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## President's Message

This time of year, with the holiday season in full swing, always puts me in a great, and grateful, state of mind. This is the season to reflect on our lives and accomplishments; and to set new goals and dreams as we look forward to new beginnings both in our personal lives and in our club with a new year fast approaching.

Once again this year our club officers and Standing Committee Chairs have done a stellar job in leading us. We participated in a well-executed election and have an excellent team in place to take us 'Down the Road' in 2019. We experienced exciting adventures together and a couple of fabulous caravans to Oregon and the Utah National Parks. We unveiled and proudly displayed our new GLA flag at the International Rally in Salem and our club went over-the-top with co-hosting a very successful Cali Rally held at the V6 Ranch in April and in first-time hosts of the Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas in October which brought 80 Airstreams to join in the fun.

At the upcoming Buellton event, we will gather to recognize and thank our officers for doing an outstanding job this past year and we'll induct our new officers who will lead us next year. I look forward to this event and to seeing you there!

While in Buellton, I will turn over the gavel to our president-elect, Alan Amundsen and his team, 1st Vice President, Tim Murphy; and newly elected 2nd Vice President, Pam Pall. It has been such a pleasure to work with Alan and Tim over the past several years and I know we will be in great hands with this team assisted by Treasurer, Dennis Pall; Secretary, Marion Kuhns; Membership Chair, Nancy Murphy; Webmaster, Jim Cahill; Event Chair, Pam Pall; and Urban Update editor, Jean Amundsen. To all members of this amazing club, I have enjoyed my tenure as president and am honored to have your continued participation along with your trust and support over the years.



Lynda, Jim, Piper, and Boone

Looking back on the past four and one-half years of our club, I am truly grateful for all that we've become. From our club sanctioning at the 2014 International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming with a handful of charter members we've grown both in membership, amazing adventures experienced together and a multitude of friendships made, all due to our passion for aluminum. Over the years we have been fortunate to have people step up to take on roles and 'give back' to their club as officers and chairpersons. We've also enjoyed our exciting events because of those willing to host. A grateful thank you to all!

To all our members who have renewed for another year of *Fun, Friendship & Adventure*, thank you! If you have not yet renewed, please do so before year's end. It's you, our members, who make the club what it has become today. My wish for you includes a beautiful holiday season filled with good health, family, laughter and aluminum adventures. I am thankful for the wonderful times we've shared this past year along with your friendship over the years.

A warm welcome goes out to our newest GLA members Ken & Lori of Camarillo, Jerod who resides in San Pedro, Jim & Alexandra of Monrovia, Richard & Ursula of Avila Beach, Laura & Robert from Rancho Palos Verdes and John & Carolyn of Poway. We're happy to have you on board!

Seasons Greetings, Lynda



## GLAAC On the Go!

After caravanning to the International Rally in Salem, Oregon, and a summer filled with Airstream Adventures, you'd think that GLAAC members would be settling down at home for a long winter's nap. But you'd be very mistaken. October was an event-full month for GLAAC. Not only did we host a very successful Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas, but a number of us also set off on a caravan into Utah, visiting Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

### Region 12 Rally

By Jean Amundsen



We pulled into Las Vegas' beautiful Oasis RV Resort on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, ready for a busy long weekend of Region 12 business and pleasure. The GLAAC stepped up to host this event, and the Region 12 rally team members were all ready to help make the weekend memorable for all who attended. We kicked off with an appetizers party hosted by GLAAC on Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning we were treated to taco wagon breakfast burritos hosted by Tim & Nancy Murphy.

That evening, many went to see the "Rat Pack is Back" at Tuscany Suites. On Friday, we competed in the golf scramble, went on a photo scavenger hunt, and took a tour of Airstream Las Vegas before the potluck dinner and ice cream social followed by hilarious entertainment from comedian, Kathleen Dunbar.



Workshops on best practices, safety and maintenance were presented by Region and Club officers, and "conversations" with International 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Mona Heath and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP candidate, Eric McHenry brought us up to date on WBCCI matters.



