

ANTELOPE LAKE RALLY AUGUST 11th - 14th



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## the Airstreamer

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Just returned from a great rally at Centerville Flats Dispersed Campground and we're looking forward to our August 11 rally at Antelope Lake.



Lone Rock campground is a quiet Sierra lake with lots of opportunities for kayaking, fishing, birdwatching (we know there are eagles there), cycling, and hiking. All paved roads to the sites. At the time of this writing, there are still plenty of reservable sites available, along with an abundance of first come/first serve sites nearby(so far, members have reserved 64, 68, and 73). We'll have our kayaks and enjoy sharing these with other members, along with our bikes (around the lake and/or down to Indian Valley).

Hope Valley is in September. It's a dispersed camping area in the pines adjacent to the

meadows off Highway 88 (between Luther Pass Road and Blue Lakes Road), and within walking distance of the West Fork of the Carson River. Fishing, hiking, cycling, and kayaking are all nearby. This one is truly boondocking - no facilities, water, restrooms. Bring what you need.

Jeni & I will be at both of these rallys and we hope to share these special Sierra gems with you.

Brian

#### AUGUST'S ANTELOPE LAKE RALLY

If you are looking at our early rally schedule for August make sure you don't head out to Twin Lakes at Rally at Bridgeport. The rally has been moved to the **Lone Rock Campground at Antelope Lake** near Janesville, CA; some 90 plus miles northwest of Reno somewhat off US-395. Activities will mirror those from Centerville Flats plus a few more; fishing, swimming, boating/kayacking, water skiing, other recreation activities such as our SNU sitting and horizontal relaxation techniques and the chance to explore the area.

Anglers can look forward to a well-stocked trout, bass and catfish population and the opportunity to explore the area and fish several trout streams here at 6000 feet.

Explorers will find that hiking and mountain biking opportunities abound. The Sunset Point trail begins near the campground.

For those that believe that meals are a recreation, we'll offer our standard shared and potluck entrees and conversation around the picnic table.

Campsite reservations are recommended; Brian and Jeni already have site #64. To make your reservation go to: https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232913?tab=campsites. As always, Brian and Jeni would appreciate a head count for the rally; please send an email to the club address, club157@airstreamcliub.org.

Directions from Reno can be found here: <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/pXztZ9WCgPwLqDFi6WO">https://maps.app.goo.gl/pXztZ9WCgPwLqDFi6WO</a>
see page 2 for a map



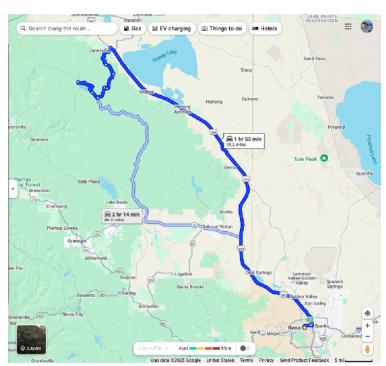
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Rally Moved to - Antelope Lake, Lone Rock Cmpg (NFS), Janesville, CA August 11th - 14th



Hope Valley Dispersed Area, Markleeville, CA September 15th – 18th



#### SNU MEMBER NEWS

It's great to announce members Robyn Mitchell and Del Norby #8914 have renewed.

#### <u>Airstream Inc.'s</u> "<u>Live Riveted"</u> Blog

Wow, lots of material from Airstream's "Live Riveted" Blog two months in a row:

ALUMINATION:
Airstream, an American
icon documentary - While
it's world premiere was
September 2021, it's still
fascinating to watch filmaker
Eric Bricker's and Silverstream
Filmworks' project
ALUMINATION on the
Airstream community, legacy of
the company and Wally Byam.
Live Riveted provides active ondemand links: Apple TV,

Amazon, Google Play, YouTube and more. Click if you've never seen it; <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/alumination-independent-documentary-about-airstream/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/alumination-independent-documentary-about-airstream/</a>.

Go with the Flow in the Globetrotter - Trent Bell, wife Amber and family experience changes in careers, interests and lifestyles with the help of their Globetrotter. Teacher turned architect turned photographer living in Maine often escaped February winters in California, first by flying, then by driving and on an impulse via Airstream Globetrotter! Read about travel to surf and see America; <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/go-with-the-flow-in-the-globetrotter/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/go-with-the-flow-in-the-globetrotter/</a>.

**eStream Moves to Airstream Heritage Center** - Airstream's eStream concept travel trailer moves from Thor industries Innovation Lab in Elkhart, IN to Airstream's Heritage Center in Jackson Center, OH. Introduced to highlight new technology concepts, the eStream inspired features now found in some of our favorite travel trailers; the Tradewind, Basecamp XE models and more.

Not all eStream features are available but robust power systems, enhanced aerodynamics, smart energy management, lightweight materials, off-grid capabilities and energy efficiency have been incorporated in new models. Read the blog and plan your own visit to Airstream's Heritage Center in Jackson Center, OH. While your there visit the Airstream Factory Service Center, take the factory tour and even Courtesy Park at the WBCCI/Airstream Club corporate offices (reservation required for the tour and courtesy parking). <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/estream-moves-to-airstream-heritage-center/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/estream-moves-to-airstream-heritage-center/</a>.

