

# AIRSTREAMER'S NEWSLETTER mar 09

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## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON REVIEW

Lunches at El Charro Avita seem to bring good things to the SNU as well as provide an excellent meal. Last year it was Mike Gower who saw the notice in the local paper. He and wife Cindy have since become members of the SNU. This year it was several guests. Madelyn Cutler has been on the SNU mailing list for about a year. She saw the notice in the paper and decided to come check us out. I think we met with her approval as she plans to become a member. Other guests were Robert and Cecilia Stansbury and Fred and Maxine Nietz. The Stansbury's are with the Santa Clara Unit. Cecilia is the current president. She is also the parliamentarian for Region 12. Cecilia gave us an overview of the Santa Clara Unit and some of the special activities they have done. She invited SNU members to attend Santa Clara Unit rallies if they are in the area. Some of their rallies are fairly close by. The Stansbury's live part time in Carson City so this was a great opportunity for them to come and meet members of the SNU. They also decided to become affiliate members of the SNU so welcome Bob and Cecilia! Maxine and Fred are representatives from the Lyon County Fly In. They handed out postcards advertising this years event. They talked about the activities planned for the event and described a little more what the SNU will be doing and can do as volunteers for the Fly-In. (See the special note in this newsletter). More about this rally will be in future SNU newsletters. In addition to our guests SNU members at the lunch included Jerry & Dyann, Gary & Anita, Wheels & Doris, Randy & Vicki, Mike & Cindy, Vaughn & his granddaughter Leann, Roger & Jan, Dave, Bryan, and Diane. We want to thank our hosts, Randy and Vicki for making arrangements for this luncheon. We all had a great time. For more details on the El Charro lunch check the link listed in this newsletter.



## FIRST RALLY OF 2009

**Finally!** Thursday March 26 to Sunday March 29, 2009 the SNU will hold it's first rally for 2009 at the **Weed Heights Full service RV Park**. The park is off Hwy 95 West of Yerington, NV. Head up the road around the Anaconda mining pit. The turn off is well marked and there are signs all the way to the RV park. Arrival time is anytime after noon on Thursday March 26, 2009. RV Park fees are \$20 per night individual campground fee with Good Sam or AAA membership. We will have full hook ups and an indoor meeting room. The clubhouse has very nice laundry and shower facilities too. A flyer advertising the park says that there is email access, horseshoe pits, tennis courts and miniature golf among other things. I think there is a nearby golf course too. The RV park is also just a few miles from Yerington with all the amenities of a small town. So if you forgot something or just want to take a trip to town Yerington is right down the road.

Since we have a nice warm club house at our disposal we will plan on pot luck dinners both Friday and Saturday. Friday's pot luck will be a special Crock Pot Pot Luck. So get out your favorite crock pot recipe. Plan to share not only the finished dish but also bring a copy of your recipe so we can collect them all. Maybe we'll make an SNU crock pot recipe book. Saturday's pot luck will be what early WBCCI members called a "MustGo" meal. In other words we will finish off all the leftovers.



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## WEB LINKS

to information discussed in this newsletter including info the March Rally at Weed Heights <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2009/09news/index.htm>

## OUR PROJECT AIRSTREAM

Mike and Cindy Gower

We bought our 1977, 25' Caravanner with rear bath last year from Mike's cousin. This trailer had sat on a rice farm outside of Oroville, CA for 15yrs. so we have many issues to deal with. We started replacing the carpet with linoleum tiles and rebuilt the gaucho couch frames.

We are in the process of replacing the left front window as it was broken on the farm. After testing the water lines, we have some major leaks there. Replacing water lines is top on the list and getting the bathroom working is a must for this year's camping. The refrigerator and heater both need to be pulled out and completely cleaned to see if they are at all serviceable. The refrigerator does work on electricity (which is a plus) except we do a lot of dry camping with no generator.

We are not going to change the original floor plan but we want to update the functionality of the trailer.

Luckily, Mike had seen an Airstream remodel on DIY so he was able to download all the information to help with our restoration project. Of course, we are open to information from those of you who have actually done remodeling and can give us the do's and don'ts that come with a project such as this.

We look forward to hearing from any of you with your suggestions.

