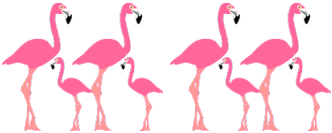




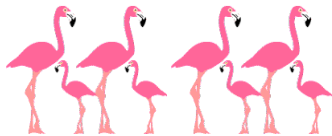
Sierra Nevada Unit

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Future SNU Rallies

- Crocker NFS campground - May 19 - 22
- Hickison Petroglyph BLM cmpgd - June 23-26
- 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 !



Fort Churchill Rally Review

We had six rigs at our April rally at Ft Churchill including affiliate members Bob and Nancy from Huntington Beach, CA. Jerry & Dyann had arrived on Wednesday and greeted the rest of us as we arrived. Other rally participants included Gary & Anita, Bryan & Diane, Wheels & Doris and RoyLaine & Jim. For the most part the weather cooperated. Thursday and Saturday were just about perfect. Friday a few scattered showers and wind gusts motivated us to have our dinner in Jerry & Dyann's MoHo. Saturday we had dinner outside. Former SNU members, Fred & Ann Hersey joined us for dinner. They brought some of their notebooks about petroglyph sites they have visited. They have some great pictures and Fred has done an excellent job of documenting the photos and the sites they visited. Bob and Nancy took full advantage of being at Ft Churchill. They took the trail down to the river, which is flowing nicely this year. They hiked around the ruins of the fort buildings and visited the museum. They also took a tour of Buckland Station which has seen a lot of improvements since we were there in 2006. Dyann got a new solar light which turned out to be pretty appropriate. It's a bear holding a honey pot which lights up at night. It so happens that a real bear has been hanging around Ft Churchill lately and the rangers have set up a bear trap near the campground entrance. Very unusual to have a bear in this territory. In addition to the bear solar light, Jerry went all out and set up his solar lights. Not to be outdone, the Wheelers and Leippers also got solar lights set up. The campground looked pretty neat after dark. Dyann & Jerry also picked up a new pink flamingo which decorated our picnic table. Morning campfires, shared dinners and lots of visiting made for a very enjoyable rally. Bob and Nancy decided to take a little tour of other SNU rally sites, including Hickison before heading home. We hope they had a good trip and look forward to seeing them again sometime this year.



Morning Campfire

Full Circle - According to an article in the September 1999 SNU newsletter written by Frank Burnham about the rally at Ft Churchill, he mentions that "prospective members, Fred and Ann Hersey came out for dinner." Seventeen years later, we were delighted to once again have Fred and Ann join us at Ft Churchill for dinner. It was so good catching up and also sharing memories of times past.



Ann & Fred Hersey

Remembering Baxter Swaffer

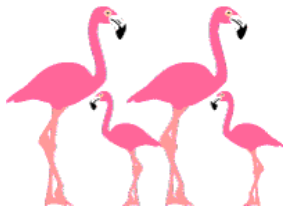


We recently learned that former SNU member, Baxter Swaffer passed away on April 15, 2016. We met Baxter and his wife Marlene at an RV Park in Mammoth Lakes. A few of us had gone there after a rally at Obsidian Dome in August 2011. We saw this little Bambi parked there and of course, Bobbi and some others had to go over and introduce themselves. Baxter and Marlene were invited to breakfast the next morning and we all had a good opportunity to get acquainted. Baxter and Marlene joined the SNU soon after that and were active participants in SNU rallies and luncheons until 2015. Baxter served

as SNU treasurer and membership chair in 2014. Baxter's other interests included participation in the Swedish Club and hiking. He was a dedicated volunteer with the National Automobile Museum in Reno. Baxter also had his own classic 1920's Ford automobile. We have some great memories of Baxter and Marlene. They will be missed. We send Marlene our sincere condolences. (View photo galleries of Baxter) Pictures: Baxter & Marlene at an SNU luncheon in 2011, Baxter relaxing at a rally at Rocky Point in 2012



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Sierra Nevada
Unit Tidbits

In the January 2007 newsletter, Jerry wrote this about why he and Dyann joined the SNU.

Three years ago we saw a small advertisement for a luncheon for an Airstream group. We attended that luncheon and a subsequent rally. What we saw was a group of like-minded people interested in camping with their Airstreams. We also saw a very diverse group of people capable of holding discussions on a wide variety of topics not just items concerning the SNU and WBCCI. One of the other things that really stood out was the emphasis on getting together with the Airstreams and less on the political correctness of an organization. Needless to say, we have stayed in the unit and plan on doing so for a long time.

