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CARAVAN ACROSS EUROPE**
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THE AIRSTREAMER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings from Europe,

Courtesy parking is one of the perks of being a member of WBCCI airstream organization. Making friends and sharing in serendipitous moments is the shine on the silver!

We picked up a rental RV in Mannheim, Germany, outfitted it with a stop at IKEA, and headed to meet the Reith family at their suggested pizza restaurant near their home. Johannes, Beata, and son Jonas are Airstream owners living in the countryside, and like other airstream owners, have a wide variety of interests and enjoy life fully. They have a 2022 CCD 22' but the European model is about 6-8 inches more narrow, and the axles are set in the middle to reduce tongue weight. They also have an electric moving mechanism, so they can turn the Airstream into very skinny camping places, as is typical in Germany. It's a beautiful Airstream, but we did notice a couple of errors in finish quality that did not represent the Airstream reputation.

Besides seeing his collection of cars and Volkswagens (we also have a 1995 Eurovan camper), we reviewed invaluable information on where to park and/or camp, where to buy bikes, what apps to use for camping, and help with our rental RV. By the time we said our good-byes less than 24 hours later, we felt like old friends.

Our second courtesy parking was with David Steel, originally from the US but a long-time Swiss resident. His 2005 International 22' was currently in for repairs, so we didn't get to see it. It didn't take us long to figure out that his neighbors (she also is an Airstream owner from USA) on only their second visit to their recently purchased chalet, had talked with us in 2019 - looking for a place to park for a week or two during the winter. In fact, Jihong had written about winter camping in the Blue Beret. We still have that 2019 copy! She still had the text between her and Brian - hoping that we would meet in person someday!! Who would have guessed Switzerland, 2022 at a neighbor's place! That night, we all gathered for a typical dinner of Raclette, with additional family and lots of laughter and story telling. The next day, David introduced us to brevette dining (hillside farm house - and so far, high up) and Rosti. His 7 year old son accompanied us (along with their dog and neighbor Jean-luc). Amazing meal, amazing place. Again, in less than 24 hours we felt like old friends!

A few notes about camping: Germany and Switzerland both have laws that allow you to park and sleep (unless otherwise prohibited), which meant we've had excellent overnight boondocking on the Rhine 3 nights. Sleeping is just that, do not put out chairs or awnings. We've also tapped into a stellplatz with electricity (parking for RV's) when the record heat wave hit. We've camped in a few typical campgrounds in order to take care of dumping and laundry, and while satisfactory, these are very crowded and not our preferred style. Most everyone has been extremely helpful with our lack of German and French. Our RV has been ideal for our trip (we can't imagine pulling a trailer on some of these roads), we miss our Airstream.

We wish you all safe summer camping and rallies; we'll send another update later this year! Auf wiedersehen! Au revoir!

Cheers! Jeni Root





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THE SNU FAMILY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

•The SNU is growing again, welcome new members Susan and Clay Harvey from Redding, CA, WBCCI #4781. The Harvey's are updating a 1962 26' Overlander and aren't sure when we'll see them at a rally!

•Jerry Thornburg is on the mend and so is his and Diane's MoHo; hopefully we'll see them at the Weed Heights Rally..

•Repeated membership news. We are working to make it easier for you to meet,

Sierra Nevada Unit Board

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SNU Anniversary Rally at Walker River SP, Thursday September 22nd - Sunday the 25th - Join us at Walker River State Park north of Yerington, NV for the Sierra Nevada units 46th Anniversary! More info to come in August but put it in your calendar and stay tuned. Can't stay the whole time; fit your time to be with us one of more days, especially Saturday nights dinner celebration.

AIRSTREAMER LOOK BACKS

- Business meeting & luncheon at the Bowers Mansion;
- In the Limelight showcasing members Tom and Donna Faker of Carson City;
- Upcoming July lunch at Mills Park in Carson City
- August Washoe Lake Rally.
- **Something NEW, [click the image to view the July 2002 Newsletter >>>>>>>>>](#)**

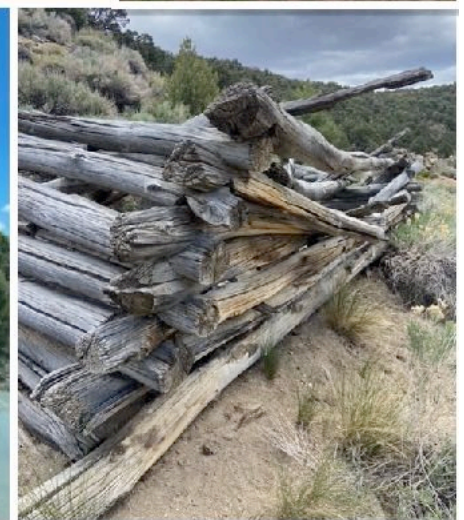
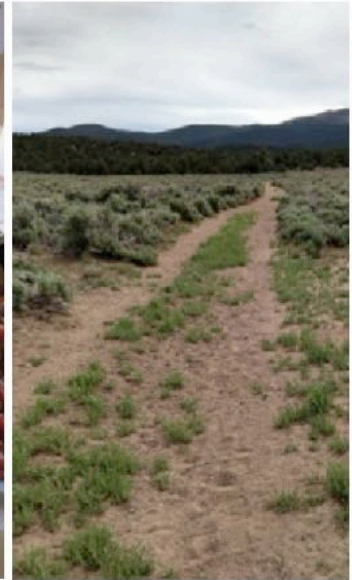
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JUNE'S SWEETWATER SUMMIT RALLY



Bill & Mary Swirsky





Sweetwater Summit 2022



SNU EDITOR & GAIL ON CARAVAN

Don (editor) & Gail Williams are traveling with 19 other rigs on the Canadian Rocky Mountain Caravan. The Rocky Mountain features stops at: Drumheller and its World renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology; Parks Canada's Bar U Ranch Historic Site; Unesco recognized Banff, Jasper and Yoho's scenic Emerald Lake, Lake Louise, Columbia Icefields (Glacier) and Maligne Lake; Alberta Parks Kootenay Plains Ecological Preserve; the famous Calgary Stampede; many unique restaurants and cafes throughout Canada's historic and scenic mountains. These scenic wonders were well documented in Mary T.S. Schaffer's "Old Indian Trails of the Canadian Rockies".



Future off caravan destinations may include the Great Slave Lake, Yellowknife, NWT, Fort Nelson, BC and more. Stay tuned for our travelog.