

# SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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Churchill Rally - Our site unseen choice for the October rally turned out great. It was across the road from Buckland Station on the old ranch property owned by the State of Nevada and part of Ft. Churchill State Park. We were parked near a new picnic area developed in an old apple orchard. It was right near the Carson River.

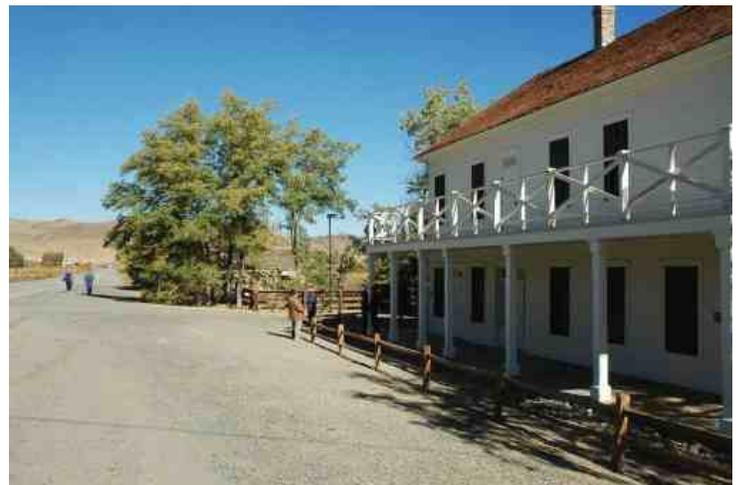
By Friday we had five Airstreams parked under the trees. We also had some guests. Susan, a guest of Kimber's, Diane and Bryan's cousin, Karen from San Diego, and also their friend Gene from Reno. Roger and Jan Jeppson came out for a visit on Friday. Tim, who had to work this weekend did manage to get out for a visit on Saturday night. Our newest members, the Curtis's didn't waste any time putting many of the suggestions and ideas they got at the Lahonton Rally into effect. Since last month they have installed solar panels, gotten an outdoor rug, got a shell on their truck, and most important, they got their obligatory pink flamingo. They found a really neat one in Walker after a camping trip in the Bridgeport area.

The weather for the rally was fantastic. Warm sunny days and cool nights. The rangers brought some barrels for us to use for a campfire and we cleaned up a lot of weeds and brush in the area to use as fuel. A highlight of this rally was a tour of Buckland Station historic site. This building is undergoing extensive renovation. At this time only the first floor is close to being finished. Once the entire structure is refurbished and furnishings installed it will be open to the public.

Other rally activities included our usual pot lucks, catching up on the Thornburgs and the Curtis's remodeling projects, sharing information and ideas, and of course just relaxing around the campfire. A good time was had by all and I think the general opinion is that we should keep this site on our list of potential rally sites in the future. Check out the rally photo galleries in S N U Z E , w h a t s n e w o n t h e website <http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/index.php?cat=14>



Ft Churchill Rally on the ranch



Buckland Station



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Business Meeting - SNU members attending the October rally at Churchill and business meeting on Saturday the 20th included Jerry and Dyan Thornburg, Kimber Moore, Bryan Leipper, Diane Leipper, Dave Gmur, Gary Haskett and Gary and Donetta Curtis. Jan and Roger Jeppson who stopped by for a visit on Friday also provided their input on items discussed at Saturday's meeting. The major item of business was the elections of officers for 2007. After presentation of the slate and a call for nominations from the floor, the following members were elected.

President — Jerry Thornburg

Secretary — RoyLaine Warn

Treasurer — Bryan Leipper

Director — Rich Jaggard

Director — Dave Gmur.

Bryan, the SNU treasurer says our current bank balance is \$1,300, an increase from around \$700 this time last year.

Another item of business was discussion on the offer made to WBCCI Units by Airstream forums.com to provide a private discussion group for any Unit who might want to utilize this as a resource for it's members. SNU member, Mike Orchard has offered to act as Leader for the SNU in this endeavor. He will be responsible to the SNU as a whole for how the discussion group is managed and who may participate. The discussion group will augment current SNU communications tools. It will not replace any current method of communications. It must also be clear that anything discussed on the forums group must also be available to all SNU members whether or not they participate in the forums or utilize any other electronic communications systems. No decisions are to be made without an opportunity for all SNU members to have input and voice an opinion. Mike will be asked to provide a status report to the SNU as to the steps taken, progress made, and members registered. At this time only SNU members will be registered to participate in the SNU discussion group. After discussing the issue the SNU has decided to take advantage of this opportunity on an experimental basis.

The other item discussed was the development of a “shopping cart” approach to rally fees and other SNU fees. Bryan Leipper is creating single web page that will list each rally for 2007 plus other SNU cost items. These include annual dues and the SNU commemorative mugs. This will enable members to purchase the specific items they want and pay for them with a single payment.

This system will not replace but augment current methods of payment. In other words you can still pay your rally or luncheon fees in person at the event if you so choose.

