



October 2019 Airstreamer's Newsletter

Two months in a row; **NO WEATHER DELAYS** for the newsletter or our SNU Rally! Read all about our Lassen in our **Rally Report** and browse the **Little Known Facts...** for what-else, little know facts!

Haven't camped or rallied with the SNU this year. Boca Rest may be your last chance in 2019 and we picked a site close to make it easy; it's just 28 miles from Reno so you just have to come! Our October rally features boon docking at Boca Rest Campground with **NO HOOKUPS**. Yes were back to our standard and an old favorite; the **Sierra Nevada Unit Boca Rest Rally is Thursday October 17th thru Sunday October 20th**. Get there on Friday and we'll carpool into Truckee for the Railroad Museum or the Donner Memorial State Museum. If past rallies (2017) set the standard we'll have a sprinkling of snow followed by sunshine and beautiful views. Make sure to fill up your potable water tank before you leave home. But never fear, water will be in view and we'll have a great view of Boca Hill to the west, Russell Valley and the Truckee River Valley to the north and Boca Ridge to the East.



Morning Snow



Afternoon Glow

Worried about the weather, don't be! Expected 60-70 during the day and mid 20s to 30s at night. We'll have generators to help charge batteries during the day but make sure you have propane and that the batteries are fully charged before you leave home; 28 miles driving won't charge them.

Can't make it for the entire weekend, then come Friday or even drop in Saturday on the 19th for our Business Meeting. It's important to be there where our members vote on a slate of officers for 2020 and help chart the SNU course for 2020 and vote your choice of officers. The business meeting will be held at 3:00 PM at the rally site. Our current slate of nominations are:

President - Gene Baleme #15229

Secretary -

Treasurer - Gail Williams #14207

Trustee - Randy Grossman #3352

Trustee -

Membership Chair - Don Williams #14207 (volunteer/appointed)

Newsletter Editor - Don Williams #14207 (volunteer/appointed)

Web Master - Diane Leipper #772 (volunteer/appointed)

Notice any vacancies you can help with? The best way to get the most out of your club is to participate. I'll put out electronic ballots for those that don't make the meeting but if you don't volunteer who will our members vote for?

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Directions: from Reno head west on I-80 28+/- miles and exit at Hirschdale Road; take a left and sweep around to the north up along the east side of Boca Reservoir to the Boca Rest Campground and take your pick of view sites of the lake and mountains. Need coordinates: 39°25'09.5"N 120°05'10.6"W.

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

WBCCI/WBAC SNU Membership Renewal - now through Tuesday December 31st; Do you enjoy being a member of the Wally Byam Airstream Club, also known as the Wally Byam Caravan Club International? Did you know the WBCCI/WBAC is the largest single brand RV club on the World. Well then you'll want to renew your yearly membership and list the Sierra Nevada Unit as your home unit, #157. Yes it's still \$75; \$10 of that goes to the SNU (a bargain, some units and clubs add \$50 or more) and \$65 for the International organization. The WBCCI headquarters' share funds the monthly Blue Beret we receive, the yearly Membership Directory (plus quarterly electronic updates), website costs for the WBCCI and many units, and the liability insurance for the parent organization and all unit, club and intra club activities. Renew at <https://airstreamclub.org> and select the SNU, select Unit #157!

The Sierra Nevada Unit wishes to recognize new members Jesse & Lindsey Chambers #3883 and returning members Eugene & Carmen Baleme, Dean Eveland, Dawn & Doug Dales and Joan & John Lapham and affiliate members Russell Decker #3426 and Beverly Wainwright & Fredrick Sloan #2148.

2019 Region 12 Bakersfield Rally - Wednesday October 9th - Sunday the 13th, "There's more than you think ...", (your SNU president and first lady will be there). Join your fellow Region 12 Airstream Club members to visit the Historic city of Bakersfield, ~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/>

Sierra Nevada Eastern Sierra Nevada Caravan - Sunday October 13th - Thursday October 17th, Got lots of time, caravan with Gail and I back from the Region Rally in Bakersfield or rendezvous with us somewhere on US-395 and enjoy our trip up the Eastern Sierra Nevada. We'll leave Bakersfield on Sunday October 13th lead an informal unit caravan to Boca. Help us pick stops from the many along the way from Fossil Falls, Owens Lake, the Museum of Western Film History, Southern Inyo Museum, the Alabama Hills, Eastern California Museum, Manzanar, the Copper Top Barbecue, Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center, Law's Railroad Museum, Mono Lake, Mono County Museum, Truckee Railroad Museum, Donner Memorial State Museum. Sound like too many, it is, but we'll cherry pick the best as we caravan to Boca. Each caravan rig pays their own costs so there is no fee, however, an RSVP is needed so the leaders know to set up rendezvous with you. Contact us directly, kd6uvt@wbcci.net. The

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caravan will be limited to 5 rigs +/- subject to the Caravan leader's discretion. Don't worry if you've not reserved a spot yet, we have 5 or more spots left!

Boca Rest Rally, Annual Business Meeting & Elections - Thursday October 17th - Sunday the 20th, near Truckee, CA ~28 miles from Reno; join the Sierra Nevada for its last official rally of the year. It's so close at 28 miles from Reno you just have to come! If you haven't camped with us this year come out and join us.. We had an outstanding weekend in 2017, cloudy skies, clear blue skies, snowfall (it melted within a couple of hours) and sunshine again. We will hold our annual Business Meeting and Election of officers and board. Eugene (Gene) Baleme has agreed to run for president, but we need members willing to take other positions; Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees (2) and appointed positions like Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor and Web Master. It's really not a lot of work, volunteer or nominate someone.

