

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

NOVEMBER 2003 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



September Rally

A perfect weekend in the pines! The SNU rally at Davis Creek Park couldn't have been better. Mild temps, plenty of sun and very little wind. We missed Ryan's fire building but Don Damoth did a good job as a fill-in. In between our efforts to consume great pot luck meals and enjoy the ambiance we got quite a lot of business accomplished. We elected the SNU officers for 2004. We approved the 2004 rally schedule. We approved the treasurer's report and discussed funding projects for 2004. We discussed ideas for encouraging more participation in future rallies. We decided on what we felt was a great way to reduce some Unit inventory items. We also reviewed our efforts and activities for 2003, including the email distribution of the newsletters, the rally structure, and membership recruitment and retention ideas. Overall we are pleased with our progress and are looking forward to an even better year in 2004.

To see pictures of the Davis Creek rally go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/travelogues/772-leipper/03oc18-daviscreek.html>

For Details on the 2004 SNU officers and the 2004 rally schedule go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/> Also check the information on winterizing your RV and cold weather camping.

The November meeting will be at the Thanksgiving Lake Lahontan Rally November 28-30 at Lahontan Beach 7. See photos and map on back of Newsletter. If you can't make it for the entire time, feel free to join us for a few hours, one day, or whatever time frame fits your schedule.

Lahontan State Recreation Area - A man-made lake, 16 miles long, has more than 69 miles of sandy shoreline and covers 12,000 surface acres. It offers visitors swimming, fishing, boating and numerous watersport activities. For more information contact: Lahontan State Recreation Area, 16799 Lahontan Dam, Fallon, NV 89406, (702) 867-3500. Fees: Nevada State Park (moderate) Free with Nevada Senior Pass. Location: South of Silver Springs on US 95 alternate. Look for sign to Lake Lahontan. Beach 7 - unstructured parking. Dump station near ranger station at park entrance.

Join us for Thanksgiving!

Diane Leipper, Unit Secretary



Saturday Night Campfire at Davis Creek Rally

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

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. Everyone is welcome. Call Don and Mary Lou to RSVP at (775) 857-1101. See map in next newsletter.

November Birthdays

Dianne Leipper - November 6th

Fred Hersey - November 9th

November Anniversaries

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

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>

The approved Meeting and Rally Schedule for 2004 is included in this newsletter, along with a list of the new unit officers.



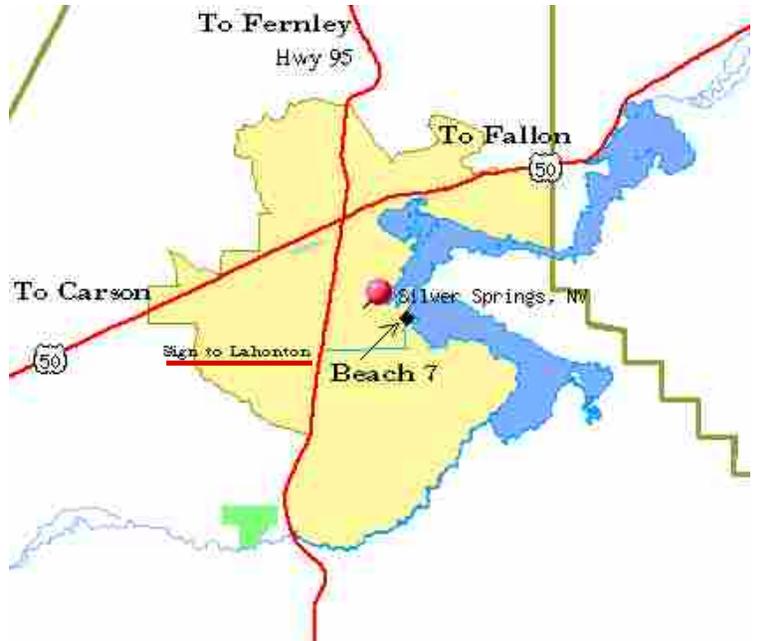
Lake Lahonton in Fall Wardrobe. (Photo from website)



Airstreamers at Lake Lahonton (Website Photo)



Potluck at Oct '03 Davis Creek Rally



Map to November Rally at Lake Lahonton

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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.)