**Check the full article on
the SNU website**



Crocker Rally in May

Thursday May 19– Sunday May 22, 2016 are the dates for our May rally at Crocker campground. Crocker is a primitive NFS campground off of Highway 70 near Beckwourth, CA. At Beckwourth (coming from US 395 and Reno) turn right on Rt 177, the Beckwourth-Genesee Road. The campground is about ten miles up the road. The turn off at Beckwourth and the campground are well marked with signs. This will be the 5th SNU rally at Crocker

This is from the August 2010 newsletter regarding the first SNU rally at Crocker. - The July rally at Crocker Campground will definitely be one to add to the SNU memory books! This was a new location for the SNU and it seems the general opinion is that it should definitely be included in the list of favorite rally sites. Crocker is an older U.S. Forest Service campground with somewhat haphazard camping spaces in a nice grove of pine trees. Level sites were not a priority when planning this campground although many of the sites have definitely been "leveled" by previous campers. The trees provided an opportunity for those of us who are maybe getting a little jaded by our leveling experiences at Unionville to practice an additional skill –that of maneuvering around and through trees to get into our chosen parking site. Everyone passed with flying colors! Not a dent, scratch, or even close call on any Airstream



Special Events

The SNU has participated in a variety of special events and activities the last 20 years. These include unique rally activities, community service projects, and some promotional events. This article describes five samples of these special events.

Trailer Park Troubadours - In September 2004 The SNU was contacted by The Trailer Park Troubadours. They are a popular musical group with the RV crowd. They have performed at WBCCI events as well as in other venues. The Troubadours were having a concert in Reno at Bartley Ranch Regional Park and were looking for an Airstream to use as a backdrop for the event. SNU member Rich Jaggard and wife Judy, have a 1961 Bambi. Rich was available and willing to participate. Rich had to use his expertise when it came to squeezing the Bambi through the door and onto the stage but he made it. The Bambi made a perfect backdrop for the concert. It generated a lot of attention among the concert goers. Rich was given special acknowledgment by the Troubadours.



Open House - In 2006 and 2007, the SNU participated in three open house events for the short lived Airstream dealer, Mountain Family RV. It was a great promotional opportunity for the SNU as well as for Airstreams. Diane set up a nice display table with information and handouts about the SNU. We had flyers in all of the Airstreams. The SNU photo albums were also available for browsing. Randy & Vicki had Airstream shaped cookies using the special cookie cutter Wes had made. Jerry did a short seminar and was available to answer questions on Airstream maintenance and repair. We displayed the SNU diorama that Randy & Vicki had made. All of us were there to answer questions, tell stories, and offer our real life Airstream experiences with potential buyers.

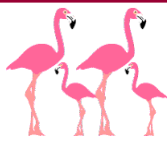


SNU members were directly responsible for at least two definite sales of Airstreams. It was a lot of fun for all of us.



Friends of Inyo - In 2007, After several years of rallies at Obsidian, we thought it would be a good idea to show our appreciation for this special spot in some way. Rick contacted the Friends of Inyo and coordinated a work party during the SNU rally. SNU members spent an afternoon working with the Friends of Inyo to clean up debris and campfire rings, rebuild a rock barrier across a road not open to traffic and assist with other chores. By all accounts it was a fun and successful effort.

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To keep informed about the Sierra Nevada Unit - select any of the following links.

SNU newsletter and article information

SNU 2016 Rally Schedule - Mark your calendars

SNU Facebook Page

What's new on the Sierra Nevada Airstreams.org



The SNU's history with the Electronic Age

According to SNU newsletters and personal remembrances, the SNU began to make it's way into the electronics age in the late 1990's. In the September 1999 newsletter, SNU President, Frank Burnham wrote that "Bryan Leipper has volunteered his e-mail address for use of the club in recruiting new members, and is also contributing to the establishment and purification of a WBCCI website". What Frank meant by "purification of a WBCCI website" is unknown. In April 2000 newsletter, Frank Burnham mentions that he now has email capabilities. It wasn't until about 2001 that SNU officers began being listed with an email address. Electronic communications among members was still very limited. In the November 2002 newsletter, Don Damoth includes the first mention of a website. He says "Check out the Unit webpage that Bryan Leipper has done SierraNevadaAirstreams.org." To be clear, what Bryan had set up was a website focusing on the general RV'ing experience in the Great Basin area. Sections of that website were dedicated to exploring the areas and camping possibilities in and near Northern Nevada as well as preserving and sharing the Airstream history of our family and others. A portion of this website was donated for use by the SNU. That section has become a repository for all things past and present, related to the Sierra Nevada Unit. In the December 2002 newsletter, Don Damoth, provided this introduction to the SNU section of the website.

Do you wonder what is on the schedule for the Unit in 2003? Do you know who the Unit Officers are for 2003? Are you interested in finding out more about some of the locations planned for Unit rallies? Do you have a trailer or other Airstream related items that you wish to sell or purchase? Do you want to find out more about the region the Sierra Nevada Unit calls home?

If you want to find the answers to these questions as well as other information of interest to Airstreams in Northern Nevada check out the Unit webiste SierraNevadaAirstreams.org. This is currently supported by Bryan and Diane Leipper (WBCCI #772). The goal is to enhance communications among current Sierra Nevada Unit members as well as others interested in Airstream RV'ing. Your input and ideas are always welcome. If you have pictures, tidbits, information, or resources you would like to see included on the web site please feel free to contact us at

hq@sierranevadaairstreams.org

To this day, the answers to those questions and so much more, can be found by exploring the website. As Don said in 2002, "your input and ideas are always welcome" If you browse through the website you will clearly see that over the years, many SNU members as well as others have contributed photos, stories, articles and other materials. There are even contributions from friends in Canada, Australia and England. The website is continually evolving and expanding.



