

# SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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March Rally - The SNU first rally at Rye Patch was a big success. Typical Nevada spring - we had a little snow, a little rain, a little wind, a little sun, and a LOT of fun. We had a nice fire most of the day and a great pot luck on Saturday. Everyone cooked hot dogs or polish sausage on a stick. As a special treat Rich Jaggard made sopapillas in his Bambi and the Thornburg's cooked us apple and cherry pies with their pie irons. The group area at Rye Patch, recommended by the Thornburg's, is a great spot for a rally. Right on the bend of the river with lots of trees. We will definitely be holding future rallies there. The rally was held on a full moon weekend which was great for nighttime walks but not so great for star gazing. Rich brought his high powered binoculars so we got to see the moon close up. We also got to view Jupiter and some of it's moons as well as some other stars. Roy Douglas has been busy polishing his 1972 Globetrotter - Wow! The reflection from the sun as well as the full moon was almost blinding. Roy withstood numerous bribes from the rest of us to polish our trailers. He figures one is enough. Last but not least, we wish welcome Jerry Thornburg and Dyann McDonald who joined the SNU at the rally, as our newest members. To see pictures of the rally go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05mr-ryepatch/gallery.html>



Rye Patch Rally



**April Rally** - The SNU April rally will be at Fran Reid's place off of Hwy 50 near Lake Lahonton April 21 - 24, 2005. Fran's property sits on a bluff and has beautiful vistas of the surrounding hills. Arrival time is anytime after noon on Thursday April 21. if you can, bring a few sticks for a fire. We will have a pot luck lunch and short business meeting on Saturday. Plan to join us for the entire rally or whatever time you have available. Looks like it will be another full moon weekend so again although it is a great place for star gazing it may be a little bright. For more information check the web. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/05ap-lahtonton.html>



Saturday Potluck Lunch

Update from Tahoe - I just received an email from Alice from the Tahoe Heritage Foundation. Her message in part says "that the Tallac Historic Site Forest Service representative has decided that having anything at the Tallac Site that is not of that period (pre WWII), then it would be inappropriate to have them at all. Therefore, we will not be able to host your club as we had hoped. This is a big disappointment to our organization as well, because we believed that Airstreams on the Site would draw visitors. I am very sorry, Diane. I hope you understand." I will stay in touch with Alice as there may be some future possibilities for collaboration.

## Vintage Rally

The Airstream Vintage contingent of Oregon is planning a rally June 2-5 In Grants Pass, Oregon. Parking fee is \$80 and the rally fee is \$125 one unit 2 people. Fees are due May 1, 2005. If you would like more information on the rally contact Steve or Elaine Laxton, Email [dfn30@earthlink.net](mailto:dfn30@earthlink.net) or cell phone 619 871 5827.

## WBCCI History

It was during the Caravan to Eastern Canada in 1955 that a group of participants gathered to form the nucleus of what became the Wally Byam Caravan Club. This picture of the rally site on the St Lawrence River is from a similar Caravan to Eastern Canada in 1959.



1959 Eastern Canada Wally Byam Caravan

Why Caravans - from the 1957 newsletter "The Caravaner" Principally our aim in organizing the now world famous Wally Byam caravan tours are two-fold: creates good will for our country and the ever growing army of trailerites and to teach our Airstream owners how to use their trailers.

Safety - The SNU has received it's copy of a Safety Training Kit published by the Recreational Vehicle Safety Education Foundation (RVSEF) and distributed by WBCCI. The kit includes several booklets as well as a video tape. Topics covered in the booklets include Weight Safety, Driving Safety, Towing Safety, Propane Safety as well as other topics. This packet is available to WBCCI members at a reduced cost of \$18. We will have the SNU copy as well as order forms available at future rallies so you can check it out. It seems to be a very well done education tool with lots of good tips and information.

Looking for a place to go camping this summer? Hopefully you will be able to join the SNU at it's rallies this summer. Our rally sites include some old favorites as well as some new locations. Most of the information and maps to rally sites have been posted on the website. Go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/05-rallyschedule.htm> Click on the date to find maps and detailed information. If you are interested in other places to go camping this summer check out the destinations page on the website. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/destinations/index.html> Recently added photo galleries and information are available on several campground off US 395 including Lake Davis and Meadowview. Off US 80 there are pictures of the campground at Rye Patch.



For Sale - The Brandy's are selling their Airstream and Tow Vehicle. The trailer is a 2004 34ft Classic Limited 8 months old with a Henley Hitch. The tow vehicle is a 2004 Ford Excursion 310 HP diesel. For more info contact Don Brandy Phone 530-304-8229.

### Airstreamers on the Road

We ran into this vintage rig this winter on the seashore at Padre Island. They had been there for four months. We didn't get their names, but they said they were going to have to repaint the truck when they got home because of the salt corrosion. They were only about 50 yards from the gulf. You can go on the beach with a rig about 20 miles east of Corpus Christy, TX, in the Padre Island National Seashore, and you can drive on the sand for about 80 miles. You need four wheel drive after about 10 miles.



1961 Airstream and 1949 Ford at Padre Island, TX



Damoth's on Padre Island in 1970 with '69 23' Airstream, '66 Ford

## Directions to April Rally at Fran Reid's Place near Lahontan Lake

1. From Fernley on Alt 50, at intersection (Pipers Casino) turn left onto US 50 9.8 miles (approx)
2. Turn Right onto Karen Road. Sign - Lahontan State Park

Note\* this road is asphalt and leads to the entry to the Lahontan State Park. Stay on this road (asphalt) and it veers to the right. You will cross a small vehicle bridge over a narrow section of the Carson River. Road is still asphalt. Road level starts to rise. On the Left is a dirt road and on the right is a small sign saying Lahontan Dam Road. Turn left onto the dirt road. Note\*\* this is a wide washboard road, maintained minimally

3. Stay on the dirt road as it goes up hill and veers to the right. On your left you will note a sign saying Sweet Water Ranches. Stay on the same dirt road. Continue on sharp upgrade as it goes right, then veers left uphill. On your left you will see a mobile set back. There is a metal car port partially over this trailer, a bus and a few other vehicles parked. Stay on the same dirt road Next you will see on your left a brown mobile (wood siding); part of the roof is white and a small travel trailer on the right side of the mobile. This is it.

Fran's mobile home physical address is 17025 Lahontan Dam Road. Fallon, NV.

See Map and photos on the website at:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/05ap-lahtonton.html>

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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.)