

# The Tattler

Airstream Owners of California



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**[www.centralcoastairstream.org](http://www.centralcoastairstream.org)**

## Message from Paula Poll, Outgoing President

Dear Fellow CCCers

My year serving our Central Coast California Unit as President is coming to a close. I am so pleased to hand over the gavel to our new President, Linda Hollenbeck, and her team. I am certain that the unit will continue to be in good hands.

It has been my pleasure to serve particularly because I received so much support from my fellow board members and rally hosts.

This unit continues to grow and welcomes new members at almost every rally due to the very active member participation. Many members braved fire and smoke in the Ventura and Santa Barbara counties to attend our December installation rally in Buellton showing their dedication to camping, fun and fellowship.

Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you down the road.

Paula Poll  
Immediate Past President, 2018



*Passing the torch*

## Incoming President's Letter



Hello Fellow CCCers,



I will be your president for 2018, and I'm aware I will have some pretty big boots to fill. Paula was a wonderful leader and guided the CCC unit well. I hope to follow in her footsteps.

A little about me for those who are asking, "Who is she?" I am married to Jot, your campfire guitarist and singer. Jot and I have two grown sons, Roger is a Major in the Marine Corps stationed on the east coast and Todd is a men's volleyball coach at USC. We have two little granddaughters, Elizabeth and Victoria that know us as Nonnie and Papa. We live in Rancho Palos Verdes, a beautiful area, however it usually adds 2 hours to any rally we attend north of Los Angeles. We bought our Airstream Ocean Breeze in December of 2007 and joined the CCC unit the next year. I was The Tattler editor in 2015. We have enjoyed Airstreaming in all forms, from resorts with full hook ups, to boon docking, to a rolling clubhouse for our granddaughters. We Love It!

I am honored, to have been nominated and elected as the president of the CCC unit. We have a wide variety of interesting rallies planned for 2018, thanks to the efforts of the Bremers and the rally committee and I look forward to camping with you. Perhaps you would consider joining Jot and me for the Cali Rally at the V6 Ranch in Parkfield in April or the International Rally in Salem in June.

The Flying Flags Rally was a lot of "Fun with Flags." Thanks to Tom and Teresa Tighe and David and Mary Lawson for hosting the rally. They made it easy for all of us and that was very much appreciated. Some of our members arrived, having been evacuated from their homes due to the Ventura fires. Some came to escape the smoke, and others came to visit and support each other. You are a wonderful group!

Yours,  
Linda

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Contact your Board and other information: The Central Coast California Unit encompasses the scenic California coastal counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura but our members come from all around Southern California! We are an active, social group which participates in local, regional and international rallies. We are dedicated to the Creed created long ago by the Airstream founder, Wally Byam. Though Wally has passed, the words and wisdom of his Creed lives on in the many Airstream Clubs which remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping" throughout California.

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### **2018 Board Members & Key Membership positions plus important email addresses**

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Central Coast California Website

[www.centralcoaststream.org](http://www.centralcoaststream.org)

CCC Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/169080673115778/> WBCCI

Region 12 Website

<http://region12.wbcci.net>

WBCCI International Website

<http://www.wbcci.org>

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Well, here's my final Membership article for 2017.

We've been extremely worried for so many of our members who have faced the Thomas Fire, some of whom have even had it roaring right up to their doors, yet were fortunate enough to have their homes spared. Here's a great big thank you to all of our brave men and women firefighters who have risked all to save not only our friends' property and lives, but that of so many other folks as well. God bless them, and their dedication to their work and to the people whom they serve.

On a lighter note, I'd like to mention how nice it has been to welcome so many new members into our CCC camping club in 2017. Why just in December alone, we've had 3 new families join our unit, as well as the two new inductees in November. We have the most awesome members in the Central Coast California Unit. There are new and tenured folks stepping up to the plate and volunteering to not only host rallies but participate on our Board and become elected Officers. Thank you to everyone, for your effort and participation and give yourselves a big pat on the back.

I need to apologize to our new family the Hicks', for not being at their first rally, which was at Flying Flags. Christa and I don't miss too many rallies, but due to a family conflict we were unable to be at that one. Since we were not able to induct Lyell and Russel in Buellton, we will have to delay an official welcome until our next event together.

Thank you to everyone who faithfully renewed for another year as part of our CCC membership. And we hope to see as many of you as possible, as we all book our upcoming rallies. Even though Christa and I have camped at many of our favorite rally destinations, it always proves to be a new experience, showing that it's not the destination so much as it's who you are camping with that makes an impact.

Our member numbers are at a point where we feel comfortable, and it's not proven to be too difficult to book the appropriate number of campsites for our rallies. As of December 15th, we have 52 families as members, and 9 affiliate memberships for a total of 62 memberships.

