

Unionville Rally Overview submitted by Dyann Thornburg:

The SNU Unionville rally was held on Thursday, May 18, 2006 through Sunday, May 21, 2006 with one of the largest member participation, if not the largest. There were 10 Airstreams rigs and one 5th wheel (sob--some other brand) which belonged to Jerry and Dyann Thornburg's neighbors, Gary and Mary Hill. Roger and Jan Jeppson are our newest SNU members. They joined after attending the April rally and we were pleased to see them again. Gary and Anita Haskett also attended their first rally. They recently purchased a brand new 28ft. 2006 Safari from Mountain Family RV and learned of the WBCCI/SNU from their neighbors Bryan and Diane Leipper. Other member attendees were: Von Gallion and Yvonne DeRoule, Bryan and Diane Leipper, Don and MaryLou Damoth, Roger and Jan Jeppson, Dave Gmur, Rich Jaggard, Randy and Vicky Grossman, Wes and Roylaine Warn and Jerry and Dyann Thornburg for a total of twenty people! The weather was mixed with wind and rain some nights.

Saturday, May 20, 2006 turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day though with lots of sun and warm temperatures. A brunch was held at the Old Pioneer Garden Inn with a total of 24 people (4 of whom were guests of the inn and not part of the rally). Mitzi Jones, owner of the inn, cooked a great homemade brunch for us. Her son Dave gave us a brief history of Unionville, telling us about the mines and the Chinese miners that worked there. He said they are still finding artifacts left behind. After the brunch the Haskett's as well as Von Gallion and Yvonne DeRoule had to leave due to other commitments but the rest of us were given a tour of the old one room schoolhouse. The new owners are in the process of restoring it for use as a party and community hall. From there some of the members returned to their trailers for the customary "inspirational nap". Others went exploring, checking out the wildlife, plants, mines and collecting unique rocks, while a few traveled to Kyle Hot Springs for a soak. Potluck dinner was shared on Friday and Saturday nights with no one walking away hungry. On Sunday the wind was back and most everyone started for home around midmorning with Randy and Vicky Grossman deciding to stay an additional night. A great time was had by all and this area will definitely be put on the schedule for future rallies...great location and wonderful people in Unionville. Dyann Thornburg



Brunch at the beautiful Old Pioneer Garden Inn



Don't we know how to relax and enjoy?



And of course we had the traditional evening campfire.

The SNU Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2006,
taken and submitted by Dyann Thornburg, Secretary:

The meeting was held starting at around 4:30pm and lasted until around 6:00pm. Don Damoth began the meeting by talking about Mt. Family RV's upcoming open house schedule for Friday, June 2, 2006 through Sunday, June 4, 2006. Jerry Thornburg will be holding seminars on Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th in regards to doing repairs and restorations of Airstreams and other trailers (sob's). It was decided the unit would participate on Saturday, June 3, 2006 only. Vicky Grossman was asked to contact the Albertson's grocery store in Carson City to see if they would be willing to make around 300 cookies using the Airstream cookie cutter Wes Warn made. It was also decided the unit would not provide punch or lemonade for the open house. Diane Leipper asked that the unit's tables be monitored at all times by a SNU member to protect the unit's display and to answer questions and share information. Jerry Thornburg was asked if he was going to be able to make the enclosure for the display and he said he would make every effort to get it done. Don said he would speak to Anne Smith with MFRV about supplying 2 tables for the unit's use. Diane said this year the unit would have a sign-up sheet for people interested in joining the WBCCI and SNU instead of passing out packets to everyone like was done last year. This is being done to save the unit in printing expenses.

Randy Grossman spoke about attending the Idaho unit's rally and how the dealer/sponsor there helps that unit. He said the dealer rented the community room at the RV park where the rally was held and gave out gifts to the unit members. This led to a discussion on how MFRV could better support the SNU. We discussed the fact that we need a representative to coordinate with MFRV, especially for the upcoming Open House. Tim has had his hands full with the situation with his Mother-in-Law. (She has since passed away. The SNU sends it's deepest sympathies to Tim and Kimber.) It was then suggested that Jerry Thornburg do it because of his existing relationship with MFRV. Jerry agreed to take on the position. It was then put to a vote and passed. Don Damoth announced the monthly newsletter would now be mailed bifold instead of trifold. Rich Jaggard asked that the rally dates for the month be posted in the newsletter.

