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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings from Riccione (Rimini), Italy - on the Adriatic coast!

On our 3 hour drive from Florence to here, we only saw 1 airstream - but what a beauty! We believe it was used in the Giro d'Italia's side event, the Giro-E, which promotes electric-assisted cycling. Always fun to see what folks do with the classics!

Even more exciting than spotting Airstreams in Italy is the camping rally location for June 16-21: Carson River Resort boondocking area (Markleeville). This is one of our favorite camping locations and I'm so excited they are offering our members a deeply discounted rate of \$25/nite. The SNU intentionally made the camping window Friday - Wednesday, allowing members to come/go as fits their schedule. Brian & I will be coming on Saturday and returning home Wednesday morning. While all airstream rally's are open to all club members, we sent a special invite to the Tahoe unit to join us - and we've opened this up to non-club members (Buddy rally). If you know an airstream owner who is not a member, this is a chance to have them join us!

Details:

Call Carson River Resort (530) 694.2229 to reserve your nites in advance, or just show up. Plenty of room. Pay when you arrive.

Coming from Markleeville, the boondocking area is approximately .25 miles south of the resort lodge and turns east by southeast (left). A short little uphill jaunt and you'll see the huge flat area on your left to setup. If you come over Monitor pass, it's best to go north to the resort and turn around in their parking area, rather than trying to turn hard up to camp.

What to do:

The SNU typically has dinner pot-lucks around 5:00/5:30. BYOB and something to share. Breakfast is also often a shared experience. You are welcome to join in any or all of these, or do your own thing.

Campfires are typically allowed, weather/conditions permitting.

Fishing is usually excellent.

Explore (by car or bicycle) Wolf Creek, Monitor Pass (open), Ebbetts Pass (opening date tbd), Markleeville, and Grover Hot Springs (springs currently closed due to fire)

Take in the views - the camping area overlooks the river and you can watch the sunset from the campsite.

Walk/hike - open hillside behind the camping area, lots of trails in the area, or simply wander. I recommend a walk by Heenan Lake.

Truly a special place and I hope to see you there!

Cheers! — Jeni Root

THE SNU APRIL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome returning members **Doug and Dawn Dale #9229 of Reno, NV** and **Susan and Clay Harvey #4781 of Redding, CA.**



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
all blue links are clickable

GET OUT THE VOTE



Your vote for the Airstream Club Executive Council is important! Headquarter's recent email to all members is repeated here. You will be asked for your Airstream Club logon credentials; email and password when you click the link. You have the option of reading the candidates written bios or watching a video of each online.

Next week, every Airstream Club member (with an email on file with us) will receive a ballot to cast their votes for 9 members to serve a two-year term on our Club's board of trustees' Executive Council.

These council members are instrumental to our Club's function and future, so PLEASE take the time to research the candidates before it's time to vote by clicking the link here or the button below!

Simply click the candidate's name and, when you've finished reviewing the Statement of Candidacy, use the "back" arrow of your browser and move on to the next.

The electronic voting platform is secure and confidential and will be open from June 1 - June 15, 2023. Should you wish to vote using a paper ballot, please contact Club HQ at 937-596-5211 by no later than June 1, 2023. All completed paper ballots must be postmarked by no later than June 15, 2023.



JUNE CARSON RIVER (BUDDY) RALLY

The Sierra Nevada Unit's June rally will be held at Carson River Resort's boondocking area, Friday June 16th - Wednesday the 21st. The boondocking area is perched 125 feet above Ebbetts Pass Scenic highway (CA-89) on a southwesterly flank of Mogul Peak with commanding views in the Toiyabe National Forest's Carson River, nearby Silver Peak and the Mokelumne Wilderness's Raymond, Jeff Davis and Markleeville Peaks.

You'll find lots of opportunity for recreation; fishing in the Carson, hiking in the forest, bicycling on local and backcountry roads (look for Jeni and Brian two-wheeling around), story telling, recreational napping under your awning and star gazing in the nighttime sky. We'll continue our theme of shared meals/potlucks every evening; maybe someone will even catch some fresh mountain trout to share!

Jeni Root has negotiated a special price for SNU members at this rally; camping is \$25 per night. Please RSVP to the Carson River Resort and mention the Sierra Nevada Unit Airstream Club when you call; 530.694.2229. Note this is a Buddy Rally, invite your friends that aspire to own an Airstream even if they don't have one yet.

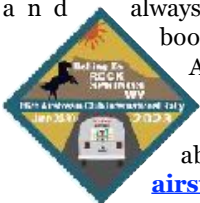
To get to the Carson River Resort take California Hwy-89 north from US-395 or South from Markleeville and stop at the main lodge and store to check in. Then head south 0.3 miles and turn left (northerly) to drive the 1/4 mile road up to the boondocking area. Find your Airstream friends and pick a spot.

Carson River Resort is 70 miles from Reno; can't stay the whole time, no problem. Rally with us for the time you have or just stop in for a day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARSON RIVER RALLY; Friday June 16th - Wednesday the 21st; Carson River Resort Boondock Area, Markleeville, CA. RSVP at the Carson River Resort 530.694.2229 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 boondocking sites and always experience some cancellations. Call to snag a boondocking site (you'll find your Treasurer and Airstreamer editor there) 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>.



JULY Craggs Campground RALLY MOVED TO GLASS CREEK

KittyKal donations of \$5 per night are optional for Carson River. For more info or to RSVP reply to snu157@wbcci.net.

