

# The Sierra Nevada Unit

Region 12

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.  
the Airstream RV Association.

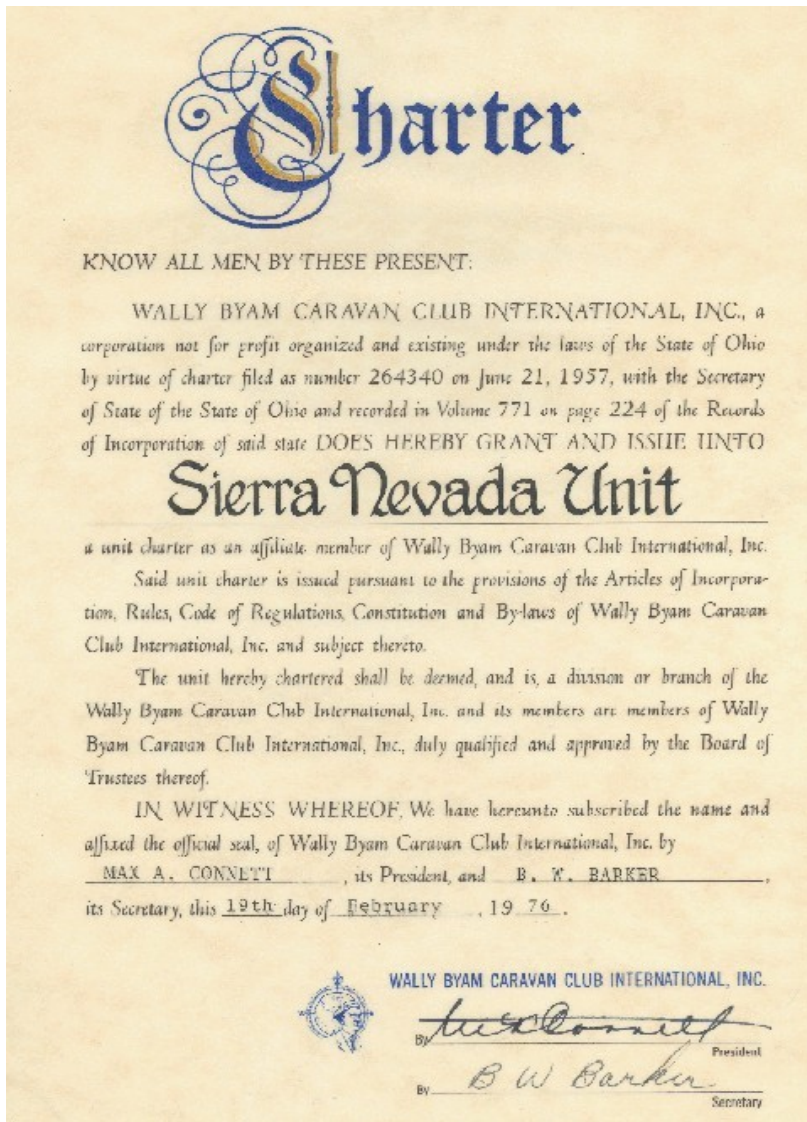


## Celebrating the 30th Anniversary

*1976 - 2006*

*30th Anniversary of the  
Sierra Nevada Unit, WBCCI*

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## Presidents of the SNU

1976	Paul Estis	1991	Aloysius Britz
1977	Ogden Clark	1992	Frank J. Burnham
1978	Samuel Neill	1993	Margaret Metternich
1979	Eldon M. Perkins	1994	Steve Burnham
1980	Elbert Lee Brown	1995	Dale E.Grosch
1981	Howard Conner	1996	Dale E.Grosch
1982	Frank J. Burnham	1997	Marge Grosch
1983	Charles Hopping	1998	Marge Grosch
1984	Clarence Amidon	1999	Frank J. Burnham
1985	Steve Burnham	2000	Frank J. Burnham
1986	Frank J. Burnham	2001	Steve Burnham
1987	J.B. Peters	2002	Fred Hersey
1988	Elenere Amidon	2003	Fred Hersey
1989	Steve Burnham	2004	Diane L. Leipper
1990	Sue Brown	2005	Diane L. Leipper
		2006	Don Damoth



**Howard Conner**



**From left – Sam Neill, Eldon Perkins, Howard Conner, (Lester Scott), Charles Hopping**



**Frank and Steve Burnham**



**Marge and Dale Grosch**



**Fred Hersey**



**Elenere Amidon**



**Diane Leipper**



**Don Damoth**



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## Who we are:



The Sierra Nevada Unit (SNU) is a small group of mostly Northern Nevada residents who own Airstream RV's and enjoy the unique camping opportunities found in Nevada Great Basin area. Most of our current members own Airstream trailers, although any Airstream RV is welcome. Several of the members trailers fit into the "Vintage" category which is any Airstream 25 or more years old.

