

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

JUNE 2005 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



May Rally - Finally! We had great weather at our Boca Springs rally. Although we always have a great time, it was wonderful to sit out under the whispering pines without being bundled up to almost unrecognizable blobs. We were happy to be joined on this rally by Bob and Sarah Stover in their 1973 Argosy. To test out his new truck, Randy Grossman drove up on Saturday for a visit. He and his wife Vicki just bought a 2005 Safari which we are all anxious to see at our June rally in Kingston. Judy and Rich Jaggard also came by on Sunday for a nice visit. Soccer prevented their coming for the whole rally this time. Don Damoth decided to provide a little excitement and exercise our first aid skills. While innocently whacking a piece of wood against a tree to make smaller firewood, he somehow nearly took off the tip of his thumb. This precipitated a trip to the emergency room while the rest of us waited anxiously in camp. Don lucked out. The hospital found a surgeon who has gained expertise in repairing hands by treating people whose fingers end up in snow blowers or on the wrong end of a chain saw. Don made it back to camp in time for dinner and of course his wife Mary Lou, with support from the rest of us, wouldn't let him do anything with firewood or the fire except to sit and enjoy it. We did have a sacrificial burning of the offending tree limb - still at it's original length. On Saturday we had our late Cinco de Mayo dinner. As usual, it was a great buffet with more than enough good food. Another unexpected treat was that the new Airstream dealer in Reno, Mountain Family RV brought a new 28 ft Safari Slide Out to our Boca Springs rally. We all enjoyed meeting the owner Jon Whipple, and other members of his family. I think he found out that when it comes to Airstreams, SNU members are more than happy to talk his ears off. Of course, we all really appreciated his bringing the trailer up for us to spend time exploring. He also brought up lots of literature for us to browse through and a baseball cap for everyone. Check the rally pictures on the web. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05ma-bocasprings/gallery.html>

Upcoming Events -

Saturday July 16 picnic at Spooner Summit State Park of Hwy 50 west Near South Lake Tahoe.

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.

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

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



Happy Campers at Boca, in front of 28' Safari from Mt Family



Relaxing in front of Mt Family RV 2005 Safari



Boca Campfire

Being a member of WBCCI - Becoming a dues paying member of WBCCI it to become a part of a unique history and culture. WBCCI is one of the oldest and largest RV organizations dedicated to a specific type of RV. It is an introduction to new people and new worlds. Like many other organizations, the relationship between dues and benefits is not a one on one correlation. While membership does provide name recognition, the ability to participate in WBCCI national, regional and other unit activities, and insurance coverage for unit activities, there are many more benefits to becoming a member of WBCCI. Recent posts on the Airstream Forum describe some of these benefits.

- "The membership is far more than the Blue Beret. It is access to the rallies, caravans, and a whole new way of camping and the new friendships that will develop."
- "I have been a member for over 10 years because of the friends I have made in that time. The club is much like the forum, but in person. I have people I consider dear friends that I only see once or twice a year. The benefits of being a member for me are not something I can put a price on."
- "Have I gotten my \$55 out of my WBCCI yearly dues and do I find it invaluable? YES, YES, YES I knew it was right for me the first weekend rally we went to a month after we bought our AS."
- "What WBCCI means to us is the bigger picture, not the \$55. It means meeting new friends with similar interest, and just having a good time. "
- "The magazine is just a thing, and we can all find faults with a thing. Nothing is perfect. The value of the WBCCI is the network. Just like the forums, the people are what matters. We have gotten more than we can ever give from WBCCI because of the people we have met. In order to make it better we need to get involved, not withdraw. I can go on adnausium with plattitudes, but in the end it is 'Involvement' that will bring the change."

The SNU as a unit of WBCCI, has experienced many of these benefits first hand. It has helped us promote our Unit and to get feature articles in local newspapers. Through listings of our rallies in WBCCI publications, we have increased interest in our Unit and even had visitors from Colorado participate in a rally. Our affiliation with WBCCI has been instrumental in the initial contact with the new Airstream dealer in Reno which is developing into a valuable and important relationship for SNU as well as Airstream owners in general. The most important thing as many of the forum responders mention, are the friendships and good times we are enjoying. We continue to gain new people and expand our network of Airstream owners. Our rallies and gatherings just get better and even more fun. That is the best benefit of all.

Newsletter by email

We wish to thank those members who recently signed up to receive the SNU newsletter via email. If you haven't already signed up and have email and web access we would encourage you to sign up by going to

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/index.html>.

New Airstream Dealer!!!! Northern Nevada now has the only Airstream dealer in the state of Nevada. Mountain Family RV recently became an authorized Airstream distributor and will focus on selling and servicing Airstream trailers and the Westfalia Van. Several of the SNU members have already had contact with Mountain Family RV and are impressed with their friendliness and apparently openness to meet the needs of Airstream owners and potential owners. The Mountain Family website is

