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THE AIRSTREAMER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jeni BACK!

First off - welcome to our many new members! We'll expand on our unit membership in the next newsletter.

Ole Man Winter has encouraged us to get back to Reno about a week faster than we had expected, and we are currently waiting out the fresh snowfall over the Colorado Rockies.

In May, our eastern route started in California and ended in New Hampshire (via southern Utah, Missouri, Indiana, etc.). We spent 3 months in Europe (renting a van) and started our return trip in September, taking a more northern route -heading to upstate Vermont, skirting the Great Lakes on the USA side, and tackling the Great Plains of South Dakota and Nebraska. Starting our trip in May, we've experienced all kinds of



weather, from snow, graupel, hail and rain to sunny, 100 degree days. We've had tailwinds, side winds, and lately, headwinds. We've camped with Harvest Hosts, Airstream courtesy parking, Boondockers, dispersed government areas, and full hook-up sites - and honestly, all have been wonderful.



There are many 'tips and tricks' we can share - but the most important, if you're contemplating an extended airstream adventure, is to just simply start. Take a few weekends or weeks to decide how and what to pack. You'll figure out what you really need, what you're missing, and what works best for you as you gain experience. If you have problems, ask. People are so willing to help and generous with their knowledge and time. Plan only a little (this from an organizer and planner!!), and leave a lot of white space on the calendar - each area has its treasures and the locals are more than happy to help you find them. Serendipity is a wonderful friend on the road.

We'll be winterizing our airstream when we get home and will park it for the winter. In the meantime, If you have any interest about our travels and experiences, we'd love to share and answer questions. We'll be at the next luncheon(s) and you can also contact us via email/cell.



Lastly, a huge thank you to Don Williams, for filling many roles and keeping the Sierra Nevada Unit newsletter (and new member welcomes) continuing. Thanks to newsletter contributors; then new member Cathies Mankins, Susie Brown and Gail Williams, for filling in for me while we were traveling.

Cheers! Jeni Root

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

Jeni Root, president
Susie Brown, secretary
Gail Williams, treasurer
Jerry Thornburg, trustee
Bill Swirsky, trustee
Gene Baleme, Past President
**Don Williams, membership chair &
newsletter editor**
all links clickable

THE SNU FAMILY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The SNU has currently has 66 members although some have not yet renewed for 2023 but with renewal season upon us, welcome returning members:

- Susie Brown #5701 of Minden, NV;
- Russell Decker #3426 of Shelton, WA;
- Kim & Bryan England #5317 of Sparks, NV;
- Dean Eveland #2916 of VC Highlands, NV;
- Tom & Kistie Larkin #5496 of Nevada City, CA;
- Tom & Teresa Tighe #3662 of Sparks, NV;
- Mark & Cary Seasholtz #6977 of Reno, NV;
- David & Beth Seiler #5493 of Susanville, CA;
- Bill & Mary Swirsky #29290 of Yerington, NV.

BEEN IGNORING THAT RENEWAL EMAIL FROM WBCCI HEADQUARTERS; RENEW NOW!

Renewal is \$75 for the WBCCI and \$10 for the SNU plus any other units you affiliate with. Logon with your credentials and renew at: <https://airstreamclub.org/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Look for SNU Nomination Forms in your emails

SNU November Luncheon, Saturday November 19th Join us at Maria’s Mexican Restaurant in Verdi, NV.

66TH WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY - ROLLING TO ROCK SPRINGS, WY - JUNE 24TH TO 30TH, 2023 - PLAN NOW

The Rock Springs International Rally is within two days caravan from Reno, NV for the second time in 5 years; only 700 miles away! We can’t guess when it will be this close again. It’s time to plan a Sierra Nevada Unit member caravan to the International Rally.

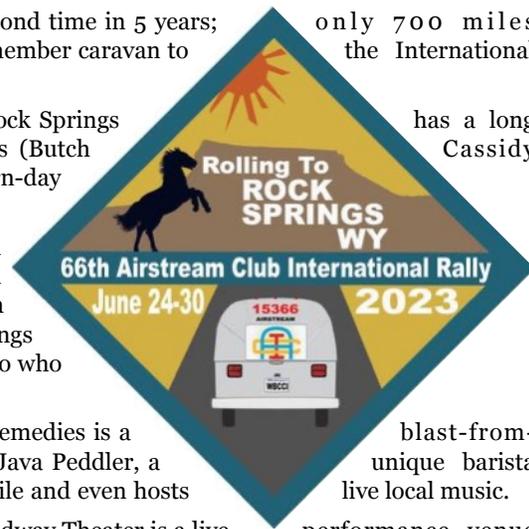
Rock Springs, incorporated in 1888, is the largest city in Sweetwater County. Downtown Rock Springs has a long history of being a stopping point for everyone from early-day pioneers and bank robbers (Butch Cassidy earned his nickname working at a butcher shop in Downtown Rock Springs!) to modern-day travelers.

A close-knit community of diverse immigrant coal miners from 56 nations laid the foundation of the town’s culture. Downtown Rock Springs boasts more than 15 locally owned bars and restaurants that are reflective of the city’s multiculturalism. You can nosh on everything from all-American fare at Broadway Burger Station to Mexican food at Los Primos. A Rock Springs landmark since the 1930s, Boschetto’s European Market & Deli was founded by Ben Boschetto who immigrated to Rock Springs from northern Italy.

The Bitter Creek Brewery offers legendary microbrews combined with a delectable menu. Remedies is a the-past soda fountain and retro-style diner. You can get the best coffee drinks in town at Java Peddler, a business in a bike shop. For after dinner drinks, the Park Lounge serves up spirits with a smile and even hosts blast-from-unique barista live local music.

