

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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Obsidian Dome Rally

Thanks to Rick Laborde we had a great rally in July at Obsidian Dome. At a little over 9,000 ft elevation we got a reprieve from the heat. A few rain showers also helped cool things down. Rick's excellent directions and pictures made finding the campsite easy. He had also put up some SNU signs which provided additional assurance we were going the right direction, especially when the road began to narrow. After some discussion we decided that the road to the campsite rated a 4 on the SNU scale but it was well worth the drive and we all definitely agree that this site will be added to our favorite rally sites.

We had a nice flat area to park right on the edge of a cinder cone and right in front of an Obsidian dome with glass creek just across the road. The weather was a mixture of showers and sunshine which made the gazebos a valuable asset. On Saturday Rick took us for a drive to the Sagehen area to check out another possible rally site. We also went up to the top of Sagehen Peak for some fantastic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys and Mono Lake.

Just for fun, our pot lucks on Friday and Saturday were "formal" affairs. In other words we had white (paper) table cloths, with a candelabra and a beautiful flower arrangement made by Vicki Grossmann. We also served champagne/sparkling cider in crystal (plastic) wine glasses. Rick supplied the site with a nice wood pile so we were able to enjoy some great campfires in the evenings. All in all, another successful rally. To see pictures of the rally and surrounding area go to: <http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snuze/>

New Members

The SNU would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. Gary and Anita Haskett (Lemmon Valley) 2006 25ft Safari, Roger and Janet Jeppson (Reno) 2005 Safari 28ft, John and Sandra Shields (Virginia City) 2006 19ft International and Russell and Deborah Smith (Sparks) 2005 19ft Special Edition Bambi. This is a great way to start of the 2007 membership year. We look forward to seeing all of you at our rallies or luncheons sometime soon.

Did you see us?

A picture from the SNU 2005 rally at Boca Springs was published on the inside back cover of the June issue of the Blue Beret.



Obsidian Dome Campground



Sagehen Peak, Mono Lake



Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

SNU July 2006 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dyann Thornburg

We held our July unit meeting during the rally at Obsidian Dome. The meeting took place on Saturday, July 22, 2006 and started at 5:20pm. Don Damoth, president, started the meeting off by saying we needed to come up with nominations for the SNU unit's 2007 officers. Jerry Thornburg has agreed to run for president, and Bryan Leipper for treasurer. Randy Grossman was asked to run for secretary but initially declined. After some discussion on officers responsibility he said he would think about it and let Diane Leipper know his decision. Diane announced that Mike (our SNU member in Nova Scotia) is willing to take over handling of membership inquiries. It was decided that the director positions would not have specific responsibilities, in that way if help is needed on different tasks these people would be called upon for assistance. Diane Leipper will be talking to Roylaine Warn about taking over the responsibilities of the public announcements.

Rally schedule for 2007 was discussed and Don and Mary Lou Damoth have agreed to check on a suitable site in or near Berlin, NV. It was agreed that Twin Lakes would be the site for August 2007. Unionville, NV and Obsidian Dome, CA would also be sites for next year. Anyone with ideas for other site locations are encouraged to submit them to the unit. The Northern Nevada caravan being discussed will tentatively be held in 2008 so that locations and details can be worked out. Roger Jeppson will be asked to get some more information/details on locations for this caravan.

Bryan Leipper gave the treasurer's report stating as of June 21, 2007 the unit has a net balance of \$1,260.00 in the bank. In order to use Pay Pal for paying dues the company will charge \$3.00 per transaction. It was decided since the unit dues are only \$10.00 it would not be financially feasible for the unit to pay the \$3.00. The option will be available for members to use but the \$3.00 fee will be added to their cost. Therefore if members choose to use this online feature the yearly dues would be \$68.00 instead of \$65.00 if paid by mail or in person. At around 6:00pm the meeting ended and we had a great dinner with candles, flowers and champagne/sparkling cider.

Dues due It is now time to renew your membership in SNU and WBCCI for 2007. Dues are \$65 per year There is a dues renewal form/application on the website. You can fill it in and either print it out and mail it with your check or you can hit the "send via email" button to send the form then mail your check to the SNU treasurer, PO Box 60572, Reno, NV 89506. You can also pay dues on-line. On-line dues includes a service fee for the total of \$68. The renewal/membership form is available at the following URL <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2007/dues/app-form.html>

WBCCI Salem Rally SNU was not only represented at the 49th Annual WBCCI International Rally in Salem Oregon, they were active participants. Kimber Moore represented the SNU and carried the flag in the opening ceremony. She also represented the SNU as our official delegate at the delegates business meeting. Von Gallion and Yvonne DeRoule played in the WBCCI band. Tim Kendziorski and Kimber hosted a gathering of the SaveWally supporters. Bryan Leipper attended all four of the leadership workshops. Diane Leipper ensured that the SNU newsletter was entered in the publications contest and set up the diorama for viewing by rally participants. Anne Smith, the Airstream saleslady from Mt Family also participated in the activities.

There were about 1000 Airstreams at this rally. In addition to the scheduled program activities, there were a lot of informal gatherings for BBQ's and happy hours in amongst the Airstreams with old friends and new acquaintances. The Leipper's were parked near the Vintage Airstreams and had a front row seat to watch the parade of Vintage Airstreams arriving at the rally.

Tim, Kimber, and Diane went to the opening ceremony. While finding out the details of flag duty we met Bette Leal, President of the Nevada Unit and had a nice talk with her. While Kimber was busy representing the SNU and carrying the flag, Tim and Diane had an opportunity to meet and catch up with Dale and Marge Grosch. Dale and Marge were longtime members of the SNU before moving to Washington state. After the ceremonies Tim, Kimber, and Diane caught up with Von and Yvonne who were preparing to play in the WBCCI dance band.

