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## Green Creek Rally

Wow! What a beautiful spot. Green Creek is up a little over 7,000 ft. Quite a bit cooler than the record breaking temps this weekend at lower elevations. We had 7 rigs at this rally including Mike & Bette Jo



Hansen from Elk Grove, Ca. Other participants were Wheels & Doris, Dean, Shelly & Jessielynn, Jerry & Dyann, Bryan and Diane, Gary & Anita and Steve & Jan. The only downside was bugs. Any bug repellents we had that needed to be used up got used up. Jerry and Dyann made a trip into Bridgeport and bought a whole

variety of fresh repellents which supplemented what we had on hand. Despite bugs, we were able to have our shared meals outside on Friday and Saturday. We were also able to dodge afternoon thunderstorms. Friday we had a nice little rain shower before dinner and Saturday the thunderstorms waited till after dinner. Saturday's storm included a little bit of hail. Wheels has added some new solar lights along the bottom rim of his Airstream. It really looks neat. In fact, between Wheels new lights and Jerry's and Diane's solar lights we had quite a festive light show after dark. Then there are the pink flamingos. Doris



Jessielynn and Dean  
after a swim

has added a few to her collection. Shelly had some new ones too. Jan has caught flamingo fever and now has about 7 or so in the motorhome. Saturday Mike and Bette Jo took a ride over to Bodie. They enjoyed walking through the town and seeing the sites. Also on Saturday, Wheels and Bryan took a ride to the [Virginia Creek area](#) to check out potential rally sites. Back at Green Creek, Dean tried a little fishing but didn't catch anything. Doris, Anita, and Bette Jo waded in the cool water. Dean and Jessielynn actually took a little swim in the creek. Other entertainment for the weekend included our usual morning coffee and goodies, sharing ideas, maintenance tips, and stories, reading, taking walks to explore the area and enjoy the abundant wildflowers, and just relaxing and enjoying the great views and cool breezes. Wheels held a short business meeting



Anita and Doris after  
wading in the creek

on Saturday. The main item on the agenda was the preliminary determination of rally sites for 2014. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming July rally at Weed Heights and the Cantaloupe Festival rally over Labor Day weekend. We were delighted that Mike and Bette Jo could come to this rally and we hope we see them at many more SNU rallies. All in all the first SNU rally at Green Creek was a big success. Bugs or no bugs, I'm sure we will be back in the near future.



Wheeler Airstream solar lights

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### Rally and events schedule

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CA](#)
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- ♦ [Oct. 10th  
Crocker Rally  
Beckwourth, CA](#)

## Prez Meanderings

The June Rally at a camping area along the Green Creek was my idea. Green Creek is a tributary of the East Walker River and the creek is accessed by Green Creek Road off US 395 about 5 miles south of Bridgeport, California. The camping area I chose was about 6.5 miles south on Green Creek Road from the intersection of US 395. Green Creek Rd is a wide but rough dirt road. The camping area I chose was a popular area with a fairly large open area that could accommodate about 8-10 trailers. When I originally scouted out this area it was earlier in the year and there were only a few bugs but I suspected that the water adjacent to the camping area might mean more bugs. There were indeed more bugs particularly mosquitoes and we brought out all our defensive measures. They were moderately effective.

The Rally was originally scheduled for 20 – 23 June but I asked for a change so I could attend a rally with the military camping group I belong to. It turned out I had problems at home that I had to attend to when I would have left for the other rally. I could have made the original date. Fire restrictions went into effect on Friday the 28 and we were not allowed a fire on Friday or Saturday.

The abundance of bugs did have one positive effect, it brought out the Tree Swallows. If you look this bird up in your bird book the picture doesn't do them justice. They have iridescent blue-green feathers on their back that make them very attractive. Like most swallows they are spectacular fliers. They particularly liked to hunt bugs in the open area of our campsite. At times there were up to four of them cavorting in and around our campsite to entertain us. Unfortunately they didn't seem to have an impact on the mosquito population.