Entertainment is easy for you to find in Downtown Rock Springs. The newly refurbished Broadway Theater is a live performance venue that hosts sold-out concerts, special events and other performances. The Community Fine Arts Center features a high caliber of blue-chip art and a performing arts program not typically found in communities the size of Rock Springs.

[Click the rally logo](https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023) or log in to your WBCCI account and and follow the link to learn more about the International and register: <https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023> .



AIRSTREAMER LOOK BACKS, 10 & 20 YEARS AGO IN SEPTEMBER:

The SNU 2012 November ‘Airstreamer’ Newsletter reported on:

- Weather forced the 2012 October rally to move from Hickison Petroglyphs to Lahontan Reservoir in the “civilized campground” (SNU speak for developed campground rather than dispersed on the beach). While they had a great rally this was one of those years when drought conditions left Lahontan empty!
- Dale and Marge Grosch we featured in Memories, they had decided the time has come to park their Airstream permanently after 37 years.
- Oops, it seems that 2012 was a hard year for Airstreams; SNU members experienced two incidents of bent jack stands, one bent rear bumper, a shredded tire, and bent steps. Readers were asked not to blame the SNU’s dispersed rally sites and driver skills!
- Members were warned to avoid NV-267 on their way to the upcoming Death Valley Rally, it had been damaged by summer storms; Déjà vu!
 - Bruce and Kathy Rhymes reported on September’s Reno Air Races.
 - Lastly, your editor and his wife Gail reported on their first Region 12 Rally, Taming the Airstream!



October’s 2002 SNU Airstreamers newsletter was fairly brief:

- The SNU held its October meeting at Pinon Plaza.
- Changes to the ByLaws received a unanimous vote.
- October was possibly the first daylighting of Bryan Leippers work on the new Sierra Nevada Unit web address: www.sierranevadaairstreams.org .



for more Info go to: sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/ or Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI on Facebook or email us at: snu157@wbcci.net .
(all photos courtesy of the Sierra Nevada Unit)

- Sierra Nevada Unit jackets were available for purchase' silver-grey with the SNU logo on the back.
- Don & Mary Lou Damoth are taking on the role of Newsletter Editors and will produce it on the road until April 03.

NOVEMBER 20 LUNCHEON - MARIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT, VERDI

The Sierra Nevada Unit will host its first luncheon of 2022 at **Maria's Mexican Restaurant** on Saturday, November 19th at 11:30AM. Find Maria's at 2905 Highway 40 W, Verdi, NV.

OCTOBER'S SNU RALLY AT HOPE VALLEY MORPHED INTO - HOPE VALLEY CAMPING

It was a good weekend to be camping in Hope Valley. It was also a good weekend to refresh and review cold weather camping skills. Bryan, *Paisley, Suzy, Fred and I passed with flying colors. We spent the weekend warm, comfortable and well fed. We came home with plenty of propane and battery charge remaining and no frozen pipes. Although a little chilly, Thursday and Friday were sunny and almost no breeze. It was a great time to check out the dispersed camping area, catch up on reading, listen to ham radio and enjoy some beautiful fall weather. Most of Saturday alternated between light rain showers and sunshine. Sunday morning there was a light dusting of snow. Overall, the weather was better than some previous SNU rallies. There were several other campers nearby. It turns out we camped by the main road leading to Scott's lake. All weekend, including Saturdays less than perfect weather, there was a lot of traffic on the road. Trucks, cars, RV's, a car with kayaks, horses and even a hiker passed by. Taking a few things into consideration, this area could be a potential SNU rally site.

* Paisley (lovebird) Fred (B-van) Suzy (Airstream)

Click anywhere on the photo for the link to the entire Hope Valley picture gallery.



AIRSTREAM’S “THE RIVET”

Did you receive that email from the Airstream Mothership to “Go Behind the Scenes on a Tour of the Airstream Travel Trailer Plant”? If not you haven’t signed up for “The Rivet”, Airstream’s monthly newsletter. Even if you did you may not have followed the links to their “Live Riveted Blog” but we’ll make it easy for you; click the [blue links](#):

[Go Behind the Scenes on a Tour of the Airstream Travel Trailer Plant](#) great description and short video on making Airstreams in the new plant.

See the newer somewhat lower priced Airstream B-van (it’s still an Airstream) - [Explore Beyond Expectations with the All-New Rangeline Touring Coach](#)

And since most of us weren’t caravanning in the beginning, read about Airstream’s Around the World Caravan check the short video “[An Epic Around the World Caravan with the Smith Family](#)”.

Want to receive “The Rivet” emails? Look for the popup sign up window or go to: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/>

SEPTEMBER REGION 12 RALLY - BAYFAIR THUNDERBOLT RACES

Gail and Don Williams attended this year’s Region 12 Rally; boondocking adjacent to Mission Bay as part of Mayfair Thunderbolt Races (jet boats) including three day access to the practice and competition and lots of sunshine. WBCCI officials in attendance were International President Eric McHenry, Region 12 President La Verne McHenry and WBCCI Amateur Radio Club President Roger Peeples KD6FBB.

As reported in the October Airstreamer, our SNU Charity Basket received competitive bids, the winner, Richard Palmer bid heavily to acquire the SNU flamingo assortment of placemats, tray, plates and cheese knives, Nevada travel guide, Nevada Ghost Towns and Desert Atlas and Trader Joe gift card and products packed in a Nevada shaped basket. All funds raised from the unit charity baskets went to the Navy Special Forces Foundation.

Region officials are searching for a Nevada campground or RV park venue for 2023 that can host 80 to 120 rigs with partial or full hookups. Send your ideas to snu157@wbcci.net.

