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December Luncheon at El Charro

The December lunch at El Charro was great as usual. Thanks to Randy & Vicki for setting this up. We had 18 people in attendance including Roger & Janet's grandson and his wife. Other participants included Gary & Anita, Jerry & Dyann, Jim, Wheels & Doris, Bob & Cecilia, Baxter & Marlene and Diane. Jim's wife Lynda was home with a visiting grandson. It was a delightful afternoon with good food and



good company. It looks like several SNU members have already got some great plans for next summer. Some have Airstream events coming up within the next few months. Wheels & Doris found out they are on the list for a WBCCI caravan along the Blue Ridge. Among Bob & Cecilia's numerous trips will be participation in the Annual Rose Parade rally. Gary & Anita are considering a trip in the near future to Death Valley and Pahrump. We also got updates on some of the newest 4 legged members of the SNU. Jerry & Dyann's 5 month old McNab border collie just graduated puppy class and will be starting obedience classes soon. Baxter & Marlene's long haired dachshund is becoming an experienced traveler and learning

about tearing up unprotected boxes of kleenex. This luncheon brought 2014 to a close after a lot of great rallies and wonderful memories. We all look forward to 2015 which will include some special opportunities, some new rally sites and a lot of great Airstreaming adventures.



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Sierra Nevada Unit Business

Item 1: Randy has finalized plans for the May SNU rally at Lassen RV Park. You must rsvp by April 30, 2015 for this rally See Randy's article in this newsletter about how to make reservations.

Item 2: Bob hand out a list of activities and ideas that came out of the 1st planning meeting for the 2015 Region Rally. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this rally, let us know. It is shaping up to be a good rally and there is always a need for volunteers. Bob & Cecilia will be holding another planning meeting sometime in January.

Prez Meanderings

It is Christmas Eve day as I write this. I'm sipping a hot cider and thinking about the last two years I have had the honor of being your president. It has generally been a fun time. The unit seems to have survived in spite of me. We have some challenges ahead. I feel the biggest challenge is finding ways to get a bigger percentage of the members involved in SNU activities. Unfortunately, I don't have any really good suggestions. I am prepared to contribute time and effort to try suggestions others may have and to support our new president Gary Haskett in any ideas he might have. I believe there must be things we can do to attract more members and get them involved.

On the 23rd of January I am scheduled to get a stent implanted in my left carotid artery to correct a blockage. Because of the location of the blockage the surgery is being done at UC Davis. A friend of mine is taking us down on the 22nd and bringing us back on the 24th. In June we will be joining the "Taste of the Blue Ridge" Caravan from June 1st to 20th 2015. There are several friends and family we plan to see on our trip across the country. There are also some National Monuments and Parks as well as Aircraft Museums we would like to see. I am open to suggestions if anyone has a special place we should visit. My general plan right now is after visiting Doris' daughter in Albuquerque and my daughter in Alamogordo, to travel east through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and into Florida. In Florida while staying at the campground on Pensacola NAS visit the United States Museum of Naval Aviation there. From there work NE through Alabama, Georgia South Carolina and into North Carolina where the caravan begins. The caravan ends on June 20th leaving me 6 days to get from northern Virginia to Farmington, NM for the International Rally. Goggle says it's just over 1900 miles so I figure between 6 and 7 hours of driving each day to get to Farmington in 6 days. We shall see.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness throughout the New Year. I guess I'll miss the luncheon at the Shanghai Restaurant & Sushi House in Sparks next month. Hope to see you all at the Black Bear in Fernley on the 21st of February.

Most Recent Past Prez



Sierra Nevada Unit 2014 Highlights

2014 was another great year for the SNU. Some of the highlights are listed below. The [complete list](#) is posted on the website

◇ We welcomed new SNU members at two different rallies this year, Warren & Merna at Rocky Point and Stan & Geri at Weed Heights



◇ Doris was crowned Hobo Queen at the Hobo Rally in Blythe

◇ Randy & Vicki checked out four new potential rally sites. Two will be included in the 2015 rally schedule.

◇ SNU members and affiliates participated in other WBCCI activities including:

The WBCCI International Rally in Gillette

The Balloon Fiesta Rally

The Region 12 Rally in Pahrump

The Hobo Rally in Blythe

WBCCI Springtime in Kentucky Caravan

WBCCI Alyeska Caravan

◇ Some of the more memorable meals prepared at SNU rallies in 2015 included Corned Beef & Cabbage in March, a sandwich and salad dinner at Obsidian and four different types of quiche and Randy's waffles at Obsidian.

◇ Two members completed full restorations on

their vintage Airstreams. Barney and Mary Beth restored their 1951 Cruisette. Brian and Jeni restored their 1954 Cruiser.

