

The Urban Update



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Upcoming Events

Sept. 20-25, 2016 Sold Out!
Alumafandango, Jackson CA

Oct. 12-16, 2016
Region 12 Rally, Hemet CA

Nov. 10-13, 2016
Chula Vista RV Park, Chula Vista CA

Dec. 1-4, 2016
Tres Hermanos, Los Olivos CA

February 2017, dates TDB:
Explore Death Valley!

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

May 4-7, 2017:
Cowboy Up, it's Cali Rally time!

President's Message

Simply stated, travel enriches our lives. The ability to travel in our Airstream, with everything we need and love, only makes the journey so much more comfortable and enjoyable. This statement is especially true as I reflect back on a multi-month journey and the adventures shared with my husband and our Airstream family. So many vivid memories are evoked that at times I'm overwhelmed, in a good way. From the amazing people we met along the way, the new experiences shared, the campfire chats, to the grandeur and simply stunning, jaw-dropping beauty of British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and Alaska, this most recent adventure has truly enriched my life.

To those adventurous members that traveled with us, thank you. You made our journey the best ever. From the kayak-caught fish dinners, to the stories shared, the birthdays we celebrated along the way, the hikes we trekked, to the music played beautifully...singing, not so much; and, of course, the ever-changing road conditions, which gave us even more to talk about, you truly made this journey positively amazing. Thank you for your adventurous spirit and based on its success, I have a good feeling there will be more, including a return to Alaska, in the future. Stay tuned!

And speaking of 'staying tuned', it's time for our annual membership renewal. We would love to have you with us for another year of Fun, Friendship and Adventure in 2017. Look for Nancy's membership information in this issue and renew, today! New members and club affiliates, you'll find helpful information to sign up or renew on our website: www.GreaterLosAngelesAirstream-Club.wbcci.net



Lynda and Nest creator, Robert Johans

Are you in the market for a new Airstream? The 2017s have begun rolling onto the dealers' lots and your best selection is right about now. John and Susan no longer have '2-foot envy' and are the proud owners of a 25' Serenity. Congratulations on your new Airstream! If you're looking for a new Airstream, be sure to check out the great options at Airstream.com.

While in Bend, Oregon a few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to meet Robert Johans, creator of Airstream's 'Nest'. I enjoyed hearing his story and could feel the enthusiasm he has for this product along with his love of the outdoors. The Nest denotes a comfortable and cozy interior and when released next year, will be Airstream's leap into the compact, fiberglass market. With the creativity and innovation coming out of Airstream, Inc. in Jackson Center, Ohio, I can't wait to see this new release!

Welcome to our newest members, Linda and Rudy, who reside in Pasadena. We're happy to have you on board and hope to see you at a club event soon!

Lynda



GLA Alaska Adventure 2016



Alaska Highway Mile 0.7 Airstreams, 14 people, 10 dogs, 1200 miles to Alaska. *Back row, l to r:* Nancy, Pamela, Nancy, Lynda, Tim, Kevin, Michael, Jim. *Front row, l to r:* Barbara, Jeanette, Susan, Dennis, Maureen, John

Trying to put down on paper all the memories of our Alaska adventure is difficult indeed! So many thoughts of the people met, the friendships made, endless scenic roads and the skies that seemed to go on forever. And did I mention the clouds?

As an Airstream owner and someone who loves her rig, I was a bit concerned how the trailer was going to fare on unknown roads. With a little protection (yoga mats and gorilla tape!) we fared just fine.

So many of you, like us, dream of having a real adventure. A trip to Alaska through British Columbia and the Yukon Territory is just that. Canada alone has some of the greatest camping experiences an Airstream owner could hope for. Provincial Parks, manicured sites, endless heavenly lakes, all but a few feet away from your front door. Swimming, kayaking and fishing are just a few of the endless possibilities to be found in places so beautiful, it takes your breath away.

Then there is Alaska. Denali National Park, so vast and stunning, words cannot describe. Wrangle-St. Elias, a range of mountains with snow capped peaks and endless hiking. It's a photographer's dream. The Kenai Peninsula with its stunning glaciers and coastal views. Quaint villages, fascinating history and wonderful characters are all part of the Alaska adventure.

