

The Tattler

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Message from Roger Siminoff, President

I hope this newsletter finds you in a campsite somewhere, enjoying your family, the weather, and the splendor of traveling in your Airstream.



The Tattler has been the main communication link for our club for eons. It has served to provide interesting stories about our members' camping and trailering experiences. It has been the advisor for rally events and the delivery mechanism for rally coupons. The Tattler was the place we learned about new members and found out how to repair and maintain our trailers. And, from time to time, The Tattler brought us recipes of wonderful meals and goodies we could prepare along the way.

In addition to being a for-the-members publication, it was also a by-the-members project. When Rosemary and I joined the CCC ten years ago, The Tattler was a printed newsletter that was edited and assembled by

Richard and Cheri Holmes. Then Rosemary and I took over editing and publishing responsibilities for about two years and tailored things a bit. When it was time to move The Tattler to an on-line publication, Roxy Gross became the publisher and carried the torch for about four years. And, when it was time for Roxy to retire her publishing responsibilities, the torch was passed to Linda Hollenbeck, the present editor and publisher.

Prior to Linda, each “owner” has had a fairly long stint carrying the duties of editor and publisher for more than a year. It’s not really a lot of work – the collection of information and assembly of the newsletter is rather simple – especially the way Roxy and Linda have tempered it. But it is a task nonetheless, and I think it would be a good idea to not over-tax our members and instead have The Tattler cycle through a one-year or two-year publisher program.

The December issue will mark one year for Linda, and I think she has done an astounding job. Under Linda’s watchful eye The Tattler has been on time as well as being chock-full of valuable information that satisfies the needs for all of our members. But it’s time to pass the torch. It’s time for another member to step forward and assume the role as publisher.

The Tattler needs you! If you are interested in sharing your talent, please feel free to call me (805.801.8750) or email (siminoff@siminoff.net) so that I can describe how the The Tattler is prepared, and answer any questions you might have. Then, when we have the new publisher in place, Linda has the process fine-tuned so she will be able to show you the ropes and help you off to a fun and easy start.

PS: Our hearty thanks to Linda for a job well done...

Roger

Meet a new Member



Hello we are Mark & Michele (Shelley) Griffin. We live in Ventura. We have had the pleasure of camping with many of you in past rallies as your friendly SOB's.

Due to my many health issues, I do not travel well in a truck so after much searching Mark found a 2000 Airstream Land Yacht motorhome. Wonderful! But there was a catch, it was in Florida. Up for the adventure, and it was one, we flew to Fort Myers, Florida in April this year and cemented the deal. We then drove like crazy back to California in 6 days & 2800 miles thru some very bad weather and many kinks & oops to make it.

Now we have officially up-graded to an Airstream motorhome to continue participating in this wonderful club. We both love traveling and I can truly say each one of the places we have been camping has had something new, interesting, different or exciting to offer and we have not had a bad experience. In other words we are game to try anything once.

A little more about us; Mark works with Aera, (oil company- part of Shell/ Exxon/Mobil the career he has had for over 30 years). I worked full-time for 20 years in the medical field but was laid off 2 years ago and never went back. Yahooooo. We have raised 3 children, 2 sons Kevin & Jonathan and 1 daughter Sarah. Sarah and her husband Matt have given us 2 beautiful granddaughters, and we love to brag about all of them.

Looking forward to many fun adventures with y'all. Shelley

Alaska: An RV Trip of a Lifetime by Joe Deering

I was presented with a problem. I had heard from our members that Alaska would be the RV trip of a lifetime, but if we went on the WBCCI Alaska Caravan it would take several months and I could not be away from my business that long.