## Where we go:



The SNU is fortunate to have a wide variety of camping and rally sites available from high mountain lakes and fields to dry desert conditions. We are also fortunate to have numerous low cost, unstructured areas available for group camping, many within an afternoon's drive from Reno, Nevada. Check our website destinations page and the rallies page to see some of the places we have been and some that could be future rally sites.

## What we do:



Currently the SNU rallies are weekend events running from Friday through Sunday. The Unit prefers dry camping in group areas that can accommodate from 2 to 10 or more rigs. Programming for the rallies is informal. A list of potential activities and nearby attractions is provided to encourage rally participants to make their own choices about extra-curricular activity while at the rally. We usually hold an informal business meeting on Saturday early afternoon, enjoy coffee together in the mornings, and have evening 'happy hour' and potluck dinner gatherings.

We also enjoy sharing tips and how to's on anything trailer and travel related. If you have a question or problem with your rig, there is always someone who has "been there, done that" who can provide experienced suggestions and help in solving problems.

## Traditions and Culture:



The SNU supports the WBCCI traditions of Happy Hours and Pot Luck meals. These events provide great opportunities for socializing with fellow Airstream enthusiasts. Much of the SNU history has been lost over the past several years so now we are in the process of creating new traditions and developing a new history. The SNU website provides a repository for our history, including past rallies and other activities.

## Being a good neighbor:



The SNU is just one local Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International. We strive to work with our neighboring units such as The Nevada Unit and Nor-Cal to provide a broader and more enriching experience for Airstream RV owners. We enjoy visiting other unit rallies and events and always welcome visitors to SNU activities. Among our future plans, we look forward to co-hosting rallies with nearby Units, providing rallies of a different texture and focus and to assist or plan caravans in the Great Basin area as interest allows. Buddy rallies with non Airstream owners are another option for the SNU unit.

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## The Sierra Nevada Unit Newsletter

Since 2001 Don Damoth has been our newsletter editor. The June 2005 issue is a great example of the newsletter produced by Don.



**Mac, Bala:** "Finally! We had great weather at our Boca Springs rally. Although we always have a great time, it was wonderful to see our weeks of waiting pay off with us being blessed to go to almost unrecognizable Boca. We were happy to be joined on this rally by Bob and Sarah Lepper in their 1975 Airstream. To start our first week, Randy Gossman came up on Saturday for a visit. He and his wife Vicki just bought a 2004 Silver which we are all anxious to see at our first rally in Kingston. Judy and Rich Jaggard also came by on Sunday for a nice visit. Stacy presented their coming for the whole rally this time. Don Damoth decided to provide a little excitement and exercise our first aid skills. While casually whitening a piece of wood against a tree to make another firewood, he surprised every look off the top of his head. This presented a trip to the emergency room with the use of a wood splitter in camp. This incident was the first time a person who has gained expertise in repairing tools by testing people whose fingers are up in some boxes or on the wing end of a chair seat. Don made it back to camp in time for dinner and of course his wife Mary Lou, with support from the rest of us, would be the first to say anything with the use of the wood splitter and enjoy it. We did have a successful burning of the 'Killing' wood and it was a great night. On Saturday we had our first lunch de Mayo dinner. As usual, it was a great dinner with more than enough good food. Another unexpected item was that the new Airstream dealer in Reno, Mountain Family RV brought a new 28 ft Silver Slide Out to our Boca Springs rally. We all enjoyed meeting the owner, Jon Whipple, and other members of his family. I think he knew our first when it comes to Airstreams, SNU members are more than happy to talk his ears off. Of course, we all really appreciated his bringing the trailer up to us to avoid time-consuming. He also brought up lots of literature for us to browse through and a beautiful day for everyone. Check the rally picture on the web: <http://sierranevadairstreamers.org/index.html>

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Saturday, July 16** - Boca Springs Summit State Park of Hwy 10 near South Lake Tahoe.  
The day: Aug 25 - Sunday Aug 28, Rally at Twin Lakes, south on US 395 near Shingler, CA. This rally includes a special day trip to the three towns of Boca.  
**Thursday, Sep 22 - Sunday, Sep 25** - 2005 Eagle Lake RV Campground at the North end - about 10 miles southeast of Reno, CA off Hwy 150.  
More details on these and other events are on the web and will be included in future newsletters.



