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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Reflections of my last two weeks of rallying brought to the forefront the importance and pleasure of sharing: sharing knowledge, repair how-to, maintenance, the latest technology (Airstream or other), favorite campgrounds, creeks to fish, roads to cycle, museums, parks, childhood stories, crafting talents, and last but not least, favorite food and beverages.

When I thought about my recent camping trip, the best part was the sharing with new and old friends. Maybe that's the real reason to go camping with Airstreamers - that's what it's all about. A funny thing happened as we were leaving Topaz Lake, there was another Airstream fueling up. Within a few minutes of chatting, we invited this lovely couple to come camp and ride some classic roads out of Lone Pine with us. And who knew there were propane tank measuring devices, 7 types of GOOD whiskey, and **Goat boys** amongst us. The talents, knowledge, and humor of our fellow Airstreams never

cease to amaze me.

Hope to see you at the next luncheon rally so we can create and share more good times. **Brian**

< one 2026 free kitty rally donation to the first person with the correct answer (excludes those at the Region Rally) send answer to club157@airstreamclub.org >

2026 SIERRA NEVADA UNIT OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

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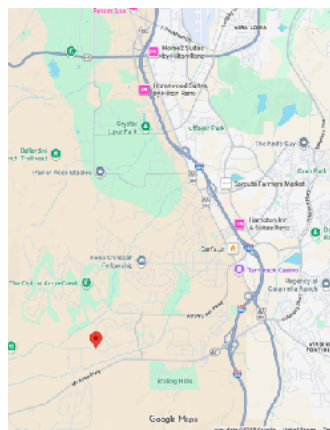
Membership Chair: Jenifer Root

DECEMBER'S LUNCHEON RALLY - SAT THE 6TH

Don't let our rally off-season keep you away from the Sierra Nevada Unit fellowship; join us at Robyn and Del Mitchell's home to celebrate the holiday season and Airstream friends. Robyn says she's doing pork carnitas, so she needs to know if there are any dietary restrictions. Otherwise, no need for any one to bring anything. Our luncheon rally will start at 11:30 am and conclude at 1:30 pm or there about. Find their home at Click here 13260 W. Saddlebow Dr., Reno or the map to get directions.

Call or email Robyn on any dietary restrictions:

775-250-2551, xryeyes@gmail.com or club157@airstreamclub.org.



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HOLIDAY SEASON LUNCHEON
MITCHELL FAMILY HOME
DECEMBER 6TH



NEED HOSTS FOR 2026
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WASHOE LAKE RALLY
APRIL 20TH - 23RD, 2026

SNU NEWS

The SNU thanks returning members for renewing their membership: Susie Brown #5701 from Minden, NV; Kim & Ellen Sterrett #6049 from Auburn, CA; Tom & Teresa Tighe #3662 of Sparks, NV; Don & Gail Williams #14207 from Riverside, CA. While we're on the subject, many of your memberships run out at the end of the year. Renew now so it doesn't lapse; log on with your credentials and renew at: airstreamclub.org

A brick has been purchased by the Sierra Nevada Unit to help pave the way (pun intended) and help fund the WBCCI member club house in Jackson Center, OH. I hope our members will be able to find it in the future if they stop in at the Jackson Center Headquarters :) *Jeni*

Lastly, your next Airstreamer will be a December - January issue, look for it near the end of December while you're relaxing between holidays.

AIRSTREAM CLUB BLUE BERET BLOG

October IBT Meeting Recap - Jenny Schnettler, Airstream Club International President

Jenny (not our Jeni) announces a new feature in the Blue Beret Blog, an update on what's happening in the International Board of Trustees (IBT). It "details some of the items discussed in working sessions, meetings, and conversations you will find informative regarding everything from motions we have looked into, new policies on the workings of the Club, and best of all, sneak peeks at cool stuff we are working on for YOU!"