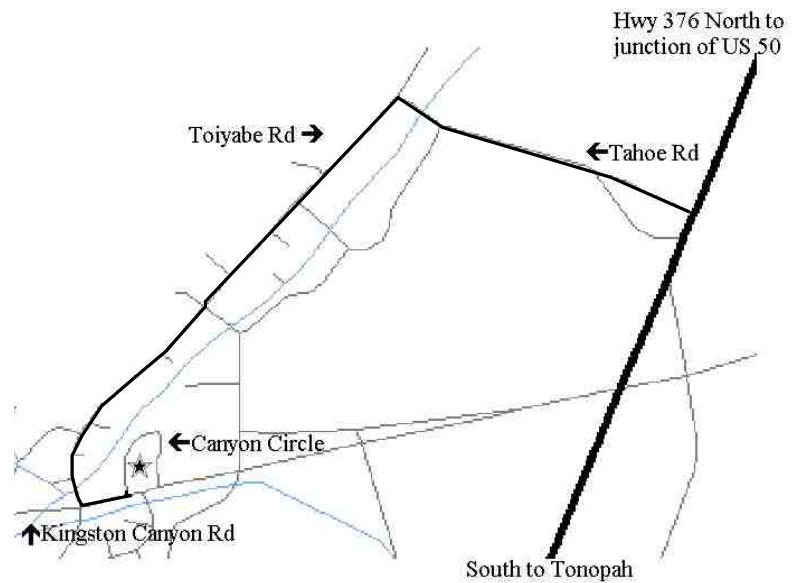
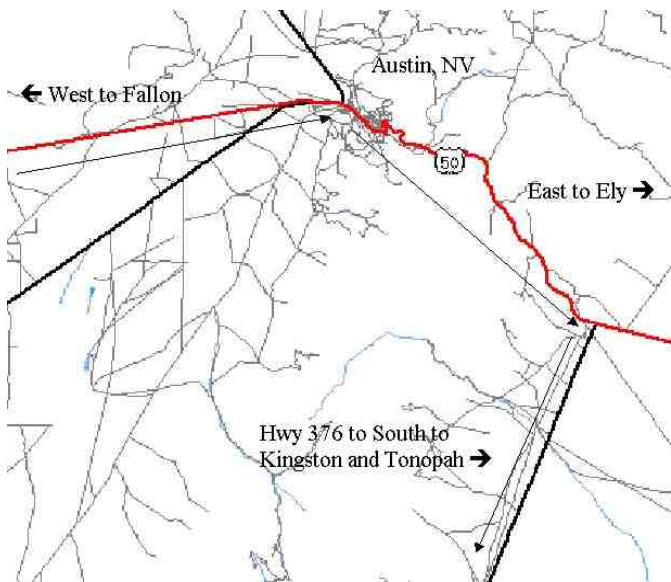
<http://www.mountainfamilyrv.com> To see pictures of the Safari they brought to Boca Springs as well as other Airstreams for sale go to

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/commerce/mfrv/gallery.html>

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June Rally

The June rally promises to be another special event. The dates for the rally are Thursday June 23 to Sunday June 26. The rally will be in Kingston, NV at the Douglas's. Kingston is southeast of Austin NV. According to Roy Douglas, Kingston was once known as the "Venice of Nevada". So don't be surprised to find a gondola or two tied up on the creek near their property. For more information and maps go to :<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/05jn-kingston-index.html>



Location: Take US 50 east through Austin and on over the pass. Turn right (south) on 376. You will see a large Smokey Valley sign. Go 13.5 miles to the green Kingston sign. Turn right (West) onto Tahoe Rd. You will cross a cattle guard immediately after turning. Go .8 (point 8) miles and turn left (South) on Toiyabe. Go 1.4 miles and turn left (East) on Kingston Dr.(gravel road) Go .1 (point 1) mile and turn left (North) on Canyon Circle (gravel). Go .1 (point 1) mile. The Douglas's place is the 1st (only) trailer on the left, a green single wide with redwood deck front and rear. The address is 110 Canyon Circle.

A special side trip is possible for Friday to the ghost town of Berlin and the Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park. It would be a two hour drive each way, about 30 miles of which are dirt road. The ghost town of Ione is on the way also. Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park includes the ghost town of Berlin which has several old buildings, mine head, and the old mill building. The Ichthyosaur State Park features fossils of Ichthyosaurs, prehistoric reptiles that lived in water over 180 million years ago. This marvelous state park, created in 1957, contains the largest complete fossils of this species ever found. There are guided tours of the Diana Mine and the Ichthyosaur fossils. If you are interested in this trip, call Don at 775-857-1101, or email to: drdbiker@aol.com



Mountain Family RV, the new [Airstream dealer](#) in Reno is having an open house Friday June 3 through Sunday June 5. The owner, Jon Whipple, has invited the SNU to set up a table at this event. We plan on being at the Open House all day on Saturday so plan on dropping by and assisting us to spread the word about Airstreams, WBCCI, and in particular the Sierra Nevada Unit. Also, you can check out the new Airstreams and hopefully have a chance to meet and talk with Jon and some of his other staff.

Mountain Family RV is just a short distance south of the Mt Rose junction on US 395. When you are heading south it will be on your left. The Airstreams are parked up front on the left of the entrance. Coming from the south, Mountain Family is just past the place that sells horse trailers. Jon says they plan on having food and drinks available. Check out the introductory letter we received from Mountain Family RV.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/index.html>

THE ROYAL KICKOFF

WHEN: FRIDAY JUNE 3 - SUNDAY JUNE 5
WHAT: OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNTAIN FAMILY RV
WHERE: 16300 SOUTH VIRGINIA, RENO NEVADA
TIME: 10 AM - 5PM (APPROX)
TASTY BARBECUE FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM



Jon Whipple and Family at Boca Rally with 2005 Safari

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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.)