



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**LYON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO RALLY**  
**THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH TO SUNDAY**  
**THE 20TH**

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# THE AIRSTREAMER

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings from Sioux Falls, SD, where Brian and I are visiting my parents and recovering from our 7 day bicycle ride across Iowa, aka RAGBRAI. We tent camped the event and did we ever miss our Airstream! We missed our comfy bed, cold beverages and ice, our own shower and bathroom, fruits and vegetables, and given the heat wave, air conditioning. My mom commented, 'Sounds like you missed all the comforts of home' - and that pretty much sums up our Airstream!

Your Airstream club has scheduled the next rally to coincide with the Lyon County Fair and Rodeo, Weed Heights RV Park, Yerington, August 17-20. Full hook ups! September 10-13 takes us north to Eagle Lake <<note this is a Sunday thru mid week rally>>.

We're getting ready to schedule next year's rally sites. Please let us know what and where you'd like to travel in 2024. Until then, we hope to see you soon!

Cheers! —Jeni Root



## SNU LYON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO RALLY THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH - SUNDAY THE 20TH

With the August Fair & Rodeo Rally, the Sierra Nevada Unit is continuing to bring new rally ideas and formats for our members. We'll camp at one of our hot weather haunts, Weed Heights RV park on the western edge of Yerington, NV. The park offers us tree lined sites with full hookups at \$30 per night, a great community room with adjacent clean restrooms and showers and views across the area of the mountains and it's mining past.



Yerington offers us the chance to walk it's small downtown to shop, gamble, dine or visit the Lyon County Museum (plan at least 2 hours or more). Want more to do, there are plenty of other restaurants in town to choose from, come out to the Fair or head south to visit Walker River SP. Some of us will certainly be wiling away our time at the Country Fair and Rodeo. Click on the Fair\*Rodeo graphic <right> for a

link to the event schedule. Come prepared for temps in the mid 90s with light clothing and a good hat.

We will continue our shared evening meals fitted in around our Fair and remote dining.

Weed Height is roughly 75 miles from Reno ([GPS coordinate link - 38.990247, -119.209668](https://www.google.com/maps/place/38.990247,-119.209668)). Take Alt 95 south toward's Yerington and turn right on Burch Drive shortly after entering the city limits or head down to the Sinclair Service Station at the intersection of W. Goldfield and N. Main to top off on fuel (owned by members Bill & Mary Swirsky) and ask for directions back to Weed Heights.



MUTTON BUSTIN' • PIG SCRAMBLE • SILVER STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW & AUCTION • RODEO • DEMO DERBY • EXHIBITORS • CARNIVAL

Reservations are not needed but please RSVP to [snu157@wbcci.net](mailto:snu157@wbcci.net) so we can plan the weekend.

### **Sierra Nevada Unit Board**

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**Susie Brown, secretary**

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**Gene Baleme, Past President**

**Don Williams, membership chair & newsletter editor**

**[all blue links are clickable](#)**



**[SIERRA NEVADA UNIT MEMBER NEWS](#)**

Welcome renewing members **Steve & Karen Wylie #12110** of Carson City, NV

**[MORE WBCCI INTERNATIONAL NEWS](#)**

**Historic Agreement Between Airstream Inc and ACI:** left out of our Special International Rally Edition of the Airstreamer was mention of a historic new agreement between Airstream Inc. and ACI; one component is where Airstream now offers an **[Airstream Club Explorer Membership](#)** with the purchase of every new Airstream. Look for our club to continue to grow.



<<source>> <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/presidents-corner-july-2023/>

**Our new Executive Council has met and voted; your officers and council members for 2023-25 are:**

International President - Eric McHenry AA6EM #153  
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**[2024 SEDALIA INTERNATIONAL RALLY REGISTRATION](#)**

Registration for the October 5th, 2024 International Rally in Sedalia, MO opened Tuesday August 1st. Look for an email notice president Eric McHenry at Headquarters or logon and check

[airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) . <<your treasurer and editor are registered>>

**[SNU CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)**

**August Lyons County Fair & Rodeo Rally**, Thursday August 17th - Sunday the 20th; Weed Heights RV Park, Yerington, NV. See the rally coverage on page 1 for details.

**SEPTEMBER EAGLE LAKE RALLY, EAGLE LAKE NORTH CAMPGROUND**; Sunday September 10th - Wednesday the 13th. Eagle Lake

**OCTOBER WALKER RIVER ANNIVERSARY RALLY**; Walker River State Recreation Area, Yerington, NV, Thursday October 19th, 2023 - Sunday the 22nd

**REGION 12 PISMO BEACH RALLY**; Wednesday October 25th - Sunday the 29th; Pismo Beach, CA. The 2023 Region Rally will be held at the beautiful Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, October 25-28th 2023 (departure on Sunday Oct 29). Cost is \$380 for camping (\$210 for the weekend only) plus meal costs. **Sold out**, signup for the Wait List at: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-12-2023-rally-pismo-beach>

**PLAN AHEAD! 67TH (2024) WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY, SEDALIA, MO**, Saturday October 5th to the 11th; The 2024 International Rally will be held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, 2503 W 16th St, Sedalia, MO, 65301. <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024> .



