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## President's Message

Summer is around the corner and GLAAC members are off on a variety of expeditions. This Spring we have hosted more well-attended events. In April we braved the freeways of SoCal to meet up in Chino Hills State Park, an urban oasis unfamiliar to many of us, and in May the club held two events. From May 9-13 we gathered at V-6 Ranch for the Parkfield Blue Grass Festival. Any event at the V-6 Ranch is a special occasion, but I've heard nothing but raves for this event. Likewise for the meetup May 23-27 at the Tri County Fairgrounds in Bishop for Mule Days. Bishop is a new venue for our club and probably deserves another visit to the region. Keep on camping!

By the way, we have a new internet address:  
<https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/>

Be sure to add the new address to your book marks. All Clubs had the option to move to "airstreamclub.net." Our board chose to make the move because having the extension "airstreamclub.net" rather than "wbcci.net" makes our club more visible to web-searchers. For folks who have no idea what "wbcci" stands for, but "airstreamclub" is a clear pointer to us. Makes sense.

July 5th marks the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club. We started with just 12 members and 11 affiliate members, we now have 73 members and 13 affiliate members. That, to quote Huell Howser, is an amazing accomplishment. I'd like to welcome new members Joseph and Mary from La Verne, Dave and Yvonne from Torrance, Fontaine from Palos Verdes, and affiliates Christina from Escondido and Nora from Costa Mesa. We hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events, July 11-15 we will meet at Jamala Beach in Santa Barbara



County, and from August 15-19, the club will congregate at beautiful Morro Bay State Park.

The WBCCI 2019 International Rally is the week of July 22 in Doswell, Virginia, where our own affiliate member, Mona Heath, will be installed as International President for 2020. Mona will be first female President in the history of WBCCI. Congratulations to Mona. The only major motion for which I have received notice is a proposal to modify the supervision of the Corporate Manager to include the Vice Presidents of WBCCI. Our club will vote to support this motion. If other significant motions come before us, I will send out an email blast informing you and you can respond with appropriate comments. I don't anticipate any earth-shaking events at the Rally.

Now the difficult part of my message. Since early February I have been battling a health problem that has necessitated several out-patient surgeries and numerous other difficulties. As I write this I am being treated through Hyper Baric Oxygen Therapy. It's basically a pressurized chamber infused with pure oxygen to promote healing. This will take several weeks. As a result of all this I need to take a leave-of-absence as President. Tim Murphy, as 1st Vice-President, has agreed to assume the duties until I can return to full duty. The club is in good hands. Your elected board is a fine group who will carry on without a wrinkle.

Happy Travels to All,  
Alan

# Chino Hills State Park, April 11-15, 2019

By Dennis Pall



Chino Hills State Park is without question an undiscovered gem within the California state park system. The brochure describes it as a 14,000 acre "island of tranquility in a sea of urbanization," and indeed it is. Getting to the park, required our fellow campers to navigate the freeways of SoCal (not always a pleasant undertaking) followed by a short drive through a full-blown residential neighborhood to find the entrance gate. Yet once through the entrance, we wended our way three and a half miles back into beautiful, green, grass-covered hills bursting with mustard, poppies, and the remnants of lupine that had bloomed a few weeks earlier.

Arriving at camp we discovered 20 well-spaced sites, immense spacing by CA state park standards. Our group occupied 14 of the 20 and only found the remaining spaces occupied with folks outside our club a day here and there; mostly we had the campground to ourselves, except for the steady flow of hikers coming out to witness the explosion of flowers. Although this was a boondocking experience, the park was nicely equipped with free hot showers and well-maintained full-service restrooms.



Phil and Carol Grisotti, and Jim and Alexandra Stears co-hosted this fee-free event, providing us with a "party central" site that served as a meeting place for our happy hours (of which there were many). The site additionally served as the location for the wonderful appetizer social the hosts furnished on Friday night and the delicious hamburger BBQ on Saturday. Two sites attracted more than the usual attention, not only by our campers but by the passers by, as they were occupied by Kelly McWilliams' wonderfully restored and very shiny '52 Cruisette and the Grisotti's '56 Dodge pick-up. We learned Phil's father purchased the truck new in 1956 for use in his business- the Fullerton Muffler Shop, the advertising was still clearly visible on the doors.

