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WEED HEIGHTS RALLY REVIEW

It was great getting out in our Airstreams again and have a nice relaxing weekend to visit with each other. The rally at Weed Heights RV park was a unique experience for the SNU. This is only the second time in at least 15 years that the SNU has held a rally at any sort of RV park or campground with any facilities. Although we had a really nice club house at our disposal, we spent a lot of time outdoors. We did eat our meals in the club house. It took a while for us to catch on that we could wash our dishes in the sink instead of taking them back to our trailers. That we could turn on lights when it started to get a little dark. That we had a refrigerator we could use. Melissa was tickled with the idea that she could be at a rally and be looking for vintage Airstreams on Craig's list. The RV park also had a very nice shuffle board court and horse shoe pit. Several of us did take a look at them but it seemed the favorite activities were visiting and inspirational naps. Jerry did get is light and antenna bar rigged and installed on his truck. Roger got the aerator on his faucet cleaned so now he has a nice flow of water. Gene got his plumbing checked out and discovered he'll need to replace a pipe or two. Mike and Cindy got to test out their heater after cleaning a decade of hornets nests and other debris out of it. Mike and Cindy also had a new view of the world. They had replaced the cracked front windows in their Airstream. All in all a fairly productive weekend. Several of us took advantage of having electricity and put up decorative outdoor lights. It looked really neat. It was also kind of odd to see so many trailers lit up as we didn't have to worry about running batteries down.

Wheels and Doris showed up with the latest and greatest pink flamingo. An image created by a relative and put on the side of their Airstream. It is really neat. Wheels also had the SNU logo made up as a stick on signs. He has one on each side of his propane tank cover and on the rear of the Airstream. They turned out really nice and several of the rest of us plan on getting some from him. Saturday Mike and Cindy showed off their SNU T-shirts. They had ordered them from the CafePress Aluminitus site. Nice to



see everyone supporting the SNU in such visible ways.

Our Friday night crock pot pot luck turned out really great. We had stew, chili, chicken and beans, and sloppy joes along with some salads and desserts. Saturday's must go dinner provided a great variety of left overs as well as some new additions to the menu. Saturday we were glad to have an indoor place to eat as the wind picked up and we would have had to hold on to our plates and everything else if we had eaten outdoors. The winds kept up all night and rocked us to sleep. Having an indoor facility enabled us to set out the SNU photo albums and other materials which everyone enjoyed browsing through. We also had a selection of spare parts that anyone in need could pick up. Diane brought a CD copy of the Long Long Trailer, a promotional video from WBCCI and a whole collection of pictures from Dale Schwamborn that were available to view.

We had several visitors at this rally. Dyann's sister Ann came up on Saturday. Mike and Cindy picked up their grandsons and they spend Saturday night at the rally. Also on Saturday, Bill and Jan Heaton stopped by for a visit. We haven't seen them since the SNU rally at Washoe Lake in 2006. One of these days we look forward to seeing them at a rally with their Airstream. In the meantime we were happy to see them again. We had seven rigs at this rally. They included Jerry & Dyann, Roger & Janet, Bryan & Diane, Wheels & Doris, Mike & Cindy, Roman & Melissa and Gene who came alone as Carmen had to work. Hopefully we will see her in April.

Weed Heights was a great start to the 2009 SNU rally season. We have some neat things planned for the rest of the year and we hope all of our SNU members will be able to make at least one of the 2009 rallies.



WEB LINKS

to information discussed in this newsletter including info the April Rally at Boca and the photo gallery of the March Rally at Weed Heights. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/09news/index.html>

APRIL AT BOCA

As of the publication on this newsletter the April Rally will be at Boca Rest Campground. The dates are Thursday April 23 to Sunday 26, 2009. The primary reason for choosing Boca Rest is concern about the road up to the other site, especially this early in the year. Boca Rest is right off a paved road and sits right by Boca reservoir. There are pit toilets and water (which may or may not be turned on yet) We will be visible from the road so you can't miss it. This may be our only chance for a nice campfire before fire restrictions so bring some wood. Camping fees for Boca are about \$11 per night. See you at Boca! (see map on page 3)



ANITA'S ADVENTURES

Notes from the SNU President

Boca Reservoir is an all year recreation site. If you have not visited Boca, the April rally is your chance to check out all that Boca has to offer. Boca Reservoir is only a few miles off of I80. Because of the mountains blocking any highway noise, you feel like you are in a very remote location. Truckee is less than 5 miles away, so if you feel like being with your airstream friends, but want to stay indoors, visiting Truckee during the rally is an option. Boca Reservoir is a good fishing and boating site. There are also lots of places for bike riding and hiking. It is also a great place to just enjoy some beautiful scenery.

I recently met Dan and Robin Alltop whom I understand were referred to the SNU by WBCCI. They had received an introductory packet from the SNU. They are newly retired Military and are on dream retirement vacation. They plan on spending the summer in Alaska. Dan and Robin bought an Airstream in Arkansas, their second. They've had property near Elko for 7 years, though sounds like they have not lived in Nevada. Dan and Robin plan to catch up with the SNU sometime in the near future.

