

The Tattler

Central Coast California Unit – Region 12



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Airstream

"..to strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end.."

— Wally Byam

2018 Rally Schedule

- 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
- JUNE 23-30 – International Rally, Salem Oregon ([reservations](#))
WBCCI Rally: Coordinate in our Facebook site
- JULY 20-23 – Hearst San Simeon State Park (Washburn Campground)
Flash Rally – Make own reservations, Julie Hale coordinating on Facebook
- AUGUST 4 – 12PM Club Luncheon | High Sierra Grill House | Goleta, Ca.
- SEPTEMBER 14-16 – Big Bear Lake (Holloway's Marina and RV)
Hosts: Mike & Marsi Peterson, Carol & Bruce Yeoman, & Dave Temple
- OCTOBER 5-9 – International Balloon Festival Albuquerque, NM
Make your own reservations & coordinate in our Facebook site
- 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

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- 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](#)
- [WBCCI Airstream Club Facebook](#)
- [WBCCI International Website:](#)
- [WBCCI Twitter Feed:](#)

President's Message

Linda Hollenbeck

Hello Fellow Campers!

As I write this, I just finished reading WBCCI President Jim Cooke's message in the latest Blue Beret. I remember the excitement of getting our Ocean Breeze, finding treasures to put in it and then meeting other Airstream owners and sharing ideas. The more rallies we attended, the broader our friend base became, and the more we looked forward to other rallies.

This year Jot and I are celebrating 10 years of Airstream ownership, and we have 2 red stars next to our WBCCI number to prove it. Somehow it doesn't seem that long ago when we pulled into our first RV park. Upon arriving I remember seeing another Airstream and felt more comfortable somehow; an immediate connection with someone no longer a stranger.

Speaking of strangers, I don't think my grandpa ever met one. If you saw the Blue Beret "Historically Speaking" section and read about Mom & Pop Riley, you were looking at virtual twins of my Swiss immigrant grandparents.

Even though my grandparents never circled the globe in an Airstream, they were very self-sufficient, always shared what they had and nurtured family and friends. Sound familiar?

After reading many of the stories of past WBCCI caravan adventures, Jot and I can finally say we are "International" too. Yes, we are in Puerto Penasco, Sonora Mexico enjoying the beautiful Sea of Cortez.



When we pulled into the beachfront site, we discovered eight other Airstreams from the Four Corners Unit! We did a quick set up and walked the short distance to the Airstream gathering where a party was underway and introduced ourselves. There, we recognized Louis and Sergio, who we first met in 2010 at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. There are no strangers in the Airstream community.

See you down the road.



Quality Camping – Cali Rally | April 2018



Rick & Dena Welch

Join us at a Rally!

Membership Report

Gary Mellinger, Membership Director



I start out this months membership article with some sad news.

♥♥ It's with a heavy heart, Rick Welch asked me to share with his Airstream friends that his wife Dena passed away at their home in Georgia Saturday May 12, the day before Mother's Day. They were in their yard when Dena suffered a cardiac event, was transported to the hospital where they were unable to revive her. Should you wish to send Rick a note or give him a call, I'm sure that he'd appreciate the support. Rick Welch, 100 River Cove Ridge, Social Circle, GA. (626)8247007 welch.airstream@gmail.com

Rick and Dena were friends to everyone that they met. Dena's smiling face was always at Rick's side and when they'd come to our house to visit, she would sometimes relate to us about the times that she would work on her cars and always be there to spin a wrench when needed. They only lived a mile from us and we spent many a time, sitting up late into the evenings discussing Airstreaming, travel, rig modifications, Forest Service, and off-roading adventures. Dena so loved decorating for the holidays, especially Christmas. We have missed them terribly since they relocated to Georgia, and now we've lost our very close friend, Dena. You can find Dena's obituary at:

<https://www.harwellfuneralhome.com/notices/Dena-Welch>

We had the pleasure of meeting our new members Dan and Shirley Wright at our May rally in San Simeon State Campground. They are from Santa Barbara and tow a beautiful 2017 Classic Airstream trailer. Welcome to Rally Life. It was nice visiting with you both at meals and the campfires.

