



Sierra Nevada Unit

Wally Byam Caravan Club International

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Future SNU Rallies

- **December 17, 2016** Saturday 11:30 am luncheon - Brian & Jeni Root's House, Reno
- **January 28, 2017** Saturday 11:30 am luncheon - Carolina Kitchen, Sparks
- **February 25, 2017** Saturday 11:30 am luncheon - El Aguila Real, Gardnerville
- **March - Thursday March 23** - Sunday March 26, 2017 - Lahontan beach 7
- **April - Thursday April 21** - Sunday April 23, 2017 - Ft Sage near Doyle
- **May - Thursday May 18** - Sunday May 21, 2017 Sweetwater Summit
- **June - Thursday June 22** - Sunday June 25, 2017 - Crocker Campground near Beckworth, CA
- **July - Thursday July 20** - Sunday July 23, 2017 Weed Heights RV Park
- **August - Thursday August 24** - Sunday August 27, 2017 Green Creek near Bridgeport
- **September - Thur. September 22** - Sunday September 24, 2017 Lassen RV Resort, McArthur, CA
- **October - Thursday October 20** - Sunday October 23, 2017 Boca Rest/Hope Valley/Lahontan (depending on weather)
- **November 18, 2017**, Black Bear Fernley
- November, Death Valley Mesquite Campground
- **December 16, 2017**, J.T.'s Basque Restaurant, Gardnerville

Plaza Luncheon Review

We had a great turnout for our November lunch at the Plaza. Once again, Randy & Vicki did an outstanding job of hosting this event. They had a beautiful display table set up which included the latest additions to their SNU decorations. Randy & Vicki found some beautiful silver



Randy & Vicki. We also had some guests. Allison and Spencer are looking for an older Airstream to renovate. They got some good ideas and information at the lunch and maybe one of these days, we will welcome them to a lunch or rally as new Airstream owners. One little item of business discussed at this lunch was whether we should be in the front or the back of Lassen RV Park, for our 2017 rally. We decided on the back. Other than that, we just enjoyed visiting, sharing ideas and eating a delicious lunch. The Plaza makes a great venue for SNU lunches. I'm sure it will be a frequent location for future lunches.



December Holiday Luncheon

The SNU special holiday luncheon will be Saturday December 17, 2016. The luncheon starts at 11:30 am. Brian & Jeni Root will be hosting this luncheon at their home in Reno. Jeni says the menu will include chicken sausage lasagna, salad, dessert, and beverages. Jeni also has some door prizes which she says are "SNU approved". A special treat, weather permitting will be the opportunity to tour their **1954 Airstream Cruiser**. Brian and Jeni had major restoration work done on it about a year ago. They kept as much of the original interior as possible focusing most of the work on things like plumbing and electrical upgrades. It is really beautiful. This luncheon will be a great way to culminate the celebration of the SNU's 40th Anniversary year and get into the holiday spirit so mark your calendars and plan to attend. For directions and other information and to RSVP Contact the SNU via phone: 775-972-9392 or Email: hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org.

Promoting the Sierra Nevada Unit

Several SNU members have made recent contributions to promoting the SNU. Once again Don Williams has ensured that the SNU is one of the first Units to have their 2017 Activities posted in the Region 12 Calendar on the WBCCI website. <http://region12.wbcc.net/region-12-calendar/>. Diane recently noticed the SNU Facebook link wasn't on the social media page on the WBCCI website. She contacted the ECC and they have now added the link to the SNU to their list. Randy continues to submit monthly PSA to local newspapers. The Carson Appeal has been especially good at publishing the SNU notices. This has led to at least two people contacting the SNU this year. Thanks to everyone, including those SNU members who spread the word with fellow Airstreamers they meet here, there, and everywhere.

40th Anniversary Year

40 Years of SNU !



Holiday Decorations - There is a wide variety of Airstream themed holiday decorations. Everything from lights, to tree ornaments to cards to all sorts of Airstream inspired gift items. A little searching on the internet will come up with all sorts of ideas and items. There is a pretty good **collection of Airstream items** on our website. Check it out for ideas and see some of the items your fellow SNU members have found.



