

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

DECEMBER 2003 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



Do you enjoy getting out with your Airstream and visiting some of the great camping areas in Northern Nevada? Do you like spending time with great people who share your Airstream interests and are always eager to include others in their gatherings? Do you like attending rallies with flexible schedules and time for individual pursuits - such as biking, hiking, boating, fishing, star gazing, and campfires? Do you like great food shared at potlucks and happy hour? Then join the Sierra Nevada Unit, WBCCI. We have a great schedule of activities planned for 2004 and we'd like to include you in our adventures. Check our rally and meeting schedule at <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/04-rallyschedule.htm>

To assist us with planning, especially at the rallies, we hope that you will mail, call or email us if you plan to attend any particular event. In 2004 we will include a participation form along with the notification of an activity. Just complete the form and send it in. Visitors are always welcome to stop by and say hello but we hope that if you plan to bring your rig you will send us a participation form.

December Holiday Meeting

The SNU Holiday meeting and pot luck will be held at the home of Don and Mary Lou Damoth in Reno on December 13, 2003. The meeting will start at noon with lunch around 1:00 PM. Utensils will be furnished and a ham will be served. Everyone is welcome. Call to RSVP at (775) 857-1101. See map and directions on back.

The club was saddened by the news of the recent death of Keith McGill. He will be missed by all of us.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Von J. Gallion - 8th

Robert Krumwiede - 25th

Unless I missed someone, there were no new brides in December.

For Sale - 26' 1968 Overlander Airstream. Good condition. \$4,995 OBO Diane at 775-972-9392. For details go to:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/commerce/index.html>

For Sale: 94' - 34' beauty with only 52K mi. on it. Steve Treece @ 775.246.7631 - EximiusE@aol.com

It is time to renew your Unit and WBCCI membership. Dues for WBCCI are \$45 and SNU Unit dues are \$10. Send your total dues payment of \$55 to the unit Treasurer Ann Hersey at 2960 Pine Valley Rd, Gardnerville, NV 89410

Tip of the Month - Cool Weather Camping

Cool weather camping means being prepared and taking a few precautions. Cooler weather usually means more hours of darkness which means more lights. It also means the furnace will be run and that can be a significant battery drain. If the battery compartment is at outside temperatures, it will also lose capacity at lower temperatures. A shortage of battery energy is likely to be one of the first things you notice about the impact of cooler weather on your camping experience.

