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May Rally at Fort Sage

Once again, Mother Nature and circumstances provided the entertainment for a rally. Once again, it was clear why we don't let weather forecasts impede rally plans. Even though it seems yet another frontal system or two were supposed to move in over the weekend, we had a great rally at Ft Sage. For the most part the weather was moderate and wind was minimal. We enjoyed beautiful mornings around the campfire and were able to have our Friday shared meal outside. The wildflowers at Ft Sage were spectacular. Paintbrush, lupine, and many other varieties were blanketed amongst the sagebrush. We did have to share the campground with some other campers this year. Except for letting the kids drive noisy off road vehicles in circles around the campground they were good neighbors. SNU members at Ft Sage included Randy & Vicki, Wes & Roylaine, Jerry & Dyann, Bryan and Diane. It's been a while since Randy & Vicki have made a rally. The same with Wes & Roy. Randy has been busy putting in another Fantastic fan and doing some other projects on his Airstream. Wes & Roy ended up getting a new refrigerator for their Airstream. It seems like all the new pieces and parts worked just fine this weekend. Saturday things got a little interesting. Just as we were getting ready for dinner, we began to have some rain showers. Not to be deterred, Jerry rolled

Saturdays Dinner



out his awning and we set up tables, hauled in our chairs, sat almost knee to knee and enjoyed another great meal with rain, thunder, and even a little hail providing the entertainment. Of course, as soon as we finished eating the showers stopped. The storm clouds made for a spectacular sunset. Sunday was warm and sunny. After morning coffee and goodies, we began to pack up and head home. Another great weekend with good friends.



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Rally and events schedule

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- ◆ June 22-23 Sweetwater Summit
- ◆ July 21-24 Hickison Petroglyphs Site
- ◆ August 25-31 Obsidian Dome & Mammoth Lakes
- ◆ Sept 22-25 Campground by the Lake - Tahoe

To read the proposed WBCCI Constitution amendments and some explanatory comments from various WBCCI members go to <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/wbcc/cbl/index.html> Please use the SNU form on the left to cast your vote (included as an insert if you received a hard copy of this newsletter).

An Amazing Story

Randy Grossman

It's good that we stayed an extra day at the Ft Sage rally. Here's why. Someone flew over our area on Saturday and noticed our silver. He contacted his friend who is looking to buy a new 19' Airstream. That person and his wife then found our rally on the Internet and came from Susanville on Sunday afternoon to talk with us about Airstreams. Their names are Bruce and Kathy. Vicki and I provided these very nice people with plenty of Airstream information. They will undoubtedly be attending one of our rallies in the near future when we will all have the opportunity to meet them and share, as we like to do, Airstream information with them. Bruce owns an award winning Cessna 170. He was invited to have it on display at the Reno Air Races.

Update

Bruce says "Kathy and I have our hearts set on a 19' Flying Cloud Bambi Airstream, and have seen a number available used. We have not ruled out purchasing a new one, as the slightly-used ones seem to hold a high resale value." So if you happen across this type of Airstream let us know and we'll pass the info along to Bruce and Kathy. Weather permitting, Bruce and Kathy may fly out to visit us at the Sweetwater rally.

Bruce & Kathy with their award winning 1954 Cessna 170B



For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the June rally at Sweetwater Summit, please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html) <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2011/11news/index.html>

Notes from the Prez

Dyann Thornburg

It was another great rally at Ft. Sage in May. It was wonderful to see Wes, Roylaine, Randy and Vicki as it had been a while since they have been able to attend a rally. Hopefully more of you can join us for our June Rally at Sweetwater Summit. At the business meeting on Saturday, May 21st, we started the voting process for the Constitution Revision. This revision could lead to some very major changes to the WBCCI and more importantly to the Regions and the Units. We need all of your votes so please either log on to the SNU website and go to the link. You can also send us the form attached to this newsletter (for those of you who receive it via snail mail) or better yet come to the June Rally. Time is running out as June 26th will be your last opportunity to vote. If you should have any questions about the revision please contact us. You can reach me at 775-867-2797 or via the internet at president@sierranevadaairstreams.org. I sincerely hope to see all of your votes coming in.

Upcoming 2011 Events

Thursday June 23 – Sunday June 26, 2011
Sweetwater Summit

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

June 28 - July 4, 2011 WBCCI International Rally,
DuQuoin Illinois

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

Thursday Sept 22 - Sunday Sept 25, 2011 Campground by the
Lake & dinner cruise on the Tahoe Queen

October 13 - 17, 2011 - Region 12 rally Jackson,
CA.