The gurgling creek running by our campsite added to the pleasant surroundings as did the tall trees and beautiful view up the canyon. There was still a little snow in pockets on the north sides of the peaks.

To sum it up – long rough ride to the campsite, picturesque setting, irritating mosquitoes entertaining Tree Swallows, no camp fire and a comforting babbling stream.

Prez Wheelz



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## Put the Sierra Nevada Unit on your Calendar

There are still several great rallies ahead for the SNU in 2013. We have a lot of members, some who have just joined and some who have been members for years that we'd love to see at a rally. **SNU rallies are informal**, flexible and don't require advanced rsvp's or payments so hopefully you can squeeze at least one rally into your schedule. If you can't come for the whole weekend, come whatever days you can. If your not sure of the location, contact the SNU and we'll be glad to provide directions or set up a caravan to the rally site. If you are on your way to a family reunion, vacation trip, or something else, include a rally as a stop along the way. Whether you prefer a laid back type rally enjoying beautiful scenery and good company or a more active outing that might include hiking, biking, touring nearby sights or other activities, SNU rallies can accommodate you. **Check the rally schedule** in this newsletter and on the SNU website and plan to join us soon. The more the merrier

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## Welcome our New Members

Bruce and Cheryl Harris are the latest to join the SNU. They live in Spring Creek, NV near Elko. Bruce and Cheryl own a 1993 Excella Classic. We wish to welcome them to the Unit and hope that we'll see them at a rally soon.

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## July Rally at Weed Heights

The **July rally at Weed Heights** near Yerington will be a good time to show off your patio lights that need electricity and test your air conditioner. The dates are Thursday July 18 to Sunday 21, 2013. Weed Heights is a full service RV park with lots of nice trees. The park has a shuffle board court and horseshoes, There are some good places to hike and for off road vehicles on the BLM land adjacent to the park. The club house has a great BBQ grill so bring something to grill for Saturday dinner. Saturday we'll also have an ice cream bonanza for dessert. Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream and various toppings and fixings. The RV Park fees are \$24 (approx) per night per rig with Good Sam or AAA membership. See you at Weed Heights.

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## Upcoming Events for 2013

WBCCI International Rally Huron South Dakota June 27 – July 4

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

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

Carolina Kitchen, Sparks, NV Saturday  
November 16, 2013

Obsidian Dome Thursday August 8 – Sunday 11, 2013

Death Valley Mesquite Campground Thursday November (TBA)

Cantaloupe Festival, Fallon, NV Friday Aug. 30 – Monday Sept. 2, 2013

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

## Huron WBCCI Rally

Gail & I arrived at the International Rally Bull Pen in Huron, SD today (June 24) at 16:00 local (Central) time after 1611 miles in 4 days. Gail said great trip or was it glad as Hell the traveling is over. We just missed the parkers so will stay here in the Bull Pen until morning. Remember to ask me about the Backcountry Byway we took on Sunday morning. We (I) didn't know that about 40 miles was dirt Forest Service Road. While not required, 10 miles in 4X4 and low range made it easier on the engine and transmission (steep).



Don was the SNU delegate at the International Rally. He'll have a thorough report on the rally for the August newsletter but here is what he said about the key agenda items at the Delegate's meeting.

The slate of officers was elected with a nomination from the floor for the second Nominating Committee member, Ann Worth for NM Unit. The Motorhome Amendment was called for the question immediately so no discussion. It was defeated, 1493 for and 3301 against. No other business.

