



"the Great Basin RV Association"

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LUNCHEON AT CABELA'S

Our timing was perfect for our January lunch at Cabela's. The snow waited till Sunday so Saturday we had fairly clear skies and clear roads. The meeting room at Cabela's worked out really well. We had plenty of room and it was nice and quiet so we could visit. Everyone went through the grill line and got their own lunch. We were delighted to be joined by Vaughn Peak and his granddaughter Leanne. Vaughn and his wife Donna have been members of the Arizona Unit. Since they live in Carson City, he decided to join the SNU. Vaughn is also a ham, call sign N7ODT and active in the WBCCI Amateur Radio Intra-club. Vaughn and his granddaughter both attended the WBCCI International Rally in Bozeman last year. Other members attending the lunch were John and Sandra Shields, Randy and Vicki Grossmann, Roger Jeppson (Janet is in Michigan), Gary and Anita Haskett, Mark Seasholtz, Bryan and Diane Leipper, and our birthday kids - Jerry and Dyan Thornburg. Last but not least, Roman and Melissa arrived. The only business we had was to vote on whether or not we would cook hot dogs as well as pancakes at the Silver Springs Air Show - the site of our May rally. The vote was unanimous in favor of hot dogs. This means we will be doing pancakes Saturday and Sunday morning and hot dogs on Saturday till about 3pm. Diane brought some items she recently ordered from the SNU section of Cafe Press. The items included an apron, some metal buttons, a calendar, and a yard sign. Everyone agreed that the items look really nice and the SNU logo in particular looks fantastic. All in all it was a great lunch. We want to thank Mark Seasholtz for making arrangements for us. I think Cabela's will go on the SNU list of favorite places to meet up, dine on a wild game sandwich and then "stock up" for the new rally season!



MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Several SNU members have spent the winter doing some maintenance and repair work on their Airstreams. We hope this means that everyone's rig will be all ready to attend rallies this year. Here is the story of one such maintenance job. We hope the rest of you will let us know what you have been doing or are planning on doing to get your Airstream/Argosy ready for 2009.

Roger & Jan Jeppson

I was in Michigan in the latter part of September this year. I had been staying at my daughter's horse farm. On the day that I left to return to Reno the last thing that I had to do before I hooked up to the truck was put the slide-out in for travel. Our Airstream is one of the few with a slide-out and we like the additional room it provides. I pushed the button, but no slide-in. So, we slid it manually with a wrench while lying on the dirt under the trailer.

I traveled from Michigan to Reno with no slide-out. Not any problem but I couldn't see the TV which is blocked by the slide-out. When I got back I went to Mountain Family to get a repair. I was told that the electric controller had died and that a replacement would cost \$130. It was ordered and then back ordered. After we had decided that we had no trailer to take to Death Valley, Mountain Family called. The part had arrived and the trailer was fixed. This process took about 6 weeks. The day I picked up the trailer I ordered another controller because I did not want to have the wait again if the new one went bad. About a month after placing the order I got a call in which I was told that Airstream had discontinued the controller I had ordered and that the new model would now cost \$330. I ordered it anyway and it arrived in about a week. The new controller is now stashed in the trailer. I am now prepared. For what it is worth, it is about a 5 minute job to change the controller.

WEB LINKS

to information discussed in this newsletter including info for the February luncheon in Carson City at El Charro
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/09news/index.html>

SNU NEWSLETTER OPTIONS

In order to meet the needs of the SNU membership and make the most of SNU resources, occasionally we need to review the three primary functions of the Unit. These are the rallies, the newsletter, and the public service announcements. The function currently under review in 2009 is the newsletter.

The newsletter serves as both a communications vehicle and a promotional or marketing tool. To date the newsletter has been the biggest expense item. The primary component of this expense is mailing since most of the printing costs have been donated. This will be changing in the near future and the costs of printing will be picked up by the SNU. Currently the newsletter is mailed to all SNU members whose preference is for a snail mail newsletter rather than signing up for the online newsletter. The newsletter is also mailed to all referrals received by the SNU for a period of one year.

Communications are most effective when a variety of tools and methods are used. The SNU has done a good job of utilizing the tools and technologies available in a comprehensive and cost effective manner to ensure that all SNU members have access to all news and information regarding the Unit. The goal of the newsletter review is not to eliminate one method of communications but to make more effective use of the variety of tools we have at hand and the resources of the Unit while still respecting the preferences of the entire membership.

