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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Time to Flamingle!

As past and current presidents (Jeni & Brian), we were thrilled to be able to host a monthly SNU luncheon at our house in November. The weather held and 15 people were in attendance, with folks from Santa Rosa, Nevada City, Carson, Yerington, Fallon, Virginia Highlands, and North Valleys. We had regular members, affiliate members, and guests from the Northern California and Lake Tahoe clubs. How lucky are we?!

Along with good conversation, meeting new members, expanding existing friendships, and talking about the recent regional and upcoming rallies in 2024; a few members were lucky to take home a few airstream flamingo raffle prizes. We'd like to think everyone showed up for the advertised airstream "dessert" - and they helped us by taking home some of the leftover cookies - flamingos and an airstream, complete with 'windows'.

It's always interesting to talk with our fellow owners - we are an adventurous group, eclectic, with a wide variety of interests; and yet, the degrees of separation are amazingly small. Between SNU rallies, joint rally with the Lake Tahoe club (April 2024), and the regional rally in Bishop (Sept 2024), we hope to continue to share more adventures and expand friendships with you all.

However you celebrate the upcoming winter months and/or holidays, may you and yours be blessed.

Cheers! — Brian & Jeni Root



DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Please join the Sierra Nevada Unit for its annual Holiday Luncheon at 11:30, Saturday, December 9th in Fernley, NV at the Black Bear Diner, 1190 B E. Main St.

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS:

Gene & Carmen Baleme #15229, Reno, NV;
 Robyn Mitchell & Del Nordby #8914, of Santa Rosa, CA and Reno, NV;
 Kim & Craig Stephens #21754, Palos Verdes Estates, CA;
 Kim & Ellen Sterrett #6409, Auburn, CA;

NEW SIERRA NEVADA UNIT EMAIL ADDRESS

club157@airstreamclub.org replaces snu157@wbcci.net. Both will be monitored through the end of the year. The old wbcci.net address will be suspended in 2024.

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT MEMBER BOOK

Your Membership Chair will be busy over the Holiday Months, he'll be working on a Member Book listing each member, their partner, their home city, phone number and email; city, phone number and email address will be excluded if the member has done so in the WBCCI/Airstream Club online Membership Directory. A brief paragraph and

photo about the members will be included if provided to the membership chair.

SNU CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December Holiday Luncheon; Saturday December 9th; join us at 11:30 AM in Fernley, NV at the Black Bear Diner, 1190 B E. Main St.

January SNU Luncheon; Saturday Jan 20th; TBA.

February SNU Luncheon; Saturday Feb 10th /24th; TBA.

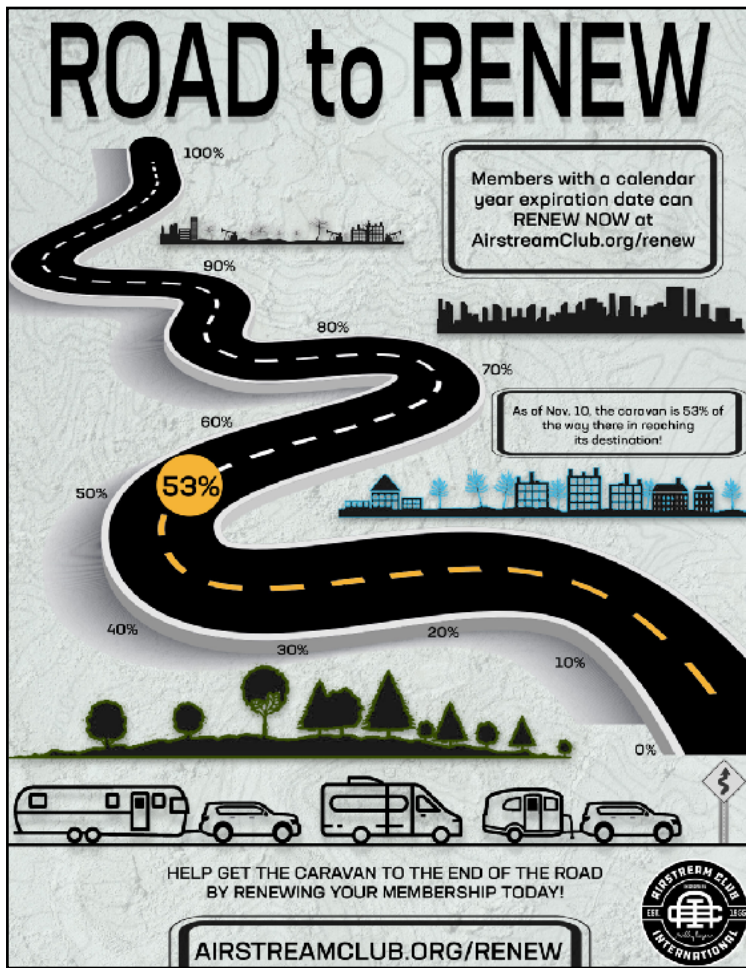
March Washoe Lake Rally; Thursday March 14th to Sunday the 17th; hope and pray for an early warm Spring!