**REALLY REALLY LONG RANGE PLANNING - 68TH**

**WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY, YORK, PA**, Friday August 23rd to the Wednesday the 28th, 2025. The 68th International Rally will be held in the 87-acre York Expo Center, August 23 - 28, 2025, with a potential for 1200 campsites with connection to power/water and additional options for boondocking; <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/2025-68th-international-rally-press-release/> .

**[JULY'S GLASS CREEK RALLY](#)**

If you wanted a break from the hot weather plaguing the Western States you should have attended the July Glass Creek Rally. Six members, Dawn & Doug Dale and guest Iris, Diane & Bryan Leipper and Gail and Don Williams enjoyed daytime highs in the mid 80s and if you can believe it, lows at 33 and 34F in the early morning hours just before

dawn (no pun intended here). Unusual for this time of year, visitors in the National Forests and desert lands throughout the Western States were greeted with unexpected shades of green compared to the normal desert browns and tans found in July.

Bryan and Diane arrived at Glass Creek from Reno shortly after Noon, having had some minor construction delay on US-395 between Conway Summit and Mono Lake. They choose site (#39) that was somewhat





out of the travel path of entering campers and gave it them their choice of sun or shade.

Gail and Don arrived about 3PM having sat through a 15 minute construction delay on US-6 near the Nevada Border with California. Their most recent route began in Ely, NV and followed US-6 almost to their destination. Having some minor engine issues on long grades in the heat they took CA-120 out of Benton and then the lessor traveled Benton Crossing Road that allowed them to slow their pace crossing over 7650' Wildrose Summit. <<note view towards Mt Tom, Pine Creek and Wheeler Ridge>>

The Dales arrived on Tuesday taking site 37, having being delayed a



day and then having trouble with their refrigerator on the morning they left. Some troubleshooting teamwork and removal of their new Gas-Stop valve and the refrigerator was working. Low pressure in the LP tank (not empty) or not following the exact startup instructions may have been the problem.



Leipper's site was the center point of the rally for breakfast, morning coffee and conversation; it shifted to Gail and Don's adjacent site for shade during the dinner hour's shared meals and a rare fire pit session afterwards. The shade also provided an opportunity for Bryan KB7DSW and Don KD6UVT to check out reception on Don's Shortwave Listening Radio and Loop antenna. <<photo next column by Diane KE6UVC>>.

Diane and Don took a Wednesday afternoon drive to check out the entire Glass Creek Campground (it includes some USFS cabins available for rent) and the drive to past SNU Obsidian Dome rally site. Read Diane's summary of access to our once favored dispersed site.



**OBSIDIAN DOME RALLY SITE REVISITED**



Obsidian Dome, one of the SNU's favorite rally sites, was originally recommended by Rick, an SNU member who worked in the area. The first rally held there was in 2006. The last in 2016. Obsidian rallies were always a special event starting with a "formal" dinner at the 2006 rally with a bouquet and candelabra decorating the dinner table to several amazing brunches, highlighting such treats as quiches, sourdough pancakes, omelets in a bag, and eggs in a hole. Obsidian rallies also often included guests. One time it was a woman who was camped nearby that we invited to brunch. Several times we had members of other WBCCI units. I think at one rally we had members from four separate WBCCI units.

For old times sake, Don and I drove to Obsidian Dome. We were really anxious to check out the road. It has deteriorated considerably since we were last there 7 yrs





ago. No way we could get there with the Airstreams now. Pits, ruts, gullies, sharp rocks and overgrown brush made the road a real challenge and moved it up to a 5 on the SNU scale. One bad spot right before the camp site that was always difficult, is much worse that it used to be. The camp area though hadn't changed, it was in great shape and inviting. If we could have had our rigs air-lifted in it would still be a great rally site.

So many great memories and great stories at Obsidian Dome; it will always be special for the SNU. To check out some of the photo galleries, check this link

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/destinations/395-south/obsidian-dome/index.html>

And for the scale the SNU uses for rally sites: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/rally-docs/11ag19-rallysite-categories.html> — Diane Leipper #772

<<Your Airstreamer Editor, having pulled his rig into various remote, rough and difficult backcountry sites had a different opinion on the

### [AIRSTREAMER AUGUST LOOK BACKS, 20 & 10 YEARS AGO](#)

*(CLICK THE BLUE LINKS TO BE TRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME!):*

The [August 2003 SNU 'Airstreamers'](#) newsletter featured:

- Summer Picnic at the Lazy 5 Regional Park.
- Upcoming Crags Campground Rally below Twin Lakes near Bridgeport, CA.
- the physics of RV motion; <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/owners-guide/driving/physics.html>

