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THE AIRSTREAMER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thanks to those members who have answered my phone call. What an interesting group of people we have in the club! If I haven't talked with you yet, I promise you are on my list and you'll be hearing from me soon!

Like us, many have camped extensively, although not with the SNU. We have members that have been all over the United States and the world and some who are currently in Indonesia where it's warmer than my house! We have members who only go on 2-3 day trips and others who venture out for 3-6 months. One couple recently lived in their airstream for 8 months when they lost their home to fire. We have members who prefer boondocking and those who prefer full hookups. Some prefer camping within a 50 mile radius, and others are ok with a 6 hour drive. We have members from Reno/Sparks to southern Nevada (Henderson), Susanville to Bishop on the 395 corridor and covering the western and southern Sierra, Auburn to Southern California. And..we have many members with flexibility in camping dates, meaning weekdays might be good options rather than hard-to-get weekend reservations.

Another opportunity is available if you like brainstorming and planning. The Sierra Nevada Unit is a member of the larger Region 12 unit. Pamela Pall is co-chair of the Region 12 Rally Planning Committee and is looking for a volunteer or two from our unit to help with ideas and suggestions for the annual Region 12 rally (with a 1-5 year forward focus). They have zoom meetings once/month and would love to get input from our side of the Sierra. If interested, please contact Pam directly 805-235-2809.

We'll look at trying to incorporate a variety of opportunities into our campsite planning.

My hope is that each of you are able to have a wonderful camping season and your schedule will include at least 1 SNU rally!

Cheers! Jeni Root

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SNU NASHVILLE SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON; Saturday March 18th; 1105 S. Carson St, Carson City, NV. RSVP with Susie at 626.676.0180 or snu157@wbcci.net.

APRIL MAINTENANCE RALLY WITH THE LAKE TAHOE AIRSTREAM CLUB; Friday April 20th - Sunday the 23rd; Weed Heights RV Park, Yerington. Register for rally dinner and Bruch at: <https://form.jotform.com/201555353884056>.

CROCKER BECKWORTH RALLY; Friday May 18th - Sunday the 21st; Crocker NFS Campground, Portola, CA. RSVP snu157@wbcci.net.

CARSON RIVER RALLY; Friday June 16th - Wednesday the 21st; Carson River Resort Boondocks Area, Markleeville, CA. R S V P snu157@wbcci.net.

66TH WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY - ROLLING TO ROCK SPRINGS, WY; June 24th to 30th, 2023; Registration for the



International Rally is sold out but they are offering boon docking sites and always experience some cancellations. Call to snag A boon docking site or get on the Wait List for full hookups? Click the rally logo or log in to your WBCCI account and follow the link to learn more about the International and register: <https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>.

CRAGS CAMPGROUND RALLY; Tuesday July 10th - Friday the 13th; Bridgeport, CA. RSVP snu157@wbcci.net.

LYONS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO RALLY, Thursday August 17th - Sunday the 20th; Weed Heights RV Park, Yerington, NV.

REGION 12 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. Registration is now open! <https://airstreamclub.org/region-12-2023-rally-pismo-beach>

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

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

- Jeni Root, president**
 - Susie Brown, secretary**
 - Gail Williams, treasurer**
 - Jerry Thornburg, trustee**
 - Bill Swirsky, trustee**
 - Gene Baleme, Past President**
 - Don Williams, membership chair & newsletter editor**
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SOCIAL MEDIA – OPEN OR CLOSED

I have recently seen once again, some Airstream Facebook pages highlighting that their site is for Airstream club members only. The SNU has, since 2000 encouraged visitors through announcements in local newspapers, word of mouth, welcoming people to visit our events and through having an open Facebook page. While we adhere to the policies of WBCCI in regards to being a member Airstream group, we like nothing more than spreading the word of what Airstream ownership and club membership is all about.

The SNU Facebook page has been open since it was created in 2013. We have had very few problems with unacceptable posts and those have been easily resolved. Since that time, the SNU Facebook page has been one of our primary promotional avenues as well as resource for our membership. It has been a great way to showcase what the SNU is all about, what we do, where we go, the fun we have, and the people who make the SNU what it is. Our hope is that by providing insight to our club through pictures and information, it might encourage some who view the SNU page to become members of the club whether it is in the SNU or another Airstream group. It might also encourage people to participate more fully in our activities or share their own adventures.

There is a reason and purpose for some things to be members only. To not take advantage of an opportunity to promote and share what Airstreaming is all about shouldn't be one of them. If you want people to join in your adventures and to become members, reaching out through all available media provides an opportunity to do that.

