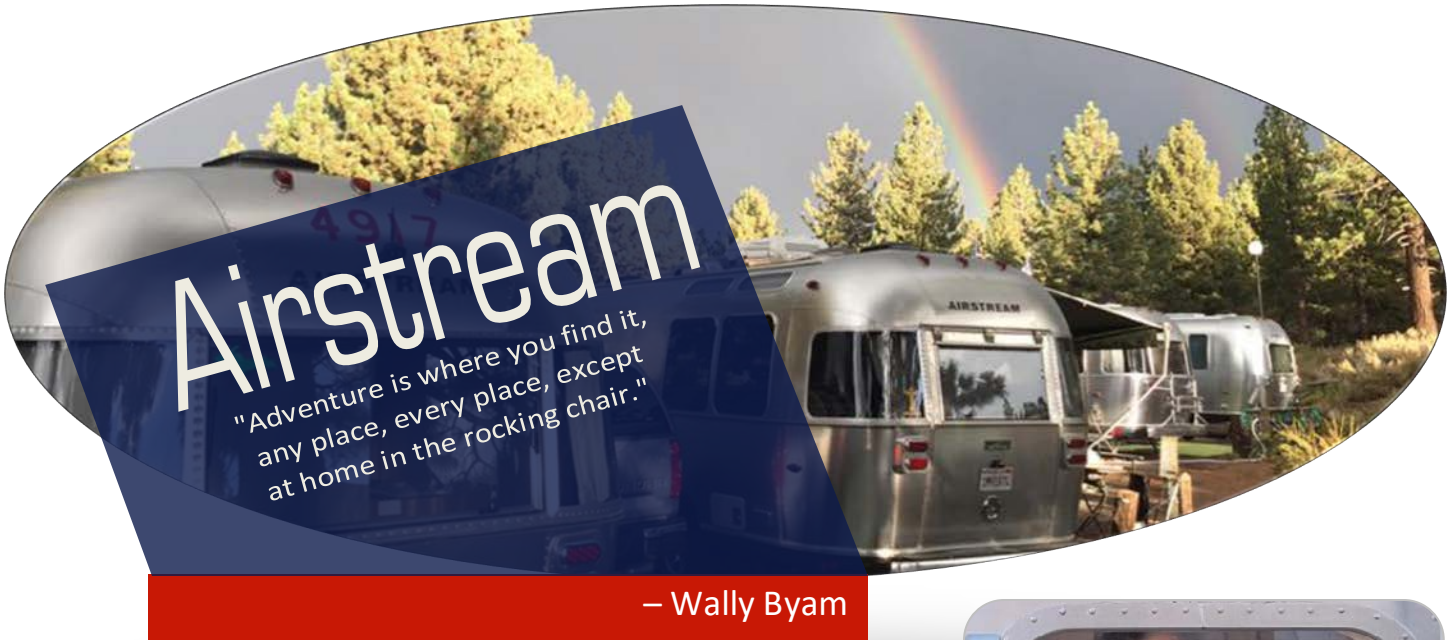


The Tattler

Central Coast California Unit – Region 12



Issue #3, March 2018



2018 Rally Schedule

- JANUARY 19-21 – Port San Luis Harbor (Avila Beach, Overflow Area)
Host: Terri and Tom Reay
- FEBRUARY 23-25 – Death Valley (Furnace Creek)
Hosts: Tom and Teresa Tighe & Mark and Shelly Griffin
- MARCH 9-11 – San Juan Bautista (Betabel RV Park)- Unit Business Meeting
Host: Jim and Yvonne Savage & Susan and John Barrett
- APRIL 6-8 – Pinnacles National Monument
Hosts: Mike and Roxy Gross & Michael and Nancy Jackson
- MAY 18-20 – San Simeon State Park (Washburn Campground)
Hosts: Tom and Teresa Tighe & Brad and Linda Bailey
- SEPTEMBER 14-16 – Big Bear Lake (Holloway's Marina and RV)
Hosts: Michael and Marsi Peterson & Carol and Bruce Yeoman
- OCTOBER 12-14 – Camp Comfort, Ojai CA.
Hosts: Paula and Ed Poll, Dave Temple, & Cal and Peggy Meuser
- NOVEMBER 16-18 – Chula Vista KOA (San Diego)
Hosts: Jot and Linda Hollenbeck & Bob and Linda Minder
- DECEMBER 7-9 – Pismo Sands RV – Business Meeting/Election of Officers
Hosts: Judy and Walt Bremer, Pam and Stuart Lindsay, & Carol Cunningham



Central Coast Unit

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 that 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 live on in the many Airstream Clubs that remain active to this day. Established on April 10, 1965, we continue to enjoy "Fun, Friendship & Camping."



