



LESS THAN A WEEK TO
SIERRA NEVADA UNIT'S
FIRST LUNCHEON OF THE
YEAR,

MARIA'S MEXICAN
RESTAURANT, VERDI

THE AIRSTREAMER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Airstreamer's,

We had a great rally at Fort Churchill State Park in October. First night was a little cold then it got better. Weather was good and we have nice warm campfires. Two rigs had furnace failures but backup heaters kept them warm. Some batteries had problems but that didn't dampen our spirits. We can overcome anything with all the knowledge we collectively have.

I had to leave the day after the rally for a job 400 miles from home and I am writing you from there. I think I should get a full time job so I will not have to work so hard in retirement but could not work on rally weeks.

Our club has grown this year and we are looking to a great 2022. To all the new members and old salts alike plan to be at all the rallies that you can. Give me your ideas and rallies sites you think we could use. The board members are building a rally schedule for 2022 and want your input. It's been a hard year but that will change for 2022 because we can made it change.

I really can't think of anything Airstream related now because I am working long hours with only minutes of free time late at night so I will close this.

Regards, Gene and Carmen

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The SNU is in the middle of membership renewals but we are still growing! Meet new members:

Corina Scaglione #9264 - Poland, Ohio?/Bishop, CA;
Tom & Kitsie Larkin #5496 - Nevada City, CA;
David and Beth Seiler #5493 - Susanville, CA;
Henry Dodson #2807 - Grand Terrace, CA;
Joshua & Kimberly Horn #6299 - Spanish Springs, NV

MEMBER RENEWAL TIME

Speaking of members, **Remember to Renew** for most of you whose memberships expire at the end of 2021. WBCCI Headquarters has taken over much of the renewal process and many of you are already signing up for 2022, but don't wait till last minute, follow the instructions in the renewal emails or go online at: airstreamclub.org/members/login as the primary member and follow the prompts to renew! New members, go to airstreamclub.org and click the 'Join Now' button.

MORE ABOUT MEMBERS

To give you an idea of the support and dedication of our current members; 4 have been members of the SNU for

more than 5 years - Susie Brown, Dean Eveland and Eugene & Kathryn Trabit, 15 have been members more than 10 years - our current president Gene Baleme & his wife Carmen; John & Ginny Ganthner; Anita Leipper; Brian & Jenifer Root; Jack & Lyndi Cooper Schroeder; Mark & Cary Seasholtz; Jerry & Dyann McDonald Thornburg and Don & Gail Williams; lastly please recognize Bryan Leipper and Diane Leipper for their 26 years of work and support for the Sierra Nevada Unit!

NOVEMBER 20 LUNCHEON - MARIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT, VERDI

The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its first luncheon of 2021 at Maria's Mexican Restaurant on Saturday, November 20th at 11:30AM. Find Maria's at 2905 Highway 40 W, Verdi, NV.

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

Gene Baleme, *president*

Jeni Root, *secretary*

Gail Williams, *treasurer*

Jerry Thornburg, *trustee*

vacant, *trustee*

Don Williams, *membership chair*

& newsletter editor

[all links clickable](#)

[NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS](#)

We still have one important vacancy that must be filled to maintain our Sierra Nevada Unit charter with the WBCCI! We need a volunteer for Secretary; the Secretary takes minutes at any club or board meetings during the calendar year and receives and distributes any official correspondence. We had two meetings in 2021 and minor correspondence regarding new officers/board members, rally locations for 2022 and the Unit's constitution & Bylaws. It's not a lot of work but an essential position for our club.

[SNU ANNUAL MEETING](#)

The Sierra Nevada Unit held its Annual Meeting on October 16th.

[CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

Maria's Mexican Restaurant - Saturday November 20th at 11:30AM. Our luncheon is Dutch Treat

No November Death Valley Flash Rally

December Luncheon - Save the Dates? On or about December 11th, we are still trying to secure a reservation.

January Luncheon - Save the Date, Saturday, January 15th at 11:30 AM. Help us find a location for a place that will sit 10 to 15 people.

February Luncheon - Save the Date, Saturday, February 19th at 11:30 AM. Help us find a location for a place that will sit 10 to 15 people.

[LOOK BACKS](#)

20 YEARS AGO:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/01nv-nwsltr.pdf>

The November 2001 SNU Newsletter featured:

- Report of 12 in attendance for the Reno Airport Plaza luncheon;
- Nomination and election of the 2002 slate of officers;
- Upcoming installation of officers at the Thurman Ranch House by Region 12 President Rick Sharp.

