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# THE AIRSTREAMER

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to our club members, and thank you for renewing your membership for 2023! It's my goal to contact each of you over the next couple of months to find out why and how you camp and what you'd like to see from your local club.

Do you want to know more about wild camping in Nevada, dispersed campsites in the Sierra mountains, the best state parks, full hook-up glamping, courtesy parking or Harvest Hosts/Boondockers? How about traveling to Alaska, through Canada or across Northern Europe? How do you spend your time while camping - cycling, kayaking, hunting, hiking, reading, walking, exploring ghost towns or hot springs? Our members have been there, done that - and we're always looking to expand our experiences with our Airstreams!

While we've been members for over 20 years, we've only managed to join a rally maybe 10 times. We understand how schedules don't always align - but I was thinking, wouldn't it be wonderful if each member could join for one rally camping out or a lunch in 2023? Think about it - third weekend of the month. I'll be in touch!

Cheers! Jeni Root

## THE SNU FAMILY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Great growth in membership for the SNU in 2022, 74 members. Please welcome **NEW MEMBERS**:

- David Douglas # 8034 of Auburn, CA;
  - Greg & Barbara Heffington # 11556 of Henderson, NV;
  - Sandy & Mary Jane Pasquale #7769 of Albuquerque, NM;
  - Colburn & Deborah Shindell #7404 of Reno, NV;
  - Stephanie & Bryan Sprague #15457 of Cromberg, CA.
  - Harry & Ruth Vollmer #1470 of Bosque Farms, NM;
- and welcome returning members:
- James & Susan Andersen #2970 of Minden, NV.
  - John & Ginny Ganther #4872 of Reno, NV;
  - Brian & Jeni Root #6376 of Reno, NV.



**STILL IGNORING THAT RENEWAL EMAIL FROM WBCCI HEADQUARTERS? WELL YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED, BUT YOU CAN STILL RENEW!**

Renewal is \$75 for the WBCCI and \$10 for the

SNU plus any other units you affiliate with. Since its expired you may have to contact Headquarters to ensure you keep your old WBCCI number; 937-596-5211.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Look for SNU Voting Links in your emails**

**SNU January Luncheon, Saturday January 21st.** Join us at 11:30 AM at JD Slinger's, West Williams Ave. in Fallon, NV, next to the Bonanza Casio.

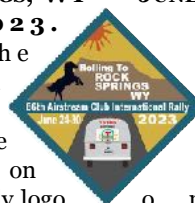
**SNU February Luncheon, Saturday February 18th.** Let Jeni know where you'd like to eat and help us pick a spot in the Reno or Carson City area.

**SNU March Luncheon, Saturday March 18th.** Ditto, tell Jeni a spot to eat in the Reno or Carson City area.

**First SNU rally of the year, Fort Churchill State Park, Silver Springs, NV, Saturday April 20th - 23rd.**

**66TH WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY - ROLLING TO ROCK SPRINGS, WY - JUNE 24TH TO 30TH, 2023.**

Registration for the International Rally is sold out but they always experience some cancellations. Want to get on the Wait List? Click the rally logo or log in to your WBCCI account and follow



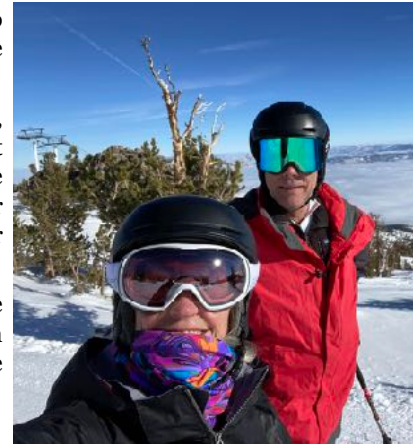
the link to learn more about the International and register: <https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>.

**REGION 12 RALLY, PISMO BEACH, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25TH - SUNDAY THE 29TH - PLAN NOW**

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 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*

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

**The SNU 2002 December 'Airstreamer' Newsletter reported on:**

- The turnout for the November meeting at the Liberty Belle in Reno;
- Invitation for all SNU current, past and new members to attend the Holidays luncheon at the Airport Plaza and participate in a gift exchange; the SNU would pay for all current member meals!!
- January meeting for installation of officers;
- The new 2002 resource for SNU members and non-members all, the [SierraNevadaAirstreams.org](http://SierraNevadaAirstreams.org) with info on rallies, luncheons, offices, rally planning, airstreams for salad Region 12 news. The website is supported and maintained by Bryan and Diane Leipper <editor - Bryan and Diane are still working hard on the club legacy website after 20 plus years>.



