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President's Message

We are the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. We are a camping club. Boy, are we a camping club! This year started with a meeting at Borrego Springs RV Resort where the views were spectacular and companionship with fellow 'streamers memorable. In February we gathered at East Shore RV park situated near the Los Angeles County Fair Grounds, Brackett Air Park, and Puddingstone reservoir. The weather was cool but clear accented by gorgeous views of the San Gabriel Valley and snow-covered San Gabriel Mountains. San Dimas RV park is elevated above the valley with trailer spaces well away from city influence yet easily accessible to shopping. All who attended agreed that San Dimas deserves a return visit.

I thought San Dimas could not be topped but I was wrong. Our long-awaited journey to Refugio State Beach exceeded everyone's expectations. Start with stunningly beautiful weather and knock-dead gorgeous views of ocean and beach and we were all in campers' heaven. All told there were nineteen rigs arranged around a circular road with Party Central located overlooking the ocean. Big thanks to the Palls, Wallaces, and Hoevens for organizing the event. The highlight, in my view, was the Dutch Oven cooking night. A half dozen cooks prepared a wide variety of unbelievably delicious dishes for the evening meal. Pure heaven. Many of us declared the meal to be the best of all time. I'll second that and call for a repeat down the road.

In April we will gather at another urban campground well situated away from city influence. According to its brochure "Chino Hills State Park includes 14,102 acres of open space and has a visitor center. The Park includes 90 miles of hiking and equestrian trails, museums, picnic areas and various exhibits. Visitors can also enjoy hiking, biking, horseback riding and wildlife viewing.



Beachcombing at Refugio

And in May the club will be congregating at the V-6 ranch in Parkfield, CA for a Blue Grass Festival. If you missed the Cali Rally last year at V-6 you need to add this event to your must-do list for this year. Later in the month the club will convene in Bishop for the annual Mule Days festival. The event is already fully booked which says lots about the interest in this event. Maybe a return visit in a couple of years?

Our club is growing. We now have sixty-eight members and ten affiliates. This is quite a growth record for such a new club. Welcome to Brian & Linda of Bakersfield, Gregg and Catherine of Castaic, and George and Jan of La Quinta. We encourage you to come meet us at an upcoming event.

I can't close this letter without shouting a big YAHOO to our members. Time and again when we call for volunteers to help with a task (three of four helpers) ten members step forward. If someone needs help with their rig there is always another member who has knowledge of their problem. We are blessed with such generous members. You are all wonderful.

Alan

East Shore RV Park, San Dimas February 21-25, 2019

The old adage says something about “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night.” Except for the last two, that’s how it’s been for GLAAC events year. Those who attended the February Event at East Shore RV Park in San Dimas certainly dodged more than a few weather bullets while enjoying a long weekend of urban camping.



After a siege of wintry weather, we arrived Thursday at our campsite high on a mesa with an incredible view of the San Gabriel Valley. We spent the afternoon setting up and watching the rapidly changing weather. When the clouds lifted, we were gifted with the sight of the beautiful snow-covered mountains to the north and east. Of course, the weather was the main topic of conversation as we broke out the appetizers and lined our little campfires in a row at Party Central. Before long the food and friendly conversation made us forget the cold for a while. At “GLAAC bedtime”-around 8 pm- we retired to our cozy silver cocoons, looking forward to the next few days’ adventures.



And we were not disappointed. Friday dawned beautifully sunny and cool- perfect for adventures. There were lots of interesting things to do in the area, especially with charming Old Town San Dimas, the Fairplex, and Cal Poly Pomona nearby. Over the course of the weekend, some of us took in the Quilting and Crafts Show at the Pomona



Fairgrounds (and bought more than a few bargains that were too good to pass up.) Others went over to the Kellogg Campus to see the Arabian horses and visit the Farm Store (again, bringing back scrumptious goodies.) In San Dimas, we toured the Pacific Railroad Museum, and strolled through Old Town with its historic houses and incredible ACE Hardware Store.



And did I mention the food? What’s a GLAAC event without great camping fare? From Thursday’s appetizers to the Friday pot-luck to the wonderful chili and cornbread feast on Saturday, we certainly did not go hungry. And that Sunday breakfast of homemade sweet rolls, mini quiches and more was truly over the top.