10 YEARS AGO:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/11nv-snu-nwsltr.pdf>

- The November 2011 newsletter reported that it was great to be at Scout Camp (Fort Churchill SP), a dispersed area near and dear to the SNU after two rather atypical rallies with hookups at Campground by the Lake and the Region 12 Rally at Jackson Rancheria RV Park & Casino!
- Lots of firewood was to be had courtesy of the state park who had left a lot of logs and tree limbs (shade of Fort Churchill in 2021);
- The rally included the traditional SNU coffee and goodies, inspirational naps, short walks along the trails shared dinners, all day campfires and serenades but cows and coyotes!
- Power system repairs; must have been using generators and ditto that for 2021;
- Upcoming lunch at BJ's BBQ in Sparks.

[SNU NEWS AROUND THE GLOBE!](#)

The November Blue Beret featured two articles of interest; the [Sierra Nevada Unit's 45th Anniversary](#) at our Weed Heights Rally (page 22) and hidden in [Justin Humphreys' From the Vice President of Sales](#) article fine print was "exclusive Airstream stores in ... Reno, ... (Cont'd page 55)!"

Current nominees are:

President:	Jeni Root #6376
Secretary:	Vacant -REQUIRED
Treasurer:	Gail Williams #14207
1st Trustee:	Jerry Thornburg #2797
2nd Trustee:	Bill Swirsky #29290

Please indicate your willingness to serve as Secretary or compete for any position to snu157@wbcci.net. **Filling our officer positions is critical to the health and vitality of our club.** Help your club grow and prosper.

Volunteer!

FORT CHURCHILL SP RALLY - WOW!

To repeat, WOW! Fort Churchill was our best attended rally of the year, 10 rigs and 21 people counting members and guests. It started earlier in the week with David and Beth Seilers (new SNU members) stopping to camp at Fort Churchill with their new 19' Bambi Sport. On Thursday Dyann and Jerry Thornburg, Gene and Carmen Baleme and Bryan and Diane Leipper arrived about midday and established the beginning of a foothold of Airstreams in Samuel Buckland's Campground. Don & Gail Williams caravanned from the Region Rally in Paso Robles in



mid afternoon having camped in Tehachapi and Bishop along the way. Next were guests in what we initially thought was a Squarestream. It turned out we were wrong; it was Tim and Inger in their circa 1985 25' Avion (not quite an aluminum cousin).

More guests and members poured in Friday night! Tom and Marie Jackson had traveled from the Region Rally with Don & Gail but separated for a couple of days to visit with family in South Lake Tahoe. Bill and Mary Swirsky caravanned in from Fernley behind Don (by coincidence) as he was coming back from a Wally World run for 1 lb. propane cylinders (guess who suffered one of the furnace failures). Bill, Mary and Don arrived early enough for the evening's shared meal. Brian and Jeni Root arrived after dark and bedtime for some but were there to greet everyone Saturday morning.

Saturday morning early and late risers in our crowd of Airstreamers shared coffee, banana bread, snacks and opinions on furnace failures (2) battery problems (2) and life in general. More guests arrived, Dyann and Jerry's son Justin came for



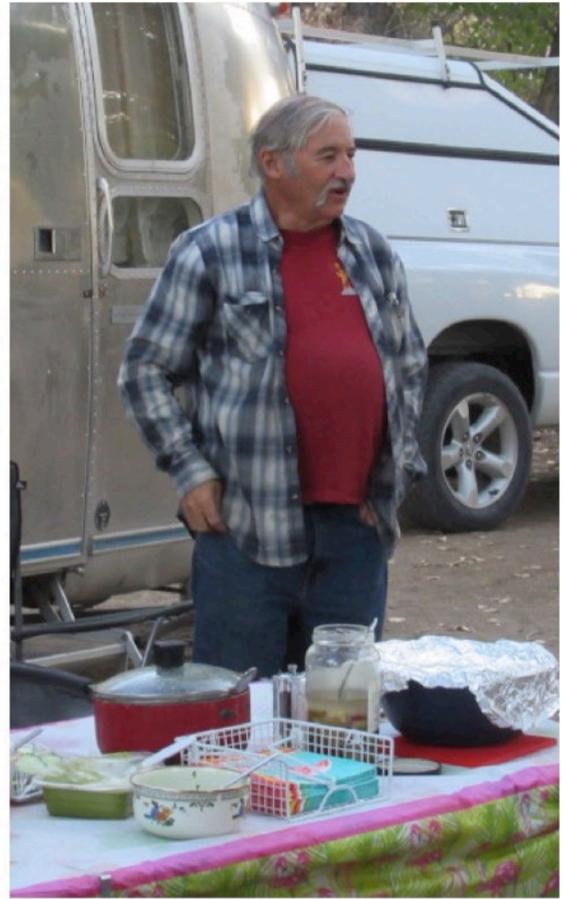
the day as did Bill and Mary's son Paul and his girl friend. Many mobilized just before lunch for a tour of nearby Buckland Station. For those that have never been, Buckland Station was built in 1870 from materials salvaged from Fort Churchill, an army base that was abandoned in 1869, Buckland Station was a Pony Express stop, a supplier for western emigrants, a boarding house and a home for the Buckland family until 1885 (<http://parks.nv.gov/parks/buckland-station>). The self guided walking tour gave us a slight glimpse of what life was like.

