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Lunch at the Overland Hotel - 2009

Dyann Thornburg

Despite, for the first time in over 6 years weather being a factor in participation, there were 9 of us who attended lunch at the Overland in Fallon. Wes and Roylaine, Roger, Jim and Barbara, Madelyn, Fran Reid, and Jerry and I. Jim and Barbara are new SNU members and it was great to meet them. Jerry tried up until the time we left to go to the lunch to get a hold of some new Air stream owners recently referred to the SNU who live in Fallon and encourage them to come. The food was great and a lot of it.

Everyone ordered off the menu and we had it served family style. After lunch Madelyn stopped by the house on her way out of town to see the MoHo. Another great lunch and companions to enjoy it with us.



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Rally and events schedule

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♦ Jan. 23rd 2010
Cabela's - lunch
in Reno

♦ Feb. 27th 2010
El Charro Avita
in Carson City

♦ March 18 - 21
Weed Heights
RV Park Rally

♦ April 22 - 25
Pyramid Lake

♦ May 20 23
Ft Sage - BLM

January Luncheon

Saturday January 23, will be the first SNU event for 2010. Lunch at Cabela's in Reno. The lunch starts at 11:30 am. We'll go through the buffet line and each person will pay for their own lunch choice. The SNU will be in one of the meeting rooms just behind the buffet area. Cabela's is 10 miles west of Reno off I80 near Boomtown. It is a great place to do a little shopping for items that might come in handy for the upcoming rally season. Plan on joining us.

January - 2009 at Cabela's



Get Well Soon

SNU affiliate member, Joe TenBerge had heart surgery on December 14. Joe had two by passes and about an index size slice removed from the heart muscle that was blocking the flow of blood to his lungs. His wife Teresa says he is doing great. In an email to the Region 12 President, Teresa said "What a great Christmas present, other than the birth of Jesus Christ." She also mentioned she and Joe will be celebrating their 3rd Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday - Dec 16. Some of you may remember meeting Teresa and Joe at the SNU rally at Obsidian in 2008. We wish Joe a speedy recovery and hope that 2010 is a great year for them both.



Sierra Nevada Unit - Membership Report

At the end of November the SNU submitted a report to the WBCCI and Region 12 membership chairs. This report provides a good run down on the status of SNU members for the beginning of 2010. The addition of new members as well as the ability to retain current members are indicators that SNU is a healthy Unit. Our turnover rate is well within the norm for such a group. To the best of our knowledge, the reasons some members haven't yet renewed have to do with personal issues that do not reflect a dissatisfaction with the SNU. The key to SNU membership success is the members themselves. Each and every member is always ready to seek out potential members and encourage their participation. Every SNU member provides a warm welcome to visitors and first time rally or lunch participants. As Jerry so aptly said a few years ago, "It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together". Below are some excerpts.

*** SNU 2010 membership as of December 10, 2009**

6 New members

35 full members (includes 6 new)

6 affiliate members

2 countries represented

5 states represented

* 9 non renewals for 2010

1 deceased, 2 sold trailer, 3 unknown, 2 live out of area, non participants, 1 reverted to non paying supporter

In order for the SNU to be most effective in it's ability to recruit new members and encourage their participation it is important to know how they discovered the SNU. This section of the report provides that information.

*** Recruitment & Referral Notes:**

This includes the 6 full and 2 new affiliate members

4 participated in SNU activities in 2009 1 participated in 2008

1 transferred from MAL to SNU membership after participating in a rally

1 was a referral from Region 12

5 were initially referred by WBCCI. 2 of these (including the MAL) attended an SNU rally after seeing it listed in the Blue Beret

3 discovered the SNU through the Unit website 1 attended an SNU rally in 2009

2 attended SNU events after seeing public service announcements in local print media

*** Common themes relating to SNU membership**

* The welcoming, friendly, and inclusive atmosphere expressed by all SNU members was instrumental in the decision to join by every new member who participated in an SNU event in 2009. These sentiments were expressed in emails and in one on one conversations.

* It is also clear that those who choose to join the SNU do so because they like the types of rally sites and the style of rally organization that the SNU provides.

* The SNU website continues to be important to people considering participating in an SNU activity or joining the SNU. Comments made by new members related that the extensive content of the website provided a clear and comprehensive picture of the SNU. This helped them determine if the SNU meshed with their own preferences. It also enabled them to be more comfortable when participating in their first SNU activity because the website provided good introductory information.

* Public Service Announcements continue to be a worthwhile means of promoting the SNU and it's activities to the general public and Airstreamers who may not know or hear about the Unit through other channels. The SNU welcomes visitors and gains at least one or two members annually as a result of PSA's.