Central Coast California Airstream Club

Officers

- President – Linda Hollenbeck #4818
- Co-Vice Pres. - Lynne Valley #3012
- Bruce Yeoman #4197
- Secretary - Carol Cunningham #4895
- Treasurer - Bob Minder #4195
- Past Pres. - Paula Poll #8252

Directors:

- One Yr. – Mike Gross #1469
- Mark Griffin #1872
- Two Yr. – Ruth Coffin #6141
- Judy Bremer #3884

Operations:

- Membership – Gary Mellinger #2002
- Webmaster – Walt Bremer #3884
- Tattler – Mike & Marsi Peterson #2638

Club Website Links:

- [Central Coast CA Unit Website:](#)
- [CCC Facebook Page:](#)
- [Airstream Region 12 Website](#)
- [Region 12 Cali Rally Website](#)
- [WBCCI International Website:](#)
- [WBCCI Twitter Feed:](#)

President's Message

Linda Hollenbeck

Hello and Happy Spring,

Since my last letter our CCC unit has enjoyed two rallies, Furnace Creek in Death Valley and Betabel in San Juan Batista. I did not attend the Death Valley rally, but I encourage you to read the rally report to learn all about it. Jot and I attended the Betabel rally and had a great time. Our hosts, Yvonne & Jim Savage and John and Susan Barrett had just enough activities to entertain us and allow us plenty of time to explore the area. Please read the rally report or go to the website for pictures and details of the rally.

At Betabel, our board met on Saturday morning and many members stayed to participate. We heard about the proposed 2019 rallies from Bruce Yeoman and Lynn Valley and greatly appreciate all the consideration and planning they have put into next year's rallies. Bob Minder reported on the financial health of the club (very healthy) and Gary, in absentia, told us we are 65 families strong with 10 affiliate members. Carol Cunningham did a great job keeping up with the conversation for our minutes.

While checking in at Betabel, a comment was made to me by a non-Airstream rv'er about how many Airstream owners seem to put up lots of lights and leave them on all night and sleeping was difficult because of it. I kept a big smile on my face and said, "Oh, really?" Then I began to consider her words and realized as members of WBCCI we need to be mindful of our responsibilities to be courteous campers and through our conduct indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples. But wait, wasn't that a group of courteous CCC members who invited first time Airstream owners, Dan and Julie from San Mateo, to dinner after helping them get parked? So maybe, we just need to remember to turn off our lights at night.

A final note to those attending the Balloon Fiesta in October, get your reservations in for Enchanted Trails RV Resort, the stop before the Balloon Fiesta. This will be the best chance for CCCer's to caravan to Camping World and camp together at the Fiesta.

Take care.



Death Valley Rally, Feb. 2018



Join us at a Rally!

Membership Report

Gary Mellinger, Membership Director

Christa and I were planning on seeing you all at the Betabel Rally, but with her hip replacement surgery and then a followup-surgery to repair a subsequent fracture, we'll need to recoup for another 6 weeks before she is able to regain total mobility. Thank you all for your positive energy, and healing thoughts and prayers. It has all helped immensely.

And now on to our membership report. It never ceases to amaze me, how many new members are joining CCC each month. I've been told by at least 2 recent joiners, that they decided to join CCC, after reading our Tattler Newsletter. Kudos to our Tattler editors, both past and present. Also, I believe that we are attracting members not only through the sheer amount of people purchasing Airstream products, but by word-of-mouth as well, by our dedicated CCC members. Also, as co-administrator of our CCC Facebook Page, I have noticed that there is much more activity from our membership, such as liking, posting and viewing posts.

Our most recent new members are Mark and Lesa Smith of Los Osos, Dan and Shirley Wright and John DeGroot of Santa Barbara, and Dave Garner of Oxnard who offers Courtesy Parking.

Our membership now stands at 65 families strong and 10 affiliate families for a total of 75.

The news is- as I imagine you have been reading as well- that the Airstream Factory is gearing up for a 50% increase in production of trailers, and is also adding to their other RV lineup. So it would appear, that with more and more families investing in trailers, joining an RV club would be a natural outcome of any such purchases. What better way to join like-minded people, and become informed about Airstreams, than to join their namesake club, Airstream/ WBCCI.

