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Message from Roger Siminoff, President

Hope you are all having a great summer and getting time to do some serious Airstream-ing. And, I hope, you stayed away from the bad weather in the Midwest in May and June. Rosemary and I were all packed and loaded for our trip to AlumaFiesta that was being held at the Airstream factory in



Jackson Center over Memorial Day weekend. The morning we were ready to leave, the weather forecast only spoke of severe thunder storms, tornados, floods, and some snow and ice thrown in the for heck of it. So, at the very last minute we gave a big thumbs down to traveling through bad weather and were able to get in to San Simeon for a few days, followed by spending Memorial Day weekend at the Camatta Ranch all by ourselves (which was quite splendid), and then a few days at Morro Bay State Park. As it turns out, some quick last-minute decisions enabled us to turn a five-week on-the-road vacation into a two-week close-to-home jaunt. It wasn't the trip we planned, but we did get some good trailer time, and it was relaxing and fun nonetheless.

Interesting to note that while the State Park's reservation system showed San Simeon as being almost full - making us feel lucky to grab

one of the last sites – when we arrived, there were very few campers there. Not quite sure what's up with their system.

Speaking of trailer experiences, the Kigers headed to Missouri last week to bring a truckload (as well as their trailer loaded with things) to their new home just outside of Joplin. They sold their home in Orcutt, and when they come back to California in about a month, they'll become full-time Airstreamers, living in their trailer until next year when Glenda retires. We're sure going to miss them when they go.

There's been some question on no-host rallies and how they work. Actually, it's quite simple. For no-host rallies, there is "no host," but rather someone who agrees to coordinate communication. All meals are individual or potluck, attendees make their own reservations, and everything (hopefully) just comes together.

We now have a Membership Roster available on-line in the secure part of our website. It is a PDF document that you can view on a computer, iPad, phone, etc. or print it if you want to carry a copy with you. The Roster is an extract of our master membership file that is managed by Paula Poll. So, if you have a change of address, new email address or if you see something in the current list that needs to be updated, please email Paula at paula@lawbiz.com. A reminder please, that this is a CCC Confidential document and not for distribution or to be shared with anyone outside our unit.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the CCC Board of Directors for 2016. John Thornton has volunteered to coordinate the nominating effort. If you would like to serve on the Board, please contact John at: johnjthornton@gmail.com Serving on the CCC Board is a good way to get to know other members better while helping to ensure that business end of the club moves smoothly. Please consider this opportunity to help with CCC activities.

I've been reviewing the results of the questionnaire survey that John Thornton and I prepared back in 2014. The results helped us to have a better understanding of the specific needs and preferences of our membership. The survey gave us a lot of information about particulars, but told us little about your goals and objectives relative to our unit as a "club." The CCC is your club. While you have a Board that oversees things, it's always been my belief that the mission of the President and Board is to ensure that its members' visions about a trailer and camping club are brought to fruition, and not for us to go off on some tangent that does not align to

your wishes. Of course, there are practicalities; if your dream is to travel through Indonesia in your Airstream, or to have a rally in a different state each month, there's a good probability that we can't satisfy such unusual requests. But maybe we can come close. So, I'd like to know what you envision. In your ideal world, what would the CCC be like? How can it best serve you? What are your expectations? Please send me an email at siminoff@siminoff.net.

Have safe and fun travels, and if I don't see you at a rally soon, I hope to see you down the road. Roger

ROLLING AIRSTREAMS GATHER MOSS (LANDING) by - Bob Minder

Between May 14th and May 18th, 13 Airstreams made the journey to the Monterey Coast for CCC's northern most Rally in 2015. Steve and Tammy Wark and Brad and Linda Bailey joined my wife Linda and me in hosting the first every Rally for any of the six of us. On Thursday, a free day, several of us went over the Phil's Fish Market for some really great seafood. (Some of you should start feeling sorry that you missed this Rally) And it only gets better! We even provided a menu for everyone. Sadly, Roger and Rosemary Siminoff and Ruth and Erland Coffin could not make the Rally. Ruth and Rosemary were feeling under the weather and we certainly missed all four of them.

It was a wonderful event with a great group of fellow Airstreamers. Not many places you go allow you to see whales, seals and otters enjoying their surroundings.