WBCCI matters were then discussed. It was asked what could be done to get better communication going between the unit and WBCCI. Several members feel the WBCCI is not doing enough to help the unit and members for the amount of yearly fees paid. No definite ideas were reached.

Bryan and Diane Leipper discussed the upcoming vote to take place at the WBCCI's international rally in Salem, Oregon which would change the club's bylaws to allow owners of the new "Base Camp" trailers Airstream is now manufacturing to join the club. The pros and cons were covered. It was put to a vote and passed to have the SNU delegate vote for changing the bylaws. At this time the meeting was adjourned for dinner. Meeting attendees were: Wes Warn, Roylaine Warn, Roger Jeppson, Randy Grossman, Vicky Grossman, Don Damoth, MaryLou Damoth, Bryan Leipper, Diane Leipper, Jerry Thornburg, Dyann Thornburg, Rich Jaggard and Dave Gmur.

Minutes from SNU/MFRV Meeting on Saturday, May 27, 2006,
taken and submitted by Dyann Thornburg:

A lunch meeting was held in the coffee shop at the Tamarack Junction in So. Reno, NV at 11:30am. Those present were Don and MaryLou Damoth, Jerry and Dyann Thornburg from SNU and Anne Smith from MFRV. Don stated that he had finally received the list of Airstream purchasers from MFRV and forwarded the list to Diane Leipper and Dyann.

Jerry gave Anne a copy of the Airstream price value information he brought to help her in determining the value of an Airstream she is helping a local gentleman sell. Anne talked about her recent trip to the Airstream manufacturing plant and how impressed she was with the high quality of materials and workmanship being done there. Anne asked which would be better, for her to attend the WBCCI International rally in Oregon or the SNU rally in late June/early July. Dyann thought it would be more beneficial for MFRV if she attended the International rally. This way she would have a larger number of people to expose MFRV to and get their name out. Jerry, as well as Don and MaryLou thought it would be better for her to come to the unit rally instead that way she would have access to people closer to the dealership.

Issues with MFRV's service and parts depts. were discussed and Anne will check into them. Anne is to make sure Jerry gets the schedule for next weekend's open house emailed to him. Jerry is to contact the Root's regarding using their trailer for his seminars.

Anne needs a WBCCI/SNU enrollment package to join. She said she would make copies of it to use for all MFRV's Airstream purchasers. She would make sure that everyone who purchases an Airstream gets one, as well as a newsletter.

For Sale. 1984 Excella, 30' Restored excellent condition. Garaged. Twin beds, wrap around front window. Asking \$15,000. Anne 775-815-7907

Dyann asked if a bulletin board could be displayed at MFRV promoting the WBCCI and the SNU. Anne agreed suggesting either near her cubical or by the front door. By the front door was requested. She was asked to display the SNU monthly newsletter, information about the WBCCI and SNU, as well as a copy of the unit's rally schedule. She was also asked to display some photos of SNU rallies.

Anne agreed to MFRV's monthly Airstream promotion being to Don by the 1st of every month for use in MFRV's ad in the newsletter. It was agreed that MFRV would be an active sponsor of the SNU and the meeting ended around 1:30pm. All SNU attending members agreed it was a good start with MFRV

Hello from the Stovers - SNU members, Robert and Sarah Stover called to say they haven't forgotten us and plan to get to a rally soon. The end of June the Stover's will be heading to Florida where Robert will receive his doctoral hood. A long time goal of Robert's, he recently completed his dissertation and is now a Doctor of Theology. Congratulations!

Unionville Photos - There was so much going on at the Unionville rally we had to create seven different photo galleries. SNU members, Don, Jerry, Dave, Randy, Bryan & Diane contributed photos for this collection. Two galleries are of the rally itself. Others include the creative efforts to level our rigs, the brunch at the Old Pioneer, the Old Pioneer B&B, the nearby school house, and one of the scenery around Unionville. Check them all at:

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

June rally - The SNU has reserved the group area at Boca Springs off I80 west near Truckee, CA. for Thursday June 22 - Sunday, June 25 - 25 2006 for our next rally. Members & guests welcome. The rally includes the usual SNU pot luck meals, inspirational naps, walks, and other activities. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Nearby Boca Reservoir is great for boating, fishing, & swimming.

