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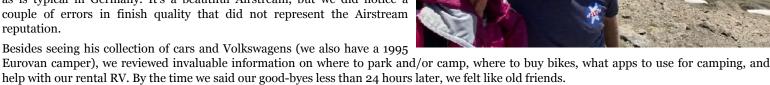
THE AIRSTREAMER

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.



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 Jeanluc). 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! Jení Root



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,

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greet and share your Airstream Lifestyle with other Sierra Nevada Unit members. We are putting together a **Sierra Nevada Unit Membership Directory**. The initial directory will be a pdf document with names, WBCCI Number (BRN for the younger Airstream Club crowd), city, state and some contact information from the online WBCCI/WBAC Membership Directory https://airstreamclub.org/members/membership-directory. The SNU directory will not be available to non-members. We would like to include picture(s) of the member(s) and expand contact information to include mailing addresses but right now we'll take "Baby Steps" right. Members may choose to opt-out and limit their contact information to name and WBCCI Number only by sending an email to snu157@wbcci.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weed Heights Rally, Thursday July 14th, 2022 - Sunday June 17th - Weed Heights RV Park on the west side of Yerington, NV. Come out for relaxation, a stroll thru downtown Yerington; hopefully we'll have Jerry's Nevada Surf & Turf Barbecue.

65th WBCCI International Rally, Fryeburg, Maine, Saturday July 23rd, 2022 - Friday July 29 - Join the Airstream club member that trek across the US, Canada and Mexico to attend our International Rally in Freyburg, ME.

SNU, **Berlin-Ichthyosaur Rally**, **Tuesday August 16th - Sunday July 21st** - Join us at Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park east of Gabbs, NV. Yes we've scheduled this one starting on Tuesday she we make sure to get some great campsites. CAn't stay the whole time; fit your time to be with us one of more days.

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

20 YEARS AGO IN JULY:

The July 2002 SNU 'Airstreamer' Newsletter reported on:

- 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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10 YEARS AGO IN JULY:

Our 2012 July 'Airstreamer' reported on:

- 19 members and 10 rigs attended the Crocker Rally motorhome stories, artistic talents, ham radio and hikes were part of the rally activities;
- Info on the upcoming Fallon Cantaloupe Festival on Labor Day weekend;
- · Member spotlight on the passing of Wes Warn, Wes was also honored at the Crocker Rally;
- Upcoming July Weed Heights Rally;
- · The coming Lunar Eclipse and more.

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WEED HEIGHTS RALLY

Our July Sierra Nevada Unit rally will be held Thursday July 22nd thru Sunday the 25th at the Weed Heights RV Park. It features full hookups at your site with water, sewer and electric. What more can you ask for; shade, full hookups and a great clubhouse guarantee that hot weather won't bother us as we share continental breakfasts and potluck dinners so plan the weekend with the SNU. Weed Heights is a good base for mountain bikes, street legal and more dedicated off-road vehicles with opportunities to explore Smith Valley, the Pine Grove Hills, Pine Nut Mountains and the Singatse Range. Want something less adventurous, we have arranged tours of nearby Yerington historical buildings including a speakeasy and the Lyon County Museum.

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.

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Can't come for the whole weekend, just stop in for a visit.

JUNE'S SWEETWATER SUMMIT RALLY

The Sweetwater rally demonstrated how our Airstreams shelter us during tricky high country weather. Wind was forecast before we left on Thursday afternoon and turn to form it was breezy when we arrived with partly cloudy skies Thursday afternoon. We met up with Diane and Bryan Leipper making three rigs on the playa; had the place all to ourselves. We all fit into our 1985 Argosy Squarestream for dinner on Friday and Saturday and those times when mother nature blessed us with more wind and a little rain. There were nearby pinion pine forests and roads to walk. On Saturday with took the jeep to sightsee some nearby ghost town ruins. Great rally, wish more could have joined us.

Bill & Mary Swirsky



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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.