

The Urban Update

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President's Message

We ended 2015 on a super high note when we welcomed 18 Airstreams to our event in Temecula! From numerous wineries to Old Town, from informative Orange County Airstream guest speakers to great food, along with the State of the GLA address, a lively Steal-A-Gift and outstanding Airstream camaraderie, the Pechanga RV Resort was the perfect location to close out our first full year as a club. A big round of applause and a heartfelt thank you to those who assisted with the fun to make this event so successful. Our members' energy, enthusiasm and participation were definitely over the top! A special shout out to Pam and Dennis Pall who provided the awesome desserts, which paired perfectly with the salmon, fettuccine and Caesar salad feast we all enjoyed.

December's event was also a time to recognize, and thank, our club's officers who work behind the scenes to bring you a great club experience. Hats off to all beginning with club treasurer, Jim Polk, who keeps us 'in the black'. Interesting to note, our club is almost 100% online. Using PayPay to sign up for events makes it easier for you and Jim...no more envelopes, stamps and post offices, no more running to the bank to deposit checks. This is a big time saver and makes the position of treasurer much easier.

Nancy Jackson keeps Membership running smoothly and welcomes new members to the club while Helen Perri is our webmaster extraordinaire. Thank you, ladies! Hard at work behind the scene is John Barrett, our Social Media Chair, who sets up all members on the 'secret' Facebook page which allows members an opportunity to share photos, travel recommendations, and more, all with the most privacy available online. Yvonne Savage skillfully maintains club duties as secretary and oversees our amazing events as Event Chair. Thank you, John and Yvonne!

And where would we be without Jean and Alan Amundsen, co-editors of the Urban Update? Thank you both for doing such a stellar job in delivering a great edition, every time, which keeps our members informed of our club activities.

So where do we go from here? Our first event of the year, held at Pinnacles National Park, was attended by some hearty Airstreamers who camped atop the San Andreas Fault, braved a rainy evening which did not dampen the party's spirit in the least, and were rewarded with a beautiful star-filled sky and crackling fire on Saturday evening. Several members hiked with the GLA dog pack while others participated in some adventurous spelunking. Put this newest national park on your bucket list and head to Paicines, near King City, to experience Pinnacles in the spring or fall due to hot summer temps. Thank you to Susan and John Barrett who organized this new location for our members. Your knowledge of the area, along with helpful seasonal directions, was very much appreciated by those attending the kick off event for 2016.

Keep the shiny side up and be sure to note our new web address to see where our adventures will take place in 2016!

Lynda

<http://greaterlosangelesairstreamclub.wbcci.net/>

Upcoming Events

Feb. 18-21, 2016
Palm Springs Modernism Show

Feb. 29-Mar. 5, 2016
Flash Event, "Spring Training," Phoenix, AZ

Mar. 15-20, 2016
Borrego Springs, CA

April 21-24, 2016
Cali Rally, Santa Margarita CA

May 19-20, 2016
Pismo Vintage Trailer Show

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

Sept. 20-25, 2016
Alumafandango, 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





Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Annual Meeting Minutes Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula December 12, 2015

Treasurer's Report

Jim Polk shared that we have three GLA bank accounts which include Pay-Pal, Checking and Savings accounts. After payment to Pechanga RV Resort there will be approximately \$4,000 in the combined accounts.

The treasury has accrued funds to pay deposits for events, but the goal is to have a reserve and not have a negative balance. The \$49.00 dues assist in creating funds in the account. Jim suggested members continue to use Pay Pal when paying dues or event fees. This assists in making the treasurer's work much easier. Also, refunding members, when necessary, is quick and easy.

State of the GLA Address

President Lynda Polk thanked those in attendance for joining/renewing their membership with the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club and commented that on her travels to present our new club at the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming in 2014, the GLA was one of two new clubs in the WBCCI in decades.

Current membership drive runs through the end of December. Lynda stated that, "Stats and quantifiable things are great, but it's the 'unquantifiable' things, such as the friendships that develop, which are most meaningful." The desire of GLA is fun and forward thinking with the shift towards 'club' vs. 'unit', making us easier to find online by new Airstream owners.

A new club is being formed in Region 12 (California and Nevada), the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club; and an existing 50+ year club is updating from the Santa Clara Unit to the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club. In Utah, the newly formed Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club is seeking sanctioning at the mid-winter IBT in Rayne, LA. We also look forward to welcoming WBCCI Europe.

