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Upcoming Events

2018

This tiny space cannot hold all the wonderful events we have planned for 2018. Check out pages 8-13 for a complete schedule of the exciting adventures we have coming up in this year!

New Year, New Adventures!

To our members who participated in the December Newport Dunes RV Resort gathering, thank you for making this, our largest gathering to date, so enjoyable! Was it the amazing beach location and the ability to celebrate the holidays together? Maybe it was the annual Steal-A-Gift or just the opportunity to gather and share our love for aluminum. With a myriad of things to do in the area including Balboa Island, Roger's Gardens, biking, shopping, outstanding restaurants, kayaking and electric boats on the bay, I'm certain this destination will return to the Events Schedule in the future.

The annual business meeting at Newport Dunes was well attended and I always appreciate hearing your candid input on our club and all things Airstream. Look for the meeting minutes to be added to our website soon. Takeaways from this meeting included our newly revised Constitution and By Laws (C&BLs) now available online; we will have an election later this year for 2019 officers; and we will continue to provide two Event-Fee-Free opportunities to our members this year. This is a great way to show appreciation for our members by 'giving back' to those who have made this the fun and adventurous club it is today.

This year is filled with many excellent opportunities to explore and enjoy our Airstreams. April's Cali Rally will be held at the Parkfield, California V6 Ranch, a new locale for this event and in June we'll caravan to the 61st annual International Rally in Salem, Oregon, the first west coast International in a dozen years!



January in Joshua Tree!

We'll continue the adventure with a caravan to explore amazing Utah and it's national parks immediately following the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club-hosted Region 12 Rally at the highly rated Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort. More information will be coming your way soon regarding this event but be sure to mark your calendar as the Region 12 Rally gives you the opportunity to meet dozens of WBCCI members from around California and Nevada.

There are new locations to experience listed on our website as well as a few favorites that include a return to February's Palm Springs Modernism Show/Vintage Trailer Event and The Pismo Vintage in May. I look forward to seeing you at these exciting events in 2018!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members Philip & Jeanne of Rancho Santa Margarita and DeWayne & Kathleen of Claremont, Ron & Phyllis of Sunland and Shirley & Devin of Los Angeles. We all look forward to meeting you around the campfire soon!

Lynda



Newport Dunes, November 30- December 3, 2017

by Nancy Murphy



On November 30th, twenty-two shiny aluminum rigs pulled in and gathered at Newport Dunes RV Park to celebrate another great year rolling with the GLAAC.



What a lovely location for our last event of 2017. The property was decked out in full holiday regalia and the bay was glowing with numerous bright and colorful floating Christmas trees.



On Thursday evening members and affiliates, both seasoned and first-timers, gathered at "party central" for a hosted Happy Hour under a crisp, bright, starry night sky. New friendships were forged, and old ones renewed.



Friday morning dawned clear and sunny. Attendees gathered once again at party central for coffee and breakfast and to share plans and ideas for how to best take advantage of the area.

The rest of the day found members biking, walking, and kayaking as well as visiting Balboa Island, Rogers' Gardens, and Laguna Beach. We were so fortunate to have such beautiful weather and we all took advantage of it!



Saturday morning, we grabbed our coffee and met for the annual business meeting. Afterwards, we spent the rest of the day exploring the area, reading, visiting or just relaxing. Once again, the weather was balmy and clear.

Saturday night, we gathered for our Holiday Party to celebrate another year of “fun, friendship, and adventure.” We feasted on a lovely dinner of Chicken Fettuccini and salmon...and then it was time for the “Steal-A-Gift” tradition.



It seems that this is a much-anticipated event, and although our members were unusually polite, we did have a few much-contested items and some good-natured rivalry.



We returned to our Airstreams with smiles on our faces and warm feelings for one another. We are looking forward to continuing the fun at Tres Hermanas this coming December. Mark your calendars!

See y'all down the road!



Joshua Tree and Jumbo Rocks REALLY Rock!

By Dennis Pall

Fantastic is just one of the superlatives we could use to describe the GLAAC's rally at Joshua Tree National Park's Jumbo Rocks campground in January. Others might be *wonderful*, *beautiful*, and *scrumptious*; other adjectives would be *friendly* and *new*.

The scenery was fantastic in this lovely desert campground set among, what else-- Jumbo Rocks and Joshua Trees. On arrival, we found the park busier than we had anticipated for this time of year, but nevertheless, everyone found a campsite perfect for their size rig. It was a bit more spread out than we would have liked, but after all the food (more on that in a minute) the walk between



campsites did us good. Many participated in a variety of day hikes to places like Skull Rock and Hidden Valley organized by Ralph Perri, or a short walk through the "Hall of Horrors." Steve Hammer organized a ranger-guided tour of the Keys' Homestead.



