



September 2018 Airstreamer's Newsletter

The Sierra Nevada Unit invites you to join us at the Bistro @ Lassen RV Resort for our Anniversary Rally. Yeah, they have camping too, but if your travels are remotely dictated by fine cuisine you'll come for the food alone! A second benefit will be celebrating our 52nd anniversary with us while camping with hookups and surrounded by an oak forest. We'll even spend some time in the surrounding countryside. Here's a hint: Mt. Lassen, Eagle Lake, Lava Beds National Park, Burney Falls State Park, fishing on the Fall River, Pit River, Hat Creek and more are all close by. The Anniversary Rally is Thursday September 21st through Sunday the 24th at Lassen RV Resort & Bistro, located east of McArthur, California.

We strongly encourage SNU members and guests to make reservation now to ensure you get a spot close to our group; subject to availability. **Call 530.336.5657** or fill out the registration form and make sure to tell them you're attending the Sierra Nevada Airstream rally when you email it in. The rally will include three nights stay (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) and two meals (Friday lunch and Saturday dinner) catered by the Bistro. The cost is \$30 per night (\$33 per night for a 50 amp hookup) plus \$15 per person for Friday's lunch and \$20 per person for Saturday's dinner. Additional nights for stays before or after the rally may be made at the same nightly rates. No payment is required until at the rally. Remember to call 530.336.5657 or submit your registration form to lassenRVresort@gmail.com .

The SNU rally Kitty donation of \$5 per rig per day does apply.

Late arrivals are welcome provided that you have a reservation with Lassen RV Resort or they have available space. Lassen RV Resort is located east of McArthur off Old Highway Road. Take CA-299 east from or west towards McArthur and turn south on to Old Highway Road, 548-335 will be on the right. For those trusting their GPS use latitude/longitude: Lat: 41.077125 Long: -121.276885



photos courtesy sierranevadaairstreams.org

SNU Business; It's WBCCI Membership Renewal Time - Sierra Nevada Unit members, it's that time of year to renew our membership or for our friends to join the WBCCI.

You can renew online in the WBCCI web page found at: <https://wbcci.org> .Fill out the information as you click through the webpages and pay by PayPal or credit card and they will handle the rest.

We hope you'll continue to include the SNU, unit #157, as your local unit and come and visit our rallies and luncheons. The value of the Wally Byam Airstream Club isn't just the monthly

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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 are all about.

Other Unit News and Needs:

- **Registration was still open for the October Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas as of August 27th**; <http://region12.wbccci.net/region-12-calendar/2018-region-12-rally/> .
- **SNU Death Valley Caravan** – Join up with us in Death Valley from the Region rally or your home base for an end of the season caravan through Death Valley and the nearby mining areas as we head north to Fort Churchill; caravan hosts are Don & Gail. NEWS FLASH – we'll have at least one door prize!
- **Fort Churchill Rally on October 11th** - We'll close out our official rally season at Fort Churchill; mark your calendar and keep in touch for more details.
- **2019 is four months away!** – We'll work on our rally and event schedule for 2019 at Lassen. Give us your ideas for rallies and travel throughout the Eastern Sierra Nevada and Nevada's Great Basin. Shall we venture east to the Rye Patch Recreation Area, Hickison Petroglyphs or Great Basin NP? Send us an email or better yet bring your ideas to one of our rallies and help pick next years spots. Rally sites should accommodate 5 to 10 rigs. I have a couple of ideas but list your favorites before I tip my hand.
- **Rally coordinator, second Trustee, Newsletter Editor and Web Master** are still needed (it only needs to be a couple of pages). Our Unit can't survive without participation and shared ideas; volunteer and help us grow.

Rally Report, Glass Creek - It's Sunday night and the SNU Glass Creek Rally between Mammoth Lakes and June Lakes has come to a close as members and friends drifted away throughout the day. All were gone by the time Gail and I returned from our 4X4 adventure (see our Adventure Sidebar). View our photos on the SNU website at: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/18ag-glasscreek/glasscreek.html> or on our Facebook photo albums at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SierraNevadaUnit/> .

Thursday: The rally started on a high note with the Thornburgs and Leippers scoring a pull through site and large picnic area for our Rally Central. Gail and I arrived just minutes later getting a semi-shaded site flanking Rally Central (need the AM sun for solar). The Lapham's got in about supper, giving us 5 rigs in attendance by evening.

Friday: Morning came late for Gail and I, making up for lost sleep during the week, but friends and coffee awaited us without criticism. Overnight temps in the low 40s quickly warmed to short sleeve weather in the mid 80's. Mid morning, Joan and John headed up Glass Creek past the camp road's end along an informal trail to reach Obsidian Dome near our rally site of many years.

Gail, Mongo, Bruce and I followed in their footsteps after lunch but our team separated when it became steep and slippery. I soldiered on alone to reach the north dome but stopped several hundred metres short of the Obsidian Dome camp. A couple of pictures documented my ascent (incase my recount of my success was questioned) and I returned back to camp in

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time to nap before more arrivals; Terry & Eric, Jodi & Cindy and a new friend Bob in his late 90's Airstream B-van.

As is our custom, we celebrated with an SNU potluck dinner; barbecued meat balls, fruit & chicken salad, Asian spaghetti salad, pasta casserole and carrot cupcakes for dessert! After dinner I made a short visit to Jodi and Cindy's trailer to make sure they kept our Saturday morning brunch in their schedule. Short turned into a 2-1/2 hour conversation on batteries (theirs was at 11.9 volts!), generators, inverters and solar panels, I promised a generator in the AM and headed back home.

