

# AIRSTREAMER'S NEWSLETTER may 09

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## BOCA RALLY REVIEW

The Boca rally was definitely the more traditional SNU spring rally. The sign at the entrance of Boca Rest Campground said no water, no garbage service and no fees. The weather was a little of everything. We had wind, sun, snow, cold, and warm temperatures. Fourteen hardy SNU members in seven rigs attended this rally along with ten dogs. Participants included Jerry & Dyann, Gary & Anita, Roman & Melissa, Roger & Janet, Bryan & Diane, Gene & Carmen, and Wes & Roy. In addition Don and MaryLou

really neat thrift store.

All four came back to the rally with some new purchases. Jerry and his grandkids, Sidney and Cole got in some fishing. So did Roman. I don't think anyone caught anything though. Other than that we spent most of our time around the campfire or taking a break from the wind in our Airstreams. We had a great time and we all thought that Boca Rest was a good choice for this time of year. I think we all agreed that the weather, rather than being a deterrent, just provided more entertainment and more stories.



drove up on Saturday and had lunch with us. That was during one of the sunnier and warmer periods. Thursday wasn't bad, a little blustery but enjoyable. Friday started out with a morning snow shower. Big fat wet flakes. That didn't deter Bryan and Jerry from morning coffee outside. They just put out the awning on the BVan and watched the flurries while occasionally sweeping the snow off the awning. Friday we did have our dinner outside although a cool wind made it a little ify and we had to eat fast if we wanted our food warm. We had a nice campfire going and that helped. Anita brought marshmallows so we cooked our dessert on the campfire. Saturday we awoke to a light dusting of snow but the rest of the day was mostly sunny. Dinner outside was a little more enjoyable. Sunday we were treated to a really nice breakfast and of course, the weather was the best of the entire rally. The breakfast was prepared by Jerry's son Eric and his wife Traci. They had come up Saturday afternoon with their two kids and spent the night. Breakfast consisted of bacon, biscuits with sausage gravy, and eggs and potatoes. We all figure we need to put some effort into converting them to Airstream owners and eventual members of the SNU so we can look forward to more such meals in the future. Friday Roman and Melissa took a drive into Truckee and discovered a unique hardware store that had all sorts of interesting stuff. Gary and Anita also visited Truckee. Their discovery was a

## WEB LINKS

to information discussed in this newsletter including info the May Rally at Boca <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/09news/index.html>

## SNU BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday April 25, 2009 we held a short business meeting. Items discussed included Vaughn Peek's offer to serve as delegate for SNU at Madison, the proposed WBCCI constitutional amendments, an update on SNU bylaws submitted to WBCCI in December 2008 for the second time, an update on 42ft Airstream, plans for May rally at the Fly-In, discussion of June and July rallies, Paramount Auto Body and RV Repair and news from Region 12 including the nominees for Region 12 officers. SNU members at the meeting accepted Vaughn's offer to serve as delegate. We'll get him the necessary paperwork and the information he needs to speak for the SNU. After a brief discussion the SNU seems in favor of voting no on both WBCCI constitutional amendments. The SNU also agreed to support the slate of officers for the WBCCI IBT as stated in the Blue Beret. Any SNU member who still wishes to express their opinion should email the Unit ASAP. (continued on page 2)

(continued from page 1) The SNU has still received no word from WBCCI regarding the review of our bylaws. Efforts to seek support for the restoration of the 42ft Airstream have been put on hold. Everything is on track for the May rally at the Silver Springs Fly-In. RSVP's for this rally are strongly encouraged. Bryan reminded us that the June rally will be an amateur radio field day event. Bryan has also been in touch with Spencer Thomas regarding our July rally and he is working on getting more detailed directions to the rally site at Spencer's ranch. The SNU received a call recently from Paramount Auto Body and RV Repair. One of MFRV's certified Airstream maintenance people now works for Paramount and they are set up to handle any warranty work on Airstreams. Diane read the slate of officers for Region 12. They were accepted as stated. Dates for future Hobo Rallies and Region 12 rallies and other information from the Region was included on the agenda passed around at the meeting.