Happy Campers at Boca, in front of 28' Silver from Mt. Family



Baking in front of Mt. Family RV 2005 Silver



Boca Campers

Mountain Family RV, the new Airstream dealer in Reno is having an open house Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5. The owner, Jon Whipple, has invited the SNU to set up a table at this event. We plan on being at the Open House all day on Saturday to plan on dropping by and avoiding us to spend the week about Airstreams, WBCCI, and in particular the Sierra Nevada Unit. Also, you can check out the new Airstreams and hopefully have a chance to meet and talk with Jon and some of his other staff.

Mountain Family RV is just a short distance south of the Mt. Rose junction on US 395. When you are heading south it will be in your left. The Airstreams are parked up front on the left of the entrance. Coming downhill south, Mountain Family is just past the place that sells home trailers. Jon says they plan on having food and drinks available. Check out the introductory letter we received from Mountain Family RV: <http://sierranevadairstreamers.org/index.html>



**When:** FRIDAY, JUNE 3 - SUNDAY, JUNE 5  
**What:** OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNTAIN FAMILY RV  
**Where:** 16300 SOUTH VIRGINIA, RENO, NEVADA  
**Time:** 10 AM - 5 PM (APPROX)  
**TASTY BARBECUE FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM**



Jon Whipple and Family at Boca Rally with 2005 Silver

**Airstreamers NEWSLETTER**  
JUNE 2005



**WELCOME TO THE SIERRA NEVADA UNIT OF WBCCI.**  
We are a small, friendly group who enjoy sharing our enjoyment of Airstreams, and the Airstream lifestyle, with others. You are invited to come to any of our meetings and if you like, to join our Unit. We predict that you will make many friends and relish the camaraderie of our rallies, caravans, and group activities. Our members are always ready to share their advice on equipment problems and trailering knowledge. In addition to being a member of our local Unit, you will be one of several thousand who make up the Valley Byway Caravan Club International (the Airstream RV Club).

## In the News

The efforts of Ann and Fred Hersey have been instrumental in the rebirth of the SNU. In part due to their diligence in notifying all most all the print newspapers in Northern Nevada of the Unit rallies and activities.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2004

**ON THE ROAD:** Bryan Lepper's 28-foot Airstream International trailer is pulled by the Airstream edition Ford Econoline van. Lepper, of Lemmon Valley, grew up camping in Bambi trailers, the smallest Airstream model.

### Airstream appeal

Sleek, silver and self-contained, these classic aluminum trailers still rule the road

**By Mark Vanderhoff**  
KAMIAQUITY JOURNAL

Don't bother asking who Rich Jaggard, 55, of Minden loves his Airstream trailer. "If you have to ask, you'll never know," he says. Jaggard has owned his Airstream - those aluminum silver trailers - since he was 17. Three days, he and his wife, two children and their parents and dog regularly camp in their 1971 21 foot Globetrotter. He just finished working for a year on a 1961 16-foot Bambi model that he's supposed to be selling.

"I don't tell it, she's fine," he says. "I don't want to sell it. My wife wants me to sell it."

Not every Airstream owner is a trained mechanic like Jaggard, who secures his recreation interests. Plenty of

**READY TO ROLL:** Marylou and Don Damoth in the bedroom of their Airstream trailer. Airstreams are an American icon, says Marylou, and if international tourists occasionally seek to take pictures of it in front of the trailer.

International, which is holding a rally Aug. 27-29 at the Twin Lakes Campground near Bridgport, Calif. The local unit members in 1976, the national Airstream club

get people into the Airstreams all year long - whether in the heat of summer or the cold of winter.