Lynda Polk thanked each board member for their hard work and efforts this past year. A special thanks was given our treasurer for keeping the books in the black.

A call was made for a Vice President. If you're interested in a leadership role in the GLA, contact Lynda.

In closing she asked, "Where do you want to go in 2106? Let's decide!"

Pam gave a special "thank you" to Lynda for her hard work.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Savage
Secretary, GLA

Membership Update

We just completed our year-end membership renewal and now we are again excited about our coming adventures. I am so thrilled to share more fun with all of you.

Some of us may wonder why we really want to belong to our club. I know why! We have loved the new friendships we have made, the amazing places we have been together, and the shared knowledge and experience members bring to our club—How do you fix those popped rivets? Or how can you make sure your brake system is hooked up correctly? Some members like to caravan to new locations, exchange recipes, and share meals together. The list goes on and on.

We can be on our own if we choose, we can join on a hike, or we can sit together by a bonfire. The laughs, the fun, but most of all going to new places that we would never even know existed, are what you can't experience on your own.

Looking forward to another year of adventure. I am so glad you are coming along!

Nancy Jackson
GLA Membership Chair

Region 12 News

Region 12 Officers

President: Tom Smithson
First Vice President: Jim Polk
Second Vice President: Cecelia Stansbury
Recording Secretary: Birgit Iliew
Treasurer: Judy Bechthold
Parliamentarian: Hedda Smithson

Around the Region

April 21-14: **Cali Rally** at Camatta Ranch in Santa Margarita.

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.

Sept. 16-20: San Diego Unit caravan to **Alumafandango** in Jackson, CA.

The Region 12 Rally this year will be held Oct 12-16 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. Watch this space for details as well as registration information when it becomes available.



Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club (public)
Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Members Page (secret)
WBCCI Region 12

Pinnacles National Park

GLA's first event of 2016 was held on January 21-23 at Pinnacles National Park. Pinnacles NP is one of our newest National Parks and is home to California condors, wild turkeys, coyotes, bobcats, Valley Quail and a variety of bats. The park has great hiking opportunities, most notably on it's peaks and through it's caves.

On Thursday, after journeying through classic California oak lands north of King City, the 6 Airstreams settled into a quiet East Pinnacles campground. For the next three days 11 hearty souls explored the park between rain showers; they hiked the Balconies, Bear Gulch, and Bench trails; they walked their dogs on the dirt roads along the park's eastern border.

Thursday's evening Happy Hour and Maureen Wallace's Friday evening Taco Feast were hosted by Nancy and Michael Jackson, under their awning and out of the driving rain. We enjoyed a dryish Saturday Evening Potluck under a full moon among valley and live oaks.--**John Barrett**

ABOVE RIGHT: Yvonne, Susan, John, Collease, Nancy, Jim, and Lynda.

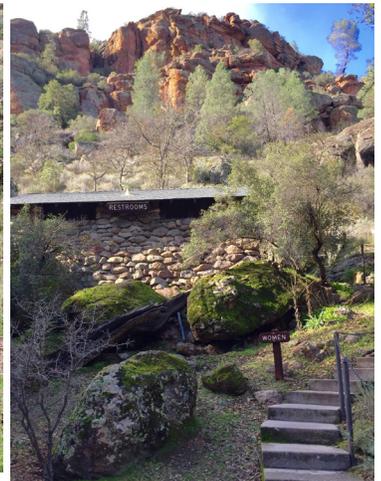
BELOW LEFT: Collease, Susan, Michael, Jim, Lynda, and Jim.

BELOW RIGHT: Kevin, Maureen, Nancy, Yvonne, and Collease.



ABOVE: John, Susan, Maureen, Nancy, and Jim.

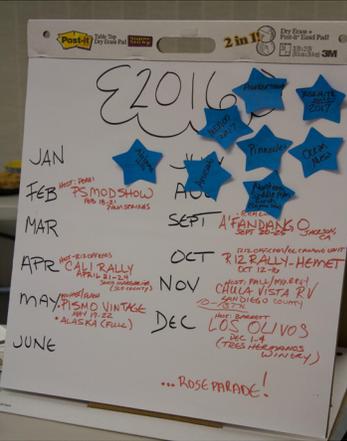
BELOW: Susan, Maureen, and Nancy



Temecula, December 10-13

What a wonderful ending of a year full of fantastic activities! The event in Temecula was our largest yet- 18 Airstreams plus 37 happy Airstreamers equalled a great time had by all.

