

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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February Luncheon

We had a good gathering for our lunch at the Truck Inn in Fernley despite the fact that several SNU members have been sick recently. A good rally will get us all healthy again. Robert Herron, who has an online Nevada Camping Guide, was our guest. The room was great for our purposes. The service was slow but that gave us plenty of time to visit. Robert had a good time swapping stories with Jerry, Bryan and others. Roger, Jerry and Bryan discussed wheel bearings. Other topics of discussion included the impending arrival of the McKeond's grand twins, squirrel hunting, airplanes, an upcoming trip to Mexico, SNU rallies, and various other things. All in all we had a great time. We enjoyed meeting Robert and hope to see him again sometime in the near future. To see the photo gallery go to: <http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/index.php?cat=14>



Business Meeting

The business meeting consisted of informally going over some recent communications SNU President, Jerry Thornburg has received. According to Ohio statutes a bylaw review must be done every five years. A suggestion for revising the SNU bylaws will be on the web so that you can review them yourselves. This is a great time to review the SNU bylaws. The original was a standard WBCCI template and subsequent changes had left a lot of artifacts, unnecessary language, and items not pertinent to the SNU. Now we can be sure that the SNU Constitution and Bylaws will meet WBCCI requirements, all pertinent laws and regulations and be concise, clear, and truly represent how the SNU functions. We have started the review process by collecting all pertinent documents and information on the website. To review this material go to [.http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/members/bc/](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/members/bc/)



Sitting between Bryan and Gary is our guest Robert Herron.
That's Randy Grossmann in the plaid shirt

The President's Ramblins

Here it is another month has gone by. Only a few weeks until our first trailer outing of the year. I am still procrastinating on getting the trailer ready but as usual I will try and cram it all into a few days. According to Diane we are still getting new members, which shows you our web site and methods of doing things seems to be working. At this time we are working on a rough draft of a revised constitution and bylaws required of WBCCI every five years. A copy is posted on the web site for everyone to go over. One of the major changes will be to add email to the voting as well as snail mail. So be sure to look and send your comments to either myself or hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org.



This was really a good room for the SNU. Lots of space, quiet, and separated from the other dining area. Good for visiting.

I also see by a little Tattler that Von Gallion and Yvonne DeRoule are having fun down in southern California playing at being Hobos. Hope to see them some time this year up here in the North Country. The same is said for all new and old members hope to see you all this year for good camping.

March Rally

Yeah! Time to pack up the Airstream and join us for the first rally of the year. The rally will be at Washoe Lake Nevada State Park in Washoe Valley between Reno and Carson City, off US 395. The dates are Thursday - Sunday March 22 - 25 2007. This is an SNU rally site category 2. Cost: \$5 per night per vehicle SNU kitty call plus State Park camping fee: \$14 per day per vehicle 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. The SNU will sponsor a BBQ on Saturday at noon followed by a short Board meeting open to all. There is great bird watching in the area as well as hiking and bike trails. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday March 22. For more information: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2007/events/07mr-washoe-lk-index.html>

Community relations

In the last several years the SNU has expanded its involvement in the community. In 2004 the SNU wrote a letter to the Nevada Division of State Parks regarding the development of group areas. We received a very supportive letter in response. This contact also led to a representative from the Division coming to a rally and ask for SNU member input into the development of a campground in Southern Nevada. In 2005 The SNU was the subject of a feature article in the Reno Gazette Journal. The Carson City Review also published an editorial regarding the SNU. In the last two years, the SNU has begun the process of developing a relationship with the local Airstream dealer and to date, the SNU has participated in two of the dealer's open house events. SNU member, Rich Jaggard had his Bambi on stage for a Trailer Park Troubadour's Concert. More recently the SierraNevadaAirstreams.org website came to the attention of Robert Herron, and his online Nevada Camping Guide. Robert attended our February luncheon at Truck Inn. The SNU has developed relationships with several campground hosts, including Twin Lakes and Ft Churchill. This year the SNU will be working with one of our members, Rick Laborde on a service project during our rally at Obsidian Dome. Building public awareness and getting involved in our communities is a win/win situation for all.