Friday October 25th - Sunday October 27th - Nevada Day Parade Rally, The Lake Tahoe Airstream Club has invited the Sierra Nevada Unit members to attend their Nevada Day Parade Rally, held at the Gold Dust West Casino's RV Park in Carson City, some sites are still available. Stansburys will host a rally dinner on Friday at their home. Saturday's events include the 5K Run before the parade, 3+ hour parade, Hot Air Balloons, Pancake Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion, Open House at the Governor's Mansion after the parade, Beard Contest (I'm no longer a candidate), Rock Drilling Contest, Chili Feed at the Nugget, Lunch at the Elks Club and much more. **This is a no rally fee event.** If you want to just come to dinner and/or join The LTAC for the parade and not stay at Gold Dust West, just let us know.

Fees: Parking: \$83 per 2 nights

Food: \$6 per person

Your hosts are Cecelia and Bob Stansbury, 2615 Oak Ridge Drive, Carson City. email: cecstansbury@yahoo.com or cell: 925-200-4360. To sign up online, go to <https://laketahoe.airstreamclub.net/>

SNU November Luncheon - Saturday, November 16th, 2019 @ 11:30 - location to be determined.

SNU December Luncheon - Saturday, December 14th, 2019 - time and location to be determined.

RALLY REPORT - September's Lassen Rally

Our Sierra Nevada Unit Lassen Rally brought the great food and great weather we typically expect at Lassen RV Resort & Bistro, and with full hookups! Daytime temperatures were moderate so no need to run the AC even though we could and nighttime temps didn't warrant closing all the vents (mid 40s). Gail and I actually got there mid afternoon on Thursday, plenty of time for the evening's potluck dinner.



Friday dawned clear and allowed us to linger over coffee and some small breakfast cakes before heading to the resort Bistro for our luncheon of organic side salad with honey/sesame dressing, Brunswick Stew with smoked pork, Chicken, turkey, corn and vegetables in a smoky broth with garlic bread. Dessert was buttermilk/brown sugar

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cake topped with pecans in a bourbon sauce with a scoop of ice cream. With such a large lunch, Friday evening's pot luck was lighter than normal, followed by sitting around Russell's propane fire pit.

Our rally goers stayed busy on Saturday starting with the SNU waffle breakfast hosted by Trustee Randy Grossman with Jasmin providing bacon, sausage and working space in the Bistro; tours to the local Fort Crook Museum Pioneer Days; window shopping in the local communities; and our Bistro catered lobster bisque, wild salmon, grass-fed sirloin with roasted potatoes and local vegetables followed by cheesecake mousse with fresh local peaches and a cinnamon cashew crumble! Does it show I like the Bistro food? We closed out the evening with Russel serenading us with voice and guitar at the resort fire pit/table.



Lobster Bisque



Salmon & Sirloin



Crooners at the Fire Table

Little Known SNU Facts or Known Only to a Few

SNU members are always on the lookout for new campgrounds and dispersed camping areas for our weekend rallies. While not entirely new, the SNU hadn't visited the Rye Patch Campground group site (April) in many years. We visited Walker River State Rec. Area, Nevada's newest state park, in May and August's Hope Valley Rally was our first new dispersed site in years.

With your help we plan to keep stirring up the mix of rally locations for 2020. Yes, we'll throw in some old favorites to keep travel distances reasonable, especially in early spring and late fall when weather can be a factor. To that end, many of us continue to seek out new rally spots. Gail and I took a side trip through the Alabama Hills after the 2017 Boca Rest Rally to look at dispersed sites among the historic movie locations. Last year we searched out locations along the Gerlach-Cederville Road (Washoe County 447) where a private lake looks promising and mid state along US 50 at Hickison Petroglyph Rec. Area (promising for a small number of rigs). March travels after the Washoe Lake Rally gave me a perspective on Walker River. Our April travels took us to Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park and Death Valley's Stovepipe Wells Campground. Jerry Thornburg, Bob Kirksey and I checked out the upper sections of Walker River Canyon near Bighorn Campground (too far on rough roads and difficult to negotiate with larger trailers and RVs). Heading home from Walker, Gail and I visited numerous dispersed sites and small campgrounds from June Lake south to Lone Pine; Aerie Crag, Silver Lake, Gull Lake, Reversed Creek, Oh Ridge, Baker Creek, Tinnemaha, Taboose Creek, Goodale Creek and Diaz Lake. We continued our search after Lassen driving much of the Virginia Lakes, Dunderberg and Virginia Creek Roads above Conway Summit looking at dispersed sites and primitive campgrounds. Dunderberg offered sites for 2, 4, maybe more trailers but requires negotiating a somewhat rough forest service road; would be better for smaller trailers. A high clearance four-wheel drive would be recommended but not required but recommended, although a rally here would be a SNU category 4, Adventurous. The primitive campgrounds, along Virginia Creek Road would be classified category 5, Jerry's Site, "what road?", not for the steepness or roughness of the road but for negotiating the tight turns, squeezes

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between trees and turn around areas with a truck and large Airstream trailer. These campsites are great for intermediate camp locations for Gail and I traveling north and south along the Eastern Sierra Nevada mountains or for 2 and three trailers but some are too far or don't lend themselves to a regular SNU rally of 6 rigs or more so be on the lookout; you may find the next great rally site!

Members and Writers - Want a chance at reading your own work instead of me droning on! **Please** 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!

Remember to Renew before November to be included in the January member edition of the Blue Beret! - <https://airstreamclub.org> press the Join Now button and follow the link to renew. Remember to select the Sierra Nevada unit for your home club.

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.

1. Wally Byam

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

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