Some of us had to head back to the real world on Sunday, but others stayed one more night to head homeward on Monday. All in all, it was a great camping weekend. We all agreed that we would most definitely come to East Shore RV Park again.



“Reff-you-gee-oh,” “Reffoo-gee-oh,” “Reffoo-fee-oh,” ... Just don’t call it Late for Dinner.

March 13-18, 2019

By Helen Perri & Kay Hoevel



After some research, it appears the correct Spanish pronunciation of Refugio State Beach is “Reffoo-hee-oh.” The Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club gathered here March 13-18, in the coveted and elusive “Group Site,” on a bluff overlooking the Pacific. Party Central was located right on the view, where there was plenty of room to gather at the picnic tables to enjoy buffets, Happy Hours, sunsets, campfires and occasional whale spouts.



Refugio State Beach inhabits ancient Chumash land, and it’s easy to appreciate why these native Indians settled here. The sheltering cove, the freshwater creek (predating the occasional oil spill) and the rich fishing and other food resources were plenty. This is paradise. If you’ve camped at Refugio, you know the beauty and the breaks. GLA members had longed to camp here as a group, and Event Director Pam Pall’s determined and oft-thwarted pursuit of the Group Site was, finally, rewarded. Those attending finally got it: Bouchard Group Site is the supreme camping spot in the entire campground. There was ample room for over 20 rigs, plenty of parking, and the bonus luxury of flush toilets



and hot showers. Parking the rigs was newbie-easy-breezy. The hills of California continue to be cloaked in glorious St-Pat’s greenery, and the lushness was another thrill enjoyed by all. In fact, let’s go back there right now!

The activities included bike rides and hikes and beach combing, surfing and kayaking, and outings to nearby Goleta and Buellton. And naps. Clear nights rewarded with stargazing through powerful scopes. There was a lot of bonding with other campers—perhaps it was the conviviality of Party Central’s edge-of-the-world view, or the perfect weather, but campers really connected with each other during this event.



This outing was distinguished by fantastic meals. Maureen and Kevin Wallace led demonstrations in Dutch-oven cooking, with a wide selection of camper contributions. The many black pots held delicious contents. It’s fair to say the Dutch oven dinner was a highlight of the weekend. But wait, there was more: breakfasts and lunches and a potluck St Paddy’s Day supper that was not just Jeanette’s fantastic corned beef. A battery of hand-cranked ice cream makers provided gobs of creamy vanilla, mint and

strawberry goodness. GLA members are great cooks! Many campers demanded recipes. And new members Andromeda and Glenn got some unsuspecting campers a bit sloshed on their delicious St. Patrick cocktail of— what WAS in that thing? :*)



Attendees agreed they would gladly attend this as a yearly event. So, don’t miss it next year—you will love the camping and the company.





There was so much good food at the Dutch Oven demonstration and dinner. It was requested that we add recipes to the newsletter, but that would be a publication in its own right. We have opted to print a list of who cooked what. Still, I'm afraid we came up short of a complete accounting, and profusely apologize to the persons whose items we missed. I do have excuses: #1 My plate was so full everything was "together", and #2 someone gave me an Irish whiskey drink and well it *seemed* it was not very strong, but I had trouble accounting for the difficulty of changing my pants with both shoes on and only one pant leg on. The salads were fantastic and I have no idea where they materialized from. We ask you to contact the cooks directly for their recipes.



Jean Amundsen: no-knead camp breads
 Kay Hoevel: vegetarian lasagna
 Nancy Murphy: corn bread, vanilla ice cream



Pam & Dennis Pall: mint ice cream, BBQ ribs
 Jim Polk: pineapple upside down cake
 Carolyn Tomlinson: strawberry ice cream
 Steve Hammer: tamale casserole
 Maureen Wallace: many good things including apple pie, scalloped potatoes, and shepherds' pie
 Yvonne Savage: Santa Fe pozole



GLAAC 2019 Event Schedule

April 11 – 15: Chino Hills State Park **THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

Reserve your campsite at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time on October 11, 2018 at

<https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>

Dry camping experience with restrooms & showers on site.

Hosts: Phil & Carol Grisotti; Jim & Alexandra Stears.