BELOW: Lynda with badge recipients . Front Row: Eileen, Sandra, Nowell, and Jennifer. Back Row: Tim, Carolyn, Andy, Jeff, Deborah, and Jim.



CLOCKWISE: Ready for Steal-A-Gift, 2016 planning and wish list, Jim and Lynda, pretty Airstreams all in a row, Rosemary, Lynda and her ruby slipper, Helen and dapper Ralph, Jeff and Debra, Kelly and Mario, Sylvia, and happy diners.



MODERNISM WEEK

Palm Springs, February 18-21, 2016



This is a Buddy Event. Invite your non-Airstream camping friends to join us!

This February, you'll *wish you were here* in swank 'n swingin' Palm Springs to take in the Palm Springs Modernism Show and Vintage Trailer Show, February 18-21. Book now so you have a little R+R with your club to look forward to.

Thursday evening, after making camp, we'll relax by ourselves or join in some BBQ action. *Late-breaking note for the evening of Friday the 19th:* the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club has received an open house invitation from members **Kelley and Mark** to their midcentury modern home in Palm Desert! The Bachli family has graciously opened their beautiful desert home for us to gather. For those attending on Friday evening, please bring along a favorite bottle of wine, or two, and appetizers to share with others. Mark and Kelley have opened their home, but the GLA is bringing the party!

We have reserved three nights at an unbelievable rate of \$44/night (with 10+ rigs; \$50/night if <10...either way a bargain in the desert!) in a group area at Sam's Family Spa and Hot Water Resort in Desert Hot Springs. Check it out at <http://www.samsfamilyspa.com>

Make your reservation now so you are enjoying Mod Week in the desert at one of the best times of year, during the dull lull after the holidays and before spring busts out in the rest of the West. Back at your rig, enjoy hot-spring soaks, saunas, swimming pools, aggressive hanging, or simply a good night's sleep and hot shower before running off to Mod Week events. We have reserved 10 FULL HOOKUPS for three nights, starting Thursday, February 18 and departing on Sunday, February 21.

Sam's mineral water pools are non-sulphurous, chlorine-free, emptied nightly and refilled from the underground springs that give Desert Hot Springs its name. Our full-hookup sites include picnic tables and access to all pools, showers, lounge areas, picnic and BBQ facilities. There are laundry facilities on site and a nicely equipped, fenced dog-walk area available, a large pond with lush tropical landscaping, exotic waterfowl and lovely grounds for outdoor meals and relaxing.

Reserve your site via PayPal to GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com, noting the event and total nights you plan to camp. Then check out the events at the Palm Springs Modernism Show and Vintage Trailer Show (link below). It is highly recommended you grab tickets to Saturday's much-anticipated Vintage Trailer Show. This year, event producer and GLA affiliate, Mona Heath, is planning another carefully curated array of fine vintage travel-coaches. Airstream will be well-represented of course! You do not want to miss the Vintage Trailer Show! Buy your \$25 tickets at the gate, or avoid the lines, ensure entry, and make your purchase in advance: <http://www.modernismweek.com/event/details/249030/>

Buy your tickets to any PS Mod Event today as they will sell out:
<http://www.modernismweek.com/available/>





GLA Spring Training Flash Event
February 29 - March 5, 2016
Here's a great opportunity to take in your favorite team at
Spring Training near Phoenix, Arizona!

Where to make reservations?

Desert Shadows RV Resort, full hookups. Website: <http://www.phoenixrvresorts.com/> 19203 North 29th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027. The resort is a half hour drive to Camelback Ranch in Glendale where the Dodgers play. The dates available to us are February 29th through March 5th. You may make your reservations for any number of days within that time frame. Stay for a few days or the week. The "core" days will be Wednesday, March 2 through Saturday, March 5. We must depart on Sunday, March 6 as the resort will be full. It's incredible we could get spots at this time but we have them to the first 15 club members who call and reserve!