The Wally Byam's Creed and Four Freedoms have always provided guidance for the SNU. One of the statements in the Creed is "To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel, fun, and personal expression." We hope that through our Facebook page and other resources, that we have been able to provide encouragement and to highlight the friendships, travel, fun and personal expression that is part of the Airstream experience.

Wally Byam Creed

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/wbcci/creed.html>

Wally Byam Four Freedoms

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/wbcci/freedoms.html>

SNU adaptation to the Four Freedoms

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/members/mgt/four-freedoms.htm>

— Diane

AIRSTREAMER LOOK BACKS, 20 & 10 YEARS AGO IN SEPTEMBER:

No SNU 2003 Airstreamers in February.

The SNU 2003 [March 'Airstreamer' Newsletter](#) reported on:

- February meeting at Tamarack Junction in Reno.

- Focus the Airstreamers newsletter on local events, news and member interests.
- April Pelican Point Rally at Pyramid Lake.
- Propane Tank Alert for upgrades to aluminum tanks.
- For Sale - 1964 17' Bambi.
- Change Airstreamers distribution from USPS to pdf via email.

February 2013 Airstreamers newsletter featured:

- Bavarian World Brunch.
- SNU November Death Valley Rally - weather made for a poor showing from members in Carson City/Reno areas but Dave & Kathy Carlin from the Midwest joined host Don Williams from SoCal.
- 2013 Upcoming Event Schedule.
- Members Bruce and Kathy's 18 day Holiday's Travels; coastal California at Fort Bragg and Napa Valley.
- Rally updates for Green Creek and Cantaloupe Festival rallies.
- Prez Ramblings on Bylaw changes at the upcoming IBT Meeting in Blythe California.

March's 2013 SNU Airstreamers newsletter featured:

- Gardnerville Overland luncheon; Wheels showed off his King of the Hobo Rally.
- Austrian Airstream friends Ken and Jeanette Sellars, members of the International Scout Owners Club, and their experiences on caravanning in Australia.
- Hobo Rally Report.
- Pink Flamingos.
- Upcoming first rally of the year at Lahontan Beach 7.
- "Time to Hit the Road" covered the SNU's philosophy on rallies, "Kind of like the mailman, rain or shine, sleet or snow, the SNU will go. The SNU policy is that unless there are road restrictions in place, we hit the road to our scheduled rallies. Although we don't want anyone traveling in unsafe conditions, weather has been more a part of the entertainment rather than a detriment at SNU rallies." Unfortunately we have cancelled some rallies in recent years because of weather.

NASHVILLE SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON

SNU members will meet for a no host luncheon on Saturday March 18th at 11:30 AM at 1105 S. Carson St, Carson City, NV. RSVP with Susie at 626.676.0180 or snu157@wbcci.net.

SNU MID-WEEK LUNCHEON AT OLIVE GARDEN

Winter weather didn't deter SNU members at our Olive Garden luncheon. We had a good lunch, it seemed like everyone had a great time and enjoyed being together. We certainly covered the SNU's territory with members from Reno, Virginia Highlands, Minden - Gardnerville, Fallon and Yerington but long distance goes to new members Maggie and David Douglas from Auburn, CA; 160 miles one way! Jeni & Brian Root, Ellie and Charlie Fasso, Diane Leipper, Susie Brown, Dyann & Jerry Thornburg and Bill & Mary Swirsky all had shorter travels.

