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Unionville Rally - 2009

It was a perfect September weekend for a rally in Unionville although the daytime temps were a little higher than average for this time of year. We had a great turnout but we were missing some spouses. Dyann came up with Bryan and Diane and made use of their BVan as Jerry had to work. Gary and Gene were also on their own. Both Anita and Carmen had work related commitments. Other SNU members attending the rally were Anita, Don and Gail, Wes and Roy Laine, and Brian, Jeni, and Nick. That made a total of eight rigs. It was great to see Brian, Jeni and son Nick as it has been quite a

while and we had a lot of catching up to do. After the rally Don and Gail will be heading to Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival. We hope to get a report for a future SNU newsletter. Activities at the

rally consisted of the usual, informal, do whatever suits you type stuff. We had fantastic shared meals on Friday and Saturday evenings and also morning coffee and goodies. Some of the more energetic participants – Gene, Don, Brian, Jeni, and Nick took a nice long hike up the canyon. Don got some great pictures. The Roots also brought some lighted bocce balls. The grassy park provided the perfect place for a nighttime game of bocce. Dyann filled us in on all the upgrades and remodeling she and Jerry

have done on their Classic Airstream Motorhome. Wes and Roy's frig quit working and after a little checking around, Don found a fried bug in the igniter. Once that was cleaned up, their frig was working just fine. Friday night we had a gas campfire thanks to Don and Gail. Saturday we had a wood campfire thanks to Gene. I think the SNU has sunk to a new low though, as we spent some time around the campfire checking our blood pressures. Don said it was because of our business meeting and the discussion of



the need for officers and rally hosts. Others wondered if it was because SNU rallies are so laid back we had to check and make sure everyone's heart was still beating. It gave us all a good laugh though. A more appropriate campfire entertainment was provided by Nick, who serenaded us with some really nice music on his guitar. Our planned special event didn't work out much to our disappointment but the SNU once again

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- ◆ [Mason Valley Wildlife Area Friday Oct. 22 - Sunday Oct. 25, 2009](#)
- ◆ [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 January 23, 2010 Cabala's, Reno](#)

Come out to our October Rally at Mason Valley.

The next SNU Rally will be Thursday Mason Valley Wildlife Area Thursday 22 to Sunday 25, 2009. This is the last rally for 2009. It is also the rally at which we will elect officers for 2010. The Wildlife area is right off of Miller Lane on the North side of Yerington on the Walker River. The rally site is about a half mile past the fish hatchery. The area is a great spot for birding as many species of birds live and migrate through the area. We also hope to include a tour of the fish hatchery during the rally. For more information on the rally check the link listed in this newsletter.



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

October Elections

The SNU will hold elections at the October Rally in Mason Valley, Nominees for office for 2010 are: President - Anita Leipper, Secretary - RoyLaine Warn, Treasurer -Bryan Leipper, Trustee - Randy Grossmann, and Trustee - Don Williams .

Strawberry Music Festival

From our Obsidian Dome Host - Rick LaBorde

If you think the SNU wrote the book on random camping then head out next year to the [Strawberry Music Festival](#). It is held twice each year on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Over 7000 folks camping in a primitive meadow and forest at Camp Mather near Hetch Hetchy Dam in California. We pack up the airstream each year in the fall and join in on the folk music and events. This year we were joined by two other families from Mono Lake. A great time for kids of all ages. Guy brought along a friend and the two of them road their bikes all over the place. Lots of wonderful folk music all weekend and people packed randomly into every open space. This year there were about 8 other airstreams at the event. Due to the fire in Yosemite N.P., I had to drive over via Sonora Pass to get to the event. It was the most wonderful pull I have ever done with the Airstream. I left late at night to avoid traffic and the full moon illuminated my travel over the pass, which brought back many memories of taking motorcycle rides over Sonora over 25 years ago. This pass is not to be taken lightly and I would not recommend hauling anything over 22 feet on this road. There are many hair pin steep turns that require taking up all of your lane and then some. I had the whole road to myself that night and appreciated the extra bit of road when I needed it. We were all very happy with the decision to upgrade our tow vehicle last fall as I don't think our Pathfinder would have liked this route much. Thanks to the efforts of many firefighters, Tioga Road opened on Monday and we were able to return home via Hwy. 120, which saved us many hours.

Maintenance Tips

Don't forget to do your winterizing, freezing weather is just around the corner and fixing broken water lines is much harder than preparing your rig for the winter. It also helps to crawl under the trailer and look for any new access points for mice that might have opened up in your travels this past summer. A little aluminum work can seal up almost any hole. Mice can be very destructive if they have their way all winter.