To our new CCC President, Co-Vice Presidents and Board members, Congratulations and the best of luck in your newest endeavor. You have our support. You just need to ask.

Christa and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. For each and every one of you, we pray for a safe, healthy and happy 2018 New Year.

Cheers and hugs.  
*Gary J. Mellinger*

## WBCCI MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2018

Many of our members have already renewed their membership for 2018. For those of you who have not yet done so, please take this time to be part of this wonderful unit for another exciting year of fun, camping, adventures, flash rallies and another caravan. While it is too late to have your membership listed in the initial Blue Beret Membership edition published in January 2018, an electronic edition will be provided later in the year.

International dues remain at \$65.00 and the Central Coast California Unit dues remain \$15.00. **The fastest way to renew** is through International, using WBCCI's PayPal or you can use a credit card.

Renewing your membership is easy, by sending your dues to International, paying the unit by check or PayPal. The details are provided below for your convenience.

1) Sending \$80.00 directly to International in Jackson Center, Ohio. The web address is <http://wbcci.org/>. Click the tab, Renew Online Today, answer the questions, and make sure the unit you select the Central Coast California Unit. Our unit is under Region 12 and the Unit number is 20. The form automatically lists the International Dues at \$65.00 and the Unit dues at \$15.00.

When you complete the information and hit submit you will be taken directly to PayPal where you can use your PayPal account or pay by credit card.

You can also print out the form and mail a check for \$80.00 directly to International:

WBCCI Central Office  
803 E. Pike Street  
P.O. Box 612  
Jackson Center, OH 45334

2) Renewing on the Central Coast California website: <http://centralcoaststream.wbcci.net/> Click on the Membership tab and complete the form. Once the form is complete and you hit submit, you will be taken to the unit PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can set one up or use a credit card to pay. Under this system, the Unit will release the funds from PayPal into the CCC bank account. The Unit will retain the \$15.00 and forward through Bank of America bill pay, the International Dues to International in Ohio. The Unit will prepare the paperwork to submit to International. If you use the Unit PayPal, add an additional \$2.70 (total \$82.70) to cover the costs charged by PayPal.

3) At the Central Coast California website, you have the option to print out the membership form in a pdf (Adobe Acrobat) version. Complete the form and then mail it with an \$80.00 check to:

Robert Minder  
CCC Treasurer  
7170 Impala Drive  
Ventura, CA 93003

The check should be made out to Central Coast Unit WBCCI.

The entire check will be deposited to the Unit Checking Account and the International dues and Renewal paperwork will be forwarded to International in Jackson Center, OH.

4) Affiliates need to renew by check. International does not accept Unit dues by themselves. The renewal fee is \$15.00 and the check should be made out to Central Coast Unit WBCCI and sent to:

Robert Minder  
CCC Treasurer  
7170 Impala Drive  
Ventura, CA 93003

If renewing by PayPal, please send \$15.74 to cover the costs charged by PayPal.

In order to remain an Affiliate with the Central Coast California Unit, the member must insure that they renew their full membership with their host unit. Those dues can be sent to International directly or to the appropriate address of their host unit.

5) Any individual who no longer owns an Airstream trailer or RV is still eligible for either full or affiliate membership as long as they do not purchase a non-Airstream trailer or RV.

The Central Coast California is looking forward to having all of our wonderful members and affiliates back with us for 2018 and new adventures in Airstreaming.

Bob Minder  
Treasurer  
Central Coast California Unit 20, Region 12, WBCCI



### **Members/Affiliates DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

John Thornton has a December birthday, day unknown

Judy Bremer December 8th, Jeanne Gates – December 11<sup>th</sup>, Carol Yeoman – December 12th  
Wink Frandsen – December 15<sup>th</sup>, Keith Valley -- December 16th, Amy Emmett — December 17th  
Fredric Sloan – December 18th, Sandy Weiherer – December 21st, Linda Bailey – December 22nd  
Ariadna Neel – December 23<sup>rd</sup>, John Totten – December 24th

Want your birthday in the Tattler. If you have not provided your birthday for the Membership Roster, we cannot list it here. To make sure, contact your 2018 Tattler Editors, Michael [mip@research.com](mailto:mip@research.com) and Marsi Peterson, [marsip@research.com](mailto:marsi@research.com)





Hello and goodbye folks! It's been a long but satisfying year for me as the editor of the Tattler. The articles and other new approaches to sharing news and information about the CCC and our beloved silver "tubes" has been a challenge that would not have been possible to meet without the assistance of the club members and associates. I'd like to thank all of the participating board and club members who took the time to contribute and share their knowledge with the rest of us during 2017. So, without further ado, I'd like to introduce the new Tattler editor(s), Mike and Marsi Peterson...