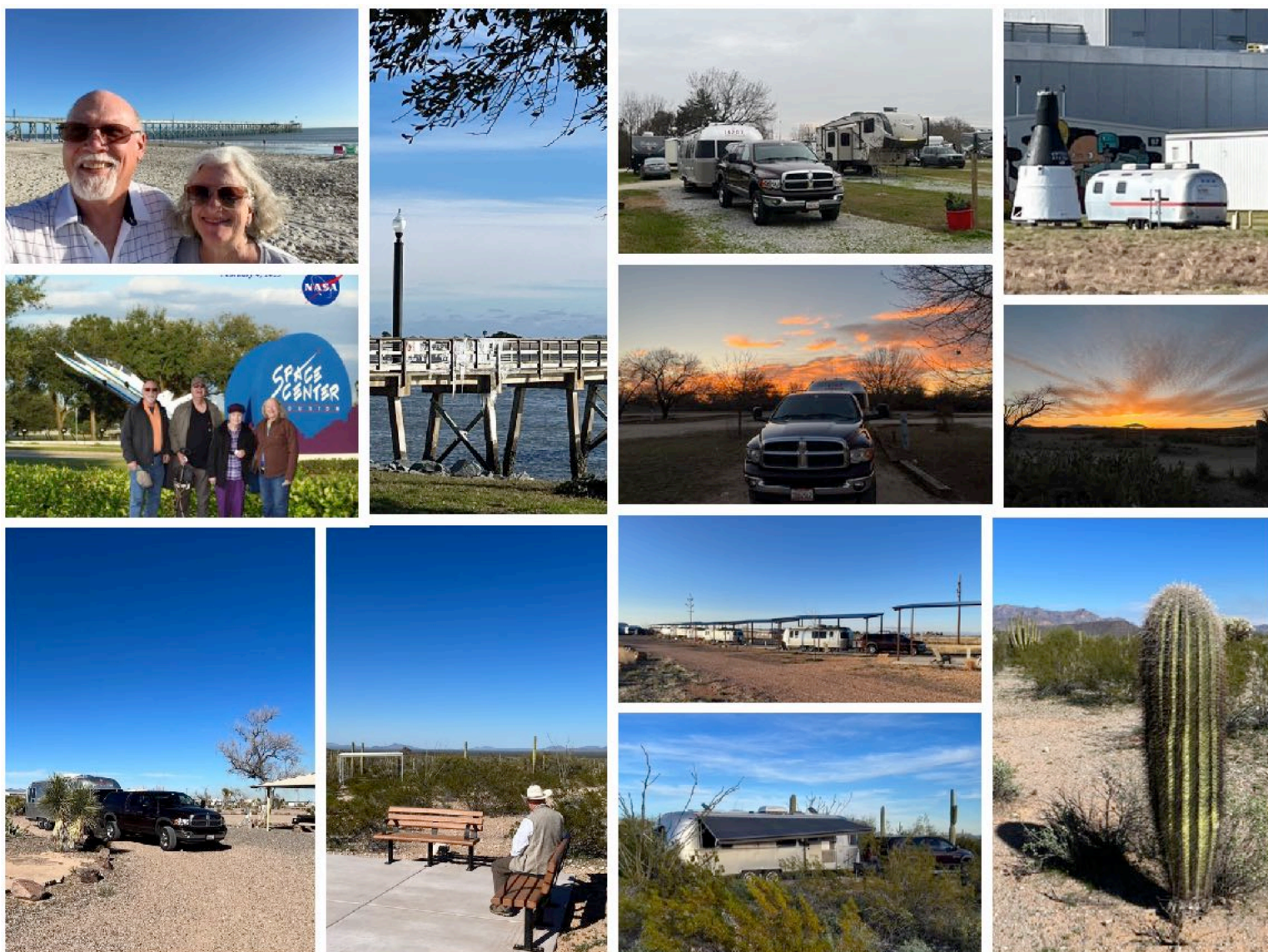


EDITOR'S CARAVAN BLOG

Gail and I spent late Fall and early Winter visiting family in the Midwest and Gail's house on the North Carolina coast. Typical coast weather until mid December when the temperatures really dropped; note the ice hanging from the fish cleaning station on the Southport Pier. Christmas weekend made it seem like a midwest winter when temps were in to the low teens! Those of us who "Winterize" our Airstreams by stocking them with food, propane and water faced a conundrum, what to do? Since only the nighttime temps were below freezing, we topped off the propane and set the furnace to 45F or 50F and relaxed.

Weather on our caravan home was more cooperative, provided we timed our departure to miss all the damaging storms crossing the US. Interstate 10 allowed us to skirt the snow and bad weather on a more southern route in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. We stuck to the 3:3:3 rule; breaks every 3 hours, no more than 300 miles a day and stop by 3 PM to get a good site. This more leisurely travel gave us time to stop and relax at Billy's Boudin & Cracklins in Lafayette, Louisiana, at Airstream friends Phil & Betty in Houston, TX, the Judge Roy L Bean Visitor Center in Langtry, TX, the Marfa Yacht Club (Airstream park) in Texas, Pancho Villa State Park in Columbus, NM, new found family member Dusty Hale in Arizona and the Organ Pipe National Park along the Arizona Mexican Border. We arrived home safe 'n sound after 15 days and 3016 miles on the road.

Got a hankering to get out in iffy weather; just do it (those experiencing the "white" precipitation might want to delay). Top off on water, fuel, propane, make sure your furnace is working and pack warm clothes. Your experiences will make a great preamble for the coming summer travels: 1. SNU Maintenance Rally in Yerington; 2. Caravan to the East Coast, North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio and parts unknown back to the Carson River Resort; 3. On to the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming; 4. After That join us for "North to Alaska" and return! We're seeking one or two Airstreamers to caravan with to experience all we can across the USA and Canada. Contact us now to plan and go!



Your Editor is still looking for member articles. Keep me from repeating ,myself! Submit your Airstream experiences: favorite trip, rally, caravan, solo caravan, funny story, maintenance tips, Airstream lifestyle or anything related. Call or write; you talk, I'll take notes and give you first right to review and critique. 951.264.0219 or snu157@wbcci.net.