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FT. SAGE RALLY - 10/18-21/2007

A great turnout for the last SNU rally of the year - 7 Airstreams! That, despite some iffy weather and a change in location. We were delighted to have Tom and Donna Faker join us with their dog Willie. Because of this, that, and the other this is the first rally they have been able to attend. We hope to see them at more rallies in the future. In addition to the Faker's, other rally participants included Jerry and Dyann, Wes and Roy, Roger and Jan, Roman and Melissa, Bryan and Diane. Larry Clark from Mt Family also joined us and brought a Bambi Design Within Reach for us to check out. Gene and Carmen Baleme were our guests. The Warn's and the Jeppson's had both just gotten home from various travels the Tuesday before the rally, in fact it appears they passed each other on I80 heading home. We were delighted that they all were willing to make the Ft Sage rally despite just returning home. Jan and Roger visited family in Michigan and then took off to see the sites in Virginia, Kentucky and several other states. Wes and Roy had visited family in Idaho.

Everyone agreed that Ft Sage should definitely be added to the SNU list of favorite spots. Panoramic views of the Honey Lake valley were enhanced by the clouds spilling over the mountains on the far side and bands of other clouds scuttling south towards Reno. Roman and Melissa got full benefit from their wrap-around rear dinette windows. The view out over the valley was spectacular. It seems that a common feature at many SNU preferred rally sites is sloping parking areas, which makes leveling a challenge. Ft Sage turned out to be one of those spots. No matter, SNU members enjoy a challenge and we are getting very creative and good at parking on sloping ground.

The SNU also puts full meaning into the word flexible, especially when it comes to meals. When weather has to be factored in plans can change almost from moment to moment. What starts out as a potluck outside can turn into a progressive dinner going from trailer to trailer. Or it can go from a shared meal to everyone doing their own thing. Times can change and so can what you eat and how. Again, SNU members rise to the challenge as evidenced by the Ft Sage rally. Saturday was one of those times when we could eat together outside, even though it was a little breezy and there was chill in the air. What better way to top off a great and varied menu than with hot apple pie and ice cream

even if we were bundled up like arctic explorers. Thanks Melissa. It was great. Thanks also to Roman for showing restraint at not testing the pie before the rally. Speaking of food, thanks Larry for bringing treats donated by Mt Family RV. The sweets were a great addition to our morning coffee.

Friday, several of us headed over to Portola to check out the custom built 42 ft Airstream at the Western Pacific Railroad museum. Jerry brought some tarps donated by the company he works for, Soda Lake Geothermal, to cover holes in the roof and help protect it for the winter. The SNU plans a rally at the museum in June to further investigate the Airstream and see what we can do about restoring it.



Morning Coffee with the SNU / D. Leipper

In addition we will of course be investigating the trains and other railroad memorabilia at the museum. On the way home, we stopped by to visit a 1965 Tradewind we spotted along the road to Portola. The owner is not about to sell but maybe she will show up at an SNU rally some day. *[continued on page 2]*

[continued] from page 1] Saturday the SNU held it's business meeting and election of officers. Jerry was presented with the official SNU gavel. If it is a sign of his authority we have nothing to worry about as it is only about three inches long and can't inflict much damage. After our business meeting several members of the group headed off into the hills for a little target practice with various fire arms. Roman took a nice bike ride up the trails to the top of the hill. We ended the day with a great pot luck and a campfire. At Jan's insistence we saved some wood for a fire the next morning.

Sunday was sunny and clear of course - the last day of the rally. Jerry got the fire started and kept nursing it along till Jan was out and about and could enjoy it. With a few additional contributions of downed wood we all enjoyed a morning campfire with our coffee before heading home. We decided we all need to bring more wood to next years rallies so we can have a fire all day long. All in all, a great end of the rally year for the SNU. We are all looking forward to our 2008 rally schedule and to coming back to Ft. Sage.