Saturday began with a delicious continental breakfast hosted by Linda Calderon and her team. And of course, we did manage to mix some Region 12 business in with all the pleasurable activities. Sneaky us, we captured folks with yummy food, so the annual meeting was very well-attended ( you can



read the minutes, [here.](#)) But the fun was not over. What is a Region 12 event without a swap meet? As usual, there were lots of items, new and used, to tempt us. The Amateur Radio Club met up in the afternoon, before the big Saturday evening catered dinner, the silent auction which raised funds for Marley's Mutts in Tehachapi, and a fantastic Casino Night that also supported Marley's Mutts.

On Sunday morning, we packed up bright and early to head home or take off on more adventures. All in all, it was a great weekend.

## GLAAC Utah Caravan



After all that “hosting,” it was time for a group of hardy GLAAC folks to head off for our version of rest and relaxation—a caravan to Utah and its “fabulous five” National Parks- Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Bryce Canyon. Along the way we took individual side trips to other scenic areas, such as Goblin Valley State Park and Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument.

GLAAC caravans are quite free-form and relaxed. Last Spring, we put our heads together and decided on the itinerary and meet-up points. We came up with campground recommendations and shared information on things to do and see based on our research and prior personal experience.



Our first destination, Zion National Park, was very crowded even for October. We camped in various nearby locations from Hurricane to

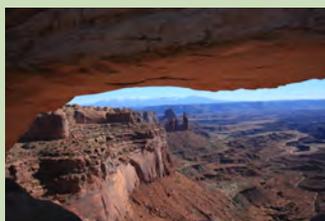
Virgin to Springdale. A few lucky ones even secured spots in Watchman Campground right in the Park. It made no difference, we all had a great time and made wonderful memories.



After a few nights, we were on the road again with the Portal RV Resort in Moab as our first real meetup and headquarters for

exploring Arches and Canyonlands National Parks and Deadhorse Point State Park. We experienced a bit of early wintry weather, with overnight lows as chilly as 28 degrees. But we were snug in our silver nests and the days were sunny but cool-

perfect for hiking and exploring. We had an appetizers night and a potluck dinner, of course. We brought the little propane campfires out and had Party Central under a pergola near our rigs. There we shared our days’ adventures and discoveries. GLAAC camaraderie is the best.



Then it was time to head south towards Bryce, and the forecast cold weather and possible snow sent us in our separate directions. Some of us headed down to Capitol Reef National Park and then home to Southern California, preferring to save Bryce Canyon National Park for another trip.





The rest braved the elements and reached Ruby's Inn RV Park in Bryce all safe and sound and ready for more enjoyable days exploring and enjoying its grandeur before the Utah adventure had to come to an end.



To quote Ken Burns, the National Parks are "America's best idea." Each is spectacular and memorable in its own right. We are fortunate, indeed, to have these wonders within easy traveling distance.



Bruce & Denise



Phil & Carol



Marion & Don



Robin & Andy



Rudy & Linda



Alan & Jean



# Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival—Five Days 40 Bands

by Nancy Murphy

Hosted by Region 10, this rally has always appealed to us and 2018 seemed like a good year to check it off the list. We met fellow members from Canada, Idaho, Las Vegas, Oregon, and Washington...many who come to this event every year. By the way, this event is NOT checked off, we volunteered to work at River Run Lodge again next year ☺.



After leaving the Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas, we headed towards the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. What a beautiful drive, a stunning place, and a lovely campground. The fall colors were really beginning to put on a show.

From the Grand Canyon, we continued on to Boise, Idaho to visit friends and family before turning back towards Sun Valley. We arrived Tuesday afternoon and parked our rig at the River Run



Ski Lodge. It wasn't 20 minutes after we arrived that word came down there was a guest artist who was giving a short private concert for the volunteers. We rushed over and enjoyed some great piano, vocals, and down-home wisdom from Yve Evans, a Palm Springs resident.

From then on, we were immersed in all sorts of music: Classic Jazz, Western Swing, Big Band, Cajun, and the Yale Whiffenpoofs--just to mention a few. OH, and then there were the dancers! If one had a partner who was so inclined, free dancing lessons given by professionals were available as well. Many



people who love to dance were tireless and showed up at nearly every venue, dancing for hours and providing great entertainment. Must be nice—I wonder, are dancing lessons in my future--nope, nada, not without a change of heart on the male side of this union.

