



EAGLE LAKE RALLY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
SAVE THE DATE

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are busy getting ready for our next camping trip - yep, to Burning Man! Our 1954 went (without us) a couple of times, so we know what we're in for when it comes to playa dust! We're hoping to find the 'official' airstream camp, gather tips, and report back next month! <can anyone pick out Jeni & Brian in line - editor>

Until then, a couple worthwhile mentions - come join us at Eagle Lake September 10 (this rally is starting on Sunday). Hoping for great weather and sharing Airstream travel stories! In October, we'll rally at the newest Nevada oasis, Walker River State Park. Along with a board meeting (always looking for officers!), we'll set our rally schedule for next year - we want to schedule locations where you want to spend your time! We have such wonderful camping opportunities within a 2-3 hour drive, boondocking, full hook-ups, highways 395 and 50! Where is the one place on your bucket list you'd like to visit? Let's make it happen for 2024! Hope to see you soon!

Cheers! — Jeni Root

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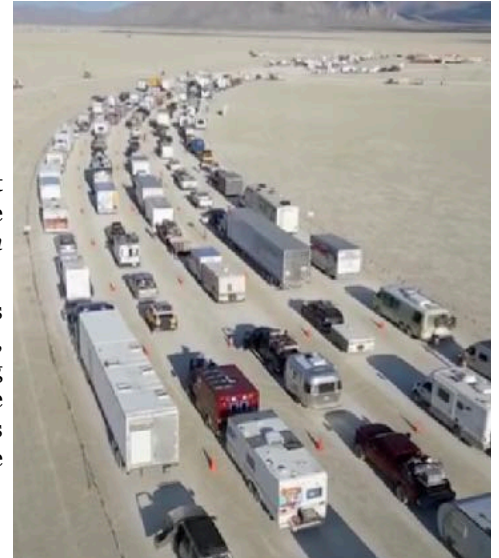
The SNU is hosting its September rally at North Eagle Lake BLM Campground. The campground is located in forest lands near the northeastern edge of beautiful Eagle Lake, where you can enjoy water sports and fishing. Camp sites are somewhat terraced along the hillside and include a fire ring and picnic table. Potable water, vault toilets, and trash removal are available as well.



We'll want to take a short drive (or bike ride) to the nearby Rocky Point East and West Campgrounds (dispersed) along the lakeshore to relax, fish, watch birds and wildlife or scout out conditions for future rallies (Rocky Point has been a favorite location for the SNU). Want to see more, drive to the south side of the lake to the Eagle Lake Marina, with conveniences like a fish cleaning station, a small store, showers, and restrooms and swimming at Gallatin Beach. For a shorter drive visit Sandy and Halfmoon Beaches.

The surrounding Forest Service land offers visitors a great place for hiking, biking, hunting, and horseback riding. Other nearby points of interest include Lassen National Forest and Lassen Volcanic National Park is just 96 miles away.

Bring your breakfast and gather for coffee and conversations in the



mornings and join us in the evenings to share potluck meals. Have special diet; feel free to dine in you Airstream or share a dish in the potluck. Camping is \$8 per day but \$4 for members with an America the Beautiful Pass plus an optional donation of \$5 per day to the SNU.



Eagle Lake is roughly 117 miles from Reno. Take US-395 north and breakaway on CA-36 towards Susanville. Turn right on Ash Street and follow CA-139 northerly to a left on Eagle Lake Road. Drive 1/2 miles to the campground on the right. Otherwise click the [Google Map link](#) for directions or plug its coordinates 40°44'03.3"N 120°43'05.5"W into your GPS or phone.

Reservations are not needed but please RSVP to snu157@wbcci.net so we can plan for the weekend.

Sierra Nevada Unit Board
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Jerry Thornburg, trustee
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all blue links are clickable

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT MEMBER NEWS

Welcome renewing members: **Susan & Clay Harvey #4781**, of Redding, CA; **Richard Palmer #18261** of Discovery Bay, CA; **Beth & David Seiler #5493** of Susanville, CA.

