



# Oregon Streamer

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**"Best of Show" – International Rally 2010**

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## From our Airstream

surgery only 2 weeks before. This is Tom and Vickie's favorite campground and we now know why. This reminds me of the TV commercial - Cost of membership \$90.00, Cost of the Airstream \$\$, finding the perfect campground. PRICELESS! Sharing our love of travel, camping and adventure is what this club is all about.

We have a new director for SW Oregon. Mary Kulish has moved to Virginia to be closer to family and will be joining the Virginia unit. We will miss you Mary. I'm sure we will meet again down the road at a rally or at International. Bill Ferry has stepped in to take over Mary's term for the next year. We are calling him our roving director since he and Beth are making good use of their Airstream and are traveling all over the US. I'm sure we will get reports of their adventures. Welcome to the board Bill.

This is our last newsletter of the year and Glenn and I want to wish you Happy Holidays and a travelful New Year. The club has many exciting Rallies and Caravans in the works for next year. We hope to see you at one soon. Travel Safe.

*Teresa, Glenn and the pups Lucy & Ruby*

Time to say thank you to all members, new and old who have renewed for another year. Mike Rogers says he has only a few of you who haven't paid your dues.

Everyone who gets their dues in before December 31<sup>st</sup> has a vote at the delegates meeting in June. It was fun to stand up at International and say the Oregon Unit has 96 votes. We are one of the larger units and can make a difference.

What an awesome camping and caravan season we have had. Our last rally at Belknap Spring was fantastic with five new members attending their first rally and guests stopping by to find out more about our club. It was an Oregon weekend with rain all day Saturday. Getting wet was the primary activity for the weekend, either by rain or in the hot springs. Vickie and Tom Jenkins were great hosts. Tom, our cook for Friday did all the cooking single handed, literally using just one arm as he had shoulder

## BALLOON FIESTA RALLY – ALBUQUERQUE, NM OCTOBER 2010

Ever taken in the Balloon Fiesta Rally? This fall we did and what an interesting rally. Thirty plus Airstreams parked at the New Mexico state fairgrounds, all with full hookups, a large meeting room for happy hour, meals and entertainment.

Sunday was the day we chose to rise early and take in the balloons. Up at 4 AM.

Drive to the bus park and ride lot, 4:30 on the bus to the fiesta grounds arriving at 5:10 AM. First photo taken at 5:20 of the Dawn Glow. This year they had more than 500 balloons on the field and for the next four hours we wandered through and about them as we watched them inflate and rise filling the sky. Albuquerque is known among hot air balloonist for the airwaves that form the Box. The balloons ascend to a low level, drift south towards town, apply more hot air rising to a higher wind current that brings them back north where they may descend landing near the take-off point.

Take your chairs, camera and enjoy being part of the most photographic event of the day.

~ Tom Golden



## NOVEMBER CENTRAL OREGON BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 13th was Central Oregon's first breakfast of the season. Future breakfasts will be at 8 am the 2nd Saturday of the month at a predetermined location. See article below about the December breakfast. We had a good turnout for November. Attending were: Jackie & Rick Aston, Angela & David Ives, Lindsay Simmons, Janine Robberson, Stan Pintarich and Connie & Jay Orueta. This was our first opportunity to meet Janine. There was lively conversation including tire kicking and tall tales. The food was great and the fellowship was the best. Connie talked about the idea of a couple of short local rallies and perhaps meeting Walt and the gang at Clyde Holliday State Park when the caravan comes through this summer. Other camping ideas included attending a music festival in Fossil, Steens Mountains and some dry camping. Of course any functions that take place on this side of the mountain are always for the entire club to participate in since we are just one big happy family. Starting to get a bit cool nowadays and we have had a little ice as well so make sure the Ol' Tin Can is ready for winter, BBUURRRR. Until we meet again. Don't be good, just be careful. Have big fun, life is too short. ps I almost forgot we have new members joining the unit. Say hi to Geno & Jill Dusan from Bend. They are a fantastic couple and great fun. Trust me, the unit will never be the same.

~ Connie & Jay Orueta



## CONFESSIONS OF A HAPPY GLAMPER

Hi...for those of you who haven't met me, I've been a member of the Oregon Unit for almost three years. I'm the girl who showed up at rallies for the day, without an AS, waiting desperately for the time that our renovation was complete. My husband Doug and I, along with many friends and an incredibly skilled craftsman, lovingly restored a flood-damaged '69 Trade Wind.

I love taking our trailer out, love being able to fully participate in a rally and not leaving when the fun is just getting started, and absolutely adore the members of our Unit. But I also have another love – filling our lovely AS with very fun, colorful, sometimes functional and sometimes not things – lots and lots of things!!!

