

# SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

MARCH 2006 *Airstreamers* NEWSLETTER



## Anniversary Luncheon

Mother Nature tried to remind us who was in charge the day of our Anniversary luncheon by providing some snowy blustery weather. Although that understandably prevented most of our guests from over the hill from attending, we did have a great turnout. The luncheon was well worth the effort to get there! Randy and Vicki Grossmann chose a great facility. Silver Oak had a nice big room for us, great food, and very helpful staff. The Grossmann's also arranged for our Anniversary cake.

The cake, decorated with an Airstream camped by a lake was a great way to say happy anniversary to the SNU. Vicki created silver bead necklaces with blue bows for the ladies of all ages who came to the luncheon. I'm sure we will all be wearing them at future SNU rallies.

Dave Putnam and his mother Ferne were our guests. Dave, former Membership Chair for Region 12 was very helpful in referring potential new members to the SNU and assisting us in other ways. Jon and Jelaine Whipple from Mt Family RV were there with their two kids. Jon also brought Mike Quinn who is the new Airstream sales associate at Mt Family.

This gathering was a great example of the growth and change the SNU has gone through in the last 30 years. All ages were represented from babies to members in their 80's. The camaraderie and enthusiasm were great to see. Lots of ideas, plans and information were shared as well as just plain visiting. A pamphlet was handed out that expressed recognition and thanks to the SNU members past and present who have supported the Unit.

The SNU President Don Damoth, who is currently in Arizona, called to wish us well and congratulate the SNU on a successful 30 years. Don Clark, Region 12 1st Vice President called to let us know that although the weather had prevented his attendance, he wanted to wish us well. Clark also shared some information regarding WBCCI and Region 12 with us.



Great food, Great friends



Everyone had a great time



The buffet line was a big hit

### The SNU in two places at once

Amazingly enough the SNU was at a rally and a luncheon at the same time. How can that be? Check out the pictures of the SNU's 30th Anniversary Luncheon held February 18th at Silver Oak. When members and guests arrived they were greeted with the site of the SNU at a rally at Silver Oak. This rally was a miniature created by Vicki and Randy Grossmann.

The scale and detail were extraordinary. They took a string of Airstream lights, paired them to vehicles that very closely matched the actual tow vehicles of our members and “parked” them in a pine forest reminiscent to Twin Lakes. The campground even included a campfire, birds in the trees, and deer. This campground was close to a lake, which just happened to be the decoration on the anniversary cake. Parked by the lake was another Airstream and someone catching a fish for dinner. Was that Jerry, or maybe Rich??

The Grossmann's have offered to be the keepers of the campground for at least the next 6 months. We plan to bring it to as many of our rallies as possible so everyone will have a chance to see it. Other possibilities are displaying it at Mt Family RV's open house in June and the WBCCI international rally at the end of June. This diorama is an incredible work of art. Don't miss an opportunity to see it at a rally or other event this year. See the photo gallery of this rally at:

<http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/06fb18-soak-lunch/gallery.html> or  
<http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/index.php?cat=14>

### Thanks

Thanks to Kimber Moore for updating the SNU logo. Kimber took the last remaining image we have of the SNU logo and redrew it. Her efforts produced a cleaner and clearer first generation logo that will be much easier to reproduce.

In January the SNU membership voted to make on-line voting and payments an optional choice for SNU members. The wording in the proposed bylaws amendment needed a little tweaking to clarify the statements. Thanks to Randy Grossmann, the SNU has now changed its bylaws in a clear and concise manner.



Campground Diorama



Cakeshore detail



Randy and Vicki viewing their masterpiece

### The membership of the SNU past and present.

This statement was included in the pamphlet handed out at the 30th Anniversary Luncheon as a recognition and thank you to the members of the SNU.

The membership determines the direction and the focus of the Unit. They are the reason the Unit exists. The past members set the standards and began establishing the traditions of the SNU. Those who have joined the SNU in the last three years have been instrumental in leading the Unit into the future. They are the stewards of the Unit's past and the motivation for the SNU to change and adapt to meet the current and future needs of the membership.

### March rally

The first SNU rally of the year will be Friday March 24 through Sunday March 26 at Washoe Lake State Park. We have reserved the group area for this rally. It has a nice paved parking area and a great covered BBQ and picnic area. It is right on the lake. The area does not open officially till April so the water will not be turned on. Those members who have a senior state park pass can park for free. For the younger folks parking is \$14 per night payable to the ranger at the park. We plan to have an SNU sponsored BBQ for lunch on Saturday. Bring firewood for a campfire.

