

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

SEPTEMBER 2005 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



August Rally For the third year, the Craggs group area at Twin Lakes near Bridgeport, CA was the site of the SNU August rally. What can I say about that rally but Wow! We set a new attendance record. We had a fantastic tour of the nearby ghost town of Bodie. We celebrated a birthday. We got to sample some tin foil charcoal cooking. We were serenaded by a 4 year old budding musician. We had great weather, great food, great people, and a great time. There were 9 Airstreams at the rally, including the LaBorde's who were able to join us for the first time.



Airstreams at Twin Lakes

Chuck Fell, a member of the SNU who works for the California Parks Service and has lived at Bodie, took us on a fantastic tour. Chuck took us into some houses and buildings not normally open to the public. He shared a lot of history and antidotes about the people and events related to Bodie. For instance, many houses have tunnels that lead to the outhouse so that you could make the trip even when there was over 5 ft of snow on the ground. The Leipper's drove the BVan to Bodie and it was used as a sort of staging area, a place to sit in the shade and a gathering place for lunch.



Happy Campers at Pot Luck

Saturday night we celebrated Roy Douglas's birthday a few days early, complete with birthday cake and candles. Jeni Root put together some special treats. Oranges filled with cake dough and a very good apple, sweet potato and ham casserole, all wrapped in foil and cooked over the coals. Rick LaBorde cooked a nice big pot of gumbo. Rick and Jeanne LaBorde's 4 yr old son Guy, provided us with several impromptu serenades complete with air guitar and action. He already has a good voice and it will be interesting to see how his music interest progresses as he gets older. Dyann and Jerry Thornburg's 9 yr old niece, Taylor was also able to join us at the rally.



Dogs need love too

We also took care of some Unit business. We discussed the 2006 rally schedule, upcoming nominations and elections to the board, 2006 WBCCI International rally, and celebrating the 30th anniversary of the SNU in 2006. If anyone is interested in serving on the SNU board contact Diane 775-972-9392. To see pictures of the rally and the day trip to Bodie go to: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05-06rallies.html> If you have pictures of this rally or any other SNU gathering, please send copies to the Leipper's at 714 Terra Ct, Reno, 89506 or email hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org To make sure we have the whole picture of SNU events, we want to include everyone's pictures in the SNU archives and scrapbooks.



Roy's Flamingo takes the Cake

The SNU got a nice thank you email from the camp hosts at Craggs. Although we will be checking out a new site in 2006, in my response to them, I told them that we will most likely be back in 2007 as the Craggs is one of our favorite sites.

“I didn’t get a chance to thank you for your stay at Craggs campground, Bridgeport Ca. It was good to see the gathering grow from year to year. I hope it will continue to grow even if we have to rearrange the group site to handle all of you. We hope all was well and the site worked out great for you and your group. Till next year hope all return and all have a great fall and winter. Thanks again. Tom and Mattie Paulsen (host) American Land and Liesure, Bridgeport Ca., Craggs campground”

New Members Welcome to our newest Members Stephen and Maria Williams of Valley Springs CA, and Mike and Krista Orchard of Bridgewater Nova Scotia. We hope you can join us at a rally soon.

Eyes Open The notices about SNU events that Fred and Ann Hersey have been writing and getting in all the local newspapers have made a significant impact on the Unit membership. According to records newspaper announcements are responsible for at least 12 referrals, 6 of which have become members. Newspaper announcements are responsible for approximately 8 people visiting our rallies and they are also the reason we got a feature article in the Reno Gazette in 2004.

The SNU likes to collect these announcements when they come out in print. So if you or a friend see an announcement regarding the SNU. Please cut it out and send it to Diane Leipper POB 60572, Reno, NV 89506. In particular we are interested in anything published by the Reno Gazette/Journal. We submit them but have yet to catch one in print.

The SNU contributed! In the August Blue Beret a membership report mentioned that WBCCI has gained 19 members total in 2005. According to our records the SNU has gained 9 new members in 2005. The SNU has gone from a total of approximately 12 members in 2004 to 22 by the end of August 2005. Way to go!

Time to pay dues for 2006 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. 2006 promises to be an exciting year for the Unit.

2006 International Rally The registrations are now available for the 2006 Rally in Salem OR. The registration form is available in the August Blue Beret or on line at http://www.wbcci.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=International_Rally. If you have never been to an international Airstream rally this will be a great opportunity. If you are thinking of going and are interested in an informal caravan to the rally site, contact Diane at hq@sierranevadaairstreams or 775 972 9392.

The first Airstream "Granddad" is a Clipper, introduced in January 1936. This trailer is still on display at the Airstream factory. There is a new book, titled "Wanderlust Airstream at 75" out commemorating the 75 years of Airstreams. It is available at <http://www.airstream.com>.

2006 - Big Year In 2006 the SNU celebrates it's 30th Anniversary. 2006 is also the 75th Anniversary of the Airstream trailer. When asked at a rally earlier this year about ideas to celebrate our anniversary, it was decided we should just party all year long. So we will plan some special activities at all of our 2006 rallies and events. Our kick-off will be at our luncheon in February

2006 Rally Schedule New places and some old favorites are included in the rally and event schedule for 2006. On the agenda is a luncheon in Reno in January, a luncheon in Carson in February, A rally at Washoe Lake State Park in March, A rally at the Walker River Resort in April, A rally at Rye Patch with a day trip to Unionville, in May, a rally at Boca Springs in June, a rally at Obsidian Dome in July, a rally at Hat Creek in August, a rally at Lahonton in September, a rally at Ft. Churchill in October, a luncheon in Minden in November, and a luncheon in Fallon in December. The finalized schedule will be available by the end of September.