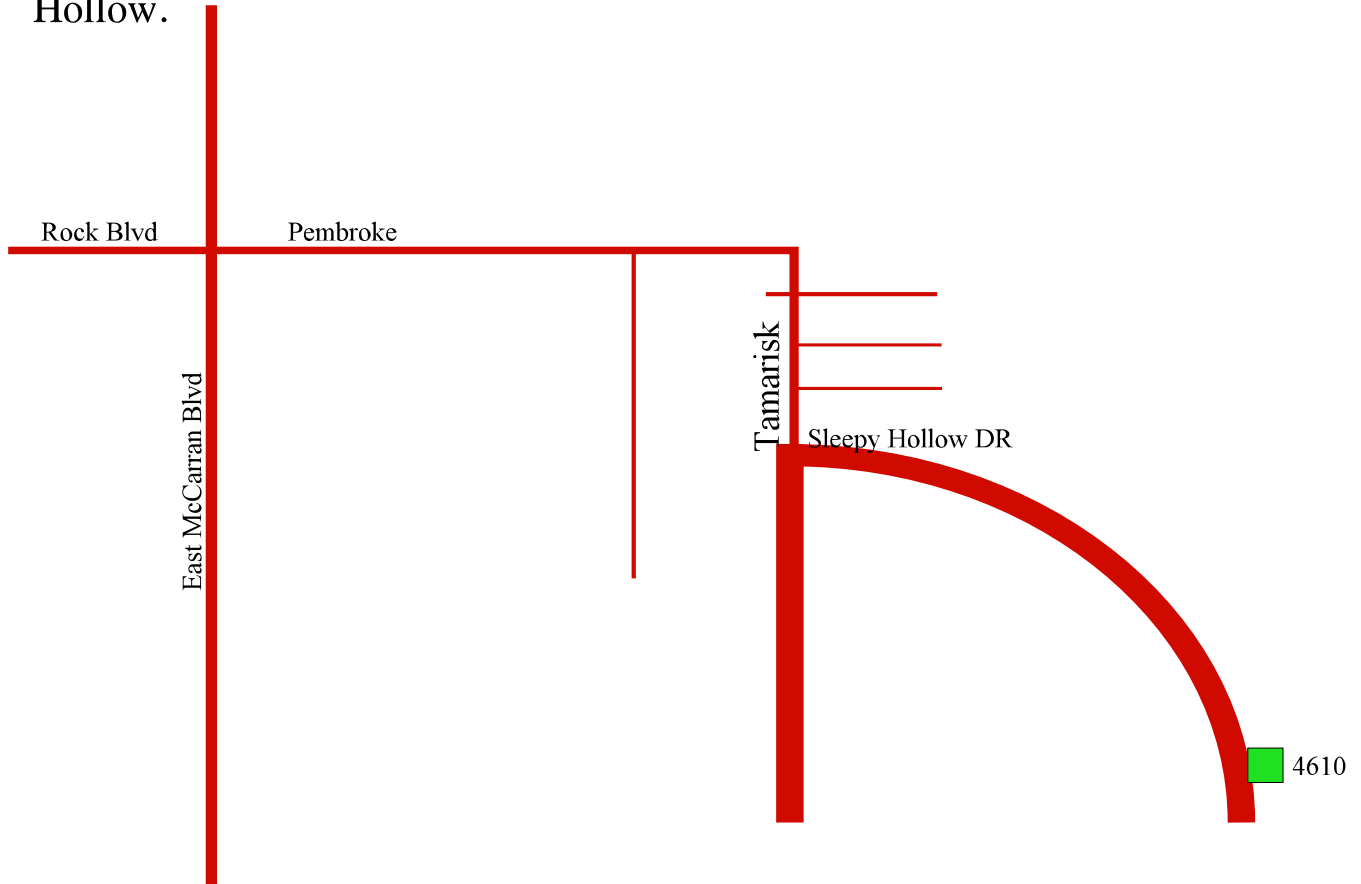
You need to make sure to top off the propane tanks before you head out for a weekend in cooler weather. Propane is used to keep you and your stuff warm and comfortable and the colder it gets the faster you will use it. A furnace keeping the inside of your RV above freezing will also likely keep most of the plumbing systems from freezing. Hookup lines and tanks exposed to the outside air will need attention when outside temperatures get well below freezing.

What to do

1. Prepare for extra battery use by taking along spares, providing a means to keep your battery charged, or doing other things to reduce the risk of running out of battery energy.
2. Make sure your propane tanks don't run dry on you, and protect the propane regulator from the elements so it doesn't get plugged or blocked. Make sure your furnace is functioning properly, and keep the thermostat as low as possible.
3. Take plenty of clothing and bedding so you can implement a good layers of warmth policy to maintain comfort.
4. Don't use anything for heating your RV that is not designed for space heating purposes in an RV. Do not use the stovetop burners or oven to heat your RV.
5. Any combustion based heating, such as catalytic heaters, must only be used when you make sure that there is proper ventilation and the device is not left unattended.
6. Whenever you cook condensation can be a problem so make sure there is proper ventilation.
7. Prepare yourself and your rig so you know what to expect and what to do to be comfortable and safe. Enjoy your winter camping experience. (Article condensed from the SNU website Owner's Manual. For more information go to the website at www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/)

Christmas Meeting at the Damoth's

From I-80, exit on East McCarran Blvd and go south to Rock/Pembroke Blvd. Or from South Virginia go east on McCarran Blvd to Rock/Pembroke Blvd. Go east on Pembroke towards the hills to the stop sign at Tamarisk St. Turn right on Tamarisk. Turn left on the 4th street which is Sleepy Hollow. Go up the hill and around the bend to 4610 Sleepy Hollow.



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Reno NV 89502

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WELCOME TO THE SIERRA NEVADA UNIT of WBCCI.

We are a small, friendly group who enjoy sharing our enjoyment of Airstreams, and the Airstream lifestyle, with others. You are invited to come to any of our meetings and if you like, to join our Unit. We predict that you will make many friends and relish the camaraderie of our rallies, caravans, and group activities. Our members are always ready to share their advice on equipment problems and trailering knowledge. In addition to being a member of our local Unit, you will be one of several thousand who make up the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (the Airstream RV Club.)

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