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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We anticipated 8 rigs for our first rally of 2025, but circumstances limited participation to 5 - which is pretty darn good for kick-off in April. Luckily, the weather cooperated (the gnats, not so much). We enjoyed catching up with our fellow SNU members, had a great ranger program just for us and a private tour of the Buckland Station (both public and non-public areas). We spent a bit of time exploring the trails around the park - and wildlife sightings included an eagle, rattlesnakes, Say's phoebes, and lots and lots of gnats. Lucky for us, the ranger gave us all head nets, which greatly enhanced our camping experience.

Up next, Wild Horse State Recreation area (Monday, May 26-Thursday, May 29). We have reservations in Loop 1, #8. We'll have the mountain bikes and kayaks and will be celebrating my 60th birthday. Jeni promises homemade ice cream and says I'll be Bar-B-Q'ing.

Hope to see you soon!

Brian



## SNU MEMBER NEWS

The SNU would like to thank Vic and Anita Cushing WBCCI #25879 of Plymouth, CA and Doug & Dawn Dale #9229 of Reno for renewing with the Sierra Nevada Unit.

## SNU MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

No members volunteered to be featured this month. Contact your editor at [club157@airsteamclub.org](mailto:club157@airsteamclub.org) to see your lifestyle in print!

## AIRSTREAM INC.'S "LIVE RIVETED" BLOG

Lots to read in "Live Riveted" since our April issue of Airstreamer:

[Airstream Adventure Series: Head Off Grid and Explore Beyond Campgrounds](#)

To quote Airstream "Are you yearning for a getaway that takes you off the beaten path and into the heart of nature? The Airstream Adventure Series is designed for those who crave the thrill of the wild and the comfort of home, all in one package. With off-grid-capable travel trailer models like Basecamp and Trade Wind and the rugged motorized models in our Interstate X lineup, the Airstream Adventure Series is designed for travelers who want more than simply a weekend at the campground across town.

Unlace your hiking boots, pull up a camp chair, and kick back with all the details about the Airstream Adventure Series in our new [downloadable guide](#)."

### [Caravan to Carbon Neutral Just Keeps... Growing](#)

In 2024, Airstream and Airstream owners helped the National Forest Foundation (NFF) plant over 60,000 trees in America's National Forest to reduce the impact of Carbon emissions. [Learn more](#) about this program and how you can join.

### [Interstate 19: A Best-in-Class Van for Best-in-Class Experiences](#)

Learn how Maria Kacavas travels the country pursuing her passion for wildlife photography with the comforts and convenience of home tagging along for the ride in her Interstate 19; even as a blind to photograph wildlife.

### [Round Trip: Michigan's Upper Peninsula](#)

Discover wilderness, majestic views, and local charm in the Upper Peninsula (UP). Quoting Airstream, "Round Trip is our curated, Airstream-approved travel guide series."

While this blog covers the UP, your editor, wife Gail and our companions can vouch for the beauty and wilderness you will find caravanning through either of Michigan's



peninsulas; clear freshwater lakes, breathtaking beaches, and welcoming communities. The UP is the perfect location for another Airstream adventure. Whether you're looking for scenic hiking trails, unique local experiences, or simply a place to unwind, this guide will help you plan a seamless and rewarding trip.

If you're looking for more trip inspiration, check out Airstream's full line up of [Round Trip travel guides](#).

### [History - The Airstream PanAmerica Travel Trailer: Adventure and Versatility from the Open Road to Hollywood](#)

Airstream introduced the triple axle PanAmerica Travel Trailer in 2009, featuring a rear hatch, adventure equipment ramp and a spacious garage; the PanAmerica was touted as a toy hauler "and became an integral part of a Hollywood blockbuster", the [Accountant](#).

The film featured Ben Affleck and Jon Bernthal; the PanAmerican "served as a mobile base for Affleck's character who regularly needed to hit the road and escape the criminal element in pursuit." Many of those in the Airstream community are aware of the [Accountant 2](#), now showing in movie theaters and drawing the faithful Airstreamer Addicts; if not for the movie, for the large serving of popcorn in a scale model of an Airstream!!



