



**TWO WEEKS TO SIERRA  
NEVADA UNIT'S LAST  
RALLY OF THE YEAR,  
FORT CHURCHILL**

## THE AIRSTREAMER

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Airstreamer's,

Boy if you missed the Weed Height's Anniversary Rally you missed a great one. Weather was perfect excepted for a wind storm one night, but it is Nevada you know. We had great food together at a good local restaurant followed by a tour of a local school built in the 1800's Friday night.

To start the day Saturday Don made us sourdough pancakes with his 2012 sourdough starter. They were the best I have ever had. I was lucky to get some of his starter to try making my own.

The Saturday night pot luck was fantastic to say the least. Lots of homemade goodness, grilled tri-tip steak, salmon, tilapia and all the fixings. Our master chiefs out did themselves. Jerry's surf and turf headed the show.

Bill and Mary gave us tours of some of the historical places in Yerington and a unique dance studio. We learned about the interesting past that shapes modern day Yerington. What a nice day trip.

As always the Weed Height's RV park owners made us very welcome. We used the club house for our breakfast and dinner. It's a nice quiet park and if you are into ATV's or off-roading they are so many places to go from this park. I hope this finds you all well and safe.

**Regards, Gene and Carmen**

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

No new members in September but give me some material to showcase your Airstreaming style!

### MEMBER RENEWAL TIME

It's renewal time for most members, those whose membership expire at the end of 2021. WBCCI Headquarters has taken over much of the renewal process and many of you are already signing up for 2022, but don't wait till last minute, follow the instructions in the renewal emails or go online at: [airstreamclub.org/members/](http://airstreamclub.org/members/)

### SIERRA NEVADA UNIT FORT CHURCHILL RALLY

The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its *last official rally of the year*, Thursday October 14th through Sunday the 17th at Fort Churchill State Park. Our regulars will want to attend this rally before they winterize and park their rigs and it might be the last chance for those of you that haven't rallied with us this year. Fort Churchill offers us the opportunity to visit the historic ruins, walk along the Carson River to fish or view wildlife and make a Saturday visit to Buckland Station. The Nevada state park website says,



[login](http://airstreamclub.org) and following the prompts to renew! New members, go to [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) and click the 'Join Now' button.

### LUNCHEON, RALLY & NOMINATIONS

The Sierra Nevada Unit is seeking volunteers/ nominations for 2022 officer and board member nominations and rally and luncheon ideas for the coming year also. Please submit your interests, nominations and ideas to [snu157@wbcci.net](mailto:snu157@wbcci.net). **Filling our officer positions is critical to maintaining our unit charter with the WBCCI.** Help your club grow and prosper.

**Volunteer!**

#### **Sierra Nevada Unit Board**

**Gene Baleme, president**

**Jeni Root, secretary**

**Gail Williams, treasurer**

**Jerry Thornburg, trustee**

**vacant, trustee**

**Don Williams, membership chair**

**& newsletter editor**

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“Built in 1870 from materials from Fort Churchill, an army base that was abandoned in 1869, Buckland Station was a Pony Express stop, a supplier for western emigrants, a boarding house and a home for the Buckland family until 1885. “ Did I mention our shared meals and potluck dinners, we’ll have those too! The weather is cooling, we’ll likely have mid 60 temps in the daytime and 30s to 40s at night so no worries about heat! Find us in the Samuel Buckland’s Campground past the fort ruins on the west side of US-95. Fort Churchill is only 50 miles from Reno, 40 from Carson City and 25 miles from Yerington; come out and camp or visit with us even if you can’t stay the whole weekend.

Another reason to rally, we will be holding our Annual Business Meeting, finalizing our rally calendar for next year, closing nominations and hosting elections. Want to serve your club or make sure you are not surprised with a nomination to serve; you need to be there!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SNU Fort Churchill Rally - Saturday October 14th - Sunday the 17th**

**Up for a November Death Valley Flash Rally - Fort Churchill might not be our last rally of the year, weather permitting. SAVE THE DATES, Thursday November 18th - Sunday the 21st!**

## LOOK BACKS

### **20 YEARS AGO:**

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/010c-nwsltr.pdf>

The October 2001 SNU Newsletter featured:

- A brief report on September’s luncheon at the Station Grill in Carson City.
- Notice for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting at the Airport Plaza and elections of officers and board members..
- The ads continued for an Airstream trailer and a motorhome. *<editor’s note, they were first featured in the August 2001 newsletter but I suspect they are no longer available here in 2021!>*
- SNU yearly highlights, 2003 through 2011.

