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THE AIRSTREAMER

Past PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Airstreamer's,

I understand this will be my last letter as Pres. I will still be around and will help out any place I can <he will, Gene's still on the Board as Past President- editor>. I get really busy but put camping at the top of my list for as long as I can. I travel and can't make every rally but I do my best and hope all of you can get out to rallies and other camping places. Give us your ideas. I think we have a great club and great places to go.

I just came back from checking out Crocker Campground as it was so close to the fires from what I heard so here goes. The camp is good and the surrounding areas are good. Davis Lake is good for the most part just the far north has burnt trees. The lake is very low. The roads around camp are good. There are changes going on there. Forest service is cutting many trees in the camp maybe 60%-65% and logging on the roads around and down into Davis lake. Camp is closed now but the sign says it will be open in the spring. Should be a good August camp after school starts. Fees are \$15 a night and \$7 for an extra vehicle. Still no water.

I am looking forward to 2022 camping and meeting at rallies. I hope to see new members at the December Luncheon and 2022 rallies. Share your stories with us on your camping adventures and life on the road. We can include your stories in are newsletter.

Happy trails to you, Gene and Carmen



INCOMING PRESIDENT

Jeni Root, a 15 year SNU veteran takes the reins - read more on page 2

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Secretary:	Susie Brown #7501	2nd Trustee:	Bill Swirsky #29290
Treasurer:	Gail Williams #14207	Past President:	Gene Baleme #15229
1st Trustee:	Jerry Thornburg #2797		

Make sure to thank our new and returning officers and board members for continuing to support our club. It's their efforts that make our rallies and boondocking culture memorable. Also thank Gene Baleme for his work as president and retiring Past President Don Williams.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Here it's December and the SNU is still growing! Thank you new members:
 David & Maggie Douglas #8034 of Auburn, CA;
 Greg & Linda Heuer #1927 of Nellysford, VA (also leaders of the Nuts to Ruts Caravan on the Oregon Trail);
 Jason Brass #24690 of Reno, NV (owns a BaseCamp);
 Make sure to welcome them at the next luncheon or rally!

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Sierra Nevada Unit Board
Jeni Root, president
Susie Brown, secretary
Gail Williams, treasurer
Jerry Thornburg, trustee
Bill Swirsky, trustee
Gene Baleme, Past President
Don Williams, membership chair & newsletter editor
all links clickable

MEET YOUR 2022 SNU PRESIDENT, JENI ROOT

Happy Holidays from Reno, Nevada, where our Sierra mountains have officially been blessed with the snowiest December on record (193.7" as of 12/27/21). It's beautiful and the only situation which might be better would be in our Airstream, camping & skiing at a resort with fellow Airstreamers! As my first month as your President, I first want to say "THANK YOU" to all past presidents and officers of the Sierra Nevada Unit. Brian and I have been members since 2004 and probably camped around 10 times with the club (and attended a few luncheons). Given our activity level, it's a blessing to have the members who have kept the organization going and provided wonderful camping experiences for myself and the family over the years. THANK YOU to the new members who have accepted new roles; THANK YOU to existing members who have promised me (and the rest) lots of help. We are all blessed that this is a group of people who focus on camping and don't let much else get in the way.



The communal effort to continue the SNU is appreciated!



Our Airstream lifestyle started with an original 1954 Cruiser (25', twin, whale tail), which has since been fully restored and via an adventurous story, is currently safely back with us for the winter, along with our 2008 Safari (25', FB). Our favorite trip with the SNU was probably our first boondocking along Kingston Creek, traveling over mormon cricket-infested Austin roads, exploring hot springs, fishing, hiking, viewing the milky way in full splendor, and encountering wild horses and a fox litter of curious kits (cutest pups ever!). Our family was hooked; see why here: sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/05jn-kingston/gallery.html. These were our kind of campers! Our 2021 weekends included kayaking the Walker River, mountain biking the Pony Express trail, and a nighttime lantern tour of Ft Churchill. We are blessed.



We'll have a full schedule of camping opportunities in 2022 and I encourage you to pick one (or more) to attend. Make the weekend yours - explore in a manner which works for you - a leisurely walk or ambitious gravel ride - it's all good. And I assure you, you'll pick up a few tips and tricks regarding airstream travel and maintenance. Collectively, there's over a hundred years of knowledge in this club and genuinely good people you will be blessed to call your friends.

Cheers! *Jeni Root*



TIME IS WAINING FOR WBCCI MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our last reminder in 2021 for **Remember to Renew**. Follow the instructions in the renewal emails from Headquarters or go online at: airstreamclub.org/members/login as the primary member and follow the prompts to renew! New members, go to airstreamclub.org and click the 'Join Now' button.

JANUARY 15TH LUNCHEON - ?

The Sierra Nevada Unit is working to identify a location for its first luncheon in 2022 on Saturday, January 15th. Stay tuned to our emails and FaceBook page for more info.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February Luncheon - Save the Date, Saturday, February 19th. Help us find a location for a place that will sit 10 to 15 people.

