

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

JULY 2005 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



June Rally

As Randy Grossmann said, it is going to be hard to top our June rally at Kingston. Randy and his wife Vicki are our newest members and this was their first rally in their new Airstream. We had a total of 7 Airstreams, 19 people, 6 dogs, and 3 cats, our largest rally in the last five years. Apparently we were the talk of Kingston. Our shiny aluminum trailers were very visible in the open country and created a lot of talk amongst the residents in the local bar and grocery store. The Thornburg's were also initiating their new Airstream, a 31 ft Classic. Both the Grossmann's and the Thornburg's bought their Airstreams from Mountain Family RV. On the vintage side were the Root's attending their first rally in their 1956 26ft Cruiser, a beautiful old Airstream with many of the original appliances still in working order.

Roy and Bonny Douglas our hosts, were the recipients of a special present made by Jerry Thornburg's cousin. It was a beautiful wood sign with two buzzards sitting on top. It was a big hit with the Douglas's as well as the rest of us. Jerry also had a hillbilly pink flamingo that was a great addition to the Unit's growing flamingo flock. If you needed any incentive to drive all the way to Kingston then Roy Douglas's smoked brisket was without a doubt the perfect motivator. After smoking all day in his special Texas built smoker we all were treated to tender, juicy, perfectly done beef brisket. Beans, salads and deserts accompanied this dinner.

We were fortunate enough to enjoy a after dinner concert by Brian Jaggard. He brought his violin to practice for a recital he was attending on Sunday. What a way to top off a great meal and a great evening. Rich Jaggard brought his telescope so we were able to take advantage of the dark sky and view the stars and the milky way close up. Some of the other highlights included 7 yr old Nick Root catching his first fish and getting cleaning instructions from Rich Jaggard, visits to a nearby hot springs, trips to nearby ghost towns and other scenic attractions, an evening playing board games, and of course a few inspirational naps to recuperate from all the excitement. We are also happy to report that Don Damoth's thumb which created some excitement at the Boca Rally, is healing nicely and he will soon be able to remove the brace that still protects the mending bone. To see pictures of the Kingston Rally go to

:<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05jn-kingston/gallery.html>



Relaxing at the Austin Rally



Root Family at Spencer Hot Springs near Rally



Belmont Mill at Belmont Ghosttown

If you ever wondered why you should be a member of the SNU, this newsletter should provide the answer. Our June rally as a big success, We have newsletter contribution's from some of our younger members. We have great plans for the rest of the year, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better year in 2006. We have the support of the local Airstream dealer and participated in a kick off event at the dealership. We have received recognition from Linx Levelers for referrals from our website. More of our members are beginning to take an active roll in the support of the SNU and our membership and rally participation continues to grow. Most important - we have fun!

July picnic

Our July gathering will be Saturday July 16 picnic at Spooner Summit State Park off Hwy 50 west Near South Lake Tahoe. The picnic starts sometime around 11:30 am. Bring your own picnic supplies with a little extra to share. See map and photos on last page. For more maps, pictures, and more info go to: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/05jl-spooner-index.html>

Upcoming Events

Thursday Aug 25 - Sunday Aug 28 Rally at Twin Lakes South on US 395 near Bridgeport, CA. This rally includes a special day trip to the ghost town of Bodie. Check a photo gallery of Bodie pictures taken by the Jaggard family. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/destinations/395-south/bodie/gallery.html>

Thursday Sept 22 - Sunday Sept - 25, 2005 Eagle Lake BLM Campground at the North end - about 30 miles northeast of Susanville, CA off Hwy 139

Friday - Sunday October 20 - 23, 2005 Davis Creek group area. This rally includes the election and installation of officers for 2006

More details on these and other events are on the web and will be included in future newsletters.

WBCCI Dues Increase

For the first time in 11 years, WBCCI is increasing dues from \$45 to \$55 annually. This increase will apply for anyone joining after July 1, 2005 and all renewals starting in the fall of 2005. SNU dues will remain at \$10 bringing the total for WBCCI/SNU dues to \$65 annually. Eleven years is a pretty good stretch without an increase, especially since postage as well as other costs have increased during that time frame.

2006 Rally Schedule

It is time to start thinking and planning the rally schedule for 2006. To assist us with this project we have developed a rally site survey. We have been handing it out and it is also available on the web. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu> Click on the rally survey or the rally site consideration to access the survey or a list of things to consider when choosing a rally site. We want your input and ideas so please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to the SNU. Thanks to those of you who have already returned your survey. Your input has already generated some ideas and new possibilities. Also thanks to Dyann Thornburg who has offered to assist in putting the 2006 rally schedule together.

