

# SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

## OCTOBER 2005 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



### September Rally

What a neat site! The BLM campground on the North end of Eagle Lake has about 20 individual sites, great views of the lake, and lots of trees. We were delighted to welcome Spencer Thomas, SNU member from Adin, CA. Although he caught a flu bug and had to go home early we were glad we had the opportunity to meet him and hope to see him again soon. The weather was a little gray on Friday with a few sprinkles. The majority of the weekend was sunny, reasonably warm and only some light breezes - perfect weather for a rally! We had a great potluck lunch and potluck dinner on Saturday. Sitting around the campfire on Saturday gave us all a chance to enjoy a beautiful evening and discuss a wide range of topics, including of course, Airstreams. We confirmed the rally schedule for 2006 and also have most of the officers for the 2006 SNU board in place. All in all a great weekend. Check the photo gallery of the Eagle Lake rally.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05-06rallies.html>.

Roy and Bonny Douglas have enjoyed their Airstream outings with the SNU so much they have decided to increase their Airstream travels. They have moved their home base to Missouri and from there they will take off and travel the Gulf Coast (after hurricane season) and other areas of interest. We will definitely miss not having them at all the SNU rallies but we are delighted that their SNU experiences have encouraged them to get out and enjoy the world around them in their Airstream. Roy and Bonny do plan to attend at least one SNU rally when they visit relatives here in the Western US. We will look forward to hearing their adventures and sharing the latest SNU news with them. Happy Trails Roy and Bonny.

Time to pay dues for 2006 Are you interested in meeting some special people? Do you enjoy discussing Airstream adventures? Do you enjoy camping in the unique areas of Northern Nevada? Then now is the time to renew your membership in the SNU and WBCCI. Dues for 2006 are \$65. If you haven't become a member of the SNU, now is the time to join.

October Rally The next SNU rally will be Friday - Sunday October 20 - 23, 2005 Davis Creek group area. This will be our annual meeting and elections. Your comments, ideas, and suggestions will help us plan for next year so we hope you join us. The officers nominated for 2006 are Don Damoth, President, Dyann Thornburg, Secretary, Bryan Leipper, Treasurer, Rich Jaggard, Trustee, and Bonny Douglas, Trustee.



View of Eagle Lake from upper campground



Morning Coffee Klatch



Enjoying the Campfire

SNU representative at the Golden Anniversary Commemoration The following are excerpts from Mike Orchard's visit to the WBCCI Golden Anniversary Celebrations. Mike and his wife, Krista are new members of the SNU. For the full text and photo gallery go to:<http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/index.php?cat=14>

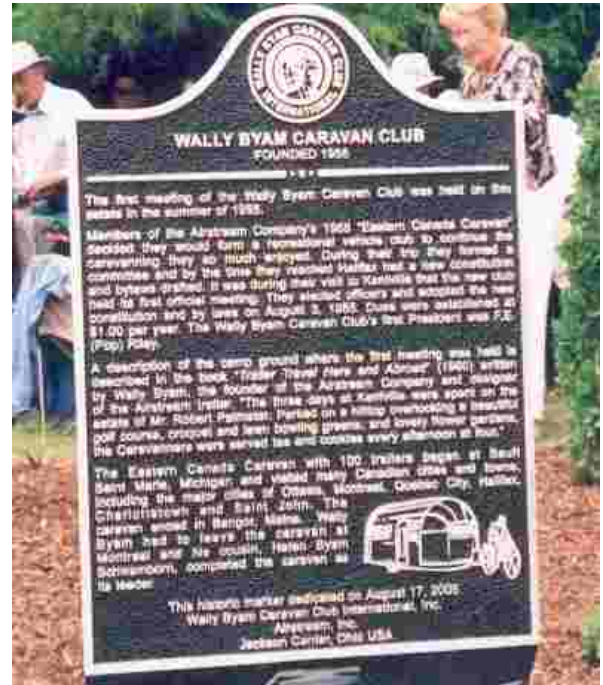
The Caravan was divided up into three sections. The 3 sections, after traveling separately, came together in the vicinity of Kentville, Nova Scotia where the Wally Byam Caravan Club was founded for the dedication ceremony of a plaque commemorating the event.

The ceremony in Kentville was held on Wednesday August 17th to commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the establishment of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). The location was at Palmeto's campground, the same location as 50 years earlier. Today, Kentville Nova Scotia is situated in Region 1 of WBCCI and Region 1. President Raynold Lemaire welcomed the group. International President James Haddaway gave a retrospective of the significance of the location and the history of the club. There were 3 caravans recreating the original one in 1955 and Haddaway introduced the current caravan leaders to the gathering. The president of Airstream (the mother ship) recounted the symbiotic relationship between WBCCI and the Airstream Company in his speech to the Airstreamers. The Canadian Atlantic Unit (122) hosted the event and the unit president Edith Richard said a few words of welcome.

To me, the next two speakers were the highlight of the event. They were participants on the original caravan in 1955. Caroline Mcnamara Zimmer (WBCCI# 522), who was 12 at the time recounted some memories of that caravan so long ago. Dale Schwamborn was also on the original caravan. His uncle just happened to be Wally Byam. Dale, who I believe was 16 at the time was travelling with his mom, Helen Byam Schwamborn. Dale also had the daily diary Helen kept in 1955 and through tear filled eyes read a few of the passages. It was very touching. Mike was able to share his Airstream hobby, his log books with many of the caravan participants. This is one story. I invited anyone interested to look at my log books to see where I had 'spotted them' in the past. Almost all did and I believe it went over VERY well. As I was looking up one members number for her and related to her I had first seen her trailer number in 1966 she started to tear up. After the crowd had cleared we talked a bit and she explained to me that she had inherited the number from her parents and of course the first time I had seen her trailer number it had actually been her parents I had listed. It was very emotional for her and very touching for me. One of the highlights for sure.