Simply call 800.595.7290. Let her know you're with the 'Los Angeles Airstream Club'. Cost is \$54 + tax per night with a Good Sam discount. If you do not have Good Sam, the rate is \$60 + tax per night. If you can make it, *please call them as soon as possible as these sites will go quickly!* Office hours are 8:30 am to 4 pm, Arizona time (an hour ahead of California time).

What is a Flash Event?

No event fees, no host, no schedule. We'll meet for great baseball and gather in the evenings if time allows.

Baseball Schedule

<http://www.springtrainingonline.com/features/master-schedule-cactus.htm>

Purchase tickets

<http://www.cactusleague.com/tickets-stadiums.php>

Rosemary and I were at Spring Training two years ago and it was fabulous. You can get great seats, see your favorite players up close and even get their autographs for your kids, grandkids....or yourself! The players are very accessible during training season. Not into baseball? Phoenix is a great place to be early Spring and the weather is perfect! Once you've made your reservations, let me know so we can look for you. If there is an interest in attending a game as a group, I'll be happy to put something together.

Send your questions to me via email or call!

Mike Anderson

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March 15-16-17, 2016

**The Springs at Borrego
2255 DiGiorgio Road
Borrego Springs, CA 92004
760.767.0004
www.SpringsatBorrego.com**



For all our Airstreaming life, we have been chasing the elusive wildflowers in the Anza-Borrego Desert. This is a beautiful phenomenon that occurs *only* when the stars are aligned. OK, maybe not stars, but the wildflowers do refuse to come out if there's too much or too little rainfall; or too early or too late in the season. March has historically brought out the best of the wildflowers, might this be *the year*?!

We've put on hold a handful of boondock sites at The Springs at Borrego, rated in the top 3% of all resorts in North America. Why dry camp? To start, it's high season in the desert and for only \$30/night you'll get three nights for the price of one regular site and you can experience all the resort amenities at the most beautiful RV park in the desert! Enjoy the surrounding golf course, take in the salt water swimming pool and mineral spas, book a massage, bike the spacious resort on paved roads, and let your dog enjoy the best grassy, fenced dog run around. There is a dump station available at the park.

Is there more to do in the desert? Absolutely! Several great hikes, easy off-road drives, the amazing sculptures of Galleta Meadows, an outstanding desert interpretive center and more!

To sign up for this event....

- Call the Resort to make your reservations directly (info above) and **book under 'Polk' the evenings of March 15, 16, 17.**
- Reserve your spot ASAP to ensure availability at this popular resort. The desert fills with wildflower enthusiasts in March and the Springs at Borrego cannot guarantee sites for long. They are putting us together so we can gather and enjoy the first International Dark Sky Community in California.

- Head over to PayPal and send \$20 to cover a dinner with friends under the stars! GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com. Be sure to note “Anza-B” in the Comment section. Or you may send a check payable to ‘GLA’ to Polk, 802 El Toro Road, Ojai, CA 93023
- After you’ve booked your dry camp site, shoot me an email to let me know you’re coming at: Lberinger@jps.net

Questions? Bring ‘em on. We look forward to welcoming you to the 600,000-acre Anza-Borrego Desert, the largest state park in California.

Lynda + Jim and Nancy + Tim



Helpful websites to peruse:

The Springs at Borrego RV Resort

www.SpringsatBorrego.com

Wildflower info:

<http://www.abdnha.org/pages/03flora/reports/current.htm>

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/road-654934-desert-borrego.html>

Extend your stay and take a wildflower photography workshop!

<http://theabf.org/calendar/month/2016-03>

International Dark Sky info:

<http://www.visitcalifornia.com/attraction/stargazing-anza-borrego-desert-state-park>

<http://theabf.org/dark-sky-borrego-springs>

Galleta Meadows sculptures by artist Ricardo Breceda

<http://www.desertusa.com/borrego/bs-art.html>

Camatta Cattle Ranch is comprised of 32,000 acres in San Luis Obispo County. The Ranch dates to the Mexican land grant days of 1846.

We'll be circling our aluminum wagons in a secluded camping area surrounded by oak trees with picnic tables and campfire rings. The nearest store is 25 miles from the Ranch, so please bring necessary provisions for your stay.

The days may be warm and the evenings cool so be sure to pack a hat, boots/sturdy closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, binoculars and all you will need to enjoy the ranch lifestyle*.

