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November Luncheon at Bavarian World

A great lunch and great company made for an enjoyable time at Bavarian World. We were delighted to have Harold and Sandra as our guests. They are members of the NorCal Unit. We were also glad to see Russell, an SNU affiliate member who lives in WA state. Russell's wife, Deborah wasn't able to come but maybe we'll see her sometime soon. Also in attendance was Bob & Cecilia and Jim & Lynda. We haven't seen them in quite a while so it was good to catch up with them. Gene, one of the newest SNU members, joined us at the lunch. Hopefully we'll meet his wife, Kathryn at the December lunch. In addition to these people, other lunch



participants were Jerry & Dyann, Gary & Anita, Roger & Janet, Randy & Vicki, and Diane. With Jerry, Gene and Russell there, we had three of the four SNU members who own classic Airstream motorhomes. They had a good time sharing ideas and experiences. Thanks go to Dyann who took care of the finances for this lunch. The major discussion at this lunch was Randy & Vicki's recent visit to Lassen RV Resort near McArthur in Northeastern CA. See his report (page 4) in this newsletter. After lunch, most of us visited the bakery and picked up some goodies to take home. All in all, a good way to spend a few hours on a Saturday.

Sierra Nevada Unit Business

Item 1: A change in the 2015 rally schedule was proposed and accepted by SNU members at the November luncheon

Item 2: Bob Stansbury handed out an invitation to a planning and idea exchange meeting for the 2015 Region 12 Rally. The meeting will be held on December 4th at the Stansbury's home in Carson City. The meeting was posted on the SNU facebook page and an email was sent out to SNU newsletter subscribers. Even if you can't make the meeting, if you are interested in volunteering to assist with this rally please let us know.

December Luncheon at El Charro Avita



El Charro Avita in Carson City, NV is the site for the **December luncheon**. The date is Saturday December 20, 2014. El Charro is located on Hwy 395 South of Downtown Carson City, 4389 S Carson St. The restaurant features Mexican food but they also serve hamburgers and other items. Please RSVP to hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 9392.

Prez Meanderings

As I write this Thanksgiving is past and Black Friday sales continue. I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving with friends and family. We spent the first week of November at the Death Valley 49er's Encampment. It was a lot of fun. I would suggest we make the Death Valley 49er's Encampment our November rally that we have traditionally held in Death Valley. Membership in the Death Valley 49er's is required to participate in and enjoy Encampment events. Membership is available at a booth at Furnace Creek for \$35 for a family. Dry camping is available in the overflow area at Furnace Creek for \$6 a night with a Senior Pass. The encampment runs from Wednesday through Saturday. Events include: Craft show, pet parade, Furnace Creek Inn tour, Snowshoe Thompson imitator talk, Cowboy Poetry, golf Tournament, 4 X 4 Tour, Art Show, pioneer costume contest, panning for gold, parade, poker tournament, numerous talks about Death Valley history and nightly western music entertainment. Doris entered the parade in western costume and singing with her guitar. I entered the poker tournament but didn't make it past the first cut. They encourage poker players to wear 1850's era costumes. Next year I'll have the proper clothes I hope it will help me play better.

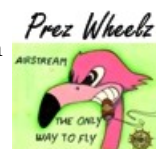


Prior to entering Death Valley we stayed a night in the Beatty RV Park. An Airstream pulled into the spot beside us about a half an hour after we parked. It was Bert and Janie Gildart. We did not know them before but it turned out they were headed to the Death Valley 49er's Encampment also. They joined us in celebrating Doris' Birthday. Bert is a writer and photographer that writes articles for RV magazines. If you get Airstream Life he has an article on page 38 of the Winter 2014 issue. Bert took several pictures while visiting us at Death Valley which may show up in some future issue of Airstream life. Bert particularly liked Doris' guitar and vocal music.

After we left Death Valley we went to Tehachapi to visit Doris' Brother who is recovering from a lung transplant at his son's home there. We had a great visit and he is recovering very well. We then went to visit our daughters in Bakersfield. Doris has a daughter there and so do I. From there we started home and ended up staying in the Placerville KOA. We got there after dark and it was foggy in the morning. From what I did see it seemed like a nice park.

This year we have put over 10,000 miles on our trailer and two new tires. I'll put two more new tires on very soon. It has been 10,000 miles of a good adventure and the SNU has been a big part of that adventure. Thank you all.