She goes on to summarize the most recent IBT meeting (23 Sept 2025) and the Airstream Club's upcoming 3rd Annual Strategy Session. The 3-day event gives the IBT the opportunity to develop the long-range strategy, talk about cyber security, developments in technology, how to draft a motion, and a brief presentation on the long view of our financial projections, as well as best practices for managing the business of this Club. We'll hear the latest updates from Airstream, Inc. too. Follow the link to read the minutia: <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/october-2025-ibt-meeting-recap/>. Want to watch the entire IBT meeting on YouTube? Here's the link [Executive Council Meeting – September 3, 2025](#)

AIRSTREAM INC.'S "LIVE RIVETED" BLOG

Carpe Aluminum: Airstreamer Advice on Not Waiting to Hit the Road

The Traditional Route, Slightly Accelerated - Past Airstream Club President and Region 12's own Eric and Laverne's McHenry's story of their life experiences

camping, backpacking, tent camping with children, squeezed in on weekends between work schedules and then finally realizing LaVerne's dream of owning an Airstream. The

latter came at a time when as busy executives "Trips close to home were less frequent" (not mention was their BMW motorcycle adventures). The 2020 COVID pandemic changed things for them.

The Traditional Route – With a Bit More Fuel on the Fire - Jim & Carmen BeauBeaux full timing for 7 years in their 30' Airstream Excella.

The Early Left Turn - Tim & Ursula Elkins; both had careers with long shift jobs before they sold every thing for a life on the road living full time in their 30' Classic.

A Green Light Right Now - Molly Moore and husband Joe went full time with 4 relatively young children; the youngest one-and-one-half years-old. They hesitated with their decision with the COVID shutdown but decided there was no right time to go.



Follow the link to read their stories: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/carpe-aluminum-airstreamer-advice-on-not-waiting-to-hit-the-road/>

Solo Airstreaming Women: Finding Freedom on the Open Road

The title might be a little misleading; the blog touts, "solo travel offers a rare opportunity to step away from the noise of everyday life and reconnect with your inner voice" and the features that make the different models attractive for the open road but no women's personal stories: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/solo-airstreaming-women-finding-freedom-on-the-open-road/>

Other stories in "The Live Riveted Blog"

Most Popular Airstream Travel Trailer Models

Interstate 19X Outland Edition: Airstream Innovation Comes to Life

Unlocking Versatility: The Airstream Rangeline ...

Read the rest of these stories and more at: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/>

ROLLIN' TO REGION RALLY REVIEW

Our Sierra Nevada Unit, the "Biggest Little Airstream Unit" had a successful "Rollin' to Region" rally with a total of 13 calendar nights, 45 rig nights (including adopted North Carolinian Airstreamers), and 93 member nights (17 individuals). We'll leave out the number of rainy, windy, cold days and evenings; number of spirits consumed with also go unmentioned (but they were of high quality and from around the world!).

Topaz Lake, once again, proved too windy to get out on the kayaks, but walks around the campground and on top of Monitor pass were highlights, along with a visit to the Topaz Lake RV Park (thanks to Mary for the recommendation), a potential site for our May 2026/50th anniversary rally. We held our annual business meeting, tallied votes for 2026 officers and discussed the 2026 rally schedule. It was fun having time to catch up with Mary, Don, Susie (and her friend) for a few days!



Upon leaving, Don befriended an Airstream while fueling up at Topaz and the next thing we know, our North Carolina friends, Kirk Harris and Johanna Suhonen, were camping with us at Tuttle Creek, riding bikes, and sharing dinner.



(Turns out, Kirk grew up about 10 miles from my hometown in Greensboro!). We felt like old friends by the time they pulled out to head back home.

The Sterretts and Andersens stopped in the first couple of nights, with the Nordby/Mitchells joining in the last night. The Sterretts provided scrumptious BBQ and fixins one night, and shielded by their trailer, the wind wasn't too bad.