Rally planning for 2007 - It is time to start thinking about where you want to go and what you want to do for 2007. With assistance from Rick LaBorde we have a planning sheet on-line so that you can indicate your preferences as to rally sites and dates.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2007/rallysitevotefor m.html>

Not too early - Dues for 2007 are due beginning July 1, 2006.

First Hand History

Recently the SierraNevadaAirstreams.org website attracted the attention of Dale Schwamborn. Dale (Pee Wee) was doing a search on his Mom, Helen Byam Schwamborn. Helen is mentioned in an article written by SNU member Mike Orchard. Dale is a second cousin of Wally Byam, creator of the Airstream trailer. Helen, Wally's first cousin, was instrumental in the development of WBCCI and was involved with the club until her retirement in the late 1970's. Dale has very graciously offered to share some of his photos and memories with us. An example is Dale's highlights from the 1959 African Caravan. One of Dale's comments - "Some distance from Albert National Park driving up an escarpment we came across a herd of elephants, bulls, cows and calves. Never, never approach elephant calves. Why? Mom and Dad elephant are big, they're protective and damn right nasty if they think harm will come to their baby. There, at midnight, the truck in a slow reverse wimping backwards through the darkness. Wham, bang, bounce, spin, the truck frustratingly came to a halt in a runoff ditch prepared for the perennial monsoons."

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/history/peewee/index.html>. The section of the website where Dale's contributions are showcased will be evolving over time so check it every once in a while for updates.

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

* Rally Thursday - Sunday, July 20 - 23 2006 Obsidian Dome (Inyo Nat'l Forest) dispersed camping - off US 395 south between June Lakes and Mammoth Lakes, CA 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Hiking, nearby stream, geologic area. Be prepared for a special surprise!

* Rally Friday -- Sunday August 18 - 20 2006 Hat Creek (Lassen Nat'l Forest) Group area #2 on Hwy 89/44 about 50 miles Northwest of Susanville, CA 2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Great fishing stream. Lassen Volcanic Park and Burney Falls and Subway caves nearby.

SNU newsletter archives

Now you can review SNU newsletters from 1996 through 2003. They have been posted on the website

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/index.html>
Scanning through the newsletters provides an insight into SNU history and how much the Unit has changed and grown in the last ten years.

Mountain Family RV Open House

On Saturday, June 3rd, members of the Sierra Nevada Unit attended the Open House for Mt. Family RV, the only Nevada Airstream dealer. The weather was nice and we had a great time visiting with friends. We enjoyed Airstream cookies baked using the neat Airstream cookie cutter made by Wes Warn. Randy and Vicki arranged the order from Albertson's and delivered the cookies to the Open House. We answered questions posed by prospective customers, and enjoyed viewing the new Airstreams on display. Jerry Thornburg brought the new display box for the diorama that Randy and Vicki made for our 30th Anniversary celebration. This box will make it much easier to transport and display the diorama in the future. Jerry also was on hand to present seminars on maintenance and restoring old Airstreams. He answered many questions on the subjects proposed by members and guests. He also spent some time advising Mt. Family service people on the finer aspects of jacking up Airstream trailers.

"Airstream Annie" circulated among the members and guests of the Airstream display area. That's the nickname for Anne Smith, the enthusiastic salesperson who specializes in Airstreams at Mt. Family RV. Stop in and say hello, she is always interested in talking to Airstream folks.

The Open House was also attended by Rich Luhr, Publisher and Editor of "Airstream Life" magazine. The magazine is published quarterly, and contains interesting and informative articles on Airstreams and RV travel. The magazine is currently restoring a 1952 Airstream Cruiser, and will be reporting on the progress until the project is finished. The world headquarters for the magazine are the dinette table of his 2005 30' Airstream Safari, wherever it may be. The current issue has a very interesting article on gray water, what it is and when you can and should not dump it. The magazine reports on interesting sites around the country, such as Glacier National Park in the current issue.

