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June Rally at Crocker

What a weekend! Despite one member with a sore foot, one with a bum knee and others dealing with various other ailments, we had nine rigs at our rally at Crocker. Everyone seems to think an SNU rally is the best therapy for whatever ails you. Getting nine rigs parked in among the pine trees and around some boulders helped us hone our parking and leveling skills. Rally participants included Jerry & Dyann, Wheels & Doris, Roger & Janet, Gary & Anita, Bryan & Diane, Randy & Vicki, Frank & Carol, Baxter & Marlene and new members Shelly & Dean. Shelly and Dean brought their granddaughter, Jessielynn, who at nine months is the youngest rally participant the SNU has had. We haven't seen Frank and Carol in a while so it

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was great being able to catch up on what they have been doing. The SNU gained another new member at this rally. Steve Erickson and his wife Jan. Steve came up for a visit Friday. He has a 1983 Airstream Motorhome which is currently having some work done. He and Jerry had a good time swapping MoHo stories. Hopefully we'll see Steve & Jan soon with their Airstream. Baxter and Marlene have been busy promoting the SNU. They have discovered several Airstreams in their neighborhood and have been leaving SNU information with them. As for the Crocker rally, other than the wind and somewhat cool temps, it was a great rally. Randy and Vicki unveiled their latest creative effort. As with the diorama they created in 2006, this art piece is a work in progress. Sunday, Randy, Dean and Diane had a very productive brainstorming session about it which I'm sure means that the next time this art piece shows up at a rally there will be modifications. Frank and Bryan set up their ham radio stations as this weekend was Field Day. Although conditions weren't ideal, both made several contacts. Wheels was having trouble with his hot water heater. Saturday he and Jerry got to work on it and got it working like it should. The Swaffer's and Grossmann's took a nice walk Saturday to the top of the ridge about 2 miles from the rally site. They enjoyed some great view of the surrounding area. Gary and Anita initiated their new flagpole and flew the SNU, U.S., and Nevada flags. We had shared meals on Friday and Saturday and as usual, had quite a variety and no shortage of food. Friday before dinner Dyann asked for a moment of silence in memory of Wes Warn. Sunday we had what old timer Airstreamers call a

Rally and events schedule

Click on a link
below for details

- ♦ July 19th
Weed Heights
RV Park
- ♦ Aug. 10th
Obsidian Dome
- ♦ Aug. 30th Fallon
Cantaloupe Festi-
val
- ♦ Oct. 25th Hickson
Petroglyphs

Notes from the Prez

Dyann Thornburg

June's rally was at the Crocker campground near Beckwourth, CA. We had a wonderful turnout and it was great to see everyone there. I'm sorry to let you know of the loss of Wes Warn and his dog Sam. Wes and Roylaine joined the SNU in 2004 and have been active members ever since and Roylaine is the SNU secretary. Jerry and I stopped by on June 29th to see how Roy was doing. She appears to be handling it well. She has asked me to pass along that the services for Wes are going to be held at the Fernley Veteran's Cemetery on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 10:00 am. Everyone who would like to attend is invited.

I have been in contact with the Fallon Parks and Recreation Department to arrange holding spaces for our Sept. 2012 rally during the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival over Labor Day weekend. I have asked them to hold 10 spaces and we already have 6 trailers whose owners have given their RSVP therefore we have 4 spaces left. The Fallon Parks and Rec. Dept. will hold these spaces until the end of July for us and then they will be turned back in for renting to others. All SNU members who will be attending this rally and staying at the RV park need to call and pay for your space, the fee is \$14.00 per night and this includes water and electricity. There is also a dump station located in the park that we can use before leaving on Monday. Their phone number is: 775-423-7733. Be sure to tell them you are with the Airstream group. This includes the members who have already given us their rsvp to us. It is everyone's responsibility to pay for their own spot as it will also be for the Weed Heights rally this month. Again, if you plan to attend the Cantaloupe Festival rally and you don't call before the end of July you will not have a space to park. This is working out to be a fantastic and very different type of rally for the SNU. Also this month's rally is being held at Weed Heights. This is our normal March rally site but we decided to try it out in July for a change of pace. We will have the use of the clubhouse, electric to run our air conditioners (if the need be) and be able to see the trees with leaves and in their full glory. The space cost is I believe \$22.00 per night and you will need to go by the park host's trailer on your way in to pay. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Have a great month and see you soon.

