



Feb 13th: Celebrated May 16th - 21st  
at our Topaz Resort Rally



**AIRSTREAM INC's  
LIVE RIVETED BLOG**  
(page 3)



**AIRSTREAM CLUB'S  
BLUE BERET BLOG**  
(page 2)

# the Airstreamer

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I said today that I'm just about ready for camping season to start. It's March, the time of year when I'm still enjoying winter outdoor activities and also deep into the planning to get the Airstream out of the backyard and into travel mode. Death Valley is in the midst of a Super Bloom (highly recommend if you're able to get there!) but we're headed north for a ski trip - such is life. Our camping will start at the end of our ski season with a trip to Washoe Lake in April (see additional info in this newsletter), a great shake-down opportunity!

I'm so excited for our 50th anniversary rally at The Topaz Resort (May 18 - May 21). We have picked up a breakfast sponsor (SkyMed) for Tuesday morning (a number of us have the coverage), swag from Airstream HQ (there's some good stuff in our box of goodies), incredible gifts from a few of our members (this reason alone is why you'll want to attend), and more sponsors in the works! We'll also be handing out 5-year red stars and enjoying SNU trivia from our historians, Diane and Bryan Leipper (their photo albums are amazing). Additional information regarding the rally is found in this newsletter - if you haven't signed up, please contact myself or Mary Swirsky. If you have signed up, thank you - we are looking forward to a wonderful rally celebrating this significant milestone!

A quick note about our Lamoille Canyon (Ruby Mtns) rally - if you would like a reservation, we might have an extra reserved campsite - please contact me asap if this is of interest!

Lastly, I encourage our members to not only attend our SNU rallies, but consider attending other affiliate rallies. Our schedule notes the Las Vegas Airstream Club Caravan May 26-June 4, including a stop at Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park. It's worth the short drive and I think you'll find the Las Vegas group a friendly bunch.

We have wonderful rallies planned for the upcoming season and I hope to see you at one or more events!  
*Cheers, Jeni*



**WASHOE LAKE RALLY  
APRIL 20TH - 23RD  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION  
[RESERVEVEDA.COM/  
NEVADAWEB/](http://RESERVEVEDA.COM/NEVADAWEB/)**



**SNU 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
RALLY  
TOPAZ RESORT  
MAY 18TH - 21ST**



**ANTELOPE LAKE, LONE ROCK  
CMPG, JANESVILLE, CA  
JUNE 15TH - 18TH**



now at [reservenevada.com/nevadaweb/](http://reservenevada.com/nevadaweb/) .

## APRIL WASHOE LAKE RALLY

Here's notice to set aside time in your April calendar for the SNU Washoe Lake Rally; Monday the 20th thru Thursday the 23rd. All our SNU members and friends are invited to share the first rally of the year with us. Washoe Lake State Park is located at the southeast corner of the lake on Eastlake Blvd, 7 miles NE of I-580/US-395; only 30 miles from Reno paper. RSVP to [club157@airstreamclub.org](mailto:club157@airstreamclub.org) so we know you coming and note that Washoe Lake still has 26 sites available (as of March 10th); make your campsite reservation

## 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 Root

Newsletter Editor: Don Williams

Webmaster: Bill Swirsky



April is a beautiful time of year at Washoe Lake; be ready for cloudy skies that give way to sunshine, maybe a rainbow, views of snow covered peaks or an eagle. The Washoe Lake Rally will be in the main campground. Join us even if only for the day. Our evenings will include shared meals and/or an organized potluck dinner. Weather in April can be a factor so follow us on

Facebook and keep up with your email for any last minute announcements.

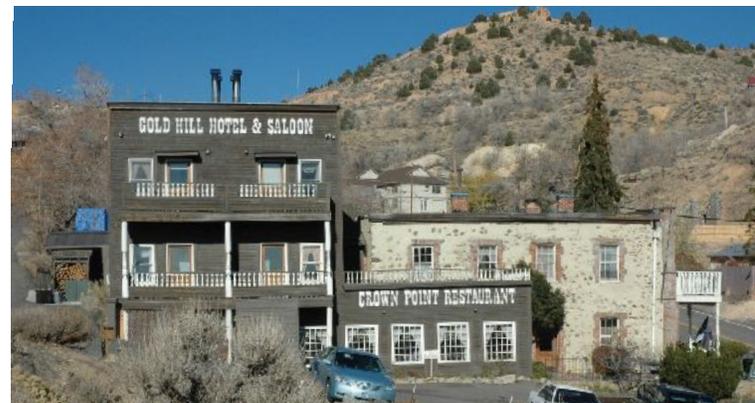
**FROM OUR HISTORIAN SNU LUNCHEONS**

A recent FaceBook post about Reno restaurants got me thinking about SNU lunches. Over the years we have held lunches in some pretty special places - some that are still in business and some that no longer exist. These are some that come to mind, mostly prior to 2010. The restaurants that are no longer in business include The Liberty Bell, Bavarian World, Gold Canyon Restaurant, Grandma Hatties, Ormsby



Gold Canyon Restaurant (now closed)

House, Paul Kennedy's Steak House, Thurman's Ranch House and Truck-Inn. Restaurants that are still in business include Gold Hill Hotel and Restaurant, Heidi's, J.T.'s Basque Restaurant, Overland Restaurant in Gardnerville and Fallon, Sharkey's Casino, and the Wigwam.