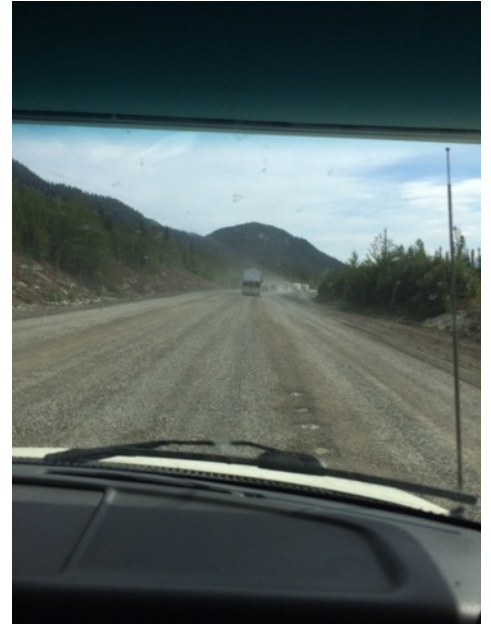
The answer, of course, was to retire and then take the two month caravan. Since I

was not quite ready to retire, I decided to take the Fly/Drive WBCCI Caravan. I deposited my money in November last year so we could go in 2015 summer. Sadly, however the Caravan was cancelled and they sent me my deposit money back.

Then I talked to my RV friend, Ray Carrier, who has come with me on some of the club's rallies. He wanted to take his RV up to Alaska and had heard about taking it on the ferry. After more research on the internet, I found that you indeed could do that, so that is what we did. The cost was too expensive to take two RV's up there so we decided to take his on the ferry. It took 3 days to reach to Bellingham, Washington. And we sailed from Bellingham to Haines, Alaska. Then we drove the Alaskan Highway for about 700 miles (about 30 miles of road in Canada were rough and hard with gravel) and met Myung, my wife, and Zaira, Ray's girlfriend, at the airport of Anchorage, Alaska. They arrived 9 days after we departed Santa Monica. They agreed to fly up and take the ferry back. That was a good idea since it eliminated a lot of driving across Canada. A travel tip: Never pass up a gas station on the Alaskan Highway—we did and almost ran out of gas before we got to Haines, Alaska on the way back to the ferry.

Four of us in one RV was too much, so I rented another RV in Anchorage. And we began our Alaskan Adventure. We visited Anchorage, Denali National Park, Mt. McKinley, Seward and on the ferry, the South East cities of Alaska such as Sitka and Ketchikan on the way back.

Nothing can really describe the beauty of the Alaskan landscapes, so I am attaching a few pictures. Also we saw five bears, numerous seals, an otter, a moose and a caribou. It was one of a kind and an unforgettable adventure.



A note from the Membership Chair

Are you ready for another exciting year of Fun, Friendship & Camping? We've had a phenomenal year of growth with many new full and affiliate members. **We currently have 68 members and 23 affiliates!** The news is spreading that we are a camping club centered on fun and friendship. Our base territory are the three Central Coast counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura but our membership extends well beyond. It is exciting to see so many new faces at rallies and to witness their enthusiasm when it comes to having a good time. Campfires with new and old friends are the best!

Now, it's time to renew your membership for 2016. You may ask why we are encouraging you to renew your membership this early. Although your 2015 membership runs through the end of the year, we begin renewals for 2016 now so that everyone has ample opportunity to get their dues in before November 1st. The November date is important because that's when we have to submit our unit's member information for the 2016 International Directory. If you pay your dues later than October 31st, you'll still be a member, but your name and WBCCI number will not appear in the 2016 International Directory.

The dues for 2016 have not changed: \$65 for International plus \$15 for Central Coast California for a total of \$80. Please make checks payable to [Central Coast California Unit WBCCI](#). If you are a member of another unit and would like to receive our newsletter and rally information, we welcome you as an affiliate with dues of only \$5.

The 2016 Membership Application is available online on our website (<http://centralcoaststream.wbcci.net>). It's a very simple online application and you pay with PayPal. Another way is to print out the coupon

that's on the same page, and send it along with your dues to Paula Poll, our treasurer. Her address is 9452 Telephone Rd. #186, Ventura, CA 93004.

Affiliate members: If you wish, you may transfer your membership from your original unit to CCC at this time. Just complete the application form and submit \$80 for dues, along with a note of your wish to transfer. We will notify International of your transfer to Central Coast and take care of all the paperwork.

New Members: The 2015 membership roster is closed as of July 30, 2015. Any new members will be joining for the 2016 calendar year, and they will enjoy all membership benefits for the balance of 2015 as well. The official year of joining will be 2016. So if you know of anyone who is interested in joining us, print out an extra application and pass it along to them.