April Rye Patch Rally; Thursday April 18th to Sunday the 21st - Rye Patch State Recreation Area is one of the Sierra Nevada Unit's favorite Spring rally locations, come find out why! Look for a **joint Weed Heights Rally** with the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club on **Friday the 25th.**

May Fort Churchill Rally; Thursday May 16th to Sunday the 19th

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

Brian Root, president
Susie Brown, secretary
Jeni Root, treasurer
Jerry Thornburg, trustee
Bill Swirsky, trustee
Jeni Root, Past President
Don Williams, membership chair & newsletter editor
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WBCCI BREAKING NEWS & RUMORS FROM HEADQUARTERS AND THE BLUE BERET BLOG

Get to Know the New Publications Standing Committee Chair: Margaret Saylor

Did you know that Hedda Smithson, from Region 12's NorCal Airstream Club retired as the Publications Standing Committee Chair (think unit and club newsletters)! What? The lovely woman answered every newsletter submission with a personal note back to the editor? It can't be! But it was true. And now, after some great conversations with President Eric McHenry, Margaret Saylor is your new Publications Standing Committee Chair. Read more at: <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/get-to-know-the-new-publications-standing-committee-chair-margaret-saylor/>

FOR SALE ADS

Jack & Lyndi Cooper Schroeder, long term SNU members (2004), have decide to stop traveling with their Airstream and offer it for sale; we wish them well in their lifestyle changes.

2011 Flying Cloud 25FB \$59,000 - For sale in Reno, NV

Your beautiful trailer is adventure ready! Great layout. Well-loved and well-cared for with normal wear and tear.



All standard Airstream features plus these extras:
 Big wrap around front and rear windows
 Custom handmade cherrywood dining table (2022)
 Exterior ceramic coating by Master Paintguard applied by Vinnie's North Bay Airstream Repair (2021)
 Roof re-sealed (2021)
 New Furrion stove and oven (2022)
 Window shades installed (2021)
 Equal-I-Zer hitch set-up (2022)
 All furnishings (dishes, silverware, pots and pans, area rugs and Yamaha generator) included.



Payment by certified cashier's check only; \$5,000 deposit will hold for 10 days (\$4500 refundable).

We have loved all our Airstream adventures, but we've "aged out" of camping, so it's your turn for fun now!

Call us to make an appointment to see "Blue Skies"
 775-233-9472 or 775-846-7289 - Jack & Lyndi

PLAN FOR WBCCI REGION AND INTERNATIONAL RALLIES!

2024 REGION 12 RALLY

Save the Date **RR24**



The Region 12 Planning Committee is pleased to announce details for the 2024 Region Rally!

**September 11-15, 2024
 Tri-County Fairgrounds,
 Bishop, CA**

Mark your calendars and look for registration information through your email after this year's Region Rally.

67TH (OCTOBER 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/>.

SNU 2023 NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



[AIRSTREAMER DECEMBER LOOK BACKS; 20 & 10 YEARS AGO \(CLICK THE BLUE LINKS TO BE TRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME!\)](#)

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

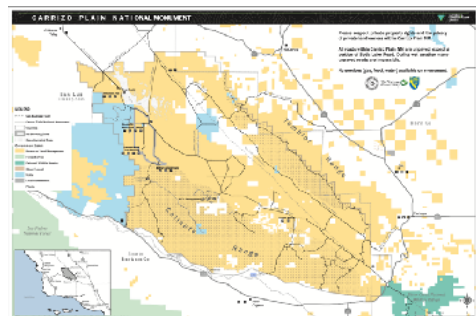
- Hying the 2004 Luncheon and Rally schedule.
- December Holiday Pot Luck at the Damoth's.
- Cool Weather Camping Tips: topping off propane; spare batteries; extra clothing; ventilation for catalytic heaters, etc.