2007 - Twin Lakes Rally

From 2002 on, things began to develop rapidly. With the acquisition of the domain name came the potential for email addresses specifically for use of the SNU. Communications via email became more and more common. The website became the "go to" place for current information on rallies and other topics related to the SNU. With Don Damoth as editor, more work related to the newsletter was done electronically. Don and MaryLou traveled a lot and email helped them stay in touch and work on the newsletter wherever they happened to be. It was in part due to the Damoth's traveling that the newsletter solidified into a four page document with selective use of pictures and other graphics that was distributed via an email with a link to the website. This enabled the Damoth's and other members to access the newsletter without being bogged down by a large attached file when they might be dealing with slow or spotty internet connections. In 2008 The SNU dropped sending newsletters via USPS and went strictly with the online and email system.

The website has also acted as a testbed, a place to try new ideas and new capabilities. Early on, **guidelines or Op Notes**, were written describing basic philosophy behind the SNU's use of internet and web based communications. These Op Notes outlined the foundations of who, what, why, and how on which the use of these communications tools were built.



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WBCCI Region

Don Williams, in his role as Membership Chair for Region 12, recently put together a **promotional flyer** for the Region. It includes a short description of the Region overall and of each Unit within the region. Don's intent is to increase awareness of Region and the Units with potential Airstream owners and other interested parties by distributing this flyer to Airstream dealers and other entities within the Region. It's a great flyer and should go a long way towards informing people what Airstreaming is all about in Nevada and California. Thanks Don!

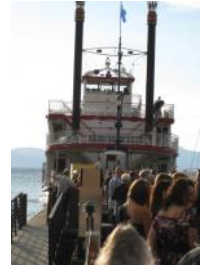


Special Events



Lyon County Fly-In – This idea was proposed by Wheels in 2009 and enthusiastically embraced by everyone. We parked our Airstreams right off the air strip so we had easy access to all the events and activities. It was a perfect place for the SNU to be visible to all event participants, some of whom stopped by to visit. We helped the event planners with a variety of tasks including filling up goodie bags for the pilots and setting up tables and tents. Our primary job though was helping with the pancake breakfast. Everyone chipped in, cooking, serving, acting as cashier, or running errands. When we weren't working we got to visit the booths, take in the activities, watch the hot air balloons or watch Western gunfight re-inactments. Gene and Carmen got really adventurous and took a ride in a WWII AT6!

South Lake Tahoe Anniversary Rally – Randy & Vicki hosted this special rally celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the SNU in 2011. The highlights of this rally were a visit to the nearby museum and a dinner cruise on the M.S. Dixie. The museum showcased the history of the area and includes a rustic cabin set up as it would have been in the early 1900's. The M.S. Dixie cruise included an excellent meal, entertainment, and of course, a cruise around the north end of Lake Tahoe. It was neat to view the lights of South Lake and other communities from the deck of the boat. The rally also included traditional SNU campfires, shared meals and morning coffee.



Cantaloupe Festival – Jerry & Dyann hosted SNU rallies at the 2012 and 2013 Cantaloupe Festival in Fallon. Little did we know at the time, but it was later discovered that the SNU had held previous rallies at the Cantaloupe Festival including one in 1980. The 2012 rally included celebrating Jessielynn's 1st Birthday with a pink flamingo extravaganza put on by Jessielynn's grandparent's Dean & Shelly. Both rallies provided opportunities to enjoy the junior rodeo, visit fair booths, enjoy a variety of entertainments and of course, fill up on Hearts of Gold cantaloupes and other fresh produce.



Electronic Age

continued

The following is a list of some of the various technological efforts in which the SNU was either first or one of the first to use in the promotion and management of a Unit.

- ◆ Online surveys for member input on rallies and the newsletter
- ◆ Online dues payments through the SNU
- ◆ Online payments for SNU rallies and other activities
- ◆ Opt in subscription system for email newsletter announcements and other information pertinent to SNU members and friends.
- ◆ Title specific email addresses for the SNU board
- ◆ Use of a website for a repository of all SNU related material including current rally schedule and newsletters, historical archives, photo galleries and documents.
- ◆ Use of the website to transfer documents such as annual rally schedule and list of officers to WBCCI and Region 12
- ◆ Interactive calendar which members could use to post events relevant to the SNU
- ◆ Electronic transfer of dues to and from WBCCI via paypal
- ◆ Electronic banking including depositing of checks and tracking statements.
- ◆ Use of an ftp site for group projects such as the newsletter and transfer of documents between members.

The premise behind the SNUs use of internet technologies is, and always has been, 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. Things have changed considerably since 2002. The principles the SNU used to establish it's technological foundation enables it to change and evolve over time. It gives the SNU the potential to incorporate new ideas and tools as they are developed. Take some time, browse through the website, there is all kinds of information, stories, photos and other material to explore. As always, your comments, ideas, and contributions are always welcome.