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## Notes from the Prez

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### Rally and events schedule

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at Pyramid Lake
- ♦ May 17th Eagle  
Lake, Rocky Pt.
- ♦ June 21st  
Crocker  
Campground
- ♦ June 19th  
Weed Heights  
RV Park



Dinnertime out of the wind

Well, the first rally for 2012 is over and it was great to get out. Cabin fever was really beginning to set in. Thursday when we arrived the weather was beautiful and we had lunch outside. From that point on we ended up having to eat inside due to the wind. One night around 2 am I took the dogs out and it was great. The temp had to be in the 60's and no wind, by 5 am though it had turned cold. It was good to have Wheels and Doris, Gary Haskett, and Diane and Bryan with us. A small group this time but it was a good thing because we all were able to fit into one trailer for dinners. We discussed the intended marketing promotion of the WBCCI and the comments Jerry and I submitted to Fred Richardson regarding the use of one of the photos. We felt it was inappropriate in this type of campaign and apparently convinced him not to use it. Also discussed was some more changes being recommended for the WBCCI Constitution. I discussed these changes with Bryan and will be forwarding them on to Roylaine Warn, Randy Grossmann and Don Williams for their review. Other than this 2 items no other unit business as discuss. In April our rally will be at Pelican Point on Pyramid Lake. This is a great location by the water and be sure to bring your fishing poles. Make sure you get your camping permit and fishing license before getting to camp by stopping at the store in town or getting them online. I look forward to seeing you all there. Have a great month.

Dyann

Doris shows off her latest flamingos



## April at Pyramid Lake



**Thursday April 26 to Sunday 29, 2012** the SNU rally will be at Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point. Pyramid Lake is a great place for fishing, boating, hiking and bird watching. It is also a great place to just sit and enjoy the scenery and the good company. To reach the campsite for the Sierra Nevada Unit rally drive past Sutcliffe and turn right off off 445 at the boat ramp sign. Follow gravel road down to boat ramp area. Turn right (looks like parking area) drive through and around hill to the right. Can't miss us. Trailers should be visible from hwy 445. **Be sure and stop at the Ranger Station in Sutcliffe to pay your camping fees before you head to the rally site.** Bring firewood for campfires.

Jerry showing off his fish

Lilly prepared for the chilly wind at Pyramid



For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the April Rally at Pyramid Lake please [Click Here](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-news/index.html) <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-news/index.html>

## Upcoming Events for 2012

**Thursday April 26 to Sunday 29, 2012 Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point**

**Thursday May 17 to Sunday 21 Eagle Lake, Rocky Point**

**Thursday June 21 to Sunday 24 Crocker Campground**

**Thursday July 19 to Sunday 23 Weed Heights RV Park**

**Thursday August 10 to Sunday 13 Obsidian Dome**

**Thursday August 30 to Monday September 3 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival**

**Thursday October 25 to Sunday 38 Hickison Petroglyphs**

**Saturday November 17 Gold Hill Hotel**

**Thursday November 30 to Sunday December 2 Death Valley Mesquite campground**

**Saturday December 15 Louis Basque Corner, Reno**

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



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## SNU Flags

**Flying flags at a rally** is a long standing tradition. Several years ago the SNU had flags made with the SNU logo. Members have been proudly flying those flags at SNU rallies, at WBCCI International rallies, at Region rallies and at other Airstream gatherings. Members have carried the SNU flag at the opening ceremonies at WBCCI rallies. There has been talk lately that some of the newer SNU members would like a Unit flag. To make it feasible to order more flags we need at least 8 people who want to purchase a flag. The cost will be \$70 per flag if we buy them from the same vendor. If you are interested in purchasing an SNU flag please let us know ASAP so we can place the order. Contact [hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org](mailto:hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org). If you know of another vendor that may be less expensive for small quantity orders please let us know. It appears that CafePress does not do flags but there may be a similar option.



## Jerry's GPS and Waypoints

Not long ago a WBCCI committee asked for the street address of Unit rally sites. That would be a little difficult to do for the majority of SNU rallies. GPS coordinates are much more appropriate for us. Jerry Thornburg has put together a **table with waypoint locations** that provides a few critical points en route as well as the destination location for this year's rally sites. This table, along with a webpage that includes a whole host of other information that provides the means for you to put **rally sites on your electronic map** should be very helpful in finding your way to SNU Rallies. If you don't have a GPS or a PND or a computer with a mapping program, you can still take the file and use it to find coordinates on your paper maps.

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## Video Library

There is a video library available to SNU members. It includes recent additions from Rich Osborn as well as other materials that have been collected. Among the videos in the library are the DIY Airstream restoration, Airstream Excella Factory Production, Airstream Electrical System and a WBCCI 1998 membership promotional video. Videos just acquired from Rich include the 1959 Capetown to Cairo caravan and the RV Hall of Fame as well as some videos of Alaska and Niagara Falls. Many of these have been available for viewing at a Weed Heights rally as well as other SNU rallies via modern media capable computers.

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## Sierra Nevada Unit Shopping

If you haven't visited the [SNU shopping page on Cafe Press](#) lately, now is the time. You can order T-shirts, polo shirts, hoodies, baseball caps, cups and mugs, stationary and a whole host of other items with the SNU logo. There are things for kids and even items for your pet. The costs are reasonable and the quality is very good. So place an order now and show that you are a proud member of the SNU. Check the link above for the SNU shopping page.

Mike & Cindy showing off SNU shirts



## SNU Diorama

In 2006 Randy and Vicki Grossmann organized the SNU's 30th Anniversary luncheon. As part of that, they were tasked with getting a cake with Airstream motif decorations. Their creativity soon became more

than would fit on a cake. **The diorama depicting an SNU rally was born.** The cake was decorated with a lake scene with an Airstream parked on the shore and became an adjunct of the diorama. Randy and Vicki used a string of Airstream lights for the trailers. They worked hard to match the tow vehicles to the actual vehicles used by SNU members. This very detailed diorama also includes SNU logo flags, pink flamingos and even a rally bulletin board. Since 2006 the diorama has taken on a life of it's own. What started out as a one time decoration has become a promotional tool for the SNU. It has been displayed at SNU, Region and WBCCI International rallies. Over the years, Randy and Vicki have updated and enhanced it. Jerry built a plexi-glass box to protect it. The box was later enhanced with appropriately colored duct tape. This diorama has become a special symbol of the SNU. Once again, we wish to thank Randy and Vicki for creating it and for continuing to store it when it is not on display at an Airstream gathering. Check the link in this newsletter for a photo gallery of the diorama.

Vicki and Randy with their creation



For information on 2012 rallies check this [website](http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-news/index.html): <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-news/index.html>



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