

the Airstreamer

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Brian & I just returned from a two week "Ski Sampler" trip (Idaho, Wyoming, Utah) and there is no doubt the west is suffering from a low-snow year. Ski resorts are closing early and drought-measures are being discussed throughout communities dependent on snowpack. While we're still hoping to get a few more days skiing at Mt Rose, we've cleaned off the bicycles *and* have been taking advantage of the warm weather. I know, winter may still arrive and deliver much needed moisture - but for now, we're gearing up for camping season - and do we have some great rallies on the calendar!

All of our rallies are at locations that can handle reservations and first-come/first-serve arrivals. Please read the recaps on each of the activities, which include current reservation site # information, included in this newsletter. The 50th anniversary (May) Topaz Resort rally is reserved by contacting myself or Mary Swirsky, all others are up to members to make their own reservations.

I hope to see you all at one or more Sierra Nevada Unit rallies this year - if you have any questions/suggestions/etc, please let me know!

Cheers, Jeni



APRIL WASHOE LAKE RALLY



Washoe Lake State Park is our first rally aka "Shake-down Rally" beginning Monday, April 20 for 3 nights. April is a beautiful time of year at Washoe Lake; be ready for warm & sunny or cold & blustery - or both! Bird watching is in full swing and the eagles have been frequenting the area! Feel free to join us for the day, a night, or all 3 nights. Our evenings will include shared meals and/or an organized potluck dinner (evening cocktails/mocktails will also be featured!).

Currently, we know of at least 3 Sierra Nevada Unit reservations in Loop A, where there will be electric hook-ups, showers and restrooms. (Water at individual campsites is usually not turned on until 5/1, but with the warm start to this spring, this may change to an earlier date). Loop A is filling up but Loop B (boondocking, with restrooms, and a short walk from Loop A) looks to have plenty of availability. Reservations encouraged but last minute arrivals should have no problem getting a site!

reservenevada.com.

We will bring our bikes and kayaks (should the weather cooperate - we love getting friends out on the water). We will also plan on a hike up the nearby Deadman's Creek Trail (1.3 miles), where your efforts will be rewarded with stunning views of Washoe Lake and the surrounding areas from the lookout gazebo. And lastly, there is no moon just 3 evenings prior, so let's hope for dark skies and starry nights!



If you are planning on joining us, RSVP to club157@airstreamclub.org so we know to expect you (or contact your host, Jeni Root). Weather can be a factor, so knowing to expect you helps us communicate any last minute announcements (Facebook/email are also preferred communication paths).

2026 SIERRA NEVADA UNIT OFFICERS &

Executive Board:

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Celebrated May 18th - 21st
at our Topaz Resort Rally



WASHOE LAKE RALLY
APRIL 20TH - 23RD
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SIERRA NEVADA UNIT ANNIVERSARY RALLY

The Sierra Nevada Unit is hosting its 50th Anniversary Rally at the Topaz Resort in Topaz, CA Monday May 18-Thursday, May 21. Please make reservations directly with Jeni 775.771.2313 or Mary 775.781.0095. We have at least 8 parties attending, with 3 airstream sponsors participating! Reservations are requested and as always, we should be able to accommodate any last minute arrivals but the rally is being opened up to general WBCCI members on April 1st so Call Jeni or Mary now.

A HUGE thank you to Mary & Bill Swirsky for securing the resort and to the resort owners for giving us discounted rates! (This is the Topaz Resort, not the Topaz RV Park).

Resort Accommodations:

Trailer sites (4 @ \$75/3 nites, 10 @ \$50/3 nites). (7 sites already reserved)

Cabin on the Lake (see facilities under AirBnB "Entire Cabin in Mono Co, CA) - 5 beds, baths, \$75 for 3 nights, depending on which room you select (2 rooms already reserved)

Overflow/optional camping is available at the nearby Douglas County Park.

Events:

Monday night dinner: Reno Airstream Dealership is sponsoring "Fiesta 50" - Tammy (who many know) will be present!

Tuesday morning: SkyMed is sponsoring breakfast/presentation by Steve DeVincenz. Many members are already policyholders.