And talk about newer members, our good friends Dave and Julie Hale like to camp as well as kayak. Julie has taken upon herself to declare a Flash Rally, July 19-23 (4 nights), at Hearst-San Simeon State Park, Washburn area. We have 7 families who have reserved so far. As of 5/21, there were 19 spots left and it is dry camping. Bring your solar, generator and kayaks if you have them. Go to ReserveCalifornia.com to reserve your spot before they're gone. And, don't forget to file your coupons to attend the Big Bear and Ojai Rallies this fall.

Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Safe Journeys and good health.



Member Profiles

Dan & Shirley Wright New Members

We are Dan and Shirley Wright and live in Santa Barbara, we just bought a new 30 ft classic, we are newbies to Rving. However, for many years we have enjoyed a 75 foot timeshare houseboat on Lake Powell. We think RVing will be similar and this will be our land yacht. We got the cart before the horse and are now looking for an appropriate tow vehicle. In the meantime, we have it set up at our home.



On our bucket list for this summer we hope to take a tour with Unit 20. We are also planning a route 66 trip to Bullhead City, Santa Fe, Durango, Telluride, Sturgis, SD, for M/C rally, then west to Cody WY, Yellowstone, then to the west coast, then back to Santa Barbara. Does this sound a bit too ambitious for newbies?

We have an adorable labradoodle and a 15 year son, Ryan. We enjoy the outdoors and like to bike, hike, tennis and ski. We like to explore new places and look forward to making new Airstream friends through rallies and caravans. We look forward to meeting you all!



Dena Mercer New Member

I've heard wonderful things about the Central Coast Airstream Club, so I'm excited to be a member. The RV world is a new one for me. I've had my Grand Tour for just a little over a year. I've made several short trips and plan to be on the road a lot more in the coming months.



I retired from education several years ago, bought a sailboat, and have enjoyed anchoring at the many coves at our Channel Islands as well as day sailing and racing. I'm a camper at heart, and for many years spent the summer seasons in the Sierra backcountry. Now I'm visiting the Sierra in a little different way, in my new glampier!



Other than sailing, my interests are reading, history of any kind, writing, and just enjoying nature. Ending the days with a campfire, a glass of wine, and good company is my idea of bliss. I'm hoping to share many of those campfires with you, my fellow members.



Club Membership:

- New Members in 2018: 8
- Total Members: 72 families, 10 affiliates = 82 unit members

Annual Membership Fees:

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



Latest New Members

- Dan & Shirley Wright, Santa Barbara
Join 2/18 | 2017 30' Classic
- John DeGroot, Santa Barbara
Join 3/18 | 2018 Atlas 25'
- Steve Gwillum, Santa Barbara
Join 3/18 | 2017 19' Int.Serenity
- Dena Mercer, Ventura
Join 3/18 | 2017 Interstate
- Gary & Debbie McComb, Lompoc
Join 3/18 | 1952 15' Cruisette
- Steve & Christina Kensrue, Cambria
Join 4/18 | 2015 25' Flying Cloud
- Jason & Andrea Grendahl, Pleasanton | Join 4/18 | 2005 30' LS

Vickie, Adrian, & Edward Corbett

Airstream Ambassadors

We are a British family who have been in the little ole US of A for almost 5 years now. Our little family comprises of Adrian, Vickie Corbett and our 3.5 year old son, Edward. We are a military family. The Queen sent us here and she wanted us back in old Blighty.

So why Airstreams? We got our first RV when Vickie was 38 weeks pregnant. Our first weekend away with Edward was when he was only 2 months old. Ever since, we have averaged 6.85 nights away every month totalling 281 nights camping. When we would try and get Edward off to sleep we would pop him on the stroller and wander around the campsite. These shiny iconic Airstream trailers kept catching our eye. Proper Americana for us. We thought there is no way we could ever afford one of those beauties. So we looked deeper and we could run to a vintage (pre-loved, falling apart 1970's trailer) on our budget. So off we went to Phoenix, AZ to buy our old gal.

