

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

JANUARY 2005 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!!!

Welcome new members The SNU welcomes it's newest members Brian and Jenifer Root of Reno, and Dan & Linda Hess Odell of Bishop. The Root's have a 1954 26ft Airstream and the O'Dells have a 1967 19ft Safari. We hope they all will be able to join us at a rally sometime soon.

December Holiday Luncheon Despite the unpredictable weather forecasts, the sun came out and it was a beautiful day for a drive to the Hersey's for the Holiday Luncheon. The Hersey's put on a fine spread for the SNU members which we all greatly enjoyed. We had a good time just visiting and catching up on happenings and holiday plans. Thanks to Ann & Fred for hosting this party. It was a great way to start the holiday season.

Postage rate hike Since it appears that the US postal service is planning to increase the postage rates, 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 sign-up system, since it is up to you to subscribe or unsubscribe, is our way to ensure that you will not be receiving any unwanted emails. It assures us we are sending this information to people who want it and not adding unsolicited messages to anyone's email box.-- Diane Leipper

January Meeting Announcement - Saturday, January 22, 2005 is the date for the next SNU meeting. This meeting will be at Bavarian World in Reno, NV at 11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome. Please call Diane to RSVP at 775 972 9392. See map in this newsletter. For more information go to: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/index.html>



December Holiday Luncheon at Hersey's

In case you have been wondering Since we last saw Don & Mary Lou Damoth in September, they have been enjoying the sunshine and warmth of Florida and other Southern States. Their most recent adventure involved staying on the good side of the local pirates. To see some pictures from their travels go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/travelogues> Scroll down to Damoth's Winter 04-05 tour.

Also check out the pictures Roy & Bonny Douglas took while at the Region 12 rally in Los Banos in October. Go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/travelogues> and scroll down to Douglas's Region 12 Rally. **See a sample of Roy's photos on page two of this newsletter.**

If you have pictures of any of your Airstream adventures you would like to share with the SNU, email them to hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org, or mail them to PO Box 60572, Reno, NV 89506.

February Meeting - The February meeting will be at the Sandwinds Restaurant in Fallon on Friday, February 18th. Directions in the next newsletter

Membership Success

A letter received recently from WBCCI indicates that membership in the organization is in decline. "last year it (the decline) increased to 3.9%." WBCCI asked that this letter be shared with all members. It can be found on the web at:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/other-info/index.htm>
The letter states 3 reasons that may have contributed to the decline - less new recruits, slight increase in non-renewing members, and the discontinuation of the free member program.

The SNU is proud to report that these factors do not apply to us. Since spring of 2004 we have gained 10 new members. We currently have 16 paid members in the SNU. For the SNU the 16 members (Airstream RV's) translates to 29 people. We also have a large group of "Friends", people who are part of our mailing list, but are not currently dues paying members.

All of the new members who joined in 2004 have renewed for 2005. Other interesting facts about the SNU members - almost all of our new members made it to at least one scheduled event in 2004, members come from all corners of our territory, members range in age from school age to the mid 80's, and members include retired as well as those still working. We think there are several reasons for the success of the SNU but the most important is communication with our members. We send information packets to potential and new members, we have a great monthly newsletter, we have an informative weekly email bulletin, and we have a great website. The key to this communication though is the one-on-one conversations. The discussions at the rallies, the phone calls, the emails and the letters. This is how we develop a rally schedule that meets the needs and interests of the group. This is how we determine what directions the unit should take and how we should plan for the future. We appreciate the support of all our members and friends and hope that you will continue to communicate with us - let us know what is of interest to you, how we can do an even better job of meeting your needs, and how we might encourage your participation. We will do our best to keep communicating with you.

To review the achievements of the SNU in 2004 go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/04achievements.html>

Photos taken by Roy and Bonny Douglas at the Region 12 WBCCI Rally at Los Banos, CA



Admiring Roy's Grey Graywater Tank



Saturday, January 22, 2005 - Luncheon

Bavarian World

595 Valley Rd, Reno, NV

11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting.

From the spaghetti bowl take I-80 West. 0.4 mile

Take the WELLS AVE exit, exit number 14. go 0.2 miles

Turn LEFT onto N WELLS AVE. 0.2

Turn RIGHT onto E 6TH ST.

Bavarian World is right on the corner of Sixth street & Valley Road.



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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.)