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This month's article is a departure from what I usually write for the newsletter. This newsletter gives me a chance to depart from my normal writings of liturgies, wedding ceremonies, and Sunday school curriculums so I like to write something light and humorous but this month I have a concern. Today is the fifth of January and the weather forecast calls for temperatures in the fifties. Why should this be a concern? Let me explain. We live in a west coast, east coast news dominated society so most of you probably have not heard about the winter we have been having here in the upper mid-west. In fact not only this winter but the past few winters. They have been warm. This winter has been exceptionally warm, shirt sleeve warm for us. So far we have had one snow fall but a lot of thunderstorms. So many thunderstorms that my yard, which is not frozen, has turned into a sea of mud. My grass is still green and growing! My neighbor and I joked about getting the mowers out

if the yards dry up a little. I am still picking parsley from the garden and have noticed buds forming on the lilacs and other early flowering shrubs. I lost half of my prized mums, over 50 plants, due to the lack of a hard frost last winter. This year it looks like I will lose the rest. Sure we enjoy the low heating bills, but the utility company will just raise their rates to compensate. I am not a tree hugger. I drive a V8 ½ ton pick up truck around the city and own a diesel powered motor home. There is a riding lawn mower, a 5 HP push mower and a gas powered trimmer in my garage. You would have a difficult time finding an empty outlet in our house with all of the electrical goodies we surround ourselves with. We never abide by the ozone warning days, they come so often we just ignore them. Maybe it is time I get concerned? Neither am I a scientist. I have heard that the Greenland icecap can melt in fifty years raising the sea level twenty feet thus eliminating the west and east coasts. That (continued on page 2)

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certainly would take care of the news domination problem and I would have sea coast property, on all four sides. We RVers are a big part of the problem and

have a lot to loose. Something is wrong and I am not the one to say what it is or to say what the solution is but there is a problem. Today I will walk outside with

nothing more than a long sleeve t-shirt on but I would much rather have my winter coat, hat, scarf, and gloves.

AirstreamForums.com Tutorial - Janet Humphrey

Forums Moderator On the Mend!

One of our own moderators, "Overlander63", was recently the victim of a vehicle vs. scooter accident. Terry a.k.a. Overlander63 was hit by a vehicle and thrown, resulting in multiple injuries (not to mention a smashed scooter)

He is recovering after an extensive surgery to put him back together again and is now well enough to surf the boards. Send him your well wishes via P M. Fortunately Terry's wife, Marie, is a nurse and although we suspect she will have her hands full, we are grateful

that she is able available for Terry. Marie is also a forums member. Her user name is sd90mac. Terry is known for his intolerance of spam, stopping flame wars dead in their tracks and gentle good humor and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Quick Tip - Overlander63

If you have a flat tire on a tandem-axle trailer, put a couple of 2x6's in front of the 'good' tire, and slowly pull the trailer up onto the boards. This will let the flat tire hang free for changing or removal. Remember to loosen the lug nuts before raising the flat off the ground, and if you are not replacing the tire, and continuing your trip on three tires, keep your speed at 40 mph (60K m/h) or less until you get the tire replaced.

Upcoming Rallies

-  [Four Corners Unit Rally](#) - 02-16-2007 to 02-18-2007
-  [FL State Rally - Sarasota](#) - 02-21-2007 to 02-25-2007
-  [2nd annual Newport Seafood & Wine Fest Rally](#) - 02-23-2007 to 02-25-2007
-  [3rd Annual Winter Rig OR Rent Rallevous, Freedom, NH](#) - 03-02-2007 to 03-04-2007
-  [Pechanga in Temecula, CA](#) - 03-07-2007 to 03-11-2007
-  [Sierra Nevada Unit #157 Washoe Lake State Park](#) - 03-22-2007 to 03-25-2007