This is the first of a series of columns where I'll share with you some of the Things I Like – from the perspective of a woman who never in her wildest dreams imagined that she would own an Airstream, much less count the days until she could hit the road again!!! Welcome to my happy and sometimes over-the-top of Glamping (Glamour Camping).

I realize that when you camp things get dirty – particularly in the NW with all of those pine needles and a hound dog that sheds constantly. I was driving myself crazy constantly sweeping and while that foldy Swiffer thing is nice, it's a pain taking it apart and putting it back together. After much research (ok, I knew what I wanted – just needed to make it appear to be Doug's idea) I purchased the Dyson Animal Hand Vac. So sleek, so

progressive and so perfect. At \$270\*, it's not so cheap and some would think its 6-minute charge is too short – but for Doug it's absolutely perfect!!



\* I've discovered a way to purchase it a little cheaper – send me an email at [hipvintagefusion@gmail.com](mailto:hipvintagefusion@gmail.com) if you're interested.

Happy travels –

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Glenn Taylor, Susan Taylor, and Teresa Taylor share info about the Oregon Unit and Airstreaming at the recent RV show in Portland.

**To learn more about the Sampling Oregon Caravan, click here: [Caravan Details](#)**

## DIRECTORY TIME

For 2011, Walt Webber will continue to produce the best directory ever. To help those of us who have trouble matching names with faces, we need more photos. Email your photo to [waltlynweber@aol.com](mailto:waltlynweber@aol.com) or snail mail to Walt Weber, 16721 King Richards Ct., Sherwood, OR 97140. Remember to include your name and WBCCI #. Don't be left out, send your photo today. If you don't want to send your picture, how about one of your Airstream, your pet, or? Have some fun, take a picture in front of your rig, include the whole family, and put your pet front and center, and let's see how creative the Oregon unit is.

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### *In Memoriam... Lee Wheeler*

On September 29, 2010, Lee Wheeler passed away. The Wheelers have been members of the Oregon Unit for many years. Lee was a lady of hospitality. She was always there to make things just right at the Pendleton Rallies and loved to help decorate for other rallies. Lee never met a stranger and any newcomer was always warmly greeted and made to feel welcome. Her husband, Gale, often was one of our parkers for rallies and often used his vehicle to lead people to a parking place. They have not been able to travel for the past few years, but often attended the Christmas luncheons. Gale still lives in their home. We will miss Lee, her happy personality and her welcoming smile.

~ Barbara France

Photos for this issue submitted by:  
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## 2011 RALLY PREVIEW

It is never too early to start planning for rallies. President Taylor is scheduling an action packed year with rallies in every corner of the state. Here is how the rally calendar is shaping up:

**March 4 - 6:** Shake down rally, destination to be determined.

**April 15 - 17:** Oregon Garden Rally, Silver Falls State Park, OR

**May 5 - 8:** Oregon Unit Caravan to the Crab Feed at Land Yacht Harbor, Lacey, WA

**May 13 - 15:** Adopt A Park Rally, Tumalo State Park, Bend, OR

**June 18 - 20:** Family Fun at the Beach, South Beach State Park, Newport, OR

**June 27 - 30:** Steens Mountain, French Glen, OR

**July 1 - 5:** Wally's Birthday/Region 10 Vintage Rally, Baker City, OR

**July 14 - 17:** Newberry Crater National Monument, Paulina Lake, OR

**July 22 - 25:** Memaloose State Park, Hood River, OR

**August 26 - 29:** Kayak Rally, Skamokawa Vista Park, Skamokawa, WA

**September 14 - 17:** 101<sup>st</sup> Pendleton Roundup, Pendleton, OR

**October 14 - 16:** Harvest Wine Tour, Champoeg State Park, Champoeg, OR

If you have never attended a rally, you are missing an opportunity to meet terrific people, enjoy wonderful food, learn tips and tricks for taking care of your Airstream, all while having a great time. We hope to see each and every one of you at a rally this next year.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## OREGON UNIT ON SNAPFISH and FACEBOOK

Thank you to Mona Heath, now the Oregon Unit has a Snapfish account and is on Facebook. At Snapfish you can upload, share and view rally photos in one central location.

To share what is happening go to [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com).

Member email:

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Password: wallybyam

The Oregon Unit Facebook page:  
Airstream Living – Oregon Unit #090  
WBCCI or use the link:  
<http://facebook.com/album.php?aid=2067925&id=1205422331&1=2084ec59a8>

Try saying that 3 times very fast. 😊

Questions? Contact Mona Heath at [monamurakami@gmail.com](mailto:monamurakami@gmail.com)

## RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM YOUR EDITOR

We are enjoying the last week of our wandering November get away. While Paul is out photographing birds in Bosque Del Apache Wildlife Refuge, I am warm and snug in our Airstream working on this edition of the Oregon Streamer.