The [August 2013 Airstreamer](#) newsletter covered:

- Weed Heights Rally Review <<read up to prepare for our Fair & Rodeo Rally at Weed Heights>>.
- Upcoming August Obsidian Dome Rally << read Diane Leipper article on Obsidian Dome access today>>.
- Current and past SNU member Airstream Misadventures, ask Jerry & Dyann Thornburg about Airstreaming hunting trips in Jarbidge, NV and your editor and his wife about “turn now” directional signs.
- 2013 Huron, SD International Rally.
- 2014 Rally Schedule.
- memories of Good Times, Good Friends, “Wally Byam’s camp at Wisconsin Dells July 1959.” <<quite a few friends in '59; 515 rigs in attendance at the 2nd International Rally>>



### [CLUB SUPPORT & SERVICE NEEDED - CONTINUED](#)

Please step up and volunteer or accept the request to serve the Sierra Nevada Unit; rally planning and 2024 officers are needed. RAISE YOUR HAND!

president Jeni Root #6376 and Don Williams #14207, past president & Newsletter Editor

### [EDITOR'S COMMENTS](#)

Many of our members are missing out on some great rallies this year and the unseasonably cool weather this Spring and Summer has blessed us with making camping in our Airstreams very comfortable. Yerington's long range forecast for the Fair is highs in the mid 90s; lows near 60. With hookups and a/c it's the perfect time to come out and Rally with the SNU.

### [EDITOR EMAIL UPDATE](#)

My kd6uvt@wbcci.net email address will be discontinued in the coming months, replaced by [kd6uvt.BRN14207@gmail.com](mailto:kd6uvt.BRN14207@gmail.com) Please update your contact lists so my emails won't be sent to your SPAM folder.

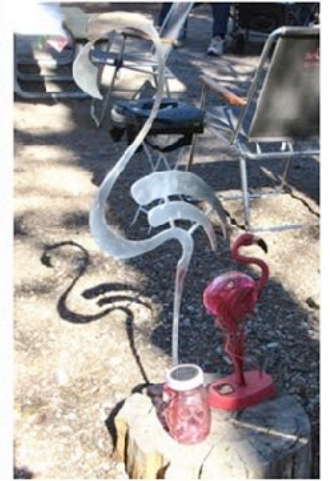
[JULY'S GLASS CREEK RALLY COLLAGE](#) — [click this link for the full Carson River Gallery](#)

access; on the SNU 1 to 5 scale I'd rank it an 8!>>



Obsidian Dome Rally Site









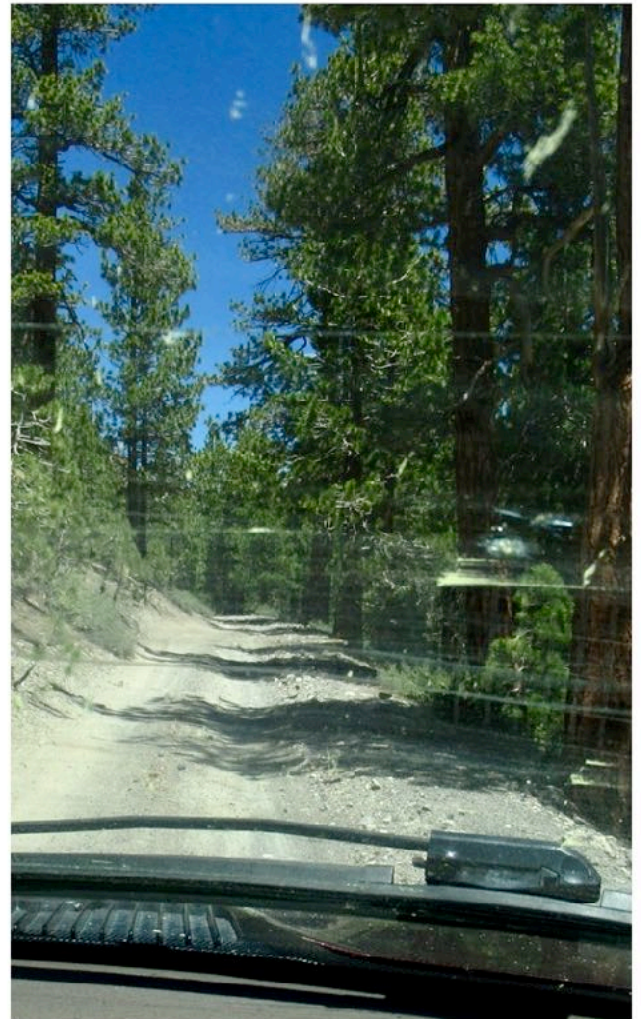
**Snowfields at 8200' in July**



**Rental turned before the bad stuff!**



**Obsidian Dome Backdrop**



**Narrow, Rough & Rutted**



**Potholed, Rutted & Sideslope**