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President's Message:

It seems like the year should not be coming to an end so soon but when I look back there have been many very special times at Club rallies. Our members have become friends and our experiences this camping season have been special. From the first rally of the year at Borrego Springs through our latest rally in Paso Robles, our members have stepped up and made each rally unique. Thank you all for a great year. I look forward to our final rally of the year at Emerald Desert Resort where we will recognize the officers, committee chairs, and rally hosts for their efforts through the year. We will also hold our annual business meeting, have great meals, steal a few gifts and have great fun.

I want to say a special thanks to Alan Amundsen, who moved up to serve as President last year, but had to step down early due to health issues. Alan, along with his wife, Jean (newsletter editor), remain active Club members and we look forward to Alan getting back into a leadership role in the future.

There are a few members who are changing roles at the end of the year. Pam Paul, who has taken the position of Event Chair to a new level, will be transitioning out of that role to focus on her duties as 1st VP. Thank you, Paula Hammer, for stepping into this crucial role. Dennis Paul, our treasurer for the past four years, will be passing on those duties to Don Kuhns at the end of the year. Dennis and Pam have done an outstanding job and I want to extend a special thank you to them for their leadership and just for being such great friends.

The GLAAC is recognized in Region 12 and US as an active and participatory Club. Jim Polk just stepped down as Region 12 President and Lynda Polk is Region 12 newsletter editor and has stepped up to lead our Club as we host the upcoming International IBT



GLAAC President, Tim Murphy

in Las Vegas. Nancy Murphy is the Region 12 Membership Chair as well as serving as GLAAC Membership Chair. You can participate as little or as much as you want in the Airstream Club and we give special kudos to those who extend themselves. We are always looking for new ideas and new, fresh leadership. Please consider how you might like to serve.

Finally, I look forward to the Emerald Desert rally. Good fellowship and fine meals are anticipated. Perhaps the wind will blow the right way and I can even beat Dennis and Steve at Cornhole. I look forward to 2020; our event committee has worked hard to put together a great schedule of rallies. Hopefully you will attend the ones that fit your schedule. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tim



Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

October 4-8, 2019



With 14 rigs, GLAAC was well represented at the 48th annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. WBCCI had 150 coveted spots in the VIP west section of the festival, conveniently located next to the Balloon Museum and overlooking the Launch Field. There is no better site and we congratulate Region 11 Vice-President and event organizer, Ken Johansen, and his army of volunteers for an outstanding Rally.



Several of our members caravanned via Mojave National Preserve and Williams, AZ. By Thursday, October 4th we all met at the Enchanted Trails RV park in Albuquerque. Zaynea & Rizwan and Andromeda & Glenn organized a great Potluck. Friends from the Las Vegas and Central Coast clubs joined us. Patty (&Tommy) Reed, President of Region 11, gave a brief orientation of the procedures for the exclusive (thank you, Pam Pall)



morning caravan onto the Fiesta grounds. This slick maneuver insured we would be parked next to one another.



Before noon Friday we were all settled into our spots, giddy with excitement and ready to explore. After official registration, we were treated to a catered New Mexican dinner. We mingled, wine and dined with Airstream friends, old and new. WBCCI President Mona Heath welcomed all and Ken filled us in on the rules and reg's and told us a bit more about what to expect in the coming days.

Saturday morning was Opening Day. Couple by couple we awoke in the wee hours to slip down onto the field and await our first Dawn Patrol - those are the first balloons to ascend into the pre-dawn sky to determine the weather "up there" so that the other hundreds of balloons will be informed.

It was a cold foggy morning. The light emanating from these magnificent balloons cast an eerie and beautiful glow as they lifted off just at sunrise. Watching the first seven rise within minutes of each other was very cool. Seeing them disappear into the descending fog meant a delay for the fleet - if they can't see they can't land safely. But the show went on with Opening ceremonies including raising of our USA flag, singing of the National Anthem and an impressive 8 plane flyover formation.