Tuesday Night: 50th Silver Anniversary Dinner*, including "Red Star" recognition & distribution!

Wednesday Night: Flamingo Dinner/Celebration*

Thursday Morning: 11 AM departure time as another group is coming in to the event center.

*more details forthcoming regarding the dinners and activities, but you can count on the following: Alumination movie showing, airstream-related gifts (many handmade by our members), history and reminiscing, photo albums, cocktail/mocktail hour, morning coffee, kayaking, hiking, fishing, cycling, and Monitor Pass Lookout Tower is just around the corner and up the hill!

We are looking forward to celebrating this little piece of WBCCI history - 50 years! Amazing!!!

Jeni Root

SNU MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome new and renewing members Elisabeth & Andrew Smith #3475- we hope to see you at one or more of the Sierra Nevada Unit rallies this season!

Our "Biggest Little Unit" is now up to 39 rigs and 72 members (representing 7 different states!)

Jeni Root

REGION 12 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Region Rally Planning Committee is still looking for Volunteers to help plan and host the Region rally this year (hint, it's over Halloween weekend).

Please contact regionrallypc12@gmail.com to join the team and get a link for the Zoom call meetings!



PLANNING COMMITTEE

AIRSTREAM CLUB BLUE BERET BLOG

April President's Corner

IBT President Millie O'Donnell

By now, many of you have seen the newest trailer in the Airstream arsenal and it is beautiful. It was built in partnership with Stetson and the now-famous 6666 Ranch. If you are a fan of the Yellowstone television series, you know what ranch! I had the good fortune of visiting two of them, along with many other brand-new Airstreams at our local dealership, Airstream of DFW. Located in Fort Worth — 109 N. Chandler Dr. — I made the trip along with others from my local club.

Once there, we discovered quite an elaborate setup... Read the rest of Millie's President's Corner here: <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/april-presidents-corner/>.



AIRSTREAM INC.'S "LIVE RIVETED" BLOG

MotherShip: Behind-the-Scenes Factory Tours

Our Sierra Nevada Unit members are mostly found within a 100 mile radius of Reno NV and many don't venture too far from home but Airstream, Inc. encourages us to make a stop in Jackson Center, Ohio at the MotherShip; the Airstream Factory.

Jackson Center is not just Headquarters; you'll find all Airstream's leaders, designers, planners and its doers; the men and women that build almost every component in your rig with the exception of the appliances and chassis in three cutting-edge facilities.

Course there's more! <Do I should like a carnival Barker? editor>

Jackson Center is the place to be for repairs in the Factory Service Center, shopping at the Airstream Supply Company store, taking a free factory tour or spending time taking in the history in the Heritage Center Museum.





Heritage Center Museum

You can tour any or all of the three manufacturing facilities; Travel Trailer Plant Tours run Monday through Thursday at 1pm EST, Touring Coach Plant Tours are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am EST, and Basecamp Plant Tours occur Tuesdays at 11am EST but follow the links in the Blog for more on times, details and reservations (tours are popular, reservations are highly recommended.

There's so much to do you might want to stay overnight. No RV parks or campgrounds in town but you can call ahead to stay overnight in the Factory Terraport, prioritized for people having service done but there's almost always vacant spots if your taking one of the tours. If not you can take advantage of Courtesy Parking by using Harvest Hosts to make a reservation for one of the Airstream Club Headquarters campsites. Want a more typical campsite; search out the nearby Ohio State Parks or commercial campgrounds. As with all the Blog stories, follow the link to get the rest of the story.

<https://www.airstream.com/blog/inside-the-airstream-mothership-behind-the-scenes-factory-tours/> .

Gross Vehicle Weights between 4200 and 5000 lbs. making them suitable for smaller tow vehicles. Follow this link to read more about the Caravel

[caravels-sophisticated-features-place-you-comfortably-at-home-wherever-you-go](#) .

Keep Your Daydream on Towing an Airstream with an SUV

A somewhat companion article to caravanning with smaller rigs, follow Famed travel influencers, Marc and Tricia of Keep Your Daydream, read how they “switch things up and spend some miles in the sleeker, more compact World Traveler 22RB.” Find their Airstream Blog post here: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/keep-your-daydream-on-towing-an-airstream-with-an-suv/> or check out Marc and Tricia's web page: <https://www.keepyourdaydream.com/> .



Carvel's Features Place You Comfortably at Home

Quoting Airstream, “Airstream’s Caravel Travel Trailer line blends timeless heritage with a sleek, modern interior, featuring clean lines, refined residential fixtures, and a neutral palette that invites your personal touch. Because big adventures deserve just as much style as your home.

First launched in 1956, the Airstream Caravel has long

been a favorite for travelers seeking a lightweight, agile trailer. Its name—borrowed from the swift, windward-sailing ships of early European explorers—reflects Airstream founder Wally Byam’s love of the sea and his own nautical adventures. The newest iteration of Caravel (launched in Model Year 2020) honors that legacy, ready to carry you toward your own windward journeys.”

Caravels are single axle Airstreams in 16’, 20’ and 22’ models with

[A WALKTHROUGH OF AIRSTREAM’S NEW WORLD TRAVELER 22RB](#)

Continuing with the smaller may be better theme, take Airstream’s virtual tour os the World Traveler 22RB here: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/watch-a-walkthrough-of-airstreams-new-world-traveler-22rb/> .



FROM OUR HISTORIAN

DAYTON RALLY 2004

The SNU held a rally at Dayton State Park in May Ft Churchill. This is the PSA that Ann Hersey

AIRSTREAMERS GO TO WAR!

On the weekend of Unit of

The camp about join us Civil get there early Friday as there is no reserved group area, but hopefully

Airstreamers will at the Dayton State Park, 20 miles east of Carson City. Please for a weekend of relaxation, bird-watching, War watching, and star-gazing. If you plan to come,

RV is not a necessity, but a spirit of adventure is. You'll be able to learn about the Airstream mystique.

If you have any specific questions, try our Unit website, <sierranevadaairstreams.org>. Whether you have a Bambi or an Airstream Motorhome, or would just like to join us for the weekend, come on out.

Thank you, Ann Hersey, Treasurer.

The link to the photo gallery of the 2004 Dayton rally

<https://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/04ma-dayton/gallery.html>

This is a letter written to the Nevada State Parks Division regarding ideas for Dayton State Park

<https://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/snu-misc/04ma-ltr-nvstateparks.pdf>

Diane Leipper

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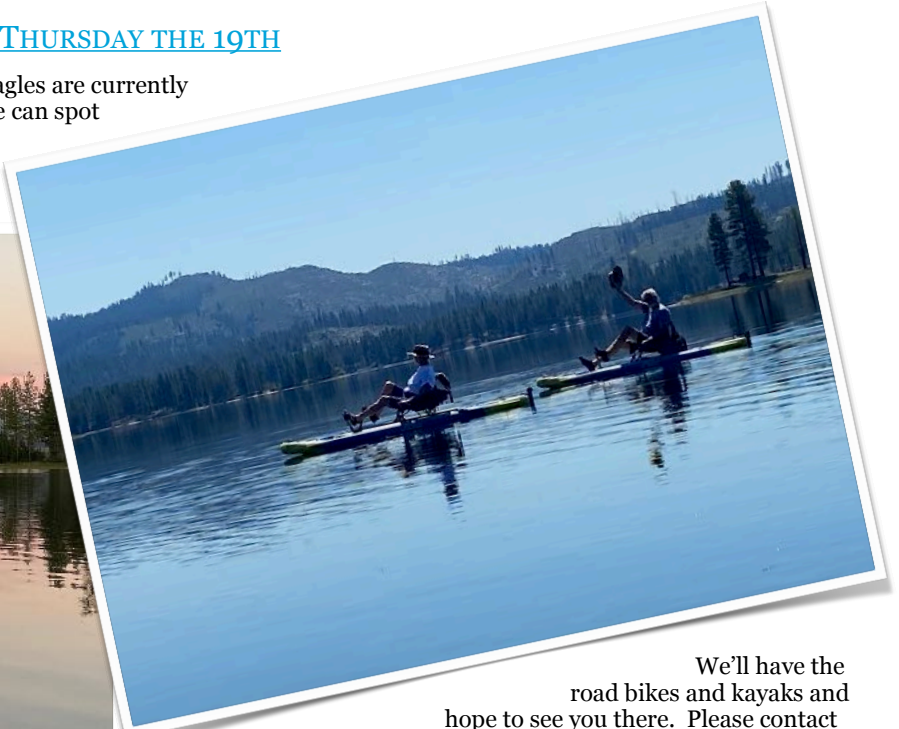
2004. We timed the rally to coincide with a Civil War re-enactment at submitted to various local news outlets announcing the rally.

Friday, May 28th through Sunday, May 30th, the Sierra Nevada WBCCI, the local Airstream RV Club, will gather to watch the Civil War Encampment at Fort Churchill.



ANTELOPE LAKE RALLY MONDAY JUNE 15 THRU THURSDAY THE 19TH

Last fall was spectacular at Antelope Lake, and the resident eagles are currently sitting on egg(s) - so we're headed back June 15-19 to see if we can spot the little one(s) and maybe find those otters again! We have reserved sites 34 and 32 at the Lone Rock Campground. There are reservable and first-come, first-serve sites nearby.



We'll have the road bikes and kayaks and hope to see you there. Please contact Jeni (775.771.2313) if you're planning on going, we want to make sure we have enough cocktail/mocktails :). recreation.gov.

GREAT BASIN AND LAMOILLE CANYON RALLIES; BACK TO BACK!

We have 2 back-to-back rallies in July - Great Basin National Park and Lamoille Canyon (Ruby Mountains). These are longer rally dates than normal, but as always, feel free to do what works best for you (longer/shorter/slightly different dates? - all good). For some folks, this will serve as a jumping off point to head to the International Rally in Minot, North Dakota!

Great Basin National Park - Thursday, July 16-Wednesday, July 22. Reservations for Upper Lehman Campground open 30 days in advance, so if you're interested, be prepared to research and make a reservation starting June 15. This is an incredible place to "escape" the summer heat, camping at 7500' elevation. The Lehman Caves are undergoing renovations and are expected to open this summer. This park is also a designated Gold Tier International Dark Sky Park. With no moon on the 15th, we can hope the Milky Way puts on a show for us!

Lamoille Canyon - Thomas Canyon Campground- Wednesday, July 22-Monday, July 27. Reservations are strongly encouraged, although there are some first-come, first-serve sites. We have 9 rigs currently with reservations. This is a beautiful area, with opportunities for hiking, fishing, cycling, and enjoying the Ruby Mountains (also known as the "Swiss Alps of Nevada"). This is also location at 7200' elevation, along the Lamoille Creek - can you say "cooler temps"?

If you are planning on attending either of these, please let me know so we can include you in any 'organized' pot-lucks and outings! Jeni 775.771.2313



FALLEN LEAF RALLY - SEPT 21ST THROUGH THE 24TH

A huge thanks to Tom & Kitsie Larkin for suggesting (and acting as “hosts”) for the September rally - Fallen Leaf Lake is going to be well attended, with 5 rigs already securing reservations (site 132 is the target area). While the campground is large, September 21-24 will be busy. We encourage reservations (recreation.gov) but believe there will be open sites for last minute arrivals! We’re looking forward to enjoying the lake and hope to see many of you there!



CARAVAN TO THE MINOT INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Lots of options SNU members; the SNU may be spearheading a small group caravan to Minot and now comes an invitation from the president of the Central Coast CA Airstream Club, Tracy Adams, to join them. We’ll post more on the Minot caravans next month, their routes and schedule so you can see what fits your travel plans. Can’t wait for more info, contact us at club157@airstreamclub.org.

BTW, not going to Minot but want to stretch the legs on your Airstream; join one of the caravans to tag along and breakaway as needed.

THAT’S ALL I GOT FOR APRIL!

Your editor is begging for material, stories, photos, do-it yourself articles and more! Call me at 951.264.0219 or send it to kd6uvt.brn14207@gmail.com and we’ll feature you in the Airstreamer.

Weather extremes on you editor’s first three day Airstream caravan to Joshua Tree NP, circa November 2004.



< Some photos courtesy of various Facebook posts – editor >