### **Profile of Michael and Marsi Peterson for the Tattler:**



We've been married for 44 years now and live in Santa Barbara, CA where we've spent our adult lives and raised our family. We have two sons, 36 and 34, two grandchildren, and a small dog named Gracie whom you will meet as she travels with us in our 20' 2006 Safari. We like to boondoggle in remote places and off the grid. In summers you'll usually find us traveling into Canada and in the winters in the Southwest's vast desert regions. We explore, hike and ocean-kayak together whenever we can as we enjoy an active lifestyle.

Michael is an engineer and consultant, working part-time. His other hobbies include photography, genealogy, mountain biking and for the last year, working around the house and yard. Marsi worked as a Nurse and about 10 years ago, retrained as a Marriage

and Family Therapist and works part time at CALM, Child Abuse Listening Mediation in Santa Barbara where she is an Intake coordinator. She especially enjoys playing games, hiking, And connecting with her family and grandkids.



Not Michael and Marsi's actual Airstream, but looks just like theirs. So if you see one like this at a Central Coast California Rally and a cute little white dog name Gracie who lives there, say hello to the Peterson's and your picture might just end up in the 2018 Tattler.



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## Rally Schedule – 2018

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**Participation** is the key to a successful rally.

(\*) Indicates that location will need to be done as a group telephone marathon.

(\*\*) Members call in their own reservations (Pinnacles Rally)

JANUARY – Port San Luis Harbor (Avila Beach) (January 19-21) **RALLY SHEET PAGE 8**

Host: Terri and Tom Reay

FEBRUARY – Death Valley (Furnace Creek) (February 23-25) **RALLY SHEET PAGE 9**

Hosts: Tom and Teresa Tighe & Mark and Shelly Griffin

MARCH – Betabel RV Park (Clubhouse) (March 9-11) **March is a Unit Business Meeting**

Host: Jim and Yvonne Savage **Additional host needed!**

APRIL – Pinnacles National Monument (April 6-8) (\*\*) **New Date**

Hosts: Mike and Roxy Gross & Michael and Nancy Jackson

MAY – San Simeon State Park (Washburn Campground) (May 18-20) (\*)

Hosts: Tom and Teresa Tighe & Brad and Linda Bailey

SEPTEMBER – Big Bear Lake (Holloway's Marina and RV) (Sept 14-16)

Michael and Marsi Peterson & Carol and Bruce Yeoman

OCTOBER – Lake Casitas Recreation Area (Fox campground) (Oct 19-21) (\*)

Hosts: Paula and Ed Poll, Dave Temple & Cal and Peggy

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NOVEMBER – Chula Vista KOA (San Diego)

**Business Meeting/Election of Officers**

(Clubhouse) (Nov 16-18)

Hosts: Jot and Linda Hollenbeck & Bob and Linda Minder

DECEMBER – Pismo Sands RV

(Clubhouse) (December 7-9)

**Officer Installations for 2018**

Hosts: Judy and Walt Bremer, Pam and Stuart Lindsay & Carol Cunningham

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Hello Airstream Friends,

**We still need a second host for the March (9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>) 2018 rally at the Betabel RV Resort.**

Please consider co-hosting this rally and join in with Jim and Yvonne Savage. There is a clubhouse and this rally is when the Central Coast California Unit hosts its March Business Meeting. A HUGE thank you to all members who have stepped up to be hosts.

Judy and Walt Bremer -

[jbremer@mac.com](mailto:jbremer@mac.com), [wbremer@me.com](mailto:wbremer@me.com)

**Rally help just around the corner**

<http://centralcoastairstream.wbcci.net/files/2013/07/Rally-Planning-Guide-2014-v4.pdf>

**IMPORTANT!** The 2018 Cali Rally at Parkfield in FULL. Region 12, host of the event will consider standby's only. Cancellation deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup> for those who already have reservations.

## Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally - January 19-21, 2018

**Port San Luis Harbor – Overflow Area** – Note Camping is on a First Come First Serve basis & we have a limit of 15 sites. You might want to consider arriving on Thursday to secure a spot. Please do RSVP as indicated below. Thank you. (Yes we are camping on the edge in more ways than one for this Rally.)

3950 Avila Beach Dr., Avila Beach, CA 93424



**Hosts:** Tom & Terri Reay and Judy & Walt Brown.

### Tentative Schedule

#### **Friday:**

5:00pm social hour - appetizers provided by hosts  
6:00 pm dinner provided by hosts

#### **Saturday:**

8:30 - Breakfast provided by hosts

Explore the Area around Avila Beach, golf, kayaking, Lighthouse Tour, Mineral Springs (Avila Hot Springs or Sycamore Mineral Springs), wine taste, shopping, Restaurants, Fishing, walk on the Pier

5 pm social hour - appetizers provided by hosts

6:00 - Potluck Dinner - Bring your favorite main, side or dessert  
7:30-9:00 cash-campfire (Prize for the best Fish Tail)



"An improbable, beautiful tale"

#### **Sunday:**

8:30 am - Breakfast provided by hosts

### **11:30 am Check Out Rally Information**

**General Information – Port San Luis Harbor District at Avila Beach: Overflow Area** has great views but it is a very dry camp ground. (no restrooms of any kind and no water, there are public restrooms & showers at the harbor about .25 miles away) **Meals Included in Fee:** Friday appetizers and dinner, Saturday social hour appetizers, and Saturday and Sunday breakfasts.

