



WBCCI - SIERRA NEVADA UNIT - NEWSLETTER

Volume 21, Issue 5 "The Great Basin Airstream RV Association" May 2011

SierraNevadaAirstreams.org/snu/

Inside this issue:

Do You Know?	2
Notes from the Prez	2
Anniversary Rally	3
April At Boca	4
Rallies at Thanksgiving	4

Rally and events schedule

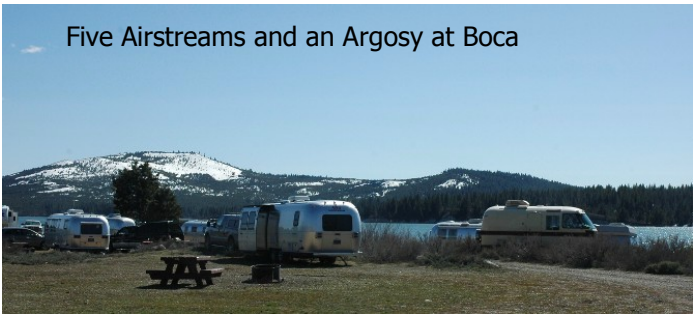
Click on a rally
below for details

- ♦ May 19 - May 22
Fort Sage
- ♦ June 22-23
Sweetwater
Summit
- ♦ July 21-24
Hickison
Petroglyphs Site
- ♦

Boca Rally

Although it was a rather windy and cold start to the Boca rally, the weekend ended with almost perfect weather on Sunday. We had a great turnout including 10 kids! A new record for the SNU. Gene & Carmen had six of their kids and grandkids. Jerry & Dyann had two kids, Taylor and Sammy. Tom & Kristy and their two kids, Patrick and Brien also attended. In addition to the kids, other rally participants were Roger & Janet, Rich & Barbara, and Bryan & Diane. Tom had a neat game he set up that the kids really enjoyed. Then there was attempts to catch fish and crawdads in the lake, riding bikes around the campsite, and cooking hotdogs and other treats on the campfire. We also enjoyed shared meals for dinner on Friday and lunch and dinner on Saturday. We spent a lot of time sitting around the campfire swapping stories, maintenance tips, ideas for other Airstream related projects and just enjoying the views and the company. This was Tom and Kristy's first SNU rally and we hope to see at many more rallies. All in all it was a great weekend.

Five Airstreams and an Argosy at Boca



Visitors from NorCal - Tom and Hedda Smithson (center)

Kids learning a new game



Rally Info Updates

- ◆ Hearing no comments to the contrary, the SNU will cancel it's rally at Mesquite Campground in November and join the San Fernando Valley Unit rally at Furnace Creek Campground over Thanksgiving, Thursday November 24 to Sunday November 27, 2011. You will need to make your own reservations. Call 1-877-444-6777 or reserve online at: www.recreation.gov. For more information on the rally you can contact Bobbie Kingsland email: vbwkngslnd@yahoo.com Bobbie said the San Diego Unit has also been invited to attend this rally.
- ◆ Don't forget to RSVP for the SNU 35th Anniversary Rally at Campground By the Lake in South Lake Tahoe CA Thursday September 22 to Sunday September 25, 2011. This rally includes a dinner cruise on the M.S. Dixie.
- ◆ Other special rallies to keep in mind are the WBCCI International Rally in DuQuoin IL, Region 12 Rally in Jackson, CA and Wally Byam 100th Birthday Rally in Baker, Oregon. Info on all these rallies is on the web-site.

For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the May rally at Fort Sage.
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

Boca Reservoir was a great location this month for our April rally. It was a little windy and cold Friday and Saturday but (as usual) Sunday was beautiful. I would like to thank Tom and Kristy Guy and Rich and Barbara Osborn for joining us. We hope to see more of them at future rallies. I also would like to thank Tom & Heddy Smithson from the NorCal Unit for coming to speak with us on Saturday regarding the revisions to the WBCCI Consitution which is coming up for a vote. There are many good changes but also some I'm against. I have a full set of the revisions which I will be bringing with me again to the May Rally if you are interested. There is also a location on the WBCCI website you can go to read the revisions. Some of these changes are major ones and we would appreciate each and everyone of you read and vote on this revision it's that important folks! I plan on taking a vote at the June Rally at Sweetwater but if you can't attend you can always vote at the SNU website or via the snail mail. I know it's a lot to digest but let us know what you think. Hopefully we will have a delegate attend the International Rally this year so the SNU will have a voice on this particular issue.

