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December Lunch Review

It was a beautiful December day for the drive to the SNU lunch at the Overland in Fallon. The food was good and the company as usual, was great. Jerry & Dyann, Mike & Cindy, Roger & Janet, Bryan, Diane, Bob & Cecelia, Rich & Marian and Gary & Anita were all there. Bob & Cecelia filled us in a little on their recent cruise through the Panama Canal. Looks like Bob & Cecelia along with Rich & Marian are planning on a spring trip to China. That's in between a full schedule of Airstream trips and rallies and other personal travels. The rest of us are looking forward to travels closer to home. Other topics of discussion at the lunch included yet another Motorhome proposal coming up at the 2012 WBCCI International Rally and the SNU's possible involvement in the 2015 Region 12 Rally. This luncheon was a great way to end 2011. I think we are all looking forward to another great year in 2012.



Rally and events schedule

Click on a link
below for details

- ◆ [January 28th
Black Bear Diner
in Fernly](#)
- ◆ [February 25th
Overland Res-
taurant in Carson
City](#)
- ◆ [March 22nd
Rally at Mason
Valley Wildlife
Refuge](#)

January Luncheon in Fernley

The first SNU luncheon of 2012 will be Saturday January 28, 2012 at the Black Bear Diner in Fernley. The lunch will be at 11:30am. Please contact the SNU to let us know if you plan to attend. Email: hq@SierraNevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 5011. The Black Bear is located at 1190 E Main St # B which is just west of traffic circle on Hwy 50 (Main Street).

Sierra Nevada Unit Community Involvement

Community Service and being a good neighbor are an inherent part of WBCCI and the SNU. Over the years the SNU has supported the communities we live in and the places we hold rallies in a variety of ways. These efforts include working with the Friends of Inyo in cleaning up Obsidian Dome, volunteering at the Lyon County Fly-in, cleaning up campgrounds, providing an Airstream for a Trailer Park Troubadours concert, enlarging and upgrading the entrance gate at the county park in Unionville, promoting the SNU and the Airstream lifestyle at several dealership open houses, participating in amateur radio Field Day events, as-



isting the Nevada Division of State Parks with the design of an expanded campground at Valley of Fire, and supporting the Portola Railroad Museum and the Lake Tahoe Heritage Museum. In 2012 the SNU will be holding a rally at the Cantaloupe Festival in Fallon. We'll be checking out possibilities of ways the SNU might contribute to this event. An informal open house at the rally site might be one idea. The SNU is always looking for ways to support community activities so if you have some ideas please pass them along. Check the link in this newsletter for more on the SNU's community involvement.

For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the January Lunch at the Black Bear in Fernley, NV 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

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| Saturday January 28, 2012 Black Bear Diner, Fernley | Thursday July 19 to Sunday 23 Weed Heights RV Park |
| Saturday February 25, 2012 Overland Basque Restaurant, Gardnerville | Thursday August 10 to Sunday 13 Obsidian Dome |
| Thursday March 22 – Sunday 25, 2012 Rally at Mason Valley Wildlife Area | Thursday August 30 to Monday September 3 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival |
| Thursday April 26 to Sunday 29, 2012 Pyramid Lake, Pelican Point | Thursday October 25 to Sunday 38 Hickison Petroglyphs |
| Thursday May 17 to Sunday 21 Eagle Lake, Rocky Point | Saturday November 17 Gold Hill Hotel |
| Thursday June 21 to Sunday 24 Crocker Campground | 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](#)

Website Updates



1980 Sierra Nevada Unit Caravan

The SNU website is more than a place to find current information, it is a repository of information, documents, photos, and other memorabilia of the SNU. The intention is to minimize or eliminate the need to keep paper and hard copy materials that require storage and that need to be passed on to current officers or members. It is meant to minimize the potential loss of materials that are part of the SNU history. Including this material on a website also enables all SNU members access to

any and all information related to the Unit. It is a way for members to understand the history and why and how the Unit functions as it does. The website is provided pro-bono as a separate section of a personal website and is managed through volunteer effort. Contributions to the content of the SNU website have been made by various members, past and present. Some of this content includes a list of all SNU officers from 1976 to the present, links to all newsletters from 1997 to the present, a photo gallery of the 1980 SNU Central Nevada Caravan, Caravan planning documents written by an SNU member, the SNU charter, the SNU constitution and bylaws and a description of how the bylaws were written, and the Op Notes, an informal description of how the SNU operates. There are also some online surveys that give you an opportunity to let the SNU know what you think. This include a survey for the newsletter and for rally sites.

