



# AIRSTREAMER AIRSTREAMER

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With the coming of spring, our camping season begins. I'd like to encourage everyone to invite their friends, relatives, other airstream owners (members, affiliate members, or not-yet-club members) to come to our rallies. Any interested parties, whether they have an airstream or not-yet :- ) are invited as our guests. It's always nice to meet new people and perhaps, some might even become club members and Airstream owners in the future.

With that, we have several rally opportunities coming up; in April - the SNU will be at the River Bend Group Site at Rye Patch (April 18-22, Thursday-Sunday). In May we'll be at Fort Churchill SP and in June we'll be at Crocker NFS Campground. If you want to attend Rye Patch or any of our upcoming rallies (see page 2) just let us know on the Facebook page (Sierra Nevada Unit of WBCCI) or email the SNU at [club157@airstreamclub.org](mailto:club157@airstreamclub.org). These rallies are at public campgrounds, there's plenty of room and as usual, pot luck dinners are expected for those wishing to partake Friday and Saturday nights. My wife says I'll be bringing the pizza oven to Rye Patch! With the possibility of inclement weather, please watch the Facebook page should plans change. **Lastly, remind them our Editor isn't always like this!**

We hope to see you and your friends at Rye Patch! Brian

**Side note - Brian let me know that Jeni was in the hospital last week for observation but is home now and hopes to be at Rye Patch - editor.**



## Save the Dates

### April

Rye Patch Rally;  
Thursday April 18th to  
Sunday the 22nd



### April

Maintenance Rally w/  
Lake Tahoe Airstream



Club; 26th - 29th  
Weed Heights RV Park

### May



Fort Churchill, Silver  
Springs, NV

### June

Crocker-Beckworth



June 20th thru  
Sunday the 23rd

### July

Glass Creek

## snu 2024 board

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**APRIL BLUE BERET BLOG**  
[https://  
blog.airstreamclub.org/](https://blog.airstreamclub.org/)  
Find out more on Airstream Club president's post on his discovery of amateur radio and a second post on Discovering the Road Less Traveled with Harvest

**WBCCI APRIL PRESIDENT'S CORNER**  
[presidents-corner-April](https://presidents-corner-April)  
Eric and LaVerne meet media professionals at their stop at The Range RV Village Trailer Rest near Dallas, TX. (Continues page #)

**THE MOTHERSHIP AIRSTREAM INC.**  
Check the [airstream.com/  
blog/](https://airstream.com/blog/)  
Why Choose an Airstream Touring Coach and An Inspirational Figure: Helen Byam Schuamborn (Airstream founders' Sister).

## 2024 Rally Season

### April Rye Patch Rally

Okay, Lahontan in March was a bust, the weekend weather turned out great but the recent winter weather left little time to prep Airstreams for a season of camping and rallies. Fear not members and friends; there's no excuse this month. In just over two weeks the Sierra Nevada Unit will host its April rally at Rye Patch State Recreation Area east of Lovelock, NV at one of our favorite early season locations.

No worrying about finding a camp site or a site near other SNU members, Rally Central is the River Bend Group site along the Humboldt River with space for everyone. We've reserved it for Thursday the 18th thru Monday the 22nd for you to spend an extended weekend in a great location. Rye Patch offers wildlife viewing, walking, camp chair visits and campfires, star gazing; plus we can tour the countryside and imagine history in the making along the California Trail and abandon mines and ghost towns from years gone by.

No monetary advance is needed but please RSVP to to the club email [club157@airstreamclub.org](mailto:club157@airstreamclub.org) or call your membership chair Don at 951.264.0219.

### Joint Maintenance Rally with Lake Tahoe Airstream Club

Back for a second year at Weed Heights RV Park in Yerington, NV, the SNU will share this rally with the LTAC at Weed Heights RV Park. Don't even unpack after Rye Patch for this April 26th - 29th rally, but bring your work gloves in case it transitions from classroom instruction to trailer-side work.

Just listening but not getting your hands dirty? Theres the Lyon County Museum that showcases the people, their success and their hardship settling the land. Have culinary interest, we found lots of small interesting restaurants in Yerington. Lastly, LTAC's Saturday night dinner and dessert was great in 2023 and should be likewise in 2024.