## *Stay up-to-date with Rally News*



Wild Horse (SRA) Rally  
north of Elko, NV  
May 26-29



Sheldon Wildlife Rally  
Virgin Valley Campground  
west of Denio, NV  
June 16 - 19



Markleeville Rally  
Centerville Flat Dispersed  
Campground  
July 14th - 17th



## [Airstream's Single-Axle Travel Trailer Comparison Guide: Upgrade Your Adventure with Compact Designs](#)

This blog touts Airstream's Basecamp, Bambi, and Caravel single axles trailers; features and options for each: Towing Efficiency; Handmade Construction; Space Efficiency; Modern Conveniences and some models having off-grid functionality and versatile floor plans.

< editor's comments - Need more space for Adventure; consider one of Airstream's 23' & 25' Trade Wind models or even equip your gently used Airstream (aren't they all) with new shocks, lifted suspensions, larger batteries (typically Lithium), more solar and larger inverters. We're doing the latter with our 2012 28' Airstream International Signature Series; with almost 180,000 miles, it was time for maintenance, repairs and upgrades. We'll showcase it at a rally or future issue of Airstreamer.>

Click on any of the [blue links](#) to read these posts and more.

## [ERIC MCHENRY'S PRESIDENT'S CORNER](#)

Eric will complete his term as Airstream Club president this Summer and acknowledges his and first lady LaVerne's experiences in their own words in the [May President's Corner](#):

As LaVerne and I approach the conclusion of our three-year tenure as International President and First Lady of Airstream Club International, we are filled with immense gratitude and pride.

Serving this community has been a privilege, allowing us to forge lasting friendships and create cherished memories. As many of you know, our travels across the United States and Canada have been extraordinary, offering us the chance to meet, converse and learn from our diverse membership.

Each encounter has deepened our appreciation for the unique spirit and camaraderie that define our Club. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for making these years unforgettable."



And from LaVerne:

"As we wrap up our three years of service with this incredible club, I just want to say thank you — truly. Being part of this community has been an honor, and we're deeply grateful for all the support, collaboration, and shared memories we've built together.

Though it's time for us to move on from leadership, we will carry the experiences — and the friendships — with us always. Thank you for the trust, the challenges, the fun, and the sense of belonging. We leave proud of what we've accomplished and excited to see where the club heads next.

With heartfelt appreciation  
LaVerne McHenry (BRN #253)



**August 23rd - 28th - Rally is being moved from Lower Twin Lakes in Bridgeport to a new location; STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS**



Hope Valley Dispersed Area,  
Markleeville, CA  
September 15th – 18th



Route to Region 12 Caravan/  
Rally, Topaz Lake and Tuttle  
Creek October 9th - 15th



Return from Region Rally;  
Keough's Hot Springs  
October 19th - 22nd



## ERIC PRESIDENT'S CORNER CONT'D

- [Follow the link](#) for more on Eric's 2025 Camping Forecast, their Airstream Happy Door and looking back to Eric's July 2022 President's Installment Speech.
- Upcoming International Rallies
  - Rally 2025: York, PA (August 23-28, 2025)
  - Rally 2026: Minot, ND (August 22-27, 2026)
  - Rally 2027: Due to popular demand, "Back to Rock Springs," WY (June 2027)
  - Rally 2028: Tentatively east of the Mississippi

## MAY WILD HORSE RALLY

Our May Rally will be held at Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Monday the 26th through Thursday the 29th. Nevada says "Remote and remarkable, Wild Horse State Recreation Area is open year round. The reservoir near the park is a popular fishing site, with rainbow and German brown trout, small mouth bass, yellow perch and catfish awaiting able anglers... Extraordinary wildflowers blanket the park in the spring, and summers offer swimming, boating, camping and hiking. Although hunting is not allowed in the park, the campground is a popular base camp for hunting in the surrounding area. Wildlife includes pronghorn, mule deer and elk as well as a variety of waterfowl and upland game birds."



Imagine your BMW, err I mean Airstream overlooking Wild Horse Reservoir



The campground has 34 sites with table, canopy and fire pit. No hookups, but restrooms and showers are within easy walking distance. Water faucets and a dump station are available during summer months only.