The weather was “Wonder-full” and varied- never getting too hot, as Joshua Tree can be later in the year, nor too cold (well..?) Temperatures ranged from 46 to 70 degrees in the daytime,



accompanied by soft breezes, and dipped down into the 40's to low 30's at night. A few of our number- absent our New York members, the Ingersolls- who escaped the state to be away from it- were pleased to wake up early Saturday morning to falling snow that blanketed our campsites.

Consistent with the desert's ever-changing weather, the clouds cleared, giving way to a bright sunny day. Shortly thereafter they moved back



in and pleased the group with another light dusting.

Saturday remained cool and blustery but could not quell our stalwart campers' enthusiasm. Adding to the sense of wonder was the darkness, and the howl of the resident coyotes further enhanced the experience in this incredible national park.



The night sky was beautiful, and with a new moon and a perfectly cloudless sky, the evenings and late-night hours provided exceptional (yet another superlative) sky gazing opportunities. Kay Hoevel came fully equipped with a spotting scope and telescope, while others like Alan Amundsen, the club's sky- gazer-in-residence, enjoyed the magnificent stars and constellations with binoculars.

Scrumptious. For any that have ever attended a GLAAC event, need we say more? The group shared appetizers at Party Central the first night of arrival, Tuesday, and rekindled friendships over good food, soft drinks, and adult-styled beverages. On Thursday the group again gathered at Party Central for a "stellar" Pot Luck. A number of things can be said about our eats, but one thing is a constant, no one goes away hungry.

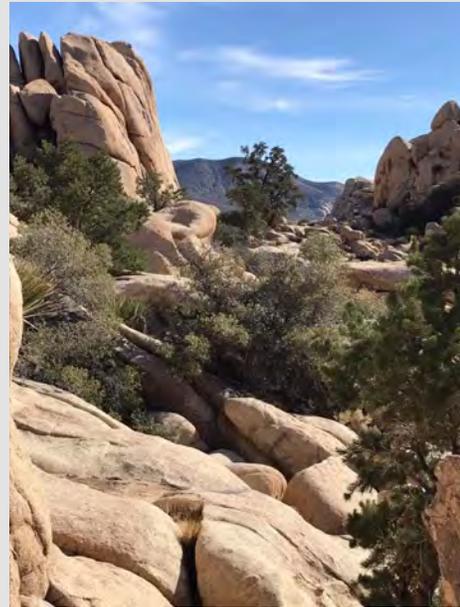


Friendly? Indeed! You must experience a GLAAC campout to really appreciate what a truly wonderful club this is. We come from varied backgrounds but hold a couple things near and dear-our love of the outdoors and our love of our Airstreams. Instant bonds are formed. This was evident in each and every one who attended: The Amundsens, Hoevels, and Ingersolls; the Hammers, Perris, and Morrows; the Polks, Calderons, Palls, and Bob Hawkins. So magnetic is our Aluminum's draw, the group also entertained member-at-large, full-timer Wanda Christianson, and Ron Karpel who is scoping out a club for him and his wife to join with their new Airstream. A couple from Idaho, Glen and Patricia, and Bruno Zibarh from "all over the world," rounded out the party, joining the festivities and experiencing first-hand GLAAC hospitality.

A couple of maiden voyages were set a-sail at the event. Notably Rudy and Linda Calderons' brand-new 30-foot Flying Cloud. They literally picked up their rig at the dealership on Tuesday and drove it directly to meet the group. (We might add, too, that their beautiful new rig was towed by "Rudy's" spanking-new Toyota Tundra.) The Hoevels had their new Lexus LX570 out on its first tow; with that kind of power, Kay and Ken were both impressed with its capabilities. And further on the subject of "new," and really that which is of lasting value, many new friends were made and previous relationships cemented.

The only regret we had was missing our friends who were unable to join us, but we're happy that we'll see you all very soon.

If you have yet to attend one of the many events we've planned for 2018, and we have something every month, we encourage you to experience the "fantastic-ness", the wonder, the beauty, the "scrumptious-ness", the friendliness that is the GLAAC. It is this experience that defines your club, the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club.



