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Rally at Sweetwater Summit

The June rally at Sweetwater Summit is the last weekend of June. The dates are Thursday June 26 to Sunday 29 2014. This will be the 4th SNU rally at Sweetwater. This is Field Day for ham radio operators. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Relay League. You don't have to be a ham to enjoy Sweetwater. In addition to Field Day, Sweetwater is a good place for hiking, bike riding, and of course, just enjoying the beautiful scenery. The rally site is off Hwy 338 between Smith, NV and Bridgeport, CA. There is a weather station on the summit and that is where you turn off the highway. There is a small air strip on the opposite side of the highway.



November in Mesquite

In a recent email from Don Williams, host of the annual SNU rally at Mesquite Springs at the North end of Death Valley, the event is scheduled for November 13th through the 16th or 17th. Don says he and Gail have not started any planning yet. They will be away in late summer but will send out more info on the rally in September or October.

Region 12 Rally in Pahrump

Nancy Harrington Golden West President

This year (at the Region 12 Rally) we will be sponsoring the Homeless Children Activity Fund headed by Linda Fitzgibbons- Nye County School District Liaison for the Homeless. This cause is a remarkable one. Linda's mission is to do whatever she can to keep their homeless students in school through graduation. She has graciously volunteered to give us a short presentation on her program.

I have already sent out a notice on making "ditty bags" that she provides for the homeless students and a list of the hygienic items to be included. Your response has been great.

We will also be holding a raffle to support her program and would like a basket from each club. You may choose whatever theme you feel is appropriate and it should have a value around \$75.

Please contact me at shurleyshirley@comcast.net or by phone 916-769-0308 if you have any questions and to let me know you have made arrangements to provide a basket.

Rally and events schedule

Click on a link below for details

- ♦ [June 26th @ Sweetwater Summit](#)
- ♦ [June 28th @ International Rally Gillette WY](#)
- ♦ [July 25th @ Weed Heights](#)
- ♦ [August 14th @ Obsidian Dome](#)
- ♦ [September 25th @ Crocker](#)

Prez Meanderings

The rally at Rocky Point at Eagle Lake was more like a typical SNU rally. The weather was sunny. We gathered around a warming fire in the mornings. The wind began to pick up in the afternoon helping to cool it off in the shade. The wind seemed to strengthen as the day progressed. After our evening pot luck and the sun angle got lower it became cool. In fact it got cold and we retreated to our trailers.

There were nine trailers there, only eight at any one time. Gary left on Saturday and was replaced by Jim and his brother Chris Walker. I invited Jim when I found his Airstream parked in the Wal-Mart parking lot. There are some similarities between this year's rally and last years. Last year I invited an "Airstreamer" I found parked in the campground at Minden Airport. He also found his way to Rocky Point with a little help. Last year prospective members Bruce and Kathy Rhymes flew over our rally site on Saturday. Unfortunately their plane crashed much later in the day as they were approaching Auburn Airport killing both of them. We had grown to like them very much and looked forward to welcoming them into our unit. This year I brought a practice Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) beacon with me and one of the Civil Air Patrol crews flew over our rally site several times practicing homing on the beacon. We continue a tradition of welcoming visitors to Rocky Point and to all our rallies.

I will miss the June rally. I will taking my airstream on a trip through the SW. Visiting Doris' daughter in Albuquerque, my daughter in Alamogordo for her third wedding, Doris' grandson in Phoenix and her brother and sister in Lake Havasu City. In addition to those stops I hope to visit Carlsbad Caverns and a few other National Parks or Monuments along the way. I lived in Alamogordo, NM for five years and never went to Carlsbad Caverns.

Be thinking about a candidate for next SNU President – my term expires in September. Hope to see you all at Weed Heights in July.



Springtime in Kentucky - 2014

by Robert Stansbury

This is a report from Robert Stansbury about the recently completed Springtime in Kentucky Caravan. Cecelia and I left Carson City on April 16th for Cave City, Kentucky. The first thing we did was attend the National Corvette Museum and tour the Corvette factory next door. Of course, the recent sinkhole event at the museum had risen the attendance by 56%. It was also the national homecoming weekend for the Corvette Club and there were about 300 Corvettes in the parking lot. We had to sign a liability waiver to view the hole the cars fell in. The damaged vehicles were also on display. They plan to restore four of them but the other four were a complete loss.

Next, we toured Mammoth Cave National Monument and then headed to Churchill Downs for Derby Week. Once I saw California Chrome and Danza working out, I bet on them to show along with #17 (a longshot). To my surprise, they came in 1,2,3 and I would have won \$5,318 if I had bet the trifecta. We went to the races on Wednesday at Churchill Downs to avoid the 154,000 people that would show up on Saturday. Then we went to Lexington and watched the Derby on TV at the Keeneland Race track where we could bet and enjoy all the ladies hats and a non-stop buffet.

It would take me three or four pages to tell you all the stuff we did. We visited "My old Kentucky Home", Loretta Lynn's home in Butcher Holler, many Bourbon Distilleries, the Kentucky Horse Park, The Rural Life Museum, the Toyota factory, a river boat ride, the Muhammad Ali museum, the Louisville Slugger factory, the Whitehall Mansion, Daniel Boone's "Boonsboro", Berea College, Renfro Valley Music Festival, Paintsville Music and Dance night, a train ride to an abandoned Coal town and mine, and lots more.

This Caravan has new leaders and will be run again in 2016. They only take about 25 rigs, so now is the time to sign up. There are photo show and information on both YouTube and Facebook. Just type in "Springtime in Kentucky" and you should be able to view many of our locales and participants. *RLS*

PS from Cecelia

We are currently in Hartford, CT. Our goal by the time we return to Nevada is to finish all 50 states and capitals. Bob finally got his 50th state today when we arrived in CT. Tomorrow we will visit Concord, NH and Augusta, ME. Saturday it will be Montpelier, VT. We will then have two left, Indianapolis and Lansing which we plan to visit on our way to Gillette.