The **[December 2013 Airstreamer](#)** newsletter covered:

- Carolina Kitchen Luncheon Review; 23 members in attendance.
- Dec Luncheon at Jake's Restaurant in Fernley.
- Prez Meanderings; the upcoming 2014 International Rally in Gillette, WY gives WBCCI members an opportunity to visit National Parks and Monuments throughout the Western States.
- Brief photo preview of November's Death Valley Rally.
- Review of SNU member tenure.
- Entries from Lloyd & Ruth Brown's diary of the 1972 Airstream Company's European Caravan.

[SOLO CARAVAN TO THE CARRIZO PLAIN \(BLM\) NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS](#)

Returning home from the Region Rally, your editor and his wife Gail decided to forego the LA Basin's Sunday traffic and spend a leisurely two' days at the Carrizo Plain National Monument (double click the monument sign and map to open web pages). Dry camping with commanding valley and mountain views, it would be an SNU favorite if it wasn't 430+ miles from Reno! We headed north up 101 looking for CA-58 heading east towards Bakersfield; made the turn and were rewarded with "Not Advisable for Trucks with Trailers Use Hwy-46 or 166". Did they mean us? Well the official definition of "Trucks" in California is a commercial truck so we continued east as the highway narrowed, twisted and turned making me wonder if we would impede traffic. We maintained the speed limit up the hills and on the turns so no worries, I let one car pass as a courtesy early on the highway and none approached from the rear for the rest of our travel.



66+ miles from Pismo we made the turn onto Soda Lake Road and the Carrizo Plain. The road is almost arrow straight on broken pavement well past Soda Lake and the Monument's Visitor Center which is closed except weekends, December through April! I was able to walk the grounds and identify various plants and equipment left from the



ranching history in the valley. Continuing south Soda Lake Road changes to good dirt for the final 6 miles to KLC Camground.



We picked a campsite with a commanding view of the old barn, ridges and mountains to the west and the continuing valley to the southeast. Each campsite had ample parking, a large tent pad, picnic table, fire pit



and lantern pole. We finally warmed after the somewhat cooler beach camping in Pismo I walked the campsite and then up the westerly trail to the top of the closest ridge line. I was able to cajole Bruce and Mongo to scramble ahead of me up the steep (steep) slippery trail; 3/4 of a mile all total. That night temps dropped into the 40s with us warm and cozy in the Airstream,

Monday dawned clear with a low of 33 but quickly warmed into the upper 50s by breakfast (seemed warmer than the beach). We decided to stay



another day for leisure, walking the ranch area and composing your November Airstreamer. The last of our weekend campmates in another site left and new visitors moved in. Our solar quickly charged back the



55AH used the previous evening and through the night. One of the later tent campers, a bird watcher, and I talked and compared good vs more premium quality binoculars. It payed off, he walked the campground



searching the grove of trees. Mid afternoon he called me over to see the Great Horned Owl roosting in one of the large Eucalyptus. Later that evening heard it calling and watched as another Owl glided into the grove and returned the call. While television and the internet offered multiple freeze warnings throughout the evening, Monday overnight low was warmer, 35.



Tuesday dawned clear again as we packed up and headed south over the 12 miles of dirt and 6 miles of pavement roads to exit the southeast end of Carrizo Plain for a leisurely caravan home on smoother highways and freeways.

WBCCI NOVEMBER CAMPFIRE RUMORS

- 2026 International Rally - WBCCI negotiating for Minot, ND; not yet finales.
- 2027 International Rally - Rock Springs, WY.
- Courtesy Parking will be featured in a new WBCCI members only Harvest Host app. All other HH camping opportunities would require a paid membership. The Courtesy Parking database would not be available to non-WBCCI HH members.
- New Blue Beret app for online reading.
- Possible Club owned 40 site RV park on property adjacent to Headquarters in Jackson, OH. Private Donations and grants would be sought for Feasibility Study; No Membership Funds to be Used!
- New Members and renewals running 30-40 a week with total membership about 9600 as of Spring 2023 and projected to continue in 2024.

THERE'S A WEALTH OF HOLIDAYS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER TO FIT YOUR PERSONAL AND CULTURAL BELIEFS. YOUR EDITOR WISHES YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR!