Please send your response to the SNU at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or 714 Terra Ct, Reno, NV 89506

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

Check all that indicate your preferences

- 1. Keep the mailing list as is. Make sure the newsletter is no longer than 4 pages including the mailing box on the back page.
- 2. Keep the newsletter at 4 pages but revise the mailing list so that it only goes to SNU members and those that have contributed to the SNU so that they can receive the newsletter.
- 3. Send prospective members a newsletter for three months and if they haven't joined, take them off the mailing list.
- 4. Make the newsletter 2 pages (front and back of 1 sheet) with mailing box. Keep the content to the upcoming event, a short review of the most recent event, the event calendar, a summary of other news items, one or two pictures, and maybe a feature article. Create a more comprehensive and detailed newsletter to post online
- 5. Expand the newsletter to 8 pages and publish by-monthly and mail to the mailing list as it is currently
- 6. Expand the newsletter to 8 pages and publish by-monthly mail only to SNU members
- 7. Send out a comprehensive newsletter (8 to 10 pages) quarterly with a two page (front and back of 1 sheet) the other four months.
- 8. Print the snail mail newsletter in black and white and put the color edition online. (applies to all options presented on this page)
- 9. Find sponsors to cover the cost of the newsletter.

Please add your own ideas. Thank you!

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

February will find the SNU at **El Charro Avita in Carson City** enjoying a great Mexican lunch. The date is February 21, 2009 Saturday and starts at 11:30am. El Charro is on south Carson Street, south of downtown Carson City, NV. Lunch is \$15 per person. SNU members, non member Airstream owners and potential Airstream owners welcome.



ANITA'S ADVENTURES

Notes from the SNU President

As your new president of the Sierra Nevada Unit, I welcome assistance with ideas, planning, and tasks that need to be taken care of. If you would like to help the Sierra Nevada Unit, contact me through the SNU. Email is president@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org There are many ways you can help the SNU. Attending a luncheon or rally would be a wonderful way to support the SNU! I look forward to visiting with you all at an SNU rally in 2009.

Some squirrels opened a box of disposable gloves in the garage of the campground where I am currently a camp host. They took many of them to a ledge above the garage door. I wish I could have watched them, filling their mouths with gloves, and then transporting them quite a way to the top shelf.

NEW FLASH!

Mountain Family RV, Airstream dealer for Northern Nevada has closed down. Now the closest authorized Airstream sales and service is in Sacramento. Toscano's in Los Banos also sells and services Airstreams. They have been in business since 1967 and their website states that they have been the #1 Airstream dealer in the USA three years running.

REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW PAY YOUR RALLY KITTY FEES ON-LINE!

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/payonline/snu-shopping.html>

RALLY AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2009

- * Thursday March 26 – Sunday 29, 2009 Weed Heights Full service RV Park
- * Thursday April 23 - Sunday 26, 2009 Boca Springs or Boca Rest
- * Thursday May 14 – Sunday 17, 2009 Silver Springs Air Strip Special Event – Silver Springs Fly In
- * Thursday June 25 – Sunday 28, 2009 Sweetwater Summit dispersed USFS area Special Event - Ham Radio Field Day
- * June 28 - July 4, 2009 WBCCI International Rally, Madison, Wisconsin
- * Thursday July 23 – Sunday 26, 2009 Thomas Ranch near Pittville Special activity – horse drawn wagon rides
- * Thursday August 20 – Sunday, August 23, 2009 Obsidian Dome (Inyo Nat'l Forest) dispersed camping
- * Thursday September 24 – Sunday 27, 2009 Unionville County park Special Event – Brunch at the Old Pioneer
- * October 14 – 18 Region 12 Rally Fairpark in Santa Maria, CA
- * Thursday October 22 - Sunday October 25, 2009 -Mason Valley Wildlife Area Special Event - Fish Hatchery tour
- * Saturday November 14, 2009 Gold Hill, Hotel, near Virginia City
- * Thursday November 19 – Sunday 22, 2009 Death Valley Mesquite Campground
- * Saturday December 12, 2009 Overland Hotel & Basque restaurant

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING RALLIES CHECK THE WEBSITE

<http://SierraNevadaAirstreams.org/snu/2009/events/docs/09-RallySchedule.html>

SHOP SNU

A must visit site – shop SNU online. Show up at SNU rallies with a new shirt, ball cap, tote bag, apron, jacket, coffee mug and other logo items. See the link page listed in this newsletter and get ready to show others what a great Unit you belong to. So, get your virtual shopping bag out and go to: <http://www.cafepress.com/Aluminumitis>

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