DAYTON LUNCHEON

Saturday November 17, 2007 at 11:30 am the SNU will meet for lunch in Dayton at the Gold Canyon Steak House. **Please RSVP** so that we can give the Gold Canyon a good idea of how many to expect. Call 775 972 9392 or email hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org Luncheon cost is \$15 per person. Randy and Vicki Grossmann were asked to check this place out last year. This restaurant first opened in 1887 and has recently been restored in an "elegant Victorian style". The Grossmann's tried it out and were very pleased. To make sure they weren't mistaken they took guests to the Gold Canyon for lunch. Here is what they said. "Food quality, service, and ambiance are still way up there. Four enthusiastic thumbs up. Then after several months the Grossmann's were concerned maybe quality had slipped so they tried again. Here is their report. "Had a great anniversary dinner last night at the Gold Canyon Restaurant with our two friends/semi-relatives from Idaho. We had service that we all agreed was arguably the best service we have ever had in a restaurant. Four thumbs enthusiastically way up again." "...Six stars. A++".

So the SNU will benefit from this thorough research and I'm sure we will also give it a big thumbs up. As Randy said "Checking out these restaurants is a tough assignment. Oh well, someone has to do it."



Gold Canyon Steak House Dining Room / R. Grossman



Gold Canyon Steak House / <http://www.daytonnvchamber.org/goldcanyon.htm>



SAVE YOUR OCTOBER BLUE BERET

SNU's very own poet, Erika Root had her poem published in the October 2007 Blue Beret. She and her family would like additional copies of the magazine to give to grandparents and other family members. Bring your copy of the Blue Beret to the November luncheon and we'll make sure the Root family gets them.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

The SNU Holiday Open House and pot luck will be at the Damoth's house in Reno on December 15, 2007. The Damoths will provide the main course and rolls. The rest of will bring salads or desserts. This will be the last event of 2007. We look forward to seeing everyone, those that have attended rallies this year and those that haven't so we can all swap tales, share stories and enjoy the holiday season. More details will be in the next newsletter. RSVP's are requested.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to *Wayne and Cory Avery*. They came by the SNU Twin Lakes rally for a visit and to show off their 2006 Bambi Quicksilver. They live in Reno. Welcome to *John and Ginny Ganthner* who also live in Reno. They have a 2002 Safari.



The Avery's Bambi / R. Grossman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line! **It's easy!**

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2007/payonline/snu-shopping.html>

◇ Saturday December 15, 2007 Reno, NV Holiday Open House and pot luck at the Damoth's

◇ Saturday January 19, 2008 Bavarian World, 6th and Valley in Reno, NV

For more information on upcoming rallies check the website

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2007/events/rally-docs/07-rallyschedule.html>

POST OFFICE PROBLEM

We discovered, after the October newsletter and the dues reminders were sent out that there is a problem with the post office address used for the SNU. Many dues and other mailings were being returned to sender although they were addressed correctly and legibly. It appears that this is a problem with the current management of this particular post office branch and not a change in policy of the US Postal Service. We will be doing further investigation and then figure out how best to resolve this problem. In the meantime any mail being sent to the SNU should be sent either to:

SNU	SNU
C/o Leipper Mgnt.	714 Terra Ct,
PO Box 60572	Reno, NV
Reno, NV	89506
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Remember, you can always pay dues online. We appreciate those of you who have called when you got your dues back and appreciate your sending us the envelope which was returned. We apologize for any inconvenience to all of you and will let you know when a permanent solution has been achieved.

2008 RALLY SCHEDULE

After much deliberation and several changes, the SNU 2008 rally schedule is finalized. Thanks to everyone. This has truly been a group effort with members checking out potential rally sites, offering to host rallies, and determining dates and locations. Putting together the rally schedule is a fun but somewhat complicated task. You have to take weather into consideration, distance, location, site requirements, roads, fees, rig sizes, driver experience, and other factors. Most important, we have to be able to accommodate a group that can range in size from 4 to 15 or more. So with that said, I think we have come up with a great schedule for 2008. It includes some new locations as well as some old favorites. *Check it out. Mark your calendar. Plan to attend!*



THE PRESIDENT'S RAMBLIN'S

Well, here it is another month and another rally gone. One of the advantages of writing this a little late is that I get to see the rough draft of the newsletter, and then get to do the *Ramblin's*.

