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Upcoming Events

Great events are happening this year...and next! Be sure to check out the link below. 2017 is already shaping up!

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

May 19-20, 2016 SOLD OUT
(contact Lynda for possible cancellations)
Pismo Vintage Trailer Show

May 21- Aug. 1
North, to Alaska! **FULL**

President's Message

Well that was fun! I still have a Cali Rally glow after spending time with some hearty and adventurous Airstreamers from around California and Nevada as we dry camped at Camatta Ranch near Santa Margarita. Ranch owners, Felicia & Mark, did such an outstanding job of making us feel so welcome. The seminars put on by our fellow Airstreamers from maintenance, drones, ham radios, yoga, and succulents; to the vendors and local clubs which provided archery, olive oil tastings, beer and wine tastings, and great entertainment; to our evening campfire chats, the Chili Cook Off, line dancing, swap meet, Camatta Casserole cooked up in Dutch Ovens... this was truly an over-the-top event! A slideshow is available on our Region 12 website: <http://region12.wbcci.net/region-12-calendar/past-events/region-12-cali-rally/>

It is events such as this one, along with our local, more intimate gatherings, that make me realize the importance of our Airstream community. I know I have developed many friendships over our passion for aluminum! If you haven't experienced an event, head over to our website and sign up for one. And be sure to 'Save the Date' for the 2017 Cali Rally to be held at the Mariposa Fairgrounds, May 4-7, 2017.

Sept. 20-25, 2016 4 SPOTS LEFT!
Alumafandang, 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



Thank you to all who responded to my March 28 email on the upcoming vote to be held at the International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia. It's true that most of our fun is had here in our local club, but we are part of something much bigger, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). Founded by Wally's cousin, Helen Byam Schwamborn in 1955, I am always proud to say, 'We are the longest rolling, single-brand RV club in the world'. Along with our awesome members, this is what truly describes who and what we are. Your vote, and therefore your voice, will be heard in the upcoming election to be held at the International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia. A special Thank You goes out to Gail Williams who will carry our vote to the International Rally this year!

Are you keeping up with all the Social Media possibilities around our Club? The Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club has a Facebook Page open to the public; we also have a secret page for members and affiliates to share photos, travel logs, etc. For access to the secret page, drop a line to John, our Social Media Chair at: SocialMedia.GLAAC@gmail.com. He will be happy to add you to our group. Region 12 (California/Nevada) has a Facebook page, as does the WBCCI. Other great Facebook pages to follow are *Moving WBCCI Forward* and *RunMonaRun*. One page gives you insight into forward movement in our International club, while the other gives you access to Mona Heath, our 3rd International Vice President candidate, as she makes her way to West Virginia. We wish you a safe journey on your travels, Mona!

And with the summer months fast approaching, we wish you all happy trails and a safe journey. Be sure to share your photos on our Facebook page and keep the shiny side up!

Lynda



Gotta Camatta! Lazy Arrow Adventures

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✧ CAMATTA RANCH

✧ *JUST A BOTTLE CAP TOSS AWAY FROM SANTA MARGARITA IN THE CENTRAL COAST, THIS 35,000 (OR SO) ACRE RANCH WAS A PERFECT WEEKEND HOEDOWN FOR THE 2016 CALI RALLY!*

EVENT A SUCCESS!

The grand festivities officially started on Thursday April 21st, but it took much coordination and planning by the core volunteer group to insure that all would have a romping good ole' time. Set-up began on Wednesday, and by the time I parked my rig and put my boots and cowboy hat on, the beer tasting was in full swing! A Firestone Beer tasting was graciously arranged by Susan and John Barrett, and there were no dry mouths in the crowd. It was a perfect starter and clearly set the tone for the weekend. Once we wet our

whistles, burgers were grilled over an open fire by our Ranch hosts, Mark & Felicia.

Nothing tastes better than a meal in the wide open, especially when it is finished with Sundaes!



CAMP COFFEE
MAUREEN WALLACE , MEMBER OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AIRSTREAM CLUB, SHARED HER CAST IRON COOKING TALENTS WITH ALL ATTENDEES.



"We were so inspired, we went out and bought cowboy boots last night!"



Friday Morning

Cowboy gear outfitted even those who had never ridden a horse! Neither foxtails nor cloud cover could dampen the spirits of the day. Hot coffee under the oaks with a breakfast of yogurt, sliced strawberries and blueberries kept us alert and light on our toes. And with morning yoga led by Juliet, there was no reason we did not feel as good as spring chickens!

