



Airstreamer

The Sierra Nevada Unit

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Even though summer is still in full swing, it's time for the Sierra Nevada Unit to start thinking about 2025 - officers/board members, rally schedule, and winter luncheon locations. Traditionally, we publish a list of proposed officers in September, followed with a business meeting/election at the October rally, finalizing the 2025 schedule shortly thereafter.

We intentionally keep our unit activity planning simple, which means very little time is required of the officers and board members. One of the vacant positions will be membership - helping ensure renewing and new members get the information needed regarding our unit activities, among other things. Would this be your year to help (this or other roles)?

We realize we have a very active camping membership, and we'd love to include your favorite places in next year's schedule. We usually try to start camping in March (weather dependent) and end in October. Would you like to be the contact/host person for one of the SNU's rallies next year?

Lastly, we're looking for suggestions for lunch locations for a combined Nov/Dec lunch and combined Jan/Feb lunch? Maybe your house is the perfect place (8-15 people on average)? Do you have a favorite restaurant you'd like to recommend?

Think about how you'd like to contribute to your club. If you have ideas about what camping trips you'd like to make happen, let's talk about it!

Happy Travels, Brian



SNU Membership News

The Sierra Nevada Unit would like to recognize new members Richard & Stephanie Eckhardt WBCCI #9130 from Genoa, NV.

SNU 2024 Board

Brian Root - president

Susie Brown - secretary

Jeni Root - treasurer

Bill Swirsky - trustee

Jerry Thornburg - trustee

Jeni Root - Past President

Don Williams - membership chair & newsletter editor



Taylorville

Aug 15th - 18th

Taylorville, CA



Hope Valley

Sept 16th - 19th

Markleeville, CA



Walker River (our Unit 48th Anniversary rally)

October 17th - 20th

Yerington, NV

Look for Luncheons November 2024 thru March 2025

AUGUST BLUE BERET BLOG

Still a little slow here during the travel season but check out the new National Event Rally, Wine Quest 2025, April 27 to May 4th at <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/new-national-event-rally-announced/>

AUGUST PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Eric McHenry updates us on: National Events Rallies, Planning of an International Rally, Testing new MailChimp for Local Clubs and Regions, Microsoft Office 365 [free] capabilities for Local Clubs and Regions & the Club Business Side; <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/>

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This month Airstream's website showcases
EXPLORE OUR RV TYPES
Travel Trailers
Touring Coaches
<https://www.airstream.com/>

Taylorville Rally

Taylorville is a new rally location for the Sierra Nevada Unit. Reported to be a quiet place to camp between Quincy & Greenville; Taylorville Campground lies along Indian Creek and across from the rodeo grounds. It has a tennis court, pickleball court, coin-operated showers, modern restrooms, and a RV sewer dump station.



Plumas County says, "Looking for a quiet place to camp ...then this is it. The best-developed campground option in the region.

Walk beyond Indian Creek into town to find the Indian Valley Museum, Mt Jura Gem & Museum, Mountains Ayres Gardens flower market, Grizzly Bite Cafe and the Taylorville Tavern. Other Plumas County destinations can be found here: <https://plumascounty.org/plan-your-visit/map-of-plumas-county/>.

The name Grizzly Bites Cafe may be a reminder to practice good housekeeping in camp, clean up you picnic and dining areas and put food and trash in their proper place since "Food must be stored in a manner that makes it inaccessible to wildlife, bears and mountain lions that roam this area. Plan to make this new for the SNU rally.

P.S. we need a host to meet and greet rally attendees.

2024 Rally Season

September 11 - 15: Region 12 Lake Tahoe Rally

In case you glossed over some of the Region 12 emails and Facebook posts, the Region Rally has been moved from the Tri-County Fairground in Bishop, CA to Tahoe Valley Campground in the city of the same name. Water, electric, lack of sewer or dump stations and other onsite facilities didn't support the number of people attending the Region 12 rallies. Tahoe Valley has full hookups at each site, exercise and recreation on the grounds and a wealth of tourist attractions throughout the area.

September 16 - 19: Hope Valley Rally

Hope Valley dispersed area is located on CA-88, 1.5 miles west of CA-89 and Picketts Junction. Campsites are interspersed

through the scenic meadows and forested lands at almost 7000 feet elevation.

October 67th WBCCI International Rally Sedalia, MO

2024 is the year to catch an International Rally at one of the most historical fairgrounds in the country, Oct 5th - 11th. We'll be gathering in immaculately kept buildings dating back as early as 1903 while also enjoying some of the Missouri State Fairgrounds newer buildings and modern installations. There is beauty in the mix of the old and new, just like all of us when We Rally Together! Sites are still available; make your reservation, [Register Here](#).

