



Sierra Nevada Unit

Wally Byam Caravan Club International



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Future SNU Rallies

- WBCCI International Rally Lewisburg, WV - June 28, July 5, 2016
- Weed Heights RV Park - near Yerington - July 21 - July 24, 2016
- Obsidian Dome - near June Lakes, CA - Thursday August 18 - Sunday 21, 2016
- Lassen RV Resort (SNU 40th Anniversary Celebration) - near McArthur, CA - Thursday September 22 - Sunday 25 2016
- Region 12 Rally Golden Palms RV site in Hemet, CA - Oct. 12th to the 16th of 2016
- Scout Camp, Ft Churchill NV State Park - Thursday October 20 - Sunday 23, 2016
- Carson City - Plaza Hotel- Saturday November 19, 2016 11:30 am luncheon
- Death Valley Mesquite Campground - Date TBA
- Brian & Jeni Root's House, Reno - Saturday December 17, 2016 11:30 am luncheon

40 Years of SNU !



Notice from an IBT source - "The motion made by Mr. Smithson (to suspend the SNU charter) was out of order because it did not follow the process defined in our (the WBCCI) Constitution. The motion has been withdrawn."

Check the website for more info

Hickison Rally Review

by Dyann Thornburg

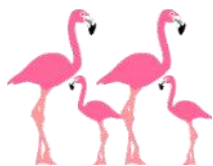
The rally at Hickison Petroglyphs was attended by Randy and Vicki Grossmann as well as Jerry and Dyann Thornburg. Even though the rally was just the four of us, we had a lot of fun and a few adventures. The weather was warm and windy on Thursday and Friday but the wind eased up and it cooled off and became gorgeous on Saturday. We had the entire area pretty much to ourselves all days until around dinner time when travelers along Highway 50 would pull in to spend the night and explore the petroglyphs. Jerry met and spoke with a couple who were traveling to Mt. Whitney to use their rig as a base camp for their sons who were going to climb the mountain. Their rig was one built in Colorado Jerry had seen on the Extreme RVs TV show. Randy and Vicki took a walk up to look at the petroglyphs and said they discovered even more they hadn't seen before. On Saturday while we were sitting in the Moho talking, Vicki's keen eyes spotted a King snake going through camp. Jerry took it away and let it go as Vicki and I freaked out. Jerry has some new solar lights he tried out for the first time. Since we had forgotten to bring firewood we used the fire pit to display them. He put a couple next to the cement blocks that keep vehicles from pulling in too far and when the lights lit up at night it looked like stars on the blocks. Friday and Saturday dinners were held outside. Great food, wonderful company and stories told. Randy brought a really big three berry pie that was delicious. Randy and Vicki told us about



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their recent visit to the Lassen RV Resort and the plans in place for the upcoming SNU 40th Anniversary Rally on September 22nd thru 25th, 2016. If you are planning to go I strongly suggest you get your registration forms submitted as soon as possible so they know how many plan on attending and he can let the RV park know for food preparation. The RV park will be having both a lunch and dinner for the SNU members and Randy has promised to make his famous waffles one morning. Other activities are also planned but I'm not going to spoil the surprises. It promises to be a wonderful time for everyone who's there. Also if you make a list of your memories of rallies with the SNU and send it to Diane Liepper (hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org) you'll get "Kitty Credits". Do 40 memories and you get \$40.00 off the registration fee for the rally. This is a great deal and a lot of fun thinking back and remembering your fun times and adventures with the SNU. Should you not be able to do 40 it's my understanding you get a "Kitty Credit" for every one you do and prizes given. If you have any questions you can contact Diane for answers. I hope to see all of you at the Anniversary Rally, as well as the rally next month at Weed Heights near Yerington (July 21st - 24th, 2016). The park has full hook-ups and Jerry is planning another Nevada Surf and Turf dinner on Saturday like he did last year. Also an Ice Cream Social has been discussed. I look forward to seeing you at both rallies.