So many choices for the day; a hayride to tour the ranch, archery, a succulent garden presentation, and a solar seminar by Jim Polk and Ralph Perri. A special "thank you" to Jim Polk for always sharing his expertise on AIRSTREAM maintenance, repairs, and general upkeep. One is sure to walk away learning something beneficial! One of the great advantages to being a GLAAC member!

And a thank you goes out to Eric McHenry for his presentation on

Ham Radio Operating. I am sure he started a new "trend" and hobby amongst his audience. I have asked Eric to put together a "beginners" list of what to purchase to get going as a Ham operator. So hoping to see something in the near future from Eric. (Congrats, John Barrett, on passing your Ham test!)

Star gazing was the late night event, and Alan's enthusiasm was not deterred by the weather. We are hoping to have an opportunity for gazing at future events, when Mother Nature cooperates! Thanks, Alan!

Was I surprised at the "closet gardeners" who came out in the mist and cold to create their own succulent pots. Fun was had by all getting our hands in the dirt, sharing a succulent or two with a friend, and walking "home" with a memory to take on the road! Gary Mellinger wins a ribbon for most enthusiastic. Had the rain and

wind not started, he would have been potting all afternoon!

Meanwhile, the aroma of chili was in the air, as contestants prepared their best of the best for the evening Chili Cook Off. At times, it was difficult to concentrate on the seminars, as the smell of cumin and spices filled the air.

Somewhere in between chili preparation and the start of the tasting, the world passed me by as I took a very nice and needed nap in my trailer. When I awoke, sliding back my bedroom curtains, I viewed a long line of anxious tasters, spoons in hand. They looked mighty hungry, so quickly donning my boots and slamming the screen door behind me, I found a spot in line. So many excellent recipes, too many to



Kids were playing in the teepee, jumping on bales of hay, filled the air with laughter, imaginations in full swing!



taste them all. But you could see and smell the love coming from each black skillet. Winners were announced. Congrats to Maureen & Kevin Wallace for taking First Place. Second Place was to Juliet Scheuer and Third Place honor to Linda Bauer. Tough competition, tough competitors, and great chilis!

Each night, campers wrapped in warm wear circled around the flames of the open campfire, continuing to share stories, hopes, and dreams and talk about the day's events.

Saturday Morning,

Cowboy boots stepping across the earth and the smell of coffee in the air was the signal for me to get up as another peek out my window showed the group seated at picnic tables and cooks carrying cast iron skillets, lids topped with coals. A camp breakfast, prepared over an open fire by Kevin & Maureen, offered a meal of egg and potato burritos. Great way to start the day!

In the afternoon, olive oil and vinegar tasting was offered and up for purchase. I chose the Olive Oil w/ Lemon and Fig Balsamic and the Truffle Sea Salt. There was a great selection laid out for sampling.

The big event for Saturday was the evening dinner, prepared by Camatta Ranch staff. We were shuttled to the stage area, where music was playing, wine was being tasted, and appetizers being sampled. If one wasn't dancing, they were swinging their feet side to side, or unknowingly swaying to the music while visiting and eating! The best BBQ of tri-tip and chicken this side of the Rockies was served. But it was the toasted garlic bread that kept our menfolk going back for more, and more. Somehow, even with all the food and drink, everyone found room for the Sundaes.

Sunday Morning

Coffee was again provided, but this time, there were fewer takers, as somewhere between sunset and sunrise, a few trailers had been packed and hooked up. Only traces remained were a few tire tracks and a lonely empty campsite. Others moved rigs to accommodate fellow travelers room to maneuver their trailers in between other trailers and oak branches. We did a quick beauty pageant wave from our truck and followed a few other trailers down the single-lane dirt road. Once hitting the highway, the choice was to turn right or left. The three lead trailers turned left, and we sadly were the only ones to make a right turn. The reality hit that we would no longer continue the camaraderie of our Airstream friends. Melancholy set in, and if not for the beauty of the countryside, we just may have turned around for one more night of boondocking! But, real life can grab you! It did, and I remembered my map was nearby and I was ready to plan the next adventure!



Thank you to photographers John & Susan Barrett, Alan Amundsen, Reiko Schofield, Kent Schroeder, and others for the wonderful Cali Rally pictures!



Mark you calendars! Cali Rally 2017, May 4-7 at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds!

Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club
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Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club
Members Page (secret)

WBCCI Region 12

Region 12 News

May 21-Aug 1: Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club goes **North, to Alaska** (Sold-Out)

June 11-July 1: South Coast Unit **Wine-Tasting Caravan** to the Central Coast.

Oct 12-16: The **Region 12 Rally** this year will be held at Golden Palms RV Resort in Hemet, CA. It will be hosted by the El Camino Real Unit, which is developing a seasonal theme and lots of activities for attendees.

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