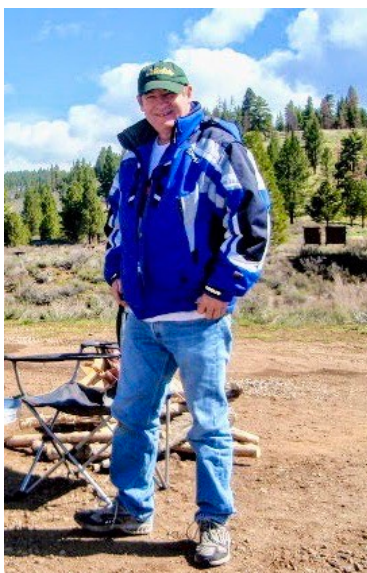




**Friends in Australia**

# AIRSTREAMER



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Gene is still out of the area enjoying a relaxing visit (?) to family property in the Philippines but he sends word:

Hello Airstreamers and friends, I did not have internet for over 3 weeks living on my farm. I am in town now for a while. I think we need to cancel May and maybe June rallies unless things open back up. No one can predict the virus so maybe we'll leave the other rallies in place and re evaluate in June. My island has been in lock down more than three weeks and I can't get to the airport in Manila to get my flight home on May 19th at this time. One Day at a Time here. We are quarantined at home and can not leave even to get food. Others buy our food for us and that is why we may go back to the farm soon with a special pass. I hope this finds you all well and safe. We are safe here. Regards, Gene and Carmen

*By now our members know that Nevada followed the actions of other states in requiring social distancing and closing it state campgrounds so:*

***"It's Time to Rally!!" NOT or Maybe!***

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**SECOND MONTH IN A ROW, NO MEMBER MATERIAL RECEIVED !!** Help your Editor out and send me a couple of paragraphs and photos of your Airstream lifestyle! I can't make things up about

you, give me something to work with, I'll make it sound good!

## SNU RYE PATCH RALLY - THURSDAY, MAY 14TH TO SUNDAY THE 17TH - TENTATIVELY CANCELLED

Rye Patch State Recreation Area is still closed as of the Airstreamer publication date however stay tuned for a **Flash Rally** notice if the stay at home and group restrictions are lifted. We were hoping to enjoy a more spring-like weather than last years April rally. We had returned to Rye Patch after a 14 year hiatus and while not raining or snowing we had cool and cloudy weather. One member, not identified, found their furnace, stove and water heater not working Saturday morning; nothing a two hour trip to Lovelock and back wouldn't fix (at 80+ the drive was short but the wait for businesses to open wasn't). We did hold our potluck dinner and breakfast outside and several rigs stayed through Monday to enjoy the setting next to the Humboldt River. We might even push out a flash rally if things open up but assume we'd have to practice social distancing. Stay tuned.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**WBCCI/WBAC SNU Membership** - Do you realize that membership renewals for 2021 are right around the corner. We generally start receiving memberships in late May and early June but we are happy to start taking them now. We also invite our many SNU friends to join us. Don't fret that the SNU mostly boondocks; we'll help you through it and provide solid advice. Yes membership is still \$75 total, \$65 for the Wally Byam Airstream Club and \$10 for the SNU.

Renew or Join at: <https://airstreamclub.org>, select the appropriate Current or Future Member pull down menu and definitely pick the SNU, Unit #157 as your home unit!

**SNU Rye Patch - Thursday, May 14th to Sunday the 17th** - Rye Patch is tentatively **CANCELLED**, However stay tuned for a **Flash Rally** if the notice to stay home and group restrictions are lifted.

**SNU Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park (NV) or Hickison Petroglyphs Recreation Area (BLM) - Thursday, June 11th to Sunday the 14th** - tentatively **CANCELLED** but hope for a **Flash Rally**.

### **Sierra Nevada Unit Board**

- **Gene Baleme, president**
- **Dyann McDonald Thornburg, secretary**
- **Gail Williams, treasurer**
- **Jerry Thornburg, trustee**
- **Randy Grossman, trustee**
- **Don Williams, membership chair & newsletter editor**

**Loveland 2020 international Rally - Saturday, June 20th to Saturday the 27th, 2020** - The Ranch, Loveland, CO - CANCELLED

**SNU Weed Heights Nevada Surf & Turf - Thursday, July 16th to Sunday the 19th** - Summer should bring freedom, celebrate at the SNU Weed Heights Rally and Jerry Thornburg's Nevada Surf & Turf. Come share the hilltop Weed Heights RV park with us. You can relax, plug in your Airstream and run the A/C or visit nearby Yerington, NV.

