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Report of the Region 12 Rally & Meeting *Wheels Wheeler*

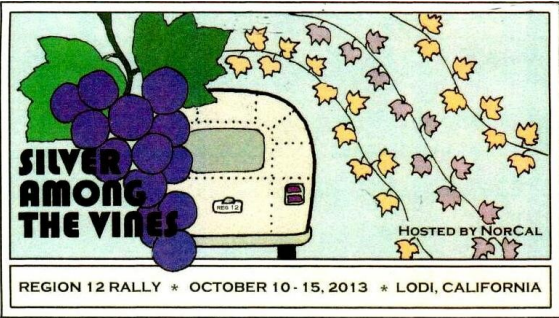
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October 17-22, 2012, Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA - We arrived a little after noon on Wednesday the 17 having stayed the night before at a military campground in Stockton. The Bakersfield RV Resort is a very nice park with level, sand parking areas, concrete patios and grass surrounding that. The trees in our area were mainly young about 10 feet tall. TV Cable was included. There was a very nice restaurant at the resort used by the local populace as well as the resort guests. Of course, there was a large club house with kitchen where the majority of the scheduled activities took place. The first evening the Long Beach Unit served Stuffed Baked Potatoes – huge Idaho potatoes good for two meals.

Thursday started with a PB&J breakfast followed at 8:30 by a round table discussion lead by Don Williams on gaining new members. (Don is a member of the Sierra Nevada unit and the Region Membership Chairman.) Actually I don't think Don arrived at the RV Resort until 8:30 so he was a little rushed. Indoor games started at 9:30 and I signed –up to play Cribbage. I played three different opponents one game each and luckily won all three for first place. Others went on a tour of the Kern County Museum. That afternoon they had a cooking seminar and a "Technology on the Road" Seminar – I attended the later. We had dinner with Doris' daughter and husband and spent the early evening with them. We returned to RV Resort in time for the door prize drawings.



Friday featured a breakfast hosted by the Region 12 officers. Those so inclined spent the morning golfing. A "Beads and Crafts" class was conducted in the clubhouse. In the afternoon "Card Making & Stamping" class was conducted. A "What's behind Those Wheels" seminar was also held as well as more indoor games (I played poorly at Mexican Train). The evening meal was hosted by the Region 12 officers. The evening entertainment was provided by an Illusionist followed by door prize drawings.

Saturday started off with a pancake breakfast catered by the RV Resort. The Executive Board meeting started at 9:30 followed immediately by the Region Twelve meeting. I took my place as the representative of the Sierra Nevada Unit. I had been given a twenty page packet the evening before of the items to be covered in the region meeting. The packet included the agenda, listing of officers and unit representatives, previous meeting minutes for approval and six motions to be acted upon. After approving the previous meeting minutes, the region officers (treasurer and secretary) reported followed by the Committee Chair reports. The Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, Tom Smithson, reported he was anxious to help any and all units struggling with bringing their constitution and bylaws in compliance. The Web Master reported that many improvements have been made to the Region web site and more are to come. Please report and problems. The first three motions were minor changes to Region policy that were approved. The forth motion was to provide

Rally and events schedule

Click on a link
below for details

- ◆ December 15th
Louis Basque
Corner, Reno NV
- ◆ January 19, 2013
Bavarian World,
Reno, NV
- ◆ February 16
Overland in
Gardnerville, NV
- ◆ March 21st,
Lahontan River
Spr. NV

Notes from the Prez

Dyann Thornburg

We had a completely different turnout for the **SNU November luncheon** at El Charro than we had for our October rally (thank goodness). It was great to see everyone. Even though Richard Wheeler wasn't there we elected him our new President for 2013. It will be great to see and congratulate him at our December luncheon at Louis Basque Corner in Reno, NV on December 15, 2012. Bob Stansbury stopped by before the luncheon to let us know of the locations for the next three Region 12 Rallies which I informed our members in attendance during the luncheon. In 2013 it is going to be held in Lodi, CA. In 2014 in Las Vegas, NV and in 2015 it will be our turn to host here in Northern Nevada. At this time I'm not sure what all will need to be done but just keep in mind that help will be needed and when the time comes please try to be there to assist. As soon as I know the specifics I will be asking for help. Again, I look forward to seeing everyone at our December Luncheon and I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Well this is it folks, my last Pres. Notes. It has been a pleasure to have served as your SNU President for the past two years. Wheels from here on out this little section is all yours, have fun with it.

