



October 2018 Airstreamer's Newsletter

The Sierra Nevada Unit invites you to join us at Fort Churchill Historic Park for the last official rally of the year, Thursday October 11th through Sunday the 14th. Look for the silver twinkies in the Fort Churchill Campground. Our Friday and Saturday activities include touring the historic structures in the park, visiting the Buckland's Station, exploring the newly dedicated Walker River State Recreational Area and our yearly Business Meeting (Saturday) where we conduct elections and any yearly business. My term is secure through 2019 but Secretary, Treasurer and our Trustee positions are open as are the appointed positions for Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. We'll also daylight our 2019 rally and event calendar at the rally.

Fort Churchill has an entrance fee of \$5 per day applies as does the \$15 per day camping unless you have a yearly Nevada pass. The SNU rally Kitty donation of \$5 per rig per day will also apply. Late arrivals are welcome on Friday or Saturday. Take US-95A south from Fallon past Silver Springs about 7-1/2 miles and turn west into the park. For those trusting their GPS use latitude/longitude: Lat: 39.288886 N, Long: -119.275969 W



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NEWS FLASH: SNU DEATH VALLEY- FORT CHURCHILL CARAVAN CANCELLED! Gail and I have a pressing family obligation helping her Mom and cannot lead the caravan. We will reschedule this caravan at a later date, most likely in 2019.

SNU Business:

1. **It's WBCCI Membership Renewal Time** - Sierra Nevada Unit members, it's time to renew our WBCCI and Unit membership and for our friends to consider joining us in the WBCCI. Seventeen of our full and affiliate members have already renewed or the check's in the mail so to speak.

We hope you'll continue to include the SNU, unit #157, as your local unit and and visit our rallies and luncheons. The value of the Wally Byam Airstream Club isn't just the monthly Blue Beret, International Rally and caravans; think of them as additional benefits to the fellowship, dos & don'ts, help and knowledge that SNU members will share. And for you Airstream owners and friends just lurking in the wings, we extend an invitation to join us at a rally or luncheon to see what the SNU and the WBCCI are all about.

You can renew on the WBCCI web page: <https://wbcci.org>. Fill out the information as

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you click through the following pages and pay by PayPal or credit card; the WBCCI will handle the rest including forwarding your SNU renewal. Affiliates need to call me about PayPal or make a check out to the Sierra Nevada Unit and send it to our Treasurer:

Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI
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2. **October Business Meeting**; we'll handle elections and summarize next year's rally and event calendar at the Fort Churchill Rally. My two year term as unit president continues through 2019. Dyann McDonald Secretary, Eric Larson Treasurer and Randy Grossman Trustee have agreed to run for a second year in their current positions although they might welcome challengers. We also need to fill our 2nd Trustee position and the appointed positions for Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Make sure you let me know if you would like to serve on our board and help our unit grow. I'll include you on the ballot and distribute an email version to members in early October for those that can't get to Fort Churchill.

Other Unit News and Needs:

- **Member News** - Members Gene and Kathy Trabitz wanted to let our members know that they miss attending our SNU rallies and the fellowship with our members. Gene was involved in an automobile accident in late spring; his recovery is still ongoing but he's making progress and they hope to join us at luncheons and rallies next year.
- **SNU Plaza Hotel Luncheon, Carson City on November 17th at 12:00 PM** – We will dine on the ground level in the event center on the Petit Buffet; Sliced Roast Beef, Ham, Turkey, Salami and Pastrami with Cheddar, peppered Monterey Jack, Swiss and Provolone cheeses. Selection of Bread, Rolls and Croissants, Greens and choice of Dressings. Pasta Salad and Potato Salad or Potato Chips and Chef's Choice dessert. More food than any of us can eat! The Plaza Hotel and Event Center is located at 801 S. Carson Street in Carson City NV. The cost is \$17 per person.
- **SNU Christmas and Holiday Luncheon December 15th** – The SNU will be celebrating its Christmas and Holiday season December 15th at Mario Portofino's in Reno for our SNU holiday dinner; yes dinner this year at 5:00 PM. More news to come later but plan to attend for a chance at the SNU door prize; you won't be disappointed (must be present to win).
- **Second Trustee, Newsletter Editor and Web Master** – As noted above in the business meeting, these positions still need to be filled and you pretty much get to set your work limits (the newsletter only needs to be a couple of pages and some follow up on Facebook posts). Our Unit can't survive without participation and shared ideas; volunteer and help us grow.

Rally Report – It's Saturday, September 29th as I sit in my shaded and now cool office at the Kentucky Horse Park and begin to write my rally summary. Note I am finishing it on October

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1st in the Airstream Factory Terraport, on standby before we head into North Carolina.



Lassen RV Resort & Bistro Rally

Our Lassen Resort hosts' Jasmin and Phil and our own SNU Trustee, Randy Grossman, did a great job on our 42nd Anniversary Rally (not the 52nd as I stated in September). Five campsites surrounded Rally Central with 5 more on the perimeter; all great sites with a combination of shade, sunlight, water, electric and sewer at each! With 11 rigs total we had a great time; in attendance were Baleme, Decker, Grossman, Haskell, Lapham, Larson, Lepper, McDonald/Thornburg and their guests and Williams. Most were already gathered at Lassen when Gail and I arrived Thursday evening. Our timing was perfect, just before everyone cleared the food and casserole bowls from the dinner (picnic) tables. It left a little daylight for me to up the Airstream.

Friday:

John Lapham took a morning fat-tire bicycle ride to prepare for his and Joan's Saturday golf game. At Noon we rode, sauntered and walked to the Bistro dining room for our Friday lunch of fried chicken, pasta with chicken, shrimp and salmon and a garden salad. Our afternoon. We left with large containers of our Bistro leftovers allowing some to forgo their contribution at our evening potluck. Our Washington State member, Russell Decker, made an attempt to serenade us but we succumbed to sleep from the days' two large meals.

Saturday:

I should note that Bryan continued his popular morning bottomless coffee carafe throughout the entire rally but some passed or ate light on the Saturday breakfast treats in anticipation of Randy's Waffle Brunch in the resort's screened patio dining area. He really out did himself and I especially appreciated the "real" maple syrup. It should be noted that I took far less than my norm at home to ensure others got some! We closed our brunch with a discussion of new and old sites for luncheons and next years' rally locations.

The Bistro outdid themselves on Saturday's dinner; we enjoyed organic salad with Mushroom Brie Crostini, Teriyaki Sliced Sirloin or Seafood Etouffee, Jasmine Rice, mixed vegetables and a dessert selection of Tiramisu or Peaches and Cream; all prepared in-house at the Bistro. We closed out the evening with a campfire and Russell's wide selection of country and period music from our youth.

Sunday:

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A brief breakfast of Bryan's coffee, sweet rolls and other snacks preceded our departure from Lassen!

Check the link for more on Lassen: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/18sp-lassen/lassen.html>

Little Known Facts or Known Only to a Few – Time is short for me so I will forgo our Little Known Facts but **Remember to Renew!**

Wally Byam's Creed:

1. To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
2. To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
3. To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands... of rediscovering old places and new interests.
4. To open a whole world of new experiences... a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
5. To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.
6. To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow... over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts... to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
7. To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
8. To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
9. 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.

– *Wally Byam*

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What do you want to be in life, a spectator or a participant?

For more info on the Sierra Nevada Unit check out our web pages at:

www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/ , search for "Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI" on Facebook or email us at: snu157@wbcci.net