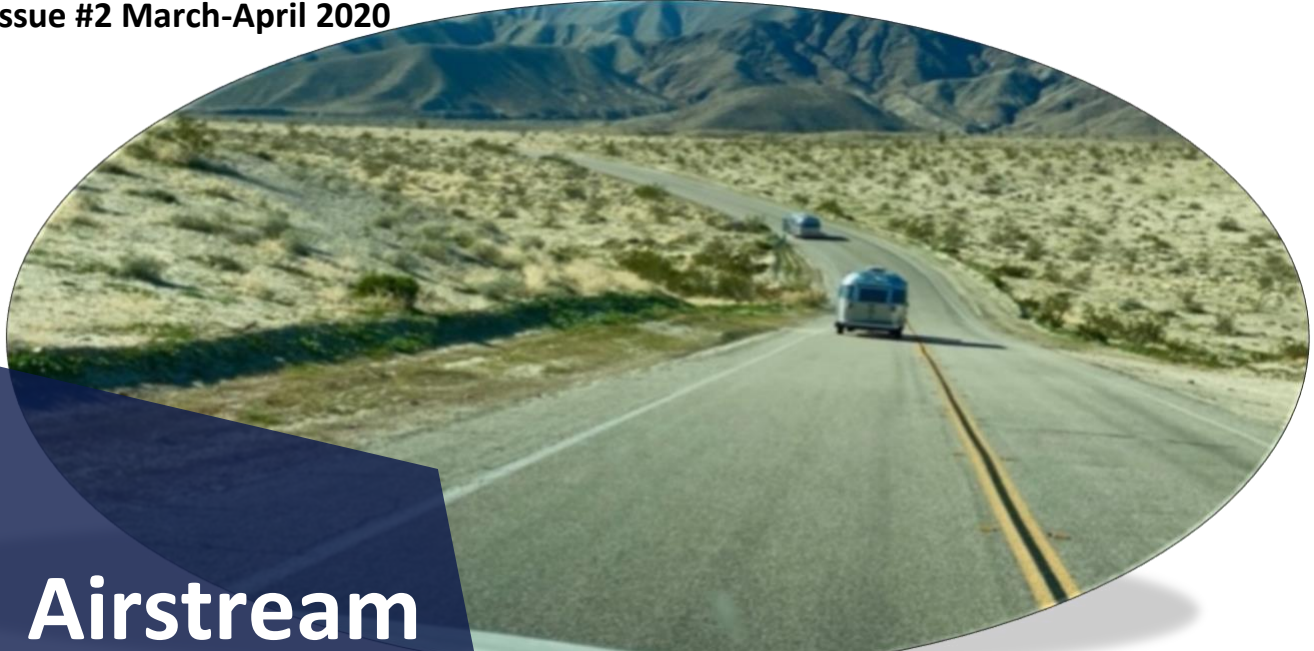


The Tattler

Central Coast California Unit – Region 12



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Desert, in general, is a very good place to find yourself. Or lose yourself – **Maynard James Keenan**

2020 Rally Schedule

- **SEPTEMBER 20-22** – Refugio State Beach, Goleta, CA, No Host Flash Rally
- **OCTOBER 2-6** – Balloon Fiesta National Rally, Albuquerque NM
Registration opens Jan. 2020
- **OCTOBER 21-25** – Region 12 Rally, Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, Registration info on [Region 12 website](#)



Airstream employee making masks



Central Coast Unit WBCCI

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."

President's Message



2020 Officers:

- President – Teresa Tighe #3662
- Vice Pres. – Bob Minder #4195
- Secretary - Diane Ellis #8267
- Treasurer – Dave Temple #5851
- Past Pres. – Pam Lindsay #4585

- One Yr. – David Lawson
– Gary Mellinger Sr. #2002
- Two Yr. – Chuck Alberti #3923
– Rick Cline #1415

Operations:

- Membership – Gary Mellinger Jr. #5304
- Webmaster – Walt Bremer #3884
- Tattler – Julie Hale #5456

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

My thoughts and prayers go out to our CCCU family during these trying times. I pray that each of you is taking care of yourself and that your families are safe. When I first wrote this message at the beginning of the month, the country had not declared a state of emergency and gatherings of 250+ were being cancelled. Today as I write this, those of us 65+ are being told to self-isolate, gatherings are now limited to 10 people, food stores are mobbed, church services have been cancelled and restaurants are take-out only, just to name a few changes. I have corresponded with several of our members who are choosing to self-isolate by taking their Airstream to a beautiful RV park away from the larger cities; we are indeed blessed to have that option.