WBCCI BREAKING NEWS & RUMORS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Remember you learned about it first here in the Sierra Nevada Unit Airstreamer; unless you logged in to Wednesday night's Airstream Club Campfire Chat hosted by president Eric McHenry and WBCCI corporate manager Lori Plummer. They covered a number of changes and news items being implemented by the club:



* **Airstream Club Growth:** Headquarters is processing about 45 new member applications a week

* **October 2024 Sedalia International Rally:** 700 members signed up in the first 23 days after registration opened.

* **International Rally Format:** the 2023 Rock Spring International Rally established a new exciting atmosphere; no days long meetings for WBCCI leadership, just a fun and relaxing format for young and old to meet and greet, relax, attend interesting and informative sessions on education, health & fitness, hobbies, camping, maintenance, etc. Once all totaled just under 1200 rigs attended Rock Springs with more than 80 youth and children in attendance. Expect to see the format continued in coming international rallies.

* **Rally Timing:** members have told leadership both in surveys and with their attendance in Maine and Wyoming they want venues with full hookups, inviting local services and attractions. Further, the recent several years of unseasonable summer heat (Rock Springs being the exception at 6400 ft elevation), the more extreme summertime weather in many areas of the country, trying to find alternate locations throughout the US and venues able to provide the number of sites and services is driving the International Board of Trustees to consider rally dates that vary from our past norm of June and July. 2024's October date and 2025's August date in York, PA reflect trying to meet the members wants and needs. *<Rumor look for a return to Wyoming in the coming years.>*

* **Communications;** some bad but mostly good news:

▶ The **Blue Beret Magazine** dates back to the formation of our Club and remains our primary communication with members. The magazine has had regular improvements over the years while many Region and local Clubs have gone digital due to the preferences of members, printing and mailing costs. It was time to plan the continuation of Blue Beret Magazine. Publication will shift to quarterly in August, November, February and May and work done to improve the reading experience for members reading the magazine online.

▶ **NEW! Blue Beret Bulletin:** Regular email communications are a staple of most Clubs, membership groups and businesses. Our Club has been experimenting with email updates for the last year, but the goal was to formalize and structure under an email and mobile-friendly digital newsletter focused on four to six "Hot Topics" or "Things to Know." The 'Bulletin will be published monthly excluding Blue Beret Magazine months.

▶ **NEW! Blue Beret Blog:** "Blogs" are just short digital articles collected online for easy reading and later use. Our Blue Beret Blog was launched in June and can be found at: blog.airstreamclub.org;



Aug 29, 2023 | Education
The Art of Airstream Cooking: Creamy African Stew
All the instructional steps of this recipe, including a menu, along with the full recipe and the full Club's (WBCCI) 2023 International Rally...



Aug 26, 2023 | Club News, Rally Events
President's Corner - September 2023
Follow Members Our Club Total Yearly Budget, Aug and we're off to a great start as you're looking at our new Blue Beret Bulletin and our...



Aug 10, 2023 | Club News
Club Communication Material Changes
Explore the exciting changes in our club's communication approach. From updating our website and updating the Blue Beret Magazine to new communication materials and our new information blog, we're dedicated to enhancing member engagement and satisfaction.

pull-down menu topics include Club News, Destinations, Education, Gear, History, Rally Events and Stories. Members, Standing Committees, and partners have published more than 50 articles. The beauty of a "blog post" is that it can easily be reused by Local Clubs, Regions or simply pasted into social media posts. For example, here's a great article on [Caravan Risks and How to 'Be Prepared' for Them](#).

▶ **Airstream Campfire Chats:** These informal online meetings are a chance for members to join International President, Eric McHenry, and Corporate Manager, Lori Plummer, for an informal chat where they share what's going on in the Club, new things coming, updates on events and anything you wish to ask. These chats are intended to be interactive, answering questions submitted by members either ahead of time, or during the chat. Approximately 135 members checked in to Wednesday's Eastern Campfire; 55 to the Pacific Coast Campfire.

