

**SNU
Luncheon
Rally**

**JANUARY 27TH, 12:00
BRIAN & JENI ROOT'S
HOME**



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the SIERRA NEVADA UNIT

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President's Letter

Here we are, in the darkest and coldest days of winter (personally, I've been enjoying the excellent skiing conditions). But it's time to start thinking about your spring, summer, and fall plans of airstream camping. Maintenance, customizations and outfitting your rig are good items to tackle now. After much thought, we've decided to get the 3" lift to help with accessing some of the more rugged and variable terrain. And while we're at it, we'll take care of some general maintenance (wheels, bearings, tires, rivets, etc). What shape are your batteries in, how about those tires? What will make your airstream better for you?



Hope to see you all for our first 2025 luncheon rally at our home, Monday, January 27, noon. We'll be happy to talk about the rally schedule, airstreams, and hear all about your 2025 travel plans. I'm told there will be a few good door prizes :).

Brian

SNU Member News

There's a lot of good news for the Sierra Nevada Unit with the coming of the New Year but first some with a more somber tone.

Long time member John Ganthner passed away last year; his wife Ginny survives him. Ginny and John joined the Sierra Nevada Unit in 2008, WBCCI #4872 placing them amongst the top 7th longest term members. The Sierra Nevada Unit officers and club members offer Ginny our heartfelt condolences on John's passing.

On a slightly better note but still sad for the SNU, Lyndi Cooper Schroeder let us know that she and Jack sold their Airstream last year and will not be renewing their membership. Lyndi and Jack, WBCCI #2081, shared the 7th longest club member ranking with John and Ginny having also joined the SNU in 2008. Gail and I (editor) got a chance to visit with Lyndi and Jack at the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, WY. It was great to have them there to share in the International Rally experience (Tom and Kistie Larkin were there too)!

On to welcoming our **New Members:**

Kevin & Sandra Kennedy #7547 of Sparks, NV; Maya Raichbart #7146 of Sparks, NV;

Returning Members (long list):

James & Susan Andersen #2970	Gene & Carmen Baleme #15229
Susie Brown #5701	Russel & Deborah Decker #3426
David & Maggie Douglas #8034	Howard Dutra #28931
Kim & Bryan England #5318	Dean Eveland #2916;
Douglas Fitzgerald & Jessie Doornik #12105	
Greg & Barbara Heffington #11556	Greg & Linda Heuer #1927
Bob & Nancy Kirksey #12486	Bryan and Diane Leipper # 772
Gary & Christa Mellinger #2002	Brian & Jeni Root #6376
Kim & Ellen Sterrett #6049	Corina Scaglione #9264
Bill & Mary Swirsky #12929	
Jerry Thornburg & Dyann McDonald # 2797.	



Lastly, one more piece of member news, it's official, the Leipper family, through various members (3 generations), has belonged to the WBCCI continuously for 70 years and Bryan and Diane Leipper have now been members of the Sierra Nevada Unit for 31 years.!

Congratulations Bryan and Diane

Rally News



January Luncheon Rally

Monday the 27 at Jeni & Brian Root's Home
2200 Barnes Blvd, Reno NV
RSVP Jeni 775-771.2313



Will weather allow a Death Valley Rally at Mesquite Spring Cmpg in March?
TBA



Warm or cold at Fort Churchill, in April, Monday April 21 - Thursday the 24th

Live Riveted Blog

As a WBCCI or Airstream Club member you are probably aware that Airstream has a lot of informative and social material on their website, one being the Live Riveted Blog <https://www.airstream.com/blog/>.

To bring you up to date, their latest post covers the new Midnight Flamingo” A New Flying Cloud Upgrade Package featuring bold black exterior accents in stone guards, propane cover, wheels and trim, a premium Klipsch audio system, upgraded interior decor, 3 inch lift kit, 300 watts of solar, 200 AH lithium batteries and more.

Other posts since our November Airstreamer are:

- Airstream Classic 33FB named 2025 News Luxury Travel Trailer of the Year.
- Airstream’s Favorite Stories from 2024.
- Celebrate 20 years of Interstate Touring Coaches. <No celebrating the older Ford B-Vans - editor?>
- Airstream’s Five Rivet Dealers Achieve Top Marks.
- Most Popular Airstream Travel Trailer Models.
- Round Trip: Key West, FL. <Where your editor finally understood laying by the beach just vegetating!>
- Powering Your Airstream, an Introduction to Electrical Systems.

