



Sierra Nevada Unit, WBCCI

the Great Basin Airstream RV Association

The SNU encompasses the Great Basin area of Northern Nevada and the Eastern Sierra slope. Although Unit boundaries are somewhat flexible, the SNU includes but is not limited to, the communities of Reno and Sparks, East to Ely and Wendover, South to Tonopah and Lee Vining, North to Susanville and Adin, West to the Tahoe Basin and Portola.

Who we are



The Sierra Nevada Unit (SNU) is a small group of mostly Northern Nevada residents who own Airstream RV's and enjoy the unique camping opportunities found in Nevada Great Basin area. Most of our current members own Airstream trailers, although any Airstream RV is welcome. Several of the members trailers fit into the "Vintage" category which is any Airstream 25 or more years old. Our members range in age from 8 to over 80 and almost everyone has at least one pet that attends SNU rallies.

Where we go



The SNU is fortunate to have a wide variety of camping and rally sites available from high mountain lakes and meadows to dry desert conditions. We are also fortunate to have numerous low cost, unstructured areas available for group camping, many within an afternoon's drive from Reno, Nevada. Check our website destinations page and the rallies page to see some of the places we have been and some that could be future rally sites.

What we do



Currently the SNU rallies are 3 day events running from Thursday through Sunday. The Unit prefers dry camping in group areas that can accommodate from 2 to 10 or more rigs. Programming for the rallies is informal. A list of potential activities and nearby attractions is provided to encourage rally participants to make their own choices about extracurricular activity while at the rally. We usually hold an informal business meeting on Saturday early afternoon, enjoy coffee together in the mornings, and have evening 'happy hour' and potluck dinner gatherings. We also enjoy sharing tips and how to's on anything trailer and travel related. If you have a question or problem with your rig, there is always someone who has "been there, done that" who can provide experienced suggestions and help in solving problems.

Traditions and Culture



The SNU supports the WBCCI traditions of Happy Hours and Pot Luck meals. These events provide great opportunities for socializing with fellow Airstream enthusiasts. We also enjoy campfires and pink flamingos. The SNU became an official Unit of WBCCI in 1986 and has been active ever since. The SNU website provides a repository for our history, including past rallies and other activities.

Being a good neighbor



The SNU is just one local Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International. We strive to work with our neighboring units such as The Nevada Unit and Nor-Cal to provide a broader and more enriching experience for Airstream RV owners. We enjoy visiting other unit rallies and events and always welcome visitors to SNU activities. Among our future plans, we look forward to co-hosting rallies with nearby Units, providing rallies of a different texture and focus and to assist or plan caravans in the Great Basin area as interest allows. Buddy rallies with non Airstream owners are another option for the SNU unit.

"It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together"

Jerry Thornburg WBCCI #2797 describing the SNU

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2013 Meeting and Rally Schedule

All Airstream and Argosy owners or prospective owners are welcome. For more information or meeting details please contact the Sierra Nevada Unit. E-mail headquarters@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org



2014 Rallies

Lunch Hometown Cafe - Saturday January 25, 2014 Reno

Lunch Black Bear Diner - Saturday February 22, 2014 Fernley

Rally Lahontan Beach 7 - Thursday March 20–23 2014 3 near Silver Springs, NV

Rally Boca Rest - Thursday April 24-27 2014 near Truckee, CA

Rally Rocky Point - Thursday May 15–18 2014 North of Susanville, CA

Rally Sweetwater - Thursday June 26–29 2014 Off Hwy 338 between Smith, NV and Bridgeport, CA
Special Activity - Ham Radio Field Day.

Rally WBCCI International Rally Gillette WY June 28 – July 4, 2014

Rally Weed Heights - Thursday July 25-27 2014 Full Service RV Park in Weed Heights **Special Activity**
– [A Night in the Country](#) Music Festival

Rally Obsidian Dome - Thursday August 14-17 2014 off US 395 South between June Lakes and Mammoth Lakes, CA

Rally Crocker - Thursday September 25–28 2014 Near Beckworth, CA

Rally Ft Churchill, main park - Thursday October 23--26 2014 US 95 South of Silver Springs

Rally Region 12 Rally Wednesday October 15, 2014 to Monday October 20, 2014 Pahrump, NV

Lunch Bavarian World - Saturday November 22, 2014 Downtown Reno off I

Rally Death Valley Mesquite Campground TBA - North end of Death Valley near Scotties Castle

Lunch El Charro Avita - Saturday December 20, 2014 South of Downtown Carson City

See a more detailed description on the website.

SNU Website

<http://SierraNevadaAirstreams.org/snu/>

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The Wally Byam Caravan Club, International

Become part of history while traveling into the future. Founded in 1955, the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International is the oldest single brand RV member association still in existence. The Airstream trailer is the iconic symbol of the RV lifestyle. When you join WBCCI, you are joining the most recognized RV association in the world.

WBCCI was born out of a desire of a group of Airstream RV owners to formalize their association and their activities. The association gets its name from Wally Byam, the creator of the Airstream trailer and the leader of the caravans he organized to promote it. WBCCI is still primarily a volunteer driven membership association. The principles on which the association was founded continue to guide WBCCI and provide the focus for continued growth and adaptation to meet the needs of today's membership.

