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Lunch at the El Charro Avita

. Another great lunch with great service at El Charro Avita on Saturday February 27th. We were glad to be joined by Robert and Cecelia Stansbury. Due to hectic schedules we haven't seen them since the El Charro lunch last year. It seems that we were lucky to catch Robert and Cecelia as they are about to take to the road again and won't be back out west till October. We were also very glad to have Richard and Marian Rego as our guests. Anita had run into them at the Hobo Rally and discovered they lived near Carson City. Richard and Marian are active with the San Diego Unit. They are also on the committee for the 2011 Hobo Rally. In addition to our guests, other luncheon participants were Jerry and Dyann, Roger, Randy and Vickie, Anita, Bryan, and Diane. This was another social event rather than a business meeting. We did however, get a little update on

Region 12 business. Robert informed us that since the current Region 12 President is moving up to the National WBCCI level a year early, officers will be shuffled on the Region level. Robert is running for 1st Vice President. Judy Bechthold, the current 1st VP will take over as President. Cecelia also mentioned that she will also be assuming a role at the National level of WBCCI. It is great to have such active WBCCI members attend some of our events and keep us posted on what's happening in the Region and National levels. I think we are all looking forward to the SNU March rally. Again, we were delighted to have all our guests at this lunch and we hope that we will see Richard and Marian at a rally sometime soon. As for Robert and Cecelia, when you get home from your travels, we'll look forward to seeing you again and hearing about your adventures.

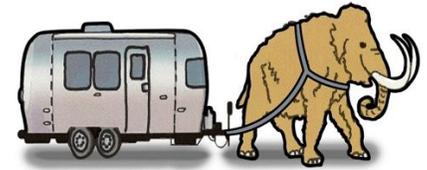


Region 12 Rallies

Region 12 of WBCCI includes all of the Units in California and Nevada. The region holds several rallies during the year that provide a great opportunity to meet members from all over the area as well as some who have come from other parts of the country. First up on the calendar is the Annual Region 12 Rally which will be held October 14



to October 18, 2010 in Hemet, CA. The rally will be at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort. The rally covers four nights with full hook ups. The fee for one Airstream, two adults is \$249. Activities include a visit to an archeology and paleontology museum, shuffleboard tournaments, seminars and swap and sell. The next scheduled rally is the annual Rose Parade Rally. Dates for this event are December 28, 2010 to January 1, 2011. The rally site is usually within walking distance of the Parade route. In February 2011 Region 12 will host the 51st Hobo Rally in Blythe, CA. Anita attended the event this year. Check the link listed in this newsletter for more pictures of this rally. This link will also lead you to the flyer for the October Region Rally in Hemet.



AIRSTREAM THRU TIME

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

Time to Rally

Thursday March 18 to Sunday March 21 at Weed Heights RV Park is the first SNU rally for 2010. This is a full service RV park with a really nice indoor meeting room. Our rally hosts, Mike and Cindy Gower have a special treat lined up for the rally. Saturday breakfast we will have omelets in a bag. Mike and Cindy will supply the eggs. You are requested to bring whatever you would like to add to your omelet. Mushrooms,



cheese, olives, ham, onions, are among the many options. In addition to our omelet breakfast, if all goes according to plan, Friday we will have Randy's special waffle breakfast. Saturday evening we will have our crock pot pot luck. Dig out your crock pot and your favorite recipe and bring them along. Weed Heights RV park is up the hill behind the Anaconda mine pit. It is located near open BLM land which is great for off road exploring. The RV Park fees are \$20 per night per rig with Good Sam or AAA membership. SNU Kitty Kall is \$5 per rig per night payable at the rally. Take advantage of having electricity, bring your patio lights and decorate your Airstream. This rally is a great opportunity to check all the systems in your rig and make sure you are ready for the rest of the 2010 rallies as well as other Airstream adventures. We hope to see you all at Weed Heights.