Ultimately only a few more lifted off, but hundreds inflated all around us. Often,



we were unaware that balloons were inflating right behind us. Different sizes, shapes, colors -characters including Darth Vader, Yoda, Black Panther, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach - you name it, they all came alive. While all this is going on, there is a full-on carnival on the adjoining midway and soon we were trying to find the stand that made the ultimate breakfast burrito.

The next morning was a completely different experience. With no fog, every balloon was in the air by early morning, reports say anywhere from 500 to 800 taking off within seconds of each other. No matter the actual number - it felt like a gazillion and it was MAGIC - pure magic. It's such a sensory experience. You



feel compelled to keep taking pictures knowing full well that you simply cannot capture the feeling. They seemed to hover in the air for hours and all just above you. The view from our Airstream village was just as impressive as the launch field. This was an every-morning experience!

Watching the landings was also quite a show – several landed right next to us on the museum lawn, others in our parking lot or just off the grounds into dry creeks, city streets and parks. It's wonderfully crazy.

The evening shows began with paragliders flying through the sky with flames and fireworks shooting out of their boots- and had us all holding our breath. Next - hundreds of balloons inflate and light up on the field in the dark for a static Balloon Glow and the night ends with an impressive fireworks display. What a wonderful experience- a bucket list dream fulfilled!



CAVA ROBLES RV RESORT

November 14-18, 2019

One thing about GLAAC members- they know how to glamp. This fact was proved once again by the participants in the 21 shiny rigs that rolled into the November Event at Cava Robles RV Resort in Paso Robles. Co-hosts Yvonne Savage and Zaynea & Rizwan Niazi pulled out all the stops for a long weekend of fun and friendship.

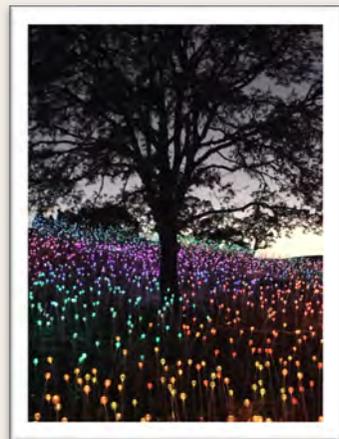


The first coup was the location: Cava Robles is Paso's newest and most luxurious RV Resort. It's located in rolling hill country just far enough off highway 46 to avoid noise and city lights. The sites were roomy with nice patios and the group had a beautiful pavilion for Party Central complete with gas barbecues, nice tables, comfy chairs, a cozy fire pit to relax around, and a hot tub to boot. What's not to like about that?

We started the festivities on Thursday evening with a Spanish-themed happy hour and tapas, crudités, charcuterie and vino (I said it was glamping...) We had a sign-up sheet for dishes- but you know us: in typical GLAAC style a veritable feast of delicacies, enough to feed a small army, was set out for us all to enjoy. As usual, there were enough leftovers to complement the breads, pastries and fruits provided by Susan & John Barrett for Friday morning breakfast.



On Friday evening many of the group carpooled to the "Sensorio Field of Lights." Reminiscent of the large Cristo art installations of the 60s and 70s, Sensorio consists of 58,000 solar-powered stemmed spheres lit by fiber optics that gently illuminate the landscape in subtle blooms of morphing color. Those who went enjoyed the ethereal light-based, sculptural experience.



Let's hear it for family. Zaynea & Rizwan, through family connections, organized a Saturday adventure in the vineyards of Paso Robles, at Levo Wine. The group had a tour of the production facility and barrel room, along with wine tasting and charcuterie.

Continuing the Latin theme, the Saturday evening happy hour and dinner was one of the happiest yet. Barbecued tri-tip, a huge pot of pinto beans with smoked turkey legs, and sides galore. And we learned how to make our own flour tortillas. What fun!



A few of us had to depart for home on Sunday, but those who remained had a free day to relax or explore local wineries and attractions. All who attended said they hope we can have another event in this location in the near future.