Road Trip Part I - Codybear

The NorCal Winter Rally January 12th – 15th at 29 Palms, CA proved to be a great success! Forum members, guests, their families and pets, who set up their Airstreams and tents, took full advantage of the sunny, as well as freezing teens and twenties degrees weather over the weekend. No rally would be complete without the Happy Hours

(hosted by the Str8tstrms, and Excella3287 and Blkcat1), as well as the Mini Breakfast Potlucks, or the Grand Dinner Potluck, where everyone enjoyed the tasty feast of food and drink. The side trips to the Joshua Tree Park, the Oasis of Murals, the 29 Pistol and Rifle Range, and of course the must-see fellow Airstreamers' tours made the

rally an enjoyable and memorable one. Great kudos to Goin Camping for all his hard work and terrific hosting, to Kevbo10 and Str8tstrm, and to all the members and guests who participated and helped to make this rally fun. If you missed this rally, fret not, because there are many new upcoming rallies to attend.



Photo Shots - NorCal Winter Rally Photos - 29 Palms, CA

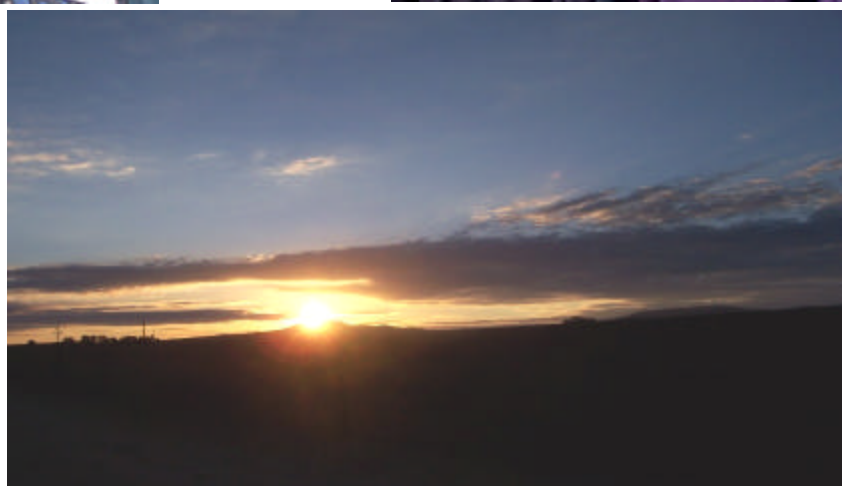


Photo Shots - Arizona



Road Trip Part II - Codybear

After the 29 Palms Rally, Steve and I (and Cody) journeyed to Arizona, to continue our mini vacation with our '64 Safari. Land of beautiful desert sunsets, saguaros, prickly pears, javelinas, roadrunners, and most importantly, the elusive Mearn's quail. After three unsuccessful tries to locate the bird, Steve was finally able to shoot one with the help of his Cody, who came back from the hunt with a new 'dreadlocks' 'do. It took Steve about an hour to remove the pesky 'Velcro - like' weeds from his ears, and body. The trip to Tombstone and Boothill Graveyard was a trip back to the Old days of Wyatt Earp and his brothers Virgil and Morgan, as well as Doc Holiday. Interesting to note that Doc Holiday was in-

deed a doctor. He was a Dentist, as well as a gambler, alcoholic and suffered from Tuberculosis. The famous shootout at the O.K. Corral lasted only 30 seconds, with Wyatt never receiving a scratch from the gunfight against the Clantons and McLaurys. But the best part of the trip was to get some warm weather after the cold nights of 20 degrees in California. Alas, in Tucson we were greeted with snow that fell that

one night, all around the Safari and our tow vehicle, the palms and plants resulting in a snow white wintry scene that surrounded our campground site. By the time our trip had ended and we were headed back to California, the weather changed for the better, with temperatures in the 60's for the days and 40's for the nights. Our next trip will be to the Cassini Ranch the last weekend in April and hopefully Spring weather will be upon us.



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