"So long as there aren't (snow) chain restrictions,"

**CHECK OUT AIRSTREAMS**  
Sierra Nevada Nevada Unit rally  
Where: Twin Lakes Campground west of Bridgport, Calif.  
When: Aug. 27-29  
Details: Call Don Lepper at 970-4071, E-mail: [hersey@sierranevadairstreamers.org](mailto:hersey@sierranevadairstreamers.org) or visit [www.sierranevadairstreamers.org](http://www.sierranevadairstreamers.org)

**ON THE WEB**  
At Valley Byway Caravan Club International  
[www.valleybyway.com](http://www.valleybyway.com)  
At Sierra Nevada Unit  
[www.sierranevadairstreamers.org](http://www.sierranevadairstreamers.org)

### Sierra Scoop LLC

#### Airstreamers Head For Boca

By Ann Hersey, Gardnerville, NV.

Members of the Sierra Nevada Unit of WBCCI RV club will meet Friday, June 25th until Sunday, June 27th at the Group area at Boca Springs Recreation area, near Truckee, California. They invite anyone interested in the mystique of the Airstream to come join them for the weekend or for just one day. Boca is a historic site with hiking, boating, fishing, and swimming available. Participate in dynamic activities like chair stretching, inspirational napping, gopher relocating, Birdwatching, stargazing, and marshmallow toasting are other options. Arrival time is anytime after noon on Friday. Please bring a potluck item to share, for lunch, happy hour, or dinner.

If you have specific questions, check into our unit website, [sierranevadairstreamers.org](http://sierranevadairstreamers.org), or give Diane a call at 775-972-9392, or Fred at 266-3435. Whether you have a Bambi or an Airstream Motorhome, or would just like to join us for the weekend, come on out.



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## 1980 Mid Nevada Caravan

The scrapbook of this caravan is the only remaining piece of SNU history prior to 1992. During the 1990's all the rest of the pictures, documents, and other memorabilia were disbursed to interested members or

WBCCI - SIERRA NEVADA UNIT  
1980 MID - NEVADA CARAVAN

Trailer No.

30253 Leader: First Vice President Howard Conner  
21065 Past President Sierra Nevada and Nevada Units and First Lady Samuel and Marthalena Neill.  
17874 Past President and First Lady Eldon and Edythmae Perkins.  
14858 Charles and Ruth Hopping.  
29910 Charter Member Lester and Jenny Scott.

A year ago the Unit Caravan covered Northern Nevada. In due course a Southern Nevada Caravan will be scheduled.

thrown away.



**SNU Members**



**Getting ready to leave Fallon on Caravan**



**Breakfast at Scott's Summit**



**A26 towards Tonopah**



**Camp at Scott's Summit**



**Camp Claustrophobia near Tonopah**



**Camp at Ward Charcoal Ovens**



**Camp at Kershaw-Ryan State Park**

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## 1980 Mid Nevada Caravan



Route of 1980 SNU Caravan



A final word of praise and appreciation for Howard. Albeit Marthalena is cautioning Howard to remove the axle properly and to be neat and tidy, He just goes on with the mechanical chore with great speed and precision.

Besides demonstrating Caravan leadership, doing all the Caravan breakfasts, he took care of our many mechanical breakdowns and kept us rolling. One morning Jenny Scott said: "Howard, our carpet is all wet". Next day we, the Hoppings, had wet carpet too. Howard removed both commodes finding the vacuum pressure valves defective, he bypassed them, and reinstalled both. In our center bath part of the wall had to be removed to take out the toilet. The carpets dried and stayed dry! Again Howard quickly installed a new fan clutch for our tow vehicle. Of course, after Ann was hurt, he did their inside trailer work too.

His "Aw, 'twas nothing", belies the great asset he was to this Caravan.

Howard, WE DO SO THANK YOU

Finally, you members who couldn't come along missed a lot of fun and great companionship. Pleasantly warm days and wonderful cool nights. The great Mid-Nevada mountain ranges and fabulous valleys. Nevada ghost towns and important history. A wonderful inexpensive Holiday.

