

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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March Rally at Washoe Lake

The Sierra Nevada Unit rally at Washoe Lake State Park was a good exercise in getting the rig ready and making sure everything works. Friday, arrival day, had winds that tested rig stability on the road so you could check your sway control. Saturday started with rain pelting the rig and providing the wake up call. Wind gusts rocked the rig. Across the lake out the window at times was a rainbow. The mid day BBQ was a time to bundle up and gather around the coals. Snow flakes were visible at times. Sunshine at other times. Wind nearly all the time. Get outside and get invigorated by the weather and then get back inside to a nice, warm, and dry RV.

The system passed along Saturday night as forecast so Sunday morning was cold, clear, and crisp. It warmed up quickly. A beaver was out on a commute down the creek to the lake. The red-tail hawk family nesting in the tree on site was out and about as well. The geese and ducks on the lake were making lots of noise. What a day. Too bad we had to pack up and head home.

Despite the weather we had a great time. We were delighted to have Von Gallion and his friend Yvonne DeRoule join us. The Thornburg's had run into them the previous weekend and invited them to the rally. Von has been an active Airstreamer and WBCCI member for a long time and a member of the SNU since 1980. Von has attended several WBCCI international rallies and represented the SNU carrying the Unit flag in the opening ceremony. He and Yvonne are both saxophone players and play in the bands at the international rallies. It was great to visit with both Von and Yvonne and we hope to see both of them again soon. Other rally participants were the Warn's, Thornburg's and Leipper's. Saturday the Grossmann's, Rich Jaggard, and Dave Gmur came out to visit. They joined us for lunch which included hamburgers provided by Wes Warn and BBQ'd by Rich during intermittent snow showers. Because of the wind everyone adjourned to their trailers to eat their lunch. We spent the afternoon visiting each other in various trailers.

At dinner time we had what Bryan defined as a Round Robin Pot Luck. In other words you went around to various trailers and picked up the different components of your dinner. Then you could go back to your own trailer to eat or share your meal with others. Bryan made the rounds after dinner with dessert and coffee. We were also delighted to see Bill and Jan Heaton who stopped by for a visit on Sunday morning. They are now retired and hopefully we will see them often at future SNU rallies.



March 2006 Rally at Washoe Lake State Park



Circling the Wagons



Cold, but it sure smells great



Canada Goose on Washoe Lake

The weather, once again prevented Region Vice President Don Clark from visiting with us but it looks like staying home was a good idea as he and his wife welcomed a new grand baby on Friday. Congratulations.

Off and on during the weekend we discussed various topics including the proposed WBCCI name change, the SNU relationship with Mt Family RV, and upcoming rallies. Please take a moment to read the enclosed information on the WBCCI proposed name change and cast your vote. You can also go on-line and vote. Your opinion matters. The SNU wants to ensure that it's delegates are speaking for every member of the Unit.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2006/06ap-namechange.html>
All things considered we had a great time and everyone is looking forward to our April rally at Walker River. Check out the pictures of the March rally

<http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/index.php?cat=14>

Upcoming events

Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line!

* Rally - Thursday -- Sunday May 18 - 21 2006 Unionville - I80 east from Reno, near Lovelock NV, unstructured site in the old mining town of Unionville. 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Activities available -exploring Unionville, nearby fossil area, hot springs, horse back riding, bike trails, and hiking

* Rally - Thursday - Sunday, June 22 - 25 2006 Boca Springs USFS group area - off I80 west near Truckee, CA 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Historic site, hiking, nearby Boca Reservoir for boating, fishing, & swimming.

Whats new on SNUZE

Check this link for links to all the latest photo galleries and other updates on SierraNevadaAirstreams.org.
<http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/index.php?cat=14>

Future plans

A recent phone conversation with Molly McKnight of the Monterey Bay Calif Unit brought up the idea of a future joint rally with the SNU and MBCU. If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding such a rally please feel free to share them with us. If you would like to work with the MBCU on a joint rally let us know. [Email:hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org](mailto:hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org).

Newsletter Distribution

The SNU newsletter is one of our best promotional tools and we are more than happy to share it with our members, potential members, and supporters. The newsletter however, is one of our biggest cost items. To assist the SNU to keep the newsletter costs minimal while still maintaining high quality, we ask for your assistance. We would appreciate your support in one of the following ways.

- * We 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>.
- * Join the SNU (and WBCCI). Your membership includes support for the newsletter.
- * Contribute a donation of \$7.00 annually to help offset newsletter costs.

We hope that you have been enjoying the newsletters. If you have any suggestions or ideas for articles, please let us know. In particular, we would be delighted to include items written by our readers. So if you would like to share a personal Airstream experience, information on a favorite camping spot, ideas on how you solved a repair problem, or anything else you think would be of interest, please feel free to pass it along to Don Damoth, our newsletter editor. DRDBIKER@AOL.COM

Op Notes

The SNU is growing. It has been exciting to see new members join us and discover the fun and camaraderie of camping with fellow Airstreamers. In part to enable future leaders of the SNU as well as the membership in general to understand the hows and why's of SNU operations, we have ritten down the concepts by which the Unit functions. It is hoped that these concepts or Operational Notes (Op Notes) will also provide the historical perspective on which to continue building a strong and viable WBCCI Unit. This is a work in progress. As such additions and changes may develop over time.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/members/snu-mbrhandbook/index.html>

Treasurers Notes

When all is said and done, it appears that the SNU has \$514 in the bank in early April. The Washoe Lake Rally had \$70 in expenses and \$40 of contributions to the kitty.

