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Mason Valley Rally - 2009

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Rally and events schedule

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- ♦ Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 Gold Hill, Hotel, Virginia City
- ♦ Death Valley Mesquite Campground November 2009
- ♦ Saturday 12/12/09 - Overland Hotel & Basque restaurant, Fallon
- ♦ 12/30/09-1/1/10 Pasadena, CA Region XII Special Event Rose Parade Rally
- ♦ Saturday 1/23/2010 Lunch @ Cabela's, Reno
- ♦ February 1-9 2010 Blythe, CA Region 12 Hobo Rally

What a great way to wrap up another rally year! A new location, perfect weather and a great turnout made the October rally at the Mason Valley Wildlife Area a memorable event. We had 9 Airstreams, 18 people, 14 dogs, 1 cat and 1 parakeet. We were delighted to welcome Gordon and Susan Barber. They had just recently purchased their first Airstream and Mason Valley was their inaugural rally. Other rally participants included Roger & Janet, Jerry & Dyann, Randy & Vicki, Wes & Roy, Mike & Cindy, Wheels & Doris, Anita, Bryan, & Diane. We were also glad to have Dyann's sister Ann as a guest at this rally. Saturday Don and MaryLou came out for a visit. It is always good to see them and catch up on their activities. This was supposed to be the inaugural rally for Jerry and Dyann's Airstream MoHo but a last minute electrical problem derailed that idea much to everyone's disappointment. Mike and Cindy have been doing a lot of work on their Airstream. It's looking really good but there is still a pesky water leak so various containers provided water. Roger spent several weeks in Michigan this summer and during that time he and his daughter did some Airstream remodeling. Roger and Janet now have beautiful wood laminate floors, new upholstery and new valences on the windows. It looks really great. Wheels and Doris had just returned from attending the Region 12 Rally. They had a great time and met some old friends and made some new ones. Among the many highlights of this rally were Jerry and Dyann's contribution to Saturday dinner and Cindy's contribution to Sunday breakfast. Jerry brought his battery operated spit and cooked a roast over the campfire. Dyann had prepared and marinated it and the result was fantastic. Cindy cooked us a skillet of eggs and hash for breakfast. A welcome treat before packing up and

heading home. Vicki had brought the table decoration she made for a previous rally so we had a pretty fancy buffet table for our shared meals. Wes and Roy, once again helped promote the SNU by flying their flags at the rally. We all agreed that this location should be added to the SNU list of favorite spots. The only problem was that it was flat. All you had to do was drive in and park. No leveling required. That took away one of our primary entertainments - watching everyone try to get their trailer level. Aside from that the mountain vistas, the colorful trees and the easy access made it perfect for early spring or fall rallies. We'll be back for sure.

Business Meeting

SNU President, Anita held a short meeting Saturday evening. The primary agenda item was the election of the SNU 2010 Officers. The slate as presented was voted on by those present and accepted. Other items included welcoming Gordon and Susan Barber to the rally, review and discussion of the 2010 rally schedule, the November luncheon at Gold Hill and the November rally at Death Valley. Anita mentioned that the SNU is still looking for hosts for various 2010 rallies. Anita also mentioned that 2011 is the SNU's 35th anniversary. She suggested we might consider a special anniversary luncheon in the winter and an anniversary rally during the summer. Anita also reiterated that the SNU welcomes any offers to volunteer or suggestions as to activities or other things that might be of interest to the SNU. After some brief discussion the meeting was adjourned.

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Come out to our Death Valley Rally

The last official SNU rally for the year will be at Mesquite campground in Death Valley Thursday November 19 to Sunday November 22, 2009. Mesquite is at the North end of Death Valley and near to Scotty's Castle. Plan on joining us and visiting all the attractions of Death Valley during a cooler time of year.

October Elections

The SNU held elections at the October Rally in Mason Valley, SNU officers for 2010 are: President - Anita Leipper, Secretary - RoyLaine Warn, Treasurer - Bryan Leipper, Trustee - Randy Grossmann, and Trustee - Don Williams. In addition, Gene Baleme volunteered for the membership committee

November Luncheon

Saturday November 14, 2009 at the historic Gold Hill, Hotel, near Virginia City. The Gold Hill Hotel is on Hwy 342 In Gold Hill just South of Virginia City. The hotel was established in 1859 and is touted as the oldest hotel in Nevada. Plan on joining us. The lunch starts at 11:30 am and the cost is \$15 per person. RSVP to hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 5011.

A TrILERMAN'S Prayer by Wally Bynam

Provided by Dale (Pee Wee) Schwamborn. From Wally Bynam written on the 10th of November in Moyale in Ethiopia with the worst roads of the entire caravan just ahead of us.

