

# SIERRA NEVADA UNIT

February 1998 Newsletter

Hi Fellow Airstreamers;

We have just passed through, very quickly I must say, another month which, for those of us who live in frigid zones and have our R.V.'s tucked away under raps, puts us closer to the time in which we can again get out and do our thing.

As for generally speaking, it sure hasn't been a boring time considering all the goings on in the political arena. It's kind of sad that this kind of thing is going on when there are some very important issues that affect us all and should be up front. And many of those issues affect us personally.

In scanning through all the Unit reports, those caravaners living in the sunbelt are very active in moving around, having fun with their rigs and others, and that is what its all about anyway. In sitting here laboring over this report, trying to think of something of interest and looking out the window, noted that it is snowing. I guess our time for getting out with our rigs will have to wait for now.

There are some events going on that at least one of our Unit members, the Temens, will be enjoying. We understand they will be joining fun and games at the Hobo Rally in Blythe and the Invitational Rally in Tucson AZ, which is great, have fun. Had a short phone conversation with Neal concerning their new rig and he is going to try a HENSLEY hitch, which should greatly improve pulling stability that is always a problem with the 34' trailers.

Our last luncheon/meeting at J.M's Restaurant in Reno was attended by: Elenere Amidon, Browns, Burnhams, Alma George, Groschs, Betty Kopfhammer, Bryan and Diane Leipper, Pauls and Pete Rinne. Thank you Steve for setting this up.

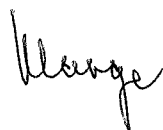
Our next Luncheon /Meeting will be on February 12, 1998 at 11:30 at the Pinion Plaza Buffet in Carson City. No reservations necessary. Hope you all will be there and thank you all for your loyal attendance.

Sunshine report: Virginia Leipper had Cataract surgery and is doing very well. Also Betty Kopfhammer is her usual self.

Birthdays: 2/1 Bryan and Virginia Leipper, 2/5 Elenere Amidon. 2/12 Alma George, 2/21 Vesta Temen, 2/24 Neal Temen. 2/28 Ethel Sandell.

Anniversary: Michael and Debbie Smith

I wish all of you a Happy Birthday, Anniversary and a Happy Valentine's Day.



# REGION 12 NEWSLETTER

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A newsletter is published every three months and mailed to each Unit President and Vice President  
Please read it and inform your members of the contents and post on bulletin board at rallies and meetings

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The IBT was held in Baton Rouge LA, January 10 - 15. The trip there was cold, rainy, heavy at times and some fog, however we arrived safely. At Baton Rouge on the campus of LSU we had rain most of the five days we were there. It was clear on our last day and on the way home, except for a little wind a couple of days the trip was uneventful.

In addition to the usual business, committee reports and etc, there were several proposed motions. These motions were discussed during the seminar portion of the meeting and as a result several were withdrawn due to a lack of support. They dealt with adjusting Region lines, reducing the number of Regions, reducing the term of Region Officers, Selection of International Rally site, Minimum number of members to retain their Charter and method of Delegate voting, 30 amp electric for all at International Rally and method of unit voting for Region Officers.

The Committee Report from the Task Force on Policy and Procedures covered some of the ideas contained in the above motions, such as: Down sizing the Board of Trustees, to include possible elimination of the International 3rd VP, the Treasurer and Secretary.

On the Region level the report presented for consideration the reduction in the number of Regions and a change in the term of Region Officers. They feel that the elimination of the second Vice President is impractical.

The report suggested that a permanent International Rally Committee be developed. The Committee would be responsible to the President and would present at least two sites within an area designated by the President. This would take considerable pressure off the Executives, especially the President, and allow them more time to spend with the membership informing them of Club policies and activities and improving interaction with the "grass roots".

## ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Motion to amend Section 1, ARTICLE XI, "MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR DISSOLUTION OF THIS UNIT" to provide direction or guidance on the procedures to be followed.  
**ADOPTED**

2. Motion to substitute the line immediately below Sec. 1 of ARTICLE XI Page 10 of Appendix #6 to read: "THESE BYLAWS WERE LAST AMENDED AND THE AMENDMENTS AS ADOPTED BECAME EFFECTIVE ON \_\_\_\_\_ M/D/Y at \_\_\_\_\_ Town, State (or Province)  
**ADOPTED**

3. Motion to change Bylaws and Policy, Membership Privileges, Section 11, Policy "International Dues" which eliminates Item G, Page 9.1. This eliminated the Multiple year payment of Dues. It was determined that this program was not being used and was causing confusion to Unit Treasurers.

**ADOPTED**

4. Motion to approve and endorse the report of the Special Task Force on Policy and Procedures and allows the Committee to continue in the direction outlined in the report.

**ADOPTED**

More on this Motion is outlined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above.

5. Motion to authorize the formation of a Classic Airstream Trailer Intra-Club.

**DEFEATED**

6. Motion to encourage the International Rally Committee to hold the International within the dates of June 30 and July 7 where feasible and practical.

**ADOPTED**

7. Motion to allow each Unit President to vote the strength of their unit as determined by the instructions contained in the International Constitution Article XII, sec 3, sentence 2. This would allow the Unit to cast a percentage vote for Region Officers instead of 1 vote per unit as is now done.

**DEFEATED**

8. Motion to allow Affiliate members to hold office in the Unit in which they are an Affiliate.

**DEFEATED**

9. Motion to approve the Georgia Unit Flag.

**ADOPTED**

10. Motion to approve the Penn-Lehigh Flag.

**ADOPTED.**

This was a good meeting and there were lots of comments from all members who attended. Region 6 did a good job arranging for parking, meeting rooms, meals and etc

A copy of a new full color membership brochure was given to all attendees and will be in the February issue of the Blue Beret. We were shown a "Rough Copy" of a Membership Recruiting film that, when completed, will be available to each Unit.