## Flying the Flags

Flag flying has always been a big WBCCI tradition. There is a good part of the WBCCI policy book devoted to properly flying flags. The policies follow international flag etiquette and establish standards for the association identity. The presentation of flags identifies the group and the individual. It shows respect for the nation, the association and the individual represented. One idea that may help to understand flags at WBCCI events is that they are not flown but rather presented. Members have a pole holder mounted to their front jack that provides a mounting point for three or five flag poles. There are very detailed guidelines for the proper way to present flags in a group and which one should go where. When all flags are at about the same height their order of precedence is left to right. If one is presented higher than the others it should be at the center position and fly the US flag. Note that the typical RV flag pole holder presents the poles like spokes on a wheel so the center one will usually be higher than those on either side. As for flag poles, some people go to the local home improvement store and pick up a broom extension handle to use as a flag pole. Others think about flying flags and figure that higher is better. The fact is that most of the flag poles you can find on the internet or in stores are either too short, as for wall mounting home display, or too long, as for vertical flag flying well above anything in the vicinity. Your flag poles should be flag poles! They should have a proper finial at the top and solid flag attachments that will keep the flag flying properly. Ten to twelve feet has proven a good length for a 3x5 flag presented on the front of an RV. Watch out for segmented poles as they often use twist lock or friction to keep the pole extended and wind vibration may loosen that and collapse your pole. Flag pole stands for RV's can be rather hard to find as every RV and every RV'er seems to need something different That is why most SNU flag pole stands are custom fabricated. Jerry and I ended up with Harbor Freight flag pole kits. These included a base for mounting the poles that make constructing a holder a simple matter of creating something to clamp them to. I just used angle iron for the footer and header and a bunch of clamps. Jerry made a stand that was held in place with a trailer ball for a bases mount. [For more information and a photo gallery](#) of SNU flag poles and stands check the link in this newsletter



For web links discussed in this newsletter including info on the July Rally at Weed Heights  
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2013/13-news/index.html>

For information on upcoming rallies check this page:  
<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/2013/13-events/docs/13-rallyschedule.html>



## Planning for 2013

### First Call for Dues

It's time to renew your membership in the SNU/WBCCI for 2014. Dues are \$75 per year, \$65 for WBCCI and \$10 for the SNU. You have three options to renew your membership. You can pay online on the SNU website. You can mail you check to the SNU at 716 Terra Ct, Reno, NV 89506 or you can pay at the next SNU rally you attend. Support the SNU, renew your membership now.

### 2014 SNU Officers

One of the strengths of the SNU is it's leadership. It's the leaders who help determine the direction and focus of the Unit. It's the leaders that keep us up to date on what is happening in the Region and in WBCCI. Back in 2001 the SNU re-examined the board structure of the Unit. The result was a paring down of officers to make the board more in line with the actual needs of the SNU while still maintaining compliance with WBCCI policies. The SNU not only cut down on the number of officers, it pared down the duties of each officer to those that are required to keep the SNU functioning. To find out more about [SNU governance](#) check the link in this newsletter. If you would like to serve the SNU as a board member or have someone to suggest please let us know. Email [hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org](mailto:hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org)

### Rally Schedule

It's the SNU members who determine the rally schedule for the year. Now is the time to let the SNU know where you would like to hold rallies, what types of rallies you might be interested in and what you think would encourage your participation and the participation of other SNU members. Everything you want to know about [SNU rallies is on the website](#) so check it out. We want to hear from you so let us know your ideas and suggestions for the 2014 rally schedule.

## Australian TVAN

The [TVAN is a rather unique teardrop type trailer](#) built especially for off-roading in Australia. This one belongs to my friends daughter, Rebecca and her husband Tony. The TVAN has a lot of special features including a heavy duty suspension that is used by major Australian and International commercial companies, as well as the Australian Military. The TVAN company provides the opportunity for each purchaser a lot of options for customizing their own unit. The TVAN's are a rugged RV that still provides all the comforts and conveniences you would expect. Check the link in this newsletter for pictures and information. There are some great pictures not only of the TVAN but of some fantastic Australian countryside.



## Cantaloupe Festival Rally

There is still time to sign up for the SNU special event rally at the [Fallon Cantaloupe Festival](#). The dates for this rally are Friday Aug. 29 – Monday Sept. 2, 2013 This rally requires rsvp's and pre-payment. The cost for all three nights is a total of \$42.00 or \$14.00 per night and if you don't plan to be there for the entire rally. Please let Dyann know which nights you plan to be there when you send your rsvp and money. For more information call Dyann 775 867 2797 Email



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