For details on the rally go to:  
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2006/events/06mr-washoe-lk-index.html>

### Upcoming events

\* Rally - Friday - Sunday April 28 - 30 2006

Walker River Resort (Private RV resort) - near Smith NV on Hwy 208 2 day Rally, members & guests 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: 800-446-2573?775-465-2573  
Email: [Resortservices@direcway.com](mailto:Resortservices@direcway.com)  
Cost is \$22 per day per vehicle

\* 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

### WBCCI Salem Rally

If you plan to attend the WBCCI International Rally in Salem, OR in June, start saving your Blue Beret. WBCCI has very little information available on its website. Most information is published in articles in the monthly magazine. Often this information is not available elsewhere. In an attempt to consolidate the rally information in one place, we have added a section to the website to collect information, pose questions, present ideas, and share experiences regarding the WBCCI international rally. This site also has links to information and pictures from past WBCCI international rallies.  
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2006/international-rally/index.html>

### Of Interest

The 2007 Region 12 Rally will be held in Las Vegas. Plans are still in the works. There will be some real opportunities for the SNU to get involved and to participate. This will be the first time in over 10 years that a region rally has been held in Nevada. Mt Family RV is planning an open house in June. The SNU will be participating in several ways. Discussion on proposed ideas will be on the agenda for the March rally at Washoe Lake.

Pay on Line! You can now pay your rally kitty fees on line. When you go to the rally sign up page on the website you will see the option to pay on line. You also have the option to pay an annual rally fee for all 8 rallies scheduled for 2006. As an example check out the March Rally Pages

### Anniversary travel mugs

If you haven't got one yet, the SNU anniversary mugs will be available at all our rallies this year. For each \$10 donation to the SNU you will receive one travel mug. They don't necessarily need to go to other Airstreamers. Family members, friends, coworkers, and others might like to support your Airstream adventures. If you have travel plans this summer, consider taking a few with you to distribute to Airstreamers and others you meet on the road. Give one to a camp host or other special person you meet along the way. The SNU has sent a few mugs to Mike, our member in Nova Scotia to distribute. A few also have been sent to Oregon, and others will be taken to the international rally in Salem.

### Whats new on SNUZE

Check this link for links to all the latest photo galleries and other updates on SierraNevadaAirstreams.org. One of the photo galleries is of a 2006 Safari that was recently purchased by our neighbors, the Haskett's. We hope they will be able to attend the March rally at Washoe Lake.

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

### 2005 Achievements

Among the many achievements of the SNU in 2005 the Unit welcomed six new members. We increased the number of rallies to eight for the year. An article was published in the Region 12 newsletter regarding the success of the reorganization of the SNU. And also, we began a partnership with the new Nevada Airstream Dealer. Participated in their Kick-Off event, requested and received support for the Unit newsletter from this dealer and received a donation for the Unit 30th Anniversary celebration. The dealer also brought new Airstreams to two different SNU rallies which gave rally participants an opportunity to check them out. To see the entire list of achievements go to:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/05achievements.html>

### Unique Airstreams

SNU member, Mike Orchard recently sent us pictures of two unique Airstreams. One is Wally & Stella Byam's gold Airstream. Taken at the international rally in Notre Dame, Indiana in 1990. The other is a unique Airstream 5th wheel. He saw this home made combination of two Airstreams in a campground just outside Edmonton, Alberta probably in 1987.

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### Thanks Again

I want to send a special thanks to everyone who did such a good job in putting on the 30th Anniversary Luncheon. The cake and diorama were fantastic. Looking forward to seeing the diorama at one of the future rallies. Thanks to Jon Whipple for his support of the newsletter and the Anniversary Luncheon. Thanks to Dianne and Jerry for working on the Anniversary Mug. A special thanks to Fred and Anne, and Diane and Bryan who have worked so hard to hold this unit together through the hard times.

Mary Lou and I are at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ until the 16th of March. Then we will begin our journey home with stops along the way. We won't be home in time for the March Rally, but hope to see you all at the April Rally.

Don Damoth  
President

The first SNU rally of the year will be Friday March 24 through Sunday March 26 at Washoe Lake State Park.



From Reno:

Head south on US 395. At the South end of the lake take the Eastlake Blvd Exit. Head East on Eastlake to the park entrance. After going through the park entrance tum left on the road to the group area.

From Carson:

Head north on US 395. Just after driving over the hill from Carson take the Eastlake Blvd Exit and head east.



Check out Mounain Family RV's new website at [www.mountainfamilyrv.com](http://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.

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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.)

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