## ANITA'S ADVENTURES

Notes from the SNU President

I'm camp hosting at Goose Lake State Park in Oregon, north of Reno on the California/Oregon border for the month of April. The campground opens April 15th. On April 7th, this area had a major snowstorm start at 8:00 PM one night and continue with heavy snow until noon the next day. The snow was staying put from the start. Just several hours after the snow began, I started hearing crash, boom, snap! The trees were crashing down from the snow load. There were two branches above my Airstream. One looked like it would crash into my solar panel. As it became heavier with snow, it did move further back towards the end of the Airstream. The branch managed to not break. The other branch did partly snap, and was hanging over my Airstream, just brushing the top of the air conditioner. Almost every site in the camp with trees had branches down or broken and hanging. Many utility poles in the area were downed. We thought we would be without electric for a week or more. We ended up with only two days without electric. The community near here set up a Red Cross shelter, and they had vans visiting the houses. Quite and exciting adventure. The Airstream and I came through the storm just fine and the park got cleaned up. I am looking forward to warmer weather though. *Anita*

## VISIT TO BORREGO SPRINGS

Jean and I just spent an enjoyable couple of months in our Airstream at a relatively new RV resort at Borrego Springs, California ([www.springsatborrego.com](http://www.springsatborrego.com)). Four years old this year, and built around a gorgeous golf course decorated with desert and cactus landscaping, the spaces are large, the campground facilities are first class, and the weather is perfect.

The resort sits at the edge of Anza Borrego State Park, a

huge complex of desert and mountains, running from Interstate 10 nearly to Palm Springs, and resting comfortably between San Diego and the Salton Sea. Being birders and desert rats, we spent pleasant hours on dusty roads or at the Salton Sea (30 miles east). An occasional run to a full-service Wal-Mart in Brawley (about 40 miles away) supplemented the generally adequate small market in town, and the farmer's market on Fridays.

Though small (definitely no stop lights around), the town of Borrego Springs sports several good restaurants, a small mall, market, hardware store, two gas stations, and resorts as well. The Anza Borrego State Park Visitor's Center is about 2 miles distant from the resort. It has good information about the park, and also keeps posted current information about the back country roads and travel conditions.

The Palm Springs complex is slightly over an hour away and provides fine shopping opportunities. Joshua Tree National Park lies just north of the Coachella Valley and makes a nice day outing from Borrego Springs.

Rates at the resort are seasonal, of course. We paid about \$35/night at the monthly rate. There are other camping facilities in the area, including near the state park headquarters. And there is much free camping nearby on the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreational Area.



Here is our pride and joy....a Safari SE 27' FB....sitting at our site in Borrego Springs. *Don and Jean Molde*

## INVITATIONS

### BALLOON FESTIVAL

I also would like to extend an offer to any SNU members that would be interested in attending the Four Corners Unit Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta October 2nd through the 6th. We plan to attend the September Unionville County Park Rally and then heading south through Nevada to meet up with any willing for the caravan from Williams, AZ to Grants, NM and Albuquerque, NM. They could caravan with us from Unionville. We plan to stop somewhere along the way Monday night (location not yet determined), get to Williams Tuesday, possibly take the (continued on page 3)

train into the Grand Canyon Wednesday and meet up with other Airstreams from the west Wednesday night. We usually stay at the Railside RV Ranch in Williams. For more information contact Don Williams [kd6uyt@mac.com](mailto:kd6uyt@mac.com)

## BASQUE FESTIVAL

The Utah Unit invites you to join us in Elko, NV for the 46th National Basque Festival July 2 - 5, 2009. The activities include a dinner at the historic Star Hotel in Elko as well as enjoying the Festival events such as the Fourth of July parade, Basque dancing, sheepdog trials, feats of strength, and a Basque ball (casual, begins at 10:00) or a movie (begins after sunset). The wrap-up is back at the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon for the big, Basque barbeque. We will be staying at the Iron Horse RV Park. As it is the festival weekend, the park has asked that we have our committed units count by May 15th for close-in parking. Questions or reservations: 1st VP Michael Glenn [michael@glenn.net](mailto:michael@glenn.net) or 2nd VP Susan Glenn [susan@glenn.net](mailto:susan@glenn.net) 801/406-9876, 801/400-3893, 801/400-3894. Also check the SNU website link listed in this newsletter.

## NEWS FROM REGION 12

### FROM DON CLARK, PRESIDENT OF REGION 12

We have posted the April Region 12 President's newsletter on the SNU website See the link page listed in this newsletter.