It warms my heart to see so many new members volunteering to Co-Host our rallies and also throw their names in the hat for the CCC Board of Directors.

Cheers everyone and Christa and I hope to see you all very soon.



Member Profiles

Mike & Roxi Gross Director

Mike, Roxi and Sami have been Airstream owners since 2006. Starting out with a new Classic 30' slide out, they joined Central Coast Airstream and were immediately bitten by the camping bug. Mike & Roxi have both served as Directors, Vice President and President of our unit, plus 5 years as Tattler Editor for Roxi and hosts of more than 20 rallies.



Preparing for a cross-country trip in 2018, they made 2 decisions: A move to Leisure Village in Camarillo with its great security and returning to a trailer (28' CCD International) with a big Ford truck to pull it.

Originally from the east coast, Mike & Roy plan to travel the northern route to Prince Edward Island this summer with stops at friends and family along the way. The trip should take about 4 months, ending by meeting friends at the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Fiesta (6th time, not to be missed!).

We are proud parents of 2 terrific children (Adrienne and Ben) and 6 beautiful grandkids (Shaun 18, Dylan 16, Danielle 11, twins Ethan & Payton 6 3/4, and Tristan 2). We are blessed that they all live within 30 minutes of us. Family always comes first, followed by Airstream travel.



Katie & Preston Vowels New Members

We're Katie and Preston Vowels and live in Ventura after 7 years in Encinitas and a short stop in Bakersfield. Preston is a firefighter with LA City and Katie is a wedding and portrait photographer.



We each grew up camping with our families and respective Scout troops in Southern California and when we got together, we continued to (tent) camp. We have been dreaming of Airstream life for years though and finally found a 1971 Ambassador in November 2017 in ready to use condition, which is good as we have two girls: Rowan (5) and Scout (2) and another baby girl on the way!

They've gone tent camping with us for years but now we've really got them spoiled! We've already been able to use it for a few short trips to Buellton, Anaheim (for quick access to Disneyland!), and down to South Carlsbad to see old friends. We've taken annual tent trips to Yosemite and we're hoping to make it up there with the Airstream this year as well (yep, even with an infant!).

We look forward to meeting other local Airstreamers!



Club Membership:

- New Members: 3 (Feb-Mar)
- Total Members: 65 families, 10 affiliates = 75 unit members

Annual Membership Fees:

- WBCCI Membership = \$65 + CCCU Membership = \$80 total
- Join or renew at <http://wbcci.org>



Latest New Members

- Robert & Cindy Markwith, Eugene
Join 12/17 | 2008 27' Safari
- Glen & Jane Gold, Shasta Lake
Join 1/18 | 1969 25' Tradewind
- Mark & Lesa Smith, Los Osos
Join 1/18 | 2017 16' Bambi
- Dave Gardner, Oxnard
Join 2/18 | 2018 Interstate GT
- Dan and Shirley Wright, Santa Barbara
Join 3/18 | 2017 30'
- John DeGroot, Santa Barbara
Join 3/18 | 2018 Atlas 25'

Death Valley Rally Report

February 22-25, 2018 | by: Bob Minder

The campsite is called Furnace Creek, although most of the Furnaces were those in the Airstreams. It tended to get quite cold at night. The wind also had its way some of the time, but four propane fire-pits kept the edge off at night. Did that keep the Airstream owners from enjoying themselves? Not on your life. There was so much to do and to see.

Speaking of life, several of us went to see Pup Fish, almost the size of minnows, the streams in which they live has more salt than the Pacific Ocean. The Pup Fish survive and flourish in the coldest and hottest weather that Death Valley can provide. One sad feature, Scotty's Castle was closed, but we made the most of it exploring other parts of the park.

Yes, we have explorers. Mike and Marsi Peterson, Bruce and Ann Smith, Dave and Julie Hale, and Walt and Judy Bremer went on two long slot canyon hikes (Mosaic and Sidewinder) and along with others, explored many viewpoints and side-roads throughout the park. Bruce and Carol Yeoman, Mark and Shelly Griffin, Dave Temple and Bob Minder had lunch at the beautiful and exotic Ranch at Death Valley Hotel. And, almost everyone made it over to the Furnace Creek Visitor's Center, right by camp.



Great food and fun filled gatherings were provided by the Rally's wonderful hosts, Tom and Teresa Tighe and Mark and Shelly Griffin. It was also a treat to see the wonderful Corbett family on what we thought was their last rally with us.

