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January Luncheon

The January lunch at Bavarian World reminded us all of why it is one of our favorite restaurants. Great food, great service and easy access. Top it off with a visit to the bakery after lunch and it doesn't get much better. We had a great turnout for the lunch including Robert and Cecilia Stansbury and Richard and Marian Rego whom we haven't seen in about a year. In fact, the Rego's have now become affiliate members of the SNU. We are glad to have them aboard. Others attending the lunch included Jerry & Dyann, Gary & Anita, Wes & Roy, Mike & Cindy, Roger & Janet, Jim & Barbara, Dave, Diane, & Bryan. Listening to all the conversations it sounds like there are a lot of travel plans in the works for various SNU members in 2011. These plans include Robert & Cecilia attending the Mardi Gras Rally and then going on their first WBCCI Caravan. Roger and Janet are on the reserve list for their first caravan of the Northeastern U.S. Jim and Barbara have plans for a trip to Mexico with Rotary International. Rich and Marian will be heading for the Hobo Rally along with Robert & Cecilia. Vaughn Peak will also be at the Hobo rally. There seem to be various other plans in the works as well. Rumor has it that one of our roving correspondents, Frank Colligan will soon be sending us an article about the Rose Parade Rally that he and Carol attended. We hope to hear from everyone about their travels. Their stories will certainly make for a lot of interesting SNU newsletters. There was also conversations about the special rallies the SNU has planned for 2011. It looks like everyone is looking forward to the joint rally with the



San Fernando Valley Unit in August at Obsidian Dome and the SNU Anniversary rally at Zephyr Cove in September. All in all, 2011 seems to be shaping up for a very special year. After a delicious meal and a lot of visiting, we all adjourned to the bakery where everyone picked up a few treats to take home.



February Lunch

Continuing with our international theme, the SNU February lunch will be at El Charro Avita in Carson City on Saturday February 26, 2011. Lunch starts at 11:30 am. The menu includes hamburgers and other things in addition to great Mexican food. El Charro is located right on US 395 (South Carson Street) south of downtown Carson City. RSVP to hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org.

For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the February Lunch at El Charro Avita, please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html)

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Notes from the Prez

Dyann Thornburg

We had a great turnout for the SNU's January luncheon at Bavarian World. Fantastic food and wonderful people, couldn't have asked for more. It was great to see the Stansburys and the Regos again also. I would like to welcome the Regos as associate members of the SNU. In talking to Rich he has indicated they plan on attending some of our rallies this year and we look forward to seeing them there. Speaking of that, this year's schedule for our 35th anniversary is going to make this a great year for you all to come to the rallies. We have some exciting events planned and would love to see everyone attend. It has been awhile since we have seen some of you and would love to know how you are doing and what you have been up to in the way of your travels with your Airstream. So please plan on attending some of this year's rallies. If not to stay then just come out and visit with us. It looks like the Region 12 rally for 2011 is going to be held almost in our backyard. This would also be a great time to attend a Regional rally if you have never gone to one before. It is being held in Jackson, CA which is close to Stockton, CA. It isn't very often they do a Regional rally so close to us so for one I am planning on attending. I think it would be great for the SNU to have a large group of it's members show up to this one. The February SNU luncheon is being held at El Charro Avita's in Carson City. If you haven't been to one of our luncheons there you are missing out on some really great Mexican food so we hope to see you there. Well, looks like that is all I have to talk about for this month. Hope to see all of you soon. Dyann

Upcoming 2011 Events

Saturday February 26, 2011 El Charro Avita in Carson City	DuQuoin Illinois
Thursday March 24 – Sunday March 27, 2011 Weed Heights RV Park	Thursday September 22 – Sunday September 25, 2011 Zephyr Cove Campground & dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe
Thursday April 28 – Sunday May1, 2011 Boca Rest	October 13 - 17, 2011 - Region 12 rally Jackson, CA.
Thursday May 19 – Sunday May 22, 2011 Ft Sage	Thursday October 20 – Sunday October 23, 2011 Ft Churchill Scout Camp
Thursday June 23 – Sunday June 26, 2011 Sweetwater Summit	Saturday November 19, 2011 B.J.'s BBQ in Sparks
Thursday July 21 – Sunday July 24, 2011 Hickison Petroglyph Site	Thursday November 17 – Sunday November 20, 2011 Death Valley Mesquite Campground
Thursday August 25 – Wednesday August 31 Obsidian Dome & Mammoth Lakes	Saturday December 17, 2011 Overland Basque Restaurant , Fallon
June 28 - July 4, 2011 WBCCI International Rally,	

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

Region 12 Rallies

The Region 12 rally for 2011 will be in Jackson, CA Oct 13 - 17, 2011. The rally will be held at the Jackson Rancheria RV Resort. It is close to SNU territory which makes attendance a little easier. A Region rally is a great way to meet members of other Region 12 Units. It is also when the Region holds its annual business meeting. SNU Affiliate member, Robert Stansbury is the chair of the 2011 Region 12 Rally so that's another good reason to plan to attend. After listening to Robert talk about the rally at the SNU lunch at Bavarian World, it looks like several SNU members are already planning to attend. The RV park has 100 sites and Robert is hoping that Airstreamers can fill them all. It would really be neat if the SNU could take up several of those sites. Pre-registration will be critical because the RV resort is very popular and fills up fast.

