

the Airstreamer



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings airstreamers!

Our 2008 Safari is out of the backyard and has been on 2 camping trips in April - only a water pump pressure switch is acting up, so we'll take that as a "win" after being winterized.

What is it about airstreamers and camping that is so enjoyable? The nature, fresh air, food, outings? I think mostly the community. Besides our own members, we always meet wonderful people, some who live in far away places (thinking of you Kirk and Johanna from North Carolina, and our Montana camp mates from Rye Patch) and some living in within the same neighborhood (Ginny & John, Camille & John). With this, let's talk about who attends airstream rallies, and specifically, our Sierra Nevada Unit rallies.

Besides SNU members (both regular and affiliates), we've had WBCCI members (but not SNU members), non-WBCCI airstream owners, and SOB (some other brand) family and/friends attend rallies. Is this okay, permitted, allowed, encouraged? With the SNU, it's a resounding "YES"! It turns out, our SNU members have really nice/fun/interesting relatives and friends. So, please, if you want to invite your family/friends, be all means, do so.

And you can also attend other WBCCI club/unit rallies! The Las Vegas unit has a central/northern Nevada rally planned and I encourage you to consider joining if you've ever wanted to

go to Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park or want another chance at Washoe State Park before it gets too warm. There's also the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club and the Northern California Airstream Club, both have their own culture and rally style - something for everyone!

Please see all the news regarding our special May 50th anniversary rally - along with June, July and September rallies. Yes, August is missing as we doubled up in July - if you really want something for August, consider the International rally in Minot, ND. Brian & I are looking forward to seeing y'all soon!

Cheers, Jeni

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT 50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY

Topaz is going to be a great rally! The Sierra Nevada Unit is hosting its 50th Anniversary Rally at "The Topaz Resort" Monday, May 18-Thursday, May 21. Please make reservations directly with Jeni 775-771.2313 or Mary 775.781.0095.

We currently have 9 rigs and some folks with reserved rooms in the cabin - there's still room for more (both campsites and cabin rooms). And we also have some folks, along with family members, joining us for day trips/dinner only. We'd love to have everyone attend - it's reunion time! 20-25 people are expected, including new SNU/WBCCI members.

*Monday night - Fiesta 50! dinner sponsored by the Reno Airstream Dealership, Tami Hauck will be on hand.

*Tuesday morning - Schat's Bakery breakfast sponsored by SkyMed with a presentation by Steve DeVincenz.

*Tuesday night - 50th Anniversary night. Dinner potluck. The Anderson's will be providing their famous tamale casseroles. Rally attendees are asked to contribute other mains/sides/desserts. There will be raffle prizes, Red Star recognition, and other fun!

*Wednesday night - Flamingo-themed dinner potluck. Could be pink, bird, or ?? Time for airstream creativeness to shine (pun intended).

*Thursday - 11am departure

We will have Alumination movie night (thank you, Andersens), a history table (thank you, Leippers), and other fun activities. The raffle gifts are worth showing up for - I promise :)

Prices - the fees will be paid directly to The Topaz Resort when you arrive. *Campsites - either \$75 or \$50 for 1st night. Additional nights are free; *Cabin Rooms - \$75 for 1st night. Additional nights are free. Things to do: fishing, kayaking, cycling, hiking, painting, relaxing, stargazing!



2026 SIERRA NEVADA UNIT OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Board:

President: Jenifer Root

Treasurer: Gail Williams

Secretary: Susan Andersen

Trustee: Jerry Thornburg

Trustee: Bill Swirsky

Past President: Brian Root

Appointed Positions:

Historian: Diane Leipper

Membership Chair: Jenifer

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Newsletter Editor: Don Williams

Webmaster: Bill Swirsky

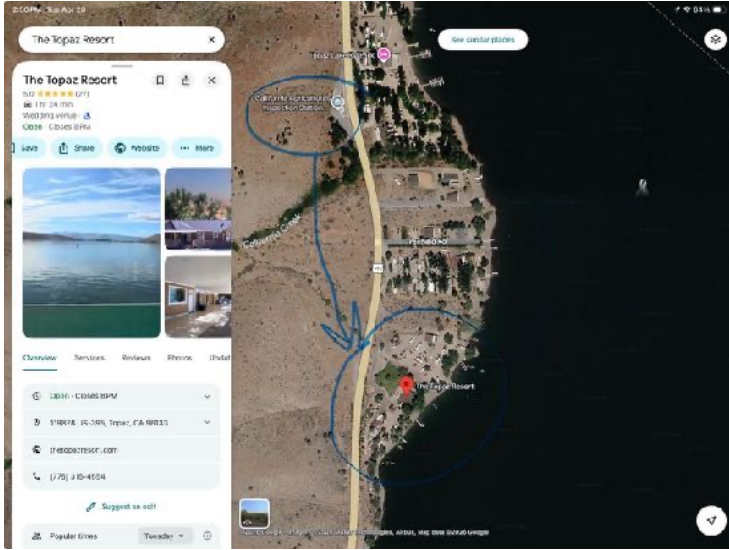
Lastly, a special thanks to Mary & Bill Swirsky for securing the resort and to the resort owners for giving us discounted mid-week rates!