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From Dyann's Kitty Kredit memories of the SNU - Our first rally with the SNU was in March of 2005. We were at Rye Patch Reservoir in the group area. The ground was very muddy but everyone seemed to be able to get in to the parking area until Anita Leipper's turn. There were several of us still left to enter and were left sitting on the road because Anita got stuck half way up her front tires in the slush. It took about an hour to finally get her out with the help of everyone there. What a great start to a wonderful relationship that has lasted 11 years now. To know that this is a great group of people who work together to help anyone in need. **Read all of Dyann's great memories** of the SNU rallies she and Jerry have attended.

Jeni Root posted this comment on the SNU Facebook page.- Kingston & Unionville - two places we would have never visited without this group! Thank you so much for introducing us to some of the best that Northern Nevada has to offer! Jeni Root posted this comment on the SNU Facebook page. The Root family has been SNU members since 2005.



Weed Heights in July

Weed Heights RV Park near Yerington is the site for the SNU rally Thursday July 21 - Sunday July 24, 2016. The Park is just off HWY 95 up the hill behind the old Anaconda mine pit. The turn off is well marked. The park fees are approximately \$24 per night per rig with Good Sam or AAA membership. Pay the park host upon arrival. This full service park means we can plug in and exercise our A/C units if the weather is hot. There is also a nice cool club house for afternoon games and relaxing. The Park sits up on a hill with panoramic views of the valley and gets a lot of nice cool breezes. There are shady trees to park under. A perfect location for July. The special event for this rally will be Friday dinner with **Jerry's special Nevada Surf-n-Turf BBQ** and ice cream for dessert. Don't miss out. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we will have enough food for everyone. This will be the 8th SNU rally at Weed Heights



SNU'S 40th ANNIVERSARY RALLY

by Randy Grossmann

I wish to make a few comments as the host, orchestrator, and treasurer of the upcoming Sierra Nevada Unit's **40th anniversary rally celebration**. Those who attended the 30th and 35th SNU anniversaries know how special those were. This one promises to be just as special.



This 40th anniversary rally will be held September 22 to September 26 this year at the Lassen RV Resort which is a couple of miles off of highway 299 about 8 miles east of the town of McArthur in northern California. This beautiful and roomy Resort is in the foothills among numerous trees. A short walk within the Resort will take you to where the Fall River Valley and Mt. Shasta can be seen. Spaces are long, wide, and well separated. All sites have water, electricity, and sewer. There are bathrooms and a laundry room. The Resort has been described as a dry camping environment with most of the typical RV park amenities. There are plenty of partial and all day trips for anyone to take. The Allen radio telescope array and Burney Falls are not far away. For a longer all day trip there is Lassen and Mt. Shasta. Mt. Shasta is the farthest at about 70 miles. For a short trip there is the Fall River Mills museum which is only 12 miles away. We are planning on a Resort provided Friday lunch. On Saturday morning we will be serving some of those sought after Randy Waffles. Saturday night will be the apogee of the rally with a Resort provided evening dinner. The Resort's ever so gracious owners have made available to us their commercial kitchen for our waffles and their dining room for our exclusive use. There will be special displays including the nationally famous diorama, the very popular Thing (aka Monstrosity), memorabilia, and much more. There could even be a few surprises. Make your reservations now with me. The cost for the entire rally which covers everything is only \$120. **My contact information is:** Randy Grossmann 2345 W. Washington St. Carson City, NV 89703 775-883-3603 randyg@pyramid.net

Welcome New Members

The newest members of the SNU are Glen Rogers who lives in Reno and Sherry & Kevin Temple who live in Carson City. Glen owns a 1966 Vintage Airstream Safari. Sherry & Kevin bought the Stover's 1973 Argosy. We welcome Glen, Sherry & Kevin to the SNU. Sherry & Kevin are planning on coming to the rally at Weed Heights. Hopefully Glen can make that rally too. If not, we hope that we'll get to meet him in person at a rally sometime soon.