Chase Adventure Farther in Airstream's Basecamp - Airstream's Basecamp, especially their X models allow you to explore remote campsites and backcountry that many wouldn't dream of with their Twinkie shaped trailers (SNU members excepted). This blog features heading off paved roads in search of adventure while still maintaining comfort although I didn't notice Obsidian Dome, Jarbidge or some of our SNU rally destinations included. Read more about the Basecamp, the adventures you dream of and maybe experience yourself at one of our Sierra Nevada Unit rallies! <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/chase-adventure-farther-in-airstreams-basecamp/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/chase-adventure-farther-in-airstreams-basecamp/</a>.

**Tale of Two Icons** - Airstream founder Wally Byam and Frank Loyd Wright created legacies for American travel, architecture and life-changing experiences. Course the blog describes how the two men separately inspired the world with the modern concepts and features a short video clip of Airstream's "Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian Limited Edition Travel Trailer"; <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/airstream-founder-wally-byam-and-architect-frank-lloyd-wright-the-tale-of-two-icons/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/airstream-founder-wally-byam-and-architect-frank-lloyd-wright-the-tale-of-two-icons/</a>.

**MyAirstream Pet Comfort** - Sierra Nevada Unit members are mostly a pet friendly group; dogs of all kinds, cats, birds, tortoises and more have graced some of our remote dispersed rally sites. Our pets were forced to endure the same climate conditions that we did and while rally locations are selected to best use mountain and desert location and time of year to keep things relatively comfortable (sometimes we sweated) at times a few ran generators to operate air conditioners and furnaces for creature comfort.

Airstream now touts its My Airstream smart control technology to monitor and control temperature, shower and mobile power systems, tailor the lighting systems, pre-set climate controls for two and four-legged guests, monitor propane, tanks and battery levels and track your rig's location 24/7. A benefit at most campgrounds and RV parks across the country although satellite communication might be required at some of our remote dispersed rally sites! Read more here; <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/myairstream-pet-comfort/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/myairstream-pet-comfort/</a>.

Airstream Flying Cloud 3oFB Bunk: a Family's Home away from Home - The Weiss family's adventures include stargazing, hot air balloons, camping, crossing the great plains, Rockies and visiting Grand Canyon. The 3o' front bedroom bunk gives them space to work, lounge, sleep and eat, even becoming a classroom for homeschooling their kids along the way, without having to encroach, setup or break down their living space. Read more about their home here; <a href="https://www.airstream.com/blog/airstream-flying-cloud-3ofb-bunk-a-familys-home-away-from-home/">https://www.airstream.com/blog/airstream-flying-cloud-3ofb-bunk-a-familys-home-away-from-home/</a>.





Route to Region 12 Caravan/ Rally, Topaz Lake (SNU 49th Anniversary Rally) and Tuttle Creek October 9th - 15th



Return from Region Rally; Keough's Hot Springs October 19th - 22nd

Airstream Classic 33FB Travel Trailers: Seventy-four Days in a Rolling Oasis - read about Gregg and Julianne's 74 day road trip through the South from Memphis, the Mississippi River to the Statue of Liberty and on to New England stops in Williamsburg, Philadelphia, Boston Portsmouth and Freeport New England. Read more here on luxurious Airstream Classic; https://www.airstream.com/blog/airstreamclassic-33fb-travel-trailer-seventy-four-days-in-a-rolling-oasis/

Keeping it Simple in the International - Join Janie and Mac as they escape the big-city hustle and bustle for Ennis, Texas and the nearby Range Vintage Trailer Resort. Ennis features small town white picket fences, bluebonnets and brick buildings, old wooden barns as you venture out. Range Vintage offers secluded campsites with rolling hills, oaks and even goats wandering though. Click the link to read their story; https:// www.airstream.com/blog/keeping-it-simple-in-the-international/.

Yes, there's even more in "Live Riveted" but your on your own to explore the blog further; https://www.airstream.com/blog/

#### NO AUGUST PRESIDENT'S CORNER OR BLUE BERET BLOG (YET)

Well with the hustle and bustle of of electing new International Board of Trustees, Executive Council, the regime changes and the upcoming York International Rally mean no new president's corner or Blue Beret blog to be expected. Your editor will keep a watch and bring the news from both back next month.

Until then please congratulate the following IBT Officers and Executive Council members on their well-deserved leadership roles within Airstream Club International:

International President



Jennifer Schnettler

International 2nd Vice President



Jan Heavener

International Secretary



Kendall Felder

#### Bill Hamblin Rachael Miller Dendy Jarrett Millie O'Donnell Kenneth Johansen James Schaal





Dale and Virginia Leipper

### More Sierra Nevada Member News 70 YEAR AIRSTREAM HERITAGE

Remember the Airstream Club's recent request for family histories or unique perspectives on the 'Club to showcase its 70th year anniversary. Many don't realize it but SNU members have Airstream Royalty amongst us; third generation Airstreamers Diane and Bryan Leipper!