**What to Bring:** A dish to share for Saturday **Your Best January Decorations**, table service, your own drinks for Friday/Saturday Social hour, your own coffee. (Don't forget your chairs and this might be the place to bring out your portable table small or large as there are no picnic tables. Important be sure to pack all your **RV Leveling Blocks**. This whole site has a long, slow slope.

**Directions:** Port San Luis Harbor – Overflow Area is located west of Highway 101, approximately 4 miles on Avila Beach Drive. Check the maps on your phone or navigation system for the best route.

Questions: Contact Terri (805) 215-0946 [terrirey@centralcalunit.org](mailto:terrirey@centralcalunit.org)

### **Avila Beach Coupon**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rig length \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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

Food allergies if any? \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: \$26.00/rig or \$13.00/single (bring to the rally as rain cancels we will call it by the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>)

Camping is on a First Come Basis and Self Pay @ \$42/night

Please indicate the nights you plan to attend: Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

by email or by mailing the coupon to : Terri Reay, 2491 Tiara Drive, Los Osos, CA 93402 by 12/30/17.



Central Coast California WBCCI Rally  
February 23, 24 and 25 (Friday-Sunday), 2018

**"Death Valley"**

Furnace Creek Fiddlers' Campground  
328 Greenland Blvd.,  
Death Valley, CA 92328

Hosts: Tom & Teresa Tighe and Mark & Michele Griffin

February 2018



**Tentative Schedule**

**Friday, Feb 23:**

5:00pm Social Hour - appetizers provided by hosts

6:00pm Barbeque dinner - provided by hosts

**Saturday, Feb 24**

8:30am Continental Breakfast - provided by hosts

5:00pm Social Hour - Appetizers provided by hosts

6:00pm Mexican Potluck dinner - Entrees provided by hosts; bring a side or dessert

**Sunday, Feb 25**

8:30am Continental Breakfast - provided by hosts

11:00am Check out

Campground has: WIFI, good cell reception, gravel sites, back-in only, no hookups (water, sewer, or electrical). A dump station and fresh water are available just across Hwy 190. Pet charges: None.

Access to pool, shower and sports courts facilities at Furnace Creek Ranch Resort are included with your campground fee.

**Rally Information**

**General Information:** Fiddlers' Campground is adjacent to the Ranch at Furnace Creek.

**Directions:** See Information Sheet for all route options

West Entrance: Hwy 395 North, past Olancho, Hwy 190 East to Furnace Creek

East Entrance: I-15 East to Baker, Hwy 127 to Death Valley Junction, Hwy 190 to Furnace Creek

**Meals included:** Friday appetizers and dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday appetizers, Sunday breakfast.

**What to Bring:** Bring your own drinks and coffee and your WBCCI badges. Because we are dry camping, table service will be provided by hosts to keep washing to minimum: paper plates and plastic drinking cups and cutlery.

**Check-in:** Go to site first and then to Registration

**Check in: Friday 12:00 pm**

**Check out: Sunday 11:00 am**

**Quiet time:** from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am, but generators may be run at night.

Furnace Creek Fiddlers' Campground Coupon

Name _____	WBCCI No. _____
Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	Email _____
Phone _____ Cell _____	Rig length _____
Emergency Contact: Name _____	Phone: _____
Rally nights: Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday ____ Sunday ____	\$18.00/day \$ _____
Rally fee: \$30/rig, \$15/single	\$ _____
	Total enclosed \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check [payable to Central Coast Unit WBCCI] by January 25th to:

Tom & Teresa Tighe, 6024 Quail Ct., Groutt, CA 93455-6053

Questions: Contact Tom Tighe at 714-913-8510 or ttinorca@gmail.com

Central Coast California WBCCI Rally  
February 23, 24 and 25 (Friday-Sunday), 2018  
Furnace Creek Fiddlers' Campground  
328 Greenland Blvd.,  
Death Valley, CA 92328

## Information Sheet

**Check-in at 12:00 pm      Check out by 11:00 am**

**Campground fee is \$18/day - NO HOOKUPS, dry camping, back-ins**

Park your rig in your site then walk to "The Ranch at Furnace Creek" registration office, to check-in.