While a reservation for your campsite is not required, please sign up for the rally by June 15th using [Link to Yerington Rally form to sign up](#) so Lake Tahoe AC knows how many people to expect.

### June Crocker-Beckwourth Rally

Crocker is a National Forest Service campground located east of Lake Davis at 5800 ft. Situated next to a big meadow with ancient lava flows, the small campground hugs a wooded hillside at the end of Beckwourth-Genesse Road.

### July Glass Creek Rally

Glass Creek is located halfway between June Lake and Mammoth Lakes, California. Hiking and OHV trails, forest roads and scenic highways provide opportunity to visit Crowley, June, Mammoth and Mono Lakes, Devil's Post Pile National Monument, Inyo Craters and scenic viewpoints throughout. Too tired, the pine forest surrounds the campground so find a shady spot and catch some ZZZ's.

### August Taylorsville Rally

Taylorsville is a new location for the Sierra Nevada Unit, reported to be a quiet place to camp between Quincy & Greenville. Taylorsville Campground is across the street from the rodeo grounds and along Indian Creek; it has a tennis court, pickleball court, coin-operated showers, modern restrooms, and a RV sewer dump station. Plan to make this new for the SNU rally.

### September 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 rally. Tahoe Valley has full hookups at each site, exercise and recreation on the grounds and a wealth of tourist attractions throughout the area; look for more detail and registration in April or May.

### September 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.

### SNU MEMBER NEWS

The Sierra Nevada Unit would like to welcome new member: Lisa Ryan #3355 of Carmichael, CA.



## 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 SNU Anniversary Rally Walker River State Park

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.

## LookBacks in Time

(remember to click on the blue links below)

The [April 2004 Airstreamer](#) reported on:

- SNU club survey.
- April Pyramid Lake Rally,
- May's meeting at Dayton State Park
- June's Boca Spring Rally.
- 34' Airstream For Sale.

The [April 2014 Airstreamer](#) covered:

- March Lahontan Rally review, lots of exposed beach for camping, 11 + in attendance <weather must have cooperated in 2014 - editor>.
- Planning of the upcoming Region Rally in Carson City and the SNU's 40th anniversary rally in 2016. Note then members Randy and Vicki's diorama of a SNU rally. Could it be Obsidian Dome?



- Prez Meanderings - Wheels described their recent solo caravan south and return on US-395, Camping at Seal Beach Naval Weapons station RV park, Overnighting at Boulder Creek RV Park in Lone Pine, CA, great sunrises and lunch at Hays Street Cafe in Bridgeport.
- Rally with NorCal at Prosser Family Camp.
- Upcoming Boac Rest Rally.
- 1965 Alaska & Today's Alyeska, the Great Land Caravans - A comparison of Harrison's 1965 trip to Alaska (Bryan and Diane Leipper's grandparents; you did know they are third generation Airstreamers!) and Don & Gail's expectations for the WBCCI caravan.

## Got some Airstream Stuff to Sell

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## Editor's Blog

Your editor has been busy dragging his feet on repairs and upgrades for his and Gail's 2012 Airstream. With over 150,000 miles on it on some unkind roads the dinette seats and bathroom wall were no longer well attached at the floor. They weren't difficult repairs but with it partially apart it warranted other improvements/modifications; relocating the hard to use 120 volt outlet, putting 12 volt power in for our RV crockpot and running some coax and power for my amateur radio operating position (my side of the dinette). Decisions, decisions; how to run, what equipment to run, etc.

Well, it's done now and we'll be rolling soon after you read this, on another Airstream adventure.

editor





## March at Lahontan SRA

This year's winter isn't necessarily out of character but she has thrown the SNU members a few setbacks. March cold, snow and rain made it difficult to un-winterize and prep our Airstreams for a season or rallies and travel. Trustee Bill Swirsky popped in at Lahontan several times during the weekend (he and Mary live close); ready to caravan out to meet the arriving throngs of Airstreamers but it was not to be. The weather may have made it difficult to prep the Airstreams but it relented for a perfect camping weekend as shown by Bill's photos!

Note our usual Beach 7 area made smaller from the rising water level, in fact our spots are wet!