In Memory of Wes Warn

SNU member Wes Warn passed way June 12, 2012. He and wife RoyLaine were one of the first new members of the SNU after it's reorganization. They saw an ad in a local newspaper for a rally at Pyramid Lake in 2004 and came out to see what we were all about. They have been active members ever since. From the stories we have heard over the years, Wes had an active and varied life. At one time he owned and RV Park in Washington State. He sailed a boat across the Pacific to Hawaii. Roy says he was a social person, always up for adventure and he loved to go dancing. About a week and a half before Wes's death, his boxer Sam died of cancer. Sam was a great dog and Wes's pride and joy. Our deepest sympathies go to Roylaine in this difficult time. She has always said the SNU is like family and we have let her know her family is there for her.



For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the July Rally at Weeds Heights RV Park 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 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](#)

Welcome New Members!

The SNU added two new members at the Crocker rally. Steve and Jan Erickson live in Sparks. They have a 1983 310 Airstream motorhome. Dean and Shelly Fischer live in Downieville. They have a 1969 27ft Overlander. We are delighted to have both the Erickson's and the Fischer's join the SNU and look forward to their active participation. New members with new ideas and a new perspective is what keeps the SNU fresh and enjoyable for everyone. So a great big Welcome to you all.

Grossmann Artwork

I would like to write about my latest artistic SNU creation as shown in this newsletter, but I am at a disadvantage in trying to do such. The problem is that I don't know what to call it. For lack of a better name I've been calling it the Thing. But I'm sure you will agree that this name does not do justice to such a lovely work of art. I hate to brag, but in this case I must do so about my creation. I was hoping that someone would come up with a good name for it at the last rally, but this did not happen. So if anyone has an idea for a name I would sure like to hear it.

What several SNU members did come up with, however, were some good suggestions for enhancing this beautiful Thing to an even higher level of beauty. I am now working at implementing some of these enhancements. I anticipate that it will be more elaborate at the next rally and that it will be a work in progress at the next several rallies where it is deployed until it reaches its beautification fruition..

If anyone would like to build a similar beauty I would be happy to provide the complex engineering details of how I constructed it. After all, imitation is the highest form of flattery.

Randy Grossmann



Air Conditioner testing July at Weed Heights



The next SNU rally is **Thursday July 19 to Sunday 23 2012 at Weed Heights**. Last year at the Weed Heights RV Park rally in March, the park host suggested we come up sometime when the trees were all leafed out and green. We decided to take him up on the offer. Not only will we have nice big shady trees to park under, we'll have electricity to run our air conditioners and a nice cool club house to relax in. We'll also have a nice patio with a big BBQ grill. A unique experience for the SNU. Saturday, back by popular demand, we'll have omelets in a bag for breakfast. Saturday night we'll plan on a pot luck and BBQ. Bring your own meat (or whatever entrée you want) for yourself and a dessert or salad to share. We need to know how many people plan to come to this rally so rsvp at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 9392. Park fees are around \$20 per night. You will pay when you enter the park. Be sure to bring all your decorative lights and join us at Weed Heights in July.

Cantaloupe Festival Rally

We need your RSVP for the Labor Day Cantaloupe Festival Rally ASAP. Call Dyann 775 867 2797 or email president@sierranevadaairstreams.org. You will also need to call the City campground.