**DO NOT PULL YOUR RIG TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICE** as there is no space to turn around.

### **Directions to Fiddler's Campground**

#### West Entrance:

Hwy 14 North to Hwy 395 North, past Olancha, Hwy 190 East to Furnace Creek (192 miles from Mojave)

**BEST ROUTE**

OR

Hwy 14 North to Redrock Randsburg Rd, to Hwy 395 North, to Hwy 190 East to Furnace Creek (179 miles from Mojave)

OR

Hwy 395 to Lone Pine, Hwy 136 East to Hwy 190 East to Furnace Creek (219 miles from Mojave)

#### East entrance:

I-15 East to Baker, Hwy 127 to Death Valley Junction, Hwy 190 to Furnace Creek (247 miles from Mojave)

Campground is located behind the gas station just south of the Furnace Creek Visitor Center

**Gas** Last good prices for gas are in: Mojave, Pearsonville or Ridgecrest. Gas in National Park is over \$4.00/gal.

### **Furnace Creek Amenities**

Campground guests have access to "The Ranch at Furnace Creek" facilities: natural spring-fed swimming pool, shower facility, coin operated laundry, sports courts (including tennis courts, shuffle board, volleyball, Bocce ball, and basketball courts), restaurants (3) and coffee café.

### **Senior Annual Pass**

For those who have a National Parks "America the Beautiful" Lifetime Senior Pass, **DO NOT FORGET IT**, entrance to Death Valley National Park is \$25. A Senior Pass grants access to all U.S. national parks and federal recreational lands, it costs \$80 if purchased at a federal recreational site, an additional processing fee of \$10 is added if the pass is purchased by mail order. Online and Mail in Senior pass applications are currently being processed within seventeen weeks. Until the current processing backlog of Senior Pass orders are shipped, your order confirmation will be honored for use at all agency sites.

### **Activities**

**Dark Sky area:** Great area for star gazing; we will bring our telescope but bring yours if you wish.

**Scotty's Castle:** Currently open to guided tours only; closed to public otherwise, we are looking into booking a group tour for us.

**Keane Wonder Gold Mine:** Re-opened in November; one of best examples of gold mining; has aerial tramway.

**Sightseeing** Furnace Creek Visitor Center, Borax Museum, Zabriskie Point, Harmony Borax Works, Twenty Mule Team Canyon, Artist's Drive, Dante's View, Devils Golf course, Badwater Basin, Stovepipe Wells Village, Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes, Salt Creek, Ubehebe Crater, Father Crowley Vista and the Wildrose Charcoal Kilns.

**Hiking:** Easy (0.4 to 1.5 miles, flat to 165 feet elevation gain), 5 trails

Moderate (1.5 to 7 miles, 450 to 2,400 feet elevation gain), 9 trails

Difficult (8.4 to 14 miles, 2,200 to 3,000 feet elevation gain), 2 trails

**Golf:** Furnace Creek Golf Course is next to the campground. Rates are: \$73.50 with cart, \$60.00 walking.

Sundowner rates, which start at noon, are: \$47.50 with cart, \$35.00 walking.

## FLASH RALLIES



They are not official rallies. These are spontaneous events triggered by one or more members asking other members to join in an adventure, pay as you go! NO HOSTS. Scheduled in between scheduled rallies. Welcome others to join in. Plan a trip, invite members and affiliates; use our Facebook page. Have a different Airstream adventure!!

**Pending 2018 Flash Rallies – Lake Cachuma – Camp Comfort, Ojai**  
**Are in planning stages – date TBD.**



*Note: The Rally Schedule locations and months are set contingent on the final reservation dates at the each location. Confirmed rallies are listed on page 7.*



## Sunshine News

**Ann Smith injured her foot while attempting to stop her car from rolling down the driveway and having the car run over it.. At the December rally, Ann used different appliances to keep her mobile, yet off her foot. Quick recovery Ann.**

**Although there were several close calls, thankfully all of our Airstream family's houses were spared. The Central Coast California members are so thankful. The unit also applauds the brave and dedicated fire fighters for their courage and commitment.**



# 2018 International Rally **Salem International Rally**

## Registration Update

Although the rally site has plenty of capacity remaining, the rally committee has suspended sale of registrations for 30 amp sites for the 2018 International Rally. At this time you may choose to:

1. Register for a dry camping site (either solar or generator) on wbcci.org.
2. Place your name on the standby list for a 30 amp site AND register for either solar or generator sites on wbcci.org. Be sure to check YES for "Add to Stand By List" on the Registration Form.
3. Place your name on the standby list for a 30 amp site only, at no cost, by calling Julie Rethman at 937-596-5211 or email her at



**INTERNATIONAL RALLY**

**61<sup>st</sup> Wally Byam Airstream Club  
INTERNATIONAL RALLY**

June 23-30, 2018 ★ Salem, Oregon

**REGISTRATION**

**Rally Fees** – \$225.00 for an RV On-Site with 30amp electric, water and pump outs; \$110.00 for each Adult (18+); \$40.00 for each Youth (13-17); Free for Children (12 & Under); Lifetime Member Discount \$20.00 (limit 1 per registration); Dry Camping Discount \$30.00. There will be two (2) sections for Dry Camping: #1 – **Solar Area** (no generators permitted) and #2 – **Generator Area** where usage will be allowed between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm. Dry Camping includes pump-outs. Members who arrive on site and have not pre-registered will be charged an additional \$50.00. Payments by PayPal or Credit Card will be assessed a \$12.00 service fee.