Of course we had to deal with a torrential downpour (lasted 5 minutes) and some strong winds (we almost ending up in San Francisco – just kidding) Brad Bailey and Gary Mellinger provided canopies for the Friday night dinner. We had candles by the tables and lights around the canopies provided by Jose Morales and yours truly. Brad Bailey barbequed artichokes marinated by Tammy Wark. Tammy also provided bread bowls for two kinds of chili and New England clam chowder and there was cake and ice cream for dessert.

Next to the small space rented for the meal area was the campfire area. Brad Bailey provided the firewood and the Airstreamers provided the company. One non-WBCCI member came into the KOA with a 34 foot tri-axel trailer. We invited him to the Friday dinner, which he accepted.

Breakfast the next day was a real treat. In addition to having assorted muffins, Tammy Wark used a series of Airstream ovens provided by the Towndrow's, the Bailey's, the Minder's (my wife is the cute one, then there's me) as well as Steve and Tammy's oven. The result was wonderful,



warm crescent rings. We had oatmeal too, but if you are having a gourmet breakfast, who's going to eat oatmeal. Fresh juice and coffee rounded out a great breakfast.

Afterward, 15 of us headed to the John Steinbeck Center is nearly Salinas. An amazing tour about the local, famous author who won both the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes. Somebody (I won't name names, Jose, you know who you are) took a photographic record to prove we were there. (Not sure what Post Office the picture ended up in). After the tour, all 15 made the two block journey to the Steinbeck House, the former family home converted into a restaurant and gift shop. What a great meal!

Back to the camp for Pot Luck. Some left over New England clam chowder went fast. So much great food and fresh strawberries for desert. Then, another camp fire.



Sunday, another wonderful breakfast by master chef Tammy Wark. Steve Wark did the most amazing job of coffee pot juggling I had ever seen. Three percolators (two mugs empty one of them) and Steve has my nod for a gold medal in the coffee marathon.



Panni's were the specialty of the day, warm and delicious. YUM! Pastries, fruit juice and yogurt filled out the menu.

Some of our friends had to leave on Sunday, but those who stayed all went to wonderful end-of-rally dinner at the Whole Enchilada Mexican restaurant at the edge of Moss Landing. Somebody else (Again, not mentioning names, Gary Mellinger) took a photographic record of what Airstreams filled with margaritas look like.

Monday was a sad day. Everyone who was left, left. Well, all except Jose and Anne Morales, who stayed for another three days. Everyone was given the candles from Friday night as a gift.

So the next time there is a rally at Moss Landing, you need to be there. My sincere thanks to my wonderful co-hosts, Steve and Tammy, Brad and Linda. I especially wanted Brad and Linda to get some credit. They joined additional as co-hosts for Moss Landing at Camatta Ranch and did not get acknowledgement in the Tattler or the Rally Sheet. And thanks to our wonderful guests: Carol Cunningham, The Mellinger's, the Valley's, the Towndrow's, the Reay's, the Jones', the Deering's, the Bremer's, the Meuser's, and the Morales' (Jose provided an extra gift for the welcome bags).

Hope your name gets added to the next Moss Landing article.



I'd like to shout out a great big welcome to our new Central Coast California Unit members.

Our newest and first 2016 members signups are:
Steven and Terese Wrightson of Atascadero California.
Clive and Sarajane Towndrow of West Hills, California
Jim & Diane Ellis of Ventura
Mark and Shelly Griffin of Ventura



Our newest affiliate member is:
Bill and Joann Barber of Olivenhain, California.

Welcome aboard friends and feel free to check out our Central Coast California Unit, WBCCI webpage where you can access our newsletters, presidents letter, officers for 2015, future rallies, and our password protected Members Directory.

The Central Coast California Unit also hosts a closed to the public Facebook Page. If you are a Facebook user, you can request to join by contacting either administrator on Facebook, Gary James Mellinger, or Paula Johnson Poll, and request us to admit you to the Facebook CCC webpage. Here you will see up to the minute news about rallies, news stories, tow vehicles, fellow member's travels and their photos.