Everyone was really interested in looking over his trailer which is one of the few Airstreams with two bedrooms. The floorplan works well for traveling around the country with his wife and daughter. Rich and his traveling companion Richard L. Charpentier gave us a lot of information on mobile internet equipment they use for handling communications when they are on the road. Check out the web site for "Airstream Life" at www.airstreamlife.com. Richard has published an interesting book on mobile electronics, check out the web site for his book "The Digital RV" at www.lulu.com/content/200359.

Also check out the blog about the open house: http://tour.airstreamlife.com/weblog/2006/06/sale_day_at_mountain_family_rv.html



Open House at Mt. Family RV



An enjoyable time in the sun



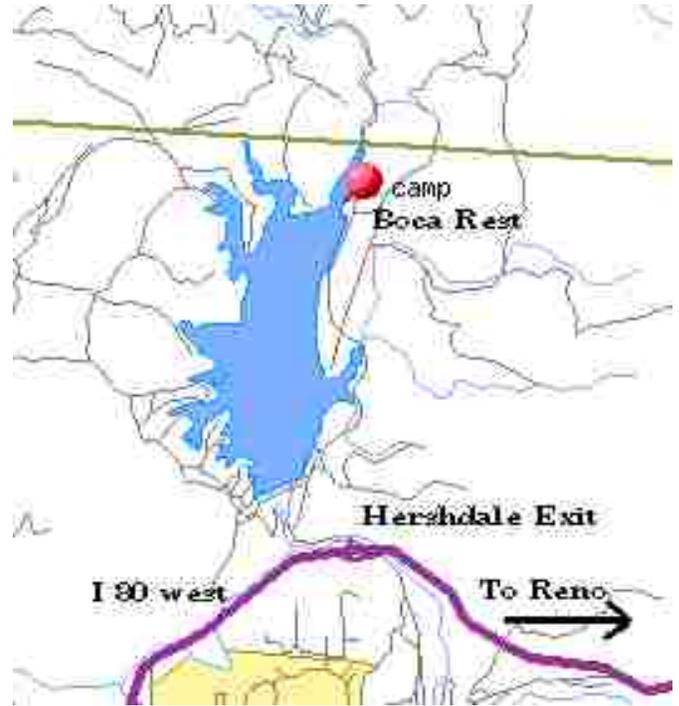
Diorama in Jerry's new box.

Rally - Boca Springs group area

Thursday June 22 - Sunday June 25, 2006

3 Day rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting on Saturday open to all. Bring a couple of logs for the fire.

Location: Northwest of Reno about twenty miles. Take I80 west towards Truckee. Exit at the Hershdale exit and go over the bridge and up the road to the dam. About 1 mile from the freeway. Continue around the east side of the reservoir. The road to Boca Springs Group campground will be on your right. There is a sign at the turn off. You will be driving about a quarter mile up the road to the campground. Note - the road is narrow and mostly gravel with a slight grade.



Happy Campers at 2005 Boca Springs Rally



Good friends, good times



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.)



We recently ordered 12 new 2007 Airstreams. Delivery will be staggered throughout the summer.

New for 2007

New color available in the International called Aruba. It is a turquoise green type color.

New cabinet choice now in Hickory.

New 2007 27' FB Classic Limited available with hickory interior. (We ordered one of these.)

New for 2007, the 75th Anniversary Limited Edition. Comes with a Retro 50's look. Has a round porthole window on the door, a gaucho in the rear instead of a bed, black and white flooring, 50's type formica on the table.

The 25' FB is now available in the International line. Previously you could only get the front bed models in the Safari line.



Come in and see the 19 foot Bambi Safari. At 4000 pounds max weight, it is just the thing to tow with new more fuel efficient tow vehicles. Fully contained with 23 gallons of fresh water, a 21 gallon gray water tank, and a 18 gallon black water tank. Front dinette seats 4 and converts into a roomy bed. An Air Conditioner and Furnace to keep you comfortable in any weather.

Ready for a "Go anywhere" vacation. See the beauty and enjoy the solitude of the great Western States in a new Airstream Bambi now.