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Rally and events schedule

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- ♦ June 21st Crocker Campground
- ♦ June 19th Weed Heights RV Park
- ♦ Aug. 10th Obsidian Dome

Forecasts of high winds and occasional showers didn't intimidate those of us heading for the rally at Pyramid Lake. What most of us did do was head out earlier Thursday so we could get settled before the winds picked up. Thursday we did spend most of the day inside listening to the few brief showers pitty pat on the roof. We got a very nice surprise at this rally. Don and Gail came up with their brand new 2012 Airstream. They happened to be close (Death Valley) so decided to come to the rally un-announced. It was great to see them and to see their new Airstream. Roy Laine came to the rally with Scout, the dog they rescued from Scout Camp last fall. He has filled out, grown up, and looks great. He's a big energetic boy and it gave Roy quite a workout taking him on walks. Scout is turning into a really good dog and a great watch dog. After Thursday, the weather the rest of the weekend was just about perfect. Almost no wind and very comfortable temperatures. Rather unusual for Pyramid Lake. Other people at the rally included Jerry & Dyann, Wheels & Doris, Mike & Cindy, Bryan & Diane and Roger & Janet. Doris went on a cruise since we saw her at the last rally. Part of the trip included a visit to New Orleans. With the SNU in mind, Doris picked up Mardi Gras bead necklaces with pink flamingos for the ladies in our group. We all wore them during the Pyramid Lake rally. Thank you Doris for thinking of us. Saturday Bruce and Kathy flew over the rally in their Cessna. They got some great pictures of the rally from the air. We waved to them as they flew over. They have



ordered a 2013 Bambi from Sutton in Oregon. Sometime soon they will visit us on the ground with their new Bambi. Another Airstreamer stopped by for a short visit. He is a full-timer and was staying at the RV park by Sutcliffe. He remembered us from a previous rally at Pyramid. Cindy introduced a new treat to the SNU for dinner Saturday. Taco salad in a bag. She had the individual size bags of Doritos chips and all the other ingredients. You open a bag, put in



the ingredients you want and eat it right out of the bag. Pretty nifty idea and very tasty. After dinner it was a perfectly calm and beautiful evening. We built a nice campfire and just enjoyed the scenery. The SNU's newest member, Laura Funk stopped by. She has an older Airstream which needs a little work. We all chipped in with ideas and suggestions. Mike and Cindy offered to have her caravan with them to a rally sometime. Don spent a good part of the weekend working on amateur radio parts. Bryan spent some time listening in on various ham bands. Jerry and Dyann made a quick trip into Sparks on Saturday. All of us did a little reading, a lot of visiting, and a lot of relaxing and just enjoying the good company, good food, and good weather.

Notes from the Prez

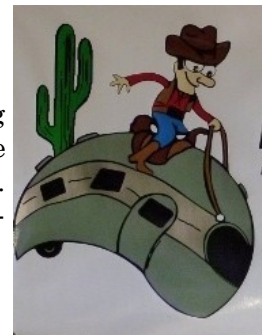
We had a wonderful turnout for April's rally at Pyramid Lake. There were 7 rigs counting the B-Van and Roylaine Warn came in her C-class "SOB". It was a pleasant surprise to have Don and Gail Williams join us from So. CA in their new 2012 Safari CCD Airstream. We were able to complete the vote for the upcoming WBCCI Constitution revision (all the proposed amendments were voted down) and I will be getting that information off to Bob Stansbury so he can vote as our delegate this year at the International Rally in July. It was also great to have our newest member, Laura Funk join us on Saturday evening for a few hours. She has just moved to No. Nevada from Florida to work at one of the ranches in Palomino Valley. If there is anyone who would be interested in doing the newsletter snail mailings please let me know. I have been doing it for a lot of years now and have decided it is time to let someone else have the opportunity. On May 17 - 21 the SNU will be having our rally at Eagle Lake. This is one of our most popular spots and I encourage everyone to join us there. It is a beautiful location right



on the lake. If you have never been you may want to caravan with someone who has already been there. It's a little tricky getting to it but well worth the effort. Anyway, I hope everyone has a great month and I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Taming the Silver Bullet

The Region 12 rally will be held October 17 to 22 at the Bakersfield RV Resort. Among the planned activities are a Chili cook-off, crafts, line dancing, barbeque and a visit to the Bakersfield Museum and the Alpaca Farms. There is still time to sign up for this rally. It's a great way to meet Airstreamers from all over California and Nevada as well as people who attend from other states. Check the [link](#) in this newsletter for the brochure.



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

Upcoming Events for 2012

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](#)

Rally at Eagle Lake

Thursday May 17 to Sunday 21 2012 the SNU rally will be at **Eagle Lake, Rocky Point**. It is an aptly named BLM dispersed site right on the shore of Eagle Lake. The road to the rally site needs some cautious driving but the effort is well worth it. When we were there in 2010 Gene's grandkids kept him busy cooking fish that a nearby camper had caught. This year



SNU friend Bruce Rhymes and his wife Kathy plan to fly over our rally site in their vintage Cessna before coming to visit. They plan to take a few pictures from the air so hopefully we'll have a good turnout and there will be a lot of aluminum glistening in the sun. Be sure to bring firewood.

