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## November Lunch Review



Baxter & Marlene



RoyLaine & Wes



Mike & Cindy



Anita & Gary



Jerry & Dyann



Roger & Janet

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Overland Res-  
taurant in Fallon
- ◆ January 28th  
Black Bear Diner  
in Fernly
- ◆ February 25th  
Overland Res-  
taurant in Carson  
City

The November lunch at B.J.'s BBQ gave us a chance to catch up on everyone's travels. Mike & Cindy recently returned from a trip to Italy. Baxter & Marlene toured the Southwest in their Airstream. Check the link in this newsletter for their excellent trip report. Roger returned home from spending time in Michigan with his daughter. Roger and Janet had a little excitement the day before our lunch. They live close to the area affected by the Caughlin fire and had to evacuate their home. They took the Airstream to a safer location in case they needed a place to sleep and Roger got his classic MG out of harms way. Although homes near them burned their house survived. Wes and Roy reported that Scout, the dog they so graciously took in, got a clean bill of health from the vet and is adapting well to his new home and family. The only problem with the lunch at B.J.'s was deciding which of the great menu items we wanted. Everyone got it figured out and we all enjoyed some delicious BBQ.



## December Lunch at the Overland in Fallon Nevada



Saturday December 17, 2011 The SNU will have lunch at the Overland Basque Restaurant in Fallon. Time, 11:30 am. Please RSVP to [hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org](mailto:hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org) or call 775 972 5011. We need to know how many people to reserve a table for. The Overland is located at 125 E. Center Street Fallon, NV Off Hwy 95 in downtown Fallon, NV

## Highlights of the Sierra Nevada Unit in 2011

The Sierra Nevada Unit looks to the founding principles of its parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International to provide the foundation of the Unit. These principles; The Wally Byam Creed, Wally Byam Code of Ethics, and Wally Byam's Four Freedoms, guide the SNU in its activities and its management. To see the complete list of highlights use the link listed in this newsletter.

- ◆ The SNU held a special rally at Campground by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe to commemorate its 35th Anniversary. Rally participants enjoyed a very informative tour of the Lake Tahoe Heritage museum as well as visiting other Lake Tahoe attractions on their own. The highlight was the 3 hour dinner cruise on the M.S. Dixie.
- ◆ We held rallies in three new locations - Hickison Petroglyphs near Austin, Campground by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe, and Scout Camp at Ft Churchill State Park
- ◆ Rally highlights included: March at Weed Heights – crock pot potluck, April at Boca – a visit from NorCal members Tom & Hedda Smithson, May at Ft Sage – dinner under the awning to protect us from rain and hail, June at Sweetwater – amateur radio field day and a visit from Bruce who flew his vintage Cessna to the rally, July at Hickison – Doris and her pink flamingo regalia, August at Obsidian – our first joint rally, September at South Lake – 35th Anniversary Celebration, October Scout Camp – talks with the rangers, saving a stray dog,
- ◆ The SNU strives to work with neighboring units to provide a broader and more enriching experience for Airstream RV owners. We enjoy visiting other unit rallies and events and always welcome visitors to SNU activities. In 2011 these efforts included: attending other unit rallies, region rallies and WBCCI rallies and caravans and welcoming guests at several SNU rallies

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For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the December Lunch at the Overland in Fallon, NV please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html) <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html>

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## Upcoming Events for 2011 and 2012

Saturday December 17, 2011 Overland Basque Restaurant , Fallon

Thursday July 19 to Sunday 23 Weed Heights RV Park

Saturday January 28, 2012 Black Bear Diner, Fernley

Thursday August 10 to Sunday 13 Obsidian Dome

Saturday February 25, 2012 Overland Basque Restaurant, Gardnerville

Thursday August 30 to Monday September 3 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival

Thursday March 22 – Sunday 25, 2012 Rally at Mason Valley Wildlife Area

Thursday October 25 to Sunday 38 Hickison Petroglyphs

Thursday April 26 to Sunday 29, 2012 Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point

Saturday November 17 Gold Hill Hotel

Thursday May 17 to Sunday 21 Eagle Lake, Rocky Point

Thursday November 30to– Sunday December 2 Death Valley Mesquite campground

Thursday June 21to Sunday 24 Crocker Campground

Saturday December 15 Louis Basque Corner, Reno

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

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## Notes from the SNU Prez

Dyann Thornburg

What a great lunch we had at B.J.'s BBQ in Spark on November 19th. There was a total of 14 SNU members attend and the food was sensational. The only business that was discussed was the upcoming trip on the following weekend to Scout Camp to celebrate Thanksgiving and the luncheon on December 17th in Fallon at the Overland Hotel at which time the decision will be made for the SNU to assist or not in the 2015 Region XII Rally. Bob Stansbury will be attending the December luncheon to talk to us in regards to doing the Regional Rally so I strongly suggest you attend to find out more and have input in the decisions.



