

SIERRA NEVADA UNIT, WBCCI

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Airstreamers

NEWSLETTER



JUNE MEETING, SIERRA NEVADA UNIT

(Meeting notes thanks to Diane Leipper.)

The meeting at Bowers Mansion was attended by Don and Mary Lou Damoth, Virginia and Dale Leipper, Diane Leipper, and Elenere Amidon. Steve Burnham came for a short visit to collect any dues.

We had a very nice lunch. Everyone shared what they brought and nobody starved.

We held a casual discussion on how to enhance participation in unit activities. Some ideas included holding rallies at places where there are activities that would be of interest to families or younger members. Also instead of monthly luncheons hold rallies with trailers quarterly. We all felt that the primary purpose of the unit is outings with RV's. By holding some rallies close to Reno or Carson those members who no longer have a trailer could still come out for a meeting or other specifically planned event.

We also discussed our concern about finding officers for the coming year and possible re-organization of the unit into a more informal group. It was determined we need to review the international bylaws as well as the unit bylaws and other documents to determine exactly what the requirements are to be an "official" unit and then take a serious look at whether or not we can maintain that status. The preference is that we continue to maintain our status as a unit if at all possible.

Everyone felt that the unit has done a good job at exploring new ways to encourage member participation and that continued efforts in this direction would be beneficial. A suggestion to request a visit from Regional representatives was viewed as a potential way to get another perspective and to determine what other resources might be available to the unit to assist with membership issues.

July Birthday greetings to:

7/6 Dale Grosch 7/18 Rosemay Barron

July Anniversary greetings to:

7/3 Darrell & Rosemay Barron

7/6 Michael & Donna Faker

7/7 Elbert Lee & Sue Brown

7/14 Raphael & Linda Gamboa

An un-original suggestion: After you have read your *Blue Beret*, think about recycling it to a potential member, perhaps along with a copy of our unit newsletter.

"In the Limelight"

Tom & Donna Faker

Tom Faker was born in Hollywood, California, in 1946, and spent most of his childhood years in the San Fernando Valley. He moved to Torrance, at age 14.

Donna was born in Southgate, California, in 1946, and moved to Hawthorne, at one year old, and lived there until they met in 1965. They moved to Carson City in 1972, and love it there.

Tom worked for a few years with computers at TRW in California. When they first moved to Carson City, he had his own trucking business for a couple of years. Then he hired on with Carson City Fire Dept. He's an engineer in the department now, with 24 years.

Donna is an RN, having worked in pediatrics, intensive care, home health care, and emergency room. She is currently an RN case manager at Carson Tahoe Hospital.

They have two sons. Michael, 31, lives with his wife, Sylvia, in Sparks, Nv. He teaches math and science, and coaches girls soccer at Spanish Springs High School.

Matthew is 28, lives in Reno, and is engaged to Marianne; they will be married on July 19. He teaches history and social studies, and coaches boys soccer at Hug High School. Tom and Donna are very excited about the upcoming wedding.

Tom enjoys taking care of the yard, working on cars, and sailing. Donna likes reading, gardening, needle work, walking, and cooking. They both relish traveling, and family activities.

They have had Great Danes in the past, but are currently without a pet. Another puppy is in the plans for when they retire, but a Great Dane would take up a lot of room in their Airstream.

Tom discovered Airstreams when he was a boy and wanted one ever since. For years they looked at them and talked about when they would get one. They finally bought their 19' 1997 Airstream in 1999. Their first trip was to Death Valley. Since then they have been to San Diego, several camp grounds up the California Coast, Rocky Point, Mex. (one of their favorites,) and Death Valley a few more times. Their plan for their first post-retirement trip will be to the east coast in the fall, follow the fall colors down to Florida, and spend part of the winter there. They have family in Alaska, and want to take a trip there to see the countryside.

They found out about WBCCI from friends who gave them their first *Blue Beret*. Then they subscribed and joined. Because they both work, they don't have the time to be as involved as they would like, but when they retire, they hope to go on some caravans and rallies.

Mark Your Calendars:

July 25, 11:30am, *Note this date has been changed. Mills Park, on Hwy 50E, Carson City, for a "Brown Bag" affair. Please bring something to share. Call Diane Leipper at 972-9392, or email <hersey.4-way@775.net>

August 15-18, We'll have a campout rally at Washoe Lake. Bring trailers, family and have some fun. Come for part of the time if you can. We need a Rally Chairman. Any volunteers?

We will need a volunteer to do the October newsletter, because Fred & Ann will be on Vacation in the Northwest.

The enclosed 2nd copy of the newsletter is to use to introduce potential members to our unit. We hope you will find it useful in your recruiting efforts. We need to build our membership. If you see an Airstream and can't find the owners, tape one to the door.

Material for our *Limelight* feature is dwindling, if you haven't returned your "bio-form" yet, this would be a good time. If you can't find it, email Fred at hersey.4-way@775.net. Also please fill out those Member Survey forms and mail them. Thanks.

When I exhaust the *Limelight* material, I plan to write a series on the life and times of Airstream's Wally Byam.



Unit Rally, WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK, Can you find yourself?