Welcome Laura

Laura Funk is the newest member of the SNU. She recently moved to Nevada from Florida. She works on a ranch in Palomino Valley. Laura has a 1973 27ft Overlander. Laura's Airstream wasn't out of hibernation in time for the Pyramid rally but she did stop by and visit. Come to find out, her Grandfather owned an Airstream and was an active member of WBCCI. Laura now has his numbers on her Airstream. It seems her Overlander needs a little work which Cindy and Mike as well as most of us can relate to. We all offered to help her get the trailer ship shape and to introduce her the SNU rally style.

We would like to hear from you!

I know many SNU members have had some wonderful Airstream adventures over the past 12 months. We'd love to hear them and share them with other SNU members by publishing them in the newsletter. You don't have to write a book and it doesn't have to be Pulitzer Prize material. We just want to hear what you have been up to and learn more about the possibilities of traveling with your Airstream. Pictures would be great. Past contributors to the newsletter include Don Williams, Frank Colligan, Wheels Wheeler, Randy Grossmann, Anita Leipper, Jerry and Dyann Thornburg, and Bryan and Diane Leipper among others. We'd love to add you to this list but most of all we'd love to hear about your Airstream adventures. So warm up your keyboard and write down your stories. Email them to the SNU at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org.

Airstreamin Checklists

Checklists help to ensure that your rv'ing experiences will be safe and enjoyable. Whether you write out your checklists, use some form of digital checklists or try to keep things in your head, checklists are helpful ways to reduce the possibility of forgetting something important. For those of us whose Airstream has been hibernating for the last few months a checklist helps make sure the trailer is fully ready and re-supplied for rallies and other adventures. You can find a plethora of checklists on the web and in books, newsletters, and manuals for nearly any taste or circumstance. Wheels created a nice set of pocket size checklists that he laminated, which makes them ideal to keep in the Airstream. There are all sorts of checklists. Among the possibilities are maintenance, planning, cargo, home, takeoff, en route, campsite, and end of trip checklists. Along with checklists, kits can be very helpful. A kit is a set of components pre-assembled for easier access and use. Some of these might be a connections kit, tow vehicle kit. Kitchen kit, emergency preparedness kit, pets kit, and caravan and rally kit. Checklists and kits need a little management to be most effective. This means they should be reviewed periodically and changed, edited, added to or resupplied as circumstances warrant. Checklists need to be kept in a convenient place, a location where they are easily accessible and not likely to be left behind when you head down the road. For more on checklists, including a variety of samples, check the [link](#) in this newsletter.

News from the Wally Byam Caravan Club International

You still have time to register for the **2012 WBCCI International Rally** in Sedalia. June 27 - July 4, 2012. Attending a WBCCI International rally is a unique experience. One of the best parts of any rally including the annual International rally is the opportunity to meet fellow Airstreamers, make new friends and be part of hundreds of shiny aluminum Airstreams all parked together sharing a special experience. Check the link in this newsletter for more information on the 2012 WBCCI rally as well as a link to photo galleries and other information from **past WBCCI International Rallies**.

A recent email from a WBCCI committee outlines two new projects that could have some positive impact on the organization. One is an effort to digitize the historical materials stored at headquarters in Jackson Center. The other is what is being called "Come and Go" Caravans. The effort to digitize historical materials is planned to be part of the International rally in July in Sedalia and eventually this material will be included on the WBCCI website. A lot of members are probably unaware of the materials stored at headquarters. These materials include documents, photos and another memorabilia donated by Units, individual members and others. They are looking for volunteers to help with this project. If you are interested contact ecc@wbcci.net

"Come and Go" Caravans are caravans that allow participants to join, leave and/or re-join the caravan at an any point. This is ideal for working members, those with limited time, or members of units in adjoining states. Participants may be responsible for their own campsite reservations at state parks, thereby taking responsibility for any cancellations. They also pay individualized rally fees based on the activities in which they participated. Currently when you sign up for a caravan you sign up for the entire package. Caravans are one of the great benefits of being a WBCCI member. Hopefully this new concept will encourage more members to participate.

Speaking of Caravans

The SNU has been involved in caravans in a variety of ways. There have been caravans sponsored by the SNU. SNU members, including several current members, have participated in WBCCI caravans. Unit affiliate members have written several caravan organizational documents and presented workshops on caravans at Region Rallies. WBCCI policy states that a sanctioned Unit caravan is one approved by Unit members following it's authorized procedures and documented in writing. Unit caravans as well as other WBCCI caravans adhere to established criteria. These criteria are summarized here. Have a duration of 10 or more nights. Park in five or more cities or geographic locations, include at least 10 or more Airstreams, Use a kitty fee method for handling financial matters and adhere to provisions in the current club caravan handbook.

According to records, the SNU has held 3 official Unit Caravans. There are photos of only one of these caravans, a **tour of Eastern Nevada in 1980**. The SNU also has the official caravan plaque for this event. Mylan & Eloise Wight wrote **several documents about caravan management**. These include Caravan Basics, Caravan Planning Guide, and a checklist of medical supplies to take on a caravan. These documents were part of the presentation at Region rallies. SNU members and affiliate members who have participated in caravans include Frank & Carol Collihan, Robert & Cecilia Stansbury, Wheels & Doris Wheeler and Mylan & Eloise Wight. You can read Frank's review of the "Wilder West Caravan in the **January 2011 SNU newsletter**. To find the Wight's rally documents, along with information on the 1980 SNU caravan check the link in this newsletter.

You can also check the **WBCCI website** to find information on current caravans

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



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