**Handicapped Parking** – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members with a doctor-approved state/government issued permit on file with the Corporate Manager of WBCCI prior to arriving at the rally site.

**Early Registrations** – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registering for the rally on or before January 1, 2018, be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of **\$2,000.00** in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

**Bull Pen** – Every attempt will be made to park you on your assigned parking date. Members arriving after 5:00 pm can spend the night in the Bull Pen at no cost, but with no services.

**FEE REFUND POLICY** – Refund requests must be postmarked by April 30, 2018 and **must** include the Rally pass if issued. All cancellations are assessed a **\$50.00** administrative fee. Refund requests after May 1, 2018 are subject to a 50% penalty. **NO** refunds after June 1, 2018.

**Checks payable to: "WBCCI" US Funds Only**  
Mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334

**Rally Parking:** Passes will be sent Spring 2018  
**Notes:** Handicap Parking subject to verification by HQ

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**FOR REGISTRARS ONLY:** Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: ☐Cash ☐Check ☐Card ☐PayPal Amt Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**61<sup>st</sup> Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally**

June 23-30, 2018 ★ Salem, Oregon WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$225.00	\$
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$110.00	\$
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Dry Camping Discount	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ -30.00	\$
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$ -20.00	\$
PayPal or Credit Card Fee	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ 12.00	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>				\$

Information	Yes	No
VAC Parking:		
First Time:		
Handicap:		
Dry: Solar <input type="checkbox"/> Off		
Dry: Generator <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Source: ☐Mail ☐Online ☐Office ☐Rally Handicap Permit: ☐On file ☐Update Requested ☐Update

Payment Type: ☐Cash ☐Check ☐Card ☐PayPal Amt Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



[jrethman@wbcci.org](mailto:jrethman@wbcci.org) . You will be notified if a 30 amp site becomes available. This does not guarantee you a site unless a 30 amp site becomes available.

Cancellations or added capacity will allow moving members to 30 amp sites in the same order they joined the standby list.

**Rally Fees** – \$225.00 for an RV On-Site with 30amp electric, water and pump outs; \$110.00 for each Adult (18+); \$40.00 for each Youth (13-17); Free for Children (12 & Under); Lifetime Member Discount \$20.00 (limit 1 per registration); Dry Camping Discount \$30.00. There will be two (2) sections for Dry Camping: #1 – **Solar Area** (no generators permitted) and #2 – **Generator Area** where usage will be allowed between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm. Dry Camping includes pump outs. We charge an additional \$50.00 if you arrive on site and have not pre-registered. Payments by PayPal or Credit Card will be assessed a \$12.00 service fee.

**Handicapped Parking** – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members with a doctor-approved state/government issued permit on file with the Corporate Manager of WBCCI prior to arriving at the rally site.

**Early Registrations** – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registering for the rally on or before January 1, 2018 will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of **\$2,000.00** in awards. The award may be redeemed at any

Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

**Bull Pen** – Extended parking hours will allow us to make every effort to park you on the day you arrive. If at all possible, please try to arrive by 8:00 pm. If you cannot be parked when you arrive, you may spend the night in the “Bull Pen” at no cost, but with no services.

**FEE REFUND POLICY** – Refund requests must be postmarked by April 30, 2018 and **must** include the Rally pass if issued. All cancellations are assessed a **\$50.00** administrative fee. Refund requests after May 1, 2018 are subject to a 50% penalty. **NO** refunds after June 1, 2018.

Rally Parking passes will be sent in the Spring of 2018

## Event Properties

**Event date** 06-23-2018

**Event End Date** 06-30-2018

**Registration Start Date** 07-27-2017 1:50 pm

**Capacity** Unlimited

**Registered** 346

**Cutoff date** 05-15-2018

**Location** Oregon State Fairgrounds

To register: [wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2018-salem-or/rally-registration](http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2018-salem-or/rally-registration)



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Oak interior, large ref/freezer, large tanks, solar, new faucets and batteries, day/night shades, forced air and catalytic heater, Sony AM/FM/CD player, corner bed plus couch/fold out bed, custom wheels, alum. LP tanks



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# HOLIDAY RALLY

Christmas comes but once a year and so does the Central Coast California Unit's December rally. This year's event at Flying Flags RV Resort took members from both the North Pole and the South Pole (apparently reached from U.S. 101). The rally was well attended, accompanied by good food, great friendships, a great potluck and the installation of the new officers and directors for 2018.