Next question was do we join WBCCI or not. We were already seasoned weekend travelers but, being a military family 6,000 miles away from our English home, we wanted to make proper American like-minded friends and not just mix with military families. Why choose CCC? simple. You had the word "coast" in your name and something we are very much deprived of living in the Mojave Desert. LA just simply did not appeal to us country folk or 'cut the mustard' as we would say.

We managed to squeeze in to the Big Bear Rally, Autumn 2016 as our first CCC rally. Mike Gross bent over backwards to accommodate us last minute and field our random questions. Our train of thought was Big Bear is a place we visited a fair bit already so if nothing else if the club wasn't our bag, we would enjoy the area. You have to be in it to win it as they say.

Adrian and I had a conversation as we drew into Big Bear that went along the lines of "OK, do we have a code word if we want to escape from this bunch of folk if is not for us?" Being terribly British, we would hate to offend. On arrival to Holloway's RV Park, we were greeted by our very own CCC grandmama, Peggy Meuser. Instantly, we felt welcome and warmth. A whole lot of sincere hugs too. A feeling we had missed not having regular contact with our family and friends from Europe due to our current geography. We had found a place where we belonged in California. This was so very important to us as we are natural extroverts and loved the company of others, who embrace the love of travel and the sense of the open road. We have learned so much from you all. Paula Poll is the queen of the road trips and has always taken her time to give us honest and frank critique when touring the American Southwest. Everyone has contributed to make this our experience in the US totally awesome. 30 odd States and 25 National Parks visited in 5 years 'aint' such a bad effort.



We have never felt judged for being a comparatively younger British family with an old clapped out trailer and unreliable tow vehicle, who always turn up late to a rally on a Friday and that are always interrupting conversation as chasing after Edward around the campsite. Edward instantly has found lots of Airstream grandparents when we joined CCC. You have watched him grow and watched him explore and absolutely spoil him rotten! Edward never seems to leave a rally without lots of attention nor empty handed as someone always gets him a little present or treat. This is very kind. Thank you so much for letting us share Edward with you all. You treated him so much! Also thank you for your positive comments and kind, supportive words of encouragement about Edward. Gosh, parenting never came with a handbook and its lovely to hear we are doing ok by him!

So, now from Norfolk, England, Us Corbetts wanted to sincerely thank you all for being our Airstream family. Even at the last rally, our different members came up and told us of their intention to come on over and visit us in Norfolk, England. Of course, we will insist on a Pot Luck dinner at least once when they visit. It would not be the same conversing over anything else with a glass of Californian's finest wine. Chin, Chin. Bottom's Up and Your Good Health to our fabulous Airstream family.

Thank you for being you and see you down the road!

Hearst-San Simeon State Park Rally Report

May 18-20, 2018

Another great rally wrapped up last weekend with all the usual fun, food, and socializing. Washburn Campground is a great site for a rally and the area has great hiking and walking trails. A number of the group explored the coastline along the picturesque Fiscalini Ranch Preserve in Cambria and others kayaked Morro Bay.



Here is what a few of the attendees had to say:

"Thank you everyone for coming out to the San Simeon Rally. It is always amazing how folks just jump-in and help out like they always do. While it was a bit chilly at times, we had some great fires and the sun was out each day for most of the day. We were all happy seeing Christa again, she is looking healthy and spry. Between the Patron margarita's, Boni's Tacos, Linn's Pies/Ice Cream, Theresa's famous oatmeal, & assorted breakfast items, appetizers, and Escargot/Alaskan Halibut/Sea Bass, and other delicious items at the Sea Chest Restaurant, we had a very good time." – Brad

"Almost another exciting rally down in the books. Thank you to our gracious hosts Tom and Teresa Tighe and Brad and Linda Bailey. We are having a really great time and how wonderful to be getting away and visiting with so many old and new friends." – Gary

