

The May rally at Washoe Lake State Park was a huge success, in spite of some not so great weather. Thursday and Friday were pretty good, aside from being windy, but Saturday turned very cold with rain just as we were ready to sit down and eat. It was still windy and cold Sunday morning breakfast, but there were no complaints. There were six Unit trailers/Motorhomes and one guest trailer. Present for the entire rally were the Burnhams, Damoths, Grosches, Betty Kopfhammer, Dale and Virginia Leipper and Brian and Diane Leipper. The guests from the Oregon Unit were Bob and Susan Vandeneuvel (4921). Both the Grosches and the Burnhams had met them at the Dayton International Rally last year. They were passing through the area and called Grosches to avail themselves of their guest parking spot; but we were rallying so Marge left them a message and they found us. They originally planned on one night, but had so much fun they stayed for the whole rally. Elenere Amidon, the Herseys, Cordiers and Pauls were there for parts of the rally. We found out that grits may be an acquired taste, although everyone tried the Ham and grits with red eye gravy.

Those of you who notice such things will see that the art work on this Newsletter is the same as last month. That is because Don Damoth noticed that it is a Rufous Sided Towhee, and being a birder, he saw several of them at Washoe Lake. That was a new bird for Don, by the way, so I thought it might be worth repeating.

Marge and Dale Grosch should be at Sturgis SD by now to attend the graduation of a grandson this weekend. They should be at the Rally site in Bismarck, ND at the time we have our brown bag lunch. Hope some of you will be joining them for the International Rally which starts June 25. That explains why there is no Presidential Message. . .

Be flexible! The next gathering of the Unit is changed from a Saturday to Tuesday, June 6 at 11:30. Place is Bowers Mansion Park on the old Washoe City road. On US 395 going either north or south leave 395 to the West either end of the 70mph flat bit of road along Washoe Lake. You will see signs directing you to Bowers Mansion and to Davis Creek Park. The park is across the lake from Washoe Lake State Park, up against the foot of the mountains. If any of you have not been there it is a park built around the old Bowers Mansion. They were characters of the Constock era who made a lot of money, squandered it, and died destitute. This is a "brown bag lunch" get together, which means bring whatever you want to eat, and if you want to bring anything to share that is all right too. It is not really a pot luck but has some of its characteristics.

After lunch we will probably do a tour of the Mansion. We have not been there for several years and understand that there have been some enhancements since we were there. Give us a call at 825-6566 to let us know if you will come and if enough come we will make advance arrangements for a tour. If you have a card table, please bring it along as the park tables with benches are limited and scattered. Lawn chairs might also be usefull.

We have only one June Birthday, Leonard Paul was born on June 25.

Likewise, in spite of its alleged popularity, only the Damoths were married in June. They will celebrate their anniversary on June 6, the day of the brown bag lunch!! We are doing well at holding functions to celebrate them. Remember they had birthdays at the Fallon lunch?

We have received the dues receipts for the 2001 dues year from Jackson Center, so are ready to accept new member dues, unit transfer dues, and renewals. International dues are \$45.00 and Unit Dues are \$10.00 for a total of \$55.00. Mske checks payable to Sierra Nevada Unit, WBCCI and mail to P.O. Box 10602, Reno, NV 89510.

Please remember to give us a call at 825-6566 (or E-mail at StevfrankB@Juno.com) to say that you will be at Bowers Mansion on the 6th.

Your Newsletter Editors,

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