

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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New Members - The SNU has gained more new members in the past month. We wish to welcome Spencer & Jill Thomas from Adin, CA and Rick LaBorde & Jeanne Sassin from Lee Vining, CA. The SNU is delighted to have members from such far flung corners of our territory. This will encourage us to explore new potential rally sites in more diverse areas. Thanks for choosing to join us. We look forward to your participation in the SNU and hope to see you all at a rally or other SNU event soon.

Air Races Picnic - Another great year for the Reno Air Races and another great SNU picnic at the Leipper's. The Damoths, Hersey's, and Leipper's were there as well as Chuck Fell from Bridgeport and Mylan and Eloise Wight from Truckee. Ivan and May, neighbors of the Leipper's who just sold their Airstream a few months ago were special guests. Ivan at age 94 has decided gardening is more his style now rather than towing a trailer. Mylan and Eloise are also selling their Airstream and moving towards the bay area to be closer to family. It is always hard decision to give up Airstream traveling but I know they all have wonderful memories of their many adventures. We all have great memories of our picnic too. Not the least of which was the great food. We even had some samples of Ivan and May's produce, pickled beets and onions for our hamburgers for example. The planes flying overhead added some excitement and occasionally we had to take a break in our discussions so we could watch their maneuvers.

Reminders - Renew your membership in WBCCI & the SNU for 2005. If you haven't yet joined, plan to do so now. Your support is much appreciated.

We would encourage anyone who has email and web access to sign up for the email version of the SNU newsletter. Go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/index.html>. Subscribing to the email newsletter also enables you to receive the weekly SNUZE bulletin which provides tips useful to Airstream and other RV owners as well as upcoming events and other information. The email newsletter also helps the SNU save on postage & printing costs.

The November Rally will be at Lake Lahonton on the 12th to the 14th.



September Luncheon

October Rally - The SNU rally at Davis Creek Park group area is planned for October 15th - 17th. This will be our annual meeting and elections. Your comments, ideas, and suggestions will help us plan for next year so we hope you join us. The Davis Creek Group Campground is located on the west side of 395 between Reno and Carson City. From Reno take Rt 395 south to Washoe Valley (approximately 8 miles from the Mt. Rose junction). Turn right on Old 395. Go about .04 miles to Davis Creek Rd. turn right. When you enter the park continue through the main camping area, down a slight dip. The gravel road to the group area will be on your right. Coming from the south you can take the exit at the top of the hill North of Carson City to Old 395 and follow that to Davis Creek on the other end of the valley. For more information check the website: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org>

The officers nominated for 2005 will be Diane Leipper, President, Don Damoth, Secretary, Ann Hersey, Treasurer, Fred Hersey Trustee, and Bonny Douglas, Trustee.



Davis Creek Rally - 2003

Going to great lengths to find a camping spot in Reno.

Rich Jaggard found a rather unique place to park his Bambi in Reno - The Robert Z. Hawkins stage at the Bartley Ranch Regional Park! This all started when Bryan Leipper found a notice on an internet forum that the Trailer Park Troubadours, the unofficial Airstream band, was planning to play there on Saturday, September 18th. They were looking for some Airstreams to use as stage props for their show. Rich Jaggard, an SNU member in Gardnerville, was available and willing to assist. His Bambi barely squeezed through the door but it was a great addition once parked on stage. The Bambi got a lot of attention. Rich had a good time wandering around during the concerts and hearing people comment on the Airstream. The Troubadours even gave him special recognition during their act and talked quite a bit about the trailer. Rich said several people came on stage after the concert to take a peek inside. After everyone was gone he spent a little time with the Troubadours sitting in the Bambi chit chatting. This has been a banner year for SNU public relations and having Rich (and his Bambi) represent us on stage with the Troubadours is icing on the cake. Thank you Rich! Check out the pictures at <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/community>

Planning for 2005 - update

Enclosed with this newsletter is the second draft of our 2005 rally and event schedule. We still have a few things to finalize. As stated in the last newsletter, the SNU will hold 9 rallies next year. The rallies will be scheduled for Thursday through Sunday. Thursday will be a bonus day for those who can make it and want to spend a little more time at our rally locations. One of our special activities will be during the rally at Twin Lakes. Chuck Fell has kindly offered to take us on a tour of Bodie, a great old mining town not far from our rally site. We are planning a day trip and picnic along with the tour. The other three months we will hold Saturday luncheon meetings, which hopefully will enable those of us still working for a living to be able to attend. We have a great time at our rallies and hope that more of our members and friends will be able to join us in 2005. Even if you are unable to attend the entire rally, we would be delighted to see you for one night, a few hours, or whatever fits your schedule.

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Rich's Bambi at the Troubadours Show

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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.)