Safe Journeys,
Gary Mellinger, membership chair

Airstream Adventures - Six National Parks and 3,600 Miles- Jot Hollenbeck

Although we've owned our Airstream since 2008, work and other commitments have restricted our ability to hit the road for many extended trips. With my retirement in 2015, Linda and I decided to take advantage of our newfound freedom and plan a classic road trip to Mount Rushmore. In the end, our travels included stops in six National Parks, two National Monuments, and covered 3,600 miles over 24 days.

Our first stop was Las Vegas and the Oasis RV Resort. This is a convenient stop with a great pool and other facilities just south of the airport. Avoiding the temptation of gambling away the family "nest egg", we headed on to Zion National Park, staying about 12 miles out of Springdale at the Zion River Resort.

Zion Canyon offers many spectacular hikes, and we were able to



take advantage of the relatively low level of the Virgin River to hike the Narrows. Although we were there in late May, we were joined by lots of people with the same idea. I can't imagine what the crowds must be like in July and August.

After carefully reviewing all of the mountain towing scenes from "The Long, Long Trailer", we headed over the switchbacks and through the one-way tunnel of the Zion-Mount Carmel Highway to Bryce Canyon. This is a spectacular route, but not for the faint of heart, and requires an oversize vehicle pass, purchased at the Zion park entrance.

Staying near the north entrance at Ruby's Inn and RV Campground, we had the opportunity to explore the beauty of Bryce Canyon both from the rim and interior hiking trails. This is high (nearly 9,000 ft) and dry country, but we saw some incredible weather moving across the mountains in the distance. A highpoint was watching the sunrise over Inspiration Point, the early morning light setting the canyon hoodoos on fire with color.



Our route then took us up to I-70 and a stop at Arches National Park. Here we rendezvoused with my brother and his wife coming in from Cortez CO and some friends from Denver. The campground (Archview RV Resort) has little shade and managed to mess up our reservations, so I really can't recommend it. The hikes through the red rock country of Arches were spectacular, however, and the little town of Moab offers a number of shops and restaurants.



We continued to head east on I-70 into Colorado, stopping over in Breckenridge (Tiger Run RV Resort) and Golden (Clear Creek RV Park), both wonderful camping spots. The turbocharged EcoBoost motor in our new Ford Expedition met the test of towing over the Rockies with flying colors.

Having dodged numerous thunderstorm and tornado warnings in Colorado, we headed north into Wyoming, only to find our planned route toward South Dakota closed due to flooding. We ended up heading to Gillette through Thunder Basin Grasslands, and then turning east to Devil's Tower National Monument.

Ever since seeing "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", we've always wanted to visit Devil's Tower and we were not disappointed. The area is quite isolated and very picturesque. We elected to bypass the KOA at the park entrance and stay at the campground at the base of the Tower. This turned out to be our favorite camping spot of the trip. (cont'd)

On to the Black Hills and our encounter with Mount Rushmore. We stayed at the Rafter J Bar Ranch near Hill City SD, another campground I can highly recommend. It's close proximity to Rushmore allowed us to visit the monument a number of times in fair weather, in the rain, and at night, each an opportunity to enjoy different aspects of this striking sculpture. The Black Hills is a very scenic area and we took full advantage of it with drives on the Thunder Mountain and Needles highways, as well as visits to Sylvan Lake and Custer State Park. We also took a day to drive to Badlands National Park, about 60 miles from Rapid City, and to visit the much hyped Wall Drug. Passing through Rapid City, we managed to find the only Thai restaurant in South Dakota (seriously) and enjoyed a delicious lunch.



Having reached the eastern-most point of our trip, we now headed west across Wyoming to Buffalo (Deer Park Campground), and then over the Big Horn Mountains on highway 16 to Cody. We found Cody to be a good place to stop (Absaroka RV), visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, and stock up for our next few days in Yellowstone National Park.

Entering Yellowstone through the east gate, we camped at Fishing Bridge campground near Yellowstone Lake. This was an ideal jumping-off point for exploring the park with trips to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, West Thumb geyser basin, the Old Faithful Lodge and a variety of other sites. The variety of scenery in this grand old park, particularly the geothermal features, was almost overwhelming. While we did not see any bears, we saw many bison, elk, deer and antelope. There is no doubt in my mind that the most dangerous animal in our National Parks is a tourist with a cell phone.

