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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



As your president, I'd like to personally endorse attending the Region Rally in San Dimas. Jeni & I attended the Region 12 Rally at Tahoe last fall and it exceeded all our expectations. There's something for everyone: great info about airstreams and new products, plenty to learn from your fellow Airstreamers, abundance of activities to keep you as busy as you want to be. One of Jeni's favorite activities was to simply wander around and talk with the owners.

If you decide to go to the Region Rally, please join us for a caravan with interesting stops along the way. Topaz Lake (3 nights), Tuttle Creek (3 nights), Region Rally Bonelli Bluffs (4 nights), Keough Hot Springs (3 nights). You can join us for all or any of these mini SNU rallies. More information can be found on the SNU website/Facebook page.

We're rolling into the best time of the year for camping and we hope to see you out there. Hope to see you soon!

Brian

EDITOR'S CONFESSION

You'll find little content in this month's special edition. Your editor and his wife Gail are solo caravanning across the USA for their Grandson's graduation in Kentucky, visit with Don's mom in Ohio (she'll be 99 this year) and stay at Gail's home near North Carolina's Intercostal Waterway (think great seafood)! I'll try to make it up to all our SNU members and friends next month with lots of articles and full coverage of our 13 year old Airstream's spa days, reconstructive surgery and implants at Vinnie's, previously known as Vinnie's Northbay Airstream Repair, but Thor made it easier for us to "tell people where to go" for their Airstream repair, to Vinnie's!

AIRSTREAM INC.'S "LIVE RIVETED" BLOG

Lots to read in "Live Riveted" but you'll have to follow the link for the highlights this month; <https://www.airstream.com/blog/>

ERIC MCHENRY'S PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"LaVerne and I are on the road again, joining rallies across our local clubs and our one-month trip up through Yellowstone for the Camp Airstream: Yellowstone event. But meeting fellow Airstream Club International members while on the road is always a highlight of our journeys."

- Follow the link to read more of Eric's words as he nears completion of his term as Airstream Club President; <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/presidents-corner-june-2025/>
- 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

Stay up-to-date with Rally News



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



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

JUNE SHELDON WILDLIFE RALLY

The Sierra Nevada Unit will hold its June Rally at the Sheldon Wildlife Refuge's Virgin Valley Campground. Virgin Valley is a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) campground accessible year-round. There you will find pit toilets, drinking water, a warm springs pool and a rustic shower house (fed by the warm springs). The rally will feature the SNU's Shared potluck meals plus the opportunity to experience Sheldon's many activities:

- Wildlife watching - if you enjoy getting outdoors and looking for wildlife, consider a visit to Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge! From birding to big game, from viewing speedy pronghorn or soaring raptors, wildlife observation is the most popular activity for refuge visitors from every state.
- Photography - the fastest growing activity on national wildlife refuges in the past ten years has been wildlife photography.
- Birding, from bald eagles to spoonbills, from condors to puffins, birds abound on national wildlife refuges.
- Hiking is a great way to explore the refuge and there are ample cross-country hiking options. However, there are no hiking trails so please exercise extreme caution, especially when entering rocky and rugged terrain.
- Hunting, the "Old West" lives on at Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, which includes rocky canyons, homesteads and numerous species of wildlife found only in the Great Basin. Rolling hills covered with sagebrush and mountain mahogany stretch to the horizon.
- Fishing, the refuge has opportunities for trout and warm-water game fishing. Boats may be used on Big Spring Reservoir, Catnip Reservoir and Dufurrena Ponds. Only electric motors are allowed. Please check current state regulations for season dates. McGee Pond is open year-round for children under age 12...
- Auto Tour, vehicles are allowed ONLY on Open Routes. Roads are open as indicated by road signs, refuge maps, or other information subject to weather and road and for resource/habitat protection.
- Biking is allowed ONLY on dirt roads and Open Routes. Roads are open as indicated by road signs, refuge maps, or other information subject to weather and road conditions and for resource/habitat protection.
- Off-road vehicles are allowed ONLY on dirt roads and Open Routes. Roads are open as indicated by road signs, refuge maps, or other information subject to weather and road conditions and for resource/habitat protection.
- Horseback riding is allowed on the Refuge. Corrals are located at Badger and Fish Springs Campground.
- Worn out planning your activities, we'll offer some of the SNU sitting and horizontal relaxation techniques and conversations too!
- And least we forget, lounge in the hot spring fed pond or take a soaking shower fed from the hot spring.