* **Infrastructure:** Growth of the paid WBCCI corporate staff driven by membership growth, new club services and member volunteers assisting or visiting Headquarters has driven the need for additional office space. The WBCCI acquired the adjacent Peoples Savings & Loan and JC Dental building at 707 Pike Street, Jackson Center, Ohio to meet its needs. Plans are to retain the existing property to use as a clubhouse for visiting member, those wanting a place to hang out while having repairs and service at the nearby Airstream Company Service Center and hopefully Courtesy Parking.



2024 SEDALIA INTERNATIONAL RALLY REGISTRATION

Registration continues for the October 5th, 2024 International Rally in Sedalia, MO. Log on to airstreamclub.org and check airstreamclub.org. *<<your treasurer and editor are registered>>*

SNU CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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. This rally is a **BIG DEAL**, it's the **SNU's 47th anniversary! Please plan to attend**

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**, sign up for the Wait List at: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-12-2023-rally-pismo-beach>

November SNU Luncheon; Jeni & Brian Root's home, Wednesday Nov 15th

PLAN AHEAD! 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/>

AUGUST LYON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO RALLY REPORT



We had great weather for the Fair & Rodeo Rally; as predicted, the temps were moderate for an August weekend in Yerington and while the slight chance of rain did materialize with off and off evening showers they were not enough to wash the dust off the truck and Airstream.

Members arrived at Weed Heights RV Park Thursday afternoon and picked prime sites near the clubhouse. Jerry & Dyann Thornburg, Mary Swirsky and Don & Gail Williams broke away in the evening to have dinner at a local diner, Sherry's Stage Stop. The quick



service and size of our servings may reflect the owner's recognition of Mary (a local) in our midst!



Friday was a relaxing day for many of us; Mary had to work at their Sinclair Service Station and at the County

Fair but Gail and I visited with Jerry & Dyann and some of the Shriners that were in town for the Yerington County Fair Parade. The Shriners joined us for our famous SNU potluck dinner in the clubhouse.

Saturday dawned clear and we joined Mary Swirsky at the Sinclair Station for front row seats along the parade route. No one noticed the excitement behind us with all the traffic control and approaching public safety vehicles leading the parade. An errant motorcycle, minus its rider who had fallen or been thrown off, careened into the Sinclair Station's Ice Cooler. He was taken by ambulance for treatment of his injuries and at some point the local police officer on the scene and a few of us righted the bike. With the excitement past we watched and enjoyed the small hometown parade of local officials, business leaders, the nearby Indian tribe leadership, girl scouts, civic organizations, merchants, and enthusiasts with their vintage cars, tractors and the towns antique Fire Truck. The Shriners were there in their little clown cars and a gaggle of dirt bikes and off-road enthusiasts closed out the parade just ahead of the final public safety vehicles.



The parade over it was time for the Rodeo. Mary Swirsky graciously provided us tickets for the event which covered bronco riding, calf roping, women's barrel racing, youth sheep riding and the finale, bull riding. The CCPRA (California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association) provide the action although sheep riding might have featured local kids. The CCPRA midget clown



might have been the favorite except for the fact that a local Yerington area cowboy, recovering from life threatening injuries as a rodeo athlete and thought to never ride again, won the Bull Riding event; 8 seconds of snorting, leaping, bucking terror in the arena.



We returned in the evening for the Volunteer Fire Department's Demo-Derby. It's doubtful that you've ever seen such a sorry collection of windowless junkers, some barely running, on a small wet mud slicked

infield. To the roar of the crowd, they ran 3 heat races, each for 1st place money and then a final heat with all cars able to return or limp to the track. Last vehicle still running and able to move wins although like the 3 second rule for chocolate, drivers were given 30 seconds to restart their cars or break free and move on the track before being declared disqualified. A great nights entertainment or should I say comedy!



Light rain Saturday night quit well before dawn, again leaving our vehicles dirty but made it easier to finish hooking up to leave Sunday morning. With one exception, all were able to caravan home before the stronger leading edge of Hilary approached Nevada.