Lunch at Louis Basque Corner in Reno

Saturday December 15, 2012 at 11:30 am the SNU lunch will be at **Louis Basque Corner** in Reno. This is a new location for the SNU. Louis' has been a favorite in Reno since it opened in 1967. The restaurant is located on the corner of Evans and East 4th Street. Please rsvp to the **SNU** at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 5011 no later than December 10, 2012.

For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the December Lunch at Louis' Basque Corner
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-news/index.html>

Lunch at El Charro November 2012

El Charro, as always was a great place for the SNU November luncheon. It was really nice to see several people we haven't seen in a while, Baxter & Marlene, home from travels in Mexico. Barney & Mary Beth, taking a break from some major landscaping work in their yard. Roger & Janet home from an extended visit with family in Michigan. Randy & Vicki recuperating from an aborted trip to Texas. Mike has been busy at work and he and Cindy have also been busy moving family here and there. Other members at the lunch were Gary & Anita, RoyLaine, Dyann, and Bryan & Diane. Dyann and Mike came without spouses as Jerry had to work this Saturday and Cindy had another commitment. We were also delighted to welcome Cindy Merrell. Cindy



saw the lunch announcement in the local paper and called. Cindy has a 1967 Overlander she bought about a year ago. We look forward to having Cindy join us at rallies next year. Bob Stansbury stopped by. He and wife Cecilia have a host of family members visiting them so they weren't able to come for lunch. The last visit we had with Bob and Cecilia was at the SNU rally in Fallon. Bob is Region 12 first VP and Cecilia was elected WBCCI recording secretary in July so their schedules are pretty full. We do hope they can squeeze in an SNU rally sometime next year. Great food and great company made for a great way to spend a few hours on a Saturday.



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

Upcoming Events for 2013

Bavarian World, Reno, NV Saturday January 19, 2013

Overland, Gardnerville, NV Saturday February 16, 2013

Lahontan, Silver Springs, NV Thursday March 21 – Sunday 24, 2013

Ft Sage, Doyle, CA Thursday April 18 – Sunday 21, 2013

Rocky Point Eagle Lake, CA Thursday May 16 – Sunday 19, 2013

Green Creek, CA Thursday June 20 – Sunday 23, 2013

Weed Heights, Yerington, NV Thursday July 18 – Sunday 21, 2013

Obsidian Dome Thursday August 8 – Sunday 11, 2013

Cantaloupe Festival, Fallon, NV Thursday Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 2013

Crocker, Beckwourth, CA Thursday October 10 – 13, 2013

Carolina Kitchen, Sparks, NV Saturday November 16, 2013

Death Valley Mesquite Campground Thursday November

Jake's Restaurant, Fernley, NV Saturday December 14, 2013

Aborted Airstream Trip

Randy Grossmann

I have had seven years of Airstream travel with nothing of significance ever happening. Well, my luck ran out this year.

It all started this summer with some crunched steps on the Airstream while traveling to the Obsidian Dome rally. We had no indication that this occurred. I believe that perhaps something from another dimension (there are many other possible dimensions) materialized, crunched the steps, and then de-materialized. In reality, how the steps got crunched will forever remain a mystery. But it would get worse, much worse, on our trip this fall.

We left Carson City on October 22 for a three week journey to San Antonio, Texas with a stop both ways in El Paso. On the second day we were heading east on Interstate 40 between Flagstaff and Kingman, Arizona when suddenly and without warning a huge tire tread loomed up from nowhere in front of me. Swerving to avoid it would have probably been disastrous so I had no choice than to run straight over it. I heard a sickening thud, thud. Fortunately, there was an exit immediately ahead that I took to inspect for damage. One of my two dump hose carriers was completely ripped off the underbelly and missing. The other carrier's hose was being drug alongside the trailer. The trailer electrical connector was pulled from the truck receptacle and dragging on the ground. Turned out that we were at Seligman, Arizona on a stretch of old Route 66 and there was a nice RV park nearby where we decided to stay the night.

