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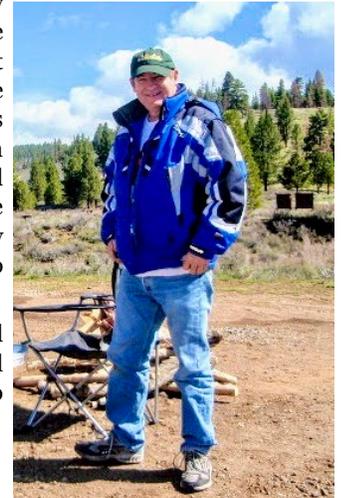
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I enjoyed the last rally and we had 4 rigs. One of our newest members with a vintage Argosy Squarestream came to Rye Patch for their first Airstream Club rally. They got a taste of what we do. The weather was as good as it gets. I was running around on my ATV and found the "California Trail" that wagon trains used coming across the Nevada desert mountains. I should have brought my fishing pole and maybe my boat. I have a fold up boat. I found a few people that live full time on the 40 acre ranches above the dam and live any darn way they want. Lots of Open County and a main gas line goes through that you could follow for a 100 miles if you were so inclined. We got pizza Saturday night from the local Gold Diggers Saloon and it was a very very good pizza. Sunday morning we were distracted by one member's mechanical problem and didn't notice the mid 2000 Airstream motorhome that took a nearby campsite. John Michael came over when he realized there as a grouping of Airstreams next door to introduce himself. We've invited him to join us at one of our next rallies.

The SNU is kicking off 2021 with more to do so come to the rallies and get out and do things. We will have Friday pot lucks depending upon those in attendance, their COVID vaccine status and personal preferences. I really think the best social distancing you can do is being out in the open, around the camp fire and exploring. I hope to see more of you at the next rally.

Peace, Be safe and stay active.

Regards, Gene and Carmen



BOCA REST RALLY - THURSDAY MAY 20 TO SUNDAY MAY 23RD!

Boca Rest, between Reno and Truckee, has been a Sierra Nevada Unit favorite for Spring and Fall rallies. We experience crisp nights, bright sunny days and great views of Boca Reservoir to the west, Russell Valley and the Truckee River Valley to the north and snow covered Boca Ridge to the east. Don't count on the cold blustery October weather nor the cool Spring conditions seen in our photo gallery (page 3). Records for the area near Truckee tells us that May promises to deliver mostly clear skies, no real chance of rain, highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

We may want to drive into Truckee to visit the Railroad Museum or the Donner Memorial State Museum. An evening group meal or potluck will be optional since we will be following COVID guidelines but they are less onerous now, especially since many of us have had our shots! You may choose to eat in your Airstream or pick a spot among us to eat. Many of you haven't camped or rallied with the SNU for some time so head out to Boca on Thursday May 20th or Friday the 21st and rally with us. Can't make the whole time or camp. Drive up and visit us on any day, it's only 28 miles from Reno! Boca campground does have have one or two community water taps, but we'll be boon docking with no hookups so fill your potable water tank at home.

Here is the important part, **All campsites are available for reservation because Boca is a popular campground.** Over 25 of the sites were still available for trailers and motorhomes 30' as of this writing. We suggest that you make your reservation now to ensure you have a site since there may be no sites available for first come first serve. It looks like we can share a site with another RV so contact us if you can't get a site. Please RSVP to the club email address snu157@wbcci.net or contact your editor if you have any problems or questions.

Make your reservation at the recreation.gov website or call them at (877) 444-6777.

Make sure it's for for Boca Rest Campground in Tahoe National Forest (Boca Campground and Boca Springs are different nearby campgrounds). Also make sure to use your Senior Pass or other American the Beautiful Pass if you have one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SNU Boca Rest Rally - Thursday, May 20 to Sunday, May 23rd - Boca Rest is a great location for early or late in the season, only 28 miles from Reno, NV and just east of Truckee?

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

Gene Baleme, *president*

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Gail Williams, *treasurer*

Jerry Thornburg, *trustee*

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Don Williams, *membership chair*

& newsletter editor

all links clickable

SNU Walker River Rally - Thursday, June 10 - Sunday, June 13th

SNU Twin Lakes/Crags Rally - Thursday July 15th - Sunday July 18th

SNU Crocker-Beckwourth Rally - Thursday Aug 19th - Sunday Aug 22nd

[LOOK-BACKS - 20 YEARS AGO](#)

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

May 2001's 2 page newsletter reported on April's Unit luncheon at the Grosch's home with 17 in attendance. Two new member's were introduced, Krumweidie's, with a vintage Overlander and Willis's. Member's were asked to RSVP for the May Fort Churchill Rally and lastly, several members were featured on the sick, lame and lazy department although most had legitimate health concerns!!

[10 YEARS AGO](#)

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

May's 2011 issue reported on:

- April's rally at where else, Boca Rest with a record 22 in attendance!
- The November Death Valley Rally was moved to a joint rally with San Fernando Unit;
- Members Rich & Barbara from Truckee dealt with de-winterizing melting serious snow for Boca Rest;
- A lively discussion of SNU constitution & ByLaws changes and submittals;
- Dale Schwamborn's brief report on extreme Offroad RVs at the Arizona Overland Expo;
- May's upcoming rally at Fort Sage.

