

# The Tattler

Airstream Owners of California



## Message from Roger Siminoff, President

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### A new face, and a new look

Hope you are all off to a great New Year.

After an incredible four-year stint as editor of *The Tattler*, Roxy has passed the torch to Linda Hollenbeck. Roxy and Linda have been working seamlessly on an efficient handoff of material, and I know everyone in the CCC joins me in a big round of applause and a hearty "thank you" to Roxy for her great work!



It takes a bit of effort and planning to pull each issue of *The Tattler* together and to develop on-going content that will be both enjoyable and meaningful to the CCC members. Linda has taken on this task, and she has a few new ideas she is incorporating, including some member-centric columns that both she and Gary are collaborating on. *The Tattler* is a great place to share experiences and photos with fellow members, so I urge you to pass things on to Linda as often as you can about places you've been, things you've seen, or important trailer-related tips you want to share. Welcome to your new post, Linda!

Speaking of new faces, I am excited to welcome several new members to our unit: Steven and Christina Kensrue (Cambria), Christine Hyland (Pacific Grove), Jerry and Patricia Hauptman (Santa Barbara), Roger and Christine Erickson (Half Moon Bay), Alice McEuen (Port Hueneme), Alan and Robin Sokolow (Carmel Valley), and Richard and Heidi Murphy (Watsonville). (cont'd)

We are all looking forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and having some great rally experiences with you. On behalf of the CCC members, a hearty welcome to our unit!

And while not necessarily “new” faces, I'd like to introduce the rest of our 2015 Board, which includes Pam Lindsay (Vice President), Paula Poll (Treasurer), Carol Cunningham (Secretary), John Thornton (Past President) and Bruce Yeoman, Mark Kiger, Joseph Deering, and Karen Jones (Directors). We have kicked the year off communicating on several topics, and plan to have our first face-to-face Board meeting at the Wine Country RV rally in March. I am happy to be working with this group, and I know I'm speaking for the Board when I say that we are looking forward to serving you this year.

We will be having our first 2015 General Meeting at the Wine Country RV rally in March. It will be held on Saturday morning at 9:30 (right after breakfast). For those of you who cannot camp with us that weekend, it would be great if you can join us for the Saturday morning breakfast and stay for the meeting. There will be a few things for the membership to vote on. (If you do plan to come for just the breakfast and meeting, please let Mark Kiger know so he can plan accordingly.)

We have a change in our Rally Program for this year. Our September rally that was scheduled for Star Farms will be moved to a new location. Sadly, Star Farms experienced a huge increase in their insurance, and as result their fees doubled making it too costly for us. Pam and the Rally Committee will be working on a new location and will report that change as soon as things are firmed up.

By the time you read this, several CCC members will have completed our trip to Tucson for AlumaFiesta. We are looking forward to both the trip, the event, and meeting other Airstream owners. And, I am looking forward to sharing my tips for taking advantage of hidden storage spaces in your trailer during my Saturday afternoon presentation at AlumaFiesta.

Lastly, I am forever mindful of trailer maintenance, and I hope that you are, as well. Monitoring tire pressure, ensuring that your hitch assembly is solid, occasionally checking wheel lug tightness, and being generally aware of the mechanical attributes of your trailer is very important for your safety. At the very least, a good walk around your trailer and a visual inspection is a good thing to do before you pull away.

Have safe and fun travels, and I hope to see you soon at a rally.

Roger





### Meet a CCC Member

Hi, I'm Linda Hollenbeck., and this cutie is my granddaughter Elizabeth. My husband, Jot, and I became Airstreamer's in Dec. 2007. We joined the CCC unit soon after. We enjoy traveling, sailing, tennis and being grandparents. I love to quilt, hike and enjoy good food and wine. I'm currently the editor of *The Tattler* and Jot is the traveling musician for many CCC rallies.

We have been as far as Monument Valley, and plan to head to Mount Rushmore and surrounds late this spring. We really enjoy our 25' Oceanbreeze and welcome you to stop by and say hello.

Cal Meuser recently heard news about Fritz Tolbert, a one time member, passing away at the age of 99.

### Unit News:

- Membership meeting - Saturday March, 7th at 9:30a.m., and that there will be a Board meeting at 3:00p.m. the same day. Wine Country RV
- Note Rally change for September (see page 7)



Joe and Myung Deering #5231 - Enjoying the Elvis rally on their back porch.