Joshua Tree NP Album



Photo Credits: Steve Hammer, Pamela Pall, Jean Amundsen

GLAAC 2018 Event Schedule



February 22nd - 25th: Palm Springs Modernism Week & Vintage Trailer Show Event is **SOLD OUT!**

On February 22nd thirteen Airstreams will head to the Emerald Desert RV Resort in Palm Desert, a beautifully appointed full service resort complete with pools, spas, a putting green and dog park. With an address on Frank Sinatra Drive, you know this will be a great time!

In addition, GLAAC Airstreamers can participate in the always-popular Palm Springs Modernism Week! With so many optional tours to participate in, they'll have a hard time deciding where to spend their time but they won't want to miss the fabulous Vintage Trailer Show hosted by Mona Heath, curator extraordinaire. Each entry is selected for its uniqueness, rarity or simply for its great modern lines. All event participants will receive tickets to attend the Vintage Trailer Show on Saturday, February 24th, where they can tour each coach and enjoy vintage vendors who will be on hand



March 22nd - 26th: Alabama Hills Event

Let's head to the hills—Alabama Hills that is!!! This BLM land is nestled between Mount Whitney and the quaint town of Lone Pine just off Highway 395.

Take a look at the itinerary below and see if you would like to join us for this exceptional dispersed camping/boondocking experience.

Hosts: Barb Howard-Jones, Jeanette Weber, Nancy & Tim Murphy

Itinerary:

Thursday (March 22nd):

Settle into your camping site

5:00–Happy Hour—BYO ABC (Appetizer, Beverage & Chair)- location to be determined.

Friday (March 23rd):

9:00–Breakfast at the Alabama Hills Cafe & Bakery in Lone Pine (optional) 10:00 Tour of the Lone Pine Film Movie Museum (admission \$5.00)(optional) Lunch & Dinner on your own

Saturday (March 24th):

Breakfast & lunch on your own

Explore the many trails/hikes in the Alabama Hills

5:00–Cowboy BBQ with chicken, beef, salad & corn (provided by your hosts)

Sunday (March 25th):

Explore the area (i.e. Day trip to Diaz Lake or nearby Bishop; or if you're looking for a little longer trip, head to Mammoth Mountain or Mono Lake)

Monday (March 26th):

Safe travels home!

The cost is \$20/Airstream for the grub—camping is FREE!

Please send your \$20 via your PayPal account to GreaterLosAngelesAirstreamClub@gmail.com or mail a check made out to the Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club to P.O. Box 2238, Avila Beach, CA 93424 c/o Dennis Pall, GLAAC Treasurer.

Please note there are no hook-ups or running water; no picnic tables or fire pits; no toilets or showers; so come with empty grey & black tanks and with full water & propane tanks.

April 19-22—Cali Rally—V6 Ranch

Region 12 host : **SOLD OUT** but there is a waiting list. Contact Jim Polk at JAPolk@JPS.net to be put on list.



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

May 17-20—Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground (Vintage Trailer Show)

Reserve your campsite on November 15, 2017 at www.reservecalifornia.com No host event.



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.

June 7-11—New Brighton State Beach—Capitola/Santa Cruz

Reserve your campsite on December 7, 2017 at www.reservecalifornia.com. Host & co-host needed.



The beach features picnic areas, swimming, fishing and a nearby forest of Monterey pine and coastal live oak. The camping area is on a bluff overlooking northern Monterey Bay and contains 10 full hook-up sites and 101 dry campsites.

*******Please note that there will be a mini caravan from New Brighton State Beach to the 2018 International Rally in Salem Oregon. Contact Pamela Pall at Events.GLAAC@gmail.com for more information*******

June 23-30, 2018: 61ST WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem Oregon **Announcing a New "Short Stay" Option**

Online Registration at <http://www.wbcci.org>



A new option is available for the 2018 Salem International Rally for members not already registered for this Rally. We are offering a "Short Stay" option for members who want to attend the rally and stay three (3) nights or less. Members choosing this option will have a choice of Solar or Generator Dry Camping and will receive all amenities for the days they attend, including the rally "Goodie Bag". The cost will be \$120 for the facilities and camping fee plus \$55 per person. Members can register on-line at wbcci.org or print the registration form and send it to WBCCI Headquarters.

Click on the link below for more information and a "Short Stay" registration form.

http://wbcci.org/images/Salem_Registration_Form_Short_Stay.pdf

August 2-6—Olema Campground (Point Reyes National Seashore)

12 full hook-up sites reserved. Host & co-host needed.