New members, Russ and Lyell Hicks were welcomed to their first rally. Jeff and Lena Williams and Dave Temple came to their second and Bruce and Ann Smith to their third.

Rally hosts, Tom and Teresa Tighe and David and Mary Lawson helped to make everyone welcome on this festive occasion. They provided great snacks for Happy Hour, wonderful deserts including a cake too big for everyone to eat after the International Dinner. Then there was wine served prior to the Potluck on Saturday night. Breakfasts included toasted bagels, warm oatmeal, fruit, and eggs. The hosts for this rally once again proved that if any member leaves a rally hungry, it is their own fault.

President Paula Poll welcomed the current board to the front of the clubhouse for recognition, a nice award certificate and, as a special gift, an Airstream keychain. Then it came time to welcome the new 2018 Board. Linda Hollenbeck as President, looking sharp in her new Blue Beret, new co-Vice Presidents Bruce Yeoman and Lynne Valley, new Directors, Ruth Coffin and July Bremer. Mike Gross and Mark Griffin continue for the second year as Directors. Bob Minder continues to be the Unit's Treasurer. Carol Cunningham and Gary Mellinger could not make it to the rally. Carol will continue as Secretary and Gary as Membership Chair. What made the installation even more special was that Lynne Valley, Bruce Yeoman and Ruth Coffin could not stay for the rally, but still made the trip in order to be installed in their new offices. Keith Valley and Carol Yeoman also made trip to see their spouse become a 2018 CCC Officer. That's dedication!!

Turn about being fair play, the 2017 officers presented special gifts to outgoing President Paula Poll. The gifts were well deserved too! Paula is not going into full retirement as she gets to serve as the immediate past President on the 2018 Board.

In addition to our brand new and returning new members, our hosts, many of the regular crowd (it must be a rally, so I better be there); the attendance including Bill and Karen Almas, Walt and Judy Bremer, Stuart and Pam Lindsay, Ed and Paula Poll, Mike and Roxy Gross, Michael and Marsi Peterson, John and Jane Thornton, Mark and Shelly Griffin, Jim and Diane Ellis, Jot and Linda Hollenbeck, Adrian, Vickie, Edward Corbett and Bob and Linda Minder. Jose and Anne Morales even made the long, long trip from their home in Buellton to be at some of the meals.

We did miss John and Carol Taggert, Carol Cunningham, Cal and Peggy Meuser and a full rally weekend with Keith and Lynne Valley and Bruce and Carol Yeoman.



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No rally would be incomplete without some special event. That is where co-host David Lawson came in. A Saturday afternoon visit to Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana. A short walk across the Avenue of the Flags and we were there. An amazing collection of signs, license plates, vintage automobiles, and kitchen resembling a diner establishment with bright red cabinetry. So many memories from hosts determined to keep part of our nostalgic history alive. Well Done David. You had quite a crowd of your fellow Airstreams enjoy the museum tour.

No rally is complete without pictures, including the one that Jot Hollenbeck took of the entire group standing outside the clubhouse.



*At CCC Rallies, you CAN have your cake and eat it too! At left, the Friday International Theme dinner dessert cake. On the right, a wonderful Vickie Corbett cake to celebrate Judy Bremer's birthday. Let's not even talk about the pies, cookies and candies. There were enough calories at this rally, that participants could have pulled their Airstreams without using their tow vehicles.*



## MORE RALLY PHOTOS



*The December Rally's wonderful hosts, Tom Tighe, Teresa Tighe, Mary Lawson, David Lawson.*



*Karen and Bill Almas smile for the Tattler*



*The 2017 Board present presents to outgoing President Paula Poll in appreciation for her dedication and hard work on behalf of the Board and all members of the Central Coast California Unit. Well-deserved Paula! Left to right, Mark Griffin, Pam Lindsay, Paula, Walt Bremer, Judy Bremer, Bob Minder*



*Neatly wrapped presents await the annual gift exchange*



*Judy Bremer and Bruce Smith*



*Lynne and Keith Valley*



*Mark and Shelly Griffin*



*The Unit had two unknown members sneak into the clubhouse. They said they were from Chicago, but booked an event at Jackson Center in Ohio.*

## **Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana**



## **What Airstreamers do on a Saturday afternoon in Buellton**



## Central Coast California Unit Nylon Flag



Central Coast California Unit Flag being held by Brynley and Xander Mellinger, children of Gary and Ashley Mellinger and grandchildren of Gary and Christa Mellinger.