### Trinity Hall Rally – January 2015

Elvis was alive and well at Trinity Hall for the January rally. Eleven rigs from Central Coast, Great LA, Long Beach and Oregon converged in Edna Valley for the weekend festivities celebrating the King's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. By 5 o'clock on Friday everyone was parked and setup in time for a fun evening of catching up, 50's rock and roll music, Happy Hour and a southern dinner of chicken pot pie and peanut butter cookies. (cont'd)

The weather was warm and sunny on Saturday morning as we gathered for an Elvis breakfast of peanut butter, banana, and bacon Panini sandwiches along with the regular continental offerings. The sandwiches actually weren't bad; at least they all seemed to disappear. We handed out Scavenger Hunt lists for those that wanted to add a bit more fun to their itinerary. Campers headed to the wineries for tasting, some to the beach for a walk or into Pismo for lunch. We were thrilled to have some local members stop by to catch up and share time with us in the afternoon.



Our numbers swelled to over 40 as the dinner hour approached. Resplendent in Elvis / 50's garb we celebrated the King's birthday with his favorite meal of meatloaf, green beans and mashed potatoes. Of course, we had to sing Happy Birthday to "our Elvis" before the pound cake, ice cream and caramel sauce for desert. Thanks to David Neel and Nancy's friend Diane, we were able to project the movie *Blue Hawaii* on a make-shift sheet screen during dinner and then play the Best of Elvis for dancing after dinner. We had some real gyrations going on. We held one of the funniest revealing of Scavenger Hunt finds I have ever witnessed, including selfie pictures of contestants with Elvis. It was close but Lynda P and Mona H were

declared winners. Thank goodness, a little light rain on Saturday night did not deter us from the nightly camp fire. Sitting around even a faux fire is always magical.

Unfortunately Sunday came too soon and it was time for packing up and heading home. We had a great weekend. Thanks to everyone that attended and for all the help during the rally. Everyone pitched in during the rally and made it a joy for the Jacksons and us. Can't wait for the next outing. Safe travels, Mike & Roxy

### **Tech Tips: Sewer hose handling - by Roger Siminoff**

During our stay at Flag City RV park in Lodi, CA (a great RV park to add to your list when going up I-5) on our way back from Oregon this past summer, I was walking our dog and observing the driver's side of the trailers near us. The RV Park had full hookups and most owners had their water, electric, cable, and sewer connected, ready to settle down for the night.

I noticed those owners who used water filters and those who didn't, the few that hooked up their electric through surge protectors, and was quite surprised to see those who had their sewer hose connected with their black-tank gate valve pulled open. While these owners may think that opening the blank-tank gate-valve puts them in a waste flow situation similar to what they have in their homes, it is actually quite different, and leaving the valve open is a bad idea. (cont'd.)

First, very few RV parks have “traps” in their sewer lines. A trap is a u-shaped coupling that virtually traps water in the bottom of its u-shape to prevent sewer gas from escaping from the sewer line and entering your home. (According to the type of sewer system you are connected to, sewer gas can range from harmful to fatal.) By leaving the black-tank gate-valve open, sewer gas will find its way up your sewer hose and into your black water tank. And, since the waste water is constantly flowing out through an open gate-valve, there is nothing to block the sewer gas from entering the trailer.

You may argue that the black water tank is vented – which it is – but that vent only allows gases to escape (and air to enter during dumping), it doesn’t remove all gases from the tank.

The second issue is that the black water tank has a flat bottom. If the gate-valve stays open, liquid waste will flow out while any solid waste still accumulates at the base of the tank. (This is not the case when the gate-valve is kept closed, allowing the liquid-like mass of waste to accumulate until the gate-valve is opened whereupon all of the waste surges out of the system together.)

So, the ideal scenario is to hook up your sewer hose only when you need it. Or, if you do prefer to hook everything up when you arrive, then make it a point to keep the gate-valve closed until you are ready to dump.

While on the topic of waste tanks, for those of you who have a black-tank backwash, the instruction label on the side of your trailer advises not to run your backwash unless valve is open, but it doesn’t say exactly when to run the backwash. The ideal time to begin the backwash is at the moment you open the gate valve. For proper cleaning of your tank, do not wait until you have emptied all black waste. Using the black-tank backwash while there is waste in the tank will help to set the surface of the waste liquid in motion, which aids in cleaning the walls of your tank. And, it's a good idea to empty your black tank first, followed by your grey tank (helps to flush out the waste hose).





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## Rally Schedule - March to December 2015

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### Wine Country RV Resort - March 6-8 (Friday-Sunday) (Meeting).

