



June 2019 Airstreamer's Newsletter

The weather still played with us at our Walker River Rally, cool temperatures, sprinkles and wind but relented for Friday and Saturday night potlucks; both were held outside at our rally central picnic area (Walker River Rally Report cont'd page 3).

On to June's upcoming ~~Sweetwater Summit Rally~~, **STOP!** Don't head to Sweetwater Summit for June; the Sierra Nevada Unit won't be there! Mother Nature has not been kind to the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains and Great Basin Desert so we are moving the **June** rally to **Weed Heights, Thursday the 20th through Sunday the 23rd**. The Weed Heights RV Park features full hookups at your site for water sewer and electric. No chance for this rally to be canceled or relocated for weather so plan to share the weekend with us. We should be camped near the "air conditioned" clubhouse, convenient and comfortable for our continental breakfasts, potluck, Jerry Thornburg's renowned SNU Nevada Surf & Turf on Saturday. Asked at Walker River about the menu, Jerry said it would include the best seafood and steak on-sale prior to the rally (we are a frugal bunch). Weed Heights is a good base for mountain bikes, street legal and more dedicated off-road vehicles and two wheeled Adventure Bikes (for John and I) with opportunities to explore Smith Valley, the Pine Grove Hills, Pine Nut Mountains and the Singatse Range. Want something less adventurous:

1. Check out the Lyon County Museum just 2 miles away at 215 S. Main Street in Yerington;
2. Head south to Nevada's newest State Recreation Area, Walker River (if you missed our May rally) to hike the trails along the river;
3. Cross the border to scope out sites in the Sierra Nevada Mountains for the SNU's July rally.

The best way to get to Weed Heights is to head east from Carson City on US-50 and then south on US-95A towards Yerington. Look for the oasis on the ridge to the west as you approach the city limits and turn right (west) on Burch Drive. Take another right on Austin Street and enter the park straight ahead. Need an address, it's: 2 Austin Dr, Yerington, NV; ~ 75 miles from Reno.

Can't come for the whole weekend or just stopping in for the Nevada Surf & Turf', come anyway but RSVP so Dyann and Jerry shop for enough food. Otherwise you might be sharing your own potluck with the rest of the



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SNU Rallies, Events and Business:

Where is the July Eastern Sierra Rally, Thursday July 18th – Sunday the 21st? Okay, with the switch of Weed Height's to June there is more time for the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains to dry out and us to scope out conditions before we show up at some soggy campsite. A couple we have in mind for July are Craggs Campground west of Bridgeport (NFS 7200 ft & ~ 125 miles from Reno) and a new to the SNU dispersed camping area off Conway Summit and Virginia Lakes Road (NFS ~ 9400 ft & ~ 135 miles from Reno). July heat shouldn't be a problem at either site if we can get out of the wet stormy weather. Your going to have to keep up with your emails and follow the Sierra Nevada Unit Facebook Page for the exact location but put us in your calendar now for where ever we go.

62nd WBCCI International Rally, Saturday July 20th thru Saturday July 27 – Doswell Virginia, ~ 2700 miles from Reno; for more information or to register go to <https://doswell.wbccci.net>.

Hope Valley Rally, Thursday August 15th – Sunday the 18th, ~ 80 miles from Reno; dispersed camping (~ 7600 ft) off of Blue Lakes Road and California HWY 88 in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. I been excited about the dispersed camping along Blue Lakes Road ever since Eric McHenry, our current Region 12 2nd Vice President, bragged about it and shared pictures of their campsite. John Lapham rode up to Hope Valley in mid May to scope it out but the Hope Valley Road was still closed by many

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feet of snow. John will make another ride in June to check things out.