From Don - Attached is a message from the Community Service Chairman for WBCCI. She would like to have a food drive and requests each unit bring food to the International Rally in Madison to be given to the local food bank. I would appreciate it if you would give this information to your members and lets make Region 12 a leader. - Thanks Don Clark

The following idea came from Kerry & Betty Mattila. This is a "One Ton Challenge". Let's see if our members can collect one ton of food for the Madison food bank (I am told achieving one ton would require less than 4 pounds of food from each Airstream) It must be non-perishable & not outdated. I am contacting each of you so that you may contact your units with this mission. There will be a need for unit participation at the International to keep a record of what their Region contributes and the totals passed on to me. As of now, arrangements have been made for barrels & money containers to be placed in the convention hall. This may be changed as the amount of food grows. As you know the need is great and a great organization such as this is up to the challenge. This will appear in the Blue Beret but probably not until April. That is the reason for sending it to you now so that you may get it out to your units. Thank you for all the help you can give. - Janet Kendig, Chairman Community Service

Don also notified the SNU of the recent passing of two Region 12 members, Beverly Boutwell, wife of Region 12 1st

BP Joh Boutwell and Richard Schubnell, husband of Sue Schubnell. Richard was the President of the Nevada Unit. The SNU sent cards to both Sue and John.

## FROM TERESSA TENBERGE SECRETARY, REGION XII

At the request of the Region XII Officers, all Unit Presidents are requested to consider these important events when scheduling your 2010 Unit calendar of events.

\* In February 2010 the Region XII National HOBBO Rally in Blythe, CA will be held February 1-9, 2010; in 2011 the dates will be Jan 31 to Feb 6.

\* The Region XII Rally will be in Santa Maria from October 15-18, 2010, The 2011 location and dates are not set at this time but will be scheduled in October.

\* The Region XII Special Event Rose Parade Rally is scheduled for Dec 30, 2009 to Jan 1, 2010. 2011 would be the same dates.

The encouragement of your Unit members to attend these special rallies in our Region would be greatly appreciated. From John Boutwell First Vice President Region 12, WBCCI

Afternoon everyone. I know we are still planning the 2009 Region Rally and looking forward to the International, etc., etc., etc. but I would like to have a feel for what and where we should hold the rally next year. If somebody has a great idea of a location and a Unit(s) that is dying to host a Region Rally, just let me know asap. Otherwise I'll be out there looking and trying to find someone to host the rally.

By the way, you may recall I mentioned during the 2008 Board meeting that we might consider changing to a biannual format. To date the only response I have received was a vote against because the Region Rally is the only opportunity some of our folks have to get together. Keep thinking and let me know what you think.

## NORCAL UNIT

Lastly, in reading the latest NorCal newsletter we noticed this Unit plans a rally in June at Gold Ranch RV park. This is located about a mile west of Cabelas. Anita wrote an email to NorCal informing them that some SNU members might like to stop by for a visit. She is also notifying them of the SNU July rally near McArthur in Northern Calif and letting them know that any NorCal members who are interested are welcome to attend. The best time to visit would be at NorCal's happy hour at 4:30 pm. on Thurs, Fri, or Sat. They would like to know in advance if any SNU members plan to attend so call Anita Leipper at 775 972 5011 and she'll pass the word along to NorCal. This is a great opportunity to meet NorCal members and see how another Unit does things.



## LYON COUNTY FLY-IN RALLY

Thursday May 14 to Sunday 17, 2009 The SNU will hold a rally at the Silver Springs Airport. This rally will be during the Lyon County Fly-In. The SNU will be cooking pancakes on Friday and Saturday mornings and hot dogs on Saturday afternoon. We will also be helping out in other ways as needed. The SNU will be parking to the right of the main drive into the airport beside a large building. There are no electric or sewer hookups so it would be best to consider this rally a dry camp. This is a great opportunity to promote the SNU and WBCCI. We will be flying our SNU flags. We'll have a display table set up with the SNU diorama, photo albums and other materials. We'll have a sign on the fence in front of the airport. We hope that everyone who attends will go to Almunitus the SNU online store and purchase an apron, and other logo items to wear at this event. **Don't forget your SNU nametag.** Arrival time for this rally is anytime after noon on Thursday. This rally it would be very beneficial to know how many Airstreams to expect.

**Please RSVP to:** [hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org](mailto:hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org)



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

## RALLY AND EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2009

- \* 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>