Gold Hill Hotel and Restaurant

The SNU has also had lunches (and dinners) at members homes and picnics in various locations. We held a special SNU 30th anniversary



Sierra Nevada Unit 35th Anniversary Cruise

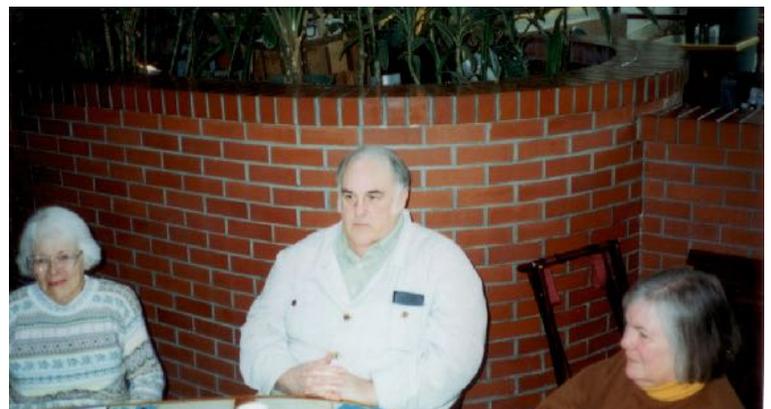
lunch at Silver Oaks, 35th anniversary Dinner on the M.S. Dixie and a special 40th anniversary lunch at the Lassen RV Resort. Another special treat at a couple of rallies in Unionville was brunch at the Old Pioneer Bed and Breakfast. The SNU appreciates good food and good company whether it is at a rally, a restaurant, a picnic spot or a members home.

**Diane Leipper #772**

<editor's note, anybody pick out any of our longer term members at the the Airport Plaza or the Damoth's in these photos?



Damoth's Holiday Luncheon



Airport Plaza

**SIERRA NEVADA UNIT ANNIVERSARY RALLY**

The Sierra Nevada Unit is hosting its 50th Anniversary Rally at the Topaz Resort in Topaz, CA Monday May 18th thru Thursday the 21st. We have secured most of the Resort - Wedding & Event Venue: RV sites and cabins:



- 4 trailer sites @ \$75/3 nights (that's a total of \$75 for 3 nights).
- 10 trailer sites @ \$50/3 nights (that's a total of \$50 for 3 nights).
- Cabin on the Lake (see facilities under Airbnb "Entire Cabin in Mono Co, CA") - 5 beds, 2 baths; \$75 for 3 nights, depending on which room you select.
- Overflow camping is available at the nearby Douglas County Park 3.5 miles away (reserved sites or first-come-first-serve boondocking sites (east/southeast access) and the adjacent Topaz Lake RV Resort.

As you can see have plenty of room for all Sierra Nevada Unit members onsite or nearby but contact Jeni 775.771.2313 or Mary 775.781.0095 soon to make your reservation because we will open the rally up to general WBCCI members after April 1st. Because this is a private resort, this rally is open to SNU or WBCCI/Airstream Club members only.

Tuesday Morning: SkyMed sponsored breakfast/presentation by Steve DeVincenz.

Tuesday Night: Flamingo Dinner/Celebration.

Wednesday Night: 50th Silver Anniversary Dinner/Celebration;

Highlights include Alumination Movie night, airstream-related games and gifts, red star recognition, and more.

Dinners are organized Pot-luck (more details in May), cocktails and morning coffee hour.

Other activities include kayaking, hiking, fishing, cycling...and just relaxing!

Thursday Morning: Another group is coming in to the event center so be out by 11 AM!

If anyone has suggestions regarding activities/etc or questions, please contact myself or Mary. We are looking forward to celebrating this little piece of WBCCI history - amazing!!!

*Jeni Root*

**SNU MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Welcome to the new/renewing members to our "Biggest Little Unit", the 50 years young, Sierra Nevada Unit! We very much appreciate your interest in our group and hope we see you at one of the upcoming rallies! Please feel free to reach out if you have questions/suggestions/etc.

Lisa Ryan #3355

Jim Rita & Robin Neubert # 2067

Robert Rabkin #8468

Sending a quick "hope all is okay" to Gene & Carmen Baleme, currently visiting family in the Philippines and dealing with ash fall from the Kanlaon Volcano eruption. And we continue to send best wishes for a healthy and speedy recovery to Bill Swirsky and warm wishes to Mary & family.

*Jeni Root*

**REGION 12 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**



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

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Join our planning committee! Every year, Airstreamers from all of Region 12's eleven clubs work collaboratively to plan our biggest event of the year, the Region Rally. Our team is composed of several sub committees organizing aspects of the rally such as: Welcome, parking, activities, vendors/sponsorship, meals, future planning and more! Joining our committee is a chance to get to know club members from all areas of our region, volunteering to make each event unique and special! Sites are located in different parts of Region 12 on a rotating basis, in order to explore the different parts of our diverse club. One year might be at the beach, the next in the desert or the mountains.