Located next to the Point Reyes National Seashore, just north of San Francisco. This is an ideal place to enjoy different outdoor activities like bird watching, hiking, kayaking or just relaxing on the beach.

September 6-9—Holloway RV Park (Big Bear Lake)

12 lakeside full hook-up sites reserved. Host: Jo & Ade Salzer with co-host needed



This marina and RV Park is located on the water of Big Bear Lake in Metcalf Bay. All sorts of water sports abound.

October 4-7—Oasis RV Park (Las Vegas, Nevada) Region 12 Rally

Host: Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club



Experience the exciting environment of Las Vegas' most spectacular RV resort. The Oasis Las Vegas, with its tropical "Casablanca" theme, helps guests relax in sunny Las Vegas by day and see the bright city lights by night in complete comfort and style.

October 7-28—Mini Caravan to Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef & Arches (after Region 12 event)

Stay tuned for future meetings to plan routes/campgrounds/events.



Take off from the Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas to four beautiful National Parks!

- ❑ **Zion National Park** is a southwest Utah nature preserve distinguished by Zion Canyon's steep red cliffs. Zion Canyon Scenic Drive cuts through its main section, leading to forest trails along the Virgin River. The river flows to the Emerald Pools, which have waterfalls and a hanging garden. Also along the river, partly through deep chasms, is Zion Narrows wading hike.
- ❑ **Bryce Canyon National Park**, a sprawling reserve in southern Utah, is known for crimson-colored hoodoos, which are spire-shaped rock formations. The park's main road leads past the expansive Bryce Amphitheater, a hoodoo-filled depression lying below the Rim Trail hiking path. It has overlooks at Sunrise Point, Sunset Point, Inspiration Point and Bryce Point. Prime viewing times are around sunup and sundown.
- ❑ **Capitol Reef National Park** is in Utah's south-central desert. It surrounds a long wrinkle in the earth known as the Waterpocket Fold, with layers of golden sandstone, canyons and striking rock formations. Among the park's sights are the Chimney Rock pillar, the Hickman Bridge arch, and Capitol Reef, known for its white sandstone domes. In the north are the towering monoliths of Cathedral Valley.
- ❑ **Arches National Park** lies north of Moab in the state of Utah. Bordered by the Colorado River in the southeast, it's known as the site of more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches, such as the massive, red-hued Delicate Arch in the east. Long, thin Landscape Arch stands in Devils Garden to the north. Other geological formations include Balanced Rock, towering over the desert landscape in the middle of the park.

November 8-12—San Onofre Beach—Camp Pendleton

We will attempt to obtain 15 water & electric hook-up sites. Host: Pam & Dennis Pall Co-host; Nancy & Tim Murphy



Camping Sites are located right on the beach or on the bluffs overlooking the beach. Bring your surfboard and experience one of the best surf spots in Southern California.

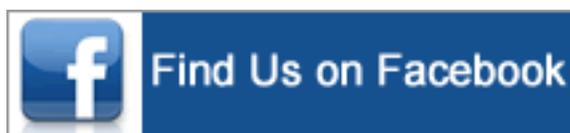
December 6-9—Tres Hermanas—Santa Ynez

20 hook-up sites with water & power with dump station on premises. Host: John & Susan Barrett with Co-hosts Michael & Nancy Jackson, Yvonne Savage, and Bruce & Silvia Bettelyoun



This family-run boutique winery is nestled in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. The camping area is exclusively used by wine club members only.

Visit our Homepage for the latest Club information!
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Newsletter to Members of WBCCI

January 23, 2018

from Jim Cocke, President

WBCCI, the Wally Byam Airstream Club

First five months

The Club's Standing and Special Committees accomplished a great deal of good in this fiscal year's first five months. Thanks to dedicated member volunteers who chair the seventeen Standing Committees and two Special Committees who've worked very hard this year. These are a few of the notable accomplishments:

- added 7 new or revived National Caravans;
- added 4 new National/Special Event Rallies;
- completed the nominations for WBCCI 501c3 Foundation;
- conducted a survey of all Members;
- increased memberships weekly joining rate by 20%;
- kept finances positive year-to-date; and
- increased depth and flexibility of the Standing Committees by attracting dedicated and talented members.

The members of the Executive Committee (EC) strengthened alignment amongst the leaders over the past year. This alignment results in more consistent development within the Club and helps avoid seesawing on policies or initiatives. Thoughtful discourse amongst leadership helps us better develop our ideas, understand each other, and seek agreement. We are a cohesive and communicative team proud to serve the Club's members.

