friendship.



## Membership Notes

We are completing our 2017 Membership Drive...and really look forward to including you. Don't let the fun slip by. You can renew your membership as follows:



Just head over to our website and join **Region 12, Unit 013** today:

<http://greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net/membership>

Affiliate renewals, 1) Renew in your home club, then 2) Send \$49 GLA dues to PayPal using our address: GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com

Please contact me at [Membership.GLAAC@gmail.com](mailto:Membership.GLAAC@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions for the coming year.

Nancy Jackson  
GLAAC Membership Chair

# *Chula Vista Rally*

## *November 10--13, 2016*



*Happy Hour*



*Spectacular Sunset*



*7 rigs gathered at Chula Vista RV resort where they celebrate Veterans Day in style.*



*Dancing Queens*



*Jeff Lewis & Debra Angell really have the moves!*



*Attendees enjoy dinner Friday evening.*



## Another Excellent Adventure

After a three-month road trip through Canada and Alaska, I didn't want to get too bored so I ventured off on a touring bicycle ride from Canada to Mexico!

The idea for the this trip was hatched on a road trip to Baseball Spring Training in March of this year. My friend Rich had already ridden from the west coast to the east coast five years prior. He pitched the idea during a boring stretch driving through the desert. I said, "Sure, why not?" Sometimes even in retirement I

should be more thoughtful about what I agree to.

Our starting point was the International Peace Park near Blaine, Washington. The finish point was at Friendship Park on the ocean near the border at Tijuana, Mexico. We traveled 1800 miles in 30 days with 2 rest days. We started at sea level and finished at sea level....however, we climbed 75,000 vertical miles during the month.



We both have Specialized Crosstrail bikes which are basically commuter/dirt road bikes. They are not typical touring bikes but we were able set them up with racks and panniers. Adventure Cycling is an organization that publishes a magazine and maps that support bicycle touring. The recommended route follows Highway 101, Highway 1, or parallels on surface streets where possible. We deviated off the route to catch the Olympic Peninsula and ride through Olympic National Park. We mostly stayed at State Parks in the hike and bike campsites for \$5.00 a night. Otherwise we camped at RV parks. Twice we had to stealth camp in the woods

when nothing was available.

Some of the highlights were riding through Redwood National Park, hanging out in the quirky cute town of Ferndale, and guilt free chocolate milk. The lowlights were narrow bridges in Oregon, rental RVs who don't share the road, and two flat tires.

This was a great adventure, for sure, but have to say, camping ("glamping") in our Airstream is pretty WONDERFUL after spending an entire month on my bike and sleeping in a tent every night.



Kevin Wallace  
GLAAC  
2015 25' Flying Cloud



## Hello Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Members and Affiliates!

Thank you so much for participating in our recent GLAC Camping Survey!!! The votes are in and tallied and the survey results are presented below. Stay tuned for the **next survey** where you can select your **favorite places to camp** for upcoming GLAC events. **AND THE SURVEY SAYS (drum roll, please):**

### GLAAC Camping Survey Results from Pamela Pall, Event Chair

1. Which of the following best describes you?
  - a. Still working: 27% (9)
  - b. Retired: 61% (20)
  - c. Retired & living in your Airstream full time: 3% (1)
  - d. Other: (3)
    - Retired but looking to re-enter work force
    - Semi-retired
    - I own my own company, working part time
  
2. Which of the following do you prefer? (You may select more than one)
  - a. Weekend camping: 12% (4)
  - b. Extended weekend camping (3-4 days): 94% (31)
  - c. 1 week camping: 30% (10)
  - d. 1 to 2 weeks camping: 21% (7)
  - e. 2 to 4 weeks camping: 18% (6)
  - f. 4 weeks or more camping: 15% (5)
  - e. Other: (2)
    - Would love to caravan in lower 48, maybe Canada
    - Longer in summer is good too
  
3. What type of camping do you prefer?
  - a. Full hook-ups: 18% (6)
  - b. Boon-docking/dry camping: 18% (6)
  - c. Combination of full hook-ups/boon-docking: 76% (25)
  - d. Other: (1)
    - Prefer natural settings rather than RV parks, generally
  
4. Given the choice between an RV park and a state/county park or BLM which do you prefer?
  - a. RV park: 6% (2)
  - b. State/County park: 24% (8)
  - c. Free camping (BLM land): 2% (2)
  - d. Combination RV/State/County/BLM: 64% (21)
  
5. Where do you prefer to camp? (You may select more than one answer)
  - a. Beaches: 73% (24)
  - b. Desert: 61% (20)
  - c. Mountains: 79% (26)
  - d. Southern California: 45% (15)
  - e. Central Coast: 64% (21)
  - f. Northern California: 61% (20)
  - g. Central Valley: 18% (6)
  - h. Other: (9)
    - We love the variety of places. Urban even
    - Wherever it isn't too hot
    - Out of state
    - Mix
    - All options X 2
    - Southwest
    - Actually we like beautiful scenery—wherever