Airstream Dealer Open House

Mountain Family RV, the authorized Airstream dealer in Northern Nevada had an open house on the weekend of June 4th. The SNU was invited to participate. We set up a display table under the awning of a beautiful 31 ft Classic Airstream. (The same one the Thornburg's later purchased) It was great to have so many of our members stop by, including the Thornburg's from Fallon and the Grossmann's from Carson City. The Damoth's, Leipper's, and Stover's were also there. We got to meet Mark Seaholtz for the first time and are looking forward to seeing him and his wife Cary at a rally soon. We all had a great time doing what we usually do at rallies - gabbing about Airstream's and eating. This time though we were also talking to people outside the SNU who were interested in Airstreams, including some potential buyers. I think we did a pretty good job of extolling the benefits and enjoyment of the Airstream lifestyle while the area Airstream rep, Al McInnes and the sales people from Mountain Family did a good job of marketing the product. It was really nice for the SNU members have the opportunity to meet and talk with Al. We also enjoyed saying hi to Jon, the owner of Mt Family and his Dad, Jon's wife and her Mother, and various other family members, some of whom we had met at Boca. It is nice to see that family is an actual part of the business not just part of the name. It was also great to meet and talk with other staff members of Mountain Family RV. As to eating, we all enjoyed the BBQ beans and chicken provided at the open house, along with salads and beverages. A very nice event and a great opportunity for the SNU.

Special anniversary for SNU

2006 marks the 30th anniversary for the SNU. We have already started thinking about some ways to celebrate this special event and now is the time for you to provide input. We want your ideas and suggestions. We want to know if you are willing to get directly involved in some way. Please call Diane at 775 972 9392 or Fred at 775 266 3435 and let us know what you would like to see included as part of the anniversary year activities. As part of the celebration, we are thinking about focusing our rally schedule for 2006 on Nevada ghost towns, this might include a joint rally with the Nevada unit somewhere near Tonopah. Give us a call. Let us know what you think, what you would like to do, and how you would like to celebrate.

A note from our newest members

My wife, Vicki, and I recently purchased a new 25' Safari and have now joined the Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI. The SNU and its fine members have contributed significantly to our enjoyment of the Airstream. In April, when we were considering the purchase of an Airstream, we spent a few hours at Lake Lahonton with some of the SNU members. We really appreciated their willingness to answer our questions and to provide us with other Airstream information. The kindness and friendliness of everyone made a lasting impression. Last month in Kingston we attended our first rally with our new Airstream. We had a marvelous time visiting with everyone and enjoying our surroundings. Our only regret was that we did not arrive a day earlier. We are looking forward to the meeting at Spooner Lake this July. We purchased our Airstream from Mountain Family RV. Everyone we have dealt with there has been superb and their service has been excellent. We are lucky to now have an Airstream dealer so close and are also lucky to have such a fine dealer. - Randy Grossmann

Roy and Bonnie

We want to sincerely thank Roy and Bonnie Douglas for inviting us to hold our Rally on their property at Kingston, NV. Bonnie guided Bryan Leipper and the Damoth's on a wonderful ride over Touquima Pass, through Monitor Valley to the ghost towns of Belmont and Manhattan, then showed us a little local culture as we had lunch at the Full Moon in Round Mountain Valley. We saw a lot of neat wildflowers along the way. Roy's brisket cooked on the Texas Smoker was a wonderful addition to the Rally. Thanks guys!

Other Items

* The NorCal Unit will be holding a car rally at the Reno Air Races in September. This would be a good opportunity to meet fellow Airstreamers from the Northern California area. Look for more details in the next SNU newsletter.

* The 2006 International Rally will be held in Salem OR. Details will probably begin to appear in the Fall Blue Beret. The Leipper's are planning to attend. If there are other SNU members who are planning to go, we would like to see about organizing an informal mini caravan to the rally site. There is some beautiful country between Reno and Salem and it would be a great opportunity to explore some of this area. This rally is probably as close as an international rally will get to our area for the foreseeable future and we would encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. The international rallies are a unique part of WBCCI history and provide a whole different perspective on the organization. If you might be interested contact Diane at 775 972 9392 or hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org --
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Kingston Canyon

The Airstream

By Erika Root, Age 11

6/25/2005

The floor of our Airstream is dirty,
The dirt, twigs, and cookie crumbs make it very grimy.
I'm so glad it's dry here in Nevada,
Or things would probably be slimy.

The hall is very tiny,
And the bathroom is extremely small.
And every time I turn around,
I bump, hit, or trip over some kind of wall.

The door is hard to shut,
The closets are hard to close.
And the bathroom smells so much like bleach
When I go, I hold my nose.

Now you've heard the bad things,
Let me tell you the good.
I always remember good things,
Or at least I think I should.

In the Airstream,
Cabinets are everywhere you look.
No space is completely empty,
Something's in every cranny and nook.

Lights are nearly everywhere,
Windows are everywhere too.
A light is in every single room,
But don't be glad there's a window in the loo.

