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Lahontan Rally 2010

The Giant's won! Frank and Carol came to the rally! Our newest members John and Christine came to the rally! The weather cooperated! We enjoyed another full moon rising over the reservoir! What a great way to end the 2010 SNU rally season. We were delighted to welcome John and Christine Noellert to the SNU at the Lahontan Rally. John even sacrificed staying home to watch the baseball games on TV to come to the rally and listen to them on the radio. Saturday, what a game it was. John and Christine's team, the San Francisco Giant's won the playoff's and are now playing in the World Series. We were also delighted to see Frank and Carol Colligan drive up on Saturday. They were on their way home from a recent caravan and also from the Region 12 rally in Hemet. They made a slight detour to come to the rally. Frank and Carol said the Region 12 rally had some very interesting lectures, some good entertainment and of course a lot of great opportunities to visit with friends from throughout the Region. Among others, they ran into Von Gallion and Yvonne DeRoule. Frank and Carol were a little surprised to see the SNU holding a rally in a rather civilized location. Beach 7 at Lahontan is just off the paved road rather than the usual situation where you have to drive a few miles on gravel roads. In addition to the Noellert's and the Colligan's, the other rally participants included Jerry & Dyann, Bryan & Diane, and Gene and Carmen along with about nine of their family members. Gene and Carmen made use of the guest accommodations provided by the BVan since tents were not a good option at this rally. Despite predictions, the weather was just about perfect most of the weekend. Other than a few intermittent gusts of wind, it was very enjoyable to be outside. Saturday we had a few sprinkles off and on. Sunday morning was really nice for one last gathering before heading home. About the time everyone started to leave, the winds kicked up and wind warnings were in place. Everyone got home safe and sound though. Now to winterize the Airstreams, get together at SNU lunches and look forward to the 2011 Rally season and celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the SNU.



Carol showing off the quilt she won at a raffle at the Region 12 rally in Hemet. The quilt is an RV theme that includes images of an Airstream.

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Rally and events schedule

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- ♦ November 18-21 Death Valley
- ♦ December 11th JT's Basque Gardnerville NV
- ♦ January 22, 2011 Bavarian World, Reno
- ♦ February 26th El Charro Avita Carson City

Our Next Rally at Death Valley

The SNU will hold it's southern most AND LAST rally of 2010 at Mesquite Campground in the Northern part of Death Valley November November 18 – Sunday 21. We'd like to have a good idea of who plans to attend this rally so if it is on your schedule, please let the SNU know by emailing hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org. November is a great time to visit Death Valley. There is a lot to see and do, some things such as touring Scotties Castle are near the campground. Other things such as a visit to Furnace Creek and the Artists Pallet are a short drive from the campground.



2009 SNU at Death Valley



For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the September Rally at Obsidian Dome, please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2010/10news/index.html)

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Upcoming 2010 and 2011 Events

Saturday 11/20/2010 Pioneer Crossing, Fernley

Thursday November 18 – Sunday 21 Death Valley

Saturday December 11, 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 Park

Thursday April 28 – Sunday May1, 2011 Boca Rest

Thursday May 19 – Sunday May 22, 2011 Ft Sage

Thursday June 23 – Sunday June 26, 2011
Sweetwater Summit

Thursday July 21 – Sunday July 24, 2011
Hickison Petroglyph Site

Thursday August 25 – Wednesday August 31
Obsidian Dome & Mammoth Lakes

Thursday September 22 – Sunday September 25,
2011 Zephyr Cove Campground & dinner cruise on
Lake Tahoe

Thursday October 20 – Sunday October 23, 2011
Ft Churchill Scout Camp

Saturday November 19, 2011 B.J.'s BBQ in Sparks

Thursday November 17 – Sunday November 20,
2011 Death Valley Mesquite Campground

Saturday December 17, 2011 Overland Basque
Restaurant , Fallon

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

Southern Fall Holiday

Gail and I took a break this year from our Sierra Nevada friends while we remodeled the kitchen and added patio covers and a workshop to our home, only attending the Eagle Lake Rally near Susanville. With all that pent up desire (for Airstreaming, remember this is a family unit newsletter) we decided to take that Southern Fall Holiday we had been planning for several years with our neighbors. Depending upon publication date, we may still be on holiday as you read this but we are scheduled to return home in time to pickup our dogs, pack some more food and head to meet the SNU at Mesquite Spring in Death Valley on November 18th where we hope to see some of you there.



Fort Pulaski

We left Southern California on September 27th and spent six days traveling to Southport, North Carolina. While freeways dominated our travel we found that US-60 east of Phoenix to Amarillo, Texas was a great alternative to I-40; great views, small towns with virtually no traffic and a relaxing pace. After 524 miles on our first day Fools Lake State Park in Show Low, Arizona offered welcome relief with a great setting near a small lake. Eastward the campsites were un-notable providing little more than overnight relief amongst permanent residents until we reached Mount Pisgah Campground on the Blue Ridge Parkway. There the beauty of the area and brisk overnight temperatures gave one the feeling of being away from the

hustle of normal life.

