

# SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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## January Luncheon

Those of us who attended the January luncheon at Bavarian World in Reno not only had a great time and a great meal, we decided that this luncheon was our salute to the international rallies and caravans that have been part of WBCCI's history since the beginning. In addition to enjoying great German food, we discussed other ways the SNU could celebrate WBCCI's 50th anniversary, and SNU's 30th in 2006. We also passed out the member directories and "official" name tags. Fred Hersey did a great job of printing the name inserts for the tags and everyone was pleased with the results. Ann Hersey, the SNU treasurer, said the Unit is in good shape financially and our membership stands at 17 paid so far this year.



It's not too early. The first SNU rally of 2005 will be March 24th through 27th at Rye Patch reservoir. Now is a good time to start thinking about what needs checking, what needs lubed and oiled, what needs rotating, and pressurizing, and what needs fixing or replacing to get your tow vehicle and trailer ready to hit the road and join us at the rally. The most important thing is to make sure your rig is road worthy. There are plenty of tool boxes, and usually some spare parts, along with people with great ideas who have "been there - done that" at our rallies to help you with those many little projects that Airstreams tend to need, especially the older ones. So come as you are and plan on sharing ideas, brainstorming problems, discovering creative solutions, and just enjoying the Airstream experience with other devotees. Look for more details on the rally in the next newsletter and plan to join us at Rye Patch.

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## February Luncheon -

**The SNU February luncheon will be held on Friday February 18th at 11:30 am in Fallon at the Sandwinds restaurant. To get to the Sandwinds from Fernley take US-50 ALT which becomes US-50/RENO HWY to Fallon. Turn RIGHT onto Taylor Place. The restaurant is on the north end of town. Information can also be found on the web <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/sandwinds-index.html>**

Don and Mary Lou have made their way back to Tucson and will be somewhere in the Southwest until we come home to Reno in April.

SNU kicks off its celebration of the 50th Anniversary of WBCCI. WBCCI first came into being in 1955 during the Eastern Canada Caravan. To celebrate this special occasion the SNU is planning a variety of activities. We have already begun posting historical information on the website. Check <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/other-info/index.htm> We included some historical tidbits in our member directory. We will be including information in each of our newsletters. We are planning special celebratory activities at many of our planned rallies in 2005 with a special celebration at our picnic in July and our annual meeting in October. We are considering some sort of promotional/commemorative item for members. We are also looking of ideas and suggestions, so if you have any creative ways to celebrate we would love to hear them. In addition to WBCCI's 50th, the year 2006 will be the 30th Anniversary of the SNU. So we have a lot of celebrating to do.

Who is Wally Byam? Mr. Byam was born in Baker, Oregon. He was the founder and chairman of Airstream Trailers, Inc. As a young boy Wally assisted his grandfather herding sheep and living in a two-wheeled wagon covered with cloth towed by a donkey. The wagon had a mat for a bed, a kerosene cook stove, a wash pail and some books. Byam graduated from Stanford in 1923 with a degree in law. Instead of practicing law he ended up in publishing. During this time he came across an article on how to build a trailer. This eventually led to Wally building trailers in his backyard for sale. He conceived the name "Airstream" in 1934 because he thought his trailers traveled like a stream of air. In the winter of 1951, during a conversation with a customer, the first glimmer of an idea about caravans was born. Wally Byam's involvement with Airstreaming and caravanning continued until his death in 1962. For a more complete history of Wally Byam check the WBCCI website. [www.wbcci.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=History](http://www.wbcci.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=History)

## February Meeting

Directions from From Fernley, NV

US-50 ALT becomes US-50/RENO HWY

Turn RIGHT onto TAYLOR PL.

End at Sandwinds Restaurant & Sports 775-423-8554

1120 Taylor Pl, Fallon, NV 89406



The pictures at right are of a neat little 1961 nineteen foot Globetrotter that is sitting on the lot at Oasis RV in Tucson. Thought you might be interested in the decor. The outside has been polished and recoated. The asking price is \$15,000.



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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.)