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Crocker Rally Review

This rally turned out to be our virtual Oregon Coast rally. For the first time in over 10 years, it was rainy when we arrived and rainy when we left. The whole weekend was off and on drizzle and rain and gray skies. Despite the uncooperative weather, we had five rigs at the rally. This included Jerry & Dyann, Wheels & Doris, Gene & Carmen, Bryan & Diane, and Gary & Anita. Wheels & Doris had a rather interesting trip to the rally but they did make it in one piece. Jerry & Dyann had their new pup, Whistler with them. It was his first Airstream rally. He is a really cute 13 week old McNab border collie. The wet weather gave Gary an opportunity to test the seals on his newly replaced skylight. No leaks was a good sign. Gary & Anita also displayed their newly acquired flamingos. Great additions to the SNU flock. We were able to have our Friday dinner outside. The weather cleared a little and was almost sunny. No wind and mild temps also helped. As usual we had a great variety of good food and of course, great company. Saturday, we ended up having dinner in Jerry & Dyann's Airstream. Saturday evening we had a surprise visit from Shelly, her sister and Jessilynn. They were on their way home from Truckee. The axle is still off Shelly and Dean's Airstream or they would have come for the weekend. It was great to see them. Jessilynn is now 3 yrs old and she has grown quite a bit since we saw her last year at Green Creek. Sunday we were able to have our morning coffee outside but had to sit under the awning of Jerry & Dyann's Airstream to keep dry. We watched the rain and then when it eased off we packed up and headed home. It was an enjoyable weekend in a great location, even if it was a little damp.



Friday Dinner



Sunday morning watching the rain

Opportunities

There are several rallies planned for 2015 that provide opportunities for creative SNU members. One is the joint rally with NorCal August 5 – Sunday 9, 2015 at Prosser campground. We are looking for an SNU member to work with NorCal to make this rally a unique experience for members of both Units. Thursday September 24 to Sunday 27 2015 will be the 10th anniversary SNU rally at Obsidian Dome. This has always been a special rally and celebrating our 10th year at this location provides an opportunity for someone to step up and make this rally a very memorable event. The Region 12 rally will be in Minden October 6 to 11, 2015. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done and ways members can get involved. To assist with any of these projects, contact the SNU right now! hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org

October Rally at Fort Churchill (main campground)

The **SNU October rally** will be at Ft Churchill Thursday October 23-Sunday 26 2014. The park is located eight miles south of Silver Springs on Alternate U.S. 95, and one mile on Fort Churchill Road. The main campground is just past the museum and the ruins of the old Fort. This is a standard Nevada State Park with 20 individual sites and a nearby dump station. There are no reservations. Site selection is on a first come basis. There are lots of things to see and do at Ft Churchill. The Carson River is a short walk from the campground. You can take a tour of the



ruins of the fort and check out the museum. A short drive away is **Buckland Station**, one

of the earliest ranches in the area, supplying emigrants, ranchers, travelers and the soldiers at Fort Churchill. There are fire rings so bring wood for campfires. Although it is unlikely that the campground will be busy in October, if that does happen, the SNU will relocate to **Lahontan Beach 7** for our rally.



Prez Meanderings

Dark clouds appeared in the area of the Crocker Campground as we approached. As we got closer it began to sprinkle. We had proceeded to the dirt section and I slowed down. I noticed a couple of pick-ups behind me that didn't seem to want to travel at 15 miles an hour. I pulled over at a wide spot in the road to let them pass. One of them told me I had a flat on the trailer – street side rear. We were about a half mile from the Crocker turn-off and the tire was still intact and on the rim but not inflated. I decide to proceed at a very low speed to the Campground turn-off. At the campground turn-off there was a level drive out of the way of the campground traffic, it was perfect. I had changed wheels at home on a concrete slab so I knew what was involved. This was no different except for the light drizzle and dirt. I took my time and had the spare on and ready to go in about 45 minutes. It was especially nice to be on flat road away from traffic so I could maneuver without fear of being hit by passing traffic. After parking I borrowed Jerry's tire pump and gauge to pump my spare tire, now in the left rear position on the trailer, to the designated 65 PSI. Crocker is always a challenge to our leveling skills but the effort is worth it. Crocker is such a beautiful spot among the tall pines. There is carpet of pine needles everywhere. The wind often whistles in the tree tops and makes the trees sway.

The Region Rally in October 2015 is in Minden at the Silver City RV Park. The theme of this Region Rally is "Silver Returns to the Comstock." Check this [link](#) for a more information and a complete list of committees. If you are interested in participating in any of these committees or can think of any we have forgotten please give me a call or email me. If you have suggestions for rally activities or locations give me a call or email me. R. H. "Wheels" Wheeler, 775-781-1839, rhwheels@msn.com

Hope to see you all at Ft Churchill in October.



Home Again

Don and Gail have returned home after 9 weeks on the WBCCI Alyska Caravan. They took advantage of our (Bryan & Diane's) courtesy parking on the way home. We got to hear caravan stories and see the photos first hand. Some of these pictures are posted on Don's [facebook page](#). What an amazing trip. It was an interesting comparison to the 1962 Leipper family [trip to Alaska](#). Don and Gail went on some great tours, saw lots of beautiful scenery and wildlife, ate a lot of good food and met some new friends. Wait till you hear Don's story about sourdough-toe. They will be writing a full trip report for a later version of the SNU newsletter.



