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Sweetwater Rally Review

Our June rally at Sweetwater Summit was great as usual. By Friday we had five rigs at the rally, six counting the Bvan. Jerry says since Bryan was using it as a ham shack it could be counted as an independent rig. Rally participants included Jerry & Dyann, Bryan, Diane, Randy & Vicki, Roger & Janet, and



Wes & Roy. Bryan had just gotten some radio equipment from Gary so this Field Day rally was the perfect time to test things out. Over the weekend, we finally figured out why most WBCCI Units schedule at least some activities for their rallies. People get into too much mischief sitting around brainstorming,

swapping stories, and throwing out ideas. That's how the SNU ended up with inspirational naps, hap-hazzard parallel parking and, at this rally ideas about tatoos among other things. The highlight of the rally was Sunday morning when Bruce Rhymes flew down in his Cessna to visit us. He's the guy Randy and Vicki met at Ft Sage. We saw Bruce circle over us and we thought he was landing, then we noticed him circling again. Jerry drove over to pick him up. What had happened was there were cows on the landing strip and Bruce had to try and shoo them off, then had to wait for one who was walking down the center of the airstrip to move before he could land. Bruce's wife Kathy wasn't able to make this trip but we hope to meet her soon. Bruce is also a ham radio operator so he has a lot in common with the SNU. Also, as usual, we enjoyed our morning coffee and goodies and we had some great shared meals for dinner. Roger cooked a roast on his Cobb Cooker. It was the highlight of Saturday's dinner. Sunday it was time to head home and get ready for the next rally.



Vintage 1954 Cessna 170B
at Sweetwater



Bruce, in blue shirt
visiting the SNU

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Rally and events schedule

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- ♦ July 21-24
Hickson
Petroglyphs Site
- ♦ August 25-31
Obsidian Dome &
Mammoth Lakes
- ♦ Sept 22-25
Campground by
the Lake - Tahoe
- ♦ Oct. 13-17
Region 12 Rally
in Jackson CA.

Notes from the Prez

Dyann Thornburg

What a great weekend for a rally! The weather was beautiful, the location was perfect and the company was excellent. This year the only one who participated in the ham radio field day was Bryan. I think the next time we do Sweetwater Summit on a ham radio field day more of our members/operators should join us. I would like to thank Bruce Ryhmes for flying in to meet and join us around our virtual morning campfire. I look forward to meeting his wife Kathy in the near future also. Oh and Randy has insisted I let you all know he has been formally initiated into the pack by Moose or anyway his shoe has been. Again, sorry Randy. At the business meeting I talked about the email Judy Bechthold sent with the decision from Norm Beu included. He has apparently decided there wasn't going to be enough time for the membership to evaluate the Constitution Revision and make an informed vote at this year's delegate's meeting. Therefore the voting has been postponed until the 2012 meeting. This could be a good thing or not for us. It looks like we are going to need someone to volunteer to be our delegate next year. As of this writing, we don't know where the 2012 International Rally is going to be held. I know the location is going to play a major role in whether any of our members will be able to attend. I just hope it will again be somewhere in the western U.S.. We also discussed the September Anniversary Rally at Lake Tahoe. If you are planning to join us for that rally you need to let us know as soon as possible. We only have a few spaces left. Right now if we run out of spaces we can request more but if you wait any longer then we won't be able to do so. July's rally is going to be held at Hickison Petroglyph which is east of Austin, NV. This is a new location and by the way it sounds will be a very interesting place to explore. Well looks like that is it for now. Here's wishing everyone a great month and hope to see all of you soon.

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

First Call for Dues

Support the SNU and renew your membership for 2012. Dues are \$75 annually which includes membership in WBCCI and the SNU. What do you get for \$75? Some of the benefits include membership in the oldest single product RV club in existence for more than 50 years. Membership includes WBCCI publications such as a membership directory and a magazine which provides descriptions of upcoming events and all sorts of information of interest to Airstream owners. Membership enables you to participate in any event or activity offered by WBCCI and any WBCCI Unit. This includes local, national, and even international caravans and rallies. Membership in the SNU gives you a home base, a local family of Airstreamers. You have the opportunity to attend rallies close to home. You will receive a monthly newsletter published by the SNU. You will have a voice in both Unit and WBCCI functions and management. Best of all, you will part of a great group of people who all enjoy nothing better than getting out in their Airstreams and sharing adventures with other Airstreamers. Pay online or mail your dues check for \$75 to the SNU, 714 Terra Ct, Reno, NV 89506.