This event is always held during the third weekend in October. You can find information in the back of your Blue Beret. This year, we paid \$40 to park in the overflow lot of the River Run Lodge. We did wake up to frosty, clear mornings and we certainly needed our heater and “Little Buddy” but we had plenty of sun for the solar panels as well. It is dry camping, but generators are allowed and there is a nice, clean shower available at the lodge if you would like to use it. There is a free dump station in Ketchum about 8—10 miles away. Otherwise, there is absolutely no reason to leave. From Wednesday through Sunday, shuttles run about every 30 minutes to all of the different venues. To walk it is about 2 miles each way, but you walk right past Starbuck's.



Hope to see you there in 2019, the 30<sup>th</sup> year of this great event.





## San Onofre Rally

by Maureen Wallace

RELAX! This was the Go-To word for the long weekend. Eat, Relax, Drink, Eat, Drink, Sleep, Repeat. Really, this was just one awesome rally. Kevin and I have looked so forward to returning to 'San O' since our last visit. A BIG, HUGE "thank you" to Pam, for without her we would NEVER be here, and to the Calderons, Murphys and Palls for being quite the "hosts with the most." I literally came with a pretty empty refrigerator as the rally provided so many meals.



We had a delicious lunch served one afternoon followed by games. Who knew that Mexican Train Dominoes could get so competitive! Apparently, from the screaming going on during Corn Hole, Dennis Pall is quite the "Corn Hole" Champ.

Our first two evenings were the most exhausting of the weekend as we spent hours rating Sunsets. And boy, did we ever have some amazing sunsets! Our chairs never left the sand other than dragging them over to Party Central for Happy Hours, which are always memorable.



As my husband spent his days checking out the waves to the south at Old Man's and to the north at Trestles, I just enjoyed watching the surfers walk by our campsites ;) Taking walks, enjoying the 'surf culture,' reading, making new friends and re-uniting with old friends was our theme for the weekend.



Really, this rally was great in so many ways. I was shocked to realize that we only knew about half of the participants during our first evening get together. Our club has really grown, and we continue to attract the BEST people. I hope our "newbies" felt welcomed and I know that most of us introduced ourselves over the period of 4 days and have made new "glamping" friends.

I'm still not quite sure how the entire town of Monrovia appears to be involved in our club!

Party Central is the best idea. Having the extra campsite all set up is a treat. From the taco/burrito bar, to cocktail hours; from the bagged omelets to the BBQ/Potluck; from the sandwich



bar and game day to great weather and perfect neighbors to camp with, how can you go wrong? Thanks again to our wonderful hosts for putting on such a great rally. Maybe this is not for everyone, but I can only speak for Kevin and me, this is the BEST! Really, when was the last time you were able to back your Airstream onto the beach and have the waves lull you to sleep?

Thanks again, GLAAC, for a great time!



## Just a Reminder



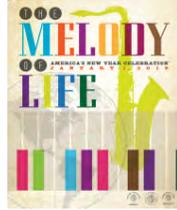
[Renew Online Today](#)

# GLAAC 2019 Event Schedule

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**December 28 – Jan 1: Pasadena**

**Host: Region 12 Event**



Region 12 is again hosting its 38<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena, CA from December 28, 2018 – January 1, 2019. Although it's dry camping our site is only a couple of blocks from Colorado Blvd and the 130<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade on January 1, 2019. 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.wbcc.net/region-12-calendar/annual-rose-parade-rally/>

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**January 10 – 14: The Springs at Borrego RV Resort & Golf Course**

**15 dry camping sites reserved with access to restrooms & showers.**

**Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



The Springs at Borrego is a luxury RV park located in the heart of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park—the largest state park in California. Many activities abound such as golfing, tennis, swimming, hiking, biking and stargazing. Don't forget to check out the massive metal sculptures in the Galleta Meadows—there are over 130 scattered throughout!