March Luncheon - recent March weather has been iffy so we thought we would get ahead of it and just plan a luncheon. If Spring surprises us we'll pop-up a rally in the schedule. **Save the Weekend of Saturday, March 19th.**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CONT'D GREG AND LINDA HEUER

Your editor is honored to highlight our newest members in the Sierra Nevada Unit, caravan Wagon Masters Greg and Linda Heuer . . . BRN 1927. Campers for 50+ years, Airstreamers for 10+, Greg and Linda have camped in all 49 continental states and all Canadian provinces. They live in the Blue Ridge of Virginia but their hearts are in the American West. Linda is a pianist, teacher, and vocal coach. Greg was a band director, and retired from the woodwork manufacturing industry after 30 years of woodworking, technical writing, and teaching. They are eager to make more life-long friends on the Trail. (434) 298-4650 and (434) 981-2626

Editor's Note: Want to know more about what warms the Heuer's hearts in the West. Join them on the WBCCI 'Nuts for Ruts' National Caravan along the Oregon Trail, but don't dally, they won't lead it forever!

We want to recognize our members, submit your bio and a picture to snu157@wbcci.net.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT, GARY HASKETT KDoTA SK

The SNU would like to acknowledge the passing of a club member, friend and fellow Ham Radio Operator Gary Haskett KDoTA and express our condolences to Gary's wife Anita.

Gary served in the Army in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. He worked for AT&T as a midwest Nevada supervisor in the Elko and Sparks areas in his later civilian life.

Gary and Anita joined the SNU in 2007 having purchased an Airstream from Mountain Family RV and became one of our faithful attending many Sierra Nevada Unit rallies and luncheons during their 14 year membership with the SNU. Gary served as SNU President in 2015 & 16. He also held an Advance Class amateur radio license, a common hobby to several of our SNU members sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/snu-misc/community/snu-hams.html.

With winter months keeping us apart, it is fitting that we adapt the amateur radio 'over the air' Silent Key (SK) ceremony to mark Gary's passing and honor his life:

QST QST QST

This is the Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI hosting a Silent Key Ceremony.

Net Control for the ceremony is Don Williams, KD6UVT.

Today we will hold a Silent Key Ceremony for our friend, fellow ham operator & SNU Member, Gary Haskett KDoTA.

I will now begin the roll call.

Gary Haskett KDoTA, this is KD6UVT. (silence).

Kilo delta zero tango alpha, do you copy? (silence).

Gary, KDoTA, this is Net Control. (silence).

KDoTA, nothing heard; this is KD6UVT representing the amateur radio operators of the SNU - 73 and SK our Friend.

Gary Haskett KDoTA SK**OTHER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT NEWS**

SNU members Tom and Teresa Tighe will co-leading the 2nd unit of the Nuts for Ruts Caravan in 2022.

LOOK BACKS**20 YEARS AGO IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY:**

The two page December 2001 SNU Newsletter reported on the upcoming:

- Installation of 2002 officers at Thurman's Ranch House in Carson City;
- Upcoming luncheon at the Airport Plaza Hotel and Restaurant.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/01dc-nwsltr.pdf>

The two page January 2002 SNU 'Airstreamer' broke new ground in a newsletter format covering:

- Luncheon at Bodine's in Carson City;
- Luncheon & Rally Calendar *<Emphasis was on luncheons, only two rallies planned for the year. It would be 2004 before the SNU hosted more rallies than luncheons as they remade the club following Wally Byam's Creed and Wally Byam Four Freedom's - "Freedom from arrangements; Freedom from the problems of age; Freedom to discover & to know; Freedom for fun.">*;
- Lastly, featured prominently on page 2 was a picture of a Airstream Squarestream *<is it Bill & Mary's>*.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/02ja-nwsltr.pdf>

10 YEARS AGO IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY:

Our December 2011 'Airstreamer' reported on:

For more info on the Sierra Nevada Unit go to: sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/ , Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI on Facebook or email us at: snu157@wbcci.net . (all photos courtesy of the Sierra Nevada Unit)

LOOK BACKS CONT'D

- Nov Luncheon at BJs BBQ:
- President's Letter from Dyann McDonald Thornburg summarizing on the 'Thanksgiving' special rally at Fort Churchill's Scout Camp, great but cool weather, turkey deep-fried to perfection with sides galore;
- 2011 Rally highlights at Weed Heights, Boca Rest, Sweetwater Summit, Hickison Petroglyphs, obsidian Dome, Campground by the Lake and Fort Churchill's Scout Camp;
- Upcoming 2012 rallies at Mason Valley, Pyramid Lake, Eagle Lake, Crocker-Bechwourth, Weed Heights, Obsidian Dome and Fallon Cantaloupe Festival.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/11dc-snu-nwsltr.pdf>

Our January 'Airstreamer' featured:

- The well attended December luncheon at Overland in Fallon;
- The upcoming January luncheon at Black Bear Diner in Fernley;
- SNU history of Community Involvement;
- 2012' Rally and Luncheon schedule;
- 1950's WBCCI Song Book including 'Home on Four Wheels' <sung to 'Home on the Range'>.
- <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-news/12ja-snu-nwsltr.pdf>

NOV & DEC LUNCHEONS

Our members enjoyed food and fellowship at Marie's Mexican Restaurant, Verdi and Black Bear Diner, Fernley. The SNU was especially honored in December by the attendance of past member Doris Wheeler (center), escorted by Region 12 past presidents (both of them) Cecelia and Bob Stansbury.