If you haven't explored the SNU website in a while you have probably not seen some of the more recent updates. These include updates on the SNU History page, an updated rally site categories page, the addition of a rally review link for each rally, and additions to the pink flamingo photo gallery. There is now a link on the SNU home page to the travelogues section of the website. This section highlights the personal travels of various SNU members and other Airstreamers. Go to the SNU home page, click on the various links, explore the SNU right from the comfort of your own home. Hopefully you will be inspired and encouraged to join us in 2012 and participate in the adventures.

Notes from the SNU Prez

Dyann Thornburg

I sincerely hope everyone had a great holiday season and we are now on to a wonderful new year. We had another great turnout for the December luncheon at the Overland Hotel in Fallon. We had 14 people attend and instead of doing the usual Basque meal this time we went with soup and sandwiches. As usual they were delicious. Up for discussion during lunch was the topic of the attempt to revive the MoHo issue. I am sure most of you are as tired of this issue as I am but apparently some of the WBCCI members will not let dead dogs lie. They want to allow motorhomes manufactured by Thor in to the WBCCI even though they're not an Airstream. This time again they are saying it will be good for membership. In case they haven't heard this is an "Airstream" club not a "Thor" club. I seriously do not believe allowing non Airstreams in would be a benefit to the club. What would make us any different than Good Sam then? I feel it would be the end of the main premise and uniqueness of the WBCCI. I think if these people are serious about wanting to include motorhomes instead of trying to change the club then they should ask the WBCCI for help and go after Thor and Airstream to start manufacturing the motorhome that looks like an Airstream again. This way the club can stay true to its main requirement and purpose. Anyway it looks like we're going to have to vote on this again before the 2012 International Rally so please let us know your opinion.

The WBCCI Songbook

This song book, published in the 1950's, includes some old standards, some adaptations and some originals especially for WBCCI . Here is a sample that was adapted with the 1959 African Caravan in mind.

Home on Four Wheels

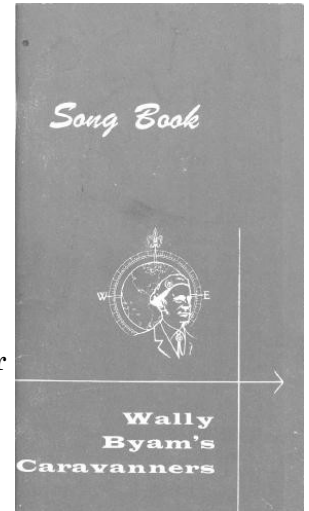
Tune: Home on the Range

Oh give me a home with which I can roam
 where the faucets and septic tanks flow
 Where the sinks don't fall in and the dust can't get in and the batteries are never low.

Home, home on 4 wheels
 That goes over gullies and hills
 Where with mud and sand we'll find butane on hand and no broken springs on our bills.

Oh give me a truck, that will never get stuck
 With an axle that is hardy and strong.
 With tires that won't blow and an engine that'll go
 And a hitch that will never go wrong.

Roll, Roll on tarmac, strip road, washboard and sand-track. Escarpments galore, and Wadi's no more
 We'll sail down the Nile to get back.



Notes from the Prez - continued

We also voted on and agreed to the SNU being the sponsor unit for the Region 12 Rally in 2015. Granted this is a few years away but it will be here before we know it and some of the work needs to get started now. First on the agenda is to find a location. Several places were suggested and Bob Stansbury will be checking them out to see which one will meet the criteria. When the time comes I know everyone will step forward and volunteer to help. Participation from all SNU members will be appreciated and extremely important in order to make this event a success. As the planning stage progresses there will be more to talk about. The luncheon this month is being held at the Black Bear Diner in

Fernley, NV at 11:30 a.m. on January 28, 2012. I look forward to seeing you there.

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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