If you have any questions about CCC membership, WBCCI membership in general, or need clarification about your individual membership status, please let me know. I personally hope to see each and every one of you at a rally this year. Come on out and join us, don't miss out, life is short.

Gary Mellinger, Membership Chair

Last Name(s)		First Name(s)		Home phone	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Main Contact:	Cell phone	Email		Birthday (Mo/Day only)	
Alternate:	Cell phone	Email		Birthday (Mo/Day only)	

Model	Year	Length in feet
Serial Number	License Plate #	WBCCI Number (if known)

☐ CCC member: \$65/WBCCI + \$ 15/CCC = \$80.00

☐ Affiliate Member: \$5 Home unit name: _____

Send your completed application and check made payable to [Central Coast California](#) to:

Questions?
Gary Mellinger, Membership Chair
Email: photofire@earthlink.net

www.CentralCoastAirstream.org

Would you be interested in providing courtesy parking for a visiting Airstream? YES / NO

Rally Schedule - 2015

September 18-20 (Friday-Sunday): Ventura Ranch KOA - Hosts: Joe & Myung Deering 310.907.5715 Alan & Robin Sokolow 831.659.5467

Call Hosts for availability

Come exploring at the Ventura Ranch KOA! Located on 76 acres set back in the California hills with a beautiful nature trail on property. Come try the zip line and scratch this thrilling ride off your Bucket-List!

October 16-18 (Friday-Sunday): El Chorro County Regional Park, San Luis Obispo. Roger and Rosemary Siminoff 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 Pam and Stuart Lindsay & Paula and Ed Poll 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 and just 10 miles from Solvang and the historic La Purisima Mission in Lompoc.

Rally Schedule 2016

Whoo Hooo! We have a great line up for 2016! **WE NEED HOSTS/CO-HOSTS FOR MOST OF THE 2016 RALLIES!** Be sure to let me know if you would like to host/co-host, and which ones.....they are all great locations! Email me ASAP for your best choice! More details to follow. Pam Lindsay lindsay7043@sbcglobal.net (805) 368-0098

January 8-10 - Valencia Travel Village.

We will have the sites right by the swimming pool (you never know how warm it can be!) and there are tons of things, besides Magic Mountain, to do in the area. This will be a Buddy Rally so you can invite your non-Airstream friends along!

February - Morro Dunes Park.

Right across the street from the beach.....and with a great view of the rock! This is a great campground from which you can bicycle into town (NOT hard) and enjoy some great seafood without cooking! The beach is wide open and dog friendly. You can venture out from there if you wish.....

March 11-13 - Yanks RV Park.

Just outside the Pinnacles, this is a relatively new upscale park north of King City. The Pinnacles has been requested by several...lots of exploring to do! This is also a meeting rally so we will have access to the clubhouse!

April 15-17 - The Springs at Borrego - Hosts: Jot and Linda Hollenbeck co-host needed

An all time favorite! This park has such attention to detail it will amaze you! When someone leaves and staff gets ready for the new arrivals.....look for a design in your sand! It has a wonderful 9 hole golf course that surrounds the camp sites, and last time we were there they were adding additional sites. We will have access to a meeting room here also. Oh! Forgot to tell you.....GREAT hot spring Jacuzzis! (Plus tennis courts, etc!)

May 13-15 - Lopez Lake

One of Stuart and my favorites since we have been camping! A rural setting with lots of space between sites! We will be in Quail, as we were last year.....with El Nino in the predictions, we hope the lake will be back up!!! They have just included a zip line.....there are great hiking trails, and you can bike/hike to the back area and visit the Boy Scout camp/equestrian area. You will see wild turkeys, smaller wildlife (squirrels) and perhaps larger (bears! Oh my!) Arroyo Grande is a wonderful little town to explore with a great gourmet cooking store and many antique stores.

June/July/August - The pot is brewing.....more information to follow, but the rally committee is trying to put together a mini caravan that you will not soon forget up the 395! More info to follow.

September 9-11 - Big Bear Lake

Off to the mountains to where we have not been before! 'Before what?' Yes, before the snow!!! We will be staying at a full hookup rv park right on the lake! They will have all sorts of water sport rentals! I think this will be great fun! You can explore Big Bear Village, hike/bike...or just chill out.