*Charlie Hopping*



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## Selected Rally Photographs



**1999 Lake Lahonton**



**2000 Washoe Lake State Park**



**2002 Ft. Churchill**



**2003 Twin Lakes**



**2004 Pyramid Lake**



**2004 Boca Springs**



**2004 Dayton State Park**



**2005 Kingston**

Mike Orchard, WBCCI # 32083, has been collecting statistics on Airstreams and WBCCI membership numbers for over 30 years. When asked about the Sierra Nevada Unit, Mike provided the following membership statistics. The list below includes the year followed by the number of SNU members for that year. In 2005, at the time the WBCCI membership directory was printed there were 14 members. Of that 14 Mike has seen the WBCCI numbers of 11 of those members. The +1 indicates an increase of 1 member from 1996 to 2005. The 3 WBCCI # listed are ones Mike has not seen.

1996-13 1997-14 1998-17 1999-17 2000-20 2001-24 2002-22 2003-12 2004-7 2005-14 ( +1)

Total 14 Have 11

1822-NV 4995-NV 6376-NV

For more information on Mike's hobby and how he collects, records, and calculates these statistics go to:

<http://sierranevadaairstreams.org/memories/travelogues/32083-orchard/index.html>



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## In the Community



**Rich and Judy Jaggard's Bambi on stage at a Trailer Park Toubadour's Concert**



**Display at the Royal Kick Off at the new Airstream Dealer Mountain Family RV**

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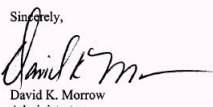
Diane L. Leipper, President  
Sierra Nevada Unit  
Wally Byam Carvan Club International  
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Reno, NV 89515

Dear Ms. Leipper

Thank you for taking an interest in one of Nevada's State Parks. Dayton State Park, like many of Nevada's parks often is underappreciated. Not only did you take the time to write but you offered some very accurate observation about the park, as well as, a good suggestion for improving what we are currently offering park visitors.

A group camping area would be an excellent addition for Dayton State Park, especially if it would entice groups like yours in visiting more often. The problem with managing state parks but not recreating in them is that you often don't recognize what facilities the public would really use. Your suggestion for adding a group facility at Dayton and other parks areas is one that we will seriously consider.

Thanks again, for your comments I hope that you will continue to visit Nevada's parks and to offer suggestions as to how we can improve our services. I would love to attend one of your future meetings so that I could get some first hand suggestions from you and the members of your group.

Sincerely,  
  
David K. Morrow  
Administrator

DM/avc  
002 Dayton

Attachment

Cc: Allen, Newberry, State Parks  
J. Stephen Weaver, State Parks  
Brad Kosch, Carson Region, State Parks  
Jean Murray, Dayton State Park

**Response from Nevada State Parks regarding the development of group camping sites**

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## The Airstream

By Erika Root, Age 11 6/25/2005

The floor of our Airstream is dirty,  
The dirt, twigs, and cookie crumbs make it very grimy.  
I'm so glad it's dry here in Nevada,  
Or things would probably be slimy.

The hall is very tiny,  
And the bathroom is extremely small.  
And every time I turn around,  
I bump, hit, or trip over some kind of wall.

The door is hard to shut,  
The closets are hard to close.  
And the bathroom smells so much like bleach  
When I go, I hold my nose.

Now you've heard the bad things,  
Let me tell you the good.  
I always remember good things,  
Or at least I think I should.

In the Airstream,  
Cabinets are everywhere you look.  
No space is completely empty,  
Something's in every cranny and nook.

Lights are nearly everywhere,  
Windows are everywhere too.  
A light is in every single room,  
But don't be glad there's a window in the loo.

At 9a.m. in the morning,  
The table is perfect for five.  
But let's just say at 11a.m.,  
'cause at 9 we're not remotely alive.

So there's the good and bad,  
Including cabinets, windows, lights, and floors.  
I sure do love this Airstream,  
Don't you just love yours?