Fred Hersey, Unit President 775-266-3435 hersey.4-way@775.net

2004 Meeting and Rally Schedule

Date	Location	Item
December 13, 2003	Reno, Damoth's House	Holiday Celebration and pot luck
Wednesday, January 7, 2004	Reno, Tamarack Reno	Board meeting, all members welcome
Thursday February 12, 2004	Fernley, Wigwam restaurant	Board meeting, all members welcome
Wednesday March 10, 2004	Minden - T.J.'s Basque restaurant	Board meeting, all members welcome
Friday - Sunday April 23-25, 2004	Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point, unstructured camping area - Spring Tune-up Rally - 30 miles north of Reno	Watch the pelicans, visit the nearby fish hatchery or take a day trip to the Indian Museum in Nixon. Prepare rigs for summer travel. Board meeting, all members welcome
Friday - Sunday, May 28 - 30, 2004	Dayton State Park - about 20 miles East of Carson City, NV Note: camping will be in individual sites no group area available.	Visit the Civil War Encampment at nearby Fort Churchill or take a day trip to historic Virginia City. Explore the historic town of Dayton. Hike along the Carson river or enjoy birdwatching and stargazing.
Friday - Sunday, June 25-27	Boca Springs Rally in group area - near Truckee, CA,	Historic site, hiking, nearby Boca Reservoir for boating, fishing, & swimming - Board meeting, all members welcome
Saturday July 10, 2004	Spooner Summit State Park Near South Lake Tahoe at the intersection of State Route 28 and U.S. 50	Spooner Lake, is popular for picnicking, hiking, mountain biking and catch-and-release fishing. Spooner Lake is popular for its abundant wildlife and wildflowers, and also serves as a starting point for many backcountry trails. Nearby attractions include Sand Harbor and the Ponderosa Ranch.
Friday - Sunday August 20 - 22, 2004	Twin Lakes Rally in group area - near Bridgeport, CA	Hiking, relaxing in the pines, great bike riding possibilities, and boating. Board meeting, all members welcome
September, 2004	Picnic at the Leipper's	Enjoy the Air Races without the traffic jam.
Friday - Sunday October 15 - 17, 2004	Davis Creek Rally in group area - Winter Preparation Rally	Hiking, ranger talks, and the opportunity to visit nearby Bower's Mansion or the cemetery of Old Washoe City. Unit Annual Meeting, election and installation of officers.
Friday - Sunday November 12 - 14, 2004	Lake Lahonton Rally, beach 7 unstructured camping area - near Silver Springs, NV	Enjoy the peace and quiet of lakeside camping, fishing and boating, hiking and good bike riding possibilities. Winterizing rigs for winter camping or storage - Board meeting, all members welcome
December 5, 2004	Gardnerville, the Hersey's House	Holiday Celebration and Pot Luck

Sierra Nevada Unit Officers for 2004

President - Diane Leipper

Secretary - Don Damoth

Treasurer - Ann Hersey

Trustee - Fred Hersey

Trustee - Dawn McGill

Annual Review

The following is a summary of the efforts and activities of SNU. It was written by Bryan Leipper in response to an internet dialog with other Airstream owners regarding membership. It provides a great review of what the SNU has accomplished this past year and what directions we are taking for the future. I think the SNU can be proud of it's accomplishments and of it's goals.

The WBCCI is an exclusive club because not everyone owns an Airstream! The idea is to get out and have fun with your RV - with friends who share common interests.

In our unit, we have:

- > Reduced lunches at Denny's and scheduled more rallies.
- > Scheduled rallies for weekends and close enough to encourage working stiffs with families to attend.
- > Coordinated with neighboring units to promote differing experiences and opportunities for our members.
- > Reduced formal activities on shorter rallies yet started providing information and resources for those who want to pursue activities while at the rally site.
- > Started to rebuild the information archive a previous generation threw out to help plan future rallies and events and market current efforts.
- > Encouraged members to get out and meet and greet - If you expose an Airstream in our neighborhood you are a target for a friendly "hello, how are you doing?" and an invitation.
- > Publicized events and activities with PSA distribution.
- > Send Unit newsletters to prospective members for at least a year after we get a name and address. The SNU newsletter is also distributed via email to all members. Anyone who expresses an interest, whether or not they are a member, can subscribe.
- > Discussed what makes us what we are and how we can use that to encourage participation so everyone can have fun and developed a written profile outlining these attributes.
- > Restructured the organization to better reflect the size and style of the group.
- > Visited neighboring units to get to know them better and work for better cooperation and synergy.
- > Put together a web site for the unit with other materials for people interested in the area, the unit, airstream and RV history, or related hobbies and activities. (<http://SierraNevadaAirstreams.org/>)
- > Tried to have patience as change takes time. We hope that we can convince others to join us and help us enjoy our Airstream experience. We can all have more fun together in our local unit, I think. Perhaps some of these efforts might catch on and help the WBCCI gain vitality and energy. Who knows?

Join the revolution. It all starts at the bottom between you and your local unit. Make it work for you.

Enjoyment of the whispering winds, the zephyrs, the airstreams of the Sierra Nevada and Great Basin areas of the United States.