### **10 YEARS AGO:**

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/110c04-snu-nwsltr.pdf>

The October 2011 SNU Newsletter reported on:

- A fantastic weekend at the Campground by the Lake for SNU’s 35th Anniversary Rally.
  - The Airstream parking slalom between the pine trees next tot the campsites in the park.
  - Friday’s Happy Hour and shared meal.
  - Saturday’s walking tour of the Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum.
  - And the highlight of the weekend, the Lake Tahoe dinner cruise on the M.S Dixie.
- Stumping for the upcoming rally at Scout Camp (part of the east side camping along the Carson River at Fort Churchill).
- An article on Bruce and Kathy Rhymes’ “Best Classic Aircraft” award at the recent Reno Air Races.
- A thank you to Randy and Vicki Grossmann for taking the lead on the 35th Anniversary Rally, the diorama of an SNU rally that we still use today and the Public Service Announcements in the local newspapers touting the Sierra Nevada Unit Airstream club activities.

## SIERRA NEVADA UNIT WEED HEIGHTS ANNIVERSARY RALLY

The Sierra Nevada Unit’s 45th Anniversary Rally at Weed Heights was a great success for all that attended. Picture the Weed Heights terrain in your mind’s eye. Is this what you imagine, weeds and desert or maybe the mining scars in the next photo?







You'd be wrong, although the desert landscape in the first photo isn't unattractive or greatly unlike one or two of our SNU dispersed rally sites.

Weed Heights RV Park offers shaded tree lined RV sites, full hookups, great club house & restrooms and recreational opportunities we failed to make use of this anniversary weekend! Was it the same as you've read from the 10 year look back at Lake Tahoe? No, but we had a great quiet weekend to visit in the shade of the Cottonwood trees, take Mary Swirsky's Friday and Saturday tours of historic landmarks from Weed Heights' company town days and nearby Yerington, eat a delicious sourdough pancake breakfast (independently reported by others, not just the chef) and enjoy a celebratory dinner featuring Jerry Thornburg's Nevada Surf & Turf, sides by those in attendance and more sourdough delights!

**From two of our newest SNU members** - On Friday our campers went out for fine Mexican dining at El Superior Restaurant. Afterwards we went to the Yerington Theatre of the Arts (YTA). The building was originally our schoolhouse built in 1912.

Since Covid, there has not been much activity or events except for a group of locals that meet every Friday night at the basement Cafe Bar for a lively "SPEAK EASY". Proceeds benefit the YTA. We were given a nice tour of the gallery, the theatre and the restored classrooms upstairs before we had refreshments.

Saturday, after sourdough pancakes, we visited *The Studio Academy of Dance and Music*, one of two managed by Mrs Cathe Faretto of Yerington. Currently she has 175 students, ages 3 to Senior Citizens. They have many productions throughout the year; The Nutcracker, Dance recitals, Father Daughter Dance, Teas, as well as community performances in at Long Term Care or Retirement Homes. The Building was originally the Movie Theatre for the Weed Heights Community (1950s through the 80s).

*Mary & Bill Swirsky*

Want to know more about the Weed Heights Rally, read the photos in the collages, each is worth a 1000 words!

### [PAST PRESIDENT FREDRICK HERSEY PASSES](#)

Fred passed away June 6, 2021 at 91 years old. Fred and his wife Ann last visited the SNU at our rally April 2016 at Fort Churchill.

Fred and Ann bought their Airstream in 1998. Although our unit memory maybe a little fuzzy, they probably heard about the SNU when Fred spotted another Airstreamer and stopped to talk with him. The first rally they remember participating in was at Washoe Lake in 1999.

Fred became President of the SNU at a time of transition. He brought new ideas and new energy to the Unit. Through his efforts the SNU began a new period in it's history with a focus on the original ideas of an Airstream club and a new view towards the needs of the members. Read more about Fred and Ann in our legacy website: [sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/snu-history/memorial/hersey/hersey](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/snu-history/memorial/hersey/hersey)



### [READ THE FOLLOWING PHOTO COLLAGES AND SEE HOW MANY WORDS YOU SEE?](#)

October's Fort Churchill Rally

SNU Weed Heights Anniversary Rally

Anniversary Tours of Historic Landmarks

Find all our 45th Anniversary Rally Photos at: [sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/21sp-weedheights/index.html](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/21sp-weedheights/index.html)