[RYE PATCH RALLY REPORT](#)

Four rigs graced the start of the Sierra Nevada Unit rally season at Rye Patch State Recreation Area. First Lady Carmen & President Gene Baleme, Dyann & Jerry Thornburg and Gail & Don Williams arrived and setup for a Thursday night dinner of Kentucky Fried Chicken. Imagine their surprise when what looked to be a slab sided travel trailer slowed to check out and possibly join the Airstreams in the River View Group Site. Is that a Squarestream one asked? Some said a what? The questions were answered as we watched and helped Mary and Bill Swirsky negotiate the narrow gate and back their vintage Argosy Squarestream to a berth amongst us. See the Squarestream Sidebar for more on the Swirsky's unique travel trailer.

Surprise and shock led to introductions and greetings as we relaxed for the night. Friday morning dawned bright with clear skies as temperatures warmed from the low 30s to mid 70s; conditions that were repeated for the weekend. Rally activities included exploring Rye Patch and the nearby Gold Diggers Saloon, amateur radio, ATV exploration, photography, bird watching and an always favorite Airstream trials and tribulations. Sunday morning breakdown, packing and site cleanup was interrupted by an uncooperative Airstream motorhome with no clicks, buzzes, or instruments coming alive; was it a bad battery, leveler interlock, balky transmission. Normal start systems were bypassed and low and behold it ran but still no instruments and the dead transmission control panel wouldn't allow it to move. With many shade tree mechanics amongst us and Jerry's nephew on the phone (a diesel expert in Washington State) we delved into each system digging out manual after manual looking for the problem and cure. In the end we attempted to hard reset the transmission control system, turned off the motor, it now restarted normally with all systems working! By Sunday noon only the Swirskys and Williams were still packing for the road. Read Sidebar Two for more.

[SQUARESTREAM SIDEBAR](#)

Bill's parents bought the Argosy Squarestream in 1985 and although they definitely used it, it was always garaged and is in excellent shape. As an early model Bill and Mary's Squarestream has no rivets; its aluminum skin is bonded to the ribs with aerospace adhesives. Airstream used the Argosy model trailers and motorhomes to test new product lines and showcase new features, some of which made their way into their more classic line of travel trailers. Early Squarestreams were made as an Argosy, later models were marketed as Airstreams and some of the 1990s models used a fiberglass shell/skin until production ceased. Find out more following the links in this search: <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=squarestream+history&ic=UTF-8&oc=UTF-8>

[2021 WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN LEBANON, TENNESSEE REGISTRATION IS OPEN](#)

It's Time for Family – Fun – Music in Lebanon, Tennessee

Registration is still OPEN for the 64th Annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. The Rally is set for July 17 to July 24, 2021.

Join us in the beautiful city of Lebanon, Tennessee, located in Wilson County. Only 30 minutes east of Nashville with a ton of amazing things to do in the area. Here you will find friendly faces, historical places, endless shopping, diverse dining, distilleries, wineries, beautiful lakes, state parks, and outdoor adventure, just to name a few.

Rally fees are \$265 per RV on-site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-out. \$125 per adult, \$40 for youth 13 to 17 and kids under 12 are free. Keep an eye out for more information.

Sign up today to reserve your spot by visiting airstreamclub.org/Lebanon.

Hope to see you there!

Andrew Selking, International President



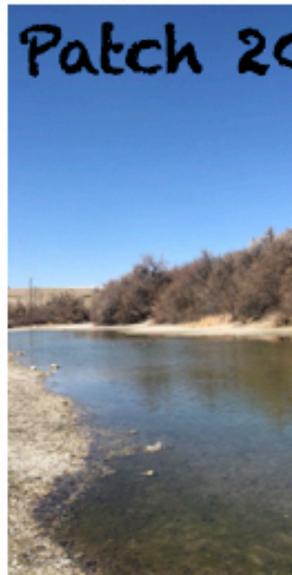


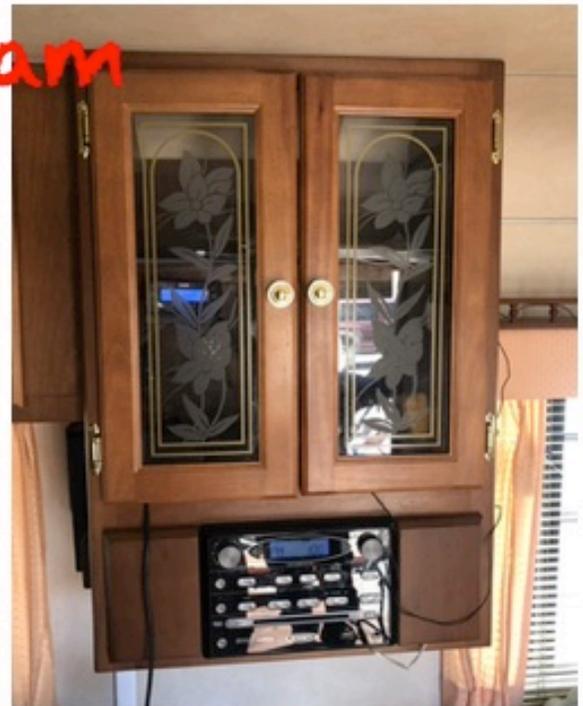
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