



# Sierra Nevada Unit

Wally Byam Caravan Club International

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## Future SNU Rallies

- 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
- Carolina Kitchen, Sparks January 28, 2017 Saturday 11:30 am luncheon
- El Aguila Real, Gardnerville February 25, 2017 Saturday 11:30 am luncheon
- - March - Thursday March 23- Sunday March 26, 2017 - Lahontan beach 7
- April - Thursday April 21- Sunday April 23, 2017 - Ft Sage near Doyle
- May - Thursday May 18- Sunday May 21, 2017 Sweetwater Summit
- June - Thursday June 22 - Sunday June 25, 2017 - BLM campground at Eagle Lake
- July - Thursday July 20 - Sunday July 23, 2017 Weed Heights RV Park
- August - Thursday August 24 - Sunday August 27, 2017 Green Creek near Bridgeport
- September - Thursday September 22 - Sunday September 24, 2017 Lassen RV Resort, McArthur, CA

## Anniversary Rally Review

by Randy Grossmann

By all accounts the **40th anniversary SNU rally** at the Lassen RV Resort was a resounding success. It was such a success that during the rally there was a strong desire to return there next year which almost rose to the level of a demand. Consequently, a rally has been scheduled for September of next year at the **Lassen RV Resort**. Planning has already started for that rally. There is talk of possibly adding in movies this next time.

The Resort has a nice screened building where many of the festivities took place and in which the various displays were set up. Vicki provided a Wizard of Oz theme with a Tin Man display. Randy constructed a model Airstream which he displayed along with a tow vehicle. He explained that it is not a finished product. He is working on perfecting the fabrication of the four compound curved corners and there are many enhancements that will be added over time. Also on display was the ever so popular Diorama. Diane had a display of numerous memorabilia as well as an Airstream cooler which was about the same size as the one Randy built at 1/6 scale. Vicki added the final touches to the screened building with various decorations. Of course the Thing (aka Monstrosity) was also on display outside. Wheels has to be given credit for someone finally coming up with a new and better name by which it will be called from now on which is the "Lighted Wonder" or just the "Wonder" for short. Phil and Jasmin, the Resort owners and managers, put up two Airstream rally banners, one of which they graciously gave to the SNU. Jasmin also handed out pink flamingo pens to everyone when they arrived.



The food at this rally was fabulous. Phil and Jasmin provided two catered meals which were outstanding. One was lunch on Friday in their Bistro restaurant and the other was a buffet style dinner Saturday evening in the screened building. Randy served his nationally famous waffles Saturday morning in the Bistro restaurant. Phil and Jasmin provided the use of their commercial kitchen for this and used their grill to prepare sausages and bacon. Members brought various waffle toppings in addition to those provided by Phil and Jasmin. The SNU had one of its typical pot lucks Friday evening in the screened building. We finished the potluck with an anniversary cake which Diane brought.

Saturday afternoon we visited the **Ft Crook Museum** in Fall River Mills. We were first given an historical presentation and then given a tour of the various Museum buildings.

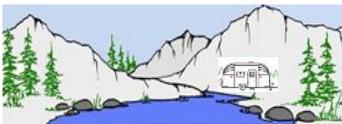
We had 11 rigs at the rally. The attendees were Gene and Carmen, Randy and Vicki, Gary and Anita, Roman and Melissa, Melissa's niece Danielle, Eric and Terry, Diane and Bryan, Jerry and Dyann, Gene and Kathy, Roylaine and Jim, Wheels and Doris and Bob and Cecelia. Roman and Melissa brought their Forrest River Aviator trailer which was of great interest to many people. Randy's and Vicki's friends Bob and Charlotte Hemphill who live in the area attended some of the festivities. The weather cooperated quite well. It was a little cool and windy during the day on Friday when we had our luncheon indoors. The temperature eventually warmed a little and the wind died down so that we were able to have our potluck outdoors in the screened building that evening. The weather was warm and perfect on Saturday which nicely allowed for the buffet in the screened building that evening.

