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## Lunch at the Cabela's - January 2010

We had a great turnout for our lunch at Cabela's on January 23rd. Participants included several guests. Tom & Karen Long and Howard & Kristin Depew. Diane noticed that Howard and Kristin were local when they registered on the WBCCI forum and invited them to the lunch. Karen's sister saw the announcement for our lunch in the Reno Gazette and passed the word along. Speaking of newspaper announcements. We received two other calls from people who had seen the announcement for the lunch at Cabela's. The SNU has been doing these announcements in local news media since 2000 and as this lunch and past responses to announcements prove, this is a great way to get the word out about the SNU. For the last several years Randy Grossman has been in charge of getting these announcements to the local media. So thanks Randy. Your time and efforts do pay off. In addition to our guests, SNU members attending the lunch included Gary & Anita, Mike & Cindy, Jerry & Dyann, Roger & Janet, Gene & Carmen, Mark, Madelyn, Dave,

Bryan, and Diane. This was a visiting lunch rather than a business lunch. Discussions included such things as winterizing Airstreams, water system maintenance and repair, recent travels, and upcoming SNU rallies. Madelyn told us about her recent 2 week trip with her Airstream and a friend. Her friend helped her become more familiar with the Airstreams various



systems and she gained a lot of experience driving, parking, and just enjoying her trailer. We hope that by March, Madelyn will have her Airstream up here and join us at the Weed Heights rally. After a very enjoyable lunch, most of us did a little shopping in Cabela's. Thanks Mark for setting this lunch up for us. We were delighted to meet Howard & Kristin and Tom & Karen and we hope that we will see them all again soon.

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### Rally and events schedule

Click on a rally  
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- ♦ Feb. 27th 2010  
El Charro Avita  
in Carson City
- ♦ March 18 - 21  
Weed Heights  
RV Park Rally
- ♦ April 22 - 25  
Pyramid Lake
- ♦ May 20 - 23  
Ft Sage - BLM
- ♦ June 24 - 27  
Unionville

## February Luncheon

Saturday February 27, 2010 the SNU will be having lunch at El Charro, Carson City. El Charro offers great Mexican food as well as hamburgers and other stuff. This will be our last luncheon before our March rally. Cindy will probably give us an overview of plans for this rally. So plan on joining us at El Charro. Your RSVP would be much appreciated. Email [hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org](mailto:hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org)



## SNU announcement list

If you haven't already subscribed to the SNU email announcement list, now is a great time to do that. Subscribing is simple, just check the link listed in this newsletter. Anyone, SNU member or not can subscribe. As a subscriber on the list you will receive announcements that the current SNU newsletter has been posted on the website. You will also get occasional notices regarding any changes in rally or lunch information and other items of importance to SNU members. The SNU uses a subscription system rather than just emailing everyone who has an email address out of respect for individual personal preferences and in recognition of current spam laws. By subscribing, the individual is telling the SNU, yes I want to receive notice about the newsletter. It isn't the SNU assuming this is so. This also means that if your email address changes, you need to re-subscribe and re-confirm your subscription with your new email address. This ensures the SNU that again, you do want to continue receiving announcements about the newsletter and other information. Even though you can go directly to the website to see the newsletters, it is important to subscribe to the announcement list, especially if you are an SNU member. Unless the SNU receives your subscription, we will continue to send you the newsletter via snail mail to ensure that, as a member, you will not miss out on current info about the SNU. So, make sure you stay informed, help the SNU keep costs to a minimum – subscribe to the SNU announcement list today!

For information discussed in this newsletter including the February lunch at El Charro, please [Click Here](#)

## This and That

### An Open Invitation

We have quite a few SNU members that haven't yet been to a rally. We also have several we haven't seen in a while. We sincerely hope that sometime during 2010 your schedule and the SNU schedule will align and you can come to a rally. We'd love to meet those of you who support the SNU through your continuing membership, which we so much appreciate and to get reacquainted with those we haven't seen lately. If you have any questions about the rallies or any suggestions or ideas that we all might enjoy and would encourage your participation, please let us know. As Anita, the SNU President said, be sure and get the rally schedule on your calendars. We'd love to hear from you and even better, we'd love to see you at a rally even if it's just to come visit for a few hours.

### Did you know??

There is a WBCCI caravan planned for September 2010 that will cover much of the SNU territory. It is called the **2010 Wilder West Caravan**. Among the planned activities are visits to Carson City, Lake Tahoe, Bridgeport, Lee Vining, and Tonopah. The SNU could probably have provided a lot of ideas and suggestions and maybe even coordinated with the caravan on a rally or some activities if we had been contacted during the planning. Maybe there is still some possibility, at least for SNU members to meet the caravaners somewhere on their tour. For more information on the Wilder West Caravan check the February Blue Beret.