**SNU Crocker-Beckworth Rally - Thursday August 20 to Sunday the 23rd** - Crocker-Beckworth is an old California Conservation Corps (CCC) camp located 3 miles east of Lake Davis (not visible from the campground) and 13 road miles from Protola, CA. You'll be camped in the pines with Aspens flanking the nearby historic Crocker Guard Station

**LASSEN RV RESORT RALLY - Thursday, September 17th to Sunday the 20th** - The Lassen RV Resort rally is a perennial favorite. This our of our most popular rally of the year so put it on your schedule now.

**Late Breaking News** - Phil and Jasmin have sold the Lassen RV Resort to Ben and Danelle Jansen who are from Denver. Based on my phone conversation with Ben, it appears to me that they will be quite good to work with during our rally there this September. If the virus situation allows I would like to make a preliminary trip to meet them. Ben says that he intends to make further enhancements to the Resort beyond the enhancements that Phil and Jasmin made while keeping the wooded wilderness theme with all of the typical RV park amenities, hookups and services.

Phil and Jasmin now live in McArthur and are helping the Jansens get established. They will certainly be missed but will probably be around during our September rally. - Randy Grossmann #3352

**Region 12 Emerald Dunes Rally - Wednesday, October 21st to Sunday, the 25th - EXTRA - EXTRA, Region 12 just opened registration for the 2020 Region Rally.** The San Diego Airstream Club is hosting this years region rally at the Emerald Dunes RV Resort. The rally is on the schedule with the hope that California and other states will be open for normal life. Region President Cecelia Stansbury and the San Diego Airstream Club will keep us up to date on the rally planing and activities! Gail and your Editor have stayed at the Emerald Dunes using it as a kick off for the annual Palm Springs Modernism Week and the Vintage Trailer Show. We can vouch that the Dunes will include great food, relaxation (an SNU favorite) and local venues for golfing (Joan & John take note), the Palm Springs Aerial Tram that takes you from near sea level to cool forests at 8500 ft in the San Jacinto Mountains, nearby Joshua Tree National Park, Salton Sea, Desert Hills Premium Outlets (discount mall) and more. The region rallies give you a chance to talk with other Airstreamers and get ideas for your own adventures! Let get a contingent of members and host a SNU Caravan South for Emerald Dunes. Stay tuned here or at [airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) for more info.

**SNU October through December** - Want to know more, check out our 2020 SNU Rally Calendar or go to the Wally Byam Airstream Club Events pages: <https://airstreamclub.org/events>.

## BOCA REST VIRTUAL RALLY REPORT

Now we've missed a second rally of the year, Boca Rest. I couldn't find a virtual tour of Boca Reservoir but we can dream about SNU's next visit there, most likely in 2021 but plan for snow flurries, we've had them in Spring and Fall.

Boca Rest Campground is located adjacent to Boca Reservoir in the Tahoe National Forest. The campground is located at 5700 ft on the north-eastern shore of the Boca Reservoir, near where the reservoir meets the Little Truckee River. The campground is characterized by open areas dotted with sagebrush. A few low pines are scattered throughout the site, but shade is limited. The campground offers single-family sites, with a few located right along the waterfront when the water is high. Most sites are equipped with picnic tables and campfire ring. Accessible vault toilets and drinking water are provided during the normal camping season.

Boca Reservoir itself spans over 900 acres and is a popular location for boating, water skiing, swimming, wind surfing and fishing. A boat ramp is located on the southwest end of the reservoir. The Little Truckee River is nearby and offers some of Northern California's best fly-fishing. Close to the accessible historic Boca Townsite Interpretative Trail. The surrounding area offers hiking, biking, horseback riding and off-road vehicle trails with access to designated OHV routes from campground.

Follow the link if you want to know more or check it out when we're released: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/tahoe/recarea/?recid=55534>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

No Expenses to report, the club is financially sound, contact Gail Williams [mgmw@att.net](mailto:mgmw@att.net) for more info.