6. Please list your favorite campgrounds or locations where you would most like to attend an event?

Joshua Tree X 3  
Death Valley X 4  
Big Sur Campground  
San Simeon Creek Campground X 2  
Borrego Springs X 4  
Hole in the Wall Campground (Mojave Desert National Preserve)  
Emerald Desert RV Resort (Palm Desert) X 2  
Pinnacles  
Lassen National Park X 2  
Olema RV Resort  
Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground X 2  
El Chorro Regional Park (San Luis Obispo)  
Alabama Hills (Lone Pine) X 2  
Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park (Crescent City)  
New Brighton State Beach X 2  
San Elijo State Beach  
Yosemite X 2  
Klamath River RV Park  
Napa Expo RV Park (Napa)  
Flying Flags RV Park (Buelton)  
Wine Country RV Resort (Paso Robles) X 2  
Chula Vista RV Resort X 2  
El Capitan State Beach X 2  
Refugio State Beach (group site) X 2  
Ocean Mesa X 2  
San Clemente State Beach X 2  
Lake Cachuma  
Morro Bay State Park X 2  
Plaskett Creek  
Kings Canyon National Park (Sierra Nevada Range)  
Capitol Reef National Park (Utah)  
Moab area (Utah)  
Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort  
State & National Parks X 2  
Vineyards  
Oregon Coast

7. Do you prefer a hosted rally or a no-host rally or a combination of the two?

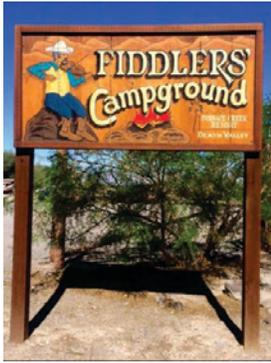
- a. Hosted event: 3% (1)
- b. No-host event: 6% (2)
- c. Alternate hosted events with no-host events: 91% (30)

8. Do you like having rallies all year round?

- a. Yes: 73% (24)
- b. No, prefer taking the summer off: 27% (9)

9. What is the farthest you are willing to travel for a 3 day event?

100 – 150 miles X 2  
150 – 250 miles  
200 miles X 2  
250 miles X 5  
300 miles X 10  
450 miles  
3 – 4 hours X 2  
4 – 5 hours  
5 – 6 hours  
8 – 10 hours  
Depends on the place X 10



# Death Valley

January 26-29, 2017



at Fiddlers' Campground  
Highway 190, Death Valley National Park, CA 92328

hosted by Alan & Jean Amundsen

*Fiddler's Campground is adjacent to Furnace Creek Ranch and the Death Valley Visitor Center. With your nightly rental you can enjoy the Ranch's natural spring-fed swimming pool, shower facility, coin operated laundry and sports courts. The Campground is located close to the restaurants including the 49er Café, Corkscrew Saloon, The Wrangler Steakhouse, and fine dining at the Furnace Creek Inn, as well as the General Store for camping supplies, and groceries. Furnace Creek Golf Course is directly adjacent to the Campground for those who want to golf the lowest elevation course in the world.*

*We have "sold out" our block of 9 dry campsites, but you may still be able to reserve directly through Xanterra. It's winter and the nights will be chilly, so make sure your propane tanks are topped off.*



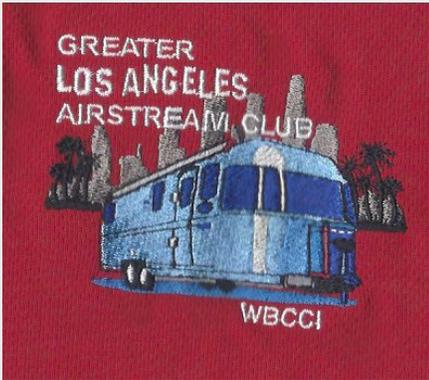
*If you would like to join us, you can make reservations directly at [www.furnacecreekresort.com/lodging/fiddlers-campground-and-rv-park/](http://www.furnacecreekresort.com/lodging/fiddlers-campground-and-rv-park/)*



*Questions? Contact Jean at [jean.amundsen@gmail.com](mailto:jean.amundsen@gmail.com)*



## Wear your club logo with pride!



Our edgy, urban logo is available at Lands End to order on any apparel 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 logo, subject to change. Occasionally you will find special offers with free logo application and shipping.

The logo is hard to read on some colors: 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 end product (i.e. make the palm trees and text white.) Change up as necessary but, the text and logo go hand-in-hand.

Into vintage?  
Be sure to check out

[VintageTrailerSupply.com](http://VintageTrailerSupply.com)

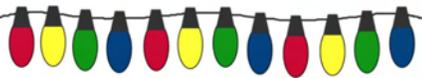


Looking for something special to put  
under the tree?

Be sure to check out  
[SilverTrailer.com](http://SilverTrailer.com)

*SilverTrailer*

jewelry inspired by the love of travel



Happy  
Holidays!

## Social Media

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Members Page on Facebook is a "secret" place where GLAAC members can gather and share experiences and learn of upcoming events. This is a private page and you can be assured that your comments and photos will not appear anywhere else on Facebook. If you are not already a member of the page and wish to join please send an email to me at [socialmedia.glaac@gmail.com](mailto:socialmedia.glaac@gmail.com). You will be added as a member. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1399887966938233/>

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club's "public" Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/losangelesairstreamclub/>. We post information about GLAAC happenings and information and links to other exciting Airstream items of interest. We encourage you to refer non-members to the page in hopes that they will become excited about GLAAC and the Airstream Community.

We are in the process of creating a GLAAC Instagram account. It is a place where you can share photos of your journeys and experiences. It is very easy to post photos from your phone while on the go. The page will be viewable from phones and laptop/desktops. Instagram can be download to your phone from the either the iTunes App Store <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instagram/id389801252?mt=8>. or Google Play for Android. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instagram.android&hl=en>.

Susan and I posted photos on Instagram almost daily while on our 3 ½ month journey to Alaska and Canada this summer. You can find us Double.Yellow here <https://www.instagram.com/double.yellow/>.

Happy Trails.

John Barrett  
GLAAC Social Media Director



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