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

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

Thursday November 24 to Sunday November 27, 2011
Death Valley Furnace Creek Campground

Saturday December 17, 2011 Overland Basque
Restaurant , Fallon

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

Sierra Nevada Unit Business Meeting

Saturday, SNU President, Dyann held a short business meeting. The primary agenda item was the proposed revisions to the WBCCI Constitution. Dyann provided a brief summary of each article for which changes are being considered. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bryan that the SNU vote no to all changes to the Constitution. His motion stated that the proposed changes needed more consideration, that they do not address the problems confronting WBCCI and that the motivation for the changes was based on ideological concerns rather than clear and well defined needs to update the Constitution and make it a more usable document. Bryan's motion also included the provision that if any SNU member chooses to vote yes to any or all of the proposed changes to use the vote form provided by the SNU. The SNU will then instruct the SNU delegate to vote accordingly. Randy seconded the motion and the SNU members present voted in favor of the motion. Other business included the Anniversary rally, a NorCal rally, the proposed SNU 2012 rally schedule, and the Cantaloupe Festival. Dyann asked Randy for an update on the Anniversary Rally at South Lake Tahoe. Randy stated that there are currently 18 people confirmed for the dinner cruise and 9 confirmed for the campground. After some discussion, it was determined to wait till July to decide if we need to increase reservations for additional campground sites and for the dinner cruise. Dyann asked Diane to share information on the NorCal Cararally to be held in Coleville in October. Diane also talked about the NorCal dinner at J.T.'s and it was decided that the SNU will make their own reservations for dinner so that we can visit with NorCal at J.T.'s. Diane passed around the proposed 2012 rally schedule. A few changes were suggested. One change was to include a rally over Labor Day at the Cantaloupe Festival in Fallon. Dyann has been in contact with the organizers and it looks like they are interested in the SNU's participation. There is a nice campground right on the fairground property. It is in a grassy area with big trees. They provide electricity and water and there is a dump station close by. The fee would be approximately \$14 per night. There would be a separate entrance fee for the festival. Dyann says they stamp your hand when you pay to enter and that enables you to go in and out during the day. A sample from the 2011 schedule of the activities at the Cantaloupe Festival include a carnival, farmer's market, arts and crafts booths, a European beer garden, a junior rodeo and parade hosted by the Lion's Club, the much-anticipated Backyard Grillers Championship and even a Battle of the Bands. See the revised first draft of the 2012 rally schedule in this newsletter. All SNU members are encouraged to provide suggestions and ideas. All agenda items having been presented and discussed, Dyann adjourned the meeting.

Sierra Nevada Unit Rally Schedule Planning for 2012

It is time to start solidifying the SNU rally schedule for 2012. We would really like to hear from our members, especially those who haven't been to a rally. What types of things interest you? Where would you like to go? What would encourage you to participate? Here is the first draft. Everything is open to discussion and change so let us know what you think. For those of you wondering about Weed Heights in July, it is an experiment. With full hookups and a cool clubhouse, a great BBQ grill and lots of trees, we thought it might be fun and that it also might make it easier for some of our members to attend. For more on rally planning check the link in this newsletter

January - Fernley, Black Bear Diner

July - Weed Heights RV Park

February – Gardnerville, Overland Basque Restaurant

August - Obsidian Dome

March – Lahontan Beach 7

September – Fallon Cantaloupe Festival

April - Pyramid Lake Pelican Point

October - Mason Valley Wildlife Area

May - Eagle Lake, Rocky Point

November - Gold Hill Hotel

June - Crocker Campground

November - Death Valley Mesquite Campground

December - Louis Basque Corner, Reno

Field Day at Sweetwater

The next SNU rally will be Thursday June 23 to Sunday June 26, 2011 at Sweetwater Summit off of Hwy 338 out of Wellington, NV. This is Field Day for all amateur radio operators. Field Day is an opportunity for amateur radio operators (hams) to test out their equipment and emergency readiness at an off-grid site.



Over the weekend hams make contact with other operators worldwide. For those who are not hams, a weekend at Sweetwater offers great hiking possibilities and time to relax and enjoy beautiful vistas. Friday and Saturday, we will have our usual shared meals. Sweetwater is a dispersed site with lots of room for everyone. So plan on joining us for our June rally in a great location.

NorCal Cararally

NorCal has invited SNU members to participate in their cararally at the Meadowview RV Resort in Coleville, CA October 3 to 9. Cararallies are unique to NorCal. Deanna Bain says it is like a caravan that stays in one place for 6 or 7 days. There is no business conducted at the carally. Unlike the rally that is open to all and as many as want can come, a carally is only open to 20 trailers. NorCal has reserved sites at Meadowview and, as it should be, preference will be given to NorCal members. SNU members who are interested, can contact Deanna Bain. Email: bainstorm@yahoo.com SNU members also have the option of making their own reservations at the RV park and participating fully in the NorCal activities. Those activities include a day trip to Bodie and a fishing day among other things. NorCal also plans on having dinner at J.T.'s Basque Restaurant in Gardnerville on Saturday 8th of Oct. at 4:30. For this dinner, the SNU will make it's own reservations with J.T.'s. We will do a family style dinner rather than order off the menu. If you are interested in a dinner at J.T.'s with NorCal members please let the SNU know ASAP. Email hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 5011. The cararally and dinner are a great way to get to know some of our neighbor Airstreamers, check out a possible new SNU rally site and, as we all know, have a great Basque dinner.

Congratulations!

On May 8, 2011 Don Williams, kd6uvt passed the amateur radio Extra Class exam in Gordon West's class and VE session! Way to go Don.



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