Upcoming Events

- * Friday - Sunday October 20 - 23, 2005 Davis Creek group area. This rally includes the election and installation of officers for 2006
 - * 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
 - * 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. More details on these and other events are on the web and will be included in future newsletters.
- Diane Leipperdiane@leipper.org

Bodie

Oh Bodie, Oh Bodie
You were nearly 10,000 people strong
But when the mining stopped
Almost all were long gone.

Two fires swept your nation
It was such a shame
You were a beautiful town
But only 5% of you remains.

My dear Bodie
You must understand
With all those corbels and lounges
You were really quite grand.

Sneeze, sneeze, sniff, sniff
Could I have some Benadryl please
That dustiness triggered my allergies
So all during the tour I sneezed.

When you became a state park
In about 1964
A lot of people didn't come
Now you've got 200,000 people per year, or more.

Even though you're rundown
I know you used to thrive
The sign says you're a ghost town
Yet you seem so much alive.

By, Bodie! 'Till next time!

Erika Root
Age 11
8/27/05



Airstreamers touring Bodie with Chuck Fell.
House with porch is where Chuck and his wife lived

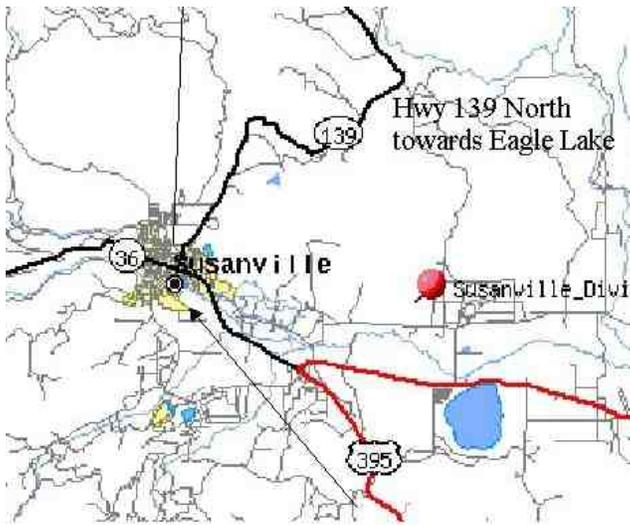


Airstreamers on Mining District Tour with Chuck

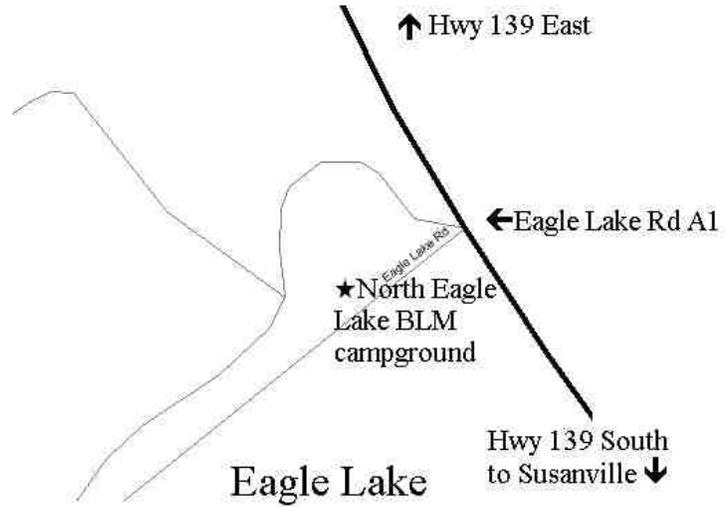


View of Bodie from above the Mill

September Rally The next SNU rally will be Thursday September 22 through Sunday September 25 at the BLM campground on the north end of Eagle Lake. The campground is about 30 miles northeast of Susanville, CA. Take Hwy 139 north of Susanville past Lassen Jr College. There is a long and somewhat steep grade out of Susanville but it should pose no problems for anyone. You will drive along the east shore of Eagle Lake before reaching the turn off. Turn left on A1 (Eagle Lake Rd.) The campground will be on your right just a short distance from Hwy 139. You can also follow Hwy 36 through Susanville and up a shorter grade to Eagle Lake rd. Turn right and follow this road around to the North Eagle Lake BLM campground. The campground is individual sites. I talked with BLM and there should be no problem having enough sites for every SNU member who attends. He also assured me that there were some sites appropriate for longer rigs. There is lots of good fishing, birding, hiking, and just plain enjoying the scenery at Eagle Lake so plan on joining us for the rally. see <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/events/05sp-eaglelk-index.html>



US 395 South to Reno



Mountain Family RV, the only Airstream Dealer in Nevada, invites you to come out and see their expanded service department and improved facilities, and to meet their new Parts and Service Manager who brings 30 years of experience to the department. They will be sending service personnel to the Airstream Factory for training in the third week of September.

Their exciting inventory of Airstreams includes a beautiful new 30 foot Classic with front lounge and dinette, a 25 foot Classic with a queen bed, and a selection of Safaris including the new model with the slide out .

Considering the price of gas these days, you may be interested in one of the Westfalia Vans with the Dodge Sprinter chassis sporting a Mercedes Turbo Diesel which gets 22 miles per gallon.

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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.)