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### SNU 2006 Rally Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Item</b>
Saturday January 21, 2006	Reno - Bavarian World restaurant North side of Reno off I80	11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting.
Saturday February 18, 2006	Carson City - Silver Oak Golf Club restaurant. North side of Carson City off US 395	30th anniversary kick off 11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting.
Friday - Sunday March 24 - 26 2006	Washoe Lake Nevada State Park - Washoe Valley between Reno and Carson City. Off US 395	2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Great birdwatching area, hiking and bike trails. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Friday March 24
Friday - Sunday April 28 - 30 2006	Walker River Resort (Private RV resort) - near Smith NV on Hwy 208 NOTE: Each participant must contact Walker River and make their own reservation.	2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Activities include - fly fishing, sporting clays, swimming pool and jacuzzi, Driving range, and river float trips. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday April 27
Thursday - Sunday May 18 - 21 2006	Unionville - I80 east from Reno, near Lovelock NV, unstructured site in the old mining town of Unionville.	3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Activities available -exploring Unionville, nearby fossil area, hot springs, horse back riding, bike trails, and hiking Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday May 18
Thursday - Sunday, June 22 - 25 2006	Boca Springs USFS group area - off I80 west near Truckee, CA	3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Historic site, hiking, nearby Boca Reservoir for boating, fishing, & swimming. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday June 22
* June 28 - July 4	Salem, OR	WBCCI International Rally
Thursday - Sunday, July 20 - 23 2006	Obsidian Dome (Inyo Nat'l Forest) dispersed camping - off US 395 south between June Lakes and Mammoth Lakes, CA	3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Hiking, nearby stream, geologic area. Be prepared for a special surprise! Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday July 27
Friday - Sunday August 18 - 20 2006	Hat Creek (Lassen Nat'l Forest) Group area #2 on Hwy 89/44 about 50 miles northwest of Susanville, CA	2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Great fishing stream. Lassen Volcanic Park and Burney Falls and Subway caves nearby. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Friday Aug 18.
Thursday - Sunday September 28 - Oct 1, 2006	Lake Lahonton Nevada State Park, beach 7 unstructured camping area - near Silver Springs, NV off Alt 95 South	3 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Enjoy the peace and quiet of lakeside camping, fishing and boating, hiking and good bike riding possibilities. Winterizing rigs for winter camping or storage. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Thursday September 28
Friday - Sunday October 20 - 22 2006	Ft. Churchill Nevada State Park off US 95 South of Silver Springs, NV Note: Individual camp sites	2 day Rally, members & guests welcome. Board meeting Saturday open to all. Arrival time - anytime after noon on Friday September 28
Saturday November 18, 2006	Minden, NV - Carson Valley Inn On US 395	11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting.
December 16, 2006	Fallon, NV - Overland Basque restaurant near the intersection of US 50 and US 95 in downtown Fallon	11:30 am Member luncheon, all members & guests welcome. - board meeting.

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Check out the Sierra Nevada Unit website

**<http://SierraNevadaAirstreams.org>**

<a href="#">SNU Unit Profile</a>	Who we are, what we do
<a href="#">SNU Unit Rigs</a>	Pictures and descriptions of SNU member's Airstreams
<a href="#">SNU Constitution and Bylaws</a>	The constitution and bylaws of the Unit showing the modifications adopted 16 October 2002
<a href="#">2005 SNU Rally &amp; Event Schedule</a>	Check out the 2005 rally and event schedule. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.
<a href="#">2005 SNU Newsletters</a>	An index with links to a PDF file of each monthly Sierra Nevada Unit newsletter
<a href="#">Newsletter Subscription &amp; Announcements</a>	Sign up to receive the Sierra Nevada Unit newsletter. Check out other SNU announcements and PSA's.
<a href="#">SNU - Rig Survey</a>	Please take a moment to complete the survey and let us know more about your Airstream.
SNU community involvement	After our May rally at Dayton State Park members of the SNU decided to encourage the Nevada State Parks Division to consider adding a group area to Dayton as well as other Nevada State Parks. The SNU received a positive response. <a href="#">Read the letter written to the State Park Division</a> - - <a href="#">Read the response</a>
<a href="#">Bylaws Ideas</a>	Suggestions for making the bylaws fit what we do how we do it
<a href="#">Governance Document Suggestions</a>	Examples and suggestions for caravan club unit governance documents.
<a href="#">Leader's Guide</a>	The Leipper Management Group's Association Leader Orientation Guide
<a href="#">WBCCI</a>	Link to the WBCCI website
<a href="#">WBCCI Bylaws</a>	The current international bylaws and policies re-formatted for easier reading
<a href="#">WBCCI Constitution</a>	The current international constitution re-formatted for easier reading
<a href="#">News from others</a>	Information received from WBCCI headquarters, other units, and other Airstream related sources that are of interest to SNU members.
Flying the flag	- <a href="#">American Legion</a> - <a href="#">Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War</a> - <a href="#">Betsy Ross</a> - <a href="#">Flag buying and care</a>





**April 2004 Pyramid Lake**

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