Our club has had two very successful rallies in 2020. Diane and Jim Ellis and Pam Lindsay hosted our January CCCU rally in scenic Borrego Springs. The long drive was well worth it, as our hosts did an outstanding job, from the themed decorations to the sumptuous food and drink. Please check out Diane Ellis' photos from the rally on Facebook. Then, Mary and David Lawson and Ann and Bruce Smith hosted our February rally at Pinnacles National Park. Our hosts demonstrated excellent organization skills in preparing delicious meals for almost 40 people. This was Tom and my first visit to Pinnacles; we thoroughly enjoyed the campground, hikes and condor sightings. Please check out Brad Bailey's photos on Facebook.

After serious consideration and consultation with our CCCU officers and given the increased severity of the Coronavirus pandemic, we cancelled our March Rally in Oceano due to the Coronavirus. The Region 12 Cali Rally has also been cancelled and several other Region 12 units cancelled rallies this month. Regarding the April and May rallies, we will be monitoring virus containment at the federal and state level. As of today, the California State Parks are keeping RV spaces open, while closing indoor spaces. With the social distancing that camping provides, the hosts will be looking at options that might allow for a traditional or flash rally which should keep us all safe. Finally, we are planning a September rally, hopefully at Refugio. We will keep you posted via email and on Facebook.

We are looking at options to reschedule our March CCCU business meeting. Likely options are at the May rally or via a virtual meeting using Skype. We will send out a more detailed agenda in a few weeks, including the Unit Name Change committee proposal. Please send us any suggestions you have for additional agenda items. Also, please contact Bob Minder with any suggestions you have for 2021 Rally sites.

We are an Airstream family and we take care of each other, so please do not hesitate to reach out to one another, if only to have someone to talk to. And, please take care of you and yours!

Teresa. (March 16, 2020)

Anza Borrego - Rally Report

January 24-26, 2020

The Anza Borrego Rally was a great start to 2020. It was our first time hosting a rally and we appreciated having Pam Lindsay guiding us along the way.

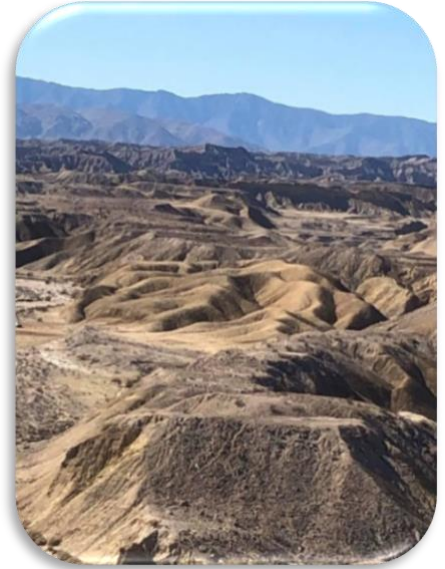
The rally was attended by: Jim and Diane Ellis (host), Pam Lindsay (host), Tom and Teresa Tighe, Gary and Christa Mellinger, Gary and Ashley Mellinger Jr., George and Jeanne Mitchell, Rick and Cheryl Cline, Gale and Paul Nelson, Yvonne and Jim Savage.

The rally theme was “Hiking” and Pam supplied many suggested hikes and places to see. The Borrego Springs Metal Sculptures were a hit.

The Palm Canyon Resort had a really nice clubhouse that we made full use of.

On Friday we hosted Margaritas, street tacos, rice and beans and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Saturday morning was mimosas, mini-omelettes, ham, fruit and pastries. During the potluck on Saturday night and we had lots of stars to look at in the evening, along with a gal that played her Uke for us!! We celebrated Jeanne Mitchell’s birthday with our last night out for dinner at a nearby restaurant.

A masterpiece was created by some very artistic CCCI members who drew on our kraft paper table coverings. Too much fun! Thank you to the Mellinger Jr. Family for helping out!



Pinnacles - Rally Report

February 28 - March 1, 2020

Campers: Clardy, Paul, Grendahl, Minder, Rutter, Bailey, Haymes, Mitchell, Wainwright/Sloan, Hicks, Tighe, Markwith, Simpson/Mattsson, Mercer, Nelson, along with hosts Lawson, co-hosts Smith, and adjunct hosts Bremer.

Friday dinner was spaghetti pasta with choices of sauces and meatballs, followed by s'mores over an initially smokey but eventually glowing firepit (wood campfires were allowed!). Saturday breakfast was a perfect omelette-in-a-bag with all kinds of fixings to choose from (courtesy of Bruce Smith's quest for a memorable rally breakfast!). Saturday dinner was 4 different kinds of burgers and attendee-supplied sides and desserts. Sunday breakfast was a quick continental affair around a much needed campfire as the up-till-then perfect weather started to cloud over and cool off.