## JERRY MISQUOTED

A year or so ago off the cuff, our eloquent Red Neck Past President Jerry Thornburg made a comment that summarizes what the SNU is all about. We have used it on our website and on various SNU documents such as the flyer we send to potential members. It attracted the attention of a national committee chair which led to it's being used in the March Blue Beret. The problem though is that what appears in the Blue Beret is not what Jerry said. Jerry's original words are much better. Here is what he really said. "It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together" Getting Jerry's words correct is important for several reason, in particular because it appears that WBCCI might be planning to use his quote in some new promotional material. Jerry contacted the IBT President Jerry Larson and he assured him that the quote will be used as it was originally said. SNU members know Jerry is a one of a kind. It is great to see his very articulate summary of what Airstreaming and the SNU is all about get recognition all the way up to the national level.

## AIRSTREAM SERVICE IN RENO

Roger Jeppson

About 10 days ago I got a letter from Tony Sauer who was the guy who I dealt with mostly on service for my Airstream at Mountain Family. The letter said that he was now managing the service department at Reno Toy Storage. I called Tony to ask about repairing my refrigerator because of the Dometic recall. He said that he would be able to do that soon (a few days) and also that he had taken the people with him that had worked on Airstreams at Mountain Family. Tony says they can now do anything that Mountain Family could do. Tony's phone number is 329-2331 The address for Reno Toy Storage is 1005 Standard St. Suite C.

## ANITA'S ADVENTURES

Notes from the SNU President

It seems like every rally we have a pleasant surprise of some sort. In the spring, rally sites have had nesting birds. At Washoe Lake, a hawk nests almost above our airstreams on a branch with good visibility of the nest. At Lahontan Lake, an owl with fluffy owlets was next to our rally site. Check out the SNU for pictures.

Bring some extra rags to the March rally. Some ideas to leave our rally site cleaner than we found it- clean the meeting hall, remove cobwebs, wash windows, sweep floors, take your recyclables back home to recycle. My last trip through Yerington, I visited the bakery across from the Weed Heights exit. Plenty of parking in their gravel lot for RVs. They have Mexican and American pastries. Maybe a good idea for Sunday breakfast.

## ATTENTION SNU KIDS!

The May rally will be especially great for the kids in the SNU. There will be lots of activities just for kids. A very special program will be EAA Young Eagles Program This opportunity is provided by the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 403. Kids age 8 to 17 are given an opportunity to have their first flight in a small plane and interact with the pilot. So mark your calendars now! We'd love to see all the kids that are special to our SNU members and also the kids of those Airstreamers who haven't yet joined the SNU. Of course, parents are welcome too. I realize that many SNU members may decide, as Dave suggested that they are under age 17 (in Martian years) so that they can take advantage of this opportunity but I think the pilots will know the difference. So kids, be sure your parents have May 14 to the 17, 2009 marked on their calendar.

## AMATEURS AT SWEETWATER

The SNU June rally at Sweetwater Summit will be held over Field Day, a world wide Amateur Radio event. Bryan has contacted the regional representative as well as a local Gardnerville ham club to let them know about our rally. He has also listed our Sweetwater location on the station map with the Amateur Radio Relay League. So all the SNU hams, get your gear ready and plan to work Field Day from Sweetwater Summit. Check the link in this newsletter for more information.

## 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 April 23 - Sunday 26, 2009 Boca Springs or Boca Rest
- \* Thursday May 14 - Sunday 17, 2009 Silver Springs Air Strip Special Event - Silver Springs Fly In
- \* Thursday June 25 - Sunday 28, 2009 Sweetwater Summit dispersed USFS area Special Event - Ham Radio Field Day
- \* June 28 - July 4, 2009 WBCCI International Rally, Madison, Wisconsin
- \* Thursday July 23 - Sunday 26, 2009 Thomas Ranch near Pittville Special activity - horse drawn wagon rides
- \* Thursday August 20 - Sunday, August 23, 2009 Obsidian Dome (Inyo Nat'l Forest) dispersed camping
- \* Thursday September 24 - Sunday 27, 2009 Unionville County park Special Event - Brunch at the Old Pioneer
- \* October 14 - 18 Region 12 Rally Fairpark in Santa Maria, CA
- \* Thursday October 22 - Sunday October 25, 2009 -Mason Valley Wildlife Area Special Event - Fish Hatchery tour
- \* Saturday November 14, 2009 Gold Hill, Hotel, near Virginia City
- \* Thursday November 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>

## SHOP SNU

A must visit site - shop SNU online. Show up at SNU rallies with a new shirt, ball cap, tote bag, apron, jacket, coffee mug and other logo items. See the link page listed in this newsletter and get ready to show others what a great Unit you belong to. So, get your virtual shopping bag out and go to: <http://www.cafepress.com/Aluminumitis>



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