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Once again, the SNU has been experimenting with technology. Bryan set up an exclusive wireless interface just for the September rally at Lassen. It was a wide open system so anyone within a limited distance of the system could access it. Some of the special features of this wireless system is that it provided up to date information, including the schedule of activities at the rally at Lassen. It also provided a way for rally participants to upload their photos of the rally and to exchange ideas and information. The system also included copies of most of the major sections of the SierraNevadaAirstreams.org website including the rally photo galleries. We tested it out at the Lassen rally and everything worked as planned including transferring pictures and making them available for review at the rally. Having tested things out, we can now modify and enhance the system at future rallies.

## 40 Years of SNU !



## Scout Camp Rally

Thursday October 20 to Sunday 23, 2016 the SNU rally will be at **Scout Camp** at Ft Churchill NV State Park. It is located on Hwy 95 just past Buckland Station. The turn off is just over the Carson River on the left. There is a short gravel road to the campground. After all the excitement at the September Anniversary rally, this will be a more laid back rally where we can enjoy the fall colors and nice campfires. We'll have our traditional morning coffee and goodies and shared meals on Friday and Saturday. The campground is right on the Carson River. It is a short drive over to Ft Churchill for anyone interested in the museum and seeing the ruins of the fort. This will be the last official SNU rally for 2016. If you can't make it for the whole rally, come when you can or just come out for a visit whatever suits your schedule. Bring wood for campfires.



## A Thank You Note from Randy &amp; Vicki

We are happy that everyone found their way to the Emerald City (Lassen RV Resort). We all enjoyed the 40th anniversary rally very much. We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful gift and recognition we received from all of you. You are all very special to us and should also be recognized. As Jerry said "It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together." We might add that you are the glue of the SNU and that is why we stick to you. Thank you to all SNU members. *Happy Campers, Randy and Vicki*

## Celebration

In 2002 it was rather inconceivable to think the SNU would make it to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, never mind the 40<sup>th</sup>. Most of the original SNU members had gotten older and no longer able to tow their rigs. The SNU slid into being a luncheon unit rather than a rally unit and membership was declining. In 2002 the advice from the Region leadership was to fold up or merge with another Unit. The three remaining active members chose to keep going. **To the surprise of everyone** except those three members, within a few years the SNU was a solid and growing Unit. Again, in 2016 the SNU faced challenges to its existence as a Unit of WBCCI. This time from outside the SNU. Once again the SNU prevailed. The SNU continues to be a strong and stable Unit with an active membership that includes many new members. The Anniversary rally at Lassen RV Resort gave us an opportunity to remember the past and move forward into the future. For Bryan & Diane, still active members who joined the SNU in 1994, this rally was representative of all the changes and a reminder of the things that make the SNU special. For Eric and Terry, the newest SNU members, this was their first SNU rally. It seemed only appropriate that Eric and Terry should be the ones to blow out the candles on the Anniversary cake and start the SNU off on a new decade. We really had a lot to celebrate and a lot to be thankful for at this rally. We look for to many more adventures with all our SNU members and future members.

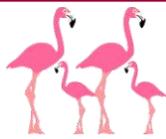


## The Tin Man

A note of explanation is needed regarding **the Tin Man** and ruby necklaces. In Typical SNU fashion, a discussion at a rally about a year ago ended up revealing that Vicki, with assistance from Randy, has a history of decorating for Halloween. Vicki worked for a dentist office and every year she would pick a theme and decorate the entire office. The staff all got involved and the patients loved it. The office even began to draw other people in to see the displays. Apparently Randy and Vicki got carried away and their creative talents were something to behold. The SNU has seen that talent expressed in a variety of ways including the diorama and Randy's solar light display. One year, they chose the theme of the Wizard of Oz. The Tin Man is one of the pieces they created for that Halloween display. You should hear Vicki and Randy's stories, including Dorothy's house flying out of the trailer onto a city street while transporting it to the office for display. This is an example of a disaster turning into something good. The damage done to the little house improved it by making it look as though it was picked up by the tornado and dropped down again. The Ruby necklaces, that Vicki made and gave to the women at the rally, have a double significance. Ruby is the gemstone for 40th Anniversaries. Ruby also relates to Dorothy's slippers in the Wizard of Oz. Ruby also has become the name of Randy's latest creation - the Airstream. As Vicki explained, some SNU members Airstreams have names so it seemed only proper that this mini-Airstream should have a name and the most appropriate name was Ruby.