On our way to New Mexico, having no set route, we checked the Blue Beret to see if any units were having rallies we could work into our itinerary. It was our good luck to join the Sierra Nevada Unit (SNU) at Mesquite Springs in Death Valley. They are a terrific group and shared with us their approach to holding a rally. So for all of you who would like to host a rally, but don't want to miss all the fun because you planned an extensive program and have to work all weekend making it happen, listen up.

The SNU uses the KISS principal for their rallies – keep it simple silly. With this approach, the hosts' biggest job is to be there early to say howdy to folks as they arrive. Most of their rallies are held at BLM, Forest Service or other spots where the camping is inexpensive (think group campsites in Oregon state parks). Activities for each day are up to the members, lots of action or spending the day napping and reading.

The host provides coffee in the morning and perhaps a few goodies – if you want something more substantial, you are on your own. Do what you wish for lunch, and then gather in the late afternoon for happy hour and a potluck dinner. Don't worry about giving folks an assignment for dinner, the rally angels will watch over everything so there will be plenty and a great variety of foods.

The result is a laid back, fun, inexpensive rally – just camping fees and a contribution to the kitty to cover the coffee and goodies.

So put your thinking caps on, look for an inexpensive place to camp and be seen as the most thrifty, creative rally host ever.

*~Pat Buescher*

## AIRSTREAMIN' APES

Have you noticed all the Airstream trailers showing up in advertising and magazine articles? Recently Popular Photography magazine had a spread featuring a vintage Airstream trailer, with campers we only thought we'd seen at the last rally. Photographer James Quantz Jr.'s work features a vintage Airstream trailer and a few of the apes from his local zoo. A few hours with Photoshop, and voila, Airstreamin' Apes.

Below are two of Quantz's photos.



To read the entire article and see the rest of the apes, go to <http://www.popphoto.com/content/my-project-going-apease>.

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*A huge thank you to George Sutton for sponsoring the entertainment and providing raffle prizes for our Pendleton Rally.*

# PHOTOS FROM BELKNAP



## CENTRAL OREGON CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

It is a done deal for sure. X-mas breakfast at Jakes' (out by Costco) on Saturday, Dec. 11th at 9:00a. Please bring canned food items. They will be given to a community pantry, probably through the fire dept. or Sheriffs' Office.

Please RSVP ASAP to [jay@bendbroadband.com](mailto:jay@bendbroadband.com) so we may have a head count and have the appropriate seating.

## Ana Reservoir Update

For those that came to the 50 year celebration rally at Ana Reservoir RV Park in 09, we have completed our building project and moved the Airstream into the RV garage this past weekend. Here are a couple of pics.



# WBCCI Oregon Unit 090 HOLIDAY Luncheon

December 5th  
1:00

Willamette Valley Country Club  
900 Country Club Place  
Canby OR 97013

Please R.S.V.P. by November 29 to  
Tookie Hall - 503-266-7492 or 503-804-6013  
\$18.00 per person includes beverage and dessert.  
We will have a food basket available for food  
donations and for entertainment we will have a  
White Elephant gift exchange of useless to you items  
from your Airstream. This should be fun!  
Please remember, no blue jeans, time to get out  
of the campin clothes.

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## It isn't too late to pay your dues...

Send your check for \$90, payable to Oregon  
Unit WBCCI, to:

Lisa Rogers  
14815 SW 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Tigard, OR 97224

Where else can you have so much fun for a  
mere \$90?

## !!! ATTENTION NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS !!!

The deadline for the next newsletter is **December 28**. Paul and I are leaving on a trip to Southeast Asia right after the first of the year, so I need to hustle to prepare the January newsletter before heading out of town.

This is the annual rally issue, so it is important that everyone participate. Rally hosts this is your opportunity to sell your rally. If you want a little extra help from your editor, please send your article in as soon as possible. Just think how good you will feel having your submission off your desk and onto mine. Won't the holiday season be better having given yourself the gift of a job well done?

Please let me know what I can do to help, however, the sooner the better.

Send your articles to [patb@furzwo.com](mailto:patb@furzwo.com).

~ Pat Buescher

## PHOTOS FROM THE SNU DEATH VALLEY RALLY



You don't need a wind gauge see it is a very brisk wind.



Mesquite Springs Campground



Sunset at Mesquite Springs, Death Valley



Big Horn Sheep

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