From Thursday through departure on Monday morning the weather could not have been better; clear and sunny with cooling breezes, lows in the upper 40's at night, highs in the upper 70's. Fourteen couples signed up for the event, including Rizwan and Zayneva Niazi, new members attending their first rally. Also, in attendance at their second GLAAC rally were Glenn and Andromeda Stevens, and third-timers Phil, Jeannie and Colton Columna. The rest of the group were of the more seasoned variety (we're not talking age here): the Amundsens, Hammers, Palls, Wallaces, Hoevels, Jacksons, Grisottis, Kelly McWilliams, and the Stears. Don and Marion Kuhns made the trip out from Manhattan Beach and joined us for dinner on Saturday.

This park and the surrounding location offered activities galore: hiking and biking on over 90 miles of trails, shopping in and around Chino Hills, and time for reflection and relaxation in quiet solitude removed from the hubbub of the urban environment that surrounded us. An added benefit for some but not necessarily all - no cellphone or internet service.





Thanks to Steve Hammer a number of our group enjoyed a docent-lead tour of “The Planes of Fame Air Museum” in Chino. Steve also, true to his love of trains, took another group on Sunday to the LA County Fair Grounds in Pomona to visit its scale-model train park.

Alexandra Stears, who volunteers two days a week at the “Red Bucket” equine rescue facility in Chino Hills, arranged a tour of the ranch that is home to over 110 abused and neglected horses, donkeys, and mules. Those participating in the tour learned that Red Bucket has saved hundreds of equines from certain slaughter for meat, popular in Mexico and Canada, and provided those horses with homes either on the ranch or through their adoption service.



One thing that our campers learned from their experience at Chino Hills State Park- never discount a place until you’ve experienced it. We think everyone was surprised and delighted with the peace of this park, the beauty and the feeling of remote isolation so close to what may be termed “urban freneticism”.

### Check out our new addresses!

We have migrated to the WBAC’s new network.



<https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net>

<https://region12.airstreamclub.net>



## V6 Bluegrass Festival, May 8-13, 2019

By Nancy Murphy and Jim Cahill



Early Friday morning, we woke to the mournful sound of a calf calling to its mother.

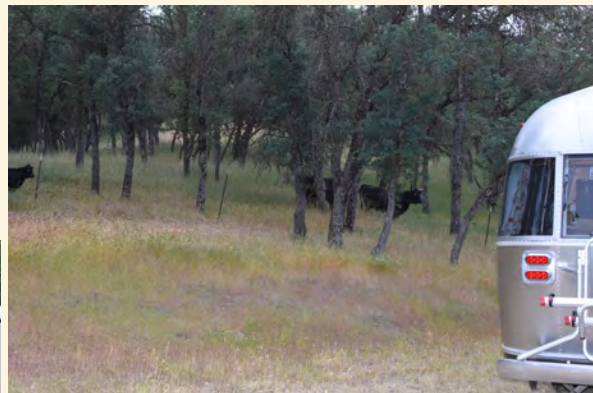
Kevin and Maureen and their friends, Kerry and Debbie, fully enjoyed themselves all day, starting with morning coffee, a delicious breakfast, and plenty of music.



The music was excellent from top to bottom. From the very traditional bands such as *Special Consensus* with their amazing tight harmonies and instrumentation to the more progressive groups such as *A J Lee and the Blue Summit*, featuring AJ Lee on mandolin. Her voice and song writing ability were definitely a plus. She was accompanied by two remarkable guitar players that left me shaking my head in disbelief. Nashville's *Rebekah Long Band*, led by Rebekah Long, another singer songwriter provided a bit of comic relief as well as demonstrating her passionate and strong singing and song writing ability. The *Slocan Ramblers* from Canada were definitely a crowd favorite. Mixing traditional and progressive arrangements of many bluegrass tunes, we all marveled at their arrangements. Their timing and harmonies were spot on! They brought the crowd to their feet!

In addition to all of the very fine bands, there were workshops during the lunch and dinner hours. These workshops featured band members demonstrating and teaching the various techniques of their instruments. You really didn't need an instrument to participate. Simply observing and listening was a treat!