O Lord, give us springs that won't break.
 Give us rocker arms that won't wear out the bearings,
 Give us shackles that won't elongate the holes
 Give us a water heater that we can light from the inside and not have to go out in the wind and the rain to try and light it with a blowtorch
 Give us water tanks that don't leak, either water or air
 Give us tubing that doesn't break at the flares
 Give us windows and wheel housings that don't leak dust
 Give us roof locker doors that will stay closed



And above all, O Lord, give us a stove that will stay together In one piece at least for a day or two of washboard roads and we thank those for finally giving us a refrigerator that will make ice under most any condition, the same as Swedish inventions

But we pray, O Lord for a door for the refrigerator more solidly built that will stay on under any road conditions

And if it is at all in reason, we would like rivets on the inside skin that would not come out, especially on the bows and around the door and we would like a door lock that wouldn't shake loose and a door handle that wouldn't break off on a place and a way to carry eggs outside of burying them in the bed clothes and some way of keeping the clothes hangers from jumping off the rods.

But with all the things we want, we thank Thee for the best beds on earth, a trailer that is remarkably cool, even in the desert heat, windows that open wide and give good ventilation, a tight roof that doesn't leak, even in the flash floods and the tropical rains of the Belgian Congo, refrigerators that make ice under any and all conditions. A bathtub and a shower that allows a human being to keep as clean as a human being should and a toilet that flushes and a septic tank that doesn't have too much odor on the inside and a trailer that is with all a haven of comfort on mountain grades, in rock waste lands and in monotonous deserts and it is always home wherever your wheels may stop.

Upcoming 2010 Events

Thurs. 11/19 – 11/22/09 Death Valley Mesquite Campground
 Saturday December 12, 2009 - Overland Hotel & Basque restaurant, Fallon
 Dec 30, 2009 to Jan 1, 2010 Pasadena, CA Region XII Special Event Rose Parade Rally
 Saturday January 23, 2010 luncheon at Cabela's, in Reno
 February 1-9 2010 Blythe, CA Region 12 Hobo Rally
 February 27, 2010 luncheon at El Charro, Carson City
 Thursday March 18 – Sun. March 21 Weed Heights RV Park
 Thursday April 22 – Sunday April 25 Pyramid Lake
 Thursday May 20 – Sunday May 23 Ft Sage
 Thursday June 24, – Sunday 27 Unionville
 June 27 - July 4th Gillette, WY WBCCI International Rally

Thursday July 22 – Sunday 25 Crocker/Beckworth
 Thursday August 26 – Sunday 29 Eagle Lake - Rocky Point
 Thursday September 23, – Sunday 26 Obsidian Dome Region 12 Rally Hemet, CA
 Thursday October 21 – Sunday 24 Lahonton
 Saturday November 20, 2010 Pioneer, Fernley
 Thursday November 18 – Sunday 21 Death Valley
 Saturday December 18, 2010 J.T.'s Gardnerville

For more information on upcoming 2010 rallies, [Click Here](#)

Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line! [Click Here](#)

Anita's Adventures

Notes from our SNU President Anita Leipper

We had a wonderful October rally at Mason Valley Wildlife Refuge. The views of the surrounding mountains were gorgeous, especially with the changing light patterns created from passing clouds. This was the perfect time to see the trees

around us changing to fall colors. Our rally weekend was the beginning of turkey hunting week. Unfortunately, we didn't see any turkeys.

The next SNU event will be near Virginia City at the Gold Hill restaurant for lunch on the 14th of November. The weekend after,

we will meet for a rally in Death Valley National Park. I usually drive north for the winter, so driving south will be a new experience for me. I hope to see SNU and other WBCCI unit members and guests for a good Airstream turnout.

Welcome and Thank You

The SNU extends a warm welcome to our newest full members Jim and Barbara Muff. Jim and Barbara live in Reno and own a 2010 Flying Cloud. We also welcome our new affiliate members Gordon and Susan Barber and Roy and Bonny Douglas. Gordon and Susan are from Michigan and own a 2008 Safari Special Edition. The Barber's have a daughter in Reno so they spend a lot of time in this area. This is their first trailer, their first Airstream, and the Mason Valley rally was their first rally. I think the SNU got them off to a great start on their Airstreaming adventures. Roy and Bonny were members of the SNU before moving to Missouri a few years ago. Roy is the one who defined the SNU parking style as "hap-hazard parallel parking". He also came up with "inspirational naps". After moving to Missouri they became active in the Greater Ozark Unit. Roy is the current Unit President. As he said, when you choose to participate in an organization you should be willing to take an active role in supporting it. We look forward to seeing the Muff's, the Barber's, and hopefully the Douglas's often at SNU gatherings.

