



Airstreamer

The Sierra Nevada Unit

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Business first - We are planning on holding our annual business meeting at the Walker River Rally in October. If we have enough members to have a quorum, we'll vote on 2025 officers/chairs, otherwise we'll develop a candidate slate and hold an online meeting and electronic voting before year-end.

Don Williams has been holding multiple positions in the unit and is giving up the Membership Chair - so we are definitely looking for a volunteer for that one. Of course, if you are interested in any other positions, please let me know. We all pitch in and keep it simple.

Region 12 Rally - Jeni & I will be heading to South Lake Tahoe on Wednesday, September 11. We will be putting together a SNU basket for auction - if anyone has anything to donate, please let us know (we'll figure out a way to pick up/collect/etc). Our basket was a top seller last year - we're hoping to repeat!

Airstreams were well represented at Burning Man 2024. We visited *Airstreami*, which is a camp for Airstream owners. Their camp is on a 'prime' corner and their gift is a postcard studio - you decorate blank cards and they are mailed from Black Rock City to any where in the world. You also designate if you want them mailed this year...or any of the next 5 years. Their 'bar' was constructed from scrap airstream aluminum and included trailer license plates from all over the US and Canada. They are missing a Nevada plate - we're hoping to remedy that! Let us know if you have an old NV plate you can donate. We think they had about 40 Airstreams...and we likely saw another 50 scattered throughout the event - Airstreams were everywhere! *Photos page 4.*

Hope to see you at the region rally, the SNU Rally at Hope Valley (immediately following South Lake Tahoe), or Walker River in October!

Brian (aka Rad Dad)

SNU Membership News

The SNU would like to thank renewing members: Richard Palmer #18261 of Discovery Bay, CA; David & Julie Besancon #6123 of Susanville, CA; Robyn Mitchell & Del Norby #8914 of Santa Rosa, CA and Nola Williams & Thomas Booze #11364 of Placerville, CA.

SNU 2024 Board

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| 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 | | |

SEPTEMBER BLUE BERET BLOG

(Click the links)

- [Staying active on the road](#)
- [Staying healthy on the road](#) - is there a theme here?
- [Airstream limited edition electric bikes at Sedalia Rally](#)

SEPTEMBER PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Whew. It's been a busy and enjoyable summer; LaVerne and I hope you've had the opportunity to spend both quality and quantity time in your Airstream. **For more see page 4**

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- [Introducing the all new Interstate 19x le Outland Edition Touring Coach](#)
- [Explore Airstreams 2025 Improvements](#)
- For more" airstream.com/blog/

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



Hope Valley Rally

Please join the Sierra Nevada Unit at it's Hope Valley Rally Monday September 16th thru Thursday the 19th at the Hope Valley Dispersed Area; **yes it's a mid week rally!** It offers shaded or sun drenched campsites among the forest with meadows just off the Carson Pass Highway (CA-88) just 1.5 miles west of CA-89 (lat 38.765479, lon -119.93989 for your GPS).



You'll have the opportunity to hike a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, visit Devils Ladder Lookout Historic Landmark to view Red Lake and the steep mountainside where the wagon wheels of the over 150,000 pioneers wore grooves in the granite rock surfaces crossing Carson Pass. Need a bit more, visit Caples Resorts' Marina, Restaurant and Lounge to walk a portion of the Emigrant Trail, relax by the Lake or enjoy a meal or adult beverage.

Hope Valley Dispersed Area has no facilities so come with your water tank full and black and gray tanks empty. Early morning temps can be in the 30s so make sure you have propane too. Of course we'll have our standard evening potluck meals and maybe squeeze in some breakfast pastries. Please RSVP at club157@airstreamclub.org.



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

2024 Rally Season

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. **HOST NEEDED**

Taylorville Rally - Only Two Rigs Again!

By Gene Baleme #15229

Taylorville is a great place for a rally.

Not crowded with lots of room for our rigs. Nice people and clean easy to use facilities. Quiet place.

A vintage trailer group came; nice people. Only the two SNU Rigs; Dave & Julies Besancon and Gene & Carmen Baleme so lots of us (SNU members) missed out on a nice rally. The town is 1/2 mile away and the Indian Valley Museum was great. Grizzly Bits restaurant has great pizza and I bet the rest of their food is good too. No gas in town but do have an electric car charge station. There is lots to do and see in the area. We should put Taylorville on next years rally at the same time. Weather was great but did have a evening with high winds. There are two camping areas. We used the one close to the creek and camp hosts. The other one across the street is best suited to small rigs hard to park the longer trailers and narrow roads. Camp fees are \$20 a night.