Upcoming 2010 Events

Dec 30, 2009 to Jan 1, 2010 Pasadena, CA Region XII
Special Event Rose Parade Rally
Saturday Jan. 23, 2010 luncheon at Cabela's, in Reno
February 1-9 2010 Blythe, CA Region 12 Hobo Rally
February 27, 2010 luncheon at El Charro, Carson City
Thursday March 18 – Sun. March 21 Weed Heights RV Park
Thursday April 22 – Sunday April 25 Pyramid Lake
Thursday May 20 – Sunday May 23 Ft Sage
Thursday June 24, – Sunday 27 Unionville
June 27 - July 4 Gillette, WY WBCCI International Rally

Thursday July 22 – Sunday 25 Crocker/Beckworth
Thursday August 26 – Sun. 29 Eagle Lake - 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
Thursday November 18 – Sunday 21 Death Valley
Saturday December 18, 2010 J.T.'s Gardnerville

For more information on upcoming 2010 rallies, [Click Here](#)

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

Anita's Adventures

Notes from our SNU President Anita Leipper

Five Airstreams were at the Death Valley NP rally at Mesquite Springs campground. Tom and Donna Faker, Vaughn Peak, Vicki and Randy Grossman, Susan and Gordon Barber, and Anita Leipper enjoyed another great SNU rally. We were happy to have Tom and Donna, longtime members of SNU. One of their airstream trips this year took them to North and South Carolina. Vaughn Peak provided us with a perfect gathering site, on the south side of his Class A. This airstream provided a great wind break, and the heat from the south exposure radiating from the airstream felt wonderful. Susan provided a very nice contribution to our potluck, with Michigan inspired flavors. Gordon walked up and down the area hills several times, providing us with some nice aerial photos of our rally site. Randy was able to have a relaxing rally, this being his second rally to have no leveling chores. Vicki had nice paved roads to walk Ashley and Lucy. I think she did very well enjoying the beauty of the local rocks without disturbing them. Vaughn had nice stories of the Death Valley '49er days that he participated in, the first of November. November 2010 the 49er days will be closer to our rally, so maybe more of us could attend both events. Vaughn was also our source for news and weather, since he had the only satellite dish.

One night during the rally we had a big geology class camping with their tents, and the next night some Boy Scouts were camped next to us. Most of us stayed through Sunday night. Anita was the only one to see a tarantula. See the photo gallery. She also saw a lone duck, a coot, that was difficult to recognize because even though coots are a familiar duck in the water, they are not usually seen walking about the desert. The perfect ending, while leaving Mesquite Springs, a Road Runner was seen on the road, basking in the morning sun.



Thank you and Welcome

Gary and Susan (Lofink) Farnsworth are the newest full members of the SNU. Robert and Paula Poll have become our newest affiliate members. Gary and Susan live in Sparks and own a 1995 Classic Limited. Robert and Paula live in Venice, CA. They own a 1968 Ambassador which they recently fully restored. We thank you all and look forward to your participation in 2010.

Thanksgiving at Scout Camp

Jerry & Dyann, Dyann's sister Ann, Wes & Roy, Bryan & Diane decided to test out a new campground over Thanksgiving weekend. Scout Camp is part of Ft Churchill State Park. It is located just across the river from Buckland Station off of alt 95 to Yerington. The campground is right on the Carson River. One of the primary reasons for this campout was to provide a trial run for Jerry and Dyann's 1986 Classic Airstream Motorhome. After purchasing this MoHo in June they have been busy refurbishing it and doing some maintenance and repair work. Check the link listed in this newsletter to see before and after shots. Thursday was warm enough and there was no wind so we had our turkey dinner, complete with all the trimmings outside. Diane cooked the turkey in a roaster in the BVan using the generator for power. Friday and Saturday the weather made eating dinner outside inadvisable. The



MoHo was the perfect solution. Warm and cozy with plenty of room for everyone. After our Thursday feast we ate leftovers all weekend which really simplified the menu planning. Friday was Wes's birthday. His daughter brought out a birthday cake so we had a nice little celebration for him. Despite occasional spells of ify weather, we had a great weekend. The trial outing of the MoHo was very successful. They only major problem was that the generator wouldn't produce power. The BVan generator kept things going over the weekend. Back home, Jerry discovered a circuit problem which was easily fixed so now the generator is set to go. We all liked Scout Camp and although our first attempt to hold an SNU rally there didn't work out, we all agree it might be a good idea to try again.

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Christmas is just around the corner. Head on over to [Aluminutis](#) for some presents that can't be found at your local mall.



For more information on 2010 rallies check this website: [Click Here](#)

Hickison Petroglyph's by Anita Leipper

Bryan suggested Hickison Petroglyph BLM camp as a possible rally site. I decided, at the last minute, to check out this area on my drive down to our Death Valley rally. This was the second week in November. I love this area east of Austin, NV., off Highway 50. It was snowing heavily on the drive through Austin and on over the summit, then from the Big Smokey valley on over to Hickison, the snow was falling but not sticking. Fortunately, only a school bus had to follow me for 10 miles at 30 MPH.



The Hickison Petroglyph area has very old Pinon pines and red sandstone bluffs. A few junipers and many Mormon tea bushes. The camp and day use area are in a canyon type location. That means that many camp sites require quite a bit of leveling, even though they look fairly level. There are six pull-thru sites. The camp road is not a problem as far as width and clearance under the airstream. There are some concrete posts located in some odd spots. I mostly don't like them because as a single driver I can't see them when I need to see them! I think this would be another terrific rally site.