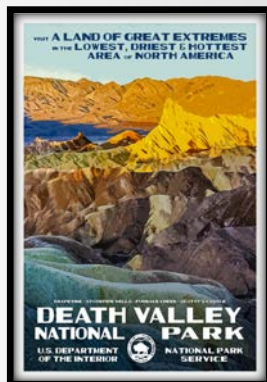


All in all, 10 Airstreams made the long journey. Bruce and Carol Yeoman, David and Julie Hale, Dave Temple, Bob and Linda Minder, Bruce and Ann Smith, Michael and Marsi Peterson, Walt and Judy Bremer, Adrian, Vickie and Edward Corbett, plus hosts Tom and Teresa Tighe and Mark and Shelly Griffin. Special thanks to Michael and Roxy Gross for lending their generator to the Corbetts.

Stove Pipe Wells had a campsite with full hookups, but Furnace Creek was much closer to the many fantastic sites Death Valley offers. If you have not made it to Death Valley, next time it comes up on a CCC Rally, make sure you are among those making the trip. It is like no place on Earth.

Death Valley Activities

- Great social time
- Fun Food
- Campfires
- Hiking
- Slot Canyons
- Bicycling
- Exploring
- Touring
- Visitor Center Talks



Great food and wonderful company along with excellent hiking and exploration makes for a great rally!

San Juan Bautista Rally Report

March 9-11, 2018 | by: Bob Minder

It was the first adventure for the Central Coast California Unit at the beautiful Betabel RV Park in San Juan Batista. First, was the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, second a Friday luncheon at the Steinbeck House in Salinas, and finally a great Mexican Dinner on Saturday night at Jardines de San Juan.

The unit had planned its goodbyes to the wonderful Corbett family at the Death Valley rally in February. But Adrian, Vickie and Edward surprised us by coming to Betabel for their last rally. The unit also welcomed Glen and Jane Gold to their first rally. These new members live in Shasta Lake, CA; quite a trip in their vintage 1969 Airstream.

Jim and Yvonne Savage and John and Susan Barrett did a great job of hosting the rally. Although we missed Gary and Christa Mellinger, Ed and Paula Poll and Dan, Karen and Meghan Jones, hosts Jim and Yvonne had not only arranged sites that would have accommodated them, but the hosts were able to add others to the list.



All in all, 18 CCCer's made the journey. Dave Temple, David and Julie Hale, Keith and Lynne Valley, Brad and Linda Bailey, Cal and Peggy Meuser, Stuart and Pam Lindsay, Carol Cunningham, Jot and Linda Hollenbeck, Bruce and Carol Yeoman, Nancy Jackson, Mark and Shelly Griffin, Jim and Diane Ellis, Michael and Roxy Gross, Bob and Linda Minder, Plus the Golds, Corbetts, and our wonderful hosts.

The March unit meeting was held after breakfast on Saturday morning. Unit President Linda Hollenbeck looked extra sharp in her blue beret.



Minutes from the November 2017 meeting were approved and a Treasurer report was given. Vice Presidents Bruce Yeoman and Lynne Valley discussed the preliminary rally schedule for 2019. Among the sites were Pechanga RV Report, El Capitan State Beach, Wine Country, Lone Pine, Morro Dunes, and the Corinthian Yacht Club. A special treat location will be the Carmel by the River RV Park, a truly beautiful location.

Both the Northern California and Gold West Units frequent Betabel. Those of us who were there can completely understand why. It offers huge lush green lawns that the camping dogs loved, generally nice weather and with a little rain thrown in, this first visit to Betabel is likely to not be the last.

Betabel Activities

- Great social time
- Fun Food
- Campfires
- Exploring San Juan Bautista and its Mission



John Steinbeck House



Great food and quality time together – what a rally is all about!

**Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally
April 2018 Pinnacles Rally**

April 6-8

Pinnacle National Park Campground CA

5000 Highway 146 Paicines, CA 95043

Reserve at www.reserveamerica.com

Hosts: Mike & Roxy Gross (805.857.8788)

Michael & Nancy Jackson (805.748.6260).



Tentative Schedule

Thursday:

6:00 All American BBQ

Although not technically part of the rally, many plan to arrive on Thursday. Bring something (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.) to throw on the barbeque and a side dish to pass. Hosts are making Cast Iron Upside-down cake for dessert.

Friday:

8:30 Breakfast of hearty oatmeal, fruit provided.

Spend the day exploring the park and caverns.

5 pm: Social Hour (light appetizers provided)

6:00 pm: Italian Night with lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread and desert. Followed by campfires with s'mores, weather permitting.