Susan provided her tamale casserole the last night and we packed 9 into their Trade Wind - cozy and most enjoyable (and now we know the CO2 detector works!). Highlights included a trip to the Museum of Western Film History, cycling up Horseshoe Meadows and down thru the Alabama Hills, sharing spirits from around the world, and waking up to snow on the mountain tops. We all loved the huge vistas and agreed this a site to return to in the future.



On Wednesday, October 12th, the 5 rigs parted ways, with 3 headed to the Region 12 Rally Bonelli Bluffs RV Park in San Dimas, CA. Our own Tom Larkin met us at the entrance on his e-bike and escorted us to our parking spot; level, spacious, and near the "big tent". Situated beside the Bonelli Park, there cycling/hiking trails and kayaking



opportunities galore. An osprey nest was nearby, with frequent sightings of Mom & Dad feeding their screeching youngster(s?). After a few days of high winds and cold temps on the eastern Sierra foothills, we delighted in warm California sunshine!

As with Region Rallies, we enjoyed a vintage Airstream tour, new Airstream tour, craft faire, and plenty of other Airstream-related activities. Also on our list, was a presentation by SkyMed, and given our travels away from home, we signed up. We'll get the sales rep to come to a SNU rally lunch in the near future!

Our "Highway 395 Survival Basket", always a hit with the crowd (if not for its Frey Ranch Whisky but for its simplicity and cleverness - yes, a roll of T.P., along with copious amounts of alcohol, was included!), brought in over \$300 to benefit the McKinley Children's Center.



Thank you to new affiliate members John & Lisa Anker #1852 from

Ontario, CA, who submitted the winning bid, membership included (John receiving the basket)! We missed seeing 2024's basket winner, Doug Fitzgerald (get well soon) and hope to see the Anker family at a 2026 rally!



Brian attended the Region 12 business meeting and highlighted our SNU's upcoming 50th anniversary in 2026, along with our focus on boondocking and traveling to out-of-the-way places in Nevada and the Eastern Sierra.

With all this, I have to say the highlight was spending time with the Larkins, Andersens, and Mitchell/Nordby members...and getting to be an audience to our rising Cowboy Poetry star, Del Nordby. If you find yourselves in Elko in January (and everyone MUST attend the Cowboy Poetry Festival there at least once in your lifetime!), be sure to find him on open mic night...truly a gem!

Departures on Sunday had the 4 of us heading in different directions. The Mitchell/Nordby and Roots stopped off at Keough Hot Springs to break up the trip home, enjoying the hot springs, fishing the Owens River, and cycling up Big Pine Creek.



We decided to break up the trip home further by leaving Keough after 2 nights and laying over at June Lake (Silver Lake Campground). We believe we hit the peak colors just about right...this is one of our favorite campgrounds...and the weather held long enough for a bike ride into the own of June Lake (Brian's favorite is the Brewery) and a couple of kayak trips from the campground. The fish weren't biting from the shore and we look forward to returning between May & September to fish Rush creek!



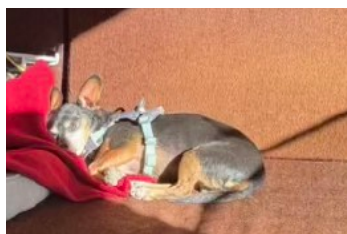
In addition to the noted activities, we all found time to explore a few other campgrounds along the way (some we'd recommend, others not so much) - so if you're headed south along 395, feel free to reach out for suggestions or maybe we'll cover them in another issue of the Airstreamer.

The airstream is now winterized and tucked in for the winter. We are already looking forward to 2026!

Jeni

ROLLIN' TO REGION BREAKAWAY <EDITOR>

Life's Trials and Tribulations (nothing serious) meant Gail and I wouldn't be attending the Region rally and Mongo's health problems meant no high elevation camping so our sun seeker Bruce and I attended the Rollin' to Region Rallies at Topaz Lake and Tuttle Creek.



As the others parted for Bonelli Bluffs, Bruce and I headed for a favorite spot in the lower Owens Valley, Fossil Falls, for a day of camping and 4X4 exploration to Little Lake Overlook. Rangers



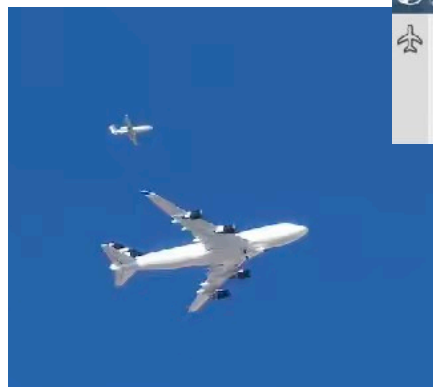
suggested I drop the Airstream in the campground before driving to the overlook; a great suggestion. The road became extremely rough, rocky and muddy in spots; the brush and pucker bushes narrowed the dirt track and there were 10 or more sections ponded as much as 12" deeps from Tuesday's rains. While I got some great pictures, it's not a route I'll drive again.

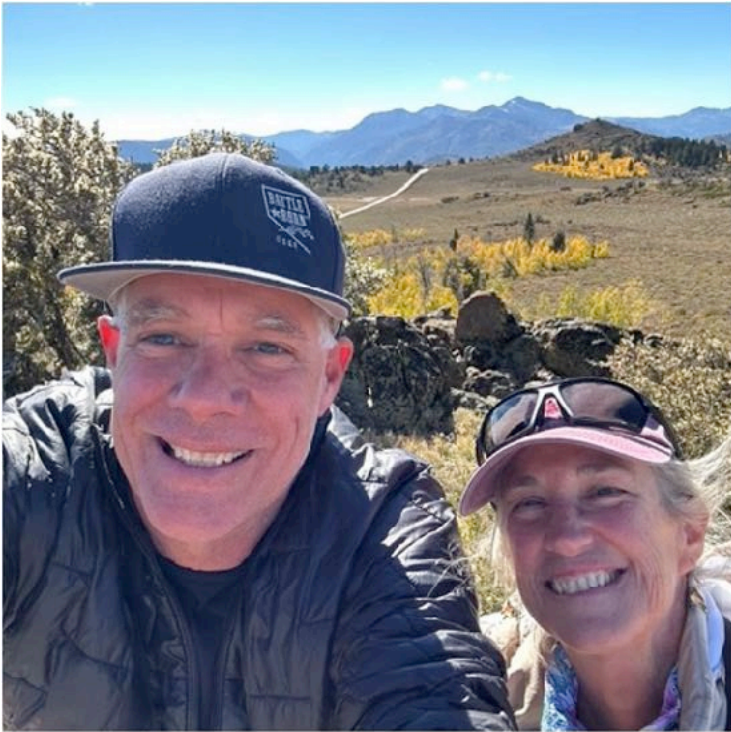


By night fall a couple of more campers ventured into Fossil Falls and the Milky Way made it's appearance. Morning brought clear skies and a surprise sighting of Stratolaunch and it's escort plane heading north along the Eastern Sierra.

Don

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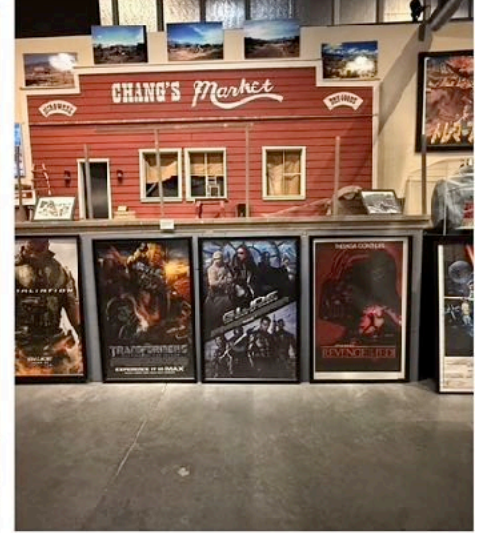
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