"Beautiful sunset at San Simeon tonight. Many thanks to our hosts the Tighes and Baileys for a great rally weekend." – Roxy

"A special Thank You is in order to Tom & Teresa Tighe, who deserve the "Above and Beyond Award." Even though their rig was being serviced and Tom had week-end commitments elsewhere, they rented an SOB, setup camp, and carried on with characteristic good cheer, hard work, and fabulous organization." – Marsi



The Hearst San Simeon State Park Rally was also attended by Judy & Walt Bremer, Yvonne & Jim Savage, Christa & Gary Mellinger, Marsi & Mike Peterson, Roxy & Michael Gross, Julie & David Hale, Dave Temple, Carol Cunningham, and new members, Shirley & Dan Wright. Let's all give a big welcome to the Wright's!

Hearst-San Simeon S.P. Activities

- Great social time & Campfires
- Wonderful Food
- Hearst Castle
- Explore Cambria & the Big Sur areas
- Kayaking Morro and San Simeon Bays
- Hiking & Beach Walks



How many friends can you cram into Dave Temple's Airstream?

Big Bear Lake, CA. Rally At Holloway's Marina & RV Park



Dates: September 14-16, 2018

Hosts: Bruce & Carol Yeoman, Mike & Marsi Peterson, Dave Temple

Location:

- Holloway's Marina RV | 398 Edgemoor Rd.
Big Bear Lake, Ca. 92315 | (909) 866-5706
- 15 Hookup sites reserved – register below

Preliminary Rally Schedule:

Friday:

5PM – Social hour

6PM – Dinner provided by Hosts

Saturday: 08:30 Breakfast

5pm - Social hour

6pm – Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday: 08:30 Breakfast

Group Dinner Out or Left-overs

What to do in Big Bear:

Hiking San Geronio Peak and Wilderness Areas

Kayaking, Fishing, Boating, Recreation Info

Touring, Exploring, 4Wheeling

Early Octoberfest and brewery tours

RV Park Information

- Check in time is 2PM, Check-out time 1PM. Pets are free
- \$25 early check-in charge by the resort
- Cancellations after Aug. 15, subject to Park's processing fees unless filled by another member

What to Bring: Table service, appetizers to share, and your own drinks for the social hours & breakfast, We will be outside for all meals so bring warm clothes for the evenings.

Directions: Google Trailer Directions to Big Bear Lake

- Holloway's is on the South Shore, turn off Big Bear Blvd. onto Edgemoor Rd, heading North. The park is on your left.
- Do not come in on the CA330 or CA18 from San Bernardino



Big Bear Lake Rally Coupon Register by August 1, 2018

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Nights Present: Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday ☐

Rally Reservation: Thurs: _____ Fri: _____ Sat: _____ Sun: _____ @ \$55/nite \$ _____

Rally Fee: \$35 /couple or \$17.50/single Rally Fee: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to Central Coast Unit WBCCI) by **August 1** to:

Bruce and Carol Yeoman: 124 Wakefield St. Santa Paula, Ca. 93060

Questions: Contact Bruce (805.933.3635) or Carol (805.415.3146) | cyeoman4@yahoo.com



Central Coast California Unit WBCCI Rally
October 12-14, 2018
Camp Comfort, Ojai, CA
11969 N Creek Road, Ojai, CA 93023
 Maximum 15 sites! Reserve Early
 Hosts: Cal & Peggy Meuser, Dave Temple
 Paula & Ed Poll



Tentative Schedule

More Information coming

Friday:

5 pm Social hour
 6 pm Dinner provided by hosts

Saturday:

8:30 Breakfast provided
 Explore Ojai
 5 pm Social hour
 6 pm Dinner Out in Ojai
 8 pm Campfire

Sunday:

8:30 am Breakfast provided
 11 am Clean up and depart for home or
 stick around for another night.

Safe Travel Home!

