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PRESIDENT(S)'S LETTER

As we step into 2026, it's a good time to really think about your bucket list - defined as a list of things we want to accomplish or experience in our lifetime. A resolution is the commitment to making it happen. For us, 2026 is overflowing with possibilities.

We're super excited about the Sierra Nevada Unit 50th anniversary celebration in May at Topaz Lake. It's a great opportunity for us to all get together, reminisce about the past and think about the future direction of the unit. More information will be forthcoming regarding our rally at The Topaz Resort (great place!).

We have some shorter/closer-to-home and some longer/farther-away rallies planned, from the eastern Sierra to the eastern Nevada; Washoe Lake, Antelope Lake, Fallen Leaf Lake (Tahoe) - close for most of us. Great Basin National Park/Lamoille Canyon (Ruby Mountains) & Death Valley for those willing to make the trek across Nevada. And then there's the International Rally in Minot, ND and the Region 12 rally in Las Vegas over the Halloween weekend.

As with all our rallies, members are responsible for their own reservations, so keep the rally schedule handy and watch the calendar for advance reservation dates (when not first come/first serve). Feel free to contact us if you have any questions/etc.

Our rallies are designed for you to experience your own individual bucket list activities, whether it be sheer relaxation or ambitious outdoor activities (or maybe a little of both?). As far as resolutions go, that's on you.

Up next is our dinner rally at Jim & Susan Andersen's home (Minden) January 20. With a Scandinavian flare, you'll want to be there!

Happy New Year! Cheers!

Brian (outgoing 2025 president) & Jeni (incoming 2026 president)

2026 SIERRA NEVADA UNIT OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

Executive Board:

President: Jenifer Root

Treasurer: Gail Williams

Secretary: Susan Andersen

Trustees: Jerry Thornburg & Bill Swirsky

Past President: Brian Root

Appointed Positions:

Historian: Diane Leipper

Membership Chair: Jenifer Root

Newsletter Editor: Don Williams

Webmaster: Bill Swirsky

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JAN 20TH "DINNER" RALLY
5PM AT THE ANDERSEN'S
HOME IN MINDEN, NV;
LEFSE, FRIKADELLER &
OTHER SCANDINAVIAN SIDES



WANT MORE WINTER
LUNCHEONS
VOLUNTEER TO HOST
club157@airstreamclub.org



**WASHOE LAKE RALLY
APRIL 20TH - 23RD
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
NOW**

JANUARY DINNER RALLY - TUESDAY THE 20TH

Sierra Nevada Unit winter get-togethers continue through our rally off-season. James and Susan Andersen will host dinner at their home on Tuesday evening, January 20th at 5:00 PM. The Andersen's have promised Lefse, frikadiller, and Viking blod along with other Scandinavian side dishes and yes, pickled herring, and aquavit for those who want it.



Find the Andersen's home at: [1359 Downs Drive in Minden, NV \(click for the link\)](https://club157@airstreamclub.org). Please RSVP so James and Susan can plan their entrees and sides; text 650 380-3662 or email to club157@airstreamclub.org.

SNU NEWS

Financial \$\$ - As of December 31, 2025, the Sierra Nevada Unit has a balance of \$1566.11 in its Wells Fargo account. These funds are the result of the \$10 fee from club membership accumulated over a number of years. Funds are spent to support group campsites (which we rarely use) and the Region 12 Fundraiser basket donation (usually right at \$100). The financial documents have been submitted, reviewed, approved by the SNU trustee Jerry Thornburg.

The "rally kitty" contributions (suggested \$5/night/rig) collected at rallies in the Kitty Jar total just over \$312. Kitty funds cover lunches and miscellaneous expenses for rallies themselves.

The SNU submits annual reports to the WBCCI HQ and to the IRS (as required for non-profits organizations). Because our cash flows are so minimal, there is really very little work involved (hint hint - in case you'd like to sign up as Treasurer in the future).

Members may inspect the treasurer's records at any rally or luncheon by making a special request to the treasurer, Gail Williams, two weeks in-advance at club157@airstreamclub.org. And lastly, a huge thank you to past treasurers (and future - thanks, Gail!). It's not much, but it is an important (and required) task.

Submitted by Jeni Root
Treasurer, 2024 & 2025

SNU Membership - The SNU thanks those returning members that renewed with the Sierra Nevada Unit. Many of your memberships expired on January 1st; we would like to gently remind those tardy to renew their 2026 membership as soon as possible. Current members may renew at: <https://airstreamclub.org/members/dashboard> and log in with your credentials. Those whose membership have expired may have to contact Headquarters at 937-596-5211 or membership@airstreamclub.org to ensure they are able to keep their WBCCI or big red number.

AIRSTREAM CLUB BLUE BERET BLOG

Quite a bit of news since our November Airstreamer, some highlights and links to news:

November's Strategy Recap - Airstream Club President Jenifer Schnettler gave a broad summary but if you want to drill down to the highlights: Completed Club Strategic Objectives - Airstream Club App, new Headquarters, mortgage partial buy down and archival storage



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for historical documents; Ongoing and Future Objectives - member volunteer training, marketing and social media, membership retention; Club Financial Health; Cyber Safety/Security - email shift to airstreamclub.org for club officers; Upgrade Club Technology Systems; new Short & Long Term Goals. Need to know more, follow the [link](#).