Sierra Nevada Unit Anniversary Rally, Thursday September 19th to Sunday the 22nd at the Lassen RV Resort and Bistro, ~ 171 miles from Reno; our perennial and favorite rally will take place again this year. Don't be fooled by the typical SNU Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management rally sites, Lassen RV Resort and Bistro features full service campsites with a view, swimming pool, entertainment and modern restrooms. More to come in next month's newsletter; reserve the weekend on your calendar and with the resort now so you don't miss it. For those who have not attended one of our annual rallies at this Resort and as a refresher for those who have (as if one is needed) here is a description of the Resort and what the Resort and the rally have to offer.



Lassen RV Resort & Bistro; NFS views in a full service resort!
(photos courtesy of kd6uvt & sierranevadaairstreams.org)

The Lassen RV Park is located in Northern California one mile off of Hwy. 299 and eight miles east of the town of McArthur in the foothills among numerous trees. The spaces are mostly pull-through and are quite spacious. The Park is very roomy and the spaces are well separated. All sites have water, electricity, and sewer. There are very nice bathrooms as well as a laundry room. The Park has been appropriately described as boondocks camping with all the RV park amenities. There are plenty of partial and all day trips. The Allen radio telescope array and Burney Falls are not far away. For a shorter trip there is a wonderful museum of local history in Fall River Mills. For a longer trip there is Lassen and Mt. Shasta. Go to lassenrvresort.com for much more information about the Resort, where it is located, how to get there, a site map, and things to do and see while there.

The rally spans three nights (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) and includes two meals (Friday lunch and Saturday dinner) catered by the Bistro restaurant at the resort. Randy will prepare his traditional waffles on Saturday morning. We are working on events and activities for this year.

The costs will be \$30 per night (\$33 per night for a 50 amp hookup) as well as \$15 per person for the lunch and \$20 per person for the dinner; prices are the same as last year. Reservations are to be made directly with the Resort; reservations for additional nights before and/or after the rally may be made at the same nightly rates. No payment is required until at the rally. A number of sites have been reserved for the rally in the group area where we were last year. A particular site may be selected when making the reservation. We recommend that you make your reservation using the included registration form and email it to lassenrvresort@gmail.com to ensure you are parked near the SNU or you can go to <http://www.lassenrvresort.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/LRVR-registration-form-2016-fillin.pdf> to fill out the form and submit it online. Be sure to indicate that you are with the SNU rally. The earlier you make your reservation the more choices you will have for a site.

2019 Region 12 Bakersfield Rally, "There's more than you think ...", Wednesday October 9th – Sunday the 13th. Join your fellow Region 12 Airstream Club members to visit the Historic city of Bakersfield, 410 to 435 miles from Reno. A weekend only option (Friday Oct 11 – Sunday the 13th), is available. For those who want to attend the rally, but aren't staying at the RV Park, a Rally Only (no camping option) is also available. If you wish to arrive early or leave late, the park will honor the group rate of \$45 per night. You will need to contact the park directly and let them know you are with the Wally Byam Airstream Club and wish to stay these extra days. Rally activities are not yet finalized but you can plan some of your own near the rally site or a short drive away:

- Visit the Kern County Museum;
- Tour the Dewars Candy and Ice Cream Shop;
- Don some western wear and enjoy the Crystal Palace
- Shop for antiques and collectibles in downtown Bakersfield
- Downtown Tehachapi
- Tule Elk preserve
- Cesar Chavez National Monument

Visit the Region 12 website for more info and to register for the rally, note the new URL, <https://region12.airstreamclub.net/2019-region-12-rally/>

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Sierra Nevada Eastern Sierra Nevada Caravan, Sunday October 13th – Thursday October 17th. SNU President and 1st Lady, Don and Gail Williams, will lead an informal caravan from the Region Rally in Bakersfield to SNU's final rally of the year at Boca Rest near Truckee, CA. The caravan will include alternate stops on Sunday and Monday for those rigs not attending the Region Rally. Each caravan rig pays their own costs so there is no fee, however, an RSVP is needed. The caravan will be limited to 5 rigs subject to the Caravan leader's discretion.