Sheldon Wildlife Rally requires a long caravan to reach Virgin Valley Campground, 290 miles from Reno but you can always break it up into a two day jaunt if you like or find another SNU member to caravan with.



Sheldon Hot Spring fed Shower Room & Pond

Your editor visited Sheldon Wildlife Refuge in June of last year on a two week motorcycle tour of the Western States. Weather was moderately warm but near freezing at night. My group especially liked the warm spring and shower. Access into the Refuge to the campground was via a 2 1/2 mile dirt road in fairly good condition. Come out and join us for the entire time or what time you have.

For info or confirmation contact president Brian Root 775-771-3375, your Airstream editor 951.264.0219 or email to club157@airstreamclub.org.



August 23rd - 28th - Rally is being moved from Lower Twin Lakes in Bridgeport to a new location; STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS



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



Route to Region 12 Caravan/
Rally, Topaz Lake and Tuttle
Creek October 9th - 15th



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

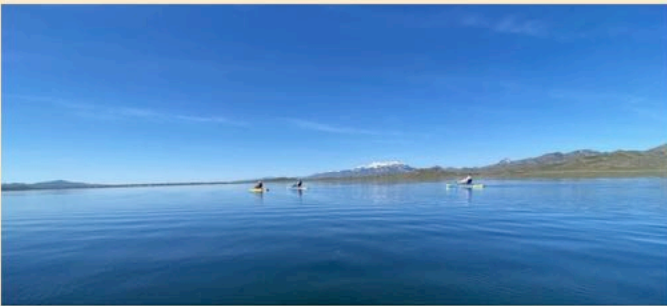
MAY WILD HORSE RALLY REVIEW

3 nights, 3 rigs - Roots, Swirskys, and Andersens. It's a bit of a drive (an hour north of Elko) and we all got situated in our campsites late Monday afternoon. The summer storm clouds were forming and eventually, the winds whipped up, a little "soft" hail got our attention and then it was all calm. Welcome to Nevada in late May!

Tuesday brought some winds, so the Roots and Andersens took a trip on the road to Jarbidge. It's slow going, but we all agreed it was worth it. At 43 miles and 8000' elevation, we met with snow and had to turn around. The views in the Jarbidge Wilderness Area were breathtaking! Our land safari sighted Pronghorn & birds in abundance. Highlights were baby Red Tail Hawks (Little Cottonball Heads, Sandhill Cranes, and Sage Grouse). Using our Cornell Ornithology app, MERLIN, helped identify over 15 different birds. Wild flowers were out and we enjoyed a nice picnic snack by the creek on the way home. The Swirskys enjoyed a much needed slow paced day, with a sighting of Mary enjoying the trails via bicycle. Dinner was a group effort and wonderful fire pit conversation ensued.

Wednesday brought a calm blue sky morning and 4 Hobie inflatable kayakers peddled out on the reservoir for a water safari. We were not disappointed. The waterfowl and birding was amazing, with the Yellow-headed Blackbird and Meadowlarks taking the 'loud' bird awards. Pelicans, grebes, & terns were aplenty and we're still trying to figure out what that "Oreo" duck was! By 12:30pm, those threatening summer clouds were building and it was time to take out as a few raindrops fell and blustery winds kicked up. I believe we all got in a quick bike ride around the campground and on trails. My (Jeni's) brother and family stopped over for the night and we all enjoyed another SNU potluck and campfire discussion. My 10 year-old nephew was enthralled with the various tow vehicles (and all the engine talk that goes along with it) and both boys were excited to sleep in the airstream! We ended the evening by celebrating Brian's 60th birthday and having brownies and homemade ice cream. We are so fortunate!

Was the drive worth it? Absolutely! It might be a favorite! And we left a few adventures on the to-do list for next time.



We Are the SNU Family!

We are so lucky to have a great Unit. Come rally with us; through thick and thin, we help our fellow members, we stand tall.
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