

Time seems no respecter of us Senior Citizen types who are Airstreamers. Just mailed out an April newsletter and here it is still April and time to send out the May issue. Our May activity is early in the month so as to accommodate travelers to the International Rally in Bismarck. Particularly those who are on committees and need to leave early. Then add to that a Unit President who has to attend the graduation of a grandchild, and you really get early. Plan on coming to Washoe Lake State Park from the 4th through the 7th. More about that later.

Our April lunch at Viva La Pasta in Fallon was, to my mind, a huge success. We had sixteen members and two guests in attendance. Our guests were Don and Carol Thrift of the Oregon Unit. When we broke up they were members of the Sierra Nevada Unit. They are in the process of moving from Oregon to Graeagle, CA, That is a few miles north of Reno off US 70 (feather river canyon route) and is a sort of retirement, recreation community. They will pay their 2001 dues in our Unit which is closest to them. Members also in attendance were Elenere Amidon, Browns, Burnhams, Damothes, Alma George, Groschs, Betty Kopfhammer, Diane Leipper, the other Leippers, and the Pauls, The Damothes celebrated combined birthdays with cake furnished by Viva la Pasta. This was their first activity having joined a couple years ago and immediately took off for the East and just now returned to Reno. We expect to see more of them this summer.

Other news of Unit members includes the news that Ethel Sandell has returned to Markleeville from wintering in California. The Herseys were not able to attend the lunch because Fred had to baby sit the sheriff's office at Topaz; the Webbs almost made it, but had to return home because Barbara's medication was not nice to her, and Pete Rinne was also on the sick list that day. The Cooks, whom you met at Carson City a couple months back plan on joining the Unit with the new dues year which starts in July. That should remind all of you that it will be DUES TIME very shortly. There has been no change in the dues, they are \$45 International and \$10 Unit like the last several years. The Treasurer will be happy to accept dues any time. Make checks out to Sierra Nevada Unit.

As mentioned above, the next function is a rally at Washoe Lake State Park. The Park is off East Lake Boulevard in Washoe Valley. You may come in either end of East Lake Boulevard.

One end is just at the top of the hill from Pleasant Valley going south, about 13 miles from Reno, the other end is just after (or before if you come from Carson City) the 70 mile per hour stretch of flat road to the West side of Washoe lake, 26 mile South of Reno. The entrance to the park is 4.5 miles from that turnoff, or 7 miles from the Washoe Hill entrance. We prefer to come in from the southern entrance road. We think that Loop A is the better loop for group functions. Enclosed is a map of the Park, and a diagram of the loops. Plan to arrive on Thursday the 4th anytime, and dinner will be provided. We will also provide three breakfasts, and one other dinner on Saturday. Friday dinner will be a structured pot luck. That means we would like to have you call 825-6566 and tell us what you would like to prepare for the pot luck. We will need salads, entree type food, vegetables, starches like pasta, potatoes etc., and dessert. Coffee will be available. There will be a rally fee but we don't know what it will be until we have a count and figure out what we will provide.

If you cannot bring a trailer, let us know which days and meals you can come. Be sure to bring chairs and eating tools. Breakfast will be about 8:30, lunch on your own, and dinner about 5:00. If you are coming with a trailer or motor home let us know which days you will be there, and approximately what time so that we can look for you. Business meeting (a short one) will be Saturday afternoon.

Birthdays and anniversaries for May are:-

Dale and Virginia Leipper have an anniversary on the 14th.

Birthdays for :-
Lee Brown, May 9
Linda Gamboa, May 21
Virginia Paul, May 21
J. B. "Pete" Peters, May 23

Remember to call 775-825-6566, or E-mail <stevfrankb@juno.com> (no attachments, please), to tell us if you will attend the Washoe Lake Rally either with or without a trailer, and what you would like to contribute to the Pot Luck on Friday. Hope you had (have) a Happy Easter and enjoy the Spring weather.



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