**December's 2012 SNU Airstreamers newsletter featured:**



- Wheels Wheeler's article on the October Region 12 Rally at Bakersfield RV Resort;
- Dyann Thornburg reported on the November Luncheon at El Charro Avita in Carson City;
- Lastly we read of Randy Grossman's Aborted Airstream Trip to San Antonio, TX. His and Vicki's solo caravan that summer and fall were somewhat eventful including crunched steps on their Airstream at the Obsidian Dome Rally followed by their dump hose carriers ripped off by a road alligator (truck tire tread) and loss of the ABS dump valves and piping for the grey and black water tanks in Arizona. Randy came the assumption that "it is well known that things happen in three's and

that the crunched steps, hitting the tire tread, and now this amounted to three things." However, he didn't know whether the three things had to happen on a single trip; didn't want to take the chance. So they hightailed it back to an RV park in Seligman. This was the first time they had ever used the bathroom facilities in an RV park. The restroom must have been a bad experience; the next day they decided to drive all the way home!

**January's 2012 SNU Airstreamers newsletter featured:**

- December's lunch at Louis's Basque Corner and January's luncheon at Bavarian World, both in Reno, NV;
- Wheel's (new president) and Doris's December meanderings to Albuquerque, NM;
- "What's in a Name?" On Airstream models, trim packages, themes and trailer lengths!
- Upcoming Events for 2013;
- Achievements & Highlights of SNU in 2012
- New Year Resolutions - review, reflect and plan for the future (SNU rallies).



**AIRSTREAM TOILETS - A BOON FOR RALLY GOERS & CARAVANNERS**

I am Tom Cook and the brother-in-law of Charles L. Sargent (Bud) who is the founder of Thetford Corporation and holder of 22 patents. Bud, his father (Frank Sargent) and brother (Ron Sargent) founded Thetford and invented a lot of the valves and toilets used in Airstream trailers. My brother, Bob Cook attended Caravans in the mid-60's to install and repair many sewer systems in Airstreams. I also worked on weekends while attending college at Thetford in the 60's building toilets that were installed in Airstreams.

You might also like to know that Frank Sargent organized a caravan with Chevrolet Suburbans towing Airstream trailers to China.

They got permission from China if they agreed to leave the vehicles and trailers in China when they left.

Tom would be happy to discuss with you other information about the relationship of Thetford and Airstream and introduce you to Bob who has first hand experience of the early Wally Byam Caravans.

He forgot to mention they owned a 1977 Argosy Motorhome for 10 years and now live full time in a motor coach traveling this wonderful United States.

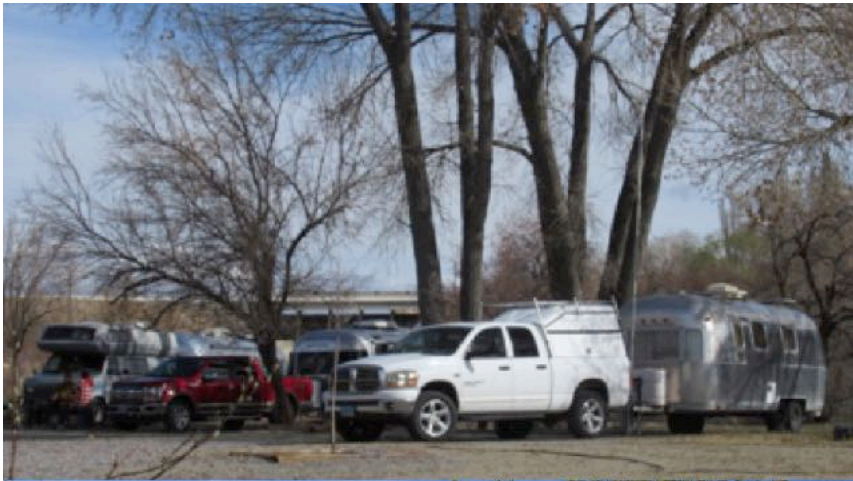
Diane Leipper reports she has followed up with Tom. She will be working with his family to get some materials that she can post on the website. Another bit of interesting Airstream/WBCCI history - Diane

**DARK SKY FESTIVAL AT DEATH VALLEY NP - SATURDAY FEB 10TH - SUNDAY THE 12TH**



Just need to get away from those mid-winter blues. Hitch up and head south to Death Valley for the annual **Dark Sky Event** where visitors are invited to come explore the night sky and the unique park landscapes. No, the SNU isn't hosting a winter rally, but if weather allows you could hitch up and sneak away, maybe down US-95 to Beatty and com in from the west. Planning to sight-see the northern valley or camp at Mesquite Spring? Check the link to see if **Death Valley Road** north of CA-190 is still closed from August monsoon rains. Still hesitant, don't over think it. You can use you furnace for those chilly night time temperatures, use the park restrooms while keeping your Airstream winterized and if nothing else camp at Sunset Campground across the highway from Furnace Creek Visitor Center [planyourvisit/developed-campgrounds.htm](http://planyourvisit/developed-campgrounds.htm).

***This space is reserved for your Airstream story. You don't want your editor to start repeating himself! I need member Airstream experiences to include in the newsletter: favorite trip, favorite rally, favorite caravan, solo caravan, funny story, maintenance tips, Airstream lifestyle or anything Airstream 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](mailto:snu157@wbcci.net).***



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