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Unionville Rally #5

What a great turnout! What a great rally! We had eight rigs at the rally including Frank and Carol Colligan and Jim and Barbara Muff. This was the first Unionville rally for them. It was the first ever rally for Jim and Barbara. Frank and Carol were at our Sweetwater Summit rally last June. Then we got a wonderful surprise. Von Gallion and Yvonne DeRoule showed up. We thought they'd be in Gillette playing in the band. Other rally participants included Gene & Carmen & four grandkids, Jerry & Dyann, Wes & Roy, Roger & Janet, and Bryan & Diane. Weather wise, we had some cloudy windy weather with a few drops of rain and then it



turned sunny and hot - a little different from the snow last month. This was Amateur radio field day weekend and Frank came prepared. We weren't sure what the reception would be like in the canyon but skip conditions enabled Frank to end up with even more contacts than he got last year at Sweetwater. Bryan also made a few contacts. Roger discovered he had a water leak and it turned out to be a cracked water pump. That necessitated a trip into Winemucca for a new pump which he and

Jerry then installed. Saturday we had our shared dinner in the picnic area. Roger had cooked a roast in his Cobb cooker that was an great addition to the dinner. We cut the evening short though as the wind was a little too gusty and cool. Saturday we had planned to have a "formal" dinner to celebrate our 5th year at Unionville. Come to find out it was Roger's birthday so we had a double reason to celebrate. Jerry, with some assistance from Gene, cooked a roast over the campfire on his battery operated spit. As usual, it was excellent. We had a white table cloth with a candelabra and champagne glasses with sparkling cider. Janet brought a birthday cake. Then there was the usual excellent variety of contributions of salads and other items. All in all a dinner worthy of the celebration. We had a great campfire Saturday night. Gene and Carmen's grandkids had a good time with marshmallows.

The majority of the weekend was filled with the usual SNU activities - morning coffee and conversation sessions, Airstream discussions and tweaking and maintenance, reading, hiking, staying cool, walking dogs, ham radio sessions, eating, and recuperating from all the activity with inspirational naps. Frank and Carol have participated



in two WBCCI Caravans and are planning on a third this fall. We really enjoyed hearing about their experiences. Roger and Janet in particular, talked with them about caravans as they have been interested in possibly participating in one that piqued their curiosity. Jim and Barbara have done a lot of personal traveling in their Airstream and really enjoyed it. Now that he has a better picture of what we like, Jim has a few ideas for potential SNU rally sites that he plans on checking out. It was great catching up with Von and Yvonne.

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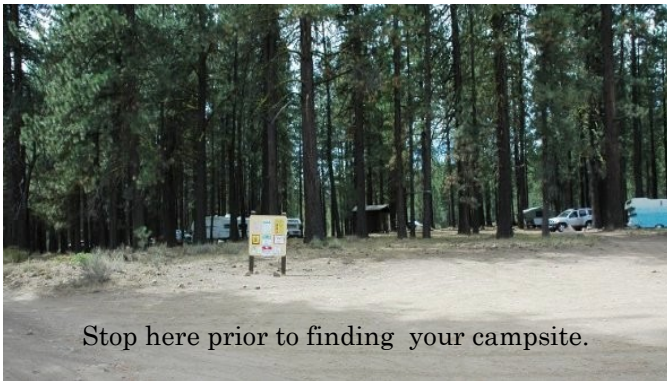
Rally and events schedule

Click on a rally below for details

- ◆ July 22 - 25
Crocker/ Beckworth
- ◆ August 26 - 29
Eagle Lake - Rocky Point
- ◆ Sept. 23 - 26
Obsidian Dome
- ◆ Region 12
Hemet Rally
- ◆ October 21 - 24
Lahonton

July Rally at Crocker

Thursday July 22 to Sunday 25 the SNU will be checking out a new rally site near Beckworth, CA. Crocker is an old forest service campground nestled in the pine trees overlooking a meadow. We recommend that when you get to the campground you stop right by the entrance sign so that you can figure out where you want to park before driving into the camping area. This is a no reservation, no facilities campground and campsites are rather hap-hazzard. Crocker is a great central location. It is close to Portola and the Railroad museum. Lake Davis is just 3 miles over the hill. The first half of the road to the campground is paved. You will drive right through a ranch headquarters. Watch for cows on the road. The second half is good gravel. The Road is wide with no steep grades. Check the link in this newsletter for the page with information about electronic mapping for more details on how to get to Crocker.



Upcoming 2010 Events

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

Thursday July 22 – Sunday 25 Crocker/Beckworth

Thursday October 21 – Sunday 24 Lahonton

Thursday August 26 – Sunday 29 Eagle Lake - Rocky Point

Saturday November 20, 2010 Pioneer, Fernley

Thursday September 23, – Sunday 26 Obsidian Dome

Thursday November 18 – Sunday 21 Death Valley

Region 12 Rally Hemet, CA

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

2011 Dues - First Call

July is the first month you can start renewing your membership for 2011. Dues are \$65 for WBCCI, an increase of \$10 and 10\$ for SNU for a total of \$75 annually. You can renew your membership online or send your dues to: SNU treasurer, 714 Terra CT, Reno, NV 89506.

