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Crocker Rally

The July rally at Crocker Campground will definitely be one to add to the SNU memory books! This was a new location for the SNU and it seems the general opinion is that it should definitely be included in the list of favorite rally sites. Crocker is an older U.S. Forest Service campground with somewhat hap-hazard camping spaces in a nice grove of pine trees. Level sites were not a priority when planning this campground although many of the sites have definitely been "leveled" by previous campers. The trees provided an opportunity for those of us who are maybe getting a little jaded by our leveling experiences at Unionville to practice an additional skill – that of maneuvering around and through trees to get into our chosen parking site. Everyone passed with flying colors! Not a dent, scratch, or even close call on any Airstream. There were seven Airstreams at the rally. Participants included Jerry & Dyann, Randy, Gary, Wes. & Roy, Bryan & Diane, Gene & Carmen, and Rich and Barbara Osborn. Gary's wife, Anita and Randy's wife, Vicki didn't make the rally. We missed them both and know they would have really enjoyed this new rally site. Jerry and Dyann brought their grandkids, Sydney and Cole. Gene and

Carmen had six kids and grandkids with them! Two of them had just arrived from the Philippines the Monday before the rally. This is the first time the SNU has had eight kids from ages 7 to 18 at one rally. We were delighted to have Rich and Barbara join us. They have a 1976 20ft Argosy motorhome and live in Truckee. Rich had come across a PSA for an SNU rally back in 2004 but we didn't manage to make a connection. Needless to say we hope we will see more of Rich and Barbara in the future. In addition to our rally participants, Sunday Tim Shepard from Reno



stopped by. He was camping with his Airstream down at Davis Lake. Turns out Tim also had previous contact with the SNU. A year ago he called and talked to Bryan about some problems he was having with his Airstream. We hope that in the near future Tim and his wife Theresa will attend an SNU rally. Rally activities included lots of sitting and enjoying the views out over the meadow, shared dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings, and just hunkering down for a nap or quiet time during the middle of the day. The trees and elevation kept the temps from getting too hot but it was hot enough to make less activity during the day desirable. The mornings and evenings were wonderful. Cool enough for walks and for doing some exploring. The almost full moon was an absolutely gorgeous site rising across the meadow. Several people took rides over to check out Davis lake and other nearby sites.



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Rally and events schedule

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Rocky Point
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Obsidian Dome
- ♦ Region 12
Hemet Rally
- ♦ October 21 - 24
Lahonton
- ♦ November 18-21
Death Valley

Heading for Eagle Lake

The SNU will hold it's next rally Thursday August 26 to Sunday 29 at Eagle Lake just north of Susanville. This year we will be at Rocky Point – East a dispersed area right on the shores of the lake. The turnoff to Rock point is just beyond the BLM campground where we have held previous SNU rallies. To get to the rally site from Susanville travel north on Highway 139 for 30 miles. Turn west (left) on County Road A-1 and travel approximately 5 miles. Turn south (left) on Lakeside drive in the Bucks Bay subdivision. Travel south to the Rocky Point access road. Watch for signs to Rocky Point. Follow the unimproved dirt road south along the shoreline until you reach the campground area. For more information check the link listed in this newsletter.



Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line! [Click Here](#)

Time to Renew

Now is the time to renew your membership in WBCCI and the SNU for 2011. Dues are \$65 for WBCCI, an increase of \$10 and \$10 for SNU for a total of \$75 annually. You can renew your membership online or send your dues to: SNU treasurer, 714 Terra CT, Reno, NV 89506. We appreciate your past support and are looking forward to including you in all our activities for 2011. We also wish to thank the following people for renewing their membership for 2011 – Gary and Anita Haskett, Anita Leipper, Dave Gmur, and Randy and Vicki Grossmann.

For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the August Rally at Eagle Lake, please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2010/10news/index.html)
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Upcoming 2010 and 2011 Events

Thursday August 26 – Sunday 29 Eagle Lake - Thursday November 18 – Sunday 21 Death Valley
Rocky Point