Anyone who owns an Airstream knows what it feels like to dream big. We all have the itch to travel and explore this vast and colorful world around us. Just stop and talk with anyone of us that has made this special trip and we will gladly share our experiences and knowledge with you.

Good planning, and in our case a great group of people who explored alone and together, helped make this experience to be remembered. With an Airstream and good friends, any traveling dream can be realized.

Susan Barrett



Kluane Lake, Yukon Territory



Savage River, Denali National Park

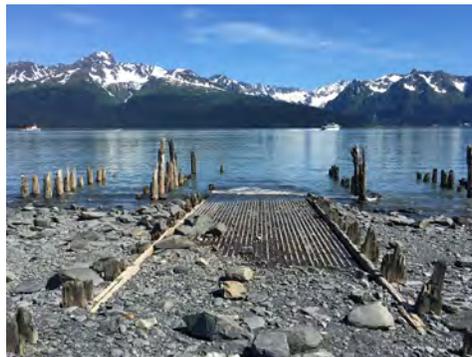


Jim, Lynda, and the mutties at the "end of the road" in **Hope, Alaska**.

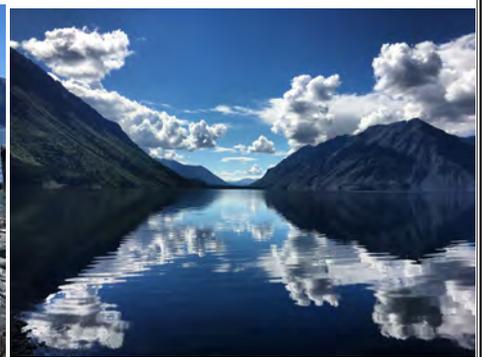


Adding the group's sign to the 55,000 signs at the **Watson Lake, BC Sign Forest**. It's a tradition for those who travel the Alaskan Highway through Canada.

GLAAC Adventurers *back row, l to r:* Kevin, Maureen, Jim, Lynda, Tim, Nancy, Nancy, Mike, Pamela, and Dennis; *front:* Susan and John



Ressurrection Bay, Seward, Alaska



Kathleen Lake, Kluane National Park and Refuge

Find more wonderful pictures by John Barret on Instagram. Check out **double.yellow** and follow the intrepid Airstream Adventurers on their 3-month journey to Alaska.

The Road Goes on Forever, The Party Never Ends

Such was our amazing 10-week trip through Canada and Alaska this Spring and Summer with 6 other Airstreamers. The excitement began early in the year with planning meetings and Airstream preparation. Alaska was a big check off from our "Bucket List."



As our trip was coming to an end, our new Bucket List items were in the cue and we began rapidly preparing for our next adventures. I was about to venture off on a backpacking trip for 2 weeks along the PCT, specifically the Northern Sections of California (Section I and J). This trip would start in Tuolumne Meadows and end at South Lake Tahoe. Kevin was preparing for his road bike trip from Canada to Mexico! Traveling along the coastal highway for 1800 miles.

The Pacific Crest Trail spans 2,650 miles (4,265 kilometers) from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon, and Washington. Following my husband's retirement in 2012, we spent a year preparing food, logistics, equipment, resupplies and much more for his BIG, BIG Bucket List check, hiking the PCT as a thru-hiker. Yep. One big swoop. Walking continuously for 5 months. Saying Goodbye to his family, his home, his community. We all supported him in so many ways and this experience has since changed our lives.

I am a "Section Hiker." I have been chipping away various Sections of the PCT since my husband's completion of the PCT. This summer I would finish the entire Sierras, which I was both happy and sad about. The Sierras hold a special place in my soul. It is my happy place. It is a place that you can't experience completely unless you walk. A car ride doesn't exist to the backside of Mt. Whitney, to high Sierra lakes that remain crystal clear, to the tops of granite peaks that one can see from 100 miles away on a clear day, and get the chance to see the Sky-Pilot flower that only blooms above 12,000 feet! This trip was a bit challenging since I felt physically unprepared. I was so hopeful that I could do LOTS of good day hikes throughout Alaska. Well, that backpack never left the Airstream. The BEARS were too intimidating for me to wander off into miles of glaciers, Black Spruce, and forests so thick you wouldn't know the Bear was there until it met you face to face! I had the food preparation down as I was quite experienced with preparing all of Kevin's meals for his trip. I figured my trail legs would get in shape on the trail.