October 17 - 20: SNU Anniversary Rally Walker River State Park (host/greeter needed)

The Sierra Nevada Unit will celebrate its 48th anniversary at Walker River State Park's Quail Run Campground. Walker River is one of Nevada's newest state park; it includes several large ranches that had been closed to public access for more than 100 years that afford a vibrant outdoor experience that no other single Nevada State Park can provide. Plan to join us and celebrate the SNU's anniversary.

Glass Creek Rally - Only Two Rigs!

Only two rigs made Glass Creek, Mary & Bill Swirsky arrived on Saturday; Gail and Don Williams on Sunday. The rally weather predictions were spot on, mid 80s in the daytime and mid 40s at night, perfect weather for summer camping in the mountains. Mother Nature threw in some afternoon rain showers although the lightening and thunder we saw and heard were elsewhere in the Eastern Sierra; I might have failed to note the possibility of rain showers in my predictions.



The campground was full but most sites easily hold two rigs.



Glass Creek Campground Full but extra Space in Sites for 2nd Rig

Bill & Mary scored the vacant "Host #2" site that backed up to Glass Creek for their '86 Argosy Squarestream.



Gail and I had a huge nearby site with enough space to fit two more rigs so it's too bad and in some ways unfortunate that the rally didn't attract more SNU members!



Sunlit Site in AM for Solar; Shade in Late Afternoon

Still we carried on the SNU potluck tradition although we actually coordinated the entrees, sides, drinks and dessert; Monday evening we enjoyed Carnitas with Green Chili Salsa;



Post Potluck Dinner

Carne Asada, tortillas, charred jalapeño, onion & peppers, guacamole and margaritas. At dusk we sat around a (small) tabletop SoloStove, toasted marshmallows and made S'mores out of chocolate chip cookies; a nice end to the evening.



Bill and Mary left on Tuesday morning for work commitments in Yerington and our ailing Yorkie, Mongo having trouble breathing, caused Gail and I to leave in haste Wednesday morning headed for the Bishop Veterinary Hospital.

Glass Creek Sidebar

Gail and I spent two days in Bishop at Brown's Town Campground while Mongo was in the veterinary hospital. It gave us time to calm down and relax. One benefit is the great homemade pies (raspberry-peach, pecan, blueberry crumble and more) and their hand scooped ice cream at the camp store. We also got a nice visit with SNU Member Corina Scaglione who lives in Bishop. Corina is somewhat homeless right now, staying in a neighbor's 18 foot travel trailer while her Airstream is at the salon (Airstream dealer) for some repairs.

Mongo had improved enough on Friday for us to head for home.



His Safe Spot Behind the Sofa

Look Backs in Time

The [August 2004 Airstreamer](#) was brief, reported on:

- Spooner Lake Picnic.

- Planning for the August Twin Lakes Rally (west of Bridgeport, CA).
- 2005 Rally Schedule Planning.

The [August 2014 Airstreamer](#) covered:

- Weed Heights Rally Review, six rigs, members Thornburg, Leipper, Haskett, Jeppson, Swaffer and Gibbons.
- Prez Meanderings - WBCCI Constitutional Amendments:
 - 1. Approve club charters outside the area of established Regions, i.e. overseas.
 - 2. Changes to the International Rally schedule.
 - 3. Remove requirements that Units collect member dues.
- Upcoming Obsidian Dome Rally - upstream of Glass Creek and no longer accessible by most Airstream RVs and travel trailers.
- Measuring Battery Status.
- Don & Gail on caravan; Alyeska, the Great Land.
- Summer Travel for Other SNU members.

Who's Attending the September Region Rally at Tahoe Valley?

club157@airstreamclub.org

Let your Officers & Board Members Know What You Like, Want Added or Changed

Got a favorite location for a rally, restaurant for our Winter luncheons, ideas for the newsletter or maybe rallies every other month; let your club officials know.

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Other Member News (like TV & radio, editor wants no dead space)

Can you believe that some of our members actually camp without their Airstreams; your Airstreamer editor occasionally hits the road on two wheels with a tent and sleeping bags, most meals cooked in camp and very few nights in motels! This year it was the 2024 BMW International Rally in Redmond with a few thousand friends; roughly 4000 miles on backcountry highways in CA, NV, ID, OR and UT. In other years it may have been a two week moto to ride the New Mexico Continental Divide Route, a two weeks moto to Montana and back on the Colorado Backcountry Discovery Route, a 12,000 mile 6 week moto to Alaska and back, or Alaska and back in 3 week, 8000 miles. **Enjoy the Ride!**

Don



Carizzo Plain National Monument, Santa Margarita, CA



BMW Rally, Redmond, OR



Antelope Reservoir, Jordan Valley, ID



Illipah Reservoir, Ely, NV