For more info on the Sierra Nevada Unit go to: [www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/](http://www.sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/), Sierra Nevada Unit of the WBCCI on Facebook or email us at: [snu157@wbcci.net](mailto:snu157@wbcci.net). (all photos courtesy of sierranevadaairstreams.org)





## AIRSTREAM FAMILY LIFESTYLE - staff writers Bob & Nancy Kirksey #12486

Nancy and I are still staying at home, being extra cautious. Our son restores older BMW autos, has done so for 25 years, started here in our garage. He just returned from a 5,500 mile, 5 day, round trip to Philadelphia, PA to pick up a car to restore. I am polishing the Aluminum wheels on our trailer, which I am not fond of doing but badly needed to be done <note the editor's Airstream wheels need polishing and its only 50 miles from Bob & Nancy's home>. We have coffee most afternoons in the trailer as we fix/clean a few things and think about where we might go camping sooner or later. Keep on Camping & Keep in touch.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The four page May 2010 Airstreamer reported on the Unit's April rally at Pyramid Lake, the upcoming Fort Sage Rally, the 30th Anniversary Rally at Lake Tahoe and an article on RVing in Australia.

#### New Friends in Australia

The Daly River in the Northern Territory of Australia This photo was taken because of the white cloud in the top background. This is characteristic of cloud as it forms up top to produce thunderstorms that eventually occur hours later at about 3.30pm each afternoon in the "Buildup" which is the time leading up to the monsoons in the tropical North of Australia. This pattern can continue for a couple of months prior to the monsoon and is a time of high humidity. Tourists travel to the Top End during the monsoon time to view the displays of lightening that fills the sky.



Ken Sellars ran across the SierraNevadaAirstreams.org website not long ago and wanted to talk to Pee Wee <Dale Schwamborn, Wally Byam's nephew - editor> regarding the International Harvester vehicles used on the 1959 African Caravan. Ken says "I am the current editor, (past President) of the International Scout Owners Club, Victorian Division Inc. in Australia" Having some family history with IH vehicles, I decided to contact him also. Part of his interest in the African Caravan IH vehicles is reflected his statements regarding International Scout Owners Club.

*Many of the members that have joined our club in recent years are new to aspects of caravanning (Recreation vehicling) and those that have done so all their lives or used tents many years ago help those less experienced who find the concept of camping away from facilities, quite daunting. And we have to keep reminding ourselves that we have moved into a time when because of the age difference many potential members have never lived in anything except a house with all conveniences, and we cannot therefore assume that they automatically know what to expect, simply because they have purchased a recreational vehicle that they can live in at a remote location. Delicate subjects have to be dealt with including the need for and proper use of chemical toilets, washing clothes, conservation of on board water supplies, appropriate food and enough of it to last to the next shop. (which may be a long way)*

*And so when I read about caravan convoys from years ago tackling such trips as across Africa back in 1959, and knowing what they would have to contend with, I felt particularly that our members would enjoy the realization that no matter what type of trip we take them on in this day and age, it will not have the discomforts of times past but that people did still enjoy traveling together in convoy away from civilization way back then.*

I have had some interesting conversations with Ken regarding the SNU style of camping. Ken says "our terminology for boondocking is 'bush camping'". He and his wife Jeanette have put together a blog of some of their travels. There are some really awesome pictures of the Australian outback. Check the link listed in this newsletter to go to their blog. There is also a link to the club website and the clubs most recent newsletters. The website has lots of good information and also some more awesome pictures.

Ken and Jeanette might not be Airstreamers but love of the outdoors and "more rugged caravanning" certainly has a lot in common with the interests of SNU members. At least we don't have to worry about crocodiles at our rallies. It will be fun to stay in touch and learn more about camping on the other side of the world.

International Scout Owners Club member Jim Keast's rig; this photo was taken by one of our members at an overnight stop the convoy Jeanette and I were leading made at a private Rodeo Ground on our way to Central Australia in 2005

<http://www.isocvic.com>



## 20 YEARS AGO

The two page May 2000 Airstreamer reported on 16 members attending the SNU's April luncheon at Viva la Pasta in Fallon, NV; Diane Leipper and other Leippers (exact words) were the only persons still SNU members. The upcoming Washoe Lake State Park would be the Unit's first rally of the year. Then as now, the rally meal plan included coffee and a potluck dinner. Read more at: <http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/snu/news/archives/ooma-nwsltr.pdf>.

## DREAMS OF RALLIES NEAR AND FAR



**May Rye Patch Rally - MAYBE**



**June Berlin-Ichthyosaur Rally - Hopefully**



**August Crocker-Beckworth Rally**

**<< July Weed Heights - Jerry's NV Surf & Turf**

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Don Williams, Newsletter Editor, [kd6uvt@wbcci.net](mailto:kd6uvt@wbcci.net) — "What do you want to be in life, a spectator or a participant?"

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