Upcoming 2015 Events

Shanghai Restaurant & Sushi House - Sparks NV, Saturday January 24, 2015	WBCCI International Rally - Farmington, NV June 28 – July 4, 2015
Black Bear Diner - Fernley, NV Saturday February 21, 2015	Weed Heights - Yerington NV, Thursday July 9 - Sunday July 12, 2015
Lahontan Beach 7 - Silver Springs NV, Thursday March 19 - Sunday March 22, 2015	Prosser Family campground - Truckee CA Wednesday August 5 – Sunday 9, 2015
Cali - Rally (Hobo replacement) April 16-20, 2015	Obsidian Dome - June Lake CA, Thursday September 24 – Sunday 27 2015
Ft Sage - Doyle NV, Thursday April 23 - Sunday April 26, 2015	Region 12 Rally Silver City RV Resort - Minden NV, October 6-11, 2015
Lassen RV Resort - McArthur CA, Thursday May 15 – Sunday May 17, 2015	Overlander - Gardnerville NV, Saturday November 14, 2015
Sweetwater - Sweetwater Summit on Hwy 338 NV Thursday June 11– Sunday June 14 2015	Bavarian World - Reno NV Saturday December 12, 2015

Rally Reservations for Lassen RV Resort in May

The SNU will hold its May 2015 rally at the Lassen RV Resort. The Lassen RV Resort is located in Northern California one mile off of Highway 299 and eight miles east of the town of McArthur in the foothills among numerous trees. 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. All sites have water, electricity, and sewer. There is no cable TV, Resort supplied satellite, or WiFi. Cell phones are not useable. However, two TV stations can be received via antenna.

Randy and Vicki Grossmann recently stayed at the Resort for several days to check it out. This was the result of the Resort having contacted the SNU regarding the possibility of holding a rally there. Randy and Vicki were so impressed with the Resort that they came back and stated that in some way, shape, or form the SNU should hold a rally there sometime in 2015. Hence the change of the May rally from the originally scheduled Eagle Lake to the Lassen RV Resort. Those who know Randy and Vicki know that they as a general rule much prefer boondock dry camping and they really like Eagle Lake. So this resort promises to be quite something.

Randy is acting as the treasurer, sponsor, and coordinator for this rally. He has reserved eight sites at the Resort. Reservation payments should be made to him. The first night's and only the first night's deposit is required. Payment for the other nights prior to the rally is optional. He will issue a receipt for each deposit. Payment for all unpaid nights (for the rally period) will be made to Randy at the rally.

Each person making a reservation will be supplied by Randy with a Resort Registration form. This form may be (1) filled out at the time of deposit and given to Randy who will forward it to the Resort or (2) it may be filled out and sent directly to the Resort by the person making the reservation or (3) it may be filled out and submitted to the Resort at the time of arrival.

It will be a first to arrive first choice selection of sights. If someone wants to arrive before the first rally day of the rally period or stay after the last one they should make arrangements with the Resort themselves and also pay for the extra nights themselves. If they arrive early they may choose one of the rally sites.

Check the [2015 rally page](#) for more information on this park and the upcoming rally.

Randy can be contacted at 775-883-3603 or randyg@pyramid.net.

January Luncheon at Shanghai Restaurant & Sushi House

The SNU will start off the New Year by trying a new place for it's January luncheon. The lunch will be at the **Shanghai Restaurant & Sushi House** in Sparks on Saturday January 24, 2015. Shanghai is on Baring Blvd in the shopping center directly across from Reed High School. The address is 1269 Baring Blvd. The SNU lunch will be in the private room behind the bar. Please rsvp to hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org or call 775 972 9392.

New Adventures in 1955

Two amazing new adventures started in 1955, both in the month of July. One of these was the formation of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International on July 4, 1955, Wally's Birthday. The official formation of a club exclusive to owners of Airstream trailers grew out of group of people who had been traveling with Wally Byam on caravans and who now wanted to create a more organized structure. The club came into being during a caravan to Eastern Canada.

Read a [detailed description](#) of the formation of WBCCI taken from phone and email conversations with Dale Schwamborn. Dale (Pee Wee) was first cousin once removed of Wally Byam. Wally treated Dale as if he was his own son. Dale went on many adventures with Wally including the first caravan to Mexico and Central American in 1951 and the African Caravan in 1959. It was Wally who nicknamed Dale, Pee Wee. Dale came across our website several years ago. He'd been trying to share his history and because of my family history that he saw on the website, he felt this might be a good fit for his material. Since then Dale has done presentations at a wide variety of rallies and events. He has shared materials on forums and now posts pictures, stories and antidotes on his Facebook page. He has also written several articles for the Blue Beret. Dale provides a fascinating insider's look at the origins and history of WBCCI. It was Dale's mother, Helen Byam Schwamborn, Wally's 1st cousin, that Wally chose to head up the newly formed WBCCI.



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The other adventure that started in 1955 was **Disneyland**. It opened to the public on July 17, 1955. Disneyland came about from Walt Disney visiting various amusement parks with his daughters in the 1930s and 1940s. On one such visit, while sitting on a bench watching his children on a Merry go round, the idea of a "magical park" where parents and their children could have fun took root. That park bench is now in the lobby of Disneyland's Main Street Opera House. Disneyland now has a world-wide presence with a variety of theme parks.

Although vastly different in size and scope, both WBCCI and Disneyland have some similarities. They both offer an opportunity for adventure that encompasses an international component. Both organizations emphasize fun. Disneyland is called "The happiest place on earth" Fun is highlighted in WBCCI Four Freedoms - "Freedom for fun - All of the first three freedoms add up to the fourth. You just plain begin to relax and enjoy life to the full." Fun

is inherent in The Code of Ethics and the Wally Byam Creed. Family is an essential part of both organizations and both provide opportunities for kids and parents to share unique adventures and create special memories.

I am taking the opportunity of the 60th Anniversary of WBCCI to share some of the history of the organization that I have collected from family as well as friends. I hope to include stories, pictures, and other memorabilia in SNU newsletters throughout 2015. Most of the material I have collected is posted on our website in the History section - [History on SierraNevadaAirstreams.org](#) I hope you'll take the opportunity to browse through this section and learn more about this unique organization. If you have history to share and would like to add to this collection, please contact me at hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org

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