

## ***the Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI***

### ***February 2018 President's Letter***

The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its February Luncheon at Bavarian World on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> and would like to invite its members and friends to share stories and lunch with us. The Bavarian World is located at 595 Valley Rd in Reno (RSVPs appreciated but not required, Kitty donation of \$15 per person).

Can't wait to go camping, the SNU will host its first rally at Washoe Lake State Park, March 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. We last visited Washoe Lake in 2016; find some of our earlier photo memories at:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/00-washoe-lake/gallery.html> . Photos from October 2000 give us a hint of what to expect; members sharing meals under cloudy skies giving way to sunshine, maybe a rainbow and views of snow covered peaks. The Washoe Lake rally will be in the main campground where showers are available. Join us even if you can't make every day. Our evenings will include shared meals and/or a potluck dinner. Weather in March can be a factor so follow us on Facebook and keep up with your email for any last minute announcements. The park is located at the southeast corner of the lake on Eastlake Blvd, 7 miles NE of I-580/US-395. Remember there are day use and camping fees at Washoe (\$5 & \$15 per day) and our rally Kitty donation of \$5 per night. Nevada residents, consider getting your yearly Annual Entrance Permit at \$75, you'll save on the day use fee through the year, get the \$200 All Access Permit and it covers day, camping and other fees for the year.

#### **SNU Updates:**

- We had a great lunch and brief business meeting in January. We shared stories, ideas and recommendations for future rally sites.
- Three members accepted board; Dyann McDonald as Secretary, Eric Larson Treasurer and Randy Grossman Trustee.
- We still need a rally coordinator, second Trustee, Newsletter Editor (it only needs to be a couple of pages) and Web Master; talk with any of the Board members or send me a note.
- We have an exciting calendar of rallies and events planned for 2018 culminating in our September Anniversary Rally at Lassen RV Park and a Unit caravan from Death Valley to our final rally of the year at Fort Churchill. The members of the Board, Gail and I hope you'll join us throughout the year.

#### **Little Known Facts or only known to a few:**

While the Sierra Nevada Unit celebrates its anniversary in September most every year, many don't realize our actual anniversary would be observed on February 19<sup>th</sup>, not the best date for a rally celebration. This year's observance marks the SNU 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. It was February 19, 1976 that the WBCCI approved and affixed its seal on the unit's charter. Charter member, Frank Burnham wrote in the January 2000 SNU newsletter:

*“The Sierra Nevada Unit was born by splitting the Nevada Unit at the southern edge of Tonopah. Several of the Nevada Unit members lived in the northern part of the state and decided that for all intents and purposes it was already two Units. At that time rallies were held one month in the north and the next month in the south and the northern members seldom went south while the south members seldom came north, even as far as Tonopah. An application for a new charter was made to the*

*International office, and after a few months of planning, writing a constitution and bylaws, and selecting a charter set of officers we were granted a charter as the Sierra Nevada Unit. Paul Estis was the first President and scoured the area for charter members.”*

Gail and I hope to see you on the road, Don Williams SNU President

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