Please take lots of picture for the SNU legacy website and newsletter.



NFS CAMPGROUND; Tuesday July 10th - Friday the 13th; Bridgeport, CA. RSVP snu157@wbcci.net. Glass Creek is a free Inyo National Forest campground located at 7600 feet elevation 175 miles south of Reno and 9 miles north of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Campsites are dispersed throughout the campground boundary making it easy to drop our members near each other. It is a dry campground with clean concrete vault style restrooms and no running water so plan on a boondocking weekend. Arrive with plus one, minus two; full freshwater tank and empty grey and black water tanks. NO special batteries or solar panels are needed for Glass Creek; expect daytime highs in the mid 80s, lows mid 50s and little chance of rain. Recreational opportunities include road and mountain biking, hiking, fishing, visiting the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, soaking in the Hot Springs, driving to distant peaks and shopping in Mammoth Lakes. Put this one on your calendar. Look for the SNU in the northerly half of the campground.

August Lyons County Fair & Rodeo Rally, Thursday August 17th - Sunday the 20th; Weed Heights RV Park, Yerington, NV.

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

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 - 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>

REALLY LONG RANGE PLANNING - 68TH WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY, YORK, PA, AUGUST 2025

[MAY CROCKER-BECKWORTH RALLY](#)

This years winter bonus snowfall really messed with the Sierra Nevada Unit's Crocker-Beckwouth Rally. Past president Gene Baleme took a quick drive up and found the area and campground closed, still covered in snow. Lahontan State Recreation Area and Fort Churchill State Park were considered for backup venues but a late email notice to members to redirect to Fort Churchill seemed to be for naught. No one replied to a request for a rally report for Fort Churchill or Lahontan.

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

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

The **June 2013 SNU 'Airstreamers'** newsletter featured:

- The past rally at Eagle Lake's Rocky Point dispersed camping area.
 - Guest John Spenard, at the Minden airport for glider training, accepted an invitation to rally with the Sierra Nevada Unit;
 - A low level Cessna 170 fly-by at Eagle Lake by members Bruce and Kathy Rhymes; tragically they lost their lives in a glider accident later in the weekend.
- Upcoming rally at a new location, Green Creek Campground south of Bridgeport, CA.
- The "Crab Feed Rally" at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor - Olympia, WA by guest author Dale "PeeWee" Schwamborn; Helen Schwamborn's son, nephew of Airstream founder Wally Byam and friend of the Sierra Nevada Unit.

The rather brief **June 2003 'Airstreamers'** newsletter covered:

- The upcoming late June rally at Boca Rest Campground along Boca Reservoir; the rally coincided with Amateur Radio "Field Day". Field Day is an annual amateur radio emergency exercise held in the form of a 24 hour contest with clubs and individuals operating in emergency operation centers (EOCs) and field locations under emergency conditions using commercial, battery and generator powered stations. Clubs and individual operators receive points for making contacts with other amateur radio stations throughout the US and other countries.

A side note here; did you know the SNU has many Amateur or Ham Radio Operators in its ranks:

- Current and past members are: N7FEM - Gene Baleme; KF7QVB - Fred Carey; KB6YAF - Russell Decker; KI6ROW - Deborah Decker; KD7PKQ - John Lapham; K1CD - Bryan Leipper; KB7DSW - Diane Leipper KE7UVC - Jerry Thornburg; KD6UVT - Don Williams.
- Silent key (deceased) hams are: KD6ETF - Dan Randall; KE6NOS - Bruce Rhymes; N7ODT - Vaughn Peak; K7RHW - Wheels Wheeler; KA7VLL- Dave Gmur; KDoTA - Gary Haskett.
- If you are a Ham and not recognized let us know at snu157@wbcci.net.

[MORE OBSERVATIONS ON CLUB SUPPORT & SERVICE](#)

I noticed an important and timely reoccurring theme as I read through the 30 bios for the candidates for the 9 WBCCI Executive Council positions (you can watch the online video bios if you prefer that medium over text). Almost all stress that it is important to engage new and current club members and make sure they are welcomed and encourage to participate in club activities like rallies, luncheons, caravans, social events, local club governance and Region and International rallies, caravans and online campfires and activities.

Yes, volunteering and helping manage and direct the Sierra Nevada Unit in the coming years are important! Jeni and our officers will complete their terms this coming fall and we need to help them develop a list of candidates for president, secretary, treasurer, trustees and the appointed positions of membership chair and newsletter editor over the summer months in time for holding elections in the fall. Some have said they would just like to go camping and enjoy their Airstream and the Sierra Nevada's simple style of activities and governance minimize the effort needed to serve in these office positions.

Many if not all of us received a phone call from Jeni over the Christmas and New Years holiday's and followup into Spring on what you want out of your club activities; luncheons, rally locations, style, themes, length and days of the week. Your voice, suggesting new ideas, helping host a rally or luncheon and accepting a nomination allows you to give back to the club and help set its direction in the future.

Please step up and volunteer or accept the request to serve your club. *Don Williams #14207, Newsletter Editor & Past President*

[TAKE A PEAK AT THE SNU'S SUMMER RALLIES COLLAGE](#)

Photos from left to right are: Carson River, Glass Creek (2), Lyons Co Fair & Rodeo, Eagle Lake (3) and Walker River (2).