Licensure & Compliance

Last summer I re-appointed a Special Finance Committee, originally appointed by then-President Richard Girard, to continue the important work on the Club's licensure and tax standing. The committee's charge is to obtain information from entities in the Club on details most of our members are happier not knowing about, stuff like tax status, original charter date, fiscal year and much more. Aren't we lucky we have volunteer leaders who will handle this so we can go camping and not worry about it?

The Special Finance Committee will begin this week, in phases, directly contacting leadership of Units, IntraClubs, Regions and Caravan Committee. The committee won't contact all entities this month because there are so many of you and only three members of the committee. Thank you to all our volunteer leaders for your help in this important project.

Membership Survey Findings and Utilization

Each month, February through April, the Blue Beret will have an article covering a different aspect of the 2017 Membership Survey findings. We think you'll find the results interesting and the Club leadership will find actionable items in the Survey. We'll keep you posted on this.

Thank you to the over 1,600, or 23% of total membership, for completing the 2017 Membership Survey. The Club is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of member volunteers who scientifically designed this survey and are conducting the interpretation of responses of over 1,600 members.

Mid-Winter IBT Meeting

Attendance by 183 members at mid-winter IBT at Sarasota Fairgrounds exemplifies great interest in the Club. Lots of attendees, lots of good discussions, some helpful seminars, and good work. Region 3 last hosted a mid-winter meeting of the International Board of Trustees eleven years ago. Thanks to Region 3 President, John Frerking, for accepting my request to host this year's mid-winter meeting of the International Board of Trustees.

This year's mid-winter rally site is the home of decades of Florida State Rallies, AlumaFlamingo Rallies, Ringling Brothers Circus, and many other interesting events. You never know what the weather's going to do in winter or summer, do you? Sure, winter's usually warmer in the south. This mid-winter IBT rally enjoyed superb weather all week with highs in the mid-70s. We had an enjoyable rally with very good food and entertainment relieving us from the hard work we did on Club business throughout the week.

Club business included the following:

- announcement of a full slate of officers for elections at the International Rally this summer and
- approval of 30 motions, after a great deal of deliberation. The Club Headquarters staff will update and post the Bylaws on the Club's website soon.

The approved motions are the following: (full detail at WBCCL.org motions and WBCCL.org committee reports)

1. Three motions relating to historically significant Airstream trailers;
2. Providing latitude in scheduling of the IBT meeting at International Rallies so more members might have the option to attend;
3. Allowing Standing Committees and Special Committees appointed by the President to conduct business of the committee electronically;
4. Clarifying duties of the International Ethics and Grievance Committee and requiring forwarding to that Committee information about each filed Grievance at the Region and Unit level;
5. New names for 19 Units;
6. New flag designs for seven Units;
7. New logos for three Units; and
8. Unique badge designs for 3 Units.

RVIA and looking ahead

Debbie Wood and I attended the RVIA Show in Louisville, Kentucky with Vice- President Barry Bell (and Karen) and Lori Plummer the week after Thanksgiving. The Recreational Vehicle Industry Association annual show is the year's biggest RV event.

The Airstream Company's new models were available for us to explore and compare in the 780,000 square feet Exhibit Hall. We enjoyed talking with Airstream Company's leadership and learning about upcoming products. We also took a lot of time to converse with potential advertisers and exhibitors for our Club's magazine and rallies and to browse booths of 230+ suppliers and identify items we thought you might like.

We listened to an interesting discussion on supply and demand for camping sites with representatives including an RV industry advocate, a state parks administrator and an RV Club CEO. The RVIA has boldly predicted 500,000 new RVs will be sold in 2018. This is important because the industry has never hit this mark before.

Importantly for you and me, the increase in sales increases demand for places to camp and stay. The RV Industry's campground owners and Club's leadership recognize this.

RVIA is coordinating meetings and calls amongst government agencies and private owners of campgrounds about increasing camping areas. We expressed our support for the effort to increase the availability of camping locations so we can continue enjoying our camping opportunities

Your Club's officers at all levels are working hard. We want you to enjoy your membership in WBCCI and enjoy using your Airstream. As Paul Wheeler, Past- President of British Columbia Unit, said in his November Blue Beret article, "Unless the Airstream goes traveling and the WBCCI membership gets exercised, they don't mean a thing. It's your trailer and your membership . . . make them count!!!"

How do you think the Club can best help you in Living the Dream? Please let me know by writing to me at President@wbcci.net (or by letter to Headquarters office).

Safe Travels and See You Down The Road,

Jim Cocke, President