We visited with Gail's Mom for a week and left North Carolina on October 10th for Charleston, South Carolina where we met our neighbors and began our holiday. We spent two days in Charleston walking and on tours where our guide related the history of America's early years as a colony of England and then a fledging nation. We enjoyed excellent southern cooking at the Hominy Grill where I highly recommend the steak, collards, tomatoes and okra and local Palmetto Beer. We camped at James Island County Park where they seemed poised to welcome a large caravan of Airstreamers with flamingos even though there were only two Airstreams there.

Wednesday October 13th found us headed down the coast for Savannah, Georgia, another city steeped in southern tradition and history. Our daughter Sarah attended graduate school at Armstrong Atlantic University years ago so Gail and I we anxious to visit Savannah again. Skidway Island State Park offered scenic camping with easy access to the city, Tybee Island and other historic areas. Savannah's historic downtown is a mix of colonial residential and business neighborhoods surrounding 22 individual squares and its Colonial Park Cemetery that feature traditional southern landscapes of azaleas, camellias, palms, pines, expansive Live Oaks and Spanish Moss. Our trolley tour of Savannah was even better than Charleston; you can get off the trolley at any time to shop, sightsee, eat, drink or walk and then rejoin at any stop to complete the tour. The next day we visited Tybee Light Station, Fort Pulaski and Fort Screven's both of which saw duty in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. With all this history we needed to expand our southern culinary experiences so if you watch the Food Network you may be able to guess where we dined, Paula Deen's Lady and Sons and her husband's Bubba's Oyster House. Good food at both but our preference was Bubba's made even better with the "buy one get one free" coupons from Lady and Sons the night before!

Today is a catch-up day for laundry, last minute sightseeing, work (yes I am still doing some part time work for Corona via email, remote desktop and a Sprint Overdrive 3G/4G Mobile hotspot), personal correspondence (emails and snail mail) and phone calls. We depart tomorrow morning for Orlando, Florida and Fort Wilderness at Disneyworld! Southern Florida, Key West and the Airstream Ranch follow later in the week.

Make sure to make Death Valley to catch up on the rest of our Holiday!

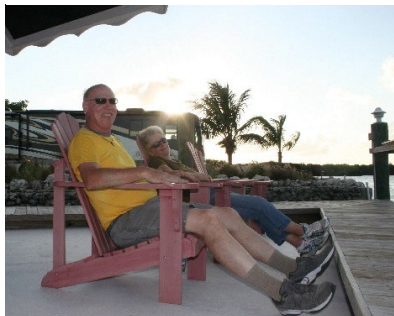
Don & Gail Williams

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Tybee Light Station



Lahontan Rally - continued



Don and Gail relaxing in the tropical climate of Key West

An interesting comparison



SNU members relaxing in the cooler Northern Nevada climate at Lahontan. John does have shorts on though

Sierra Nevada Unit Business

We didn't have enough members for an official quorum for a real business meeting but those who were at the rally accepted the slate of officers nominated for 2011 as listed. These officers include: President - Dyann McDonald Thornburg #2797, Secretary - RoyLaine Warn #2479, Treasurer/Membership - Bryan Leipper #772, Trustee - Randy Grossmann #3352, Trustee - Don Williams #14207. Other business discussed were the membership renewal status and the 2011 Rally schedule. Diane said that the 2011 rally schedule and the 2011 SNU list of officers have been submitted to WBCCI as requested.

November and December Lunches

November - Wes and Roylaine are the hosts for the November SNU luncheon. The date is Saturday November 20, 2010. The luncheon will be at the Pioneer Crossing Casino, Fernley which is on Hwy 50 East of Fernley, NV just past the round-a-bout and heading towards Fallon.

December - Wheels & Doris Wheeler are the hosts for the December SNU luncheon. This will be Saturday December 11, 2010 at J.T.'s Basque restaurant. J.T.'s is on Hwy 395 south of downtown Gardnerville.

Both of these lunches are \$15 person. To RSVP for either lunch (especially important for December at J.T.'s) contact the SNU via email hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or phone: 772 972 9392.

On the Cover of the Blue Beret!

Pictures from various SNU rallies were used on the cover of the October 2011 Blue Beret. Not just one picture – five of them! Only one correction needs to be made. The picture of the Twin Lakes rally was taken by Randy Grossmann. In response to a call for photos in a previous issue of the Blue Beret a variety from the SNU collection were submitted. Pictures selected for submission were chosen for their depiction of Airstream trailers in our unique settings and SNU member activities. An effort was also made to include photos from a variety of SNU members. It was quite a surprise and an honor for SNU photos to be chosen to grace the cover of an issue of the Blue Beret. Keep your eyes open as other SNU photos may show up from time to time.



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