

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

Airstreamers NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2002

Our March luncheon was held at the Tamarack Junction Casino in Reno on Tuesday March 19th. Frank and Steve Burnham, Dale, Virginia and Diane Leipper, Pete Rinne, Fred and Ann Hersey, Gus and Lorraine Hewen, and their son Bruce attended. We had a nice room all to ourselves and the food was good. Virginia Leipper won the drawing for the raffle basket and Dale Leipper won the free lunch at next months meeting. Steve gave us a treasurer's report and the members should probably decide what to do with some of the money. A free Christmas luncheon? A donation to some charity? Think about it. Hope you all are enjoying the "In The Limelight" column. Some of our members have had some very interesting experiences.

We will meet next month at Grandma Hatties in Carson City at 11:30 on Thursday April 18th. We need some white elephants to be used as prizes for raffle drawings. Please look around to see what you have to donate and bring it wrapped to our next meeting. Let us know if you are coming. The restaurant needs to know how many to expect. Please call Diane 972-9392, Frank & Steve 825-6566, or Fred & Ann 775-266-3435.

We are inclosing a fold-up-and-return page for you to tell us what your preferences are for meeting days, times, etc. We want to find a meeting schedule and format that will better serve our members.

This month's Birthday greetings to:

4/3 Carolee Thrift
4/9 Mildred Peters
4/11 Don Damoth
4/12 MaryLou Damoth
4/24 David Pierce

Happy Anniversary to:

4/27 JB and Mildred Peters

Pete Rinne has been ill and in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

"In the Limelight"

Frank & Steve Burnham

Frank and Steve were born and raised in the New England area, and later decided to change residence to a state with a more favorable tax climate. They moved to Nevada about fifty years ago and lived in Lamolle, in Elko County, until they bought their house in Reno.

(PICTURE WITHHELD BY
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with Frank in the service, they traveled all over the place, and have owned trailers since 1950. Their first Airstream was a 1973, and they joined the Norcal Unit at a rally at Lake Tahoe. When they learned of the Nevada Unit, they joined it also. Most of the members were from southern Nevada, but the Unit had an annual rally in Tonopah. The membership from the north grew more rapidly than that of the south, and soon there were more members traveling 250 miles from the north, than there were traveling 200 miles from the south. The time had come to split the unit, and the Burnhams helped establish the new Sierra Nevada Unit. There had formerly been such a unit, but the only remaining member was Alma George.

The Burnhams have been active at all levels of the club, with Frank serving as Unit President in 1982, 1986, 1992, 1999, and 2000. Not to be completely eclipsed, Steve was Unit President in 1985, 1989, and 1994. Frank was also Regional Parliamentarian for many years. They were also on various International committees, and attended 25 international rallies. In addition to living in Hawaii for 4-1/2 years, without a trailer, they have spent up to six months a year on the road, and taken their trailer to 47 states and most provinces of Canada, and been taken part in various caravans, big and small.

Children and grandchildren having long since left the nest, their current family consists of Frank, Steve and Tana, a Wirehaired Dachshund, and Eric, a teenage Great Pyrenees. They are active in the Great Pyrenees Club, both local and National, and also dog rescue. Frank is a Past President of the Reno Kennel Club. They used to show their dogs in Confirmation.

Frank enlisted in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1933, in Panama, and retired from the Corps in 1960. Steve worked for the US Air Force at the former Stead Air Force Base north of Reno.

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1973 Airstream

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