Saturday:

8:30: Campfire breakfast of egg omelets in a Ziploc. Continue to explore the park, drive into town or Monterey.

5 pm Social Hour (light appetizers provided)

6 pm Mexican Night with Margaritas, beef & chicken chili, tortillas, beans and rice.

Sunday:

8:30: Continental breakfast provided

5 pm Smorgasbord: Baked ham, brown beans and whatever else campers have in their cupboards to add.

Rally Information

General Information: Pinnacles is the newest national park. It has truly majestic sights with lots of opportunity for hiking, touring or simply relaxing. **You need to make your own reservations for this rally.** We recommend Loop D as it has power. There may be sites available in the first come-first serve area or other loops (non-electric). Water is available from spigots but not at each campsite. To learn more, check out:

<https://www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm>

Meals Included in Fee: Breakfast and dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Lunch is on your own.

What to Bring: Please bring your dishes and utensils for all meals and your favorite beverage for Social Hour; hosts will provide light appetizers. We will not have use of a clubhouse so prepare for outdoor dining.

Directions:

From Hwy 101: Take Hwy 101 North to the town of King City. Exit at 1st Street. Turn right toward King City. Continue straight until 1st St turns into Bitterwater Rd (Monterey County G13).

Follow Bitterwater Rd until it intersects Hwy 25.

Turn left on Hwy 25 (North) and follow for ~15 miles.

Turn left onto Hwy 146 to enter the park.

Turn left into the Pinnacles Campground and check in at Pinnacles Visitor Center.

Safe Travel Home!

Pinnacles Coupon

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Nights Present: Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday ☐ (for planning food) Site # _____

Rally Fee: \$35 /couple or \$20/single \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast Unit WBCCI) by **March 15th** to:

Mike Gross 42076 Village 42, Camarillo CA 93012

Questions: Contact Mike (805.857.8787) or Roxy (805.857.8788)

mjgross7@gmail.com or roxygross@roadrunner.com

Central Coast California WBCCI Rally
May 18, 19 and 20 (Friday-Sunday), 2018
Hearst San Simeon State Park, Washburn Campground
500 San Simeon Creek Road, Cambria, CA 93428 / (805) 927-2035

Information Sheet

Hosts: Linda & Brad Bailey: H: 805-927-5889 C: 805-909-7547, 805-909-7548 (seabaileys@sbcglobal.net)
Teresa & Tom Tighe: C: 314-705-9455, 714-913-8510 (tdhuxford@earthlink.net, ttnorca@gmail.com)

You must make your own reservations for Washburn Campground:

Campground fee is \$20/day, plus \$7.99 reservation fee (Cancellation fee is \$7.99)
Sites are assigned when checking in at park entrance ranger station. **Dry camping**, no hook ups, back-ins.

Check-in at 2:00 pm Check out by 12:00 Noon

Online Reservations at Reserve California: <https://www.reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>
Or, call (800) 444-7275.

When making reservations, please let them know you are with the Airstream Rally.

Please send an e-mail to the Baileys and Tighe with your arrival and departure dates.

Washburn Primitive Campground Amenities

This campground is approximately one mile inland from the beach on a plateau overlooking the Santa Lucia mountains and the ocean. Each campsite has a fire ring and picnic table. Water spigots, chemical flush toilets, and a sanitation station and water fill-up are nearby. **No showers.** Quiet hours are 10 pm to 6 am; Generators may only be operated between 10 am and 8 pm.

Links:

[Hearst San Simeon State Park](#) website

[San Simeon State Park Brochure](#)

[San Simeon State Park Campground Map](#)

Directions to Hearst San Simeon State Park

San Simeon State Park is located 2 miles north of Cambria and 5 miles south of the Hearst San Simeon Visitor Center.

From the South: Located 35 miles north of San Luis Obispo. From Highway 101, take the Highway 1 exit northwest.

From the North: Take Highway 46 west and then north on Highway 1

Activities

Cambria: "One of America's Prettiest Towns". <http://www.cambriachamber.org/>. Restaurants (the [Sea Chest](#) is a Cambria favorite), Shopping, Art Galleries, Moonstone Beach, Hiking Trails. Free Visitors Guide: <http://www.icloudmobilemedia.com/t/21275-cambria-magazine>.