Boca Rest Rally, Thursday October 17th – Sunday the 20th, ~ 28 miles from Reno; join the Sierra Nevada for it's last official rally of the year. We had an outstanding weekend in 2017, cloudy skies, clear blue skies, snowfall, although it melted within a couple of hours. Plan for this weekend, only ~ 125 miles from Reno

Walker River Rally Report

The Walker River State Recreation Area consists of several ranch units along the length of the East Fork Walker River from Yerington upstream to areas northeast of Bridgeport. Our rally was held in the newly opened park facilities at what was once Pitchfork Ranch with 6 rigs in attendance plus a guest.

The unusual winter and spring weather followed the SNU into its May rally weekend; Weather Underground's predictions were accurate, no real rain but cool blustery wind, cloudy followed with periods of warmth and sunshine, nighttime 40-47, daytime high 50s to 60s. As a result, the weather had some affect on our rally activities. Thursday's dinner was held in Dyann and Jerry's motorhome but the wind abated on both Friday and Saturday for our evening potlucks held under the campsite cabana.

Gail and I arrived on Friday afternoon. We had hoped to arrive in the morning but they were dashed by a 1-1/2 hour traffic stop on US-395 for high profile vehicles because of "significant" winds south of Bishop. Caltrans and the CHP never did adequately define what high winds are (? mph, # rigs blown over) nor why they considered our 9' high Airstream amongst the slab sided box rigs; I guess we were supposed to trust them! That trust "blew" out the window so to speak when I saw that they had let a 1980s vintage VW camper through! In any event, we ended up stopping at our standard Fossil Falls BLM Campground above Pearsonville. That left about 260 miles for Friday's travels; we did get in well before dinner and were able to contribute Gail's Chicken Fiesta Casserole.



Six Rigs at Walker River SRA plus a guest



Breakfast & Campfire SNU Style
(photos courtesy of kd6vut & sierranevadaairstreams.org)

Saturday dawned with a clear blue sky and found us enjoying Bryan's coffee and various breakfast snacks. Our contributions to solving our Airstream and the world's problems were interrupted when another Airstream drove in the campground. I rushed over to invite Larry and Sarah, from Lake Tahoe, CA to have coffee and share our remaining breakfast snacks. Our new Airstream friends said they like to boon-dock and came down off the mountain to get away from the wet weather. With breakfast over our guests headed off to explore and we got back to rally business; those staying in camp headed over to the Visitors Center for the Ranger program on Dutch Oven Cooking while Jerry, Bob and I headed out to check rally sites.

I normally would have been at the Dutch Oven program with 20-questions but we were concerned about access and site conditions on the playa at Sweetwater Summit; the road in has deteriorated from this and past year's extended winter/spring weather to the point where decided we needed an alternate site for our June Rally. The Walker River State Park staff thought that the "Elbow Unit" offered some dispersed camping opportunities that we might like. It was just 10 miles south of

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Sweetwater Summit so we headed there next. It didn't take long to conclude that NFS-028 along the East Walker River was not very Airstream friendly. Gail and I will check out campsites in the Bridgeport area on our way home.

Little Known Facts or Known Only to a Few – Walker River Extended Weekend – Craggs Campground near Twin Lakes and Points South (photos at sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/rallies/19ma-wrsra/19ma-wrsra) by Don Williams 14207

Gail and I joined Bob and Nancy Kirksey to caravan back towards Southern California; we took our time packing up, topping with water and visiting the Dump Station since while Gail and I would be out three days, the Kirksey's planned to camp at Bridgeport and Craggs Campground for a week or more. We were surprised when light hail, 1/8" in diameter, started falling while we finishing the final hookup at our site.

Craggs Campground was as we've seen it before except; it snowed! In May! Okay, it didn't stick and temps only approached freezing that night but still, in May? Monday dawned fairly sunny and clear, providing enough sun for us to recharge from the furnace use Sunday night. We celebrated the good weather with a shared meal with the Kirksey's. It's a good thing we ate early, that afternoon we got a phone call that Gail's mom had fallen and was taken to the hospital for treatment. With little word on her condition we made plans to head home on Tuesday where better phone service would help us check on her and make plans.