We wish you had joined us for a great weekend!

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

[\(CLICK THE BLUE LINKS TO BE TRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME!\)](#)

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

- August rally at Twin Lakes Crags Campground.
- Upcoming September BBQ & Potluck Luncheon at the Leippers home.
- For Sale - 26' 1968 Overlander Airstream. Good condition. \$4,995 OBO.

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

- Was Obsidian Dome an SNU rally? Was it a Region Rally? Was it a kennel club outing? Wait – it was all three! Obsidian Dome was an amazing rally for many reasons. For one, we set a new record. We had representatives from five different Units. From the SNU we had Thornburgs, Wheelers, Leippers, Williams and Swaffer. From San Fernando Valley we had Victor, Bobbi & William Kingsland, Bruce & Lisa Levitt, Marla Liberty and Jerry & Jackie Freeman. From the Long Beach Unit we had George & Carol Oelkers. From NorCal we had Gregg & Valri Ayers. From the El Camino we had LeRoy & Jeannie Waldo. We had nine Airstreams at Obsidian and three Class A's at Mammoth RV park for a total of 13 rigs at this rally.
- Prez Meanderings by Wheels Wheeler.
- Dean Eveland was welcomed as the newest member, then living in Oakton, VA but now residing in the Virginia Highlands north of Virginia City. Dean still owns his 1989 Squarestream <photo right, as it looked at the 2021 Region Rally in Paseo Robles>.
- WBCCI - Expanding Internet Use and Social Networking by Don Williams.
- Upcoming November Death Valley Rally hosted by Don & Gail Williams.



[CLUB SUPPORT & SERVICE STILL NEEDED - CONT'D](#)

Without volunteers for officers, board members, rally hosts, membership, etc. our club can't exist. 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](#)

Have you ever driven thru a hurricane with your Airstream? Well neither have we, but with family back east, we've driven through the several tropical storms, the fringe of hurricanes and intense Midwest thunderstorms (probably our worst experience). Hurricanes and their latter form as tropical storms are somewhat predictable days in advance of their arrival, relatively slow moving and typically lose strength as they move inland. This gives one the ability, with input from weather professionals and a review of information from the National Weather service to judge (trust but verify) when it's safe, when it's time to hunker down and when it's time to flee.

Such was the case for recent Hurricane Hilary. Gail and I took all of this information into account when planning our solo caravan back to Southern California. Hilary would drop from its Category 4 to a Category 1 over the Pacific Ocean and to a tropical storm over Baja California. Rainfall predictions for our home in Riverside California and our route thereto down the US-395 corridor were two inches or less wind, 40 mph or less and an evening arrival of the center or eye. That is somewhat akin to a strong winter storm (for SoCal) and far less than the dire warnings of damage from public and media sources. Granted that low-lying areas, mountain areas, some stream and river crossings and flood plains would experience the threat and reality of flash floods.

With all this info we ventured forth over Sweetwater Summit to Bridgeport and south down 395 under a ceiling of clouds. We didn't encounter sprinkles until Lee Vining and no real rainfall until Bishop. Rain continued light but steady till well after we stopped about 3pm at Fossil Falls BLM Campground located 5 miles below the Coso Junction Rest Area and 10 miles north of Pearsonville.

We picked Fossil Falls because it got us south of the usual water and debris crossings and closures that occur on 395 during large storms . Any farther south meant either no convenient places to camp or having to travel on the I-15 freeway during the height of the arriving tropical storm.

Our assessment correct, the rain picked up after we arrived at Fossil Falls, the winds increasing about 5 or 6pm and dead quiet with no rain when I awoke at 2am. Monday morning we continued our travels south with little traffic since California had closed northbound 395 from Pearsonville to Bishop and likewise southbound traffic below to Olancho.

Chock up another memorable trip in our lifetime of memories.

EDITOR EMAIL UPDATE CONT'D

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

SEPTEMBER'S EAGLE LAKE RALLY COLLAG



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