

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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October Rally Absolutely great weather for an October rally! Clear blue skies, warm days with no wind, and cool nights. The SNU rally at Davis Creek also included visits by some special guests. The first was Larry Chapen, the Landscape Architect with the Nevada Division of State Parks. The second was from Jon Whipple, his wife Jelaine, their daughter Brook and the newest Whipple Bambi, 1 month old Ellie. Jelaine's Mom Soldi and Linda McCardy from Mountain Family RV also came along. Jon who is the owner of Mountain Family RV also brought the brand new Quicksilver 16ft special edition Airstream. This Airstream has a surfer theme interior design, complete with tiki head handles on the cupboards. To see pictures of this Airstream go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/commerce/mfrv/index.html>



Paradise in the Pines at Davis Creek

Saturday several of the SNU members who weren't able to bring their trailers came out for a pot luck lunch and the SNU business meeting. As usual, great food, lots of good conversation, and we even got a lot of business done, including the election of our 2006 Officers. In addition, we had an ad hoc pet show. I think it was Mary Lou who thought we should get a picture of all the SNU members dogs since there seemed to be just about as many dogs as there were people. We were missing a few, but I think the dogs present represented the SNU pretty well. Saturday evening we had another potluck dinner and then a nice evening sitting around the campfire swapping stories and brainstorming ideas for future SNU events. To see the photo gallery of the rally go to: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05-06rallies.html>



Is the SNU going to the dogs?

2006 Officers elected SNU officers for 2006 were elected at Davis Creek. With SNU members, the Hersey's, Damoth's, Thornburg's, Leipper's, and Warn's, present we had a quorum for official SNU business. The new officers are Don Damoth - President and Newsletter Editor, Dyann Thornburg - Secretary, Bryan Leipper - Treasurer and Membership, Rich Jaggard and Bonny Douglas - Trustee. Other official business included the approval of the 2006 rally schedule, the introduction of a voting process for the 2007 rally schedule, discussion regarding the 30th Anniversary celebrations for the SNU, a membership and financial status update, discussion about the article in the Region 12 newsletter, and a recap of our discussion with Larry from Nevada State Parks.



Folks, it doesn't get any better than this

Brainstorming with the Nevada State Parks Nevada is planning on expanding and developing RV areas in two Southern Nevada State Parks. In part due to a letter the SNU wrote to Nevada State Parks in 2004, we were contacted to provide ideas and input in these projects. Larry Chapen, the Landscape Architect with the Nevada Division of State Parks visited the Davis Creek rally on Friday and brought a copy of the preliminary plans for a class A section at the Valley of Fire. When he left two hours later, he had an entire overlay page full of suggestions and ideas. Some were basic and some were more innovative. As it turned out, Larry had some pretty unique resources for this input. Not only was he able to tap the lifelong camping and RV experiences of all the SNU members present, he received input from Wes Warn who has owned an RV park and Anita Leipper who has just spent the summer being a camp host in several Oregon State Parks. Among the many ideas discussed were the concept of one way versus two way roads through the entire campground, where the entrance and camp hosts should be located, signage for hiking trails, a designated pet area, width of parking pads, access for emergency helicopters, wi-fi, cell phone, and pay phone access, the potential for long term campers, security issues, and trash management. It was a very profitable and enjoyable experience for all of us. We can't wait to see the next version of the plans.

Upcoming Events

* Saturday December 3, 2005 JT's Basque restaurant, Minden, NV on US 395 south, 11:30 am, Holiday Celebration. Member & guests welcome. Great family style traditional Basque dining in a historic Minden establishment.

* Saturday January 21, 2006 Bavarian World restaurant on 6th and Valley in Reno 11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting.

**** Mark this date **** Saturday February 18, 2006**

Carson City - Silver Oak Golf Club restaurant - 30th anniversary kick off luncheon. 11:30 am This event will be a celebration of the first 30 years of the SNU. Special guests are being invited and we encourage all SNU members, potential members and friends to attend. More details on these and other events are on the web and will be included in future newsletters.