Hope to see you at El Charro Avita December 20th.



Sierra Nevada Unit Anniversaries

In 2015, several people will be celebrating 10 consecutive years as members of the SNU. These people are Rick & Jeanne LaBorde, Anita Leipper, Brian & Jenifer Root, and Jerry & Dyann Thornburg. Celebrating 11 years of membership are Jack & Lyndi Schroeder and RoyLaine Warn. Randy & Vicki Grossmann have been members for 9 years.

Rick & Jeanne and Brian & Jenifer discovered the SNU through our website. Anita has family connections. Jerry & Dyann saw an announcement in a local newspaper for an SNU lunch in Fallon and came to check us out. They came to the SNU rally at Rye Patch the next month and have been to almost every rally since. Bryan ran across Jack & Lyndi in the parking lot at Sam's Club. RoyLaine (and Wes) saw an announcement in a local newspaper for an SNU rally at Pyramid. They came with their Airstream. They were active members for years and Roy continues to participate in the SNU. Randy and Vicki also saw a local newspaper announcement and decided to check us out. They were considering purchasing an Airstream and although this particular rally site probably had the least to offer a potential member, they did end up buying an Airstream and as Randy says "they never looked back".

We want to thank them all for their contributions, participation and support over the years. They have helped make the SNU the unique group that it is. We look forward to many more years of shared Airstreaming experiences and special memories. Happy Anniversary!

Upcoming 2014 & 2015 Events

El Charro Avita Carson City NV - Saturday
December 20, 2014

Shanghai Restaurant & Sushi House - Sparks NV,
Saturday January 24, 2015

Black Bear Diner - Fernley, NV
Saturday February 21, 2015

Lahontan Beach 7 - Silver Springs NV,
Thursday March 19 - Sunday March 22, 2015

Cali - Rally (Hobo replacement) April 16-20, 2015

Ft Sage - Doyle NV,
Thursday April 23 - Sunday April 26, 2015

Lassen RV Resort - McArthur CA,
Thursday May 15 - Sunday May 17, 2015

Sweetwater - Sweetwater Summit on Hwy 338 NV
Thursday June 11- Sunday June 14 2015

WBCCI International Rally - Farmington, NV
June 28 - July 4, 2015

Weed Heights - Yerington NV,
Thursday July 9 - Sunday July 12, 2015

Prosser Family campground - Truckee CA
Wednesday August 5 - Sunday 9, 2015

Obsidian Dome - June Lake CA,
Thursday September 24 - Sunday 27 2015

Region 12 Rally Silver City RV Resort - Minden NV,
October 6-11, 2015

Overlander - Gardnerville NV,
Saturday November 14, 2015

Bavarian World - Reno NV
Saturday December 12, 2015

The Sierra Nevada Unit Website

The SNU website was set up and is maintained by SNU members as a voluntary contribution to the Unit. The website provides a comprehensive repository of information on and about the SNU. As stated in the [SNU Op Notes](#), The premise behind the SNU's use of internet technologies is to keep it simple, cost effective, and easy to use and maintain by any member of the Unit. With this goal in mind, open source software is used. Html and Adobe PDF files which are commonly available compromise the bulk of the content of the website. No special or proprietary web application programs are used. The website has also provided a test platform for ideas and new technologies. It was one of the first unit websites to offer the ability to join or renew membership online. The SNU website has provided members the opportunity to give their input on various topics like the newsletter and rallies via online surveys. It was one of the first to provide an online, interactive calendar where members could add their own events and activities. In addition, the SNU website is a place for members to share pictures, stories, tips, ideas and personal Airstream adventures in the travelogue section. Photos from SNU members are included in many of the photo galleries of rallies, caravans, special events and other things of interest to Airstreamers. There are also photo galleries of members restoration and repair projects.

When you visit the [home page](#) you will see a list of fourteen primary categories as well as information on joining the SNU and the list of current SNU officers. The primary categories include links to the SNU Unit Profile, the current year newsletters, the current year rally and event schedule, annual highlights, rally photo galleries, SNU history, Travelogues and several other topics. Each one of the primary categories is linked to a section of the website that is full of information, photos and other materials related to that specific topic. For instance, click on SNU Community Involvement. In that section you will find links to various community service projects that the SNU has been involved in over the years. That section also includes SNU promotion information, Just For Fun links, and individual member activities.