Look Backs in Time

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

- Rally report for the Twin Lakes Rally above Bridgeport, CA - perfect weather, and a welcoming party from the local deer population.
- Watch the Reno Air Races at the Leipper's home.
- October Davis Creek Rally and Annual Business Meeting.

The [September 2014 Airstreamer](#) covered:

- Obsidian Dome Rally Review - great hiking trails work off the special meals: quiches, sloppy joes and lasagna; breakfasts of pastries, danish, Randy's waffles and Diane Leipper's fresh eggs. * rigs in attendance and the hiking trails were used; while on the hike SNU members observed and reported a forest fire that was vigorously attacked by US Forest Service crews.
- Some discussion of the need for 2015 officers and Board members.
- Prez Meanderings - thanking the many SNU members that contributed to the Obsidian Dome Rally; help needed for upcoming 2015 joint rally with the NorCal unit and the 2015 Region Rally in Carson City.
- September's Crocker Rally.
- Planning Informality by Diane Leipper - history and reasoning for the Sierra Nevada Unit's minimalist position on club constitution and bylaws, organization, rallies and little need for advance reservations.

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

Your club officers and board members are "still waiting for input"; someone must have some ideas and opinions for 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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West Coast Airstreaming & an Alaska Cruise

by Susie Brown; with



excerpts by her friend Denny

July was a busy travel month for me. My best friend Denny from high school joined me on an Airstream adventure. She flew



into Reno from San Diego and we had a couple of days to prepare the Airstream before heading out on July 5th. Because of the heat of summer I had booked all our overnights at places with full hook ups so we could enjoy running the air



conditioning. Night number one was spent at Lassen RV Park where I went on my first outing with the SNU. We enjoyed using their nice pool where we got to know several other campers.



From Lassen we went to La Pine State Park just outside of Bend, Oregon. We spent two nights there staying somewhat cool in the shade of beautiful trees. One day was spent driving to Bend and enjoying the town as



well as exploring a hike to a nearby falls.

From Bend we went to my daughters

in Gig Harbor, Washington. We enjoyed several days with family, especially my 10 month old granddaughter!

Leaving the Airstream behind, we flew from Seattle to



Anchorage, Alaska and took a beautiful ride on the Alaskan Railroad to Denali. After a too short a time there, where we actually were lucky to see Denali, we proceeded to Whittier and boarded a Holland America cruise ship south to Vancouver BC. The cruise included stops in Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan.



We then flew back to Seattle and returned to Gig Harbor. Unfortunately at that point I came down with Covid and had isolate myself in the airstream in my daughter's driveway. My friend flew home as our return Airstream adventure was cancelled. Once I felt well enough I headed to my son's in Nampa, Idaho before returning home.

Eric McHenry - IBT President's Corner cont'd

Didn't follow Eric's monthly post; get the summary here:

- NEW: Boondocking event filter now available - with the increasing interest in boondocking, plus the creation of the Boondockers Intra-Club, we've introduced a "Boondocking Filter"; look for it in the Airstream Club website Events pull down menu.
- NEW: National Event Rally: [Wine Quest 2025!](#) - for everyone who appreciates wine. We'll be expanding our knowledge of wines from the exciting and beautiful California wine producing regions in Lodi and Paso Robles that consist of 18 American Viticultural Areas.
- NEW: Club marketing and outreach material now available.
- Did You Know: Microsoft Office 365 [free] capabilities for Local Clubs and Regions As of one year ago, all Local Clubs and Regions were offered free airstreamclub.org email addresses (and Office 365 accounts). With those accounts, Local Clubs and Regions have the opportunity to utilize (free):
 - Access to Microsoft Teams video conferencing (a free alternative to Zoom)
 - Access to Microsoft "OneDrive" storage for Local Club/Region data. Similar to Google Drive, but free and tied to the official Local Club / Region entity. 1TB capacity.

- Getting Ready for our 67th International Rally in Sedalia, MO and through 2028
 - Rally2025: York, PA (August 23-28, 2025)
 - Rally2026: Minot, ND (August 22-27, 2026)
 - Rally2027: Due to popular demand, "Back to Rock Springs," WY (June 2027)
 - Rally2028: Tentatively east of the Mississippi
- The Club Business Side (Membership dues increase) - In response to rising costs, our International Board of Trustees has voted to increase the annual International dues from \$75 to \$99. This decision comes after careful consideration of the financial pressures we face. Despite previous increases in 1994, 2005, 2010, and 2021 these adjustments have not been sufficient to keep up with inflation. Want to know more, check it out in the blog: blog.airstreamclub.org/presidents-corner-september-2024/

Burning Man 2024



Freeway to Heaven?