Upcoming 2011 Events

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

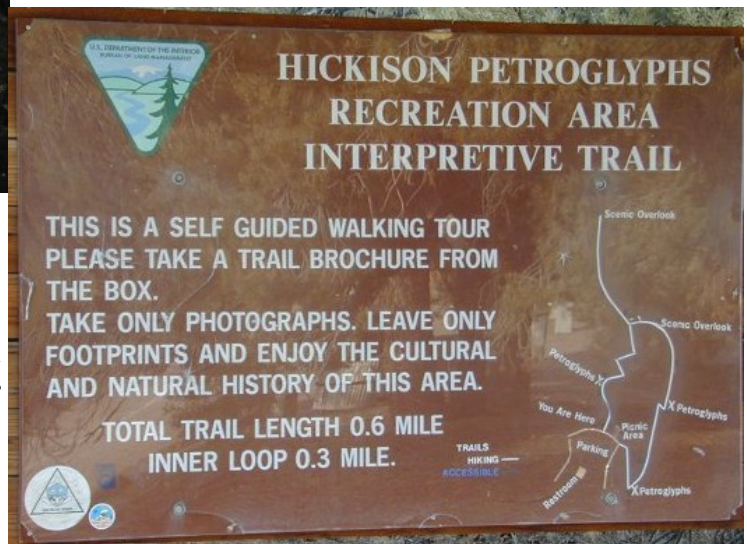
Remember you can now pay your rally kitty fees on-line! [Click Here](#)

New Rally Site for July

Hickison Petroglyph Site about 20 miles East of Austin, NV just off Hwy 50 will be the SNU rally site for Thursday July 21 to Sunday July 24, 2011. This is a BLM campground in a grove of Juniper and pinon pine trees. We'll be parking in individual sites. There are 16 sites. Where you park will be on a first come basis and will also depend on what other campers may already be there. The elevation is about 6500 ft so it should be relatively cool, especially in the evenings. It is



just a short walk from the camping area to view some of the petroglyphs. There are great views of the valley from the campground and a nice interpretive trail nearby. Check the [link](#) in this newsletter for more information on this rally and to see a photo gallery of Hickison.



Welcome

The SNU has a new member. Dan Randall, a friend of Don and Gail Williams, is now an official SNU member. Dan lives in Riverside and has a 2008 Safari FB Airstream. He came to the 2010 rally at Eagle Lake and is planning on coming to Obsidian this year with Don and Gail. Dan is also an Extra Class ham radio operator (KD6ETF). Welcome Dan. We look forward to your participation and involvement in the SNU.

September in South Lake Tahoe

The SNU will be holding a special Anniversary Rally at Campground by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe September 22 to September 25, 2011. This rally will include a dinner cruise on the M.S. Dixie. RSVP's are required for this rally. One of the attractions within walking distance of the campground is the Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum. This museum includes collections of Washoe Native American artifacts, early industry and settlers, steamers and their importance to Lake Tahoe, pioneer and farm displays, and archival films of Tahoe. There is also a bookstore and gift shop. We have contacted the museum and they are excited about the possibility of the SNU visiting the museum. We will probably have a private tour of the museum on Saturday morning. They also have a new 15 minute movie on the formation of Lake Tahoe that they will show us. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Lake Tahoe and its history. Check the [link](#) in this newsletter for more information.

Wally Byam

Wally Byam's birthday is July 4. This year in addition to the WBCCI Annual International Rally held in part to celebrate his birthday, there is a special event rally hosted by the Oregon Unit to be held in Baker Oregon, Wally's home town.

The following is a memorial statement written by Helen Byam Schwamborn first National Director, Wally Byam Caravan Club and Wally's first cousin.

- From the time my family moved to California in 1930 we were very close to Wally and over the years have learned to know and appreciate many of the characteristics that made up his personality. He was a man with an amazing understand of people, their problems, their abilities and, I might add, their endurance.
- He could throw out challenges faster than they could be picked up. He kept all of those associated with him working beyond their known capacity and accomplishing what they knew full well to be impossible. He had an uncanny way of giving confidence; when he said you could do it you didn't question him, you did it. He was an embodiment of the pioneer spirit which gave America its tough fiber.
- I have never worked so hard in my life as I have with Airstream. If I had had any idea of all that was entailed I would never have even dared to try my present job. But Wally said I was the one for the job and I didn't question him. I guess I was completely brain-washed. Whatever happened, I have never had a job so rewarding in so many ways.
- For more about Wally and the history of WBCCI and Airstream check the [link](#) in this newsletter.

DuQuion Wake Up Call

Dave Putnam from the San Joaquin Unit sent a special newsletter addendum from the WBCCI International Rally in DuQuion. On June 19 a severe storm with high wind gusts woke everyone up about 4:00 am. Dave's PDF includes a description of the damage which thankfully was minimal for the Airstreams, and some awesome pictures. Dave mentioned that one person lost his awning even though it was rolled up. This is a good reminder that if there are any doubts or if you are going to leave your Airstream unattended, better to be safe and roll up the awnings. Most of the time they have a better chance of staying intact. Be sure to check the [link](#) in this newsletter to read Dave's Special Addendum.

Don and Gail's Travels

SNU members Don and Gail Williams are on an extended road trip. As Don said in this email postcard, they are "representing the SNU throughout the USA." They started out by attending Alumapalooza. They visited WBCCI headquarters. They have visited with family and friends. Along the way they acquired a new four legged family member named Monongahela! More commonly referred to as Mongo. We look forward to hearing more about their adventures and receiving more postcards.



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