



Airstreamer

The Sierra Nevada Unit

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Traveling with an airstream has its advantages. Being self-contained allows greater flexibility when it comes to finding places to stay overnight. We found this to be true while crossing the USA (to Vermont and back). Boondocking opportunities abound, from dispersed camping in the middle of nowhere (our preference for multiple night stays) to parking in breweries via the Harvest Hosts membership. (I'll cover Airstream courtesy parking in another newsletter.) A lot of Airstream owners ask about joining Harvest Host and we wanted to share our experience.

While we usually stay more than 1 night when 'camping', sometimes we found we needed to "keep moving" to cover more miles, resulting in trying to find a '1 nighter'. Harvest Host was perfect for these short stays.

We would arrive late afternoon, enjoy the hospitality of the host (be it breweries or owners looking to 'pay it forward') reasonable hour the next morning. experiences worked for us and some

We know that breweries can accommodate large trucks, so getting in and out with the airstream trailer was by the main roads easy. We also found locations close upon which we traveled (back roads and interstates). Best of all, the folks we connected with shared local knowledge freely, from parks for taking a much needed walk or bicycle ride, to restaurants and breweries. While not committing to a cross-country trip in 2024, we do hope to take advantage of camping at the nearby wineries next spring.

Sometimes it seems risky to not have a traditional campground facility, but we found the flexibility, ease, and friendliness of Harvest Host to be a wonderful experience. If you're making plans for an extended journey and are looking for an option for rest, refreshment and a little local company, give Harvest Host a try.

Brian



individual home and pull out at a We found all were exceptional. accommodate large airstream trailer was by the main roads

Save the Dates

January

No Luncheon

February

Gold 'n Silver, Reno



Saturday the 17th at 11:30AM

March

Washoe Lake Rally; Thursday March 14th



to Sunday the 17th; hope and pray for an early warm Spring!

April

Rye Patch Rally; Thursday April 18th to



Sunday the 22nd; Rye Patch State Recreation Area

April

Maintenance Rally w/ LTAC, 26th - 29th Weed Heights RV Park

NEW WBCCI BENEFIT

Each Airstream Club membership will receive a one-year enrollment in the KOA Rewards Program* beginning in January, 2024!

Designed with campers and outdoor enthusiasts in mind, KOA Rewards is both a discount and rewards program. From earning rewards while camping to receiving discounts at select merchants, the KOA loyalty program is designed to help you save money in a few different ways.

*Offer valid to new KOA Rewards Program enrollees only.



WBCCI AIRSTREAM CLUB BLUE BERET BLOG

Get the Latest 'Club news at: [https://](https://blog.airstreamclub.org/)

blog.airstreamclub.org/ all italic underlined blue text in the Airstreamer is a clickable link

BLUE BERET BULLETIN

January is the first online edition of the [Blue Beret Bulletin](#); also published online in March, April, June, July, September, October and December.

Sierra Nevada Unit 2024 Board

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Club Participation Matters

Your participation helps the Sierra Nevada Unit grow and build on member experiences, just like the children in the school yard. Attend a rally

or send in an article or photos for the Airstreamer at:
club157@airstreamclub.org. editor

2024 Rally Season

March Lahontan SRA Rally

Weather allowing, the 14th-17th will find the Sierra Nevada members rallying beachside at Lahontan State Recreation Area near Silver Springs, NV. Access is good in almost any weather on the paved and established dirt roadways but don't venture trying to drive across the semi-dry inlets. Lahontan is a good place for walking, watching wildlife and camp chair visits around a campfire. Plan for boondocking since restrooms may not be open yet.

April Rye Patch Rally

The SNU has reservations for a four night stay, Thursday the 18th thru Monday the 22nd, at one of our favorite early

season rally locations, Rye Patch River Bend Group Site east of Lovelock, NV. Another great location for wildlife, walking, camp chair visits and campfires plus we can tour the country side and imagine history in the making along the California Trail and abandon mines from years gone by.

Joint Maintenance Rally with Lake Tahoe Airstream Club

Back for a second year at Weed Heights RV Park, Yerington, NV, the SNU will co-host this rally with the LTAC. 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!

Lookbacks in Time

(remember to click on the blue links below)

The [January 2004 Airstreamer](#) covered planning for a new year and the 1981 Monterey Unit Mexico Caravan:

- Annual Christmas Party; fun, good friends & great food.
- Great start to the New Year, strong membership and club finances.
- Complete 2004 Rally Schedule.
- [Tales & Views of the Good Old Days](#) reported on a breakdown experienced by Dale and Virginia Leipper (later charter members of the SNU) on the 1981 Mexican Caravan hosted by the Money Bay California Unit:
 - Great read on the caravan experiences in more rugged conditions than one might encounter today, even on unpaved highways in Canada's North West and Yukon Territories [Driver's Manual, Trouble in Baja \(poem\) and Rag Tag diary by Wagon Master Lloyd Brown.](#)
 - Photo album shows some of the harsh conditions but also make it obvious that the Airstreamers didn't suffer too much in Mexico [Photo Gallery](#)

SNU MEMBER NEWS

The Sierra Nevada Unit would like to acknowledge our most recent new and returning members: James & Susan Anderson #2970 of Minden, NV; Russell & Deborah Decker #3426 of Olympia, WA; Dean Eveland #2916 of Virginia Highlands, NV; John & Ginny Ganthner #4872 of Reno, NV; Steve & Melisa Richardson #3269 of South Lake Tahoe, CA; Mark & Cary Seasholtz #6977 of Reno, NV; Jerry Thornburg & Dyann McDonald #2797 of Fallon, NV.