The Delegates meeting provided an interesting insight into the official workings of WBCCI. It was a well planned and procedurally efficient meeting. Two major issues were up for a vote. The first was to enable purchasers of the new Airstream Basecamp to become members of WBCCI. At issue was the fact that the Basecamp is not fully self contained. Despite this and some discussion of other issues, this motion passed and Basecamp owners can now become members of WBCCI. The other motion was the hotly contested issue of changing the name of WBCCI. There was much discussion and several amendments to the motion. In the end the amendment that the name be changed to Wally Byam Airstream Club was put up for a vote. Although this motion did receive more yes votes than no, it was defeated because there was not a two thirds majority. The club's name will remain The Wally Byam Caravan Club. We all met some wonderful people and had great time swapping Airstream stories and adventures.

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/wbcc/2006-international-rally/salem-review.html>



WELCOME TO THE SIERRA NEVADA UNIT of WBCCI. We are a small, friendly group who enjoy sharing our enjoyment of Airstreams, and the Airstream lifestyle, with others. You are invited to come to any of our meetings and if you like, to join our Unit. We predict that you will make many friends and relish the camaraderie of our rallies, caravans, and group activities. Our members are always ready to share their advice on equipment problems and trailering knowledge. In addition to being a member of our local Unit, you will be one of several thousand who make up the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (the Airstream RV Club.)



We recently ordered 12 new 2007 Airstreams. Delivery will be staggered throughout the summer.

New for 2007

New color available in the International called Aruba. It is a turquoise green type color.

New cabinet choice now in Hickory.

New 2007 27' FB Classic Limited available with hickory interior. (We ordered one of these.)

New for 2007, the 75th Anniversary Limited Edition. Comes with a Retro 50's look. Has a round porthole window on the door, a gaucho in the rear instead of a bed, black and white flooring, 50's type Formica on the table.

The 25' FB is now available in the International line. Previously you could only get the front bed models in the Safari line.



Come in and see the 19 foot Bambi Safari. At 4000 pounds max weight, it is just the thing to tow with new more fuel efficient tow vehicles. Fully contained with 23 gallons of fresh water, a 21 gallon gray water tank, and an 18 gallon black water tank. Front dinette seats 4 and converts into a roomy bed. An Air Conditioner and Furnace to keep you comfortable in any weather.

Ready for a "Go anywhere" vacation. See the beauty and enjoy the solitude of the great Western States in a new Airstream Bambi now.

August rally

Hat Creek is our destination for the SNU August rally. The rally will be Friday through Sunday August 18 - 20 2006. Hat Creek runs right through the campground. There is great fishing and hiking opportunities. You can also visit nearby Lassen National Park, Burney Falls, and the Subway tunnel. Also check out the Visitors Center in Old Station . Saturday we plan to have a mid afternoon ice cream social so bring your favorite ice cream and toppings to share. Better yet, if you have an ice cream maker bring it along and we can make ice cream at the rally. Rally arrival time - anytime after noon on Friday August 18. This rally site can probably be categorized as a “2” on the SNU rally site scale. This scale was created partly for fun but it does provide a clue as to the type of area each of our rallies is located. See the rally site scale. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/snu-misc/06ap-rallysite-categories.html>

Upcoming events

* Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line!
Rally Thursday - Sunday September 28 - Oct 1, 2006 Lake Lahontan Nevada State Park, beach 7 unstructured camping area - near Silver Springs, NV off Alt 95 South. 3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Enjoy the peace and quiet of lakeside camping, fishing and boating, hiking and good bike riding possibilities.

* Rally Friday - Sunday October 20 - 22 2006 Ft. Churchill Nevada State Park off US 95 South of Silver Springs, NV 2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Visit the nearby historic Ft. Churchill and the museum. Take a short hike to the Carson River. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Friday October 20 Note: Parking will be in individual camp sites. Each participant will pay their own camping fee.

Rally - Hat Creek (Lassen Nat'l Forest) Group area #2

Friday August 18 - Sunday August 20 2006

2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Friday August 18. On Hwy 89/44 about 50 miles northwest of Susanville, CA. From Reno take US-395 N toward Susanville, appropriately 80 miles. Drive through Susanville and up the hill heading west. (US 395 becomes CA 36 in Susanville). Go about 10 miles to the turn off to CA 44. Turn right onto CA 44 and go about 47 miles to the Junction of 44/89. Turn left on 44/89 into the town of Old Station. Go about 5 miles to the Hat Creek Campground. From Old Station you will be following Hat Creek which will be on the left of the road. Heading west, the entrance to the campground is on the left. The dump station is on the right side of the road. Drive through the campground and the gate at the back to the group camping area. The SNU has site #2 which is towards the back. Total distance from Reno is about 140 miles. \$5 per night per rig

Events and activities: Morning coffee klatch is from about 7 to 9 on Saturday and Sunday. Happy hours will likely occur on Friday and Saturday starting about 5 p.m. A potluck dinner is planned for Saturday about 5:30pm The unit meeting will be held Saturday at about 1 p.m. following the pot luck lunch. All gatherings will be informal and BYO (bring your own) to share as suits your karma. Bring fire wood for a campfire. Facilities: Dry camp, pit toilets, water available.

If you can't make it for the entire time, feel free to join us for a few hours, one day, or whatever time frame fits your schedule.



1980's The Monterey Bay Calif Unit, WBCCI held rallies at the group site at Hat Creek for over 10 years. It was one of their favorite rally sites