THE TOPAZ RESORT, 119828 US-395, Topaz, CA 96133 is located .2 miles south of the CA agriculture inspection station. (This is NOT the Topaz Lake RV Park).

If you have any questions etc, please feel free to contact me directly - text or email. We'll see you in a few weeks!

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SNU MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome new members Kristi & Paul Avallone #11208 and Sharon McNally #6395 & returning members Anita & Vic Cushing #25879. We hope to see you at Topaz or one of our Sierra Nevada Unit rallies this season!

Our "Biggest Little Unit" is now up to 41 rigs and 74 members (representing 7 different states). As some members have more than 1 rig, I'm guessing this also represents at least 40 different airstream make/models! How fun!

I'd also like to let everyone know Bill Swirsky's recent surgery was successful and he's in full recovery mode - we'll see you at Topaz, Bill & Mary! Susie Brown returned from a Peru trip - can't wait to hear all about that adventure! Gene & Carmen returned from the Philippines and they did have ash from the volcano fall on their neighborhood but all is good.

Further on news on Gene; we're wishing Gene Baleme a speedy recovery, surviving the volcanic eruption overseas but now recovering from a broken hip here in NV!

Whew! Jeni Root

WASHOE LAKE RALLY REPORT

As Diane Leipper so eloquently noted, "26 years later at Washoe Lake State Park; this is our 7th rally here. Typical spring weather - a little sunshine, a little rain, a little hail, a little earthquake and a lot of wind.

The earthquake was an added bonus 😊." That pretty much sums up the rally! We originally had 5 rigs expected for the April shake-down, but the winter weather and "life" reduced that to 2, the Roots and the Leippers. And then we met Camille and John, also camping in their new-to-them Airstream, and then, who comes driving into the park but our own Gene Baleme who wasn't able to camp but made the drive down for an afternoon visit. Now it really felt like a SNU rally!

The kayaks and bicycles stayed home, but the hike up Deadman's Creek was beautiful with 14 wild horses meandering about. The views of Mt Rose with fresh snow, while walking along the lake is always a favorite. We also found an owl, and we think she was sitting on an egg (maybe

2?). Brian & Bryan spent time looking thru the 'goodie box' - we're always amazed at what Bryan gets for product reviews - some real winners (and a few will end up at Topaz for the taking!).

Washoe Lake State Park has 2 loops - we were in Loop A with electricity and water (thanks to Ginny for the heads-up that the NSP folks got it turned on early). We had campsites 14 and 15 and we agreed both were excellent with unobstructed views of the mountains. The facilities (bathrooms and showers) were in excellent working condition, grounds were clean, and a new 18 hole disc golf course has been constructed by the main parking area/group site. If it were only a little less windy, we'd have had a go at it!

Washoe Lake is a great place to camp when it's spring or fall (a little hot in the summer) and especially nice because it's so close. And if the weather is on the 'iffy' side, it's a great place to slow down and enjoy those indoors activities (reading, playing cards, crafts) we so often put aside. Enjoy the pictures and thanks to Diane and Bryan for making it happen! So good to spend time with them again!

AIRSTREAM CLUB BLUE BERET BLOG

President's Corner

IBT President Millie O'Donnell

May's President's Corner Blog isn't out yet but keep checking <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/category/club-news/>.

Share Your Photos!

Every Airstream journey tells a story — and some of the best ones don't need words at all.

From sunrise over a quiet desert campsite to a line of polished silver trailers gathered at a rally, the moments you capture along the way are what bring the Airstream Club to life. That's why we're inviting you to share your favorite travel photos with fellow members through our easy-to-use submission platform, [Kululu](#).

Selected photos have the opportunity to be featured in some of the Club's publications. Imagine your image showcased on the cover of the Blue Beret, spread across its pages, or highlighted in the popular "Club Scenes" section in the back of the magazine. These features help tell the story of our members — where you've been, who you've met, and what makes life on the road so special.

Your photos could also be chosen for the Airstream Club's annual calendar. If your image is selected, you'll receive two complimentary copies of the calendar, a small but meaningful way to recognize your contribution and share your work with others.



Wally's Workshop Airstream Rally Raises \$4,500

HILLSBORO, Texas – Organizers of the Wally's Workshop Airstream Maintenance Rally (held at North Texas Airstream Community) are proud to announce that their recent event successfully raised \$4,500 to benefit Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries (HIM).

The rally, which brought together 66 rigs and 115 club members for a weekend of technical workshops and community building, focused its fundraising efforts on supporting local families in need. The proceeds went directly to HIM, an organization dedicated to providing essential services, including food pantry access and emergency financial assistance, to the Hillsboro community.