Thursday September 23, – Sunday 26 Obsidian
Dome

Region 12 Rally Hemet, CA

Thursday October 21 – Sunday 24 Lahonton

Saturday November 20, 2010 Pioneer, Fernley

Saturday December 18, 2010 J.T.'s Gardnerville

Saturday January 22, 2011 Bavarian World, Reno

Saturday February 26, 2011 El Charro Avita in
Carson City

Thursday March 24 – Sunday March 27, 2011
Weed Heights RV Pa

Updates from Members and Friends

Congratulations

August 3, 2010 Jerry and Dyann Thornburg celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary. Jerry and Dyann met when they were living in California. Dyann's son Justin played the role of Cupid. It seems he saw an ad for a dating service in a local restaurant where Dyann often ate. Justin encouraged a reluctant Dyann to contact the service. After some false starts, Dyann noticed the name Jerry G. Thornburg III on the list of potential dates and was intrigued. She thought that someone who listed their name like that was being pretty presumptuous. She decided though to find out what this Jerry G. Thornburg III was all about. It soon became apparent that Jerry was a pretty special person. As for Jerry, it was his archery buddies that put his name in to the dating service without his knowledge. After he received his list of names his buddies had to talk him into contacting the women. He also had a few false starts but once he met Dyann, it was love at first sight. Within two months of their first date, Jerry and Dyann got married and have been living happily ever after for 25 years! Enjoying the Great Outdoors and Airstream camping has been a part of their lives almost from the beginning. The SNU congratulates Jerry and Dyann and we wish them many more years of happiness including many more Airstream adventures.

Camping before Airstreams

by: Diane Leipper

I recently spent an afternoon at the Truckee Meadows Quilters Annual show. This year it was held in the National Automobile Museum. It was great seeing the quilts and the antique cars all together. One of the displays the museum had set up was of a campground scene in the early 1900's. Along with looking through photos from my own family, the display makes it pretty clear that as soon as the average person started owning automobiles one of the benefits was to enable people to go camping just for the enjoyment of the out-of-doors and the opportunity to explore new places. In fact, as long as man has been around, even before automobiles, traveling, exploring and camping have been a part of the human experience. There were some pretty ingenious pieces of camping gear on display. Complete kitchens in a box, a table with a raised center serving plank and the cot in the car. Running boards were put to good use carrying all the supplies and gear. I bet making the most of the space on the running boards became a fine art with serious auto campers. Camping equipment and style may have changed over the years but the reason people choose to go camping pretty much remain the same. Check the link in this newsletter to see more photos of the museum display.



National Automobile Museum display



1920's The note on the back of the photo said - "First night out on the San Joaquin River near Fresno where Bryan jumped in after that big fish". Bryan is my grandfather. My grandmother is in the center of this picture.

Crocker Rally continued

Friday afternoon things got a little interesting. It began to get cloudy and we started hearing thunder around us. We had our shared evening meal though without incident. Soon after a gust of wind came up and the next thing we knew the meadow was full of smoke. Needless to say, that put us on alert. We started considering evacuation options and other such things. Shortly though it started to rain, The more it rained, the better we felt. We even got some hail but nothing big enough to cause any harm to an Airstream. We found out later the fire was near Doyle, CA. Saturday afternoon looked like a repeat so we set up the food tables under Jerry and Dyann's awning and after we got our food we sat under Bryan and Diane's awning. The rain, once again held off till after dinner. We've had several rallies with snow storms, we've had a few rain sprinkles during the night but this is the first time we have had an honest to goodness thunderstorm during a rally. Driving home on Sunday you could see smoke on the North side of Hwy 70 and even see flames from one of the forest fires. We didn't have much SNU business to discuss but we did have some conversations about the 2011 rallies. It looks like that schedule is pretty well set. We also discussed plans for the special rally and dinner cruise at South Lake Tahoe in September of 2011. Randy and Vicki are spearheading that effort and plans are coming along. We do need to begin looking for officers for the SNU board for 2011. So far, Dyann Thornburg has agreed to run for President. If anyone else is interested in serving on the board, please let us know. All in all it was a very enjoyable weekend with great friends in a beautiful location.



Food Safety

During the warmer months making sure the food we eat is stored, prepared and served safely is something we all take seriously. Being sick is not a good way to enjoy an RV outing. Food can be one source of illness whose risk can be minimized by taking just a few basic precautions. These precautions become even more important when food is shared with a group such as at a rally pot luck event or the hors d'oeuvre at happy hour. Safe food service depends upon five fundamental habits. These are clean hands, clean service, clean food, the right temperature, and healthy personnel. Clean-up is just as important as other aspects of food handling and preparation. Leave your site in better condition than when you arrived: Dispose of garbage often because it attracts pests such as flies and yellow jackets. Patrol the area to pick-up litter. Place garbage, including litter, into refuse containers with tight fitting lids. Use containers to collect waste water, and discard in a sanitary manner (e.g. public restrooms.) Do not dump liquid waste into streets, storm drains, or onto the ground. If you are in bear country, you will need to take additional precautions as to storing food and disposing of wastes. For more on food safety check the link listed in this newsletter.



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