Are you with us for another year of Fun, Friendship + Adventure? Our membership drive continues through December, and we have some great events planned for 2020. We hope you've enjoyed being part of the longest rolling, single-branded RV club in the world. We look forward to seeing you around the campfire in 2020.

Members can renew right now by visiting the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club website:

<https://greaterlosangeles.airstreamclub.net/membership>

Affiliate members:

After renewing in your home club, it's easy to renew affiliate membership online using PayPal to: GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com or mail a check for \$49 payable to the GLA to:

Dennis Pall, Box 2238, Avila Beach, CA 93424

Be sure to note 'Affiliate Member' in Comment section.

2020

December 28 – January 1: Region 12 Rally–Rose Parade in Pasadena

Hosts: Region 12



Region 12 is again hosting the 39th Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena, California. It's dry camping only a couple of blocks from Colorado Blvd, site of the 131st Rose Parade on January 1, 2020. The Rally is always great fun. Pasadena offers many tourist attractions, the Tournament of Roses activities and of course ringing in the New Year with your WBCCI friends. **Wait List Only:** For more information: <https://region12.airstreamclub.net/>

January 20 – 24: Mid-Winter International Board of Trustees, Las Vegas

Hosts: Region 12



Join us at the highly rated Oasis Las Vegas Resort with its beautiful pools, spa, fitness center and 18-hole putting course on site. The colorful Las Vegas Strip and great entertainment are nearby as are several interesting museums including the Neon Museum, Carroll Shelby Museum and the National Atomic Testing Museum. You will find historical Hoover Dam and the beautiful Red Rock National Park just a short drive away from the RV Resort. An optional evening, "The Rat Pack is Back" will be available to our [Click here for registration](#)

January 23 – 27: Valley of Fire State Park, Overton, Nevada

Group Campsite with 12 dry camping sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



World-renowned for its 40,000 acres of bright red Aztec sandstone outcrops nestled in gray and tan limestone, Valley of Fire State Park contains ancient, petrified trees and petroglyphs dating back more than 2,000 years. A Visitor Center provides exhibits on the geology, ecology, pre-history, and history of the region.

February 6 – 10: El Chorro Regional Park, San Luis Obispo
12 Full-Hook Up Sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



El Chorro Regional Park and Campground is located on scenic Highway 1 between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. This is a popular park for those wishing to explore the Central Coast or spend a pleasant day in the park enjoying the view from its trails. Be sure to visit the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden and El Chorro Dog Park. Bring your golf clubs too as the Dairy Creek Golf Course is right next door!

March 5 – 9: Jumbo Rocks Campground, Joshua Tree National Park
12 Dry Camping Sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



Jumbo Rocks is one of the most popular campgrounds in Joshua Tree National Park. The campsites are situated among giant granite boulders. Each campsite has a concrete picnic table, fire pit and grill. This renowned Desert Park draws campers & hikers with its geological wonders and signature Joshua trees.

April 16 – 19: Region 12—Cali Rally, V6 Ranch in Parkfield

Hosts: Region 12

Wait List Only!



Return to the Wild West with this unique dry camping experience at the V6 Ranch. It will include campfires, music, great food, vendors, seminars, trail rides and the always anticipated chili cook-off! Click here for more information: <https://region12.airstreamclub.net/region-12-calendar/cali-rally/>

April 30 – May 4: Pinnacles National Park East

Reservation Info Below

Hosts & co-hosts needed



Pinnacles' night sky is sufficiently dark for stargazing and campers have a good chance of seeing wildlife; keep your eyes peeled for deer, coyote, racoon, foxes, and a wide variety of birds. The campground is located on the eastern side of the park and is open year-round. It boasts RV sites with electric hook-ups, a swimming pool, showers, flush toilets and a surprisingly well-stocked camp store. Drinking water and a dump station is located on site. If you haven't already reserved your site go on-line at: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234015> and book any site in the D loop.