Upcoming 2014 Events

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| Sweetwater Summit - Thursday June 26-Sunday 29 2014 | Ft Churchill – main park - Thursday October 23-Sunday 26 2014 |
| WBCCI International Rally Gillette WY- June 28 – July 4, 2014 | Region 12 Rally Pahrump NV - Wednesday October 15, 2014 to Monday October 20, 2014 |
| Weed Heights - Thursday July 25- Sunday 27 2014 | Bavarian World - Saturday November 22, 2014 |
| Obsidian Dome - Thursday August 14- Sunday 17 2014 | Death Valley Mesquite Campground - Thursday November |
| Crocker - Thursday September 25-Sunday 28 2014 | El Charro Avita - Saturday December 20, 2014 |

Rocky Point Rally Review

First we want to welcome Warren and Merna Hull, the newest SNU members. They had been fulltiming for 6 years before settling down in Carson City and purchasing a 1998 Excella Classic. Rocky Point was their first SNU rally. We were delighted to share one of our favorite rally sites with them and introduce them to an SNU style rally. Merna shared a great tip she learned while on the road. She said the best way to learn about good places to visit when traveling is while doing the laundry in an RV park. Other people doing laundry are full of ideas and suggestions.

We had a total of 9 rigs at this rally, including Warren & Merna. Other rally participants included Jerry & Dyan, Wheels & Doris, Gary, Mike & Cindy, Randy & Vicki, Bryan & Diane and we were especially delighted to have Roger and Janet join us on Friday. We also had some guests, Jim Walker & his brother Chris. They just purchased their 1975 Tradewind a few months ago and plan to be traveling for most of the summer. This was their first Airstream rally. In addition to Airstreams and people, this was definitely a dog rally. We had a total of 12 dogs this year. Our Thursday KFC dinner worked out really well. Bryan & Diane stopped by KFC in Susanville on the way to Rocky Point and picked up enough chicken and sides for everyone. Having a "catered" dinner made for a relaxing beginning of the rally. Friday Wheels was assisting in some Civil Air Patrol exercises and one of their planes flew over our rally site. Be sure to check the picture the CAP plane took of the rally site We couldn't help but think of **Bruce and Kathy** whose vintage Cessna crashed one year ago killing both of them. Randy had a copy of the final FAA report of the crash. It seems we'll never know exactly what happened. Randy had a good time setting up his unique yard art, "The Thing". It's been a while since he's had it set up and thankfully he had printed a picture of it to help him put it together. He now has some ideas for enhancements so it will be interesting to see it at the next rally. The rally site looked pretty awesome after dark. Most of us now have a variety of solar lights of one type or another and they added to the nighttime ambiance.



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Reminder:

If you plan to attend the July rally at Weed Heights the weekend of "A Night in the Country Music Festival, please let us know. email hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org.

Rocky Point Rally Review - continued

Friday night Wheels held a short business meeting. The primary topic was Randy's report of various potential rally sites. He and Vicki had visited Prosser Reservoir, Hereford Ranch and the Likely Spot RV park after the Boca Rally. **Prosser Reservoir** is right off hwy 89 near Truckee. There are several campgrounds at Prosser including a group area. There are lots of trees and some nice, spacious, fairly level RV sites. This might be a good place for a future SNU rally or a joint rally with NorCal. The next stop was **Hereford Ranch** which is also off hwy 89 North of



Susanville near Hat Creek, CA. It is a private RV park and campground. It is a nice place with lots of trees, a fishing pond and other amenities, Randy thinks it might be OK for the backup list of SNU rally sites. Hereford would require long range planning and reservations. The next stop was the **Likely Spot RV** park near Alturas. This place has definite possibilities. There are two areas with gazebos that would make good rally sites. Amenities at the park include star gazing pads, a golf course, an onsite restaurant, hiking paths and full RV hookups. Randy was pleased with the staff that he talked with about the park and the potential of holding a rally there. It looks like the SNU will add this place to the 2015 rally calendar.

Saturday was another nice day. It started out with a morning campfire and coffee. Midday the wind picked up but by dinnertime, things had calmed down enough for our shared dinner. Diane had recently found a bunch of pink flamingo items at a thrift store and she passed around some flamingo ornaments so everyone could add to the decor of their Airstream. Our shared meals on Friday and Saturday had lots of variety and as usual, more than enough good things to eat. It was a great weekend of catching up, visiting, and just enjoying great company in a very scenic place.

Traveling with Pets

SNU members have a lot of experience traveling with pets, in particular dogs. SNU rallies are definitely pet friendly. Being around a group is a little different than being at home though. To make sure everyone is happy a little extra courtesy and consideration may be necessary. The beginning of summer and the time most of us are getting ready to hit the road is a good time for a few reminders. There are lots of websites with information and checklists.

Camping with your dog is an example. Some of the issues to keep in mind are making sure shots and vaccinations are current. No matter where you go, most likely you will be in a place with mosquitoes and possibly ticks and other pests. Talk to your veterinarian about heart worm prevention and medications. Keep a copy of shot records, any medical conditions, and emergency contacts with you. In particular, you'll need these and other documentation if you and your pet are traveling out of the country. There are all sorts of other things you need to keep in mind when traveling with your pet including food and water, health and safety, campground courtesy, identification, and what to do if you plan to leave your pet while seeing the sites. Most pets enjoy traveling. Making sure they are healthy, happy, safe, and comfortable will enhance the **travel experience** for both you and your pets.