What do you get for your dues? First and foremost you get membership in the SNU, one of the most unique Units in WBCCI. As a member of WBCCI you are part of the oldest single product RV association still in existence. You have the opportunity to participate not only in SNU rallies and activities but also the rallies of any other WBCCI Unit. In addition there are special event rallies like the Jazz Festival in Idaho, the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Alabama, and the Rose Parade Rally in California. Membership also gives you the opportunity to participate in caravans such as the one Wheels and Doris are participating in after the International Rally. Other Caravans for 2010 include a Civil War Caravan, a Louisiana Cajun Heritage Caravan, and an American Adventure Southwest Caravan. There are also International Caravans. Member benefits include the Blue Beret magazine, an annual directory of members and activities, courtesy parking provided by members nationwide, member intracclubs (share specialized interests, lifestyles and avocations) and RV insurance discounts. Your dues also help support a small but vital staff at WBCCI headquarters. It is the staff that provides continuity and coordinates all the various components that make up WBCCI. Best of all, you have an opportunity to meet some great people of all ages and backgrounds who all share a common interest in Airstreams and the Airstream lifestyle, People who enjoy being together at rallies, sharing experiences, building friendships and just plain having fun. So renew or join the SNU now! Send your \$75 dues payment to the SNU treasurer. We appreciate your past support and are looking forward to including you in all our activities for 2011.

Updates from Members and Friends

Tom and Donna Faker

A recent email from Donna said that they "recently sold our Airstream trailer. We decided that a class A motor home would better suit our needs for traveling and working with habitat for humanity. We enjoyed our time with the airstreamers and will always love Airstreams. If we ever change and get another one we'll contact you." We will miss them. They have been members since 2001.

Roman Kreminski and Melissa Wong

Melissa just can't seem to keep her hands off 1970's era Airstreams. She and Roman recently purchased a 1971 Overland. This one will act as Roman's "fishing cabin". It will be parked most of the time at one of Roman's favorite fishing RV parks on the Walker River.

Ed and Paula Poll

The Polls and their Airstream were featured in the June edition of the L.A. Times magazine. Paula said 4 of our 11 grandchildren were there and were in the picture. The Poll's were also in this month's Vintage Airstream Club's newsletter.

Stephen and Heather Hall

Stephen and Heather visited us at Pyramid Lake. They were considering purchasing an Airstream and came to check ours out. In May they found just what they wanted. They are now proud owners of a 1974 31ft Sovereign that they will be full-timing in with their two children. Stephen is a traveling nurse. So now instead of packing up and moving to a new apartment all the time, they will be hitching up and moving their home to a new location. Check the link in this newsletter to see pictures of their Airstream.



For web links discussed in this newsletter including info the July Rally at Crocker, please [Click Here](#)

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

Union Rally #5 continued

Von has had a lot of work done getting the 1987 Sovereign he bought fixed up after his previous Airstream bit the dust. The result is a nice comfortable Airstream with some updated features. He and Yvonne have been busy as usual including attending various rallies. They apparently enjoy sharing tales of their experiences with the SNU. In particular the story of our BBQ in a blizzard at Washoe Lake one year. The SNU must have an interesting reputation in Region 12. Von will be 90 this December and he and Yvonne both are an inspiration for us all. It is now time to start renewing membership for 2011. Everyone at the rally has renewed so the SNU is off to a good start. We thank you all. We also thank you for another great rally.

Airstream News

Check the link in this newsletter or the title for more information on these topics.

Sunset Magazine

The July Sunset Magazine has a great article on Airstream trailers. The writer of this article uses some very colorful phrases to describe their tow vehicle, the Airstream, and the trip itself. They are new to towing and camping with a trailer. The route they chose was from Los Angeles up Highway 1 to Monterey.

Region XII Special Election

Due to the recent elections at the WBCCI International Rally in Gillette, Region 12 will hold a special election for 2nd Vice President. An information sheet has been posted on the SNU website. A ballot will be sent to all Region 12 Units in the near future.

Region XII Rally in Hemet, CA

There is still time to register to attend the Region XII rally in Hemet in October 2010. This is a great way to meet members from WBCCI Units throughout California and Nevada. There are lots of exciting activities planned for the rally.

Recent Action taken by WBCCI

One of the items resolved at the WBCCI International Rally in Gillette was in regards to a recent grievance appeal. This grievance has been a catalyst for a lot of the dissension and misinformation that has been prevalent in WBCCI lately. The Region II President has posted information on this appeal on their website.

A find from the past

While going through some old newsletters and other documents from the Monterey Bay California Unit, I ran across a trip log for the 1971 European Caravan. The log was written by Lloyd and Ruth Brown, charter members of the MBCU and good friends of my parents Dale and Virginia Leipper. This is a fascinating bit of history. The Caravan started in March 1971 ended in October 1971 and covered 18 countries. Typical of the Brown's, this is a detailed and thorough description of the Caravan. It covers such things as caravan logistics, descriptions of countries, cultures, and customs, problems encountered and creative solutions, and personal impressions and memories.



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