



## ***the Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI*** ***April 2018 President's Newsletter***

The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its April Rally two weeks from now at Lahontan State Recreation Area, Beach 7, Thursday April 19th through Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would like to invite our members and friends to share the weekend with us. The entrance to Lahontan is located off East Fir Street in Silver Springs, NV in Churchill Valley about 2 miles E of US-95.

The SNU visited Lahontan last year finding the water levels much higher than in the past. Dyann and Jerry stopped in during this years second cancelled Washoe Lake weekend and found them higher again. We may or may not see them lower however there is ample camping space between the dispersed camping and the campground at Beach 7. We'll do some minor Airstream prep for the coming travel season but we will break Saturday morning for a trip to nearby Buckland Station to visit the historic Pony Express stop. Join us even if only for the day. Our evenings will include shared meals and/or a potluck dinner. Weather in April can be a factor so follow us on Facebook and keep up with your email for any last minute announcements.

Remember there are day use and camping fees at Lahontan (\$5 & \$15 per day) and our rally Kitty donation of \$5 per night. Nevada residents, consider getting your yearly Annual Entrance Permit at \$75 if you frequent the state parks, you'll save on day use fees through the year; get the \$200 All Access Permit and it covers day, camping and other fees for the year.

### **Other Unit News and Needs:**

- **NEWS FLASH: Registration is now open for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Region 12 Rally in Las Vegas.** There are 85 spots so signup early:  
<http://region12.wbccci.net/region-12-calendar/2018-region-12-rally/> .
- Gail and I will be at Lahontan rain, shine or snow (almost impossible) as this is the start of our Family / Eagle Lake / International Rally Holiday.
- 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 ~~Prosser Family Camp outside of Truckee on your calendar for May 17<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup>~~ **(see next bullet)**, North Eagle Lake Campground in June (Gail and I will be there), Weeds Heights Rally in Yerington (July) and Glass Creek off US-395 between Mammoth Lakes and June Lake.
- **Note, we need an alternative rally site to May's Prosser Family Camp, it doesn't open until May 24<sup>th</sup>, give me your ideas!**

- 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!**

Yes, some of us are already thinking about our rally and event schedule for 2019. I would like to change up a couple of the rallies and 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:**

The Sierra Nevada Unit has officially visited 38 rally sites since 2001; 19 sites in Nevada and 19 in California. The closest rally site was Davis Creek Regional Park in Washoe Valley in various years 2002- 2007, 25 miles from Reno. The farthest was Mesquite Spring Campground in Death Valley in various years 2007 through 2013, 330 miles. The average distance to all rallies was 95 miles; Walker River Resort in 2006 being the rally location closest to that distance. The median distance where half the sites were closer and half were farther away was 67 miles; two locations in Markleeville, CA compete for that distance, Blue Lakes Basin in 2008 and Grover Hot Springs in 2003.

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

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