Hosts: Mark & Glenda Kiger and Roger & Rosemary Siminoff. Come and celebrate the "Irish" in us all as we return to springtime in Paso Robles and Wine Country RV Resort. This time we'll be camping on the upper level and enjoying the use of the upper clubhouse. Friday evening we'll be feasting on Irish potatoes, made the way you like them, followed by a game night.

Start Saturday morning with a hearty pancake breakfast provided by the hosts. At 11:00, we'll be going on a private tour of Zoo To You, which is an animal recovery center that rescues exotic animals and brings them to schools to share the message of caring for wildlife. There is a \$15.00 charge for the tour and we need at least 10 people to sign up.

Lunch and the afternoon are on your own. Check out Paso's Irish Pub, go wine tasting, olive oil tasting, or search for a pot of gold.

Meet back at the clubhouse Saturday evening for Happy Hour and potluck. Share your favorite Irish or green food. Saturday evening's entertainment will be a special performance of "Green Grass" music by Roger and the Leprechauns. We hope you'll be lucky enough to be able to join in the fun!! Coupon at the end.

### April 16-19 (Thursday-Sunday): Camatta Ranch, Santa Margarita

Hosts: **Although a Region 12 Rally, a CCC host would be helpful.** This 35,000 acre working ranch is an incredible place to camp and features a secluded campsite with lots of wildlife, aquatic fossils, and more. This year, Region 12 selected the Camatta Ranch to replace the Hobo Rally. Hiking, western barbeque, and lots of time to connect. [Coupon on website](#)

### May 14-17 (Thursday-Sunday): Moss Landing

Hosts: Bob & Linda Minder and Steve & Tammy Wark. Moss Landing KOA, Now we're heading north to this great little campground on the inland-side of Moss Landing harbor, just a stone's throw from the ocean (about 20 miles south of Santa Cruz). Great exploring, walks around the harbor, beach walks, visits to the nearby estuary, and more. [Coupon on Website](#)

June 12-14 (Friday-Sunday): Refugio State Beach, Goleta (No-Host). Here's another ocean- side opportunity for a great summer weekend break. This no-host rally is a pretty much do- your-own-thing event along with fellow CCC members. (Make your own reservations.)

July 9-13 (Thursday-Monday): 49er Village RV, Plymouth (No Host, Buddy Rally). Our extended rally takes us to the Gold Country for our first return trip since 2010. A wonderful RV site with nearby wineries, cavern and gold mine tours, and the old town of Jackson with a lot of interesting shops. It's a buddy rally, so your non-Airstream friends can camp with us. (Make your own reservations.)

August 13-16 (Thursday-Sunday): San Simeon State Park (No Host). This is a beautiful campground in a serene setting, with an underpass leading to the ocean. Since this is a no- host rally each member reserves their own site in the lower campground – sites S43 to S115, which provides some tree cover and protection from the wind. It's fun to visit nearby Cambria.

August 16 (Sunday): Roger & Rosemary's Backyard Bluegrass Jam, Atascadero. Each year, Roger and Rosemary host a backyard bluegrass jam for local musicians and those friends who enjoy music. The event features a band scramble (where musicians throw their name in a hat and bands are assembled ad hoc for a band contest). Good food. Good fun. Good music. And it's a great stopping place on your way back from San Simeon.

September 18-20 (Friday-Sunday): To be Determined Hosts: Roger & Rosemary Siminoff and Mark & Glenda Kiger

October 16-18 (Friday-Sunday): El Chorro County Regional Park, San Luis Obispo. **Hosts: Needed.** This park is a beautiful site just north of San Luis Obispo. A wooded setting, El Chorro offers a public campground with privacy and beautiful surroundings.

November 13-15 (Friday-Sunday): Ocean Mesa (Meeting).  
Hosts: Jim & Yvonne Savage and Mike & Nancy Jackson. **Seeking Co-hosts**  
We're back to Ocean Mesa for our last business meeting of the year. Just north of Santa Barbara, this campsite is rustic while neat and tidy, and offers a yurt meeting room.

December 11-13 (Friday-Sunday): Flying Flags (Installation dinner).  
Hosts: Bruce & Carol Yeoman and Jeanne & Jim Wade. Flying Flags received some of the highest votes in our member survey. A very well kept campground, with a clubhouse just 10 miles from Solvang – a great Danish town to explore – and the historic La Purisima Mission in Lompoc.

## Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally Wine Country RV Resort

2500 Airport Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Hosts: Mark & Glenda Kiger / Roger & Rosemary Siminoff  
(805) 314-9490 or (805) 801-8752

### March 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### Friday, March 6

2:00 Check in  
5:00 Social hour  
6:00 Potato Bar and dessert provided  
7:00 Game Night

#### Saturday, March 7

8:30 Breakfast provided  
11:00 Zoo to You tour  
Lunch and afternoon on your own  
5:00 Social hour  
6:00 Potluck Dinner  
7:00 "Green Grass" Concert

#### Sunday, March 8

8:30 Breakfast provided  
11:00 Clean up and depart for home

#### Safe Travels Home!

**Meals Included in Fee:** Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfasts.

**What to Bring:** Table service and utensils for all meals. Nibbles to share and your own drinks for the social hours, and a green or Irish dish for the potluck dinner on Saturday.

**Directions:** From US 101 exit on Hwy 46 East, turn east and go 2 miles to Airport Rd. The RV resort is the second driveway on the right. CAUTION: - no traffic light at Airport Road and cars come down the hill at high speed.

#### Rally Information

**General Information:** Come and celebrate the "Irish" in us all as we return to springtime in Paso Robles and Wine Country RV Resort. This time we'll be camping on the upper level and enjoying the use of the upper clubhouse. Friday evening we'll be feasting on Irish potatoes, made the way you like them, followed by a game night.

Start Saturday morning with a hearty pancake breakfast provided by the hosts. At 11:00, we'll be going on a private tour of Zoo To You, which is an animal recovery center that rescues exotic animals and brings them to schools to share the message of caring for wildlife. There is a \$15.00 charge for the tour and we need at least 10 people to sign up.

Lunch and the afternoon are on your own. Check out Paso's Irish Pub, go wine tasting, olive oil tasting, or search for a pot of gold.

Meet back at the clubhouse Saturday evening for Happy Hour and potluck. Share your favorite Irish or green food. Saturday evening's entertainment will be a special performance of "Green Grass" music by Roger and the Leprechauns. We hope you'll be lucky enough to be able to join in the fun!!

We have 18 sites reserved, and reservations are due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### Paso Robles Rally Coupon

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Rig length \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Nights Present: Friday Saturday @ \$ 59/night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Nights: Thursday Sunday @ \$ 49/night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: \$30/rig, \$15/single \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Zoo to You tour (Optional): \_\_\_\_ @ \$x15 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast CA Unit WBCCI) by **February 1st** to: **8**  
**Mark and Glenda Kiger, 4608 Harmony Ln., Santa Maria, CA 93455**



# Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally May 2015 Moss Landing

## Moss Landing KOA Express

7905 Sandholdt Road  
Moss Landing, CA 95039

**May 14-17, 2015**

Hosts: Bob and Linda Minder/Steve  
and Tamara Wark (805) 258-3901  
or (805) 647-0495

### Tentative Schedule

#### Friday, May 15

1:00 Check in  
5:00 Social hour  
6:00 Clam Chowder Dinner provided by  
Hosts

#### Saturday, May 16

8:30 Breakfast provided  
Group tour-National Steinbeck Center in  
Salinas. \*  
5:00 Social hour  
6:00 Potluck Dinner

#### Sunday, May 17

8:30 Breakfast provided  
11:00 Clean up and depart for home OR  
Stay Sunday Night for a no host dinner at  
the Whole Enchilada Restaurant.

### Rally Information

**General Information:** Moss Landing is a quaint, historic fishing village located in the middle of California's Monterey Bay coastline. A truly hidden treasure loaded with enjoyable activities. (<http://www.mosslandingchamber.com>)

We currently have 20 sites reserved and encourage you to sign up early!

**Meals Included in Fee:** Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfasts.

**What to Bring:** Table service and utensils for all meals. Nibbles to share and your own drinks for the social hours, and a dish for the potluck dinner on Saturday.

**Directions:** US-101 N to San Miguel Canyon Rd Exit in Prunedale. Continue on San Miguel Canyon Road. Turn left on Castroville Blvd., continue straight onto Dolan Rd. Turn left on CA 1 S. Take first right on Moss Landing Rd, first right on Sandholdt Rd. Campground is on your right.

**GPS Coordinates:** Latitude: 36.799306, Longitude: 121.786167.

## Moss Landing Rally Coupon

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Rig length \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Nights Present: Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ @ \$ 54.80/night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Nights: Thursday ☐ Sunday ☐ @ \$ 54.80/night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: \$30/rig, \$15/single \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Steinbeck Center Tour (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.95 per person

Seniors \_\_\_\_\_ @ 8.95 per person 62+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast CA Unit WBCCI) by **April 30 to:**

**Bob and Linda Minder, 7170 Impala Drive, Ventura, CA 93003**

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