We currently have a 92% renewal rate! **THANK YOU** to everyone that has joined us for 2024!

HAVEN'T RENEWED YET: go to airstreamclub.org/renew .



The [January 2014 Airstreamer](#) covered:

- December Lunch at Jakes (17 in attendance).
- Upcoming January luncheon at Hometown Cafe.
- Prez Meanderings:
 - Christmas, Resolutions, Last Hobo Rally in Blythe and the upcoming 2014 Gillette, WY International Rally and Carson City area Region Rally.
- Nov 2013 Death Valley Rally.

Sidebar on the 1981 Mexican Caravan

By Diane Leipper

Bryan and I have fond memories of our parents stories on the Mexico Caravan even though we were already out on our own.

Tales & views in the 2004 Airstreamer (pg 2) described one incident during the 1981 caravan, my parent's truck troubles, that became legend in the Monterey Unit. It was amazing to run into people in the middle of nowhere who knew my Dad's brother and who actually knew of a nearby "garage" who had the part to fix the IH (International Harvester).

Other than that, the two things that stick in my mind are Dad's accordion and the clam chowder incident.

Mom and Dad had a 1962 16ft Airstream Bambi on that caravan. Dad was always concerned about limited space and the weight of the trailer anytime we took a trip. Yet on this 1981 caravan instead of some small musical instrument like his harmonica, somehow the accordion was apparently considered necessary. There is a great picture of Dad on his accordion



SNU Dec Luncheon - Black Bear Diner

accompanying a local musician on guitar providing evening entertainment.

Read more about the Clam Chowder incident here: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/bb-published/leipper/81mexico.html>



OCEAN CRUISE WITH AIRSTREAM FRIENDS

Hello everyone

The topic of going on a cruise with a bunch of other Airstreamers came up at a recent rally around the campfire. There was interest in seeing if others might be interested. Therefore, I am using the club's email distribution list to gauge interest. Should a cruise be planned, it is not a club event nor sponsored or endorsed by the GBAAC (Greater Bay Area Airstream Club).

Many of us in GBAAC, SVAC (Sacramento Valley Airstream Club), and the Airstream Club in general are vacation enthusiasts in general and often ship-cruising is included in those travels. Those of you who cruise, you've seen the shirts, hats, or other worn decorations to show that you're there with a group. Motorcycle groups, high school reunions, wedding parties, you name it. So how about a bunch of Airstreamers?

We have plenty of options on the west coast. Princess Cruise Line home ports one ship in SF and has itineraries from 5 days to 2 weeks long going along California, Mexico, Alaska, and Hawaii. Seattle, LA, and San Diego have additional options for cruise lines and itineraries.

At this time, there is no planned date, line, or itinerary. This email is only to gauge interest. Feel free to share with Airstream friends. If there is reasonable interest locally, then I may extend to R12 clubs or even ACI.

If you're interested, simply reply and let me know!

-Jason Grendahl jasongrendahl@gmail.com



For Sale

Didn't find what you wanted under the Christmas tree, here's your chance:

Jack & Lyndi Cooper Schroeder, long term SNU members since 2004, have decided to stop traveling with their Airstream and offer it for sale; we wish them well in their lifestyle changes.



2011 Flying Cloud 25FB \$59,000 - For sale in Reno, NV

Your beautiful trailer is adventure ready! Great layout. Well-loved and well-cared for with normal wear and tear.

All standard Airstream features plus these extras:

- Big wrap around front and rear windows;
- Custom handmade cherrywood dining table (2022);
- Exterior ceramic coating by Master Paintguard applied by Vinnie's North Bay Airstream Repair (2021);
- Roof re-sealed (2021);
- New Furrion stove and oven (2022);
- Window shades installed (2021);
- Equal-i-zer hitch set-up (2022);
- All furnishings; dishes, silverware, pots and pans, area rugs and Yamaha generator) included.



Payment by certified cashier's check only; \$5,000 deposit will hold for 10 days (\$4500 refundable).

We have loved all our Airstream adventures, but we've "aged out" of camping, so it's your turn for fun now!

Call us to make an appointment to see "Blue Skies"
775-233-9472 or 775-846-7289 - Jack & Lyndi

Got some Airstream related stuff to sell, contact your editor at:

club157@airstreamclub.org for your ad here.

editor's blog - Harvest Host Sidebar

Your editor would like to echo President Brian's support for camping at Harvest Host locations. Gail and I have stayed at breweries, wineries, farms and museums while criss-crossing the U.S. It's a great way to travel, meet people and get a perspective on their lifestyles, local attractions and regional history. Many were open during COVID when some private and public campgrounds closed down. You'll find that desert wineries in Arizona and New Mexico are not quite the same as found in the more temperate climates of the South, Midwest, New England and Northern California. Plan your stop right and you may find a local food truck on site for barbecue, Mexican food or pizza offering entrees to go with your newly purchased wine and beer.