In addition to the new members, the following have now renewed their SNU membership for 2010 – Orchard, Peak, Shields, & Wheeler. Thank you for supporting the SNU. We look forward to your continued involvement and participation in 2010.

**Still Time: If you haven't renewed your SNU dues for 2010, you still have time. Annual dues are \$65.
Send your dues to: SNU Treasurer 714 Terra Ct, Reno, NV 89506**

This and That

Unofficial Winter Rally

A few hardy (or foolhardy) SNU members are planning an unofficial rally the weekend of December 17 to 20, 2009 At Lahonton Beach 7. Things may change a little depending on the weather but we some of us will be at Lahonton sometime during that weekend. If you would like more information or have some ideas or suggestions you can email the SNU at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org.

Christmas Shopping

Don't forget the SNU store when it comes to Christmas presents. There are lots of great items to choose from, everything from T-Shirts, to caps, to 2010 calendars, to items for your kids and pets. What better way to spread the SNU spirit. [Click here to shop at Aluminumitus.](#)

Letter from Roy and Bonny

We recently received a letter from Roy Douglas, a former SNU member who now lives in Missouri. He and wife Bonny are still enjoying their 1972 Globetrotter. They have attended a Region Rally and last year's WBCCI International Rally. To read about their adventures - [click here.](#)

News from Belize

Kathy Norrell has been sending regular email newsletters from Belize. She and her husband Clint are there for a 20 month tour with the Peace Corps. They are really enjoying learning about the culture, meeting some great people, and exploring the country. To read all of Kathy's news - [click here.](#)

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Web Links

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including the October Rally at
Mason Valley, please [Click Here](#)

Interested in supporting the Sierra Nevada
Unit and at the same time getting some really
cool stuff. Head on over to [Aluminutis](#) for
some stuff you can't live without.

For more information on 2010 rallies check this website:
[Click Here](#)

Mason Valley Business Meeting - continued

After the rally the SNU submitted it's 2010 activities list and list of officers to WBCCI & Region 12. The SNU was one of the first 4 Units in Region 12 to submit those documents with all information complete. Way to go SNU!

Dale and Virginia Leipper Remembered – WBCCI #1183

Virginia Leipper passed away peacefully in her home October, 8 2009. Her husband of 62 years, Dale Leipper passed away in 2004. This is a tribute to the Airstreaming part of both of their lives. Dale and Virginia followed in the footsteps of Virginia's parents Jo and Bryan Harrison (WBCCI #772) who became Airstream owners in the early 1950's and who joined WBCCI in 1955, the year it was first Airstream in 1969. It was a 16ft they sought out and joined the Monterey years in that Bambi, often to rallies and on their own. They were very active in the including President and First Lady. They When Virginia's father could no longer tow ten took him to the rallies they attended. the SNU. Dale and Virginia were instru-again hold rallies. They hosted several of 1990's and early 2000's. When Dale and close, the family purchased a BVan. Son chased an Airstream from members of the could become the tow vehicle while at the maintain their WBCCI membership and four. This system worked really well. After SNU rallies until 2006. Dale and Virginia the MBCU and the SNU. They were re- the MBCU. One of which occurred on an MBCU Caravan to Mexico and another, when they put on a skit about how to take a shower in a Bambi with a gallon of water. Virginia, being an organized person and coming from a large Unit where organization was more important, couldn't quite get used to the SNU's hap-hazard parallel parking style. She commented on that several times. Dale and Virginia have passed on the Airstream legacy to their children, all of which own their own Airstreams and are members of WBCCI. They also passed on the key principles upon which WBCCI was founded – fun, fellowship, and adventure. Most important to get out in your Airstream and enjoy the company of other Airstreamers.



Dale and Virginia bought their Bambi. Soon after purchasing that Bambi, Bay CA Unit. They traveled the next 20 caravans with the MBCU as well as on MBCU and both served as elected officers, also hosted numerous MBCU rallies. his own Airstream, Dale and Virginia of- In 1995, after moving to Reno, they joined mental in encouraging the SNU to once the rallies as well as picnics in the late Virginia's towing days were coming to a Bryan and daughter Diane, had pur-MBCU in 1992. The idea was the BVan same time enabling Dale and Virginia to attend rallies with Bryan acting as chauff- Dale's death it enabled Virginia to attend made some really close friendships both in sponsible for some memorable events in