May 14 – 18: Pismo North Beach Campground (Vintage Trailer Show)

Reservation Info Below

Hosts & co-hosts needed



Dry camping sites that accommodate tents to large RV's. Very well spread out, right on the beach and right next to Pismo Coast Village RV Resort—the location of the Pismo Vintage Trailer Rally. These sites fill up fast! To book your site go on-line at: <https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>

May 26 – 31: Alumapalooza in 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. Click here to register <http://alumapalooza.com/registration/>

*******Please note that there will be a mini caravan to the 2020 International Rally in Loveland Colorado (details to follow)*******

June 20 -27: International Rally in Loveland, Colorado



What better place to bring 700 Airstreams for the 63rd International Rally than The Ranch Events Complex in Loveland, CO! We will have full access to the First National Bank Exhibition North & South Halls, Larimer County Conference Center and the Thomas M. McKee 4H, Youth & Community Buildings with close to 50k square feet of meeting space.

The beautifully groomed and expansive 240 acres of land that comprise The Ranch will provide parking and space for outdoor activities, with the Rocky Mountains providing a stunning backdrop to the West.

For more information and to register click here: <https://loveland.airstreamclub.net/>

July—Open for Flash Rally

August 13 – 17: Holloway’s RV Park in Big Bear (unconfirmed) Full Hook-Up Sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



Enjoy one of the most romantic and family fun getaways in the Big Bear Mountains with your private RV site sitting right at Big Bear Lake with spectacular views. There is a convenience store within walking distance and many restaurants and attractions nearby. Plus, of course, you're directly next to Holloway's Marina where you can rent boats, go fishing, take a tour of the lake and more!

September 10 -14: Fallen Leaf Campground, Tahoe Reserve On-Line on March 14th (See Below) Hosts & co-hosts needed



This campground is situated on the north shore of Fallen Leaf Lake and adjacent to Taylor Creek. The south shore of Lake Tahoe is less than a mile away. Fallen Leaf Lake is less crowded and not as well-known as Lake Tahoe, making this a great base camp for exploring the many sights and recreational activities in the area. **To reserve your sites go on-line on March 14th at 07:00 am at:** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/23269>

October 5 – 9: Sequoia Ranch RV (Reservation Info Below)

Hosts & co-hosts needed



Nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills only 8 miles from the entrance of Sequoia National Park Sequoia RV Ranch offers fun and relaxing camping in a breathtaking natural setting. Open year-round, the ranch offers spacious and secluded campsites, many of which are positioned along the picturesque Kaweah River. Along with the hiking, biking, rafting, and expansive wildlife found at Sequoia National Park, a spring-fed swimming hole and a fishing hole are located on site, and nearby Kaweah Lake boasts excellent boating and water-skiing as well. To reserve your site call (559) 561-4333 or go on-line and book your stay at: <http://www.sequoiarvranch.com/>

October 21 – 25: Region 12 Rally–Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert

Hosts: Region 12



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. Registration information coming soon.

November 12 – 16: Newport Dunes RV Resort, Newport Beach

25 Full Hook-Up Sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



Located in the heart of Newport Beach, Newport Dunes RV Resort is nestled on the scenic Back Bay, packed with unrivaled features and activities for fun and relaxation. The resort's amenities include swimming pools, whirlpool spa, beach, waveless swimming lagoon, market, watersports rentals, marina, boat launch, on-site waterfront dining at the Back Bay Bistro, and year-round recreational activities for all ages.

December 10 – 14: Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach
“Event Fee Free” for Members & Affiliates
GLAAC’s Annual Holiday Party.
25 full hook-up sites. Hosts & co-hosts needed



This award winning, nationally recognized resort is conveniently located within walking distance from downtown Pismo Beach shopping, restaurants, and the famous Pismo Pier.

Pismo Coast Village RV Resort also offers many great amenities including a General Store, restaurant, heated pool, arcade, laundromat, bicycle rentals, and miniature golf.

Relax to the sound of the surf, scent of the salt air, and the feel of an ocean breeze. It won't take long to find you have discovered a unique RV camping paradise on the ocean.

This is our annual holiday party that is filled with great food, caroling, GLAACademy Awards, steal-a-gift, and great times around the campfire!