October - Refugio

With any luck at all, hopefully, the oil spill will be totally cleaned up and not have another one!!! This will be at a group site, boondocking. The scenery/location/etc is well worth it!!! Don't miss this one.

November - Pechanga Casino

Out in Temecula with a great location to access outlet shopping/gambling/chilling...and, did I mention golf? This is the election meeting, so we will have access to a community room.

December - Back to an old favorite, Wine County RV in Paso Robles

Home of the best Jacuzzi on the Central Coast, we'll have a community room for installation of the new officers. Lots of wine tasting possibilities, but don't over look the pioneer museum on the south side of town, or the air museum just down the road! Tons of great restaurants.....yum!

Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally
EL CHORRO REGIONAL PARK
Romauldo Loop

State Hwy. 1 at Dairy Creek Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

OCTOBER 16-18, 2015

Hosts: Rosemary & Roger Siminoff (805) 365-7032

October 17
National Wear
Something
Gaudy Day

Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 16

3:00 pm Check-in
 5:30 pm Social time
 6:00 pm Dinner provided

Saturday, October 17

8:30 am Breakfast provided
 10:00 am Botanical garden tour
 (optional; \$3 per person)
 Afternoon Free time to explore OR Relax
 5:00 pm Social hour
 6:00 pm Potluck dinner and
 Gaudy Clothes Contest

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am Breakfast provided
 11:00 am Depart

Safe Travels Home

Rally Information

LIMITED SITES AVAILABLE - REGISTER EARLY!!

This will be a small, casual rally; we only have 10 full hook-up sites reserved in the Romauldo Loop.

A botanical garden is located at El Chorro Regional Park that focuses on plants of the Mediterranean climate regions and features a fire safe garden exhibit. There is also a trail with a self-guided tour highlighting birds and creatures of the botanical garden area.

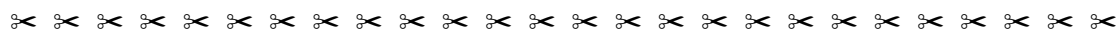
On Saturday evening we will celebrate *Wear Something Gaudy Day*. The word "gaudy" refers to something bright, gay, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste so bring your best outfit to really stand out!! There will be a prize for the gaudiest.

Meals Included: Friday dinner; Saturday and Sunday breakfasts.

What to Bring: Snack to share for social hour (assignments to follow), potluck contribution, and your best gaudy outfit.

Directions:

http://www.slocountyparks.com/activities/el_chorro.htm



El Chorro Regional Park Rally - October 16-18, 2015

REGISTER EARLY - LIMITED TO FIRST 10 COUPONS RECEIVED

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Nights: (Extra) Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ (Extra) Sunday ☐

Camping Fee: _____ @ \$40/night \$ _____

Extra Night Camping Fee: _____ @ \$44/night \$ _____

Rally Fee: _____ @ \$30/rig or \$15 single \$ _____

Botanical Garden Tour: _____ @ \$3/per person (optional) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast Unit WBCCI) by October 1, 2015 to:
 Rosemary Siminoff, 9190 Harvest Way, Atascadero, CA 93422 Questions? (805) 365-7032

Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally



November 13 and 14, 2015

Ocean Mesa RV Park

100 El Capitan Terrace Lane; Santa Barbara, CA 93117

Hosts: Pam & Stuart Lindsay, Paula & Ed Poll,
and Carol Cunningham

(805) 368-6972/ (310) 418-9323/ (661) 821-2724

Tentative Schedule

Friday:

5:00pm social hour

6:00 pm dinner provided by hosts

Saturday:

8:30 Continental Breakfast provided

Fun filled day exploring Santa Barbara/Buelton
areas, or book a massage with the resort!

5 pm social hour & potluck dinner. Bring your
favorite dish to share: main, appetizer, side or
dessert

Business meeting

7:30/8:00 ish- campfire

Sunday:

8:30 am Continental Breakfast provided

11 am Check Out

Rally Information

General Information Ocean Mesa is an upscale rv
park that has spa services. It is a short walk to the
ocean at El Capitan, and close to equal distance
drive South to Santa Barbara or North to
Buelton. With beautiful sunsets, this is a weekend
you can kick back and relax!