Several GLAAC members and affiliates, along with friends and family circled up their 17 rigs at the V6 Ranch's Blue Oak Horse Camp over the Mother's Day weekend. We all enjoyed great Bluegrass music, fun fellowship, and (of course) food and libations. Thanks to our amazing Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club, we had the perfect weekend of camaraderie and music. We arrived Wednesday afternoon and after getting our weekend festival passes as we drove through Parkfield on our way to the V6 Ranch. We were up early Thursday morning and headed to the festival site to place our chairs out for the entirety of the festival. The seating policy at the festival allows you to place your chair where you want it and it remains there for the rest of the festival. If you're not using it, others are welcome to sit in the chairs until you arrive. That is a great policy.



Wandering down to the bunkhouse, we were treated to an impromptu jam and practice session by band members staying on site. Additionally--who knew--our own Jim Cahill used to travel with one of the members forty years ago! We found him in the Roundup Room strumming his 1941 Epiphone bass.



Perhaps this great festival can become a GLAAC event on those years that the Cali Rally isn't being held at the V6 Ranch. The combination of connecting with club members for a few days of camping coinciding with a terrific music festival was a combination that's hard to beat!



*Pam Pall, with her niece and great-niece*



*Robin and Andy Webb enjoy the music*



*Kevin Wallace scored a gorgeous morning bike ride*



*And a good time was had by all*

## Mule Days, Bishop CA, May 23-27

By Helen Perri



This May offered the lion's roar that March usually stages in spring, so the GLAAC gathering in Bishop offered a stunning show from Mother Nature. Paula Hammer and Marion Kuhns organized a Bishop Mule Days campout for the record books and photo albums (Steve and Don helped.) There were new members Rizwan



and Zaynea, Jim and Maggie--and Tom and Holly in their sweet, all-original 1955 Cruiser!! The new members swung into the festivities and we all enjoyed the fun and companionship that so often comes with traveling in our silver space pods. There we were, all lined up in a green meadow surrounded by dramatic snow-capped peaks that displayed longer white cloaks each day. Waking up each morning in our scenic Bishop campsite was a joy.



The weather outlook had been iffy. But it proved to be amazing. The high winds along 395 were gusts and breezes in Bishop. The predicted rain arrived mostly at night and appeared as a light dusting of snow just a 15-minute drive into the Sierras. It was so fun to get a taste of wintery weather and then return to the 60-70° temps in Bishop and enjoy Mule Days festivities. The shifting clouds in the sky made for glorious vistas and photos..



What is Mule Days?! I last attended when I was single-digits in age, and it hadn't changed much! Mule Days is sort of a week-long rodeo for mules. We learned a lot more about mules than I did in the 70s. They are as stubborn as their reputations purport, yet extremely intelligent and strong. Compared to horses, they are surer-footed with smaller hooves and calmer nerves. These and other strengths led to their historic use as mountain pack animals. Visiting the mules in the barns and stables was a wonderful experience. Mules look you in the eye and listen to what you have to say to them. Unless they don't, of course! They enjoy kind murmurs and scratches, even if you don't have snacks to lure them. Mule Days could make a mule-lover out of you, especially when you see them perform!

There was live music, BBQ meals, nice bike riding, good shopping, and lots of campers got new cowboy hats. Highlights for me were daily walks with the dog in the adjacent meadow, where he could run among huge stands of white and pink wild roses and clumps of tall river irises. It was calming and energizing and fun and the dog agreed, running his heart out.



I think the campers at Mule Days agree it was an event that we could return to and enjoy again.



*GLAAC cowboys and Cowgirls*



*Hosts Paula and Marion*



*Paula, Marc and Wendy*



*Around the campfire, 21st-century style*



*Pam and Ralph*



*Cowboy Church*



*Wendy meets a mule*



*Nancy loves Smokey*



Editor's Note: They say "it takes a village," and that is certainly true of this edition of the Urban Update. Thanks to all who so willingly stepped up to write articles and submit photos, making it possible for this newsletter to continue uninterrupted. Safe travels to all and see you down the road!  
Jean

# GLAAC 2019 Event Schedule

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**July 11 – 15: Jalama Beach County Park, Santa Barbara County Reserve your campsite**

<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!