Roger Jeppson's Memories - When asked about his memories of Buckland here is what Roger said.

I grew up in Yerington, the county seat of Lyon County, which is where "Buckland Station" is located. I never heard it called Buckland Station at any time by any person. It was always Weeks or the Toll Ranch. The Toll Ranch was once a hunting club, though I was never there. Membership was priced beyond my ability to pay. I remember my partner Virgil Wedge and his business partner Ben Edwards going there in the 60's and into the 70's, I think. Edwards and Wedge were the pioneers in the warehouse business in northern Nevada Also Park Lane Center and other developments. I was only inside the main building once that I can remember. I was with my father who was District Attorney of Lyon County for many years. Don't remember much so I must have been quite young. My most vivid memory of the area is of an accident at the railroad crossing which killed a family that was riding in a station wagon. At that time I worked for Ford and Newell Garage which had the only wrecker in the county. I was about 12 or 13 and was called to help on the wrecker to clear up the accident. I promised myself that I would never get hit by a train as a result. So far I haven't.

November Luncheon - Saturday November 18, 2006 is the date for our luncheon at the Carson Valley Inn On US 395 in Minden. The luncheon starts at 11:30 am and all members and guests are welcome. The luncheon fee is \$15 per person.

Welcome new members - The SNU welcomes it's newest members, Gary and Donetta Curtis who own a 2006 30ft Classic and Brian and Linda McKeand who own a 2003 30ft Classic. The McKeand family also includes kids, Matt, Melissa, and John. We look forward to your participation in the SNU in 2007 and for many years to come.

Upcoming events -

- Luncheon December 16, 2006 Fallon, NV - Overland Basque restaurant near the intersection of US 50 and US 95 in downtown Fallon all members & guests welcome

Newsletter Mailing List - As the 2006 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

Airstreams in use - Many SNU members have put their Airstreams to good use this year. In addition to participating in SNU rallies, many members have traveled on their own. Randy and Vicki have made several trips, one which included attending an Idaho Unit rally. Randy also took a trip to Jackson Center in October. Jerry and Dyann took a trip to Washington as well as their annual hunting trip to Jarbidge. Don and MaryLou took off early this fall to visit friends, attend a reunion, and do some other exploring over the winter. Check their pictures of the Airstream used by the astronauts at the new Air and Space museum. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/travelogues/damoth/airspace.html>

Jan and Roger spent some time in Michigan and exploring other parts of the Midwest. Tim and Kimber trekked up to Salem to the International Rally and also took their Airstream to Burning Man. Bryan and Diane also went to Salem as did Von and Yvonne. All in all, it looks like we have been doing what Wally Byam intended - "To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home."

SNU membership - As of October 26, the SNU has a total of 24 paid members for 2007, 6 of whom are new this year. Interestingly, these are the same numbers for the entire 2006 calendar year. This bodes well for 2007 and indicates we may exceed our 2006 numbers by the end of the year. Looking at the SNU membership numbers over the last four years provides a lot of reason for optimism. The SNU membership has increased slowly but steadily. The turnover rate is minimal.

The reasons people don't renew have been for things like moving out of the state, age induced retirement from travel, and no longer own an Airstream. To the best of our knowledge, none have left due to dissatisfaction with the SNU. Participation in the SNU has steadily increased. More members are taking an active role in the governance and decision making processes of the Unit. The average attendance at rallies has increased. More members are attending more rallies. Members are exploring Airstream options outside the Unit activities, including attendance at other Unit rallies, the WBCCI International rally, and individual travel. The indication is that the SNU's focus on it's goal -- getting out and enjoying your Airstream and all the camping opportunities in our area, and the fellowship of other Airstreamer's - has proved to be a solid foundation. So give yourself a pat on the back. The membership is what makes the Unit. Your input, ideas, feedback and most important, your participation is what helps guide the directions and the future of the SNU.

New additions to the SNU website - The page developed to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the SNU has been expanded. It now includes links to the newsletter archives, the rally schedule archives, the list of all previous officers of the SNU, and the lists of achievements for the years 2003 through 2006. As with all parts of the website this information will evolve over time as more information becomes available and ideas for presenting the information develop.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/snu-history/index.html>  
Browsing through this information provides further insight into the progress the SNU has made in recent years.

Don and Mary Lou are in Key West for a few weeks enjoying the weather, the sea food meals, and the relaxed life style. Don rides his bike every day, and hopes to get a snorkel trip in soon. We are looking forward to the championship off shore speed boat (Cigar boats) races coming in a couple of weeks.



**Brand New Floor Plan For The International.**

**25' Limited International with fresh new look. This Airstream is not a CCD as it was not designed by Christopher C. Deam.**

**This unit is very eye catching with limited Ocean Breeze interior, white cabinets accented with bamboo/palm tree knobs, colorful palm tree curtains, and many more accents through out.**



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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.)