The Sierras are always a bit challenging; you are not only dealing with 8-10 hours of walking straight up and straight down, but you also have elevation. This last month was incredibly warm with 90-degree temperatures at times - usually when I was climbing 1000 ft in 2 miles! The trail community is amazing. When you are out in the wilderness, many miles from any type of civilization, other hikers (although seldom seen) are there for you.



It reminded me of traveling in the Airstream. Try and pull over for a picnic lunch and see how long it takes for another Airstream to pull up to see if you need help! Right? My days were long, but never short of incredible moments. Swimming in high Sierra lakes, eating some darn good dehydrated Ratatouille from my garden veggies, sleeping with deer nibbling on my tent, seeing an indescribably starry sky, walking for miles without seeing anyone, meadows that one only reads about and "just being." These are the things I try to describe to my daughter who just can't understand why I do this. But, I managed to complete a wonderful trip and am looking forward to starting the Oregon section next year.

When I was asked to write a small excerpt regarding my trip, I was a bit reluctant, as I'm not sure why other Airstreamers would care about my adventures, especially a backpacking trip! But, as we attend Airstream rallies, Fandango's, and caravans, I begin to realize ALL of us have the same desire to seek out ADVENTURES. We are fortunate that we can do this in our iconic Airstreams as well as through other avenues in our lives.

Bucket List -A list of things to do before you die. Comes from the term "kicked the bucket".

Wow! Looks like Susan is getting ready to head out for lots more "bucket list" adventures in a brand new International Serenity. Congratulations!

Have you an Airstream Adventure that you'd like to share? Create a single-page in PDF format and send to Newsletter.GLAAC@gmail.com and it can be featured in an upcoming Urban Update.



Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (public)
Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Members Page (secret)
Region 12 Facebook Group
WBCCI

Time to Renew Your Membership

This has been an incredible year of adventures. I just love how we have collectively come together to venture beyond our comfort zones. We all joined together with a common desire to go to new places that we would not have ventured to without the comfort of our fellow club members who are now some of our best friends ever.

We absolutely loved the time we had at Arcosanti in Arizona. Without our club member, Yvonne Savage, having a connection via her artistic brother we would never have even known of this architectural vision in the high desert of Arizona.

Later we thought it quite humorous to “camp” in Long Beach...with towering high rises all around. A short walk to the ferry and we spent a sunny day in Santa Catalina.

Fourteen of our members are returning from Alaska now as I am writing this note. Alright, this has all been amazing and I do not believe I need to tell anyone how wonderful it is to be a member of our club. A club where we all matter and we all plan the adventures together. It may be close to home or miles away but we often go to places that we never knew existed. We are thrilled to hear what you want to do and where you dream of going in 2017.

We have started filling in events for 2017 and look forward to our members ideas and feedback. We will be traveling to Death Valley, Santa Barbara’s Rancho Oso, and Cali Rally in Mariposa this next year just to name a few.

Your current membership runs through 2016, however WBCCI International has changed their fiscal year so that it begins in August. GLAAC members can now renew for 2017. If you want to have your names in the Blue Beret master issue in January, submit your renewal to International by November 1st. Dues for new or renewing **Members** are \$114 (\$49 GLA dues + \$65 WBCCI dues.) **Affiliate** dues are \$49. There are several ways to renew your membership.

1) The easiest way is to renew online directly with wbcci.org by clicking “Renew Online Today” and answering the questions. Make sure you select the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club in Region 12. Our unit number is 013. The form automatically lists International dues at \$65 and GLAAC dues at \$49. Hitting the “submit” button will take you directly to PayPal where you can use your PayPal account or pay by credit card.

Or you can print out the form and mail a check for \$114 directly to International at:

WBCCI Central Office
803 E. Pike Street
P.O. Box 612
Jackson Center, OH 45334

2) Renewing on the GLAAC website:
greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net
Open the “Membership” tab. You have the choice to use Paypal or download the Renew via USPS form to be sent to:

Polk
802 El Toro Road
Ojai, CA 93203

The GLAAC will retain the \$49 dues and forward the \$65 International dues to International in Ohio.

Affiliate members first need to renew with their home club, then access the GLAAC website greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net Open the “Membership” tab, download the form to register via USPS, complete and mail to:

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Ojai, CA 93203

I look forward to 2017 and sharing more adventures together.