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**July 20 – 27: 62<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**August 15 – 19: Morro Bay State Park**

Reserve your site 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.



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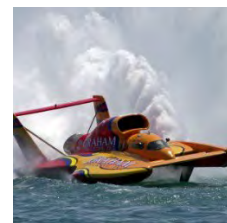
**September 12 – 16: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual San Diego Bayfair Joint Rally**

**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.**

**Reserve by July 12, 2019** [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f8d22742d7c19e7964802ad16/files/d9bf04c3-c468-420f-884c-60f2494ba405/San\\_Diego\\_Bayfair\\_Joint\\_Rally.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f8d22742d7c19e7964802ad16/files/d9bf04c3-c468-420f-884c-60f2494ba405/San_Diego_Bayfair_Joint_Rally.pdf)



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.

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**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**

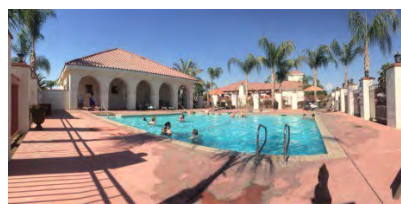


Each October the skies of Albuquerque are filled with hundreds of colorful hot air balloons while shiny silver trailers sparkle below them. The Balloon Fiesta National Rally provides Airstreamers a front row seat to the world's largest ballooning event. The rally takes place over the first weekend of 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.

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**October 9 -13: Region 12 Rally at Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield**

**Hosts: Region 12. Full hook-up sites. SEE INFORMATION FLYER ON PAGE \_\_\_**



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.

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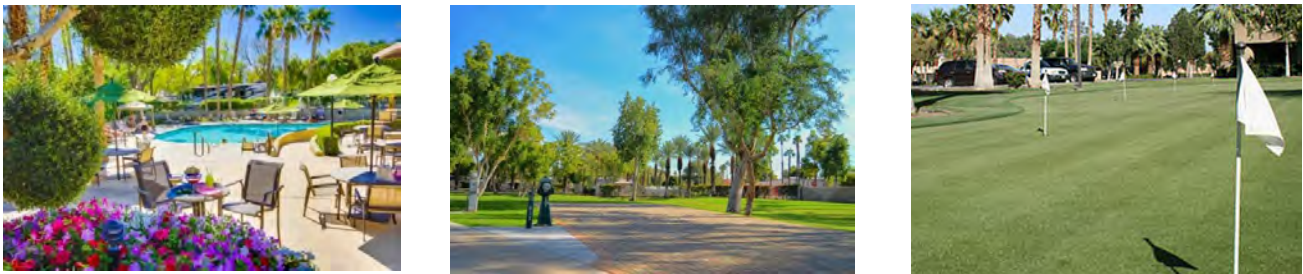
**November 14 -18: Cava Robles RV Resort, Paso Robles**  
**15 full hook-up sites reserved.**  
**Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



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.

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**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.

For registration information for all events, visit our website at  
<https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net>

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

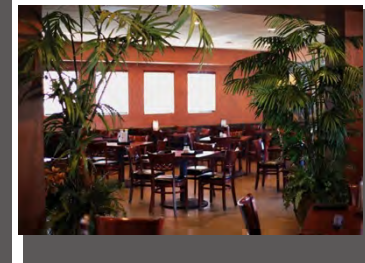
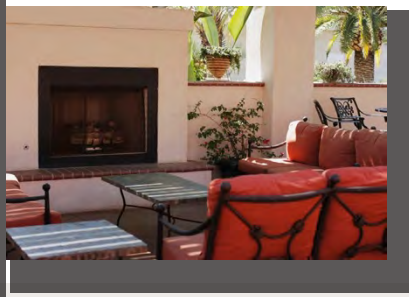
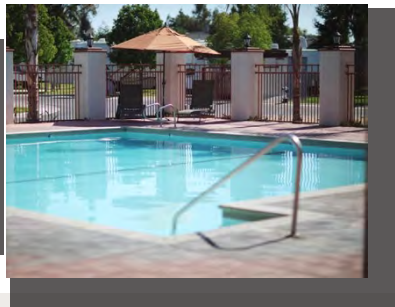
In addition to our rally events schedule:

### 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.airstreamclub.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.*