Upcoming 2010 Events

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

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

Thursday August 26 - 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 met a number of airstream owners on the road recently. Some I met indirectly, like at Death Valley where I met friends of Tom and Hedda Smithson, of the NorCal unit. Last month I met Bev Bolton, from Kansas, at the Hobo Rally. Bev retired in May last year, took off with her airstream. She attended her first rally at the International in Madison. From there, she has been to the Potlatch and Salmon rally in Lacey, WA, the Rose Parade rally, the Hobo rally, and a number of unit rallies. She is already signed on for the International in Gillette. At the Hobo rally, in Blythe, CA, Bev dressed as a hobo and participated in the Hobo parade. She also had her hobo stew can all ready for the hobo stew dinner, painted and with an artistic handle. She assisted in helping make the hobo stew. Bev and her dog were a participant in the pet show. An amazing air-streamer! Another memorable person I met was Denny Kuller, WBCCI # 1316. Jill Shuck, president of the Arizona unit, gave me some WBCCI member phone numbers, and was very helpful with information. I called Denny while I was in Arizona. Denny was a great person to meet. He helped me with local area information, and was a major resource in airstream knowledge. He treated me to the local Cowboy Cafe, which is just the type of restaurant I like.

Amateur Radio at Gillette



SNU member Vaughn Peak will be coordinating some of the amateur radio activities at the WBCCI International Rally in Gillette this summer. Richard Gorsuch who along with his wife Sylvia visited us at Obsidian last year is also planning on going to the rally. In a recent email, Richard wanted to know if anyone would like to join them on their trip to Gillette. He is also interested to know if anyone will be doing any ARRL field day activities at the international rally. Hopefully Vaughn and Richard can coordinate some plans. If you have an interest, some ideas, or would like to find out more email the SNU at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org and we'll pass the word along.

Mesquite Springs

The **March 2009 Sunset Magazine** lists Mesquite Springs campground in Death Valley as one of the top 50 campgrounds in the West. The SNU will be holding its third rally at Mesquite Springs in November 2010. Sunset says that Mesquite is a great base for exploring northern Death Valley. Nearby attractions are Scotties Castle, the Ubehebe Crater, and, with a high clearance vehicle you can take a day trip to visit Eureka Dunes, the tallest dunes in California. Be sure this rally is on your calendar.



Operational Notes

Although the SNU functions on the basis that less is more when it comes to rules and policies, having a common understanding can enhance the group experience for everyone. To this end, the SNU has developed Operational Notes which outline the functioning of the Unit. The purpose of the Notes is not to restrain or restrict the SNU, they are instead meant to enable future leaders of the SNU as well as the membership in general to understand the hows and why's of SNU operations. They provide the historical perspective on which to continue building a strong and viable WBCCI Unit. There are several topics covered by the SNU Op Notes. These include: welcome for those new to the SNU, rally site and restaurant selection, unit newsletter, internet and web based communications, media relations, notes on fiscal management, community involvement, commercial relationships, Airstream dealer relationship and being a good neighbor.

Here are some experts from the SNU Notes on Being a good neighbor

- ◆ Common courtesy - Having a great time with fellow Airstreamers is what rallies are all about. The best possible experience is enjoying a diverse group of people all with a common interest in Airstream adventures. Respecting your fellow campers enhances these experiences. It is up to each of us to behave responsibly and to respect the rights of others. To be tolerant of differences and to appreciate each individual for the unique contributions they bring to the group. It is also up to each of us to address any concerns or problems directly in a constructive and non confrontational manner and to understand the viewpoint of the other person and work together towards a satisfactory resolution.
- ◆ Pets - Pets are welcome at SNU rallies and other appropriate events as long as they have trained their people in regards to being at group functions. Being part of a group may require a few changes in your normal routine. When bringing your pet to rally remember you and your pets behavior not only reflects on you it reflects on the whole group.
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages - First and foremost, the SNU is a family organization. As members of the SNU and WBCCI we also need to be cognizant of the image we portray to the public. As with other WBCCI units, it is the position of the SNU that the consumption of alcoholic beverages be inconspicuous.



Bottom line, it is all about getting out and enjoying your Airstream and the camaraderie of fellow Airstreamers.



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