Rally Information

General Information: The San Antonio Creek flows through this beautiful, lush park. There are an ample number of mature shade trees throughout. Camp Comfort is approximately 1 mile from downtown Ojai. We have reserved the entire 15 site park.

Meals Included in Fee: Dinner Friday, Breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

What to Bring: Appetizers to share and your own drinks for the social hours & breakfast, Hat and binoculars. Warm coat and suntan lotion. Table service.

Directions:

Camp Comfort, Ojai, is located 15 miles north of 101 in Ventura on CA 33 to Creek Road in Oak View. Right on Creek Road and Park is on the right.. The community of Ojai is located 1 mile away.

Camp Comfort, Ojai Coupon
11969 N Creek Road, Ojai, CA 93023
Reserve by August 20, please

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Rig length _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Camping Nights: Thurs, Oct 11 ____ Friday, Oct 12 ____ Sat, Oct 13 ____ Sun, Oct 14 ____

Full hooks plus restrooms and showers @ \$47 per night \$ _____

Rally Fees: \$30/rig or \$12.50/single \$ _____

Pet Fee: \$1 per night per dog \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check (payable to **Central Coast Unit WBCCI**) by **August 20** to:

Dave Temple, 9116 Cripple Creek Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93312

Cancellation deadline is August 25 for full refund. However, we will maintain a wait list and no charge if we fill your spot.



Volunteer & Co-Host a Rally in 2019

2019 Rally Schedule & Hosting Signup

- JANUARY 18-20 – Newport Dunes RV Resort | Newport Beach | (Hook-ups with clubhouse) | Hosts: Needed
- FEBRUARY 22-24 – Carmel by the River RV Park | Carmel | (Hook-ups with clubhouse) | Hosts: Needed
- MARCH 22-24 – Wine Country RV, Paso Robles | (Hook-ups with clubhouse) | Hosts: Needed | (Business Meeting)
- APRIL 5-7 – Pechanga RV Resort | Temecula | (Hook-ups with clubhouse) | Hosts: Needed
- MAY 3-5 – Lake Lopez (Quail Loop sites 25 through 43) | Make your own reservations (Hook-ups) | Hosts: Minders, Cunningham, Temple
- JUNE – International Rally, TBD
WBCCI Rally: Coordinate in our Facebook site
- JULY – Plan a Flash Rally
- SEPTEMBER – Date TBD | Boulder Creek RV | Lone Pine | Hosts: Needed
- OCTOBER – Date TBD | Refugio State Park Group Site | Hosts: Needed
- NOVEMBER – Date TBD | Morro Dunes RV | Morro Bay | (Hook-ups with clubhouse) | Hosts: Valley and Yeoman | (Business Meeting)
- DECEMBER – Date TBD | Channel Islands Harbor | Make your own reservations | Hosts: Needed | (Installation of Officers Dinner at Corinthian Yacht Club)



We now have our Rally Schedule for 2019! You will see it includes a mix of new venues as well as some old favorites. Although some exact dates are still to be determined, the schedule is now set for the first 5 months.

Hosts are an integral part of these club rallies, so we ask you to please consider hosting or cohosting in 2019.

If you would like to volunteer, just contact Bruce Yeoman or Lynn Valley.

- cyeoman4@yahoo.com
- klvalleyfamily@gmail.com

Club News and Notices



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Rally News and Notices:

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

Upcoming Events

- **July Flash Rally** – San Simeon SP
- **Annual Summer Luncheon**
August 4 | High Sierra Grill, | Goleta, Ca.
- **WBCCI: 2018 Region 12 Rally**
Oct 3-7 in Las Vegas, NV
- **WBCCI: International Balloon Festival** Oct. 5-9 | Albuquerque
- **WBCCI: Annual Rose Parade Rally**
Dec. 28-Jan 1, 2019 | Pasadena

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

Club Resources and Links

- Membership Roster and Contact List Online here:
 - 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 or what to learn to host? 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

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!



Roxy & Mike Gross



Ann & Bruce Smith



Jot & Linda Hollenbeck