Upcoming 2014 Events

Ft Churchill – main park - Thursday October 23-Sunday 26 2014

Region 12 Rally Pahrump NV - Wednesday October 15, 2014 to Monday October 20, 2014

Bavarian World - Saturday November 22, 2014

Death Valley Mesquite Campground - Thursday 13th November

El Charro Avita - Saturday December 20, 2014

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

Black Bear Diner, Fernley - Saturday February 21, 2015

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

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

Ft Sage, Doyle - Thursday April 23 - Sunday April 26, 2015 3

Rocky Point - Susanville, Thursday May 15 – Sunday May 17, 2015

Sweetwater - Thursday June 11– Sunday June 14 2015

WBCCI International Rally - Farmington, NM June 28 – July 4, 2015

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

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

Obsidian Dome - June Lakes, Thursday September 24 – Sunday 27 2015

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

Overlander - Gardnerville, Saturday November 14, 2015

Death Valley Mesquite Campground (TBA) November

Bavarian World - Reno Saturday December 12, 2015

Repairs and Maintenance

Routine repair and maintenance is part of owning any RV including Airstreams. This past year many SNU members have been working on a variety of projects. Brian & Jeni fully restored their 1954 Cruiser. Barney and Mary Beth fully restored their 1951 Cruisette. Recently Jerry has been helping Gene T. with the generator and other issues on his 1988 Classic motorhome. Jerry has replaced the alternator and done other work on his & Dyann's 1986 Classic motorhome. Dean and Shelly replaced the axle on their 1969 Overlander. Work on Steve & Jan's 1983 Classic motor home included engine seals and door locks. Gary replaced a leaky skylight on his & Anita's 2005 Safari. Several members, including Jerry, Gary, Bryan & Randy have installed tire pressure monitoring systems. Randy benefited from his new monitoring system before he even left his own driveway. He got it installed and one tire registered zero. He checked the tire and found a split in it. Needless to say, he got new tires for his Airstream. On the other side, Don and Gail just got home from a 9 week WBCCI caravan to Alaska. Although several caravan participants had some significant problems, Don and Gail's major issue was making sure



they kept the mirrors and shower doors taped while traveling. It is also about time to think about **winterizing** your Airstream. That means thoroughly checking all the systems. Plumbing and drains need attention to prevent freezing problems. Batteries, tires, gaskets, and shut off valves need to be checked. Attention needs to be paid to any potential rust issues, moisture leaks, and critter infestations. Taking the time to properly prepare your Airstream for winter will not only head off any potential problems, it will be easier in the spring to get it ready for all sorts of Airstream adventures in 2015.

Sierra Nevada Unit Updates

Elections The SNU will elect it's 2015 officers at the October rally. After discussion and encouragement from Jerry, Gary Haskett has volunteered to serve as SNU President for 2015. This one on one effort to recruit officers for the SNU board has been the way the Unit has gotten every president and board member for the last 13 years. As we always have, we'll all work together to support and assist Gary and the rest of the SNU board for 2015. The slate is: President - Gary Haskett, Secretary - open, Treasurer/membership - Baxter, Trustee - Randy, Trustee - Don. If you aren't able to come to the rally at Ft Churchill, you can cast your vote by emailing the SNU at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org

WBCCI Member Directory The deadline to be listed in the 2015 WBCCI membership directory is fast approaching. To be included, now is the time to join or renew your membership in the SNU for 2015. Annual dues are \$75. You can [pay online](#), pay at a rally, or mail your check to the SNU at 716 Terra Ct, Reno NV 89506

Mesquite Cancelled The SNU has cancelled it's November rally at Mesquite in Death Valley. Don and Gail, the hosts for this rally, will be in South Carolina taking care of some family business.

Back to Basics The Mission Statement of WBCCI includes the following: "WBCCI is a diverse community of Airstream owners with a commitment to Fun Fellowship, and Adventure." The SNU has used that, and other principles outlined by Wally Byam as guidelines in everything we do. In recent years we have shifted away a little from the social aspects to including more business at rallies and lunches. Starting in November 2014, SNU luncheons and rallies will focus entirely on the social aspects of the Unit. Any business that needs to be conducted will be done outside the rallies and luncheons through the SNU board and other avenues. These include the newsletter, email, [postings on the web](#), and the SNU Facebook page. Member input will be sought primarily on a one on one basis or through email and phone conversations. Doing this will enable our group gatherings to focus on fun and fellowship while still enduring members are informed and business is handled.

Airstream Resources

One of the favorite topics at SNU rallies is Airstream maintenance and repair. There are several people who have "been there, done that." Everything from totally rebuilding an Airstream to routine maintenance projects. If you are contemplating some work on your Airstream, here are a few resources you might check out. Most of these resources have been used by various SNU members. In fact, SNU member, Jerry Thornburg, is not only a good resource for information and ideas, he is also a supplier of Airstream parts and equipment through his business **TBOLT Industries**. Another good source to check out for all things Airstream is the WBCCI Blue Beret membership magazine.

Airstream, Inc - The manufacturer of Airstream trailers in Jackson Center, OH - They provide full service warranty, repair, and maintenance on Airstream RV's.

Paramount Auto body and RV - In Reno - the local authorized Airstream repair shop

Bay Area Airstream - In Fairfield, CA - Sales, warranty, service, and parts

Out of Doors Mart - in Colfax, CA - Airstream and Argosy parts and service

Nevada Power Products - In Reno and Carson City - sales, service & parts on a variety of brands of generators and other power equipment

Silver Trailer Supply - In Salt Lake City - A good source for parts for both vintage and newer Airstreams.

Vintage Trailer Supply - Features parts and supplies for vintage Airstreams

Parkview RV Center - In Delaware - Sales, service, and parts for Airstreams and other RV's

J.P.A. Drapes, Inc - Replacement drapes for Airstreams and other RV's

Safari RV - In Reno - All sorts of RV parts and camping equipment

Sierra Airstream Restoration - In Minden NV - Restores and rebuilds, Airstreams and other vintage RV's

Sierra Trailer Restoration - In Nevada City, CA - Restores and rebuilds, Airstreams and other vintage RV's

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