A short hop south took us to the Grand Tetons, staying at Coulter Bay one night and Gross Ventre campground near Jackson the next. We took advantage of the fine weather to take a boat trip on Jackson Lake, and a hike up to inspiration point (renamed perspiration point, it's a steep climb) above Jenny Lake. The rugged beauty of the Tetons dominates every vista.



We completed our trip with a stop outside of Boise Idaho to visit some family, then winding down through Winnemucca to Reno to visit Linda's sister Julie, and then finally back to Las Vegas and the Oasis RV Resort for a short stop before returning to California. Happily, we experienced no mechanical issues, no dented aluminum, took lots of pictures and have memories of this trip that will last a lifetime.

The “How To’s” for our CCC Website - by Gary Mellinger

Have you had the opportunity to log on to our Members section of our Central Coast California, WBCCI Webpage?

Here you will find our Bylaws, Bylaw changes, IBT Motions, our CCC 2015 Rally Schedule and Questionnaire Presentation, CCC 2014 Questionnaire Handout, various unit motions, and finally the Member Directory where you can access your friends contact information.

To access the password protected Members Page, type in to either your search engine or into your URL bar the following; centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net
Click go or enter, onto your keyboard, and you will be directed to your CCC Unit's website. It's that easy.

And now for the Membership menu. Run your curser over Membership and you can either choose CCC Online Registration, or Members Page. Choosing Members Page, you'll be able to access all of the above information by typing in the access code that will be emailed to you. We don't want to include the access code here as our Tattler is distributed sometimes outside of our Unit.

If you've never been to our CCC website before, do explore the Presidents Letter, your Officers for 2015, and the other menu items. Don't forget to read the *Tattler* where you can get caught up on what's been happening with the Club. Also you'll find that you can order your own CCC Logo wear from Land's End by following the link.

If you are a member or an affiliate, and don't have the Access Code for the Members Page, feel free to email me at photofire@earthlink.net, or text me at [\(805\) 750-0643](tel:8057500643). Identify yourself and I will readily send you the access code.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS AND YOUR AIRSTREAM FAMILY

My wife Linda and I recently became Associate Members of the Northern California Unit, known as NORCAL and are actively looking into joining the Golden West Unit as associates as well. Why?

If anyone has had the opportunity to go to the Region 12 1914 Rally at Pahrump, NV, the Balloon Festival, Alum-Fiesta in Tucson, AZ, or the

April Cali-Rally, you would have had the opportunity to meet a great many fellow Airstreamers who are with other units in Region 12. Region 12 covers all WBCCI units in California and Nevada. Every Airstreamer both of us have encountered in our “riveted” travels has been friendly, engaging, helpful and just plain wonderful.

Our own Central Coast California Unit is privileged to have several Associate Members who, while maintaining their main membership

with another Region 12 unit, enjoy being a part of the CCC as well.

Linda and I will always be proud and happy members of the Central Coast California Unit and will be at many of the CCC Rallies and just recently, were one of the hosts of a CCC Rally. Often, other units have rally dates that do not conflict with the dates of the CCC rallies, so you can

do both. Your Airstream will get boarded if it does not roll someplace.

So consider expanding your Airstream family. Many of those you encounter may well open up affiliate membership with the Central Coast California Unit. Doors open both ways.

Bob and Linda Minder

Rally Schedule - May to December 2015

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. ***Due to drought, water restrictions have been implemented.*** 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): Ventura Ranch KOA - Hosts needed
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 and Mark and Glenda Kiger. 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 Lindsay and 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.

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.

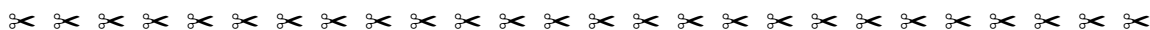
On Saturday evening we will celebrate *Wear Something Gaudy Day*. The word "gaudy" refers to something bright, gay, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste so bring your best outfit to really stand out!! There will be a prize for the gaudiest.

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 Present: Friday ☐ Saturday ☐

Camping Fee: _____ @ \$40/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

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