Our group meets once a month February- October on Zoom to work on rally plans. Even if you are not planning to attend this year's rally in Las Vegas, 10/28-11/1, there are plenty of ways to work with us before the event. It's such a great group of people and a wonderful way to connect with other Airstreamers, please join us! Email: [regionrallypc12@gmail.com](mailto:regionrallypc12@gmail.com) for more information!

The first meeting of the season is already past, Thursday, February 19th, but you can still join us. Please contact the email above to join the team and get a link for the Zoom call!

**AIRSTREAM CLUB BLUE BERET BLOG**

**March President's Corner**

Whatever turmoil is ended, Millie O'Donnell from Hillsboro, TX was elected President of the Airstream Club International. Millie's a 10 year member of the Club, a knitter and spinner, sewist and cat person. Follow the President's Corner here: <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/march-presidents-corner-millie-odonnell/>.



**An America 250 Road Trip: Northern Plains & Black Hills**

Planning an RV road trip for America's 250th anniversary? This Northern Plains and Black Hills itinerary connects Minot, North Dakota — host of the 2026 Airstream Club International Rally — with Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Montana's Beartooth Highway, Mount Rushmore, and Badlands National Park. Whether you're traveling before or after the rally, this scenic loop blends American history, Western culture, and unforgettable landscapes.

Follow the link to read Amanda Masters' invitation to know and visit the culture, creativity, history and hospitality of the Plains state of North Dakota; Fargo, Minot, Medora, Miles City, Red Lodge, Billings/Spearfish and more: <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/northern-plains-black-hills-rv-road-trip/> and consider trying AI powered [AdventureGenie](https://www.adventuregenie.com) to plan you trip and visit.



**AIRSTREAM INC.’S “LIVE RIVETED” BLOG**

**Airstream’s Mid-Model Year Upgrades and More**

Mid-way through Model Year 2026, Airstream is raising the bar with a brand new model line, the World Traveler, and the expansion of its most power-forward model line, as well as improved storage, fresh configurations, redesigned skylights, and more across many of our travel trailers.

- World Traveler, a 22’ rear bedroom model, 4500# fully loaded, towable by smaller vehicles, unique rear V-Twin sleeping area, front dinette/deep-seated sofa with a Scandinavian inspired decor.



- Trade Wind adds the popular 27’ front bedroom to its lineup with the expected features and amenities plus new advanced power capabilities; 600 watts of solar, 5000watt inverter and 18,5 kWh batteries (1500 A-H).
- Basecamp changes access to the LP bottles plus a top shelf for holding cords and tools.
- Globetrotter and Classic receive new glass skylights.
- New lounge and configuration options across multiple lines; dinette or sofa in the 23FB, below bed storage drawers replace doors and plastic totes.

Follow the link to read all the details: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/airstreams-mid-model-year-upgrades-and-new-models-more-space-more-accessible-and-more-powerful/> .

**On Any Tuesday - Adventure in Your Own Backyard**

Wally Byam’s Creed, partially listed here, encourages a lifestyle of travel. “In the heart of these words is an entire life’s dream. To those of

you who find in the promise of these words your promise, I bequeath this creed...my dream belongs to you.”

- To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
- To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
- To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands...of rediscovering old places and new interests.

Many of us seek travel following Wally’s Creed but this Airstream Inc.’s Blog post, after extolling the features of the Interstate 19GT, finds that “adventure doesn’t have to be far away to be meaningful... We can do it in our own backyard.”

Granted, the blog describes finding adventure in the beaches, parks and mountains near the Fahrenfort’s home but how many of you, that can park your Airstream at home, have treated yourself, kids and grandkids to a campout in the driveway or backyard? Maybe it was the excitement of buying an Airstream or having the grandkids overnight but your editor has done it in the family Airstreams. Read the Fahrenfort’s blog on close to home adventures [on-any-tuesday-adventure-in-your-own-backyard](#) but also think about just relaxing in the Airstream over the weekend looking for adventure in your own backyard!

**Lifestyle - Ask an Airstreamer: Camp Airstream**



To quote Airstream, “Camp Airstream is a six-night, thoughtfully hosted camping experience exclusively for Airstream owners. This year, Airstream is hosting three Camp Airstream experiences in three of the country’s most unique locations: Nashville, Yellowstone, and Santa Fe. Each week combines a premium campsite with dedicated on-site camp hosts, and curated local access so you can experience a destination more fully, without building the trip from scratch yourself.” Locations offered range from a venue near Yellowstone National Park, urban history and music vibe in Nashville or Samfa Fe where the art, nature and culture create inspiration in the desert. Check it out: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/ask-an-airstreamer-camp-airstream/>

*<Your editor and wife Gail would like to report on Santa Fe late this year but I guess a SNU sponsored sabbatical is out of the question!>*

**THAT’S ALL I GOT THIS MONTH!**

Your editor needs material for newsletters rather than his own drive! Send me your photos parked at home, working on your rig, adventures near and far to feature in the Airstreamer.

Feb 2006, Lost Dutchman State Park, Apache Junction, AZ