Chino Hills State Park is unique in that it provides refuge for both biodiversity and solitude to the visitors who enjoy their outdoor experiences. There is no other location in the LA Basin where people can drive a short distance and be swept away with scenic vistas, hike, bike, or ride a horse on over 90 miles of trails; this is a hiker/biker paradise! At 14,102 acres, the park is managed as an open space habitat where all plant and animal life are protected.

May 8 – 13: V6 Ranch in Parkfield

Bluegrass Festival on Mother's Day Weekend

Buddy Rally- bring your family and friends to join you (Airstreamers & non-Airstreamers)!

Dry camping experience with restrooms & showers on site. No Host Event

[Register Online Now](#)



Every Mother's day weekend this quiet town's population leaps from a mere 18 people to over a thousand bluegrass pickers, pluckers, and fun-loving fans. For nearly 2 decades, music fans have savored the natural beauty and peaceful ambiance of the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival. At the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival Live bands play all day on a cozy stage and at night fans enjoy late night set's in the Parkfield Cafe. Meanwhile back in the campground there are jam sessions galore along with time to "hang" with your Airstreaming friends. For more information about the Bluegrass Festival and to obtain tickets go to <https://parkfieldbluegrass.org/>.

May 23 – 27: Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop—Mule Days on Memorial Day Weekend. **SOLD OUT**

15 dry camping sites reserved (anticipate switching to water & electric hook-up sites). Hosts Paula & Steve Hammer; Marion & Don Kuhns



2019 marks the 50th anniversary of this one of a kind celebration of the American Mule! Bishop Mule Days Celebration is tough to explain if you've never attended...it's part serious competition, part wild-west show and ALL fun for everyone! This year's event will feature exciting arena shows, country western concerts, BBQ's and of course the Main Street Parade

May 28 - June 2: Alumapalooza 10, Jackson Center, Ohio



Alumapalooza® is an annual event held at the Airstream, Inc. factory in Jackson Center, Ohio! Produced with the support of Airstream, Inc., Airstream Life magazine, and other sponsors, it is five days of Airstream fun. There are 50 factory sites still available but they will sell out. (For an additional \$35 you may arrive at Alumapalooza on Friday, May 24th to dry camp and avoid the holiday traffic! For more information:

<http://alumapalooza.com/registration/>

July 11 – 15: Jalama Beach County Park, Santa Barbara County
Reserve your campsite at *midnight* Pacific Time on January 10, 2019 at

<http://www.countyofsb.org/parks/jalamacamping.sbc>

Electric and water sites are available along with dry camping.

No host event.



Jalama Beach County Park maintains 107 campsites, all overlooking the ocean or beachfront. Each site has a picnic table and BBQ pit, with hot showers, restrooms and water nearby. 31 sites offer electrical hookups, and dump stations are available. And don't forget to try the famous Jalama Burger which can only be purchased at the Jalama Beach Store. This campground fills quickly so get on-line early!

July 20 – 27: 62nd WBCCI International Rally at Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia

[Register Online Now](#)



The Meadow Event Park in [Caroline County](#), Virginia, is rich in history and an adaptable event space. Located just minutes from Richmond and Fredericksburg, an easy drive from Hampton Roads/Virginia Beach and a straight shot from the D.C. area,

Thoroughbred racing legend Secretariat was born here in 1970. Three years later he blazed his way into Triple Crown history. Today his birthplace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Since then, The Meadow has transformed from a family farm to a multi-purpose venue that is home to the State Fair of Virginia and other notable events. The 331-acre property features a mixture of original structures and newly constructed facilities.

August 15 – 19: Morro Bay State Park

Reserve your site at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time on February 15, 2019 at

<https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>

Electric & water sites available along with dry camping.

No host event.



Morro Bay State Park features lagoon and natural bay habitat. The bay's most prominent landmark is Morro Rock. The park has opportunities for sailing, fishing, hiking, and bird watching. The park museum has exhibits that cover natural features and cultural history, Native American life, geology, and oceanography. The park also has a colorful marina and an 18-hole public golf course. On the bay's northeast edge is a pristine saltwater marsh that supports a thriving bird population.