Saturday: Coffee and sweet rolls appeased those with an early appetite while we awaited our Brunch, Sausage and Egg Bake, by chef Gail! I had earlier setup our Honda to charge the Batteries in Jodi's **Pendleton** (I didn't tell you earlier!) so we were all free to relax in camp or explore the wooded forest, domes and craters of the Eastern Sierras.

The evenings potluck supper featured Chili Verde & tortillas, chicken with rice & black beans, pico de gallo, potato salad, green bean casserole and cupcakes! At twilight the Lapham's fire beckoned us to prepare a second dessert of roasted marshmallows and S'mores.

Sunday: A brief breakfast of coffee, sweet rolls and donuts preceded the departure of our friends. Great weather, great fellowship, GREAT RALLY; come help us do it again next month in Lassen!

Adventure Sidebar, Domes, Vistas and Craters – Terry & Eric left camp before breakfast to hike Rainbow Falls, Jodi & Cindy headed off to fish and Gail and I toured the domes, peaks and craters dotting the Mammoth – June Lakes landscape. Our first destination was the SNU Obsidian Dome camp. Road conditions were as we remembered until the last mile of one-lane. The potholes, humps, dips and ruts left exposed rocks, roots and brush lining the road took what the SNU once classified as a #3 or “test your skills” or #4 “adventurous” to a difficult #5 “Jerry site”. I would have needed a spotter to negotiate the road conditions with the Airstream.

Hartley Spring Campground, our next stop, was a nice surprise. It had 25 spacious sites, most large enough for two, sometimes 3 rigs; only 3 sites were occupied. It would make a great alternative to Glass Creek. The road was in good condition and the steep portion after the turnoff was paved.

Now freed of our SNU scouting obligations we headed straight east on Bald Mountain Road. Labeled as an “Improved Road” it is suitable for passenger cars (maybe)! We especially disagree for the last mile or two of what I'll call the “summit approach” where we used 4X4 Low range and Low-Low at times. The Bald Mtn. Lookout rewarded us with great vistas although some smoky haze was seen to the west. The housing for staff at the Lookout had not been used in years but off to the east was a small summit hut or cabin stocked with canned goods, bunks, a fireplace and current visitor's log.

Once down from the Lookout, we headed northerly over Logging Camp and Crooked Meadows Roads to CA-120. At the highway we reconnoitered the countryside and maps to head for the Mono Craters. A slight misstep in a meadow found us 4-wheeling down a forest road that followed an old logging railroad bed to the Mono Mills (historic) site. Our last hurrah was the most challenging; IN24 was at times a narrow two track between brush and small

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pinetrees along the roadway passing the eastern slope of the Mono Craters. The roadway widened after five miles to cross the East Crater Sand Flats giving us views of the chain of craters. Two miles beyond, we regained the Bald Mountain Road and shortly after US-395 for a sprint back to Glass Creek. Our truck was cloaked in dust and suffered some minor desert pin striping but that paled to Dyann's description of their recent trip to Jarbidge; another Great Adventure! See the photos at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/iKCFwTYmEKwpSYMD7> .

Little Known Facts or Known Only to a Few – The Sierra Nevada Unit membership's languished in the new century. The unit members considered closing down or merging with another but with a new emphasis as a camping club following Airstream founder Wally Byam's four freedoms: freedom from arrangements; freedom from the problems of age; freedom to discover and to know; freedom for fun, our membership has grown to it's current size of over 30 members. **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

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Date: _____

Registration form

Name: _____ Emergency Name: _____
Address: _____ Emergency Phone: _____
Address2: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Make of RV: _____ **Year:** _____ **License Plate #:** _____ **State:** _____
Class A Class C Toy Hauler Travel Trailer Pop-up Cab-over 5th Wheel
Van Conversion Tent Other _____ **Electric:** 30Amp 50Amp
Length: _____ **Width:** _____ **Slideout Quantity:** _____

Tow (Towed) Vehicle? Yes No

Make of Tow or Towed Vehicle: _____ **Model** _____ **Year:** _____
Color _____ **State** _____ **License Plate #:** _____

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Adults: _____ #Children (under 14): _____ Date In: _____ Number of Nights: _____

Pets - Dog(s): _____ **Dog Breed(s):** _____ **Cat(s):** _____ **Other:** _____

How did you find out about Lassen RV Resort? _____

NOTICE TO GUESTS

Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 799.20, et seq., a recreational vehicle may be removed from the premises without judicial hearing, after the service of a 72-hour notice, if the occupant who has been in the park for 30 days or less has either: (1) failed to pay for his/her occupancy in the park or (2) failed to comply with the park's rules and regulations.

I have received a copy of these recreational area rules and regulations.

Signature of Guest _____
Traffic Law Enforcement Agency: Lassen County Sherriff Dept - (530) 257-6121

Indemnity and Waiver of Liability

GUEST shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from any and all damages or injuries caused by fire, water, wind, civil strife, or acts of God, Owner and/or GUESTS actions or in-actions (or those of their employees, agents, or invitees), or any other cause related to GUEST'S use or occupation of their site and/or the property of Lassen RV Resort. Likewise, Owners assume no responsibility and assume no liability for any damage to GUEST or GUEST'S RV or GUEST'S property while at Lassen RV Resort.