



February 2019 Airstreamer's Newsletter

The Sierra Nevada Unit kicked off 2019 with its Bavarian World Luncheon in January. Gail and I were unable to make the commute up to Reno but 12 hearty souls came out for conversation, cuisine and Airstream fellowship: Susie Brown, Anita and Gary Haskell, Joan and John Lapham, Terry & Eric Larson, Diane Leipper, Jeni and Brian Root, Jerry and Dyann (McDonald) Thornburg. That's a little light compared to our January 2018 luncheon but the weather was more extreme this year. Maybe we should have teased the members with another SNU door prize; I've still got a couple that I'll use throughout the year so plan your SNU schedule wisely!

In February we'll return to the **Casa Grande Mexican Cantina** for our luncheon on **Saturday the 23rd**. We had a great meal and start of 2018 at Casa Grande so mark it on your SNU calendar; sit down is planned for 11:30 so arrive early. We'll dine at the South McCarran Blvd location, 4796 Caughlin Pkwy.



don Williams, photo artist

SNU Business:

1. **Membership** – We are still holding at 27 members. We'll work to increase participation as we enter the rally season although club members can sometimes be drawn in by a good luncheon, meal or rally. Please pass on the unit's invitation to any of our past members or current lurking Airstream friends. As before, Gail and I will provide some gentle encouragement as we call or visit with our members and friends.

If you realize your membership has expired act now; we still want to share our Airstream hobby and lifestyle with you. Click on the WBCCI web page link: <https://wbcci.org>. Fill out the information as 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 wanting to use paypal or a check should call me, Don 951.264.0219.

2. **Death Valley Dark Sky Festival Flash Rally, February 28th through March 4th, Furnace Creek, Death Valley** - Susie expressed some interests in a Spring trip to Death Valley a couple of months ago so if the Reno weather cooperates we have a *flash rally* the first week of March for the Dark Sky Festival. Furnace Creek and Texas Springs Campgrounds might be full forcing us to the large paved/gravel Sunset Campground parking lot, Stovepipe Wells or the more remote Mesquite Spring Campground.
3. **Washoe Lake State Park Rally, Thursday, March 21st thru Sunday the 24th, Washoe Valley, NV** – first regular rally of the year; we hope that mother nature cooperates this year with acceptable and warming weather for our official kickoff to rally season.
4. The Sierra Nevada Unit **2019 Meeting and Rally Schedule** is out! Attached with this newsletter is the 2019 Rally & Event Calendar. Use it to plan your Airstream travels for the year. Want more, check out the interactive calendar on the WBCCI.org website.

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Luncheon(s) Report – Bavarian World - It was hard to get our members to share all the luncheon stories with me 500 miles away but the gist of it is: Jeni and Brian Root share some common hobbies with Joan and John Lapham, bicycling, golf and the obvious Airstreaming; Jerry Thornburg was a short timer then (don't know if he announced it); he was counting down the hours until the 24th. Retirement is now official with time to catch up on his hobbies, Airstreaming and a life of leisure with Dyann (I may have embellished this a little). Too bad Gail and



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I missed it; our yearly New Year's celebration of pork and sauerkraut probably paled in ethnic accuracy to the food at Bavarian World!

Little Known Facts or Known Only to a Few – A small club like the Sierra Nevada Unit can be more mobile or react quickly to the needs of its members. Want a special rally or an event; we'll try to accommodate it. Take an offer from yours truly. Gail and I had a pressing family obligation last year helping her Mom after Hurricane Florence on the East Coast. We cancelled our planned SNU caravan from the Region rally in Las Vegas through Death Valley to the final SNU rally of the year at Fort Churchill. I offered to "reschedule the caravan at a later date, most likely in 2019." Darn if Susie Brown didn't take me up on it and asked if we were planning to go to Death Valley this Spring. Wow what do I do now? Well I found a solution if the weather cooperates. March 1st – 3rd is the Death Valley Dark Sky Festival, collaboration between the Death Valley Natural History Association, NASA and other organizations. Check the NASA website for more info: <https://mars.nasa.gov/events/157/>.

Interested in a Sierra Nevada Unit caravan, we'll try again. Gail and I will lead a small group of Airstreamers on a caravan from the Bakersfield Region Rally to the SNU Boca Rest Rally. We're still firming up the route and itinerary but hope some will join us.

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This article space saved for you to share your Airstreaming story with us all; it might lead to fame and fortune in the WBCCI Blue Beret.

by SNU Member #####

Members and Writers – Want a chance at reading your own work instead of mine. Shoot me a copy of your article(s) on Airstream travel, maintenance, rally locations or anything related and we'll publish it. One of my articles for the SNU; *1st Airstream Trip* was submitted by Diane Leipper for publication in the Blue Beret. It became the "first" of the general interest articles on the Airstream Lifestyle that now grace the BB (August 2007). I can't claim it opened a new career (reading another of my articles, Rich Luhr of Airstream Life told me not to quit my day job) but you'll have the satisfaction of contributing to your local club's history. Contact me soon to make the next issue!

For a Few, Remember to Renew! - <https://wbcci.org>

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