For Sale

A 1996 BVan. Original owner, still has a transferable extended warranty. Has 23,405 miles on it. Fully self contained and has solar panels, microwave, Onan generator, and winegard automatic satellite system. Asking price is \$24,995. For more information call Molly McKnight 831-394-1313 or email hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org

SNU members active on Airstream forum.

The SNU is well represented on Airstreamforum.com Currently there are eight known SNU members active on the forum.

This forum is a great source of information and ideas, repair tips, dealership information, and general discussion on all things Airstream. The SNU has posted its rally schedule on Airstreamforum.com as well as on rv.net. This is a great way to spread the word about the SNU in general and the rallies in particular. The link for the Airstream forum is:

<http://www.airstreamforums.com/>

Several SNU members also participate on the WBCCI forum.

<http://wbcci.org/Forum/>

So if you have questions, are seeking information, or just want to share experiences check out these two forums.

>> WBCCI Name Change <<

The SNU has elected Kimber Moore as a delegate for the Unit. Kimber will be attending the delegates meeting at the international WBCCI rally in Salem OR in June. As members of the SNU, this is your opportunity to voice your opinion on a critical issue with major impacts on all aspects of WBCCI. To assist Kimber in supporting the position of the SNU membership, please take this opportunity to vote on changing the name of WBCCI.

Over the last year or so WBCCI, in accordance with current policies and bylaws, has proposed that the name of the organization be changed. A survey was sent out to the membership in order to obtain their opinions on the issue. At the 2005 delegates meeting at the International Rally a proposition from the floor was made to change the name from WBCCI to Airstream Owner's Association, Incorporated. Please read detailed information in the March and April Blue Beret.

For more information from WBCCI and other sources check the website.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2006/06ap-namechange.html>

Key point – the original understanding was to include "insert" the word Airstream in the name. Apparently at the 2005 delegates meeting a motion was made from the floor to change the name completely. This new name will presented for an up or down vote at the delegates meeting at the 2006 International rally.

* Pro arguments

- a. "Convenience and clear identity"
- a. Increased awareness
- b. Increased membership ("a by-product" according the the March Blue Beret)

* Against arguments

- a. Doesn't address underlying problems related to membership decline.
- b. Apparent lack of planning/awareness of issues involved i.e. Research of real problems and other solutions.
- c. Apparent change in focus in the need for a name change. Started out to be to increase membership, now appears to be for "convenience and clear identity".
- d. No clear source for many of the assumptions presented by the Name Selection Committee. For instance, "it is not necessary to retain 'Wally Byam' or any of the current words in the new corporate name."

Please vote now - Your opinion matters!

Vote on line <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2006/06ap-namechange.html>

or Fill in this form and mail it to:

SNU PO Box 60572, Reno, NV 89506

yes no Do you support the name of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International **being changed to** Airstream Owners Association International?

yes no Modify the recommended name to a different name decided by Delegate debate.

Comments:

required to register your vote:

WBCCI # _____

Name: _____

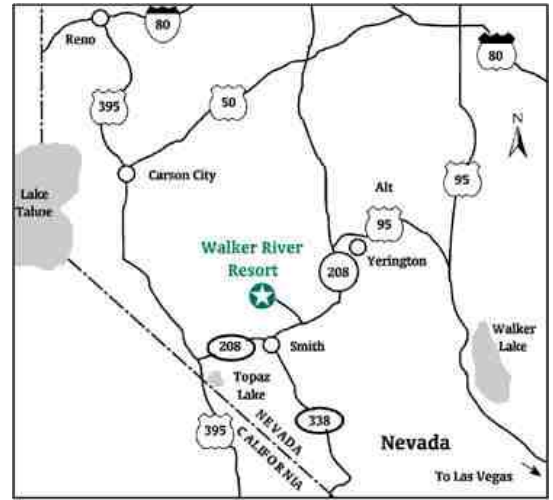
Email: _____

Your vote must be received by the SNU no later than May 1, 2006

April Rally

The April Rally will be Friday - Sunday April 28 - 30 2006 at Walker River Resort a private RV resort - near Smith NV on Hwy 208 SNU members & guests are welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Activities include fly fishing, sporting clays, swimming pool and jacuzzi, driving range, and river float trips. NOTE: Each participant must contact Walker River and make their own reservation.

Walker River Resort Smith Nevada, #1 Hudson Way, Post Office Box 90 Smith Valley, NV 89430, Phone: 800-446-257 3775-465-2573 Email: Resortservices@direcway.com. Cost is \$22 per day per vehicle. Location: From Reno or Carson City, NV, take Hwy 395 south 60 miles to Hwy 208. Turn east (left) and travel 20 miles to the town of Smith, NV. Go through Smith 2 miles and turn north (left) on Hudson Way. Travel 3 miles on Hudson Way to the resort.



Check out Mountain Family RV's new website at www.mountainfamilyrv.com Besides the new logo shown above, the site now features information on all of the RV Lines and models, including Airstream. Click on the Airstream link on the bottom of the page. You will be able to view all of the Airstream Models, with photos and specifications. A list of models in stock is available. You can search through the models, and print out the specifications of any model you select. In addition you can get financing information and calculate an estimated monthly payment. This is a great new way to learn about the new models that Airstream is featuring each year. Click and enjoy.

Check Out Our NEW 2006 MODELS!

**Two 19' Bambis, One Special Edition,
One International
Two 25' Front Bedroom Safaris, One
Special Edition**

**Don't Miss our Open House on June
3rd -5th
Great food, great Airstreams**

**The Airstream Magazine, "Airstream
Life, Tour of America" will be present, as
well as the Regional Airstream Rep.**

**Representatives of the Sierra Nevada Unit
of WBCCI will be present to answer
questions and to describe the Airstream
"Way of Life"**

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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.)