Thanksgiving was fantastic. The weather was perfect, very little wind, temperatures were in the 50's during the day and the 20's at night which is a little cold but great for sleeping. Jerry Thornburg deep fried a turkey that turned out delicious and everyone brought their favorite Thanksgiving dishes to share. Roylaine Warn's sweet potatoes were excellent and Doris Wheeler's pies were spectacular, as were Diane Liepper's salads and cranberry sauce. We were able to have a fire going all most the entire time with the wood that was brought and the trees branches gathered by Diane, Wheels and Jerry. Needless to say Jerry's chain saw came in very handy again this time. It also looks like Scout (the abandoned dog Roy found at the October Rally and took home) has fit right in. Considering what a big boy he is Roy is doing a great job in handling him.

I sincerely hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing all of you on the 17th at the luncheon.

## Highlights of the Sierra Nevada Unit in 2011 - continued

- ◆ Three SNU members attended the Region 12 Rally in Jackson, CA The theme was Flamingos in the Foot-hills so we all took our pink flamingos to decorate our Airstreams. SNU President, Dyann Thornburg represented us at the Region 12 business meeting. We took the SNU diorama and it was prominently on display throughout the rally.

## Fun Fellowship & Adventure

A comment overheard recently at a rally got me thinking about the SNU and WBCCI and membership issues. The comment, "it's not that kind of rally" was made during a conversation about why nobody stopped by to find out why someone's Airstream was jacked up with a wheel off and why nobody offered assistance. In a related incident, a rally participant was having trouble with his awning. An SNU member noticed and went to help. This person had been a member of another Unit for 2 years and never had his awning out. Yet another incident, a participant noticed fluid under his tow vehicle and it was an SNU member that offered ideas on the potential source of the leak and what needed to be done. I wonder, since when has helping your fellow Airstreamer required attendance a rally specifically geared towards repair and maintenance? I also wonder why there seems to be an emphasis on welcoming and assisting first timers. It seems to me that everyone should be greeted enthusiastically and provided with any assistance needed each and every time they participate in any event. As you can see from the excerpts below, fun, fellowship and adventure are an integral part of our organization. They should be an integral part of every rally and gathering of club members. That includes helping each other and working together to ensure everyone gets the most out of their Airstream adventures.

- ◆ Code of Ethics - "To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to the effect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding."
- ◆ Wally Byam Creed - "To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun, and personal expression."
- ◆ Wally Byam Four Freedom's - "Freedom from the problems of age - trailer travel provides an antidote to boredom, an economical way to make new friends, visit new places, and share new adventures. Trailer travel makes it easier to take care of and amuse children. "

The SNU, in part because of it's history, in part because of the experiences of some members, and in part because of the natural tendency of our members, has taken Wally's ideas about friendship to heart. We want everyone to feel welcome, whether it's their first experience with the Unit or whether they are a regular participant. We are always there to help and assist, in particular with anything Airstream related. Examples include members attending their first rally in a vintage Airstream and not being sure about various systems. They had barely parked before SNU members were under the trailer and in it checking things out making sure the owners knew how things worked. At a recent rally when battery troubles cropped up, SNU members were there to get things figured out and working. Jerry's statement, "It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together" perfectly sums up how the SNU feels about friendships. It's the people working together, sharing new adventures, assisting each other, and having fun every time we get together. It's our efforts to make everyone feel welcome and included. And it's our enthusiasm and sincere desire to share the Airstream experience with others that makes the SNU feel like "family" to it's members, potential members and friends. It's the friendships, the feeling of belonging, and the feeling of family that should cement the members of all WBCCI entities in bonds of good fellowship that strengthen the organization, enhance participation, and encourage support through long-term membership. A New Year is just around the corner and I know the SNU family is looking forward to new adventures, lots of fun, and most of all the fellowship of just being together and enjoying outings with our Airstreams.

For information on 2011 rallies check this [website:](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/events/doc/11-rallyschedule.html)  
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For information on 2012 rallies check this [website:](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-events/docs/12-rallyschedule.html)  
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