



the Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI May 2018 President's Newsletter

The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its May Rally one week from now at Crocker National Forest Campground northeast of Portola, CA, Thursday May 17th through Sunday the 20th (**please note the change, Prosser Family Campground is not open yet**); come and share the weekend with us. Crocker is northeast of Portola, CA. For those coming from US-395 take CA-70 west ~18.5 miles and turn north on Beckwourth Genesee Road; follow it north ~6.4 miles to the intersection with Crocker Mtn Road, turn left and drive a short distance to the campground entrance on the left! For those coming from Portola head east on CA-70 ~ 11.7 mile and take Beckwourth Genesee Road north as noted. For those trusting their GPS use Lat: 39.8910041 Lon: -120.4241887.

The SNU visited Crocker in 2106, chronicled in photos here; <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/16ma-crocker/gallery.html> . The 10-day forecast puts temps in the mid 60s (day) to 40s (night) with slight chance of rain; perfect weather for our SNU rallies. Join us even if only for the day. Our evenings will include shared meals and/or a potluck dinner. Our rally Kitty donation of \$5 per night per rig applies but camping is free!

SNU Business – We have one bit of business for this year's WBCCI Delegates meeting at the Salem International Rally. There is an amendment to the WBCCI Constitution to require three International Board of Trustees meetings rather than two; typically they are held on the day after the International Rally and during the Winter months. The amendment would add a third to be held during the International Rally. The full amendment with its rationale is included as an attachment.

The SNU will hold brief business meetings to discuss and vote on this amendment at our May and June rallies. You may also vote by electronic means by sending an email with your vote to snu157.wbcci.net

Other Unit News and Needs:

- **Registration is now open for the October 3rd – 7th Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas.** There are 85 spots so sign up early: <http://region12.wbcci.net/region-12-calendar/2018-region-12-rally/> .
- **Welcome renewing SNU members Geoffrey & Barbara Griffin #4418 from Tahoe City.**
- Remember, 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.
- Echoing our exciting calendar of rallies and events planned for 2018; put North Eagle Lake Campground in June on your calendar (Gail and I will be there), Weeds Heights Rally in Yerington (July) and Glass Creek off US-395 between Mammoth

Lakes and June Lake in August.

- Our rallies keep building this Fall to our September Anniversary Rally at Lassen RV Park, the Region Rally in Las Vegas and our end of the season SNU caravan from Death Valley to our Fort Churchill Rally.
- **2019 is only Nine Months Away!** – Help plan our rally and event schedule for 2019. We want your ideas this year as you travel the scenic spaces along California's Eastern Sierra and Nevada's Great Basin. Please send an email and if possible photos when visit or see an area the SNU should visit. When recommending a site make sure it can accommodate 5 to 10 rigs. I know I have a couple but I'll give you a chance to list your favorites before I tip my hand later in the year.

Little Known Facts or Known Only to a Few:

Lahontan State Recreation Area – Read the write up from members Dyann Thornburg and Diane Leipper about Lahontan we, the SNU, really had a great time. Gail and I would love to have been included in the "we" but an unexpected tire tread loss forced us to turn around and head from home only 223 miles from the rally site. Enjoy Dyann and Diane's write up and visit with us in June about our abbreviated trip!

The weather for the April rally at Lahontan was just about perfect. Quite a change from many past April rallies. The good weather not only brought out a nice group of SNU members, for the first time in years there were a lot of other people who chose this weekend to go camping at Lahontan. As for the SNU, we were delighted that some of the newest members participated in the rally. For John and Joan Lapham and Doug and Dawn Dale, this was their first SNU rally. They are all new to Airstreaming and although they have done some previous traveling with their trailers, this rally provided a great introduction to SNU rallies. Other participants included Jerry & Dyann, Bryan & Diane, Gary & Anita, Gene & Carmen, and Jim & Roylaine. We also had some visitors. Gary & Anita's friends came by on Saturday. Wheels & Doris came out on Saturday and joined us for dinner. *[7 rigs and 18 people is great ed./pres.]* Friday, we got pizza from a local pizza parlor in Silver Springs. That may become a tradition for Lahontan. Great pizza and no dishes/utensils needed. Saturday we had our usual shared meal with a variety of tasty entrees, salads and desserts.

Rally participants had a choice of all sorts of entertainment. Bird watching was especially interesting this year. There were a pair of Great Horned owls nesting in a nearby tree, two Canadian geese who weren't shy at all came and stayed for a visit. We spotted a Bald eagle flying past one morning and several Red Tailed hawks also flying around. The Pelicans who are normally around weren't this year but they could have been somewhere else on the lake. The reservoir was the fullest a lot of us have ever seen it and allowed us to sit right outside our rigs and watch the fish jumping which gave us the opportunity to guess where we'd see them come up next. Friday night, Doug, Dawn and Gene drove over to Ft. Churchill for a program on night life in the park. Saturday, John and Joan toured Buckland Station and the Orchard. John also enjoyed several bike rides exploring the territory around Lahontan. Several members enjoyed

hiking here, there and everywhere. Then, of course, there were the inspirational naps, reading and most of all visiting and catching up on plans and ideas.

(Thank you, Diane Liepper for giving me your notes and writing most of the above comments about the Lahontan rally.)

After Saturday's potluck I (Dyann) gave a brief update to some things that are going on for the SNU. We have been required to change the location for the May 2018 rally. It will now be held at the Crocker Campground near Beckwourth, CA. The reason for the change is due to the Prosser Campground not opening until Memorial Weekend. Crocker is a great campground with lots of wildlife to see. It's a wonderful place to hike, adventure and get out and see nature at it's best. It's my understanding that the road is now finished and paved all the way to the campground so it should be an extremely easy commute. Several of us will caravan to the rally so if you would like to go with us please let us know so we can give you the details. The SNU will also be doing KFC on Thursday. Please let us know when you plan to arrive so we have an idea as to how many people will be joining us for dinner. You can let us know on Facebook, email or call us. We look forward to a great turnout and hope to see you there! Oh and please be sure to bring firewood so we can have our usual wonderful campfires. I also told the group why our president, Don Williams and first lady, Gail William couldn't make it to the rally. Apparently while on their way to the rally one of the tires on their Airstream separated and damaged the trailer. They ended up having to turn around and go back home. Hopefully they'll be able to get the repairs completed in time to join us for the June rally in the BLM campground at Eagle Lake. We look forward to seeing them there.

Have a great month everyone and hope to see you at Crocker Thursday, May 17th – Sunday, May 20th.

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That's it for the May edition; Don Williams, SNU President, kd6uvt@wbcci.net
What do you want to be in life, a spectator or a participant?

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