Dedication Ceremony



SNU member Mike Orchard with Coleman and Lou Mitchell WBCCI# 1100, second longest members of WBCCI

Virtual participation The SNU continues to explore alternative ways for members to participate. First and foremost though, we want to encourage everyone to join the SNU and participate in person at rallies and other events. That is by far the most fun and most beneficial for you and for the SNU. There are circumstances however where in-person participation is not always possible, at least not on a regular basis. This doesn't mean you can't be a part of the group or that you can't contribute in one way or another. The SNU has several features that make virtual participation feasible. Primary among these is the Unit's use of the internet. Being able to communicate via Email and the web removes many of the restrictions of time and place. For instance you can receive the Unit newsletter via email. Photo galleries of Unit rallies are available on the web. Dues renewal forms, rally information, SNU corporate documents, and other information is also available on the web.

Members who can't always attend rallies or other events in person can still contribute to the SNU. Though the Damoth's travel several months out of the year, for the last three years Don has produced and mailed out the newsletter from wherever he happens to be. He is available via email for any discussions or when either he or MaryLou's input is needed. Mike and Krista Orchard may be far away in Nova Scotia, but Mike has a lot of material he can submit as articles for the SNU newsletter. He and Krista can view the rally photo galleries to get a feel for what the rally was like.

Dyann Thornburg has helped develop the 2006 rally schedule via the internet as well as in person. Email communications with Randy Grossmann have been used to set up the SNU 30th Anniversary luncheon in February. Rick Laborde has used email to provide information on potential rally sites. His information and photos have been posted on the web for review by other SNU members. Erika Root has submitted poems for the newsletter via email. Email and the web were also used to coordinate the day trip to Bodie with Chuck Fell. Any member or potential member has an opportunity for input. There is a rally site survey posted on the web. Your input whether or not you have attended an SNU rally is always welcome. If you have had some interesting travels in your Airstream, have any information you feel would be of interest to other SNU members, or have some great pictures, feel free to pass it along for the newsletter or possibly the website.

The SNU encourages you to think of other ways you might contribute and hopefully participate in the Unit. Again, although we hope that your participation can be in person, we would welcome your involvement no matter what method.

Notice to Erika and Sydney Jerry Thornburg has some neat rocks for you. So be sure and ask him at the next rally you are able to attend.

2006 Rally Schedule The 2006 Schedule is confirmed! The rally sites include 4 new places and 4 old favorites. The sites include a dispersed camping area with absolutely no facilities to an RV resort with every imaginable amenity. The February luncheon will be a special 30th Anniversary event. Our May rally at Rye Patch includes a day trip to the nearby almost ghost town of Unionville. The July rally at Obsidian Dome will provide a special surprise for all participants. Other activities are still in the works. It is going to be a great year. We hope you all will be able to join us as often as your schedules allow. Keep in mind the SNU rallies are informal. If you can come for the whole time, fantastic! If you can come only for the day or one overnight, great. You will always be welcome. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/06-rallyschedule.htm>

Newsletter Mailing List As the 2005 membership year comes to a close it is time for us to review and update our newsletter snail mail list. If after this issue you don't receive additional newsletters but would like to, please let us know. We may have inadvertently left your name off the revised list or need an update on your mailing information. We want to be sure that everyone who wants to keep up to date on the SNU will continue receiving the newsletters. The email newsletter list is a self-subscribing system so there will be no changes in that list. 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>. Your subscription to the email newsletter helps the SNU save on postage & printing costs

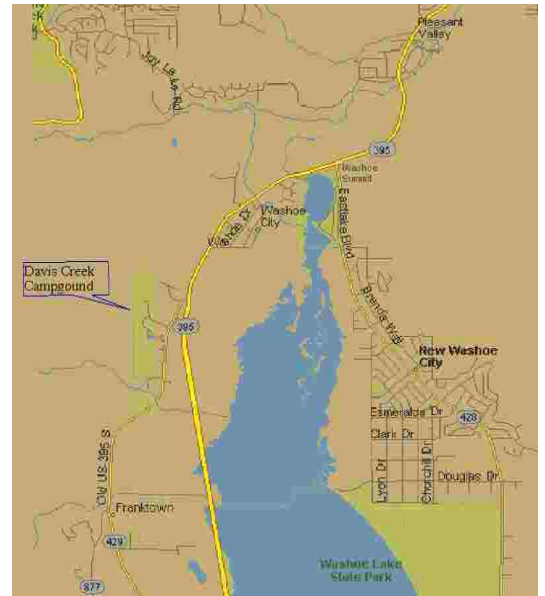
### Upcoming Events

- \* Thursday - Sunday November 10 - 13, 2005 Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point - about 30 miles north of Reno on state Rt 445, on the West side of the lake. Last rally of the year!
- \* Saturday December 3, 2005 11:30 am, Location to be announced later. Holiday Celebration. Member & guests welcome.
- \* Saturday January 21, 2006 Bavarian World restaurant on 6th and Valley in Reno 11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting. More details on these and other events are on the web and will be included in future newsletters.

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## Directions to October Rally Site - Davis Creek Campground

The Davis Creek Group Campground is located on the west side of 395 between Reno and Carson City. From Reno take Rt 395 south to Washoe Valley (approximately 8 miles from the Mt. Rose junction). Turn right on Old 395. Go about .04 miles to Davis Creek Rd. turn right. When you enter the park continue through the main camping area, down a slight dip. The gravel road to the group area will be on your right. Coming from the south you can take the exit at the top of the hill North of Carson City to Old 395 and follow that to Davis Creek on the other end of the valley. Be sure to bring some firewood for our campfire. For more information check the website.



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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.)