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[SNU 2016 Rally Schedule - Mark your calendars](#)

[SNU Facebook Page](#)

[What's new on the Sierra Nevada Airstreams.org](#)



Remembering Special People – Dale & Marge Grosch

The November 2012 SNU newsletter mentions that Dale and Marge Grosch have decided the time has come to park their Airstream permanently. In an email from Marge, she said:

"We decided the time came for us to let go of the trailer after 37 years of fun and all the nice people we have met. It was a hard decision for us. We loved every moment of our travels, rallies, jobs and office. I am now 87 and Dale 82 years old and there are many things we are doing around home. We are enjoying our home and friends here. But our memories are very clear in our minds. We have enough pictures to enjoy. It was such a joy to have been in the SNU and enjoyed time with your parents and the other members."

Dale and Marge had been members of the SNU since the early 1990's. They maintained their membership even after moving to Washington State in the early 2000's. They were active members in both the SNU and in WBCCI. Both served more than one term as President of the SNU. They also held other offices and worked on the newsletter writing articles, printing and distributing it to members. Dale and Marge hosted several SNU luncheons at their home in Carson City. They attended the 1996 SNU rally at Lahontan, the first rally the SNU had held in several years. They also attended SNU rallies at Washoe Lake. Dale and Marge volunteered at numerous WBCCI International rallies in a variety of capacities. With their "retirement" from Airstreaming, Marge and Dale were the last of the SNU members who joined prior to 1994.



Early Report From Lewisburg

By Don Williams 6/24

In regards to flooding in West Virginia - Rally site is safe. Elsewhere in the county is another matter. Some people were trapped at the Greenbrier. They were going to get \$400 rooms for \$200 but then the power went out. The Hotel comped them the rooms in the morning.

It threatened to become a SNU rally this AM. Local radio station was off because they didn't have backup power, only one or two repeaters out of 6 were only the air and I couldn't find any RACES or ARES in the area. Based on all this I suggested to our neighbors to fill their water tanks since power had been off since 10 PM and it didn't seem likely that the water company had backup generators. About 9 the WBCCI rally people put out a text that the power wasn't expected to be on until midnight Saturday. Then at 11 AM the IBT adjourned their meeting because the fairground put out a noticed that the water would be turned off in the campgrounds at Noon. We heard that the water company's pumps were under water. It turned out that the water never was turned off and the power came on about 5 PM this evening.

Airstreamers found almost all businesses including Walmart closed, no restaurants open, only one gas station open, a line at Kmart waiting to get in and most needed supplies sold out in a couple hours. Hopefully the restaurants quickly recover for many unit, region, intra-club and caravan get-togetherness cancelled.

I believe we are supposed to have better weather for a few days and then some rain on Monday.

Brainstorming with Nevada State Parks

Some of the comments in this article are from the November 2005 SNU Newsletter – The SNU had written **a letter to Nevada State Parks** in 2004 regarding the development of RV group sites at some Nevada State Parks. In particular we talked about Dayton State Park, having just had a rally there. For a lot of reasons, this park would make an ideal site for group RV activities. There was a perfect location just behind the already established group picnic area that would have required minimal development. There are also several possibilities for group RV sites within the Ft Churchill area. Currently Scout Camp at Ft Churchill is the only group RV site. That is primarily for horse groups although the SNU has held several great rallies there and we'll be going there for our October 2016 rally.