Rallies

Rallies are the fundamental experience and activity for the RV association. Caravans are a series of rallies with coordinated travel in between rallies. Rallies are the gatherings to have meetings, enjoy social experiences, and visit places. Going to a rally is also a means keeping the rig ready to roll and exercising all systems so the owner can be confident of its capabilities.

There are many different types of rallies. For instance, the Weekend Warrior rallies are usually local affairs held over a weekend so that working stiffs can get to rally site after work on Friday. The Standard rallies are usually about a week long and incorporate structured activities or group visits to local sites. Caravan rallies are usually two nights and a day at some point during a caravan where caravanners can catch up on laundry or other needs. Special event rallies are gatherings at some special event primarily for the purpose of attending that event. Site visit rallies are gatherings at a particular site of interest to learn about a particular site or to see things unique to that site. Convention rallies are where larger groups get together and there are many activities and events scheduled for attendees to choose between.

SNU rallies have several unique features. These include our low Kitty Kall (rally fee) and the fact that the fee is per night, per rig rather than a set fee for the entire rally. This Kitty Kall is also standard for all rallies. The fee does not change due to things like group area fees or other expenses. The SNU doesn't cancel rallies. We have had rallies with one or two rigs to rallies with over 10 rigs. The only exception will be if the highway dept has chain controls or other restrictions on road travel. SNU rallies encourage RSVP's but do not require pre-payment. Sites are chosen that enable us to have space for last minute participants and unexpected guests. Flexibility is the key feature of an SNU rally. You can come when you want, stay as long as you want and participate as much or as little as you choose. Although most meals are shared or pot luck, there is almost no planning or organization involved. Some rallies are focused on a specific event such as a tour of Bodie, or a service project at Obsidian but most activities are informal and initiated by an individual with an interest who then spreads the word and other join in as it suits them. Bottom line, we go camping in our Airstreams and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Airstreamers, sharing stories, swapping "how to tips" and just relaxing in one of the many fantastic camping areas in the Great Basin. For more information on rallies check the web: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/owners-guide/participating/rallies.html>

Coming soon

The SNU is in the process of adding an online, interactive calendar to the website. The purpose of this calendar will be to post the rallies but more importantly, it will be a place where members can add their own upcoming trips. If you are planning a trip to Zion, to Death Valley, or to other parts known and unknown and would like to encourage other SNU members to join you, you will be able to post the information on the calendar. This is another experiment for the SNU and is probably a first for a WBCCI Unit. If you would like to be a guinea pig and help us experiment by adding your own upcoming adventures, contact the SNU at hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org and we will help you register and get started.

Upcoming events

Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line!
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2007/payonline/snu-shopping.html>

* Thursday - Sunday April 19 - 22 2007 Lahonton Reservoir Nevada State Park, beach 7 unstructured camping area - near Silver Springs, NV off Alt 95 South (SNU rally site category 3) cost: \$5 per night per vehicle SNU kitty call plus State Park camping fee: \$10 per day per vehicle 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Enjoy the peace and quiet of lakeside camping, fishing and boating, hiking and good bike riding possibilities. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday April 19

* Thursday -- Sunday May 17 -- 20 2007 Ramhorn Springs BLM campground north from Susanville on U. S. Highway 395 approximately 45 miles.No fee campsite 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. This is a good area for hiking, bird watching and just relaxing. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday May 17 Diane

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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 turn 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.



2006 Washoe Lake Rally





We now have Basecamp!

We have 2 on the lot and we will have one at the show this weekend. The Basecamp is a “Swiss Army Knife” of a trailer that features an interior that can be configured for multiple uses -- suiting customers needs, from young couples who might want to take it camping on the weekends to cyclists heading off for a weekend of extreme riding. Ultra-light: most conventional vehicles with a 2,000 lb gross weight when fully loaded can tow the Airstream Basecamp. Come see it for yourself at the 35th Annual Reno Boat Sport & RV Show March 1st -- 4th. There are many specials at the show including free propane for as long as you own your RV, special financing, and a chance to win a quad (Odds are about 40 to 1)



The time is now to buy the trailer of your dreams.

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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.)