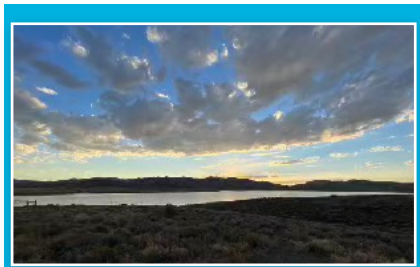
Click on the link near the title to read these posts and more.

Eric McHenry’s President’s Corner

We missed two of the President’s ‘Corner blog since November so it’s time to catch up.

Eric was just back from the October International Rally and quite a bit of travel; it was fresh in his mind and reflected in his December comments:

- Thoughts on the 67th International Rally,
- A reminder from Wally Byam (through the Wally’s Creed)
- The background story about our partnership with Harvest Hosts. An idea that started from two of our Club members.
- Impromptu drop-in breakfast with the Nebraska Airstream Club
- Upcoming International Rallies. We’ll expand on future rallies but you’ll have to follow the link, <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/presidents-corner-november-2024/>, to get the “rest of the story”.



Wild Horse (SRA) Rally
north of Elko, NV
May 26-29



Sheldon Wildlife Rally
Virgin Valley Campground
west of Denio, NV
June 16 - 19



Markleeville Rally
Centerville Flat Dispersed
Campground
July 14th - 17th



Lower Twin Lakes Rally
Bridgeport, CA
August 23rd - 28th

Upcoming International Rallies

- Rally 2025: York, PA (August 23-28, 2025)
- Rally 2026: Minot, ND (August 22-27, 2026)
- Rally 2027: Due to popular demand, “Back to Rock Springs,” WY (June 2027)
- Rally 2028: Tentatively east of the Mississippi

From Eric’s January’s Corner

As we welcome 2025, we reflect on the incredible journeys and adventures we’ve shared over the past year. From scenic caravans to unforgettable rallies, our community has grown stronger and more vibrant with each mile traveled. This year, we look forward to even more exciting events, new friendships, and the joy of exploring the open road together.

Here’s to a year filled with adventure, camaraderie, and the spirit of the Airstream lifestyle. Let’s make 2025 our best year yet!

- New membership level high; over **10,000 members!**
- What are the most popular Airstream Travel Trailer Floor Plans (Airstream, Inc.)?
- NEW Video: [Discover Airstream Club International: Your Airstream Community](#)
- Reminder: Courtesy Parking is now at our HQ in Jackson Center, OH

Follow the link for more from Eric, <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/presidents-corner-january-2025/>.

Blue Beret Blog

RV Camping in the Winter with Courtesy Parking and Harvest Hosts

By Allison Smith | Harvest Hosts

Traveling by RV in the winter has its own unique challenges and considerations. Not only do you have to worry about road safety and weatherproofing, but you also are often required to head south to find camping options.

If you want to or need to stay in a colder area this winter, you’re often out of luck as all campgrounds are closed for the season. This is where programs like Harvest Hosts and Airstream Club International’s Courtesy Parking Program come in handy.

Harvest Hosts gives you unlimited overnight stays at unique RV camping locations across the US and Canada, including farms, wineries, breweries, attractions, and more. Through Airstream Club International’s Courtesy Parking Program, you can stay overnight for free at hundreds of private properties owned by fellow Airstream Club International members.

If you’re already an Airstream Club International member, you already have access to the Courtesy Parking Locations listed below. If you haven’t activated your new account yet, you may do so [here](#). Even though the Courtesy Parking Program is now powered by Harvest Hosts, in order to book stays at Harvest Hosts locations, you must have a Harvest Hosts Membership. Learn more about updating your plan [here](#).

Without further ado, here are some of our favorite Courtesy Parking locations & Harvest Hosts Locations that you can enjoy all year long.

There’s More!

Want to see more of the locations Harvest Hosts and the Courtesy Parking Program have to offer? [Check out our interactive map](#) to find more fun winter-friendly destinations. Read the entire blog post [here](https://blog.airstreamclub.org/rv-camping-winter-courtesy-parking/)

John Ganthner - RIP

John was an avid hiker, camper, bicyclist, and scuba diver who thoroughly enjoyed life with his family and friends. As an architect, he relished designing custom homes in addition to public works buildings (schools, prisons, and government offices), which can be seen throughout Nevada and California. He especially loved towing his 25-foot



Airstream trailer to campgrounds where he and his wife of 42 years could enjoy margaritas followed by afternoon and evening "wine walks" while embracing the great outdoors. He passed peacefully in his sleep December 26, 2024, at the relatively young age of 76 and is missed greatly.

Ginny Ganthner

P.S. John & Ginny's favorite camps are Washoe Lake, Walker River & Fort Churchill.