Updates to Courtesy Parking by Harvest Hosts - Campground Partners added to our free Airstream Club Courtesy Parking benefit; find and get 10% off at over 1100 private campgrounds; no Harvest Host membership required. At a minimum you must create a free Harvest Host account to access the Club Courtesy Parking and the Campground Partners listings. Use your computer or download the Harvest Host App and create your account; want more, as a Club member you get the Harvest Host membership 30% off.



Our Sierra Club members might wonder what local benefit there is with so many nearby national, state and local parks and dispersed camping areas. I did a quick review of the various Harvest Host sites in rural Nevada: approximately 30 **farm, attraction, winery and breweries and distilleries**; 6 Airstream Club members with **courtesy parking**; 16 **Boondocks Welcome** hosts; most importantly for those that boondock extensively, "**DUMP STATIONS**"! Add 4 or 5 **Campground Partners** to the host list in Nevada.

Travel outside the state, you'll find even more. You editor and his wife have used Harvest Host for camping at breweries, museums, wineries and more, usually one or two every year and it's a great way to escape the commercial campgrounds although it doesn't always come cheap. While you camp for free, the somewhat informal rule is you are supposed to buy products or donate, as fitting to your hosts business,

\$20 or more. Our most expensive stop was well over \$100, but we enjoyed a smoked barbecue dinner from a local food trailer with wine, dessert and bottles of wine from our host for later.

December's President's Corner - Jenifer talks about things shared in common with Club members are: passion for travel; the vastness of our continent, opportunities and friend connection across it; help creating a Top 100 Airstream Adventure Essentials and our Club's caravans and national event rallies. Follow the [link](#) if you need more than my summary.

Speaking of national event rallies, [Silver Meets Gold: LA '28 Olympic Games Rally](#).

[Wrapping up the Airstream Club international's 70th Anniversary.](#)

January President's Corner - Jenifer covers sellout of the York International Rally, prep for Minot, ND later this year, Airstream Inc.'s curated events in 2026; Camp Nashville, Yellowstone and Santa Fe and lastly the IBT's upcoming goals of reviewing the Club's governing documents, renovation of the old HQ building as a Club Historical Center and Library.

Big improvements Ahead for Caravan Program - Read about it here and note that your editor hopes to test the caravan waters again (2014 Alyeska, the Great Land and 2022 Canadian Rocky Mountain rallies members) having attempted to register for the Viking Caravan this year. Being number 110 or so on the wait or standby list we don't expect to be called but we have asked to be on the 2027 Viking; we'll report how smoothly the registration process goes.

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Unsung Star of "Tracker": Airstream Drives the Story



A Flying Cloud 27FB serves as the character's home, office and sanctuary and supports the nomadic lifestyle of Colter Shaw as he travels the country solving cases for cash. Read the whole story [here](#). Maybe even catch new episodes Sundays at 8/7c on CBS.

95 Years of Airstream: Journey Across Generations

Read Airstream Inc's perspective on 95 years of "iconic travel experiences, handmade craftsmanship and a tight knit community of travel enthusiasts: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/95-years-of-airstream-a-journey-across-generations/>

Airstream Warranty Update - What You Need to Know

For the new buyers amongst us "Airstream is now your main point of contact for most warranty-related issues". Read more [here](#).

[Airstream Inc.'s Year in Review: Our Favorite Stories from 2025](#)

[DECEMBER LUNCHEON](#)

Nine of us enjoyed a wonderful meal at Robyn Mitchell & Del Nordby's home in south Reno this past week. And as usual, we discovered new

talents and interests amongst us airstreamers...including common Scandinavian heritage, a love of cooking, a love of reading, and Cowboy poetry. This last interest came about with discussion of the January 2026 Cowboy Poetry Festival in Elko, in which our own Mr Nordby will entertain attendees on Open Mic night. Based on listening to his stories of life as a 'goat boy', we all think he'll be a huge hit - he certainly was with us!



We reviewed the camping schedule for 2026 and are excited about our upcoming rallies. They are designed with flexibility and minimal fuss in mind - you and yours (friends and family, even if they have a SOB) are invited and you can choose to stay longer or shorten. We usually have some activities (cycling, hiking, fishing, kayaking, and dog walking rank up there) - along with shared dinners. We look forward to seeing you all.

Thanks, again, to Robyn and Del for hosting our December luncheon rally! Susan & Jim Andersen will be hosting in January - see the newsletter for details. Until then,

Undaunted Courage and

Sacajawea are recommended readings - Happy Holidays and we'll see you in 2026!

Cheers!
Jeni

[SIERRA NEVADA UNIT CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY IN 2026](#)

Chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International on the 19th of February, 1976, the Sierra Nevada Unit will celebrate its 50th Anniversary at Topaz Lake this coming May. Look for more information in your February Airstreamer.