At 9a.m. in the morning,
The table is perfect for five.
But let's just say at 11a.m.,
'cause at 9 we're not remotely alive.

So there's the good and bad,
Including cabinets, windows, lights, and floors.
I sure do love this Airstream,
Don't you just love yours?



Root's 1956 26 foot Airstream Cruiser

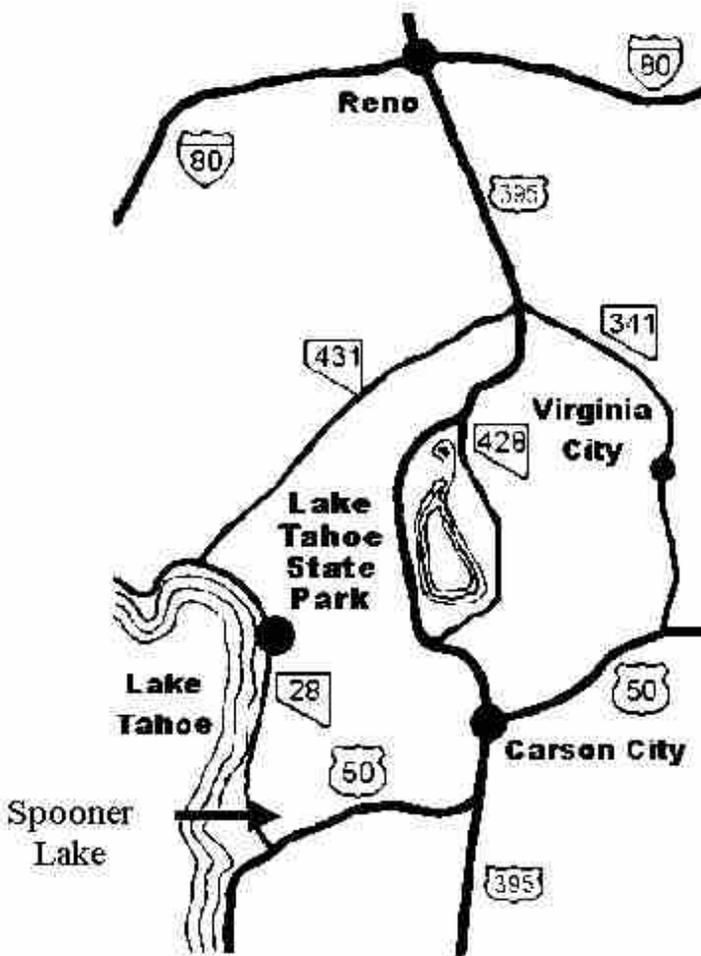
PICNIC - SPOONER LAKE STATE PARK

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005

Picnic lunch & board meeting. 11:30 am. Members and guests welcome

Location: Spooner Lake is on Highway 28, nine miles south of Sand Harbor and 1/2 (0.6) mile north of Highway 50. It is the southern tip of Nevada's Lake Tahoe State Park. There will be a Nevada State Park day use fee of \$7 or so. (unless you have a senior annual pass which is available from most state park ranger stations or the office in Carson City).

Spooner Lake has a pleasant, flat, 2.1 mile hiking loop around it. For the GPS nuts, the entrance coordinates are 36° 6.14 North and 119° 54.51 West. There is overflow parking by highway 28 near the US 50 junction. The Marlette Lake/ Flume Trail starts here, so mountain bikers can ride up the trail a ways, or all the way to Marlette Lake. It is an up hill ride, but the trail is beautiful.



Spooner Lake Picnic, 2004



Spooner Lake from Trail

Next Month (August) the Rally will be at the Craggs Campground in Twin Lakes near Bridgeport, CA. The Rally includes a special trip to Bodie State Park on Saturday. This is one of the best preserved ghost towns in the area, and we are lucky to have one of our members, Chuck Fell, give a guided tour of the Park. Chuck is a ranger at Bodie and he will show us areas that are not usually open to the public. So mark your Calendars for August 26th-28th and join us for this great opportunity.



Bodie State Park

Mountain Family RV, Nevada's only Airstream Dealer, announces that the exciting new 16 foot Quicksilver Edition Bambi will be coming to Reno soon. Plan to come by and see this outstanding new trailer. You will love the nautical decor and the new floorplan with a full width rear bed and front dinette.



Introducing the new Airstream Quicksilver Edition Bambi the perfect way to make waves with a stylish statement on the road, at the beach or just about anywhere. Airstream has partnered with legendary surf brand Quicksilver to come up with a breezy, fresh Airstream that goes with the flow wherever you travel. From the blue, white and silver interior, to the laminated world map on the dining table and the sizzling brushed aluminum in the galley -the Airstream Quicksilver Edition Bambi promotes an easy, adventurous, go-anywhere attitude.

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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.)