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## Remembering Special People - SNU Members

As Jerry said, several years ago. "It's the Airstreams that bring us together but it's the people who keep us together". That statement, inspired by the SNU is a key to the success of the Unit. Not only does the SNU have a great group of members, it has a strong group who have been members for eight years or more. Each and every one of them shows their support by their continuing membership and participation in the Unit. Most of these people have contributed to the SNU in a variety of ways. Some of these contributions include; exploring new rally sites, hosting rallies, serving as officers on the board, contributing articles for the newsletter, getting public service announcements in local media, designing the layout for the newsletter, assisting with community service projects, creating an SNU

September 2016 - SNU Members who have been members for eight or more years



decal for our rigs, making our own Airstream cookie cutter, creating the diorama, creating the special acrylic box to protect the diorama, representing the SNU at other Airstream events, and promoting the SNU with other Airstream owners they happen to meet. Most of all SNU members contribute by being an example of what Airstreaming and the SNU family is all about as described in the documents that inspire Unit - the Wally Byam Creed and Wally Byam's Four Freedoms.

People who have been SNU members for eight or more years are listed here along with dates they joined. Bryan & Diane Leipper (1994) \* Jack & Lyndi Schroeder, RoyLaine (& Wes) Warn (2004) \* Rick & Jeanne Laborde, Anita Leipper, Brian & Jenifer Root, Jerry & Dyann Thornburg (2005) \* Randy & Vicki Grossmann (2006) \* Gary & Anita Haskett, Roger & Janet Jeppson, Don & Gail Williams (2007) \* John & Ginny Ganther, Mark & Cary Seasholtz, David & Rachel Strode (2008) \* Richard & Doris Wheeler, Gene & Carmen Baleme (2009)

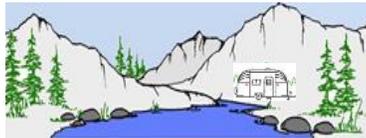
It is these members who provide the foundation that has helped make the SNU a solid and successful Unit that others want to join. It is these members, whose participation, ideas and inspirations have provided the SNU with so many great rallies, unique experiences, special projects, and great memories and stories. It is these people who have helped make it possible for the SNU to celebrate its 40th Anniversary in 2016. It is these people who are looking forward to the future of the SNU and encouraging all SNU members to help shape that future. Thank you for your participation, your contributions, and your continued support of the Sierra Nevada Unit.

## Photographers Who Have Contributed to Our Archives

In the last ten years almost 50 different people have contributed photos to the SNU archives. Two new SNU members have just been added to the list of contributors. The SNU has well defined policies regarding photos and their use. All of the photos used for SNU projects are used with permission of the photographer. The SNU also has a rather comprehensive method of managing its photo collections. Part of this includes naming the photos with the date and initials that identify the photographer, Another part is the filing system used for photos. The naming and filing system make it much easier to find specific photos when needed for various projects. That's a very good thing because there are at least twenty thousand images just on the website alone and at least that many in off line archives. The primary use of contributed photos are the rally photo galleries on the website. Other uses include the SNU photo albums, newsletter photos, flyers, brochures and other SNU promotional materials, submissions for publications, and pictures for the SNU FaceBook page. There are also rally site reports, trip reports and photo galleries, repair and maintenance photo galleries, Airstream photo tours, and historical archives that include photos by various contributors.