Because of the way that the members who manage the SNU website set it up, the SNU is able to maintain the majority of its archival information on the website. In part, because much of the SNU history prior to 1995 has been lost, a major effort has been made to digitize what was left and make it available to all members through the website. Since 1995, almost all material relating to the SNU has been included on the website. Most of this material can be reviewed through links in the SNU history section. Samples of this material includes the Unit Charter, the list of officers from the inception of the Unit in 1976 to the present, and rally schedules going back to 1997. Recently the rally schedules from 1980 and 1981 were found and have been added. Almost every newsletter from 1997 to the present is posted on the website. SNU annual highlights from 2003 through 2014 are included.

Every effort has been made to keep the website up to date and current. It is a constantly evolving project and things may be changed, added, enhanced, or rearranged as new ideas, technologies or suggestions come to light. Direct and indirect input from all SNU members has had an important role in the look and content of the website. Take some time to browse through the website. You'll learn all about the SNU. You'll have some fun checking out the photos and other memorabilia. Maybe you'll be encouraged to share some of your ideas, stories, and pictures.

Change in the Rally Schedule

The SNU May 2015 Rally will be at **Lassen RV Resort** in Northeastern CA off Hwy 299. It is about 170 miles from Reno which is only 30 miles farther than Obsidian Dome. Although a little further than SNU's preferred maximum distance this park and the McArthur area have a lot to offer that will make this a pretty special rally site. The dates remain the same, Thursday May 14 – Sunday May 17, 2015. The SNU has reserved eight sites. We are currently working on details for the RSVP's and pre-payments. More information on this rally will be presented at the December luncheon, posted on the website, and included in future newsletters.

Lassen RV Resort Report

Management: Phil Martin is the owner/manager of Lassen RV Resort. He is very personable and very obliging. I had a lot of contact with Phil during our stay. Contrast this with Likely Place RV Park where I was never able to see the operating manager again after the initial contact upon arriving. I thought it strange that he never contacted me again during our stay considering that I was there to evaluate that park for a potential rally site.

Phil is new to the RV Resort business. He worked in the Bay Area until he bought this resort recently because he wanted to get into something new. The previous owners did just the opposite. They sold the resort because they wanted to get into something else after many years in the RV park business.

The Resort: Lassen RV Resort is located one mile off of Hwy. 299 and eight miles east of McArthur in the foothills among numerous trees. This is 175 miles North of Reno via Hwy 395. The spaces are mostly pull-throughs which are quite spacious being very long with plenty of width. The resort is very roomy and the spaces are well separated.

There are eight spaces at the far (south) end of the resort which would make an ideal rally site. They pretty much form a circle with tables and benches inside the circle. All sites have water, electricity, and sewer. There is no cable or satellite. I was able to get six channels via antenna—three PBS and three ABC. Cell phones don't work there (except for probably Jerry's).

There is a group area at the entrance to the resort (north end). It has a structure with tables and benches, electricity, and lights which will soon be screened-in. There is a nearby BBQ facility and fire pit. There is no extra charge for use. There are bathrooms and a laundry room.

The resort has regulation horse shoe throwing. It also has a 20' x 40' three feet to five feet deep swimming pool. Horse rides will probably be available at the ranch next to the Park.

Nearby Attractions: There are plenty of partial and all day trips. The Allen radio telescope array and Burney Falls are not far away. For a longer all day trip there are Lassen and Mt. Shasta. Mt. Shasta is the farthest at about 70 miles.

Our Stay: Our stay at the resort was very pleasant. The resort is not normally open in winter. It is open this winter because there is a group of loggers who asked it to be open so that they could stay there. There were about ten logger RV's. Apart from the loggers we were the only ones there during our five day stay.



Cost: The cost is \$31 to \$34 per site per night. A group discount might be possible.

Reservations: We may reserve the number of spaces initially by best guess. Then fine tune it as time progresses. Phil would like one night's deposit for each reserved space. Payment may be made by each individual or by SNU.

Bugs: There are mosquitoes and flying bugs, although they were not bad this summer he says. I know from personal experience over the years in this area that at times and in some places there definitely can be mosquitoes and tiny flies so small that they go right through screens. Earlier or later in the year would be better for bug avoidance.

Pets: We would not be able to let our dogs run. They must be on a leash. There is no dog run area.

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[SNU 2015 Rally Schedule - Mark your calendars](#)

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