## Upcoming 2010 Events

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

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 4 Gillette, WY WBCCI International Rally  
 Thursday July 22 – Sunday 25 Crocker/Beckworth Region 12 Rally Hemet, CA  
 Thursday October 21 – Sunday 24 Lahonton

Thursday August 26 – Sun. 29 Eagle Lake - Rocky Point  
 Thursday September 23, – Sunday 26 Obsidian Dome  
 Saturday November 20, 2010 Pioneer, Fernley  
 Thursday November 18 – Sunday 21 Death Valley  
 Saturday December 18, 2010 J.T.'s Gardnerville

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

## Anita's Adventures

*Notes from our SNU President Anita Leipper*

I hope everyone has stayed warm this winter, and kept their airstreams in good shape. Do you have the Sierra Nevada Unit's rallies on your calendar? Your SNU has two rallies where we will be celebrating a 5th year in a row at the site. These are Unionville, and Obsidian Dome. We will also visit a new rally site in the Northern Sierra Nevada, at a Forest Service camp north of Beckworth. There are some wonderful rally sites with great views, like Fort Sage and Unionville, and Death Valley. I hope to see you all at many of the rallies in 2010! If you have ideas for how best to celebrate our 5th year at Unionville and Obsidian, please let me know. Email [president@sierranevadaairstreams.org](mailto:president@sierranevadaairstreams.org)

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## Thank you

Anthony and Dawn Placencia have renewed for 2010. Anthony and Dawn have a 1955 Cruiser that has been undergoing some refurbishing. Their work has been put on the back burner lately though as they have a young daughter to raise. We hope they can at least get the Cruiser road worthy and come to a rally. I'm sure we can give them all sorts of ideas to assist them with their refurbishing job. Thank you for supporting the SNU for 2010.

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## WBCCI International Rally

The 53rd annual WBCCI International rally will be held June 27 - July 4, 2010 in Gillette WY. This rally is a special part of being a member of WBCCI. There is nothing more impressive than a field of hundreds Airstreams shining in the sun. It is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends all with a common interest in Airstreams. Highlights of the rallies are the opening ceremony, a variety of workshops, Unit newsletter and scrapbook contests, and lots of informal and impromptu gatherings. There are also a lot of family oriented activities and special events just for kids and teens. For more information and registration forms go to: [http://wbcci.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=International\\_Rally](http://wbcci.org/index.cfm?pageSRC=International_Rally). Also check the links listed in this newsletter for photo galleries and other information on past WBCCI rallies.

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## The Poll's "New" Airstream



Rightfully proud of their refurbished 1968 Ambassador International, Ed and Paula used this picture for their Holiday greeting card. Paula said the photo was taken at the Central Coast Californian Unit of the WBCCI rally at El Capitan State Beach.....if you look carefully you can see the ocean's reflection in the rear panel..... their recently acquired traveling companion, a boxer named Bandit enjoys outings in this beautiful Airstream as much as Ed and Paula. We hope to see Ed, Paula and Bandit at an SNU rally sometime in 2010 so we can see this work of art first hand.

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## SNU 2009 Highlights

The SNU continued to grow and enjoy new adventures in 2009. Among the highlights of 2009 are:

- ◆ The SNU participated in two community service events, One was a rally at the Silver Springs Air Show where we cooked pancake breakfasts and provided other volunteer services. The other was our rally at Sweetwater Summit where we participated in Amateur Radio Field Day activities.
- ◆ Average attendance at rallies was 7 Airstreams. Three members attended their first rally in 2009. Guests and visitors are always welcome at our rallies and meetings. In 2009 we had five guests at rallies, 2 at Sweetwater, 2 at Obsidian, and 1 at Mason Valley. We also had guests at our February lunch. Visitors included Presidents of two different Californian Units, relatives of SNU members and some Good Sam members who stopped by the Weed Heights rally to check it out before their rally the following weekend. Bill and Jan Heaton also stopped by the Weed Heights rally.
- ◆ Fun is a standard part of any SNU activity. To ensure we were properly attired, Melissa set up an SNU account on CafePress so we could order t-shirts and other SNU logo items. We got SNU aprons to wear while volunteering at the Airshow. We even got a special Red Neck President Apron, for Jerry. Other activities included a crockpot potluck at our Weed Heights rally, waffle breakfast at Petersen Ranch, popcorn cooked over the campfire at Obsidian, and a roast cooked over a spit on the campfire at Mason Valley. We added a few new pink flamingos to the flock including some neat pink flamingo candles that Jeni had been saving just for a rally. We admired Doris's special pink umbrella that goes along with the flamingos. Doris also treated us to a serenade with her guitar at Obsidian. Dyann, who prefers trees at the rally site, was given an inflatable palm tree along with a glittery hanging palm tree to provide her shade at rally sites with no trees. Wheels got some nice SNU stickers printed that we can put on our Airstreams. Bryan and Jerry don't let a little snow interrupt their morning coffee as demonstrated at Boca in April. Randy and Vicki updated and added to the SNU diorama which was on display at the Air Show
- ◆ SNU members also participated in rallies sponsored by other WBCCI Units and unofficial Airstream groups. These included rallies of the Four Corners Unit and the Region 12 rally. Several SNU members visited a Nor-Cal rally held near Verdi, NV.
- ◆ Public service announcements, the newsletter, and the website continue to be the primary communication tools of the SNU. In 2009 PSA's were responsible for at least three people contacting the SNU and attending Unit events. The newsletter continues to receive rave reviews for content as well as style. The website has been instrumental in providing information and encouraging participation in rallies and other SNU activities.



For the full list of highlights check the link listed in this newsletter. The Sierra Nevada Unit is a friendly, welcoming bunch of diverse people who love nothing more than getting out in their Airstreams and sharing those experiences with other Airstreamers. The SNU takes to heart the ideals Wally Byam laid out in his Creed and Four Freedoms. As our past president, Jerry Thornburg says "It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together". Plan on joining us and help make 2010 another memorable year.



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