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### Kitty Kredit recognitions

were handed out to SNU members who submitted summaries of the SNU rallies they have attended. Those recognized were Jerry & Dyann and Wheels & Doris. **Jerry and Dyann** have attended over 40 SNU rallies since they became members in 2005. Their attendance is even more special in that they participated in these rallies while Jerry has continued to work full-time. Jerry & Dyann have hosted rallies, including two at the Cantaloupe Festival and scouted out potential rally sites. **Wheels and Doris** joined the SNU in 2009 and have attended over 30 rallies. They too, have scouted out potential rally sites. Wheels got the SNU involved with the Lyon County Fly-In and he and Doris hosted a rally at Green Creek. The SNU thanks you for your past participation and looks forward to many more rallies with you all.



## Anniversary Rally Review

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**Saturday evening was the grand finale of the rally.** After the fantastic buffet the SNU presented Phil and Jasmin with a thank you card and gift as tokens of appreciation for all the wonderful things they did for us with the help of their friends and relatives. Randy and Vicki were presented with a throw blanket inscribed with recognition of their hosting the 30th, 35th, and 40th SNU anniversary events. After that Vicki provided each of the ladies with a ruby necklace and each of the men with a bottle of sparkling cider. Vicki had made the necklaces herself.

As each of us packed up to leave Sunday morning after having such a wonderful time we looked forward to returning next year. Some members plan on visiting the Resort by themselves before the next rally there.

## Sierra Nevada Unit Business

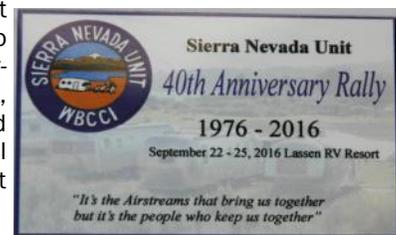
\* **Don't forget** - Renew your membership for 2017. Although you can **pay your dues** anytime, the deadline to be listed in the WBCCI membership directory is November 1, 2016.

\* **SNU bylaws** - On August 30 the SNU received a letter via email from the chair of the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws committee that the **SNU bylaws** have been approved. It has taken ten years to get this done despite the best efforts of the SNU. A big thanks go to Jerry who has served as the SNU CBL chair. He has been involved with the CBL issues since 2007. In the past year, Jerry has been the communications link between the SNU and both the regional and international leadership in WBCCI. He has reviewed and read the available documentation and offered suggestions and input. Jerry has fully supported the SNU's decisions in regards to the CBLs. In his capacity as chair, he has written letters and emails in response to requests from WBCCI leadership. Thanks also go to Bryan. He had taken on the task of revising the bylaws in 2002 and again in modifying and submitting them in 2007. Bryan also provided full documentation for the revision process. The SNU bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the SNU membership multiple times since 2007. Along with all the support documentation, the SNU bylaws have been publicly available on the SNU website since 2007.

\* **Questionable Behavior** - The SNU welcomed members from another Unit at our 40th Anniversary Rally in September. Apparently these people took advantage of the opportunity to try and encourage at least two SNU members to transfer their membership to the other Unit. They even admitted to one SNU member that they weren't supposed to do this. This led to a later discussion about the inappropriateness of this behavior and how this type of solicitation is not in adherence with the founding principles and standards of WBCCI. The SNU has always encouraged it's members to visit other Unit activities. It's a benefit of being a WBCCI member and a way to broaden your experiences and friendships. It is an entirely different matter to attend a rally and try to solicit members for another Unit. Needless to say, both of the members approached are totally happy to be members of the Sierra Nevada Unit.

## Thank You

We wish to say a great big thank you to Lee at Greenbrae Trophy in Sparks. He is the one who helped create the rally tag for the SNU 40th Anniversary Rally at Lassen. Lee took my design, tweaked it, made sure the colors and fonts were right and worked with me to make sure it was exactly what I wanted. The end result was a tag that is the perfect memento for this very special rally.



## Photographers

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All of this material makes for a very comprehensive website on Airstreaming and RV'ing in general in the Great Basin area. It is definitely a team effort. We hope you will take some time and browse through the various sections of <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/> and check out some of the photo contributions. Better yet, we hope that you will share some of your own photos and join our growing list of contributors. You can **read all about SNU photo management** and check out the list of contributors on the website.