Welcome to our newest members

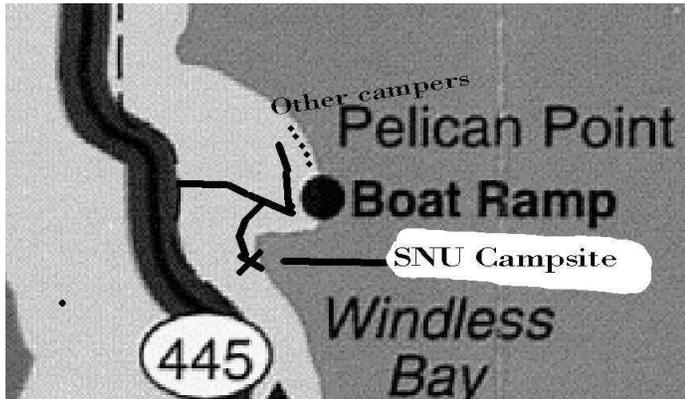
Sarah and Robert Stover joined the SNU at the Davis Creek rally. We are delighted to welcome them to the group and look forward to their participation in our 2006 rallies and other activities.

Thanks to the SNU Members! 90% of all SNU 2005 members have renewed their membership for 2006. That is great! More and more of our members are taking an active role in what we do, how we do it, and where. This all adds up to an energetic, enthusiastic, and exciting organization. If you haven't paid your dues yet, we encourage you to do so ASAP. Dues for 2006 are \$65. If you haven't become a member of the SNU, now is the time to join. Become a part of a pretty special group of Airstream people.

Mice You see mouse droppings in your rig. You hear mysterious scurrying noises when camping. You may actually see a small mouse diving for cover. You find small holes chewed in various containers. You've been infested! What can you do? Rodent infestation is an ancient problem and the ingenuity of man has been applied to it for centuries. We poison them, trap them, create bulwarks to try to keep them out, sic predators on them, keep them as pets in cages, throw things at them, have nightmares about them, suffer food contamination from them, and on and on. For more information on mice and RV's and what to do about it go to: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/owners-guide/maintaining/mice.html>

History

The SNU was recently contacted by Earline Sutherland who lives in Stateline with her husband Sam. They are longtime Airstream owners and travelers. They wanted to pass along a piece of Airstream history. It is an article from the 1965 Travel magazine about the Airstream world tour. It is a fascinating story. I have scanned it to a PDF file so if anyone wants a copy email me at hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org and I'll get a copy to you. Thanks Earline. We hope to see you and Sam at an SNU event soon so you can share your stories with us in person.-- Diane Leipperdiane@leipper.org

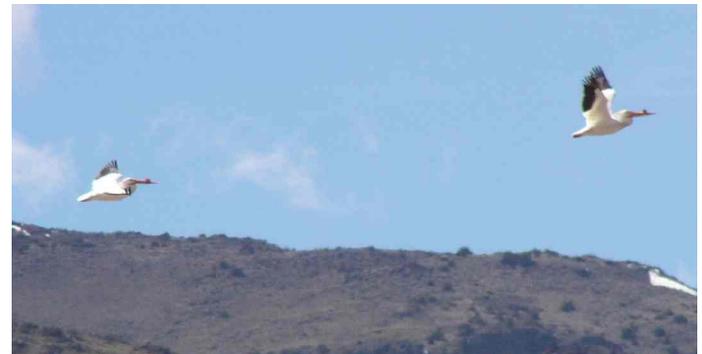


2004 Pyramid Lake Rally

November Rally Thursday - Sunday November 10 to November 13, 2005 Three day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Watch the pelicans, visit the nearby fish hatchery or take a day trip to the Indian Museum in Nixon. Boating and fishing are favorite activities at Pyramid. The rally location is Northeast of Reno about fifty miles just north of Sutcliffe. From Reno/Sparks take the Pyramid Lake Highway route 445 North. From I80 east of Reno take route 447 towards Nixon and then route 446 to merge with route 445 going North. The preferred Camp spot is near the Pelican Point boat launch about 3 miles north of Sutcliffe. While route 445 is paved, the 'road' to the beach is gravel turning to hard packed sand for a short distance to the camping spot. Be sure to bring some firewood for our campfire. For more information check the website <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org>



Lunch in the Sun



White Pelicans cruising by the camp



Campfire on the Lake

Well things are really coming along fine. The Airstream Company is celebrating it's 75th Anniversary, the Wally Byam Club is celebrating their 50th Anniversary, and the Sierra Nevada Unit of WBCCI is celebrating our 30th Anniversary. We hope to have coffee cups with the SNU Anniversary Logo on them by the February Anniversary kickoff meeting.



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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.)