



**CHOMPING AT THE BIT?
ATTEND THE SNU'S FIRST
RALLY OF 2021 AT RYE
PATCH STATE RECREATION
AREA**

AIRSTREAMER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Gene's been busy with personal obligations and not able to get his article to me but you can understand that he would welcome the new SNU officers and board member (still need a 2nd). He's also very happy to invite our members to the first rally of the year at Rye Patch State Recreation Area where the SNU has reserved the River Campground group site. Make sure to RSVP!

Regards, Gene, Carmen & editor

2021 SNU ELECTION RESULTS

No stolen elections here; the results are in and our all the nominees squeaked out close victories for 2021:

President - Gene Baleme

Secretary - Jeni Root

Treasurer - Gail Williams

Trustee - Jerry Thornburg

2nd Trustee - vacant

You might note the vacant second Trustee position; the Board will make an effort to fill the position as we move into rally season.



RYE PATCH RALLY - FIRST OF 2021!

April isn't just bringing rain for May flowers, it's bringing the first Sierra Nevada Unit rally of the year at Rye Patch State Recreation Area. The SNU has reserved the River Campground Group Site along the Humboldt River east of Lovelock, NV for ***Thursday April 8th through Sunday April 11th*** (Note the change in dates, moved for availability).

The Rye Patch River Rally and the extra space in the group site offers us the opportunity to get away from the stress of COVID issues, visit with old and new friends and yet socially distance ourselves in a great setting. April is a great transitional month to camp here. We should be able to avoid the snow on our trailers seen at the March 2005 rally but still get to enjoy the expansive views of the desert and snow capped mountains like we did in 2019. Expect high temps in the mid 60s and lows around 40. Participation in our typical SNU shared meals is optional; you may choose to eat in your Airstream or pick a spot among us to eat. The Gold Digger Saloon and Grub House, on the right just before you enter the park, is shown as open and may be an option to cooking; the online menu can be seen her: <http://places.singleplatform.com/gold-diggers-saloon-and-grub-house/menu?ref=google>. The area offers bird watching, fishing, hiking, backcountry road travel and historical points of interest to visit. Find out more about the history of Rye Patch here: <http://parks.nv.gov/learn/park-histories/rye-patch-history>

Restrooms with flush toilets and hot showers are a short walk away but there are no hookups in the group site so come prepared with charged batteries, full potable water tank, empty black and grey water tanks and full propane tanks. One of our members made a mad dash west to Lovelock in 2019 searching for propane while his wife Gail and her security detail warmed themselves in their Airstream using the 2 gallon bottle for the fire pit so heed the recommendation for having propane.

Drive across the dam and turn left to enter the River Bend Group CampSite below the lower campground loop. Day Use Entrance Passes and a \$15 per night camping fee (both paid at the park) or one of the many Nevada All Access, Senior Citizen or Disabled Veteran Permits are required. Late arrivals or Airstreamers just out for a long day ride (120 miles one way from Reno) are welcome. **We are asking members to RSVP to snu157@wbcci.net or on Facebook if you plan to attend.**

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

- **Gene Baleme**, *president*
- **Jeni Root**, *secretary*
- **Gail Williams**, *treasurer*
- **Jerry Thornburg**, *trustee*
- **vacant**, *trustee*
- **Don Williams**, *membership chair & newsletter editor*
- **all blue links are clickable**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SNU Rye Patch Rally - Thursday, April 8th to Sunday, April 11th (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE) - The SNU has reserved the group site in the Rye Patch River Campground. The site is large enough to socially distance ourselves yet we can visit and enjoy a part of the Great Basin Desert we rarely get to visit. There are mining areas, mountains and tourist places to visit; we might even find another dispersed campsite to add to our list.

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 38 miles from Reno, NV just east of Truckee?

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

SNU Twin Lakes/Crags Rally - Thursday July 15th - Sunday July 18th - Book your campsite reservation for \$23/night, \$40 for a double RV site or \$50 for a triple RV site at: www.recreation.gov (make sure to pick Crags in Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Sawtooth Loop or Matterhorn Loop) or arrive early to get one of the first come - first served sites.

LOOK-BACKS COVER DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY THIS ISSUE!

20 YEARS AGO:

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

March's 2 page newsletter; even in 2001, the editor reassured the members that "the club is still alive and well", they had dined at Sharkey's in Gardnerville, held elections for Region 12 officers, provided updates in member health, welfare and locations, and considered amendment of the Unit constitution and bylaws.

10 YEARS AGO

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

March's 2011 issue reported on:

- a great luncheon at El Charro, one of your editor's favorite places and attended by 13 including 4 current members Jerry & Dyann and Bryan & Diane;
- Charter Member Frank Burnham was remembered for his participation in Unit, Region and National levels of the WBCCI;
- article "Off Grid-camping will set you free";
- first rally of the year at Weed Heights;
- SNU business meeting to report plans for the Unit's 35th celebration with a rally at Campground by the Lake and dinner cruise on the Tahoe Queen;
- Airstreams at the Rose Parade Rally.

2021 WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN LEBANON, TENNESSEE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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

Registration is now 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



Rye Patch - March 2005