[AIRSTREAM INC.'S "LIVE RIVETED" BLOG](#)

Airstream's Place in Space

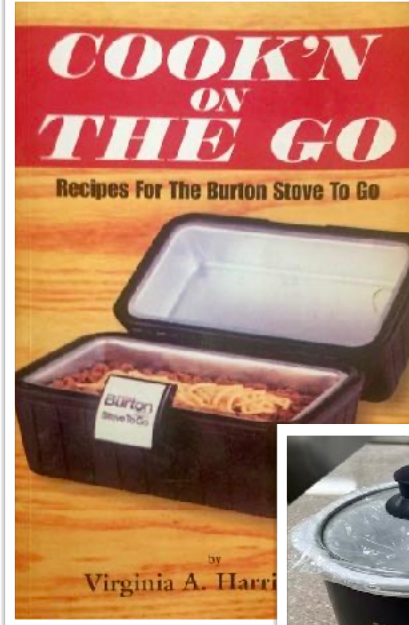
"Airstream has a long history of working with America's space program. From Mobile Quarantine Facilities for moon explorers to transport vehicles shuttling astronauts to the launchpad, Airstream is a vital part of the greatest adventures on – and off – Earth." Credit to www.airstream.com/blog Follow the link to read more.



SPACE CENTER HOUSTON

Cooking in an Airstream

"Airstreaming is all about travel, community, and making memories. And one of the best ways to make those memories last is through sensory experiences—especially cooking and eating. Tricia Leach of Keep Your Daydream believes that the best trips always include delicious meals. In fact, even the toughest travel days can be redeemed by one unforgettable food experience!" Credit to www.airstream.com/blog Follow the link to read more.



Bet you'll not find the factory recommending to younger generations to use a Cook'n on the Go 12v lunch box (cooked a full pot roast with vegetable for 5 at the 2008 International in Bosman, Montana) or a Road Pro 12v Slow Cooker/crockpot tested with pork and sauerkraut, roast beef and chicken!! These 12v cookers, great for boondocking Airstreamers, were popular for long haul truckers before the advent of

luxuries in the cab like inverters and microwave ovens.

Doubt they pushing cast-iron Dutch Oven cooking either.



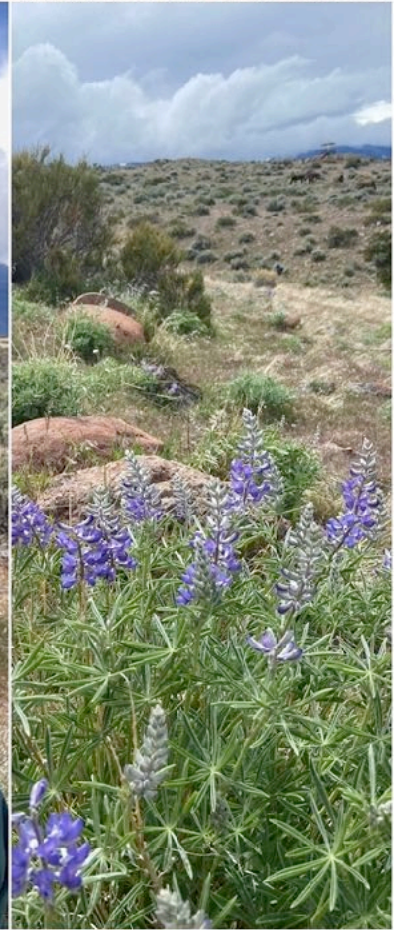
There's more on the Airstream Inc.'s Live Riveted Blog:

- [Storage Features in the Atlas Touring Coach Line](#) ;
- [Best Trailers for Towing with an SUV](#) ;
- [Best RVs for Family, Power Innovations](#) .

Washoe Lake Rally

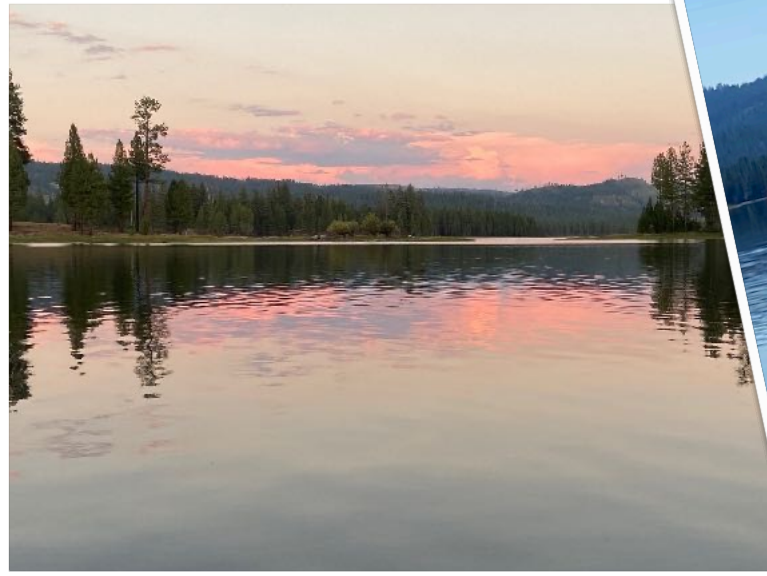
Sierra Nevada Unit





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 MAY

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.

More Weather Extremes from your editor's log:

Molas Pass, US-550, elev 11910 ft, south of Silverton, Colorado, 21 October 2006