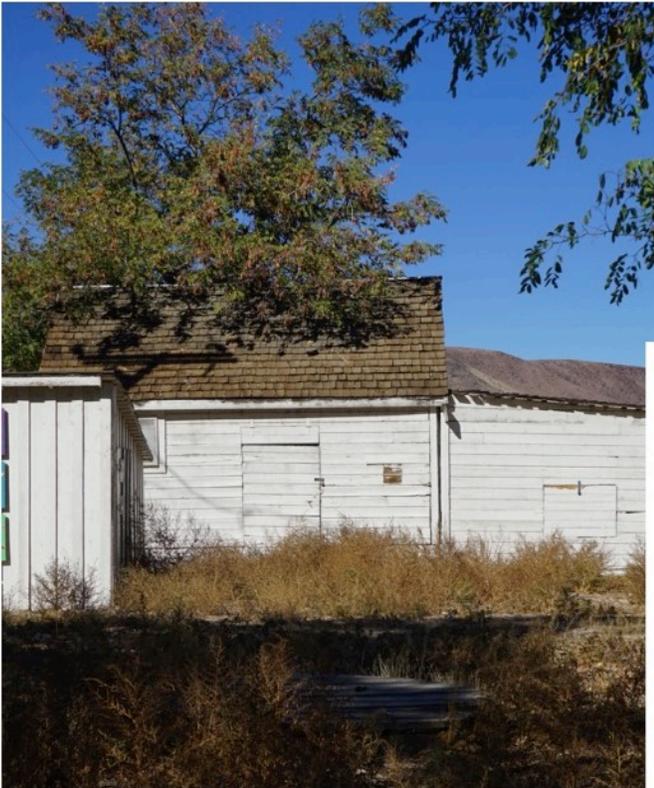
After Buckland we were back to our campsites for our SNU Saturday night pot-luck dinner,

brief Annual Meeting before the few of us rushed off for Fort Churchill's Candle-Light tour of the ruins! A great setting for the stories of Fort Churchill just weeks before Halloween.

Our weekend was over too quickly as our record crowd packed, said their goodbyes and headed for home.







Sierra Nevada Unit Annual Meeting Minutes

submitted by Jeni Root, Secretary

Gene called meeting to order at 6pm on 10/16/21 at the Fort Churchill rally.

Board Members Present:

Gene Baleme, President
Jeni Root, Secretary
Gail Williams, Treasurer
Jerry Thornburg, Trustee
(2nd trustee position is vacant)
Don Williams, Past President

Members Present

Carmen Baleme
Diane Leipper
Bryan Leipper (retired to his trailer)
Brian Root
Bill and Mary Swirsky
Dyann McDonald Thornburg

Guests

Tom and Marie Jackson

Gene and Don discussed the incomplete slate of officers. They confirmed that Jeni Root and Gail Williams were willing to run for Secretary and Treasurer respectively and Jerry Thornburg said he was willing to run again for Trustee. No one volunteered to run as Unit President. Further discussion of a slate of officers was tabled at this time because no one was willing to volunteer for president and because an advance notice for elections had not been published. The Board will poll members for a president and bring the slate back to the members for a vote.

Don reviewed the Sierra Nevada Unit Constitution and Bylaws (CBLs). Tom Smithson, WBCCI Constitution & Bylaw Committee Chair had provided a version of the SNU CBLs with various sections marked with changes needed to bring them in compliance with the latest changes adopted by the WBCCI. Tom had commented to Don and Gail Williams that he likes the Unit's CBLs and plans to recommend a version of them to the WBCCI IBT as an alternative for smaller clubs. Discussion followed regarding a vice president role and options. Comments will be collected and considered by the Board before a vote by the members.

Plans were discussed to have a November luncheon at a Mexican restaurant in Verdi and a December luncheon at the Black Bear Restaurant in Fernley. Gene will provide details (name/address) and make reservations. 10-15 people is normal attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Gene, 2nd by Bill.

Meeting ended at 6:25pm