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Airstreamer

The Sierra Nevada Unit

PRESIDENT'S LETTER - The Allure of Airstream Trailers

When it comes to choosing a camper, Airstream trailers stand out as an icon of adventure and timeless design. Here's why people often opt for an Airstream over other campers:

Iconic Design and Aesthetic Appeal: Airstreams are instantly recognizable with their sleek, metallic exterior and distinctive shape. They evoke a sense of nostalgia and adventure, appealing to those who appreciate classic American craftsmanship and design.

Durability and Quality: Known for their durability, Airstream trailers are built to withstand the rigors of travel and camping. Constructed with aircraft-grade aluminum, they are lightweight yet sturdy, offering a sense of security and reliability on the road. Although, over time, of course, things wear out or go wrong, but with airstreams, it's worth replacing/ changing components as they wear out/become obsolete



Efficient Use of Space: Despite their compact size, Airstreams are renowned for their efficient use of space. The interior layout maximizes comfort and functionality, featuring clever storage solutions, convertible furnishings, and modern amenities that cater to the needs of travelers.

Timeless Appeal: Airstreams have maintained their appeal over decades, transcending trends and fads. Their timeless design and enduring quality make them a symbol of adventure and exploration that resonates with travelers of all generations.

Community and Lifestyle: Owning an Airstream often goes beyond mere transportation–it's a lifestyle. Airstream owners form a close-knit community of enthusiasts who share a passion for travel, outdoor living, and experiencing new destinations.

Resale Value: Airstream trailers tend to hold their value well over time compared to other campers. Their reputation for quality craftsmanship and iconic status can make them a solid investment for those looking to buy and sell in the future.

Versatility: Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or a cross-country road trip, Airstream trailers offer versatility and comfort. They are designed to handle various terrains and climates, providing a reliable home away from home wherever your travels take you.

In essence, choosing an Airstream over other campers often boils down to a blend of aesthetics, quality, functionality, and the intangible allure of embarking on a journey with a trusted and beloved travel companion. For many, an Airstream represents not just a camper, but a symbol of freedom, adventure, and the spirit of exploration that defines the open road. **Brían**

JULY BLUE BERET BLOG

It's a slow month for the BB Blog so click on <u>Stories</u> and read about The Courage to Explore..., Craven Risks... and A Three-Caravan Year!

JULY PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LaVerne and Eric just returned from a four-month, 10,000-mile tour of our country. Read what he said about the Health of our 'Club, alternative and Airstreamthemed camping and more at the July President's Corner.

AIRSTREAM INC.

Not much new on Airstream's website this month; they are probably working to showcase the new 2025s that will be coming out but I did find a link to <u>What Makes Each Motorized</u> <u>Airstream Van Unique?</u>

Glass Creek Rally Hosts Don & Gail



Willams July 22nd - 26th S of June Lake, CA

Taylorsville Aug 15th - 18th



Taylorsville, CA

Hope Valley Sept 16th - 19th



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Walker River (our Unit anniversary rally) October 17th - 20th



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Look for Luncheons Nov-February

Glass Creek Rally

The Sierra Nevada Unit will hold it's July Rally Monday the 22nd through Thursday the 25th at the Glass Creek (USFS) Campground.Don & Gail Williams #14207 will be your hosts.



Glass Creek is located halfway between June Lake and Mammoth Lakes, California. Both communities and nearby Devil's Postpile National Monument offer nearby opportunities for hiking, museums and scenic wonders. The Inyo National

Forest surrounding the campground has streams and lakes, OHV trails, forest roads and highways provide opportunity to fish, hike, visit the summit hut on Bald Peak (highest local peak at 9085 ft -



4X4 recommended), Convict Lake, Crowley Lake, Hot Creek Geologic Site, Inyo and Mono Mono Craters, Mono Lake and the Mono Basin Visitor's Center, Obsidian Dome and more. Some of



us may also tour parts of the area searching for new sites for rallies. Too tired to recreate, a pine forest surrounds the campground so find a shady spot and catch some ZZZ's or listen to your host's amateur radio.

Hopefully you'll be working up an appetites for the evening potluck meals and maybe Wednesday morning's scratch made sourdough pancakes. We hope you will come join us at Glass Creek; please RSVP with Don & Gail at <u>club157@airstreamclub.org</u> so Don can have ample Sourdough and maybe bring some Maple Syrup with you.



Glass Creek is only 160 miles from Reno; head south on US-395 or plan your own solo caravan route and then west on Glass Creek Road opposite the CalTrans Maintenance Station (lat/lon 37.75170, -118.98736). Once you're in the campground bear right and look for the aluminum and flamingo art. Take your pick of nearby shaded or sunny sites (first come first served but many don't worry since many sites can hold two rigs). Remember to come with a full water tank and empty black and grey water tanks; there is no water or electric hookups. Forget and need water or to dump, the nearby Mammoth Community Water District has potable water and a dump station for a small fee.

2024 Rally Season

August 15 - 18: Taylorsville Rally (host/greeter needed)

Taylorsville is a new location for the Sierra Nevada Unit, reported to be a quiet place to camp between Quincy & Greenville. Taylorsville Camprogund 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 SNU rally.

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

For more Info go to: sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/, Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI on Facebook or email us at: club157@airstreamclub.org (all photos courtesy of the Sierra Nevada Unit) page 2 of CA-89 and Picketts Junction. Campsites are is 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, <u>Register Here</u>.

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.

Crocker Beckwourth Rally - No One There; What to Do?

It appears that no members made the Crocker Beckwourth Rally in June. Many had other commitments and your editor was completing a 2 week motorcycle trip in several Western States; yes he was tent camping without the luxuries of an Airstream!

Okay, many (most) of us enjoy the informal format of Sierra Nevada Unit rallies; RSVPs requested but no formal registration, can decide to come or cancel last minute without a penalty, no limit on the number of members who can attend (everyone can get in), etc.

So what to do when you are the first or maybe the only member at a rally site? Hopefully you are just the first but if not, enjoy the location and atmosphere, walk, hike, visit nearby

museums and scenic attractions or just relax (with dogs). Lastly if possible send a brief summary of y o u r weekend and some photos to the SNU editor.



Look Backs in Time

The July 2004 Airsteamer was brief, reported on:

- Boca Springs Rally Report included guests Scott family from Colorado.
- Upcoming July potluck lunch and meeting at Spooner State Park.

The July 2014 Airstreamer covered:

- Sweetwater Rally & Amateur Radio Field Day Review, 10 members enjoyed the peaceful setting, amateur radio and visitors.
- Prez Meanderings; Wheels § Dorís's solo caravan and family vísít to Carlsbad, NM and Point nearby;
 - Near triple digit temps in Albuquerque, NM
 - Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Guadalupe Mountain NP, Coronado National Memorial, Tombstone and more.
- upcoming weed Heights Rally.
- Joint rally with NorCal at Prosser Family Camp.
- Alumafandango Sílver Traíler Event ín Oregon.
- Camera Basícs
- Road to Gillette (International Rally).

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

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

The Larkins, Roots and Williams are headed to the Region Rally; please let the club know if you are attending two we can plan a get-together.

SNU Membership News



The Sierra Nevada Unit would like to recognize and thank renewing members Doug & Dawn Dale WBCCI

#9229 and Michael & Shirley Sundheim #9400.

Let your Board Members know what you like, want added or removed from the Airstreamer

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