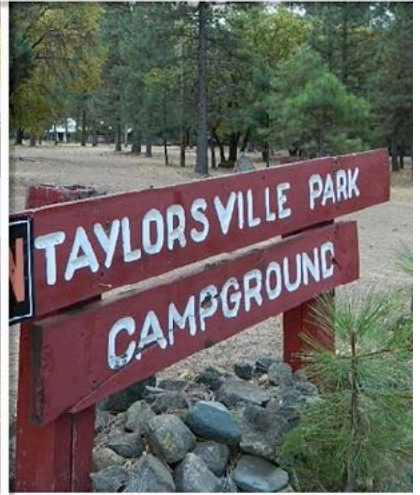
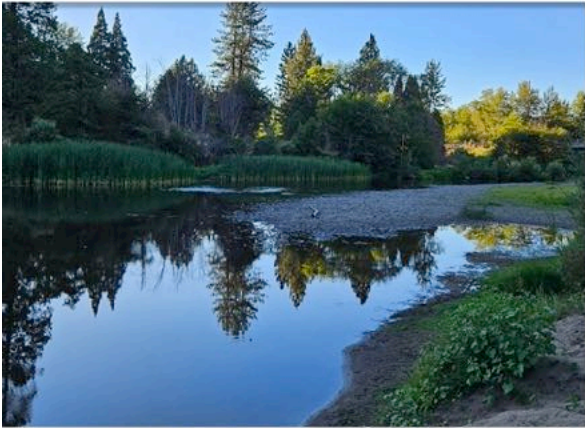
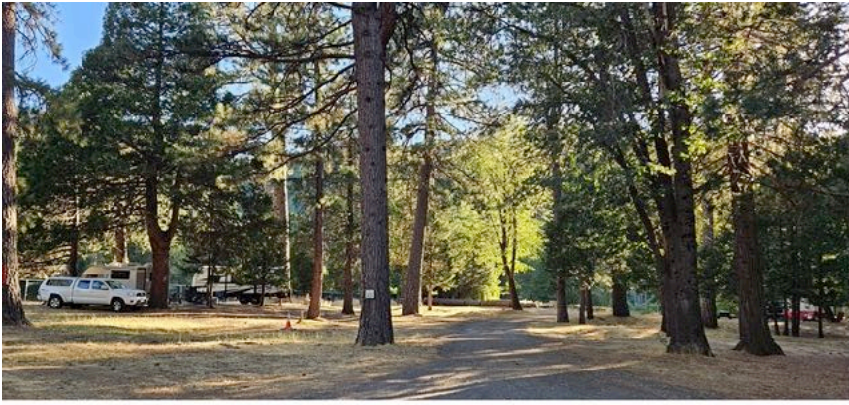
Wally's Wagon Wheel at Burning Man 2024?



Who's Behind those Foster Grants and Dirt?



Home in the Black Rock Desert





AIRSTREAMERS GIVING BACK IN SEDALIA

Let's make our mark in Missouri at the Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia and have "Fun in the Fall"!

Whether you are attending this year's International Rally or not, you can participate in our community service project for 2024. We are partnering with the [Bothwell Foundation](#) to support their Pinktober campaign. Airstream Club International members have two ways to make a difference:



1. [Buy a Pinktober T-shirt](#) in support of all people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Missouri, in October, has a lot of autumn colors, but **PINK** is the color that will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Non-rally attendees can purchase T-shirts and have them mailed for a small fee (\$5).

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>

The broader Sedalia community will be out wearing "Blue Jeans for Bothwell" on Wednesday, October 9. Rally attendees can join in the fun on Wednesday, by wearing Pinktober T-shirts, along with blue jeans. During that evening's rally entertainment, a group picture will be taken at the Airstream Club International band and choral concert. (Please feel free to wear your Pinktober T-shirt and blue jeans all day!)

2. This Community Service project with the Bothwell Foundation is also targeting the renovation of the Bothwell Regional Health Center patient rooms. The Bothwell Regional Health Center was built in 1985 and needs updates and modernization. With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated with naming rights in the donor's honor.

We plan to have a patient room at the Bothwell Regional Health Center dedicated to the 67th Airstream Club International Rally! Even if you are not attending this year's rally, you can contribute to this project by [clicking this link](#).

If you haven't read the article in the Blue Beret, Spring issue, page 44-46, about the 2024 community service project, [please check it out now](#).

If you have questions, or if you want to volunteer to help distribute the Pinktober T-shirts at the rally, please contact Rose Garland (BRN #6566) at 314-484-1272.

And, P. S., please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Future Streamers Intra-Club's effort to support the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to everyone who has made even the smallest contribution to the success of the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri!