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## SNU Anniversary Rally

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### Rally and events schedule

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- ◆ Oct. 13-17  
Region 12 Rally  
in Jackson CA.
- ◆ Oct. 20 Ft.  
Churchill Scout  
Camp
- ◆ Nov. 19th - BJ's  
BBQ in Sparks
- ◆ November 24 - 27  
Death Valley  
Furnace Creek

Nothing like the sound of road construction and traffic with a heavy dose of motorcycles and the smell of hot asphalt to let you know you are NOT at a typical SNU rally. Despite the road construction during the day, what a fantastic weekend we had at Campground by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe. Even the weather cooperated. The campground is located right across the highway from Lake Tahoe in a pine forest. The pine trees provided some interesting challenges for maneuvering a trailer. We all met the challenge with no scratches or dents on the Airstreams and no nicks in the trees. Friday we had happy hour about 4:30 then dinner. As usual, the SNU cooks outdid themselves. After dinner we sat around the campfire and just enjoyed a quiet evening. Saturday, after morning coffee we all headed off to the Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum. A very unusual sight seeing the whole group hiking together through the woods. That museum is really worth a visit. It is small but full of wonderful exhibits that give you a great overview of the history of the Lake Tahoe area. Lynn was our tour guide and she was just chock full of interesting information. Then it was back to camp to rest up for the evening. About 3pm we were surprised and delighted to see the Gorsuch's pull into the campground. We had been expecting them Thursday and were wondering what happened. A ball joint in their motorhome broke. Thank goodness they were at a dump station just leaving an RV park when the MoHo just dropped down. With a little effort and luck they were able to get the joint replaced and made it to the rally in time to join us for dinner on the Dixie. At 4pm we gathered for a short walk across the street to catch the shuttle to the M.S. Dixie. The second group walk in one day! A record for the SNU. What a great time that was. The dinner was excellent. Watching the sun set on Lake Tahoe was beautiful. Seeing the lights along the shore and all the stars in the sky made the return trip something special. Listening to the live band, even doing a little dancing and watching the other cruise participants also provided some entertainment. Sunday while enjoy-



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ing a leisurely coffee and goodies gathering. Vicki provided a little morning entertainment by her dance rendition of some of the more interesting cruise participants. Unlike our cruise buddies, Vicki was a little overdressed but she certainly had us all laughing. After that, everyone finished packing up and the Airstreams started to depart the campground. We had 12 rigs at this rally.

## Notes from the Prez

Dyann Thornburg

September's Anniversary Rally was a huge success! We had 12 rigs at the campground and a total of 29 people attend the MS Dixie Dinner Cruise. I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Randy Grossmann for the excellent job he did in putting this rally together. Not only did he put it together but he also stayed on top of everything to make sure it went as planned. THANK YOU RANDY, GREAT JOB! Now we are on to October's activities which include dinner on October 8th at JT's Basque Restaurant in Gardnerville. This is a special event because we will be joining the NorCal Unit there. Dinner will be at 4:30pm and if you would like to attend you need to let Diane Liepper know so you can be added to our reservation. Then on October 13th - 17th is the Region 12 Rally in Jackson, CA. I am looking forward to attending a Regional Rally for the first time and experiencing how it is run. Bob Stansbury has indicated he would like to hold the Region 12 Rally in October 2015 here in Northern Nevada. This is an exciting idea and something I think all of us would thoroughly enjoy participating in. Anyway it is something for us to work on and explore the options available. An area large enough for around 80 to 90 rigs and the ability to have electricity and water hook-ups, as well as meeting rooms are a requirement. So if anyone has suggestions on a location it would be appreciated. The SNU Board members will be meeting with Bob before the December luncheon in Fallon to get some more information and details. Well that's about all I have to say for this month. Everyone take care and I hope to see you at Ft. Churchill Scout Camp October 20th - 23rd.

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For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the October Rally at Scout Camp please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html) <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html>

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## October Rally

The SNU October rally will be at Scout Camp on the Carson river. The dates are Thursday October 20 – Sunday October 23, 2011. Scout Camp is part of Ft Churchill. It is located just off Alt 95 just over the bridge from Buckland Station. It is right on the Carson River. Since it is now the time of year to think about winterizing your rig, bring any questions or concerns and experiences you might have to share with others at the rally. The rally is a great way to get tips and advise from those of us who have “been there, done that”. The idea for an informal information/education focus for SNU rallies came from Roger who mentioned that was one of the things he has benefited from at previous SNU rallies. Be sure and bring firewood for campfires.

## Upcoming Events for 2011 and 2012

October 13-17, 2011 - Region 12 rally Jackson, CA.	Thursday March 22 – Sunday 25, 2012 Rally at Mason Valley Wildlife Area
Thursday October 20 – Sunday October 23, 2011 Ft Churchill Scout Camp	Thursday April 26 to Sunday 29, 2012 Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point
Saturday November 19, 2011 B.J.'s BBQ in Sparks	Thursday May 17 to Sunday 21 Eagle Lake, Rocky Point
Thursday November 24 to Sunday November 27, 2011 Death Valley Furnace Creek Campground	Thursday June 21 to Sunday 24 Crocker Campground
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	

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

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## Best Classic Aircraft

Kathy and I brought the "Best Classic Aircraft" Award home to Susanville from the Rolls-Royce National Aviation Heritage Invitational, held at the Reno Air Races this Sept. 14th-16th. There were about 39 beautifully-restored airplanes and a couple of helicopters in the Heritage Invitational display area. Morning coffee and snacks, cold drinks, hot lunch and VIP digs were provided by the Heritage Trophy organizers and volunteers, as well as a beautiful descriptive placard to display with the plane. We had front row seats to the Races, which provided a view of the awful crash we'd rather have missed. The event came to an abrupt end at that point, but the Heritage Trophy folks completed their judging and held an abbreviated awards ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 18th. Dick Rutan and Bud Anderson were there to present the trophies to the five winners, and the judges from the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum said nice things about our airplanes. Wow. Six Five Charlie has won six trophies in two and a half years, including at Oshkosh. We do fly her frequently as well, logging over 250 hours in the past 20 months. We feel fortunate to be the current caretakers of such a beautiful plane, and I suppose we'll just have to keep on flying... and polishing!



N2865C, 1954 Cessna 170B



Bruce and Kathy Rhymes Susanville, CA

## October Elections

Elections for 2012 officers will be held at the SNU October 2011 rally. Nominations for the slate of officers include the following:

President - Dyann McDonald Thornburg

Secretary - Roy Laine Warn

Treasurer/Membership - Bryan Leipper

Trustee - Randy Grossmann

Trustee - Don Williams

## Many Thanks to the Grossmann's

Randy and Vicki Grossmann deserve a great big Thank You from the SNU. Randy and Vicki have taken the lead on the planning for both the SNU 30th Anniversary and 35th Anniversary celebrations. Thanks to their efforts both events were a big success. For the 30th in 2006 they got a little carried away with cake decorating and as a result created a very special diorama of an SNU rally. The 35th Anniversary celebration included a rally at Campground by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe and a dinner cruise on the M.S. Dixie. That was definitely an event to remember. Randy has even volunteered to work on the SNU's 40th Anniversary celebration! In addition to working on the SNU Anniversary celebrations, Randy has written and submitted public service announcements in local newspapers for several years. These PSA's have led to increased awareness of SNU activities and several new members. Randy and Vicki have also taken on the arduous task of checking out local restaurants as possible luncheon sites for the SNU. The Gold Hill Hotel, El Charro Avita in Carson City, and the Gold Canyon Steak House in Dayton are among those places. The SNU depends on the involvement and participation of its members. Randy and Vicki's contributions have definitely helped make the SNU the great unit it is today. We want them to know that those contributions are very much appreciated. So again, THANK YOU, Randy and Vicki.



## SNU Anniversary Rally - continued



Walking to the Tahoe Historical Society Museum

Participants included Randy & Vicki Grossmann & Vicki's sister, Ann, Wes & RoyLaine Warn, Don & Gail Williams, Jerry & Dyann Thornburg, Gary & Anita Haskett, Bryan and Diane Leipper, Jim & Barbara Muff, Wheels & Doris Wheeler, Rich & Barbara Osborn, Richard and Sylvia Gorsuch, Bob & Cecilia Stansbury, and Ken & Judy Bechthold. Saturday two of the Muff's grandchildren and new SNU members. Baxter & Marlene Swaffer joined us for the dinner cruise on the M.S. Dixie. Judy Bechthold is current President of Re-

gion 12. Bob Stansbury is the 2nd VP of Region 12 and the chair of the 2011 Region 12 Rally. Cecilia Stansbury is the Region 12 Recording Secretary. With the Region 12 rally and business meeting coming up on October 13th, it was great that they all could take the time to join us for the SNU Anniversary Rally. Randy did an outstanding job of putting this rally all together. His contact



Taking a short cut to the shuttle for the M.S. Dixie



Lynn talks about some of the exhibits in the museum

for the M.S. Dixie and the campground staff were great to work with. That made Randy's job easier and helped ensure that everything went smoothly. The SNU wanted to do something special for its 35th Anniversary and this rally more than met expectations.



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