This event is off-the-grid, expect no cell service. Be ready to disconnect, relax and enjoy the Ranch lifestyle!

*This is a dry camp event, come with empty black and full fresh water. Ranch field cleared, however, may include gopher holes, foxtails and all that comes with ranch life!



Howdy,

We would like to extend an invitation to join us at the now legendary Cali Rally to be held at Camatta Ranch near San Luis Obispo. Home to exotic animals, aquatic fossils, condors, hawks and hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails, the Ranch provides us a truly unique Airstream experience.



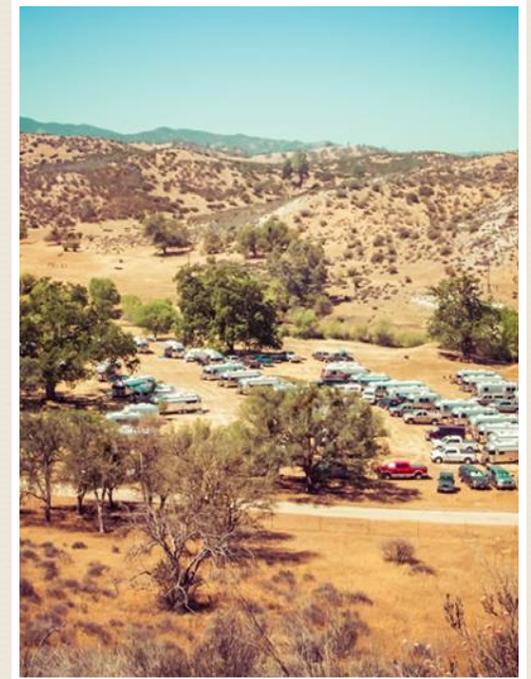
Mark your calendars and join us for some western fun in the Golden State.

Tom Smithson, Jim Polk, Cecelia Stansbury
Region 12 Officers



Photos courtesy of John Barrett, GLA

IT'S CALI RALLY TIME!



**A UNIQUE EVENT FOCUSED ON
FUN FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE**

Camatta Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
9330 Camatta Creek Road
Santa Margarita, California
April 21-24, 2016





Sign up early! This popular event is limited to the first 60 Airstreams.

Region 12 Cali Rally

April 21-24, 2016

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Rally info: This is a dry camp/boondock experience with no hookups, handicap parking or WiFi available.

Airstream with 2 adults \$295

Airstream with 1 adult \$225

Add'l attendees (10+ yrs) _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

**PayPal gladly accepted at:
CaliRallyWBCCI@gmail.com**

**Mail check/coupon to: R12 Cali Rally,
c/o Polk, 802 El Toro Road, Ojai CA 93023**

CANCELLATION DATE: FEBRUARY 1

BRUSH OFF THOSE BOOTS...JOIN THE FUN

The 2016 Cali Rally is going big with even *more* exciting new seminars and special events! Bring the family and get ready for an over-the-top ranch experience!



THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Arrive at the ranch and settle in. Greet old friends and meet new ones! Grab a hay bale and enjoy lunch on your own under the shade of a stately oak tree. Play Corn Hole with friends, hike, bike, read. Enjoy a local brew at Social Hour and entertainment followed by a casual ranch dinner provided by our hosts. Gather around the evening's campfire and just try to count the stars!

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Breakfast provided, followed by free time to hike, bike, explore the ranch or just relax. Join in the morning's session of Yoga Under the Trees. Gather in the Community Camp for the Ranch trolley tour. Learn about the history of the ranch and its exotic animals. Lunch on your own. Afternoon seminars include Light Maintenance/Jim Polk; Get Ready to Glamp/Yvonne Savage. Social hour and Chili Cookoff/Potluck. Who will take First Place this year? Evening star gazing with Alan Amundsen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Breakfast provided. Gather in Community Camp for Ranch trolley tour. Yoga Under the Trees, hike, bike, nap. The afternoon seminars include Everything Succulent/Yvonne Savage and Light Maintenance, Part 2/Jim Polk. Try your hand at archery. Sample some outstanding olive oil and balsamic vinegars. In the evening, jump on the trolley for a wine tasting Social Hour followed by a scrumptious BBQ dinner, ranch style. Entertainment with Wally B and the CaliRally Allstars!

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Coffee provided. Safe journey home!