Benefits of Membership

- **Ten Issues of "Blue Beret"** - (the official WBCCI magazine featuring activities and RV topics)
- **Annual Directory of members and activities**
- **Reduced Parking Fees and Activity Prices at volunteer-led caravans and rallies**
- **Free Overnight Parking** - (Courtesy parking provided by members nationwide)
- **Low-cost Overseas Caravans**
- **Member Intraclubs** - (share specialized interests, lifestyles and avocations)
- **Youth Activities** - (for children and grandchildren)
- **Local Units** - (additional activities and fellowship)
- **Caravans** - (cost per day 50% less than commercial offerings)
- **Rallies** - (national, regional and special events)
- **RV Insurance Discounts** - (by RV Advantage)
- **Medical Air Evacuation Insurance Discounts** - (from SkyMed)

Wally Byam Creed

"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." - Wally Byam

- 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 keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands . . .of rediscovering old places and new interests.
- To open a whole world of new experiences . . .a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
- To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun, and personal expression.
- To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow. . .over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts. . .to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
- To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
- To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
- To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end. . .and thus make your travel dreams come true.

"Trailerling has been developed to a high art in America because we developed the automobile that made it possible, a technology that could make it more comfortable, and an elaborate highway network and system of fine trailer parks to make it more pleasurable." - Wally Byam

What to expect at an Sierra Nevada Unit rally

In General	The SNU is a very informal, flexible group. We keep planning to a minimum. We very seldom choose sites or plan activities that require a definite count, a reservation, or advanced payment. Everyone chips in and does what is needed. We are always open to ideas and suggestions as to future rally sites, activities, and other suggestions that will make our rallies even more enjoyable for the participants. We welcome all Airstream and Argosy owners and potential owners, whether or not they are currently a member of the SNU.
Signing up for a rally	The SNU encourages people planning to attend a rally to rsvp. You can do this by using the sign-up form for each rally posted on the website or you can send an email to hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org . Although we would really like to know if you plan to attend, especially if we have some special activity planned or limited parking, we will be happy to welcome you even without prior notice.
Rally Fees	The SNU rally kitty is \$5 per night per rig. Some sites may require each individual pay an additional campground fee. This information will be listed on the individual rally page. Rally kitty fees can be paid on line. Check the particular rally page
Arrivals and departures	Rallies are usually Thursday through Sunday events. Arrival and departures are open and up to each individual. In general, arrival time is anytime after noon on Thursday. Departures are usually sometime around noon on Sunday. We welcome and encourage people to come whenever and for however long their schedule allows, even if it is for just one night or just to visit for a few hours.
Pets and Kids	You bet! We welcome kids of all ages from newborns to kids in their 90's. Although we don't have any planned activities, the kids who have participated in SNU rallies have found plenty to do and are a welcome part of the group. Pets are also welcome as long as they come with well behaved owners who understand the need for common courtesy and respecting standard campground rules. Check our webpage regarding pets.
Meals	Except for the arrival night and breakfasts, we usually eat most meals together. Instead of traditional potlucks, these are better described as shared meals. Each person essentially fixes their own meal, what they want to eat and maybe a little extra.. We usually put everything on a buffet table and enjoy sampling each others contributions. We very seldom plan ahead as to who brings what. So far this has worked great for us. We have never run short and never ended up with all salads or all desserts. We never know for sure how many people will come. There are usually at least 4 rigs maybe as many as 15. What it boils down to is bring whatever you want to eat with maybe a little extra to share. Meals shared or not, are a personal choice. There are no obligations for contributing to, or participating in shared meals, potlucks, or any other eating experience. We also usually have happy hours around 5pm or so. Again an impromptu affair. Coffee is available about 7am and usually somebody brings some danish, banana bread, muffins, etc. Again nothing fancy, nothing formal. Check our webpages for general information on food and camping
Activities	We usually try to have some special activity during the rally but participation is optional and up to each individual. Past special activities include a guided tour of the ghost town of Bodie, a drive up Sage Hen summit, brunch at a bed and breakfast, A visit to a Civil War re-enactment, and an ice cream social after a pot luck meal. We list nearby attractions, historical sites, and available activities on the web pages of each rally. If a few people decide they want to go somewhere or do something they usually let everyone know and then anyone who wants to go joins the initiators. We usually have a business meeting on Saturday around noon and everyone is welcome. Another laid back affair. Other than that it is whatever suits you. Hikes, horseshoes, visiting nearby hot springs, card games, and fishing are some of the possibilities.
SNU traditions	Many SNU members take an inspirational nap in the afternoon after a morning of strenuous activity such as getting out of your chair to go get more coffee or brainstorming crazy ideas for future rallies. We end the day with a campfire in the evening. We encourage everyone to bring some wood for the campfire. Check the website to see photo galleries of previous rallies

The Sierra Nevada Unit

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“The WBCCI is an exclusive club because not everyone owns an Airstream! The idea is to get out and have fun with your RV - with friends who share common interests.”

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