It looks like the dates for the 2012 Region rally have been set as well. It will be in Bakersfield at the Bakersfield RV Resort starting Wednesday, October 17, 2012 for arrival and Monday, October 22, 2012 for departure. The leaders of this rally are Ross and Linda Bauer of San Joaquin Unit.

Cleaning Up

As an attempt at a New Year's resolution, I have been cleaning up photo files. During the process I have run across some that needed to be added to the website. One of these is video taken by Don Williams in August 2008 at Obsidian that provide a great example of backing up a trailer SNU style. Another addition is a Wheeler travelogue that includes photos of the 2009 Region 12 Rally, a visit to WBCCI Headquarters and the Airstream plant at Jackson Center and a visit to Penn Woods Airstream RV Park. I have also done work on some other parts of the website. Go to Destinations for new pages on Nevada Hot Springs, Nevada Ghost Towns, and Nevada State Parks. Check the link listed in this newsletter.

S.N.U. Business Meeting

SNU President, Dyann held a short business meeting at the lunch at Bavarian World. She presented the list of nominees for Region 12 officers. These include: Judy Bechtold for President, Joe ten Berge for First Vice President, and Robert Stansbury for Second Vice President. Dyann also talked about the motions being presented at the Mid-winter IBT meeting. She had copies of the materials available for everyone to review. SNU members attending the lunch approved the motions as written and Dyann informed Cecilia, who will be attending the IBT meeting of the SNU's decision. Dyann also introduced Robert Stansbury who is chairman for the 2011 Region 12 Rally to be held in Jackson CA. Robert said they are trying to incorporate some new ideas and activities into this rally. He handed out flyers and encouraged us all to attend.

History in Baker

Baker City Oregon is the birthplace of Wally Byam and this summer the Baker County Tourism Department will host a summer long Wally Byam Celebration in partnership with the Baker Heritage Museum. The exhibit will tell the stories of Wally Byam, born in Baker City in 1896, who invented the Airstream Trailer, This Memorabilia will shed light on Wally's early life in Baker County through his caravan adventures around the world, The exhibit will also highlight other Baker natives, the Cavin sisters, Mamie and Beth Cavin Warfel, world renowned rock collectors. The exhibit will bring the Cavin sisters' shell collection back from decades of storage to join their magnificent rock collection. The exhibit's goal is, using Wally Byam's words, "to strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end...and thus make your travel dreams come true." This venturesome spirit is the common theme of these two unique tales, the similar spirit that drove the early settlers and this community they founded. Airstream caravan events are planned for the summer, with a July 4th weekend Wally Byam birthday celebration event as a highlight. The Oregon Unit is planning a special rally in Baker as part of this celebration. Dale Schwamborn may also be there. When more details become available, we'll let you know.

Wheel Bearings

A messy job but a necessary one. The standard recommendation is that you re-pack your trailer wheel bearings once a year. This is because trailers tend to sit a lot and that can contribute to condensation inside the wheel and that can lead to rust which, in turn, leads to particles which can score surfaces and cause friction and bearing failure. Re-packing the bearings also makes it easy to inspect your brakes and running gear in order to detect and fix potential problems before they become a hazard.

Doin' the wheel bearing 'thang' is not that complicated or sophisticated a task and can easily be done by amateurs willing to wrestle with awkward and heavy tires and hubs. Plan on an hour or two for each wheel (under half hour if you are serious and have everything figured out).

Be sure to take appropriate safety measures. Set up a spot with plenty of working room that is well lit and free of dust and grit. Keep wheels chocked to limit any trailer motion. If using jacks to lift the trailer be sure to use jack stands as a backup. Eye protection will be needed. Plan ahead and plan for safety.

For more on wheel bearings, including a step by step photo gallery, background, tools, supplies, parts, set-up, caveats and cautions check the link listed in this newsletter.



TV Signals in the "Outback"



Ken and Jeanette Sellers spend several months of the year in the Outback of Australia and in the Northern territory. Keeping up with the rest of the world requires some interesting adaptations. This is how Ken solved the TV reception problem.

This is our portable TV equipment, which we have had for over 10 years, although the two extra LNBS to enable getting signal from three satellites without having to reposition the dish is strictly a "Ken" innovation. The whole thing folds up like a suitcase and fits under the bed. However it is quick enough to use that we set it up even when doing "overnighters on the track".



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