In their words, "As of 2025 our family, through various members, has belonged to Wally Byam Caravan Club (WBCCI) continuously for 70 years. Our grandparent's, Bryan & Jo Harrison were active with other Airstreamers in the early 1950's and joined WBCCI in 1955 when the club was formed. Their membership number was WBCCI #772. Our Parent's, Dale and Virginia (Harrison) Leipper joined in 1975 – WBCCI#1183. My brother Bryan and I joined in 1994 – WBCCI#772. Our sister Anita joined

in 2005 - WBCCI#1183. Our sister Janet WBCCI #9814 was also a member for a while. Airstreaming has always been a part of our lives. Listening to the stories, looking at the pictures & memorabilia of our grandparent's caravans and travels. Attending rallies with them, including the 1962 WBCCI International

Rally in Auburn, WA. In the 1970's and 80's my siblings and I attended occasional rallies with our parent's and the Monterey Bay, CA Unit. Grandpa Harrison maintained his membership and attended rallies with our parent's even when he could no longer tow his own Airstream. Bryan and I took our Mom to rallies for several years while she was still an active member but no longer towing. An amazing 70 years of memories, photos, memorabilia, friendships, and adventures, much of which I have tried to preserve in a family history section of our website: http:// sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/history/goldenanniversary/index.html



Bryan & Diane Leipper

Diane Leipper

#### CENTERVILLE FLATS RALLY REVIEW

Camping in the pine forest at 6000' atop the East Fork of the Carson River in July seemed like a pretty good idea. What we didn't anticipate was that few other folks thought the same and we just about had the dispersed campground to ourselves. Wonderful.

Brian & Jeni Root (25') were joined by the Doug & Dawn Dale (Bambi) on Sunday. Tom & Kitsie Larkin (28'), Susie Brown (23'), and Bill & Mary Swirskys(Argosy) completed the rally family on Monday.



Despite a few rocks along the way, everyone drove in/parked like a champ; there were no issues. Wonderful!



Tuesday involved a trip to the top of Ebbetts Pass (8736'), Jeni via bicycle and the rest via personal vehicles. A half mile hike (well, Jeni thought it was a half mile, it might have turned out to be twice the distance) up the hillside (topped out at 9000') where we all enjoyed cool breezes and long views. It was a beautiful day. To top it off, Brian & Susie were able to tag themselves as Trail Angels - picking up trail worn Mike and his daughter, Aiden, coming off the Pacific Crest Trail. They made good use of the Swirsky's Starlink and shade, and a relative rescued them in a short bit. Wonderful!





Wednesday involved a trip to the top of Monitor Pass (8314'), again, Jeni via bicycle and the rest via personal vehicles. A little further east and the group turned off onto a gravel road (well, Brian thought it was a smooth gravel road, it might have turned out to be really rocky in a few spots) with a fire lookout as our destination (Leviathan Peak). From the closed gate, everyone walked up

to the top and a few brave souls toured the deck of the tower (8953').



Smoke from various fires across the west limited the normal 150 mile views, but it was still stunning all around. The gravel road did seem a little gentler on the way down - and we even spotted an eagle flying through the valley. A quick stop at Heenan Reservoir had us planning for picnics the next outing. Wonderful!

The 3 nights went by quickly, with much sharing and laughter at dinner gatherings around the...(no campfires allowed)..."outdoor family den" at the Larkin's. It was a remarkably easy paced, friendly, camping week, where wandering down to the Carson provided cool refreshing dips, eagles (or was it always the same one?) majestically flew by and all rigs made it back out without any mishaps. Wonderful!

Boondocking with the Sierra Nevada Unit airstreamers - where the distances are shorter and roads smoother (per the Roots)  $\dots$ 

Wonderful! Jení Root

## MORE SNU NEWS - PLAN AHEAD

#### 49TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY OCT 9TH - 12TH

The Sierra Nevada Unit will celebrate its 49th Anniversary and hold its Annual Meeting for the election of 2026 officers in October at Topaz Lake, the first stop on our Rolling to Region 12 Rally. No, you won't have to make all the stops; you can tailor your travels to fit your schedule or just stop in for the meeting and celebration on the 11th so please plan ahead! Look for more information on our Airstream Club web page: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/events?">https://airstreamclub.org/events?</a> from=&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=46237&list=1 or in the Events section of our Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/SierraNevadaUnit">https://www.facebook.com/groups/SierraNevadaUnit</a> .

More on the Rolling to Region, as noted, our first stop is three nights at Topaz Lake Recreation Area, Monday October 9th thru Sunday the 12th; reserved, first come first served and dispersed camping are available 775.782.9835. We'll host our Annual Meeting and anniversary celebration on Saturday the 11th.

Sunday morning we'll round up the rigs and head south on US-395 headed for our second stop, Tuttle Creek BLM Campground near Lone Pine, Ca for a three nights stay through Wednesday the 15th. Wednesday morning we'll again round up the rigs and head south to the Region 12 Rally at Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground. No reservation is needed for the two SNU rolling rallies at Topaz

Lake or Tuttle Creek but you will need a reservation for Region 12; click the link: https://

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For more Info go to: sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/, Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI on Facebook or email us at: club157@airstreamclub.org
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