Meals Included in Fee: Friday dinner, Sat. and
Sun continental breakfasts.

What to Bring: A dish to share for Sat pot luck,
table service, your own drinks for Friday/Saturday
Social hour, your own coffee.

Directions: U.S. 101 (Southbound) 30 minutes
from Buellton, take exit 117 (El Capitan State
Beach). Southbound exit, turn left under Freeway,
then left along the frontage road. Turn right onto
Calle Real, then right on El Capitan Terrace Lane
to Office/Store.

U.S. 101 (Northbound), 20 minutes from Santa
Barbara, take exit 117 (El Capitan State Beach).
Drive past the El Capitan Canyon entrance and turn
right onto Calle Real, then right on El Capitan
Terrace Lane to Office/Store.

Ocean Mesa Coupon

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Food allergies? _____

Camping Fee: ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday @ \$57.00 per night _____

Rally Fee: \$17.50 pp _____ Total Enclosed _____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to **Central Coast Unit WBCCI**) by **October 25th** to:

CCC Unit WBCCI, c/o Paula Poll, 9452 Telephone Road #186, Ventura, CA 93004

Questions: Contact Pam (805) 368-6972 lindsay7043@sbcglobal.net

Central Coast California WBCCI Rally
CCC Installation Meeting
December 11, 12 and 13, 2015 (Friday-Sunday)

Flying Flags RV Park
180 Avenue of the Flags, Buellton, CA 93427 (805-688-3716)
www. <http://www.flyingflags.com>
Hosts: Bruce & Carol Yeoman
Jim & Jeanne Wade



Tentative Schedule

Friday, Dec 11

5 pm - Social Hour
6 pm- Lasagna Dinner provided by Hosts

Saturday, Dec 12

8:30 am Breakfast casseroles provided
9:00 am Christmas Ornament exchange (Optional)
5:00 pm Social hour
6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner- Bring a dish to share

CCC Installation Event

Sunday, Dec 13

8:30 am Continental Breakfast provided
10:00 am Clean up and Depart for home
11:00 am Check out time

Check in: Friday 12 p.m.

Check Out: Sunday 11 a.m.

All sites are paved with full hookup

Pet charges: none for up to 2 pets

Rally Information

General Information: Flying Flags a lovely park with a great location for sightseeing.

Directions: Drive to Buellton on Highway 101. Take the Highway 246 exit. Head west on Highway 246 to Avenue of the Flags (about .2 mile). Turn left on Avenue of the Flags: The Flying Flags RV Park will be on your left hand side.

Meals Included: Friday Dinner, Saturday & Sunday Breakfast, Dessert both nights

What to Bring: Table service and utensils for all meals. Nibbles to share and your own drinks for the social hours. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament to exchange at breakfast on Saturday. Dish to share for the Pot Luck Dinner Saturday.

----- Installation Rally Coupon

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig Length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Camping Fee: \$62 Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ \$_____

Extra Nights: \$49 Thursday ___ Sunday ___ Monday ___ \$_____

Rally Fee \$35/rig \$15/single \$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast Airstream WBCCI) to:

Jeanne Wade 798 Foothill Road, Santa Paula California 93060

Questions: Jeanne 805-660-1955 jjwade@roadrunner.com

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.



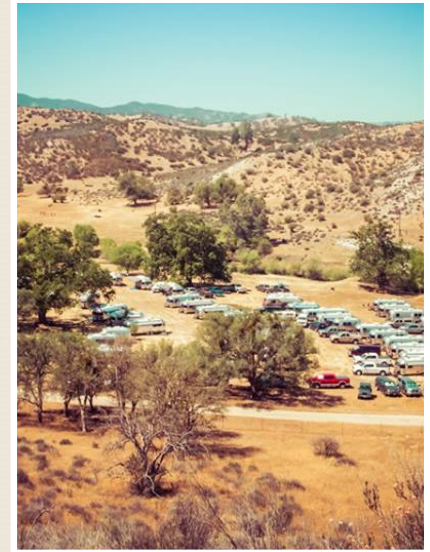
Mark your calendars and join us for some western fun in the Golden State.

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



See next page for Rally Coupon



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!