[Register Online Now](#)

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**February 21-25: East Shore RV Park, San Dimas 15 sites with full hook-ups reserved.**

**Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



East Shore R.V. Park is located on the banks of stream fed Puddingstone Lake, which is stocked with trout and bass several times a year. Bring your own boat to enjoy fishing, lake swimming, water skiing or sail boating on Puddingstone Lake in Bonelli Regional County Park. Within walking distance, you will enjoy Mountain Meadows Golf Course, Raging Waters, hiking, world-class mountain biking trails, several picnic areas, multiple playgrounds and much, much more!

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**March 13 – 18: Refugio State Beach**

**Bouchard Group Campsite reserved (holds up to 25 Airstreams)—Dry camping with restrooms & showers on site.  
Hosts: Nancy & Michael Jackson, Co-hosts: Pamela & Dennis Pall**



Refugio State Beach is a protected state beach park located 20 miles west of Santa Barbara. It offers excellent coastal fishing as well as trails and picnic sites. Palm trees near Refugio Creek give a distinctive look to the beach and camping area. Swimming, surfing and kayaking are among the many things that make this one of the most popular campgrounds on the central coast.

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**April 11 – 15: Chino Hills State Park**

**Reserve your campsite at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time on October 11, 2018 at  
<https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>**

**Dry camping experience with restrooms & showers on site.  
Hosts: Phil & Carol Grisotti. Co-hosts needed.**



Chino Hills State Park is unique in that it provides refuge for both biodiversity and solitude to the visitors who enjoy their outdoor experiences. There is no other location in the LA Basin where people can drive a short distance and be swept away with scenic vistas, hike, bike, or ride a horse on over 90 miles of trails; this is a hiker/biker paradise! At 14,102 acres, the park is managed as an open space habitat where all plant and animal life are protected.

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**May 9 – 13: V6 Ranch in Parkfield**

**Bluegrass Festival on Mother's Day Weekend—Dry camping experience with restrooms & showers on site.  
Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



Every Mother's Day weekend this quiet town's population leaps from a mere 18 people to over a thousand bluegrass pickers, pluckers, and fun-loving fans. For nearly 2 decades, music fans have savored the natural beauty and peaceful ambiance of the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival. At the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival Live bands play all day on a cozy stage and at night fans enjoy late night set's in the Parkfield Cafe. Meanwhile back in the campgrounds there are jam sessions galore along with time to "hang" with your Airstreaming friends.

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**May 23 – 27: Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop—Mule Days on Memorial Day Weekend.**  
**15 dry camping sites reserved (anticipate switching to full hook-up sites).**  
**Hosts & Co-hosts needed.**



2019 marks the 50th anniversary of this one of a kind celebration of the American Mule! Bishop Mule Days Celebration is tough to explain if you've never attended...it's part serious competition, part wild-west show and ALL fun for everyone! This year's event will feature exciting arena shows, country western concerts, BBQ's and of course the Main Street Parade.

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**May 28 - June 2: Alumapalooza 10, 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. There are 50 factory sites still available, but they will sell out. (For an additional \$35 you may arrive at Alumapalooza on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to dry camp and avoid the holiday traffic! For more information:

<http://alumapalooza.com/registration/>

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

**Reserve your campsite at *midnight* Pacific Time on January 10, 2019 at**

<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



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.

[Register Online Now](#)

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## August 15 – 19: Morro Bay State Park

Reserve your site at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time on February 15, 2019 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: 1st 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.



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, PI USA, Pacific Offshore Powerboat Racing Association and various semi-professional classes have competed at 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/>



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: Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield**  
Hosts: Region 12 Event. Full hook-up sites.



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 -16: Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula**  
GLAAC's Annual Holiday Party. Anticipate 25 full hook-up sites.  
Hosts & Co-hosts needed.



Pechanga isn't just California's biggest and best resort and casino. It's also the most welcoming. With total access to Pechanga's world-class dining and gaming to the relaxing Spa and so much more, this RV Resort provides an unforgettable experience. Enjoy a beautiful outdoor Guest amenity area with amazing views of the Journey Golf Course and the hills surrounding the Temecula Valley.

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