Dates for this special events rally are Thursday August 30 to Monday September 3, 2012 during the annual **Fallon Cantaloupe Festival**. The location is the Fallon City Fairgrounds campground on Hwy 95 just South of Fallon. The address is 325 Sheckler Road. The SNU has been given special permission to hold a rally at this site during the Cantaloupe Festival. The campground sites have water and electricity. A dump station and restrooms are also available. Fees are \$14 per night. We will probably be sharing the campground with rodeo participants and their horses, so be prepared. The events and activities of the Cantaloupe Festival are in the Fairgrounds adjacent to the rally site and within easy walking distance. Any fees for the Festival will be paid by the individual. They are not part of the rally fee. A daily entrance fee to the Festival of approximately \$8 will enable you to go in and out throughout the day. Some of the activities include a Cantaloupe Queen Contest, Mobile Rock Fun & Games - Blowup activities, Mechanical Bull, Rock Wall, Rides, Smile High Flyers - Bungee Jump, Teen Dance, Invitational Art Exhibit, Mud Volley Ball - Put on by Parks & Rec, Cantaloupe Eating Contest, Arm Wrestling Contest, Karaoke Contest, Horse-shoe Contest, Lyons Club Junior Rodeo, Lahontan Valley Quilters Exhibit & Raffle, and Little cowboy & Little cowgirl Contest. Check the link in this newsletter for more information.

To participate in this rally, you must call the Fairgrounds directly at 775-423-7733 no later than July 30, 2012. Tell them you are part of the the Airstream Group

June Rally at Crocker (cont.)

"mustgo" breakfast. Marlene had some leftover ham and Diane had eggs so we scrambled them all up with some other ingredients for a tasty breakfast. Dyann, Doris, and Vicki contributed some breakfast breads, Shelly brought some bacon and biscuits. A good way to start the day and everyone started home with a full stomach. Baxter and Marlene headed off to Grayeagle to meet up with their hiking group. As it turns out, Frank and Carol were heading for the same RV park to meet some Airstream friends. This rally proves once again that no matter what the conditions, the SNU family has a great time. We just enjoy being together sharing another great adventure and creating more great memories.



Time for Renewal

Support the SNU and renew your membership for 2013. Dues are \$75 annually which includes membership in WBCCI and the SNU. In supporting the SNU, you are supporting a group that takes the **Wally Byam Creed** and **Wally Byam's Four Freedoms** to heart. The SNU has demonstrated the principles outlined in these writings in everything we do. The SNU has provided examples of new ways to do things that use limited resources wisely and that takes into consideration the variability in it's members interests, time, talents, skills and preferences. Some of these examples are the SNU newsletter, rallies, member recruitment, the website, and the structure of the Board. When you support the SNU, you are supporting a group that has been on the leading edge of many innovations and technologies that simplify the management and enhance the enjoyment of group participation. 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.

Lunar Eclipse

During the SNU May rally at Eagle Lake there was a full eclipse of the sun by the moon. Brigitte & Eberhard Necke from Germany were camped near us and got some **great pictures of the eclipse**. Check the link in this newsletter to see their photos. They found Rocky Point by accident. They just happened to spot it on a BLM map. In their email they said "We enjoyed you and your friends neighborhood and the very good cookies. All together we had a wonderful stay in your country, the United States. And now we send you the fotos from the Eclipse and one more from the beautiful, quiet and unknown Eagle Lake. Have a good stay on your next Rally at Crocker Campground (Plumas National Forest?) and a good and healthy life! With the best Regards and greetings to your Airstream-friends.

Member Update

Gene and Carmen have been in the Philippines for quite a while. They have been visiting family, celebrating special anniversaries and assisting with a health clinic. We hope that when they get home, we'll *hear more about their adventures*, *This picture shows them with their "I survived the loneliest road" T-shirts.*



Frank and Carol spent a month volunteering at the **Escapee's Care Center** in Livingston TX. The Care Center is a volunteer run facility for full-time RV'rs who are dealing with an illness, injury, surgery, or the progression of a long-term health situation. The Care Center provides all the services of an assisted living facility while enabling the residents to still live in their RV.

For information on upcoming rallies check this website:

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



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