Anita's Adventures

Notes from our SNU President Anita Leipper

The SNU needs officers, and a few hours of volunteer time. The SNU will need some sign-ups for the 2011 year. That's correct, 2011. Now is the time I want to think about officers for 2011. I'm waiting for your call! We will need a president, treasurer, sec-

retary, and directors. SNU also would like rally hosts for 2010 and 2011, and some rally location ideas. We need rally ideas by June of the year before. So now is the time to submit your pictures of possible rally sites for 2011. Also, 2011 is the SNU 35th anniversary. Any ideas for a great celebration would be appreciated. Maybe we could celebrate in the winter and

summer. Which rally location would be a good one for a celebration? What restaurant would you like to have a celebration at? Another project that I would like help with is getting the Portola railroad museum's airstream ready for winter. Maybe covering the roof and windows. I hope to see you all at the Mason Valley rally in October.

Thank You

From the Treasurer

The following members have now renewed their SNU membership for 2010 – Baleme, Cassiday, Faker, Ganthner, Gower, Gallion, Grosch, Molde, Mulligan, LaBorde, Root, Schroeder, Seasholtz Strode, Thornburg, Warn. In addition, tenBerge and Wight have renewed as affiliates. Thank you for supporting the SNU. We look forward to your continued involvement and participation in 2010.

Important Reminder: For those of you who have not yet renewed, we need to receive your dues before October 24th so we can make sure you will be listed in the 2010 WBCCI directory.

Send your dues to: SNU Treasurer 714 Terra Ct Reno, NV 89506

Welcome to our Newest Members!

We are delighted to welcome our newest members, Frank and Carol Colligan and Ron and Linda Ott. Frank and Carol live in Penn Valley, CA and have a 2005 International CCD. Ron and Linda live in Gardnerville and have a 2007 25'FB International CCD. Both the Colligan's and the Ott's visited us at the Sweetwater rally in June. We look forward to seeing them often at future SNU rallies.

Upcoming Events

Saturday November 14, 2009 - Gold Hill, Hotel, Virginia City

Thursday November 19 – Sunday 22, 2009 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 Cabela's, Reno

Feb. 1-9 2010 Blythe, CA Region 12 Hobo Rally

February 27, 2010 El Charro, Carson City

Thursday March 18, 2010 – Sunday March 21 Weed Heights RV Park

Thursday April 22, 2010 – Sunday April 25 Pyramid Lake

Thursday May 20 – Sunday May 23 Ft Sage

Thursday June 24, – Sunday 27 Unionville

June 27 - July 4, 2010 Gillette, WY WBCCI International Rally WBCCI

Thursday July 22 – Sunday 25 Crocker/Beckworth

Thursday August 26, 2010 – Sunday 29 Eagle Lake - Rocky Point

Thursday September 23, – Sunday 26, 2010 - Obsidian Dome

Region 12 Rally Hemet, CA

Thursday October 21 – Sunday 24 Lahonton

Saturday November 20, 2010 Pioneer, Fernley

Thursday November 18 – Sun. 21 Death Valley

Saturday December 18, 2010 J.T.'s Gardnerville

For information on upcoming rallies [click here](#)

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including info the October Rally at the
Mason Valley Wildlife Refuge
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For more information on 2009 rallies check this website:
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/events/docs/09-rallyschedule.html>

Unionville Rally '09 continued

lived up to it's creed of flexibility. We may not have had a gourmet brunch but we did have margaritas made with home grown limes. We had Jeni's special home canned salsa to go with chips and the margaritas. We had salads with home grown carrots, grapes, and apples. A special treat was Dyann's first from scratch apple pie made of course, with home grown apples. We also had special "home grown" double yolk hard boiled eggs. In addition to all that, Gary cooked us a delicious pork roast in his Cobb cooker. There were other contributions to the menu as well so needless to say, we didn't go hungry. To add to the ambience, Jeni brought some really cute pink flamingo candles for the dinner table. A beautiful site, great weather, great food, great company, it doesn't get much better. On the way home Sunday, several of us stopped at the local truck stop for lunch before hitting the road. Another SNU rally has now been added to the collective Unit stories repertoire.



Unionville Business Meeting

Saturday evening, SNU President Anita held a short business meeting. Topics for discussion were the upcoming election of SNU officers for 2010, dues payments for 2010 and the 2010 SNU rally schedule. Anita also mentioned that it isn't too early to start thinking about officers and rallies for 2011. We spent some time discussing the upcoming SNU rally at Death Valley. The slate of officers for 2010 was presented and no changes or nominations from the floor were made. Official voting will take place at the October Rally. Don and Gail stopped by Walker Lake on their way to Unionville. Based on their assessment and further discussion, it was decided to change the October 2010 rally site from Walker to Lahonton. Twin Lakes was also discussed and it was decided that we will check out some RV parks at Twin Lakes to see if that would provide a better rally site than the Craggs group area. After a little more discussion, we adjourned to the campfire.