It was in part due to the 2004 letter that Larry Chapen the Landscape Architect with the Nevada Division of State Parks came to the SNU Rally at Davis Creek to talk with us about some proposed changes to the Valley of Fire Park. Larry brought a copy of the preliminary plans for a class A section at the park. When he left two hours later, he had an entire overlay page full of suggestions and ideas. Some were basic and some were more innovative. You can read more about these ideas in the **November 2005 SNU Newsletter**. As it turned out, Larry had some pretty unique resources for this

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You may get confused when you look at the list of officers in the WBCCI membership directory and compare to our actual officer roster. That is due to some 'editing' of our submittal probably as a residual from the WBCCI suggested roster and the Merit Award program criteria. In a small group like the SNU, the recording and communications functions can be consolidated as can the Treasurer and the membership committee. This way the SNU can make sure that it complies with its bylaws in filling officer positions and committees and can do so with independent full members as needed to promote accountability and proper governance. The fact that WBCCI membership is by camping family rather than by individual causes some confusion, too, especially for the 'one man one vote' ideologues and the modern phenomena of a couple having different last names and several Airstreams but, theoretically, only one WBCCI membership number. Good association governance means all positions listed in bylaws are properly filled by independent full voting members for each position on the roster.



Brainstorming with Nevada St.Parks continued

input. Not only was he able to tap the lifelong camping and RV experiences of all the SNU members present, he received input from Wes Warn who had owned an RV park and Anita Leipper who had just spent the summer being a camp host in several Oregon State Parks. We never did find out what happened with those plans and ideas but if even a few of them were implemented, Valley of Fire would definitely benefit. Dayton seems to have chosen to beef up its trail system and add signage over developing a group area. Scout Camp at Ft Churchill is still the only group RV area. There are other areas in the Ft Churchill complex that could easily be developed into a group RV site but there seems to be no plans anytime in the near future. There are other Nevada State Parks with a group RV area. Three of them are Rye Patch, Washoe Lake and Lahontan. The SNU has held rallies at all three of these sites. Rye Patch has a designated group area. The group area at Washoe Lake State Park is primarily for tent campers but it worked fine for the SNU for a March or April rally. Lahontan is primarily dispersed camping which is great for groups. The advantages of Lahontan are that we don't have to reserve the site and we don't have to pay a group site fee. This fits much better with the SNU flexible rally style. Maybe it's time for the SNU to contact NV State Parks again. Maybe it's time to see if there are any plans in the pipeline that would be of interest to the SNU. Maybe it's time for the SNU to share it's thoughts and ideas again. Maybe this would be a good project for 2017.



Visitors Ctr. Valley of Fire

Sierra Nevada Contributions to WBCCI

Over the years, the SNU hasn't just paid dues to WBCCI, it has contributed to the parent organization in many ways. A few of these contributions are listed here.

As a Unit

- Choosing to rebuild rather than fold. Among other benefits, this increased WBCCI presence and membership in Northern Nevada
- Created a successful example for small unit management and growth that could be used by other struggling Units. The story of the SNU was written up in a Region 12 newsletter
- Submitted multiple [articles for the Blue Beret](#). Authors include: Don Williams, Mike Orchard, Randy Grossmann, Erika Root, Diane Leipper & Melissa Wong.
- The SNU has provided photos for the Blue Beret. Several were used as a cover and another was used in the Unit news section.
- Created a membership application that was copied almost verbatim for use by another Unit.
- The example of the SNU has been used as inspiration in the formation of at least one new Unit.
- Provided the inspiration for the Merit Award, the Adopt-A- Dealer program, and the Media Guide.
- The SNU has shown consistent exemplary membership management which includes membership retention, recruitment and support. For instance, a report from the recent Region Rally in Minden states that as of October 2, 2015 the SNU is third in recruiting for the 2016 year with new and renewing members at 38% of last year
- Implemented various technological tools to support and assist communications with WBCCI. Most recent was the SNU, because it was one of the few Units with an existing PayPal account, being used to test the WBCCI PayPal system

Individual members

- Many years of various SNU members serving on various committees for the International Rally
- Two members wrote a review of the 1998 International rally as a way to offer positive suggestions for improvements
- Three members served on the WBCCI 2007 Communications committee
- One member was an administrator on a 2010 WBCCI forum project
- A statement made by an SNU member about the Unit has been used as a promotional tool by WBCCI and Region 12, either directly or slightly modified.
- An SNU member is serving as the current membership chair for Region 12