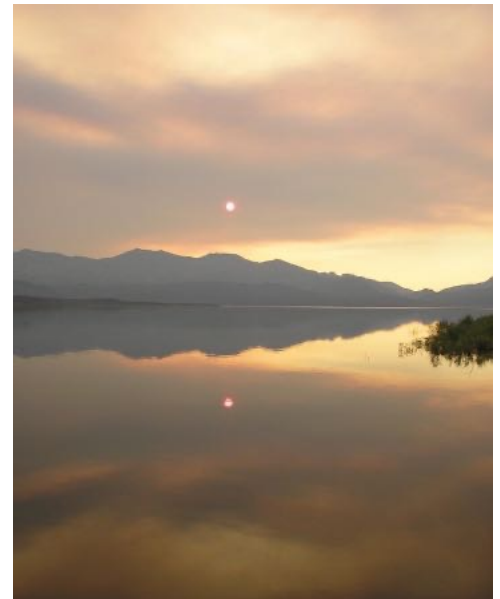
We'll encourage the SNU's camp-chair talks and exercise, expect the Roots to bring canoe

or kayaks and some may want to caravan (tow vehicles without out Airstreams) to nearby Jarbidge, NV.

Like Fort Churchill, we recommend you consider making reservations at [reservenevada.com](http://reservenevada.com). The Roots already have site #8, another rig is confirmed, 2

likely and hopefully your editor. The Wild Horse Rally is located east of Reno off I-80, the north on NV-225; ~350 miles. Note there are multiple places to camp or boondocks if you want to make it a two day trip. Want more; the Roots hope others join them on an after-rally caravan to Lamoille Canyon or elsewhere in Great Basin Desert.

Contact president Brian Root or your Airstream editor for more info [club157@airestreamclub.org](mailto:club157@airestreamclub.org).



## 2025 RALLY SEASON OPENER AT FORT CHURCHILL

The Sierra Nevada's Fort Churchill Rally was a great success. The weather: perfect! Uncrowded, spacious, shady sites with fire pits and picnic tables. Only 1.45 mile off Highway 95A in Silver Springs, NV. The only challenge: Gnat Season. The breeze was helpful in keeping them from swarming. We welcomed the occasional winds.

Kristin Sanderson, The Fort Churchill State Historic Park Interpreter, intervened. She rescued each of us with a Mosquito-net hood. Very effective and comfortable 😊.

Three nights, and 3 fine meals, were shared with President Brian & Jenn, Jerry & Diane, Gene & Carmen, Jim & Susan Andersen and Bill & Mary. *Mary Swirsky*



## AIRSTREAM TIP OF THE MONTH

What to do when there are a gazillion gnats/bugs/etc flying around inside your airstream at night? Per Susan Andersen (and verified as effective by yours truly), use the hand vacuum to capture the little creatures. Release at your discretion :).

Cheers! *Jeni*

*P.S. < editor - Our experience is there's one or two that learn how to avoid capture and we can never get them with the Dyson on high or with the bug zapper!>*

## WBCCI 68TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Full hookups SOLD OUT (although those on the waiting list often get a spot); Boondocking opportunities to come.

Note, the Sierra Nevada Unit needs members to represent us at the International Rally for the Flag ceremony; contact you president Brian Root at [club157@airstreamclub.org](mailto:club157@airstreamclub.org).



## FANTASTIC VENT & OTHER PARTS - FREE

Your editor has a collection of used parts and accessories that are no longer needed:

- Fantastic Vent parts: three used vent covers; 2 snap in screens, 2 fan blades and motors; 2 sets of switches, wiring, & rain sensors; three lift arms (one almost new); three lift motors (one almost new fast 15 RPM motor).
- Atwood/Dometic Vent parts for bathroom or shower: 2 vent motors; 2 switches; 2 screens; o2 handles (1 new).
- Airstream Factory fitted sheets for a 48" x 78" (narrow) double bed (\$\$ when new).
- Airstream Factory Off-white bedcover for a 48" x 78" (narrow) double bed (\$\$\$ when new).
- Various new dump hoses and fittings.

Will bring to a rally, drop in Reno the week of the 12th or ship at your costs. Contact Don at 951.264.0219 or

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