The rally was nice, a little bad weather but still nice. The 'plinkin' session let a few of us know that we needed more practice. Most of us had 22's of one sort or another (we did have one who brought a couple of larger cannons). Those that are interested, there is a post on the *Airforums* on carrying weapons in the Airstream, some pretty interesting statistics. More to it than you think. I won't get into those here. You can go to the site and read all the threads (24 pages as of this morning).

At the rally the elections were held and the slate of officers set for next year. One of the things brought up from last year is how to contact the officers. With that being a changing item it was decided to revise and reinstitute email addresses that would be permanent. Those that want to email me would just send their email to president@sierranevadaairstreams.org (same for the treasurer or secretary). The unit web master has setup a redirection to the appropriate individual.

Another item brought up was the 42 foot Airstream at the Portola Railroad Museum. After some discussion it was decided to move forward and contact the curator and get written permission to work on it's restoration. To that end I have drafted a letter to the museum (which is being perused by another member for content) outlining what I believe the repairs to be and an estimate of its cost. When I receive their reply I will post it on the unit site and we will hopefully be able to advance. Also at that time I will outline what I believe to be an avenue to achieve our goals.

Our next rally will be in Dayton at the Gold Canyon Steakhouse. I hope to see all of you there. In this newsletter you will see a picture of the gavel I was given. I have a surprise for those that gave it to me, and one of my designs is to keep the two Diane/Dyann's in line. I think I might get some executive privilege then. Come to the luncheon or wait until the next newsletter to see the results. Harken back even further than redneck to caveman. (just a hint).

Okay I'm going to close and send this out so the newsletter can be finished. As usual I will try harder to get done earlier next month.

Jerry

FT. SAGE RALLY PHOTOS



The "Aerial" View / R. Kreminski



Storm Coming In / Leipper



Spectacular Views / Leipper



A Very Cold Meeting / Leipper

MORE FT. SAGE RALLY PHOTOS



Our President Receives the Gavel / Leipper



The New DWR Bambi / Leipper

SNU BUSINESS MEETING

A short business meeting was held on Saturday October 20th at the Ft Sage rally. Items of business included the election of SNU officers for 2008, a review and approval of the revised rally schedule for 2008, and discussion of the SNU taking on the 42ft custom built Airstream at the Railroad museum in Portola.

Officers elected unanimously for 2008 are:

- **President - Jerry Thornburg**
- **Secretary - RoyLaine Warn**
- **Treasurer - Bryan Leipper**
- **Director - Don Williams**
- **Director - Randy Grossmann**

Copies of the revised 2008 rally schedule were handed out. After brief discussion, the rally schedule was accepted as presented.

Discussion then turned to the custom built 42ft Airstream located at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola. A visit earlier this year and again on Friday affirmed the SNU's interest in taking on the possible restoration of this one of a kind Airstream. Discussions with the Museum director support the SNU's interest. SNU members at the Ft Sage rally agreed that this would be a worthwhile and beneficial project for the SNU. The next step is to develop a plan, to affirm preferably writing, that the museum supports our efforts, and determine what exactly the SNU can and should do. One thing that is clear is that the SNU will be seeking support for funding this project. The meeting ended with everyone enthused about the future plans of the SNU.



The 42ft Airstream in Portola / RTK



"Winterizing" the 42 Airstream / D. Leipper

SNU WEB LINKS AND CONTACT INFO

Give us a call! (775) 972 - 5011 We would love to hear from you!

Please email us with any questions or requests at: hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org

To access information discussed in this newsletter including Ft Sage rally photo gallery, the November luncheon site pictures and maps, and the 2008 SNU events schedule

<http://SierraNevadaAirstreams.org/snu/news/2007/index.html>