Anita

SNU MEMBERS TRAVELS

Tom and Donna Faker have been pretty busy lately and it sounds like they have some exciting plans for the first part of 2009. In a recent email from them, they said - "We're leaving March 26th on a trip we've planned for several months. We're taking our trailer to So Carolina and working with some friends on a Habitat for Humanity build for two weeks. Then we'll follow them to Venice, Florida where they live and then home along the southern route and stay a couple days in New Orleans. We plan to be home around May 8th or 9th. We have the schedule and hope to be able to make some rallies after that."

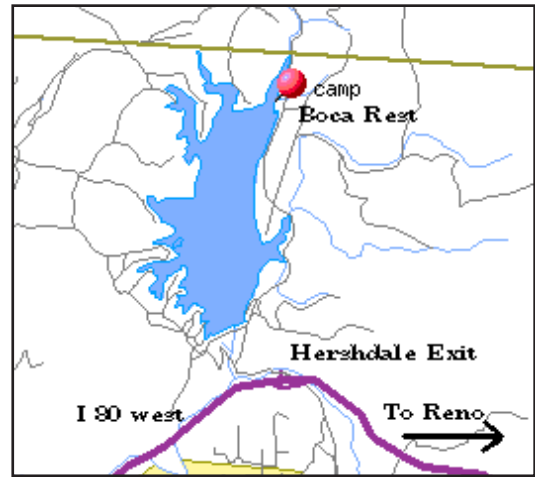
Several other SNU members have also been on the road. Clint and Kathy Norrell recently returned from a trip to Texas. They have also spent time in Arizona. Don and Jean Molde are back in Reno after spending some time in Southern California. Don and MaryLou Damoth have been spending time in Arizona. For Tom and Donna as well as all the other SNU members we haven't seen in a while, keep the rally schedule in mind. We'll be glad to see you whenever you can make it. In the meantime think about writing up a blurb for the SNU newsletter so we all can read about your adventures.

NEWSLETTER SHREDS

It has come to our attention that several of you who receive the print newsletter via snail mail have been getting bits and pieces rather than a whole newsletter. The print shop we are currently working with only has lightweight 11x17 paper and that apparently doesn't make it through the postal service. Until and unless we discover another option, we will be printing the newsletter on 8 1/2x 11 heavier stock paper. If you still receive your newsletter in shreds please let us know so we can try Plan C. Keep in mind you can always sign up for the SNU announcement list. The SNU uses the announcement list to notify subscribers that the current newsletter has been posted. We also use the list to send out occasional emails regarding any changes in the schedule or other information important to SNU members. To subscribe go to this link on the website. <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/index.html> Subscribing ensures that not only will you get the entire newsletter, you get the color version and you can print it or not at your own discretion. The reason the SNU uses a subscription system for the online newsletter rather than just sending a notice to everyone that we have an email address for is out of respect for our membership and their personal preferences regarding email. By subscribing, you are letting the SNU know how you wish to receive your newsletter. The SNU isn't making that decision for you. Again, please let us know if you continue having problems receiving your newsletter. Thank you.

WBCCI News

The WBCCI International Rally will be in Madison WI June 28 to July 4, 2009. We haven't heard yet if any SNU members plan to attend. There are two issues to be voted on at the delegates meeting and it would be great if the SNU had a delegate to represent us at the meeting and cast our vote. The Amendments to be voted on at the Delegates meeting are a change regarding new Vision and Mission statements for WBCCI and a revision in Article XII of the WBCCI Constitution regarding who may be a delegate for a Unit. For full information on these issues please check the link provided in this newsletter.



SNU HAMS

The ARRL PACIFICON 2009, the Pacific Division Convention, is getting together with Emcomwest at the Reno Circus Circus on May 1, 2, and 3. There will be a big swap meet as part of the convention. For more information check the Zephyrs link listed in this newsletter.

REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW PAY YOUR RALLY KITTY FEES ON-LINE!

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/payonline/snu-shopping.html>

RALLY AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2009

- *Thursday May 14 – Sunday 17, 2009 Silver Springs Airport
- *Thursday June 25 – Sunday 28, 2009 Sweetwater Summit dispersed USFS area
- *WBCCI International Rally - June 28 - July 4, 2009, Madison, Wisconsin
- *Thursday July 23 – Sunday 26, 2009 Thomas Ranch near Pittville
- *Thursday August 20 – Sunday, August 23, 2009 Obsidian Dome (Inyo Nat'l Forest) dispersed camping
- *Thursday September 17 – Sunday 20, 2009 Blue Lakes, dispersed area
- *Mason Valley Wildlife Area – Friday October 15 - Sunday October 18, 2009
- *October 14 – 18, 2009 Region 12 Rally
- *Saturday November 14, 2009 - Gold Hill, Hotel, Virginia City
- *Thursday 19 – Sunday 22, 2009 Death Valley Mesquite Campground
- *Saturday December 12, 2009 - Overland Hotel & Basque restaurant

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING RALLIES CHECK THE WEBSITE

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/events/docs/09-rallyschedule.html>

SHOW YOUR SNU PRIDE

The May Rally at the Silver Springs Air Show will be a great opportunity to show you pride in being an SNU member. We still have a few SNU flags available for sale. They are great to fly at any rally including the one in May. Be sure and check out Aluminitus on CafePress and order your SNU logo items to wear or display. You might check out the WBCCI store too. There are some nice items and this rally is a great time to promote WBCCI. Also, don't forget your nametag. Dig it out of that special place and make sure it is in your Airstream. It will be really important to wear them at the May rally. If you don't have a nametag, let us know and we'll make sure you get one.