Hiking, cave exploring, and wine tasting (north of the park toward Hollister) seemed to be the favorite activities. Relaxing in 70+ degree-temperature days was an unexpected pastime for this very early season rally. The condors did show, gliding high up on the afternoon thermals. Also a treat, was the evening flocking of turkey vultures to a specific tree on the creek-side of the campground. Morning visits of flamboyant male turkeys (with indifferent female turkeys), quail, and deer also were observed. There was a report of a mama bobcat and her baby sunning on a rock nearby. And the Lawsons had to shoo away three large raccoons that began to explore the trash bags from Friday night's dinner.

Our campground was visited by three additional non-CCC Unit trailer campers who were from Oregon, the Bay Area, and a new full-timer named "Jim".

With the beautiful natural setting in a geologic wonderland, pleasant weather, and convenient 30amp electric hookups, this was indeed a California Central Coast Rally of happy campers

Mary and David Lawson



Upcoming Rally Information

Plan to come to these rallies! Sign up on the [Website](#) or [Facebook](#)

Refugio State Beach - September 20-22, 2020 FLASH RALLY

Campground arrangements being coordinated by Tom and Teresa at tdhuxford@earthlink.net
[Campground Website click here](#)

The Group Campsite (GBOC) at Refugio has been reserved, arriving on Sunday September 20th and departing on Tuesday September 22nd for our September 2020 CCCU Rally. This will be a “mid-week” rally. If you are interested in attending please notify the Tighes by email or via Facebook. The cost per night would depend on how many sign up for the rally. The cost per night for the group site is \$350 plus reservation fees, so if we had 10 trailers, the individual cost would be \$36 per night, 8 trailers would be \$45, 12 trailers would be 30\$ per night, etc. The rally fee would be determined once the hosts have a chance to plan the meals. And, for those who wish to stay longer, there are individual sites available on September 22nd, 23rd, 24th, but don't wait if you wish to extend; you are only out the \$7.99 reservation fee if you cancel. When the date gets closer, assuming the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, information will be distributed about the cost, possible potluck plans and more.



Refugio Group Campground and Ocean Views

Proposed Rally Schedule for 2021, A message from Bob Minder

The following is a **proposed** schedule of rally sites for 2021. I would like any feedback from any members on the proposed sites before any of them are formally booked. If the schedule is approved (Specific dates within the months are open, pending member input)

JANUARY 2021 – Ventura Ranch KOA – Santa Paula

FEBRUARY 2021 – Morro Beach State Park (If chosen, several members will be asked to call in to reserve sites)

MARCH 2021 – Yanks RV Park, Greenfield, CA (Has clubhouse for Business Meeting)

APRIL 2021 – Jalama Beach, Lompoc, CA (Members volunteers will be needed to call in reservations)

MAY 2021 – Sequoia Ranch RV Park, Three Rivers, CA (Near Sequoia National Park)

SEPTEMBER 2021 – El Chorro Regional Park (San Luis Obispo)

OCTOBER 2021 – Barstow KOA, Yermo, CA (To be set up to include those returning from the Balloon Festival and before Region 12 Rally later in the month)

NOVEMBER 2021 -Cava Robles RV Resort (Paso Robles) (Has Clubhouse for Business Meeting)

DECEMBER 2021 – Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach, CA.

There is also the possibility of a Caravan being planned for 2021, Scheduled in summer so school will not be impacted.

Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA (3 Days)

Rivers Edge RV Park, Clío, CA (surrounded by Redwoods, has clubhouse) (3 Days)

Mono Vista RV Park, Lee Vining, CA (2 Days)

Highlands RV Park, Bishop, CA (Caravan Ends) (2 Days)

TOTAL PROPOSED CARAVAN: 10 DAYS.

Again, I am looking for approval or suggested alternatives. This is proposed and nothing is in concrete yet.

Bob Minder
Vice President
Central Coast Unit, WBCCI

Gracie Peterson. 2006-2/20/2020

We're sad to announce that Gracie, our Bichon-Poodle mix, died from liver failure and cancer of the spleen on February 20 this year. Gracie brought much joy to our lives and we feel very lucky to have spent the past 13 years with her. She loved to travel, to hike and kayak, and to snuggle by the campfire at night. Hopefully, you got to meet her on one of the many rallies she 'graced.' We miss her.

— Mike and Marsi Peterson



Newest Members

- Steve and Cheryl Haymes, from Grover Beach, 25' Flying Cloud

Notices:

- For Rally Coupons check our website or Facebook files
- Coming soon, Online Rally Registration instead of coupons
- To renew your membership for 2020 – see the links below

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: [wbremmer@me.com](mailto: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 for 2020:
 - Regular Member: WBCCI International
 - Affiliate Member: CentralCoast CA. Unit Website
- Planning a Rally and Tips for hosting: Download the planning guide
- Buy CCCU Logo-Wear- instructions on website

Airstream – Stay Connected!

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

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Masks and Memories! Can't wait to get back to RVing!



Lone Pine Rally 2019



Newport Dunes 2019