We did have the opportunity to check out several campgrounds and dispersed site on the way home. A couple might be close enough to use for SNU rallies, the more southern ones just give Gail and I more camping opportunities as we travel the East Sierra Nevada:

Upper and Lower Virginia Creek Primitive Campgrounds (NFS ~ 135 miles);
Dunderberg Meadow dispersed camping areas (north of Virginia Lake Road ~ 135 miles);
Aerie Crag, Silver Lake, Gulls Lake, June Lake and Oh Ridge Campgrounds on the June Lake Loop (NFS +/- 150 miles);
Keough Hot Springs, Baker Creek, Tinnemaha, Taboose Creek, Independence Creek and Diaz Lake Inyo County Campgrounds (220 – 265 miles)

Goodale Creek Campground, our favorite of the bunch below Bishop (NFS ~ 235 miles).

Lastly, a caution, we stopped at the Ranch House Cafe below the Crystal Geyser water bottling plant. Our meals were mediocre and we found mold on the piece of pie we brought home for Tuesday evenings dessert!

Members and Writers – Want a chance at reading your own work instead of me droning on! Shoot me a copy of your article(s) on Airstream travel, maintenance, rally locations or anything related and we'll publish it. Maybe your article will be accepted for publication in the Blue Beret and you'll have the satisfaction of contributing to your club's history. Contact me soon to make the next issue!

For a Few, Remember to Renew! - <https://wbcci.org>

Wally Byam's Creed:

1. To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
2. To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
3. To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands... of rediscovering old places and new interests.
4. To open a whole world of new experiences... a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
5. To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.
6. To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow... over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts... to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
7. To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
8. To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
9. To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end... and thus make your travel dreams come true.

– Wally Byam

Don Williams, SNU President, kd6uvt@wbcci.net;

What do you want to be in life, a spectator or a participant?

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Date: _____

Registration form

Name: _____ Emergency Name: _____

Address: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Address2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Make of RV: _____ **Year:** _____ **License Plate #:** _____ **State:** _____

Class A ☐ Class C ☐ Toy Hauler ☐ Travel Trailer ☐ Pop-up ☐ Cab-over ☐ 5th Wheel ☐

Van Conversion ☐ Tent ☐ Other _____ **Electric:** ☒ 30Amp ☐ 50Amp

Length: _____ **Width:** _____ **Slideout Quantity:** _____

Tow (Towed) Vehicle? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Make of Tow or Towed Vehicle: _____ **Model** _____ **Year:** _____

Color _____ **State** _____ **License Plate #:** _____

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Adults: _____ #Children (under 14): _____ Date In: _____ Number of Nights: _____

Pets - Dog(s): _____ **Dog Breed(s):** _____ **Cat(s):** _____ **Other:** _____

How did you find out about Lassen RV Resort? _____

NOTICE TO GUESTS

Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 799.20, et seq., a recreational vehicle may be removed from the premises without judicial hearing, after the service of a 72-hour notice, if the occupant who has been in the park for 30 days or less has either: (1) failed to pay for his/her occupancy in the park or (2) failed to comply with the park's rules and regulations.

I have received a copy of these recreational area rules and regulations.

Signature of Guest _____

Traffic Law Enforcement Agency: Lassen County Sherriff Dept - (530) 257-6121

Indemnity and Waiver of Liability

GUEST shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from any and all damages or injuries caused by fire, water, wind, civil strife, or acts of God, Owner and/or GUESTS actions or in-actions (or those of their employees, agents, or invitees), or any other cause related to GUEST'S use or occupation of their site and/or the property of Lassen RV Resort. Likewise, Owners assume no responsibility and assume no liability for any damage to GUEST or GUEST'S RV or GUEST'S property while at Lassen RV Resort.