Nancy Jackson, Membership Chair

Elections

Section 2 The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting, installed at the December meeting, and assume office on December 31. An officer, except for Director, shall serve in office for a term of two years or until a successor is elected, but in no case shall an officer be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office except the Recording Secretary and Treasurer provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

Did you know that in the typical club or association:

- 5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event;
- Another 15% of members regularly participate;
- Another 20% occasionally participate

Every club needs leaders who can move the club forward and who can work with and motivate others. The GLAAC has been fortunate, indeed, to have individuals who have stepped forward to guide the club from its inception to the spirited club it is today.

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Which offices will be vacant? Which up for reelection this year? next year?

We invite you to join the 5%. Run for office and help GLAAC move into the future.

Region 12 News

October 12-16, 2016

Region 12 Rally “Happy Trails to Hemet”
Golden Palms RV Resort, Hemet CA

Dec. 29, 2016-Jan.3, 2017

Annual Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena CA

May 4-7, 2017

Cali Rally 2017, Mariposa County Fairgrounds,
Mariposa CA

October 10-14, 2017:

Region 12 Rally, Jackson Rancheria, Jackson,
California



Camino Real Airstream Presents

October 12th -16th, 2016 Regional Rally

“Happy Trails to Hemet”

Golden Village Palms RV Resort

3600 W. Florida Ave. Hemet, CA 92545

(866) 477.6154 Tracey

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Trl. Length _____ WBCCI # _____

E-mail: _____ Dietary Restrictions: _____

Days attending: **Wed.** ___ **Thurs.** ___ **Fri.** ___ **Sat.** ___ **Sun.** ___ Home

Extra Nights: \$45/Night X # Nights _____ = _____ Arrival date _____ Depart _____

(Each person over 2/unit is an additional \$5/Night)

Extra People # _____ X \$5 X # Nights _____ = _____

Camping Fee: \$45/night # _____ X \$45 + Extra Nights _____ = _____

Pet fee: \$2/Night /pet # _____ X \$2.00 X Nights _____ = _____

Rally Fee: \$50/Person # _____ X \$50.00 _____ = _____

Total = _____

We are still finalizing our schedule. Interested in Shuffle board tournament yes ___ Ham Radio assistance: Yes ___ Interested in craft outlet on site bring your favorite creations to sell: yes ___

There will also be time to attend the Bates Nut Farm and pumpkin patch to purchase a pumpkin for the carving competition. More info will be coming your way as we get closer to the date. Please make checks out to El Camino Real and mail to:

Mary Tico, 3408 Fairview Dr., Vista, CA, 92084

Any concerns please call Frank or Karen Pickett @ 714 3107 856

Register online at <http://region12.wbcci.net/region-12-calendar/2016-region-12-rally>

**Chula Vista RV Resort:
November 10--13, 2016**

www.chulavistarv.com

800-741-6878

460 Sandpiper Way,
Chula Vista, CA 91910



There is plenty to do at and around this 5-star resort nestled on beautiful San Diego Bay. You can take the nearby trolley to the Mexican border, ride to many San Diego attractions, or just enjoy a stroll along the marina. There will be a resort-sponsored happy hour Friday, a Saturday afternoon concert, and a stew dinner that evening put on by the resort with all proceeds going to benefit our Veterans.

We have reserved 20 sites at a daily fee of \$50.30 . This rate will also apply one day before and one day after the rally dates (call office to let them know you are with our group). If you have Passport America, they will apply it to one extra day for around \$40 (50% off their standard rate). The rally fee of \$17.50 (single) or \$35 (couple) will cover dinner Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday before you depart.

HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US! The Palls and the Murphys

Name(s) _____

Email _____ WBCCI # _____

Thursday (\$50.30) _____ Friday (\$50.30) _____ Saturday (\$50.30) _____

+ Event fee (single \$17.50) or (couple \$35) _____

Go to your pPayPal account and send payment to GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com and be sure to put "Chula Vista" in the comment section.

or

Mail this coupon and a check payable to "GLA" to: Polk, 802 El Toro Road, Ojai, CA 93023



Questions? Contact Pam Pall at pamsbeach@yahoo.com or Nancy Murphy at sealbeachomi@me.com. We are looking forward to seeing you there.