The Central Coast California Unit flag **ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

To pick up the flag you ordered or to get it mailed to you, please contact Pam Lindsay at [lindsay7043@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindsay7043@sbcglobal.net). There are some extra flags available; more can be ordered. Contact Pam Lindsay to purchase one.

**They were seen flying on the 395 Caravan & at Jackson**  
**Don't be left out!**

**BUY & FLY THE UNIT FLAG PROUDLY AT OUR RALLIES.**



## PET PROFILES

The Minder household lost their original camping cat, Portia, at eighteen years last year. The house and the Airstream was very lonely for a few months until Bob and I traveled to the Aluminafandango rally in Jackson, CA last year. While there Tom Smithson showed us his cute little 12-week old Tonkinese kitten, AKA “the terrorist”, and told us about the breed. We normally rescued all of our previous cats from the pound in order to save a life, but this breed intrigued us and so the journey began. The research revealed that they are much like dogs in that they follow their humans from room to room at home (and the trailer), have to be next to their human, talk all the time and “follow” simple commands (if the wind is right and it is a good day for them). Their behavior is always extremely friendly to all human visitors (just ask our plumber, pool guy and electrician!).



So anyway back to the journey, we decided to contact a breeder to obtain more information and possibly get on a list for kitten. Amazing what you can find on the web! Found a breeder in Clear Lake, CA (of course it couldn't be the breeder in San Diego where the temperature is warm and pleasant and not too far from home). The breeder stated that she had a new litter that was born a few days prior (September 2016) and did we want to buy one? Bob and I thought about it for a few seconds and said yes! We decided on two females (cute as only a baby can be) and the pickup date was December 28, 2016. It was a two day trip up and back and it reminded us of why we don't camp (yes, we took the trailer) in winter. There was frost on the ground the morning we picked up the little darlings. We had planned everything out – had the largest dog cage, warm blankets, water, food, kitty litter in the back seat of the truck and the truck heater on high for them. What

we had forgotten is that they would miss their litter mate (only one male was left) and the strange truck sound. How can two tiny kittens make so much racket! All the way home and the only time it stopped was when the truck stopped and we took them out of the cage. We made it home (with one overnigher) in one piece and let them out in the house to explore their new home. They took over the house from one end to the other within a day and all breakables had to be put away. The house looks as though we are getting ready to move; nothing on the fireplace mantle, coffee and end tables, and the bare minimum on the kitchen counters. They have a heated bed in the house (and one in the



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truck for camping!) and approximately 14,000 toys strung from one end of the house to the other.



We've had them for about a year now and they are seasoned camping cats. They each have a harness and lead so they can go for walks (they take us, not us take them). Tonks have interesting color names. Jasmine (she looks like a Siamese) is a Natural Point and Meko is a Natural Mink (mouse colored). They've made the trailer their home away from home by shredding four screens and snagging all of the curtains on both ends of the trailer (all those birds, flies and bugs!). One interesting fact is that they will not use the dirt or grass on their walks for their business. They will hold it until they get back to the trailer. One of their favorite rallies was Lake Lopez because they had never seen turkeys, deer, quail or woodpeckers.

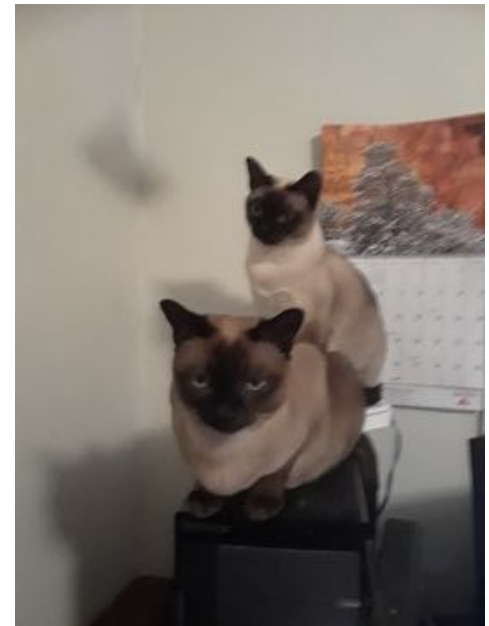


Currently, they have designed themselves as the assistant editors of the Tattler. They take turns sitting on the warm modem while

I'm typing. I wish I could recommend their filing abilities but every piece of paper is a toy along with all pencils and pens! Bob and I have included some pictures of our two little "terrorists" for your review. Funny, how the house and the trailer no longer have that lonely feeling. Make sure you drop by the trailer at



*We now know that Jasmine is the real Author of the 395Caravan binder*



the next rally to meet Jasmine and Meko. They'd love to meet you.



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To all the members of the Central Coast California Unit



FROM THE 2017 TATTLER STAFF

*Linda Minder, Editor*

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