Clydesdale Horse Riding Tours at Covell Ranch: covellscaliforniaclydesdales.com

Hearst Castle: www.parks.ca.gov/hearstcastle. Estate houses a world-renowned collection of art. William Randolph Hearst also built landscaped gardens and a private zoo on the property. Tour Reservations: www.hearstcastle.org.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS): <https://montereybay.noaa.gov/>. Marine ecosystem encompassing shoreline length of 276 miles from Cambria to Monterey, with Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Bay.

Elephant Seals: www.elephantseal.org. Various viewing points north of San Simeon; May is end of molting season.

Piedras Blancas Light Station: www.blm.gov. Has been in continual operation since 1875. Owned and operated by Bureau of Land Management since 2001, light station is still in use as navigational aid and for scientific research.

Additional Activities: Hiking, Beachcombing and Tide Pooling, Surf Fishing, Kayaking, Surfing, Windsurfing, Yoga in Nature at Leffingwell Landing, Moonstone Beach on Saturday/Sunday (<http://tula4you.com/>).

NOTE: Rally Coupon will be available on Central California Coast Unit website in March then in April Tattler.

Central Coast California WBCCI Rally

May 18, 19 & 20 (Friday-Sunday), 2018

"San Simeon Creek State Park"

Washburn Campground

500 San Simeon Creek Road,

Cambria, CA 93428

"By the Sea"

Hosts: Brad & Linda Bailey and Tom & Teresa Tighe

May 2018



Tentative Schedule

Friday, May 18

5:00pm Social Hour - appetizers provided by hosts

6:00pm Dinner - provided by hosts

Saturday, May 19

8:30am - Continental Breakfast - provided by hosts

Activities; See info sheet; if there is enough interest, a tour of Covell Clydesdale Ranch in Cambria can be setup. Vehicle based tour (open wagon) \$50/pp, and/or Group Trail Ride (on a Clydesdale) \$100/pp for two hours. Please call Linda (805) 909-7547 or email cambrialinda@gmail.com

4:30pm Social Hour - we will gather outside of Sea Chest restaurant, bring your chair and liquid refreshment.

5:30pm - Sea Chest Restaurant — opens at 5:30, no reservations, cash or check only, NO CREDIT CARDS.

Sunday, May 20

8:30am Continental Breakfast - provided by hosts

12:00pm Check out

Rally Information

General Information: Washburn Campground is upper area of San Simeon Creek Campground, it is a primitive camping area. **You must make your own individual reservation, www.reservecalifornia.com for Hearst San Simeon State Park, [Washburn Campground](#).**

Directions: 35 miles North of San Luis Obispo on Highway 1, and 5 miles south of the Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument Visitor Center

Meals Included: Friday appetizers and dinner, Saturday breakfast, and 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: 2:00 pm at Park entrance station

Check out: 12:00 pm

San Simeon Washburn Campground Coupon

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Rally nights: Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___ (You must make your own reservation)

Rally fee: \$36/rig, \$18/single \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check, payable to Central Coast Unit WBCCI, by April 31st to:

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

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

Club News and Notices



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Rally News and Notices:

- For Rally Coupons check our website :
- Don't miss the upcoming Rallies & Plan a Flash Rally!
- Learn how to Host a Rally: Volunteer to Co-Host - just contact one of the hosts

Upcoming Events

- WBCCI: 2018 Cali Rally - April 19-22, in Parkfield ,CA. - Full
- WBCCI: 2018 Region 12 Rally - Oct 3-7 in Las Vegas, NV
- WBCCI: International Rally June 23-30 | Salem OR.
Now has a 3 day stay option.
- Check Club Birthdays in Facebook

Give us your inputs for postings, notices, corrections or links for the Tattler.

Club Resources and Links

- Membership Roster and Contact List:
 - Contact Walt Bremer, Webmaster, for access if you need it: wbremer@me.com
- Read Past Issues of The Tattler Newsletters:
- Access Rally Coupons online - CCCU website or CCCU Facebook
- To Join or Renew your Membership:
 - Through the CentralCoastCaUnit's website
 - Through WBCCI International (the fastest way)
- Planning a Rally? Download the planning guide
- Buy CCCU Logo-Wear- instructions on website:

Airstream - Fun & Social Stuff

Facebook Links

- WBCCI Wally Byam Airstream Club
- CentralCoast CA. Unit - Our Facebook page
- Airstream Addicts - amazing pictures

WBCCI Websites

- WBCCI Region 12 Website - our parent Club
- WBCCI Airstream Club Website

Twitter Links to follow:

- WBCCI Airstream Club
- WBCCI Region 12 or #Airstream

Join us and Have Fun at a Rally!