September 12 – 16: 1st Annual San Diego Bayfair Joint Rally

Hosts: San Diego Airstream Club—Abe & Veronica Hernandez

Co-Hosts: South Coast, Greater Los Angeles & Las Vegas Airstream Clubs

Unlimited campsites available. Dry camping with honey wagon and fresh water provided.



Over the years, more than 5 million people have enjoyed the races on Mission Bay. Bayfair has grown from just a hydroplane race in 1964 to an event that featured drag boats, international competitors, live music and aerial demonstrations. Boat-racing tours including Formula One tunnel boats, Grand Prix West, P1 USA, Pacific Offshore Powerboat Racing Association and various semi-professional classes have competed in Bayfair.

October 4 – 8: International Balloon Fiesta (WBCCI National Rally), Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reserve in January (date to be announced later) at <https://balloonfiestarally.wbcci.net/>

WAITING LIST ONLY



Each October the skies of Albuquerque are filled with hundreds of colorful hot air balloons while shiny silver trailers sparkle below them. The Balloon Fiesta National Rally provides Airstreamers a front row seat to the world's largest ballooning event. The rally takes place over the first weekend of the 9 day event. You can sip coffee at sunrise outside of your Airstream or admire a glorious sunset while balloons fly directly overhead—all in the comfort of your traveling home.

**October 9 -13: Region 12 Rally at Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield Hosts:
Region 12. Full hook-up sites. [SEE INFORMATION FLYER ON PAGE 10](#)**



Bakersfield's Premier RV Park provides easy freeway access and a central Bakersfield location. Luxury, style, and comfort combine to make this the ideal stop for a group rally such as ours, with exceptional amenities and superior customer service. Also enjoy the onsite restaurant, Crest Bar & Grill, during your stay.

**November 14 -18: Cava Robles RV Resort, Paso Robles
15 full hook-up sites reserved.
Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



Built for relaxation, Cava Robles is the peak destination for RV camping in California. This signature resort is nestled in the Paso Robles wine region, near the Pacific coast. Cava Robles boasts numerous amenities, including pools, spas, fire pits, a wellness center, and dog parks.

**December 12 -15: Emerald Desert RV Resort
GLAAC's Annual Holiday Party. 25 full hook-up sites.
Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



Emerald Desert, located on 33 picturesque acres, is just minutes from all of the fun of Palm Desert. Cool off in the sparkling pool and spa, perfect your game on the putting green or driving range, and even let your furry friends run around the fenced-in dog parks. This is our annual holiday party that is filled with great food, caroling, steal-a-gift, and great times around the campfire!

Join us at the beautiful Bakersfield RV Resort this October 9-13 for the 2019 WBCCI Region 12 rally, hosted by the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club! Been to Bakersfield before? Not like this! Bakersfield has a lot to offer our rally attendees!



Get ready to RALLY

In addition to our rally events schedule:

Near the rally site:

- Visit the Kern County Museum
- Tour the Dewars Candy and Ice Cream Shop
- Don some western wear and enjoy the Crystal Palace
- Shop for antiques and collectibles in downtown Bakersfield

Within a short drive you can experience the following:

- Downtown Tehachepi
- Tule Elk preserve
- Cesar Chavez National Monument



The quickest way to signup is to go to the Region 12 website at <https://region12.wbcci.net/> and signup on line. Pay there with PayPal using your own account or as a guest using your credit card through PayPal. Mailing a check? Complete the following form and mail it to:

Region 12 Rally Registrar
1398 Saratoga St.
Minden, NV 89423

Name(s) _____ Address _____

Phone Number (cell number if possible) _____ Email _____

WBCCI Big Red Number (Member Number) _____ WBCCI Club/Unit Name _____

Are you interested in touring Dewars Candy and Ice Cream shop on Thursday morning? _____ (Y/N) (small extra charge)

Rally fee (per person) \$80.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____ (\$80 for 1, \$160 for 2)

Circle your site option: Full Rally Site Fee (Oct 9 arrival – Oct 13 departure) = \$180

OR Weekend Only Site Fee (Oct 11 arrival – Oct 13 departure) = \$90

OR No Airstream (no site fee, Rally fee only) Total fee included (total Rally fee plus total Site fee) \$ _____

Refund Policy: Full refunds can only be made until August 21, 2019. After that, refunds will be made based on costs already incurred by the Region.