The next morning we continued on our way. We got as far as Holbrook, Arizona when we made a most unfortunate decision to purchase diesel fuel. Leaving the service station we headed a couple of blocks down the road to see some Route 66 tepees. When leaving the station I heard a little of what I thought was the hitch scraping on the pavement—something that occasionally happens and means nothing. When we parked at the tepees a car drove up and the driver said that we left part of our rig back at the service station. I got out of the truck and observed a sickening sight. All of the black ABS dump pipes were missing. I no sooner thanked this man for the information than another car drove up and two ladies handed me my entire intact pipe assembly which was broken off at both the grey and black tanks. I thanked the ladies, they drove off, and I proceeded to lament the situation. Being as sharp as I am it took me a couple of hours to assess this as a fatal blow. A grey tank that would not hold anything was bad, but the really bad thing was that we had no usable toilet since the bottom of the black tank was ripped apart. Weighing on my decision to abort the trip was the belief that the way this trip was going south, way south (even though we were traveling east), if we continued the trip an even worse thing was likely to happen. I realized that it is well known that things happen in three's and that the crunched steps, hitting the tire tread, and now this

For information on upcoming rallies check this website:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2012/12-events/docs/1-rallyschedule.html>

Aborted Airstream Trip cont.

Randy Grossmann

amounted to three things. However, I didn't know whether the three things had to happen on this trip alone. I didn't want to take the chance.

We hightailed it back to the RV park in Seligman where we spent that night. This was the first time we have ever used the bathroom facilities in an RV park. The next day we decided to drive all the way home in one day (~630 miles). Then another potential problem arose. The truck was having a little trouble starting. This really concerned me because of the way things were going, the fact that the truck has always immediately started, and the engine icon lit up indicating a trouble code. So I made the decision to not shut off the engine until we got home. It was a 13 hour drive, but we made it home that night.

What I don't understand is how I could have pulled the Airstream for seven years, including an [extensive trip to the east coast](#), without any significant mishap and then suddenly have all of this happen. Maybe I'm losing it all of a sudden. Or maybe there are forces in this world that we know nothing of. On the other hand, I have always been concerned about how Airstream designed this plumbing and am surprised that I have not ripped it off before this because of its vulnerable location.

The Airstream is now winterized and I'll pretty much have to wait until the spring to begin work on the repairs. The black tank is toast and I'll have to replace it. I want to redesign the dump piping to minimize the possibility of this happening again. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions I would be most happy to hear them.

Please note that this is an executive summary of our trip. [The detailed version can be found on sierranevadaairstreams.org.](#)

Region 12 Report cont.

Wheels Wheeler

up to \$1000 travel expenses for the First Vice President (Robert Stansbury) to attend the IBT meeting in Blythe, CA. Robert Stansbury recommended withdrawal of the motion and it was withdrawn. Motion 5 was a proposal to replace "Region XII" with "Region 12" in policy #7 and the Region Logo, the motion passed. Motion 6 was a proposal to donate \$1000 to the "Wounded Warrior" project since they were not funding the First Vice President travel to Blythe. The motion passed. The slate of officers for 2013-2015 was presented. It was decided that because the Second Vice President position was open and the candidate for First Vice in the new slate was present, it was suggested that the election be held now for Second Vice. No other nominations were offered from the floor and he (Tom Smithson) was elected. The unit representatives were asked to introduce themselves and briefly state a primary function of their unit. I stated that we primarily dry camp and if anyone is inclined to enjoy that type of camping come rally with us to some exotic places. The 2013 Region 12 rally was announced – Lodi, CA Oct 10-15, 2013 (see announcement artwork). The afternoon featured a "Swap & Sell." The evening meal was catered by the RV Resort followed by a Country and Western entertainer. The evening ended with the customary door prize drawings.

Sunday started with a continental breakfast followed by a SkyMed presentation and a Church service at 9:00. A tour of the New National Cemetery in Bakersfield was conducted. The afternoon featured a crafts class to make flatware travel canisters. Several trailers left during the day. The evening activities featured the Pyles Boys Camp raffle and auction of Airstream models. Don Williams was the successful bidder for an Airstream motor-home model. The check for the donations collected was presented to the Pyles Boys Camp. And the final door prize drawings were made.

Monday nearly everybody left. We stayed to celebrate Doris' daughter's birthday and say a final good-bye to my daughter. We departed Tuesday and made a planned overnight stop in the military campground in Stockton. We ended up staying another night because I-80 was under chain-up restrictions. We left Stockton on Thursday for a Civil Air Patrol conference at Boomtown in Verdi, NV where we stayed in the KOA there.



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