Upcoming 2011 Events

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

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

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](#)

Serious De-winterizing

De-winterizing and getting ready for the Boca rally was serious business for Rich and Barbara, who live in Truckee. Record snowfall completely buried their Argosy MoHo. This picture was taken March 26, 2011. Rich periodically pulled snow off the rig with a carpet-padded roof rake all winter. They finally called in a professional to clear the driveway when their snowblower could no longer blow high enough to clear the walls of snow. We had asked them to take a ride out to Boca to check the campground for the rally. Between that, cabin fever and the fact that the rally was so close to home, the opportunity was just too good to pass up. Thankfully the snow was melting fast, they got the Argosy de-winterized and joined us at Boca. See more pictures of the snow around their place by going to the link listed in this newsletter.



Sierra Nevada Unit Business Meeting

Saturday we were delighted to have Tom and Hedda Smithson from the Northern California Unit stop by for a visit. Tom has been on the committee tasked with reviewing the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws. After SNU President, Dyann introduced them, Tom discussed some of the proposed changes and provided some background into the review process. Some of the issues involved include changing the delegate system, the voting system, and the WBCCI Code of Ethics. A fairly lively discussion ensued. In the last 10 years the SNU has had direct experience with several of the issues which seem to have promoted the call for change. The SNU has been able to resolve those issues in satisfactory ways that were in compliance with the current WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws. The SNU also spent considerable effort in revising it's own bylaws over five years ago. Along with the Bylaws revision, there is a complete analysis of why the SNU bylaws were changed and how they relate to the WBCCI documents. It was the general consensus of the SNU members present that the proposed changes to the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws need more consideration, in particular in regards to the why's and how's, before being brought to a vote for the general WBCCI membership.

Off Road RV's

Dale Schwamborn attended the Overland Expo in Amado AZ April 1 – 3, 2011. This group is very serious about off road RV-ing. This event includes all sorts of activities, demonstrations, expert panels, and film and slide shows. Workshops including overland trailer driving, intro to recovery: winching & intro to recovery: non-winch techniques and intermediate ADV motorcycling: trail rides. Check the link in this newsletter for more of Dales pictures of the event and the Overland [website](#).



Fort Sage Rally in May

Thursday May 19 to Sunday May 22, 2011 the SNU rally will be at Ft Sage near Doyle, CA. This rally site offers panoramic views of the valley with the mountains to the west. Last year the wildflowers were incredible. Be sure and take the Laver Crossing exit about 2 miles north of Doyle. The other route often chosen by GPS has a narrow bridge which is not suitable for towing an Airstream. This rally site is an Off Road Vehicle site and also provides lots of great hiking opportunities. Bring wood for campfires.



Come on out and join us
on May 19th - May 22nd.

From the Past

These are excerpts from an article written by Marge Grosch for the October 1997 SNU newsletter.

Our Lake Lahontan Rally is now history. We have been going to Airstream Rallies since 1975 and none has been as gratifying as this one. As strange as it may seem, due to the makeup of the unit, some members have not pulled their trailers to a Sierra Nevada Unit Rally in five years. This in itself was special, however the real icing on the cake came when two perspective members came and looked us and our trailers over and decided to join WBCCI. We have not been able to touch the ground since.

There was yet another occurrence that added to the enjoyment of the event and that was the maiden voyage of the Paul's new/old Bambi trailer. Yes, this was the first outing for them in their bundle of joy since its purchase. If our reading of their experience is correct, we will see much more of them and their bundle of joy down the road. Pete Rinne had not pulled his unit for some time. He is now talking of further travels which is great. The group had so much fun they want to do it again.

What was true in 1997 is true today. SNU rallies are fun and enjoyable experiences for all participants. We continue to have visitors and guests come to rallies or stop by to visit. Many of these have decided to join WBCCI (and the SNU). The SNU still provides a first outing experience for both new and new/old Airstreams.



Sierranevadairstreams.org/snu

The Sierra Nevada Unit c/o Leipper Management
PO Box 60572, Reno, NV 89506
Phone: 775-972-5011
Email: hq@SierraNevadaAirstreams.org

Go green, save paper and postage! Sign up for the electronic version of our newsletter.

The electronic newsletter has many active links built into the text for your

[Sign Up Now](#)

For more information on 2011 rallies check this website: **[Click Here](#)**