Sierra Nevada Newsletters

The SNU has always considered the newsletter as our primary communication and promotional effort. In addition, the newsletter is the vehicle by which most SNU business is shared with members and it serves as the official record for SNU business. SNU newsletter archives only go back to about 1997. The newsletters prior to then along with most other records from the SNU have been lost. In the early years, the newsletters were usually one page. The primary topics were a review of the most recent activity, a notice about the next upcoming activity, and an update on the health, birthdays, and anniversaries of SNU members. Around 2003 the newsletters went through a lot of changes. They began to include articles of interest such as the physics of RV's, winterizing, and travel tips. Newsletters were often two to four pages. It was around 2003 that the SNU first began to distribute the newsletter via email. That year also included the first publication of an SNU promotion as part of the newsletter. In 2006 the SNU codified its **basic principles regarding the newsletter** as part of the SNU Op Notes. One decision was that the standard newsletter format would be kept to four pages with webpage links to additional information and pictures as needed. Another decision was that newsletter content would focus on things related to the SNU, SNU members, Airstreams, and RV and camping topics. That filler such as jokes and unrelated clip art would be used sparingly but preferably not at all. After 2006 the newsletters began to include more articles written by various SNU members. Except for some missing issues, all of the **SNU newsletters from 1997 to the present** can be found on the website. Also on the website is a listing of additional experts from the newsletters. The following are a few examples from SNU newsletters from 1997 to 2002. The names after the date indicate the newsletter editor or the author.

1997 July, Marge Grosch - The proposal of accepting RV's other than Airstream models for WBCCI membership was emphatically rejected by all delegates. It is obvious that there is near unanimous opposition to this proposal through WBCCI Units. The IBT committee will study other possibilities for increasing membership.

1997 October, Marge Grosch - Another occurrence that added to the enjoyment of the event (rally at Lahontan) was the maiden voyage of the Paul's new/old Bambi trailer. Yes, this was their first outing for them in the bundle of joy since its purchase.

1997 December, Marge Grosch - Our Installation meeting was well attended. Gusts included David Hunter, Region 12 President and his First Lady, Billie. David Hunter installed the (incoming SNU) officers. It was especially nice to have our Region officers present at this time. For several of our members who haven't been able to get to the Region or International get-togethers this gave them a chance to enjoy the pageantry to a small degree which prevails at a higher level.

1998 November, Marge Grosch - The Region 12 Rally in Hanford was a fun rally with three from our Unit. Burnham's, Leipper's, & Grosch's. The highlight was on Thursday when Burt Byam drove to Bakersfield and picked up Helen Byam Schwamborn and she joined us for lunch.

1999 April, Steve & Frank Burnham - The meal situation (for the rally at Washoe Lake State Park) is that three breakfasts will be completely furnished, three dinners will have the entrée furnished. Lunches are unprogrammed.

There is no parking fee and we will figure out what the rally fee will be after we hear from you all.

1999 September, Steve & Frank Burnham - The rally at Ft Churchill was a quiet, relaxed weekend. Five trailers came for the three day weekend. Everyone who came with a trailer helped with the food, The Leipper's made coffee, Marge and Beverly cooked vegetables and made salads, Burnhams did breakfasts and cooked the entrées, Virginia & Diane did the bacon & sausages Marge scrambled the eggs supplied by Diane's chickens and most impressive was Virginia's gorgeous birthday cake for the September birthday celebrations.

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1999 December, Steve & Frank Burnham - The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party at the Burnhams. Please bring a gift costing between \$5.00 and \$10.00 Men bring a gift marked "man" and ladies bring a gift marked "woman" to put under the Christmas Tree. Burnhams will prepare the food and each person will be assessed their share of the cost.

2000 March, Steve & Frank Burnham - We noticed in the morning's paper that Harlan "Scoop" Johnson passed away. He was a charter member of the SNU. Scoop was a native Nevadan born in Dayton in 1909.



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[SNU newsletter and article information](#)

[SNU 2016 Rally Schedule - Mark your calendars](#)

[SNU Facebook Page](#)

[What's new on the Sierra Nevada Airstreams.org](#)



Cool Weather Camping

The SNU knows quite a bit about camping in colder weather. The SNU rally policy is that unless the NV Transportation Dept has restrictions on the roads, the rally is on. What happens weather wise after we get there just adds to the stories. We have held rallies in all sorts of weather including snow and sand storms. The following is from the Owners Guide on our website. Don Damoth also used this information for an article in the December 2003 SNU newsletter.



There is cool weather camping and then there is **cold** weather camping! Cool weather camping is where there is a bit of a chill but freezing and other significant temperature related problems are minor considerations. The average of the minimum and maximum daily temperatures doesn't go below about thirty degrees and the night time minimum temperature is usually above 20F. Cool weather camping means being prepared and taking a few precautions but otherwise not much concern about weather. Cold weather is when the daily temperatures generally don't get above freezing and the minimums get down to single digits or subzero. Camping in cold weather means careful attention to equipment, supplies, and personnel in order to avoid problems that can destroy a camping experience. Here are a few tips about cool weather camping. **Check out the complete article on the website**

- Prepare for extra battery use by taking along spares, providing a means to keep your battery charged, or doing other things to reduce the risk of running out of battery energy.
- Make sure your propane tanks don't run dry on you.
- Protect the propane regulator from the elements so it doesn't get plugged or blocked.
- Take plenty of clothing and bedding so you can implement a good layers of warmth policy to maintain comfort.
- Make sure your furnace is functioning properly.
- Don't use anything for heating your RV that is not designed for space heating purposes in an RV.
- Only use the furnace overnight but do keep the thermostat as low as possible.
- Any combustion based heating, such as catalytic heaters, must only be used when you make sure that there is proper ventilation and the device is not left unattended.
- Whenever you cook or clean condensation can be a problem so make sure there is proper ventilation.
- Prepare your rig for the temperatures you plan to experience. See John Sankey's advice (**The Cold Weather RV FAQ**) for when you are going to be out in very cold weather for some ideas.
- Prepare yourself so you know what to expect and what to do to be comfortable and safe.
- Take the equipment and supplies you need to enjoy your winter camping experience.



Winter tire pressure - Of course, the best thing you can do for your tires is to get out on the road. That's also good for your RV as well. On the other hand, winter roads can be hazardous and cold weather can be challenge on many fronts. If you do need to leave the RV unused, look around on the I'net as there are a lot of ideas about how to best prepare your RV for a lack of exercise. Check out the full **article on Zephyrs web log**.

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Glamping – Before it became a widespread fad, the SNU had its own version of glamping. Glamping is usually defined as luxury camping with all the frills. At the first SNU rally at Obsidian Dome



in July 2006 we decided the remote setting would be the perfect place to have a "formal" dinner. We had a white linen (paper) table cloth, crystal (plastic) goblets for our sparkling cider, a candelabra with gold candles and a beautiful floral arrangement for a center piece. It was a huge success and a lot of fun.



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2000 June, Steve & Frank Burnham – The May rally at Washoe Lake was a huge success in spite of some not so great weather. There were six Unit trailers and one guest. It was still windy and cold Sunday morning for breakfast but there were no complaints.

2001 January, Steve Burnham – About sixteen people came to the Christmas brunch and gift exchange and had a good time. Fred Hersey did the honors as Santa Claus. The Grosch's came complete with trailer so that they could make a fast exit afterwards and could beat the threatening snow to Washington state.

2001 March, Steve Burnham – President Dale Grosch will present the updated Unit Constitution and Bylaws for adoption at our next unit meeting. That meeting will be at the Liberty Bell restaurant and saloon on South Virginia Street. We presume that you all know about the Liberty Belle, which is run by the Fey Brothers and they are the grandsons of the inventor of the original slot machine.

2001 May, Steve Burnham – The May rally will be at Ft Churchill. The hosts are Don and MaryLou. They will serve spaghetti dinner on Thursday. That week is National Park Cleanup Week so we have ordered trash bags so we can do our part and help clean up the park.

2001 August, Don and MaryLou Damoth – I would like to dedicate this newsletter to two of our charter members who have played a major role in the success of the Sierra Nevada Unit since it was started 25 years ago. Fran and Steve Burnham, Frank & Steve have served as unit president about 4 times each and Steve served as Secretary or Treasurer many times, The have written and published the Unit newsletter recently and many times in the past. Frank wrote the original Constitution for the Unit. Thanks from all of us for the wonderful times we have had together.

2002 September, Don and MaryLou Damoth - The August rally was in the shade of the stately pine trees of Davis Creek Park, looking across Washoe Valley. Friday happy hour many of the world's problems and a few of our own were cussed & discussed. Saturday the pot-luck was lucky indeed as culinary delights filled the picnic table and then were decimated by the assembled appetites.

2002 October, Don and MaryLou Damoth – The September meeting was held at the home of Dale & Virginia Leipper on a beautiful summer day. The meeting was made more interesting by the roar of acrobats and air racers from the nearby Reno Air Races. Don & Mary Lou will be leaving in a couple of weeks to head south for the winter, so we will be doing the newsletter from "on the road" until April '03.

2002 December, Don and MaryLou Damoth – Promotional note added to the newsletters - Welcome to the Sierra Nevada Unit of WBCCI. We are a small, friendly group who enjoy sharing our enjoyment of Airstreams, and the Airstream lifestyle with others, You are invited to come to any of our meetings and if you like, to join our Unit. We predict that you will make many friends and relish the camaraderie of all our rallies, caravan, and group activities. Our members are always ready to share their advice on equipment problems and trailering knowledge. In addition to being a member of our local unit, you will be one of several thousand who make up the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (the Airstream RV Club) *Fred Hersey, Unit President*

Grand Opening

Eric Larson is opening a new business in Reno. He and his wife Terry are some of our newer members. Eric's new business – Essential Sign – is a sign design and print shop. The Grand Opening is Thursday December 15th from 4pm – 7pm and we are all invited. A local Food Truck will be providing food and beverages. Eric's shop is in Midtown Reno, 1696 S Virginia. Plan to stop by.

