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President's Message

Following a very successful and fun-filled weekend based on the smiles and comments we heard from Airstreamers who attended the Cali Rally, be sure to Save the Date of April 16-19, 2020 for the next Cali Rally to be held at the V6 Ranch in Parkfield. From the team which assembled an outstanding Schedule of Events and executed their plan flawlessly to our Ranch hosts, Barbara & John Varian, to our adventurous members who joined in this western-themed event in our beautiful Golden State, thank you! We eagerly look forward to April 2020.

Next up is our Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club caravan to Salem, Oregon for the 61st International WBCCI Rally. Many thanks to our Event Chair, Pam, who has mapped out a great route for us to experience, together! In Salem we'll gather with 757 Airstreams from across the United States and Canada where we'll kick off the event with a Vintage Airstream parade and a colorful Opening Ceremony, enjoy a keynote address from Ted Davis, president of Airstream Adventures Northwest, participate in some informative presentations and round table discussions on topics important to us, welcome Bob Wheeler and Justin Humphreys of Airstream, Inc., enjoy vendors including limited time pop-up vendors which will change daily, participate in the biggest Region 12 breakfast ever...the list goes on. Safe travels and we'll look for you in Oregon!

We love to communicate with our members here in the GLA! One way we share information is the Urban Update, our outstanding, every-other-month newsletter, thanks to our club's Editor, Jean. We look to and encourage all members of our club to provide stories and photos on all types of fun, travel and adventures to keep the newsletter engaging. Be sure to share your stories with Jean for a future edition! On occasion you will also receive an email blast with information important to share between issues of the Urban Update.

Other ways we communicate include Social Media. Are you keeping up with all the possibilities? The Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club has a Facebook Page open to the public; but we also have a 'Closed'



Jim & Lynda

page for members and affiliates to share photos, travel logs and encourage dialogue and general questions from our membership. For access to the Closed Facebook page, drop me a line and I'll be happy to get you posting today!

Did you know we also have a WBCCI Region 12 Facebook page? This page, in addition to the WBCCI – Wally Byam Airstream Club Facebook page, will give you all the Airstream information you need. If you're looking for a fun position and wish to give back to our club, please consider the role of Social Media Chair. This appointed (non officer) position needs you!

Our website fills a vital role in club communication and I am pleased to welcome Jim Cahill as the GLA's new webmaster! This key position is responsible for keeping our website fresh and engaging and viewed as our club's 'calling card' where it can be the first interaction new members have with our club. Here you'll find all club information with the ability to sign up for upcoming events, to access past issues of the Urban Update and our private member roster. At the end of the year, the website is also an easy place to renew your club membership. Thank you, Jim, for stepping up into this role. And don't forget the Region 12 website filled with items of interest to all Airstreamers in California and Nevada! Check out both websites here: <http://Region12.wbcci.net> <http://GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub.wbcci.net>

Keep in touch with club happenings this summer and enjoy your Airstream adventures ahead! We extend a warm welcome to new members Darren & Melissa of Yorba Linda and Lynn & Jim of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Lynda



Cali Rally – April 19-22



By Jean Amundsen

After a year's hiatus, the 3rd Region 12 Cali Rally came rolling into Parkfield, CA with a weekend packed full of country fun. Seventy-four rigs pulled into the lovely V6 Ranch, a pristine parcel reminiscent of early California, with its oak trees and grasslands.



The Organizing Committee arrived early in order to set up a community camp and organize parking for our large group. Their enthusiasm set the tone for the fun that was to come. GLAAC was well-represented in this group of experienced volunteers.

Thursday morning dawned bright and beautiful, with a slight chill on the air. The silver "covered wagons" began rolling in early, and by late afternoon all were parked in beautiful canyon sites

and on the flatlands below. Our first official activity was a beer-tasting, provided by John Barrett and his lovely baristas, followed by a dinner of hamburgers and all the fixins hosted by the V6 Ranch staff. The evening culminated with an interesting retelling of Ranch history by John Varian. After such a busy day, we were ready to retire to our Airstreams, looking forward to the fun to come.



And did we have fun! Friday started with a Cowboy Breakfast of dutch-oven delights provided by GLAAC's own Maureen & Kevin. After breakfast, some of us gathered at the corral for the first Trail Ride of the day. Others met with Barbara Varian for a hike to enjoy the scenery and see some historic points of interest on the beautiful Ranch. For those who wanted to stay closer to camp, there were seminars (maintenance, drones) and a chance to visit the beautiful new Airstreams brought down from Bay Area Airstream Adventures for us to walk through and admire.

Friday evening featured the Great Chili Cookoff, which was followed by an hour of line dancing and finally, a movie.

Don't know how many pooped cowpokes made it to the final scenes of "True Grit," but a few did.

Saturday was another busy day. After our light breakfast some again headed out for Trail Rides, but many stayed in camp for the Swap Meet. A large array of "treasure" from handcrafted beauties to gently-used Airstream items to clean-the-attic relics





were on display for us to peruse and perhaps purchase or trade. In the afternoon there were more seminars (maintenance II, staying connected on the road, travel apps) to enhance our personal knowledge of all things Airstream.



The big Saturday-night bash started early with wine and olive oil tastings from local Pasolivo Olive Oil and Pianetta Winery. The evening got into full swing with a great tri-tip and chicken BBQ dinner courtesy of Airstream Adventures and hosted by the V6 Ranch. Live music by the band, Cuesta Ridge, had folks up and dancing once again. It was a perfect ending for a great weekend. On Sunday morning we had to break camp and head in our various directions. But save the dates April 16-19, 2020, when the Cali Rally returns to V6 Ranch.



April 27 - 29 Newbie's Rally

By Pam Pall & Nancy Murphy

Continuing with their amazing business model of giving back and supporting their buyers, Bay Area Airstream hosted a "Newbie Rally" for new Airstream owners . . . and would you believe they allowed the Murphys & the Palls to attend as the "knowledgeable" and "experienced" Airstream Owners?



This outstanding and unique event was orchestrated by Jade Webster, the Events Coordinator & Marketing Specialist for Airstream Adventures Northwest and the Bay Area Airstream Adventures. She was joined by Di Anne Cooper, an Airstream Adventure Advisor from the Bay Area Airstream Adventures.

Di Anne on left, Jade in the middle & our lovely Nancy on the right

Ten couples/families with new Airstreams joined us at Canyon Creek RV Resort in Winters, California to see what they could learn about their new rigs.

We conducted two informal seminars covering such topics as Planning Your Trip, Checklists, Safety, Maintenance, Dry Camping, Solar, WBCCI, and more.

In addition, we provided a hands-on walking seminar to review various Airstream parts and systems. Dennis and Tim answered questions and even showed a brand new first-time camper how to use her awning.

Of course, there was the traditional indoctrination of Airstream Hospitality, with happy hours, a pizza dinner, a potluck breakfast with yummy "eggtastic" dishes, and fireside stories and music.



Arlene, Barb, Tom & Di Anne



Tom, Lynn, Hilding, Arlene, Mark & Nancy



Tracy & Art



Jade, Nancy & Tim

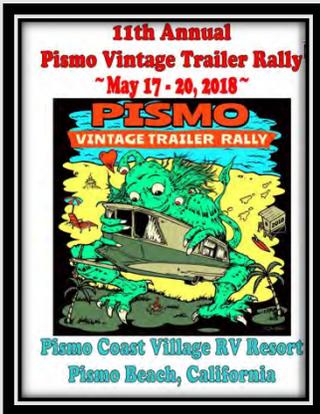


Dennis, Di Anne, Steve, Tom & Melanie



Tom, Barb, Tracy, Nancy & Tom

By the end of the weekend, not only did the attendees come away with some useful information, but also many new friendships were formed. To this end, we feel that our participation in this event was successful. We were able to provide a fun learning experience and impart the spirit of what our Airstream community is all about.



By Alan Amundsen

Twenty GLA members congregated at Pismo Beach Campground for the annual Pismo Beach Vintage Trailer Rally. The open house was on Saturday May 19th but GLAAC members began arriving as early as Tuesday.

Thursday night we held our ritual ABC night (Appetizer, Beverage, Chair) and welcomed Steve Hingtgen of Vintage Trailer Supply. On Friday night Ralph and Helen Perri hosted a GLAAC meet 'n' greet barbeque which included our friends, the SoCal Airstreamers. An exact count was not taken but there were in excess of twenty-five attendees.



Before the Saturday show many members took advantage of the local attractions including the pier, clam chowder houses, visits up the coast to view the elephant seals, bike rides, and hikes along the beautiful coast. The weather was beautiful with clear skies for the solar panels and crisp, clear nights.



The Trailer Show did not disappoint. While there were many units from past shows present there were new additions as well. Of course, we were particularly attracted to the vintage Airstreams. Even if some of the trailers have been at the show before it is still a thrill to see the attention to detail

restorers put into their units.

The show has become an annual pilgrimage for GLAAC and will certainly continue to be on our calendar.



2018 GLAAC Events Schedule

We still have a full schedule of activities for the rest of this year, so hitch up the aluminum and join us!

<http://greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net/rally-schedule-3>

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

Reserve your campsite at www.reservecalifornia.com. No Host



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. Contact Pamela Pall at Events.GLAAC@gmail.com for more information*******

June 23-30, 2018: 61ST WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem Oregon **WAITING LIST!** Online Registration www.wbcci.net Announcing a New "Short Stay" Option



July 12-16, 2018: Ventura Ranch KOA

14 full hook-up sites reserved. Host: David and 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 creekside.

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

12 full hook-up sites reserved. No Host



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)

17 lakeside full hook-up sites reserved. Host: Jo & Ade Salzer



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 Rally

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 and Arches National Parks



If you are interested in meeting up with the caravan, contact Pamela Pall Events.GLAAC@gmail.com for details about meet-up points and dates.

November 15-19 San Onofre Beach—Camp Pendleton

Host: Pam & Dennis Pall Co-host; Nancy & Tim Murphy

We've requested 18 beach-front sites and are hoping that this change will allow more of our members to participate. Stay tuned for more information on this one-of-a-kind event!



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—Flying Flags RV Resort—Buellton

Hosts: Michael & Nancy Jackson, Yvonne Savage, John & Susan Barrett

Flying Flags RV Resort in Buellton is located